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Cover Story

Hafa Adai! (That is how to say hello in Guam.)

The Guam Airway Facilities Sector Field Office (AFSFO) is located on the northern end of the island of Guam near Anderson Air Force Base and the Naval Communications Area Master Station. The Guam AFSFO has a personnel staffing of 23 people.

Ron Riberal, AFSFO Manager, wears two hats. One as the AF Manager and the other as the Resident Director, who represents the Western-Pacific Regional Director. This position requires coordination with the military as well as local and international governments throughout Micronesia.

Now, for a little information about the beautiful island.

Guam lies at the southern end of the Mariana Islands in the western Pacific, and is situated at 13 degrees north latitude, 144 degrees east longitude. The island's time zone, which is 15 hours ahead of that of the U.S. East Coast, makes Guam the first part of America to greet each new day. It is the largest island in the Pacific Ocean between Hawaii and the Philippines and between Japan and New Guinea. The most developed island in Micronesia, Guam serves as the area's transportation and communications hub and as the "Gateway to Micronesia," and for good reason. A number of international air carriers connect Guam with major cities in the Orient, Southeast Asia, the South Pacific and the United States, including regular flights to such diverse and fascinating islands as Saipan, Belau, Yap, Truk and Pohnpel.

Covering an area of approximately 212 square miles, Guam is about 30 miles long and four to nine miles wide. The island is volcanic in origin, and is surrounded by a coral reef except for openings at harbors and river mouths.

Guam's location some 900 miles north of the equator gives it a tropical climate throughout the year. Temperatures range from about 70 degrees to around 91 degrees, with an average of 82 degrees. May and June are the warmest months;

December is the coolest. Guam's tropical humidity is tempered by the prevailing northeast trade winds.

For the recreation-minded, Guam offers a variety of water sports and other activities. Beaches abound and the water is both warm and crystal clear. Scuba diving, snorkeling, windsurfing, jet skiing and fishing are just a few of the many types of marine activities available.

On shore, Guam offers two challenging 18-hole golf courses and a large number of well-kept tennis courts. Hiking, whether to a waterfall or a magnificent sea or valley view, is easily planned and maps are readily available. In addition, a number of sightseeing tours are offered both to scenic vistas and historic ruins.

Guam is a duty free port and international travelers are allowed a total of \$800 in non-American merchandise. Jewelry, cameras, perfume, liquor, electronic equipment and fine designer leather goods can be purchased at hotels and duty free shops. Several ultra-modern shopping centers and a myriad of smaller shops and boutiques will delight the shopper.

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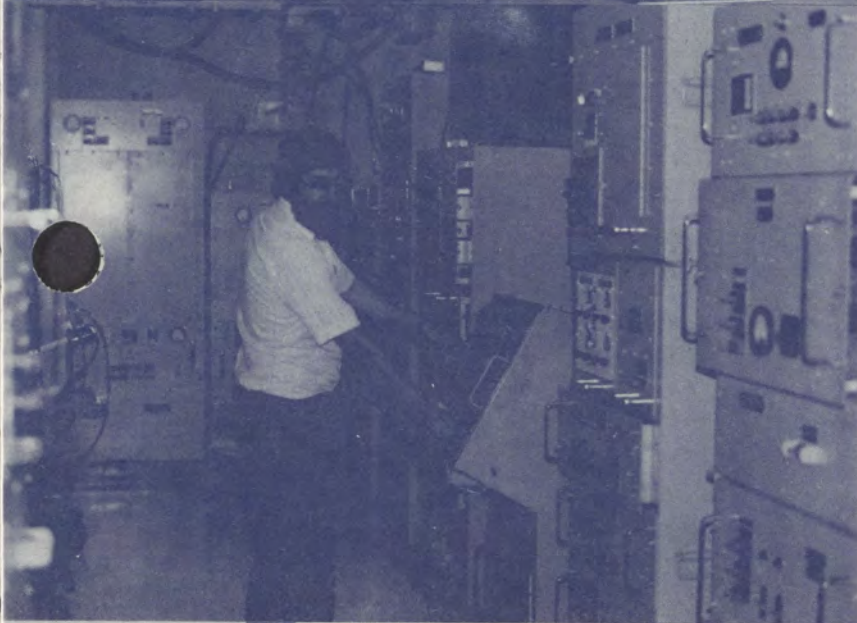
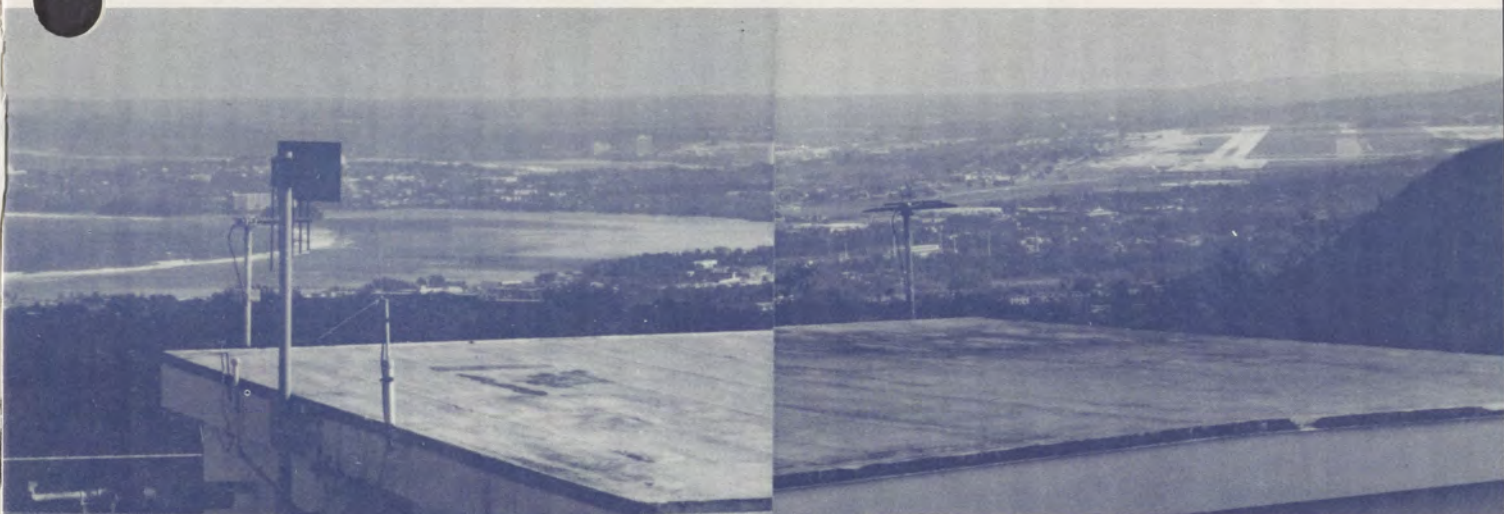
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Top: From the top of the Guam VORTAC, one can view Agana Bay. Behind this bay is Tumon Bay where most of the hotels are located. On the far right is Guam International Airport, with the downtown business section of Agana in the foreground.

Middle: Working at Guam AFSFO is Felix Schneider, Radar Unit Electronics Technician.



Below: Environmental Systems Unit folks at work on the engine generator replacement project at Mt. Santa Rosa Long Range Radar.

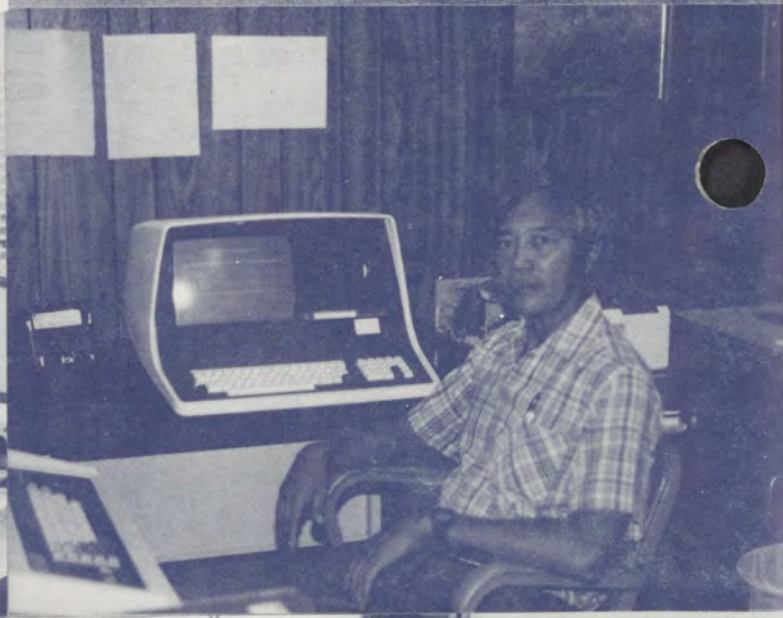
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Guam AFSFO, continued

Top: FAA Headquarters, Finegayan.

Middle: Located at Guam AFSFO are NAV/COMM Unit Supervisor Fred Nakamitusi (left) and Radar Unit Supervisor Juan "Tai" Taisague.

Below: Ellie Flores (left), secretary to the Resident Director/AFSFO Manager, and "Jonesey" Aoki, Environmental Systems Unit Supervisor, also spend their days at the Sector Field Office.



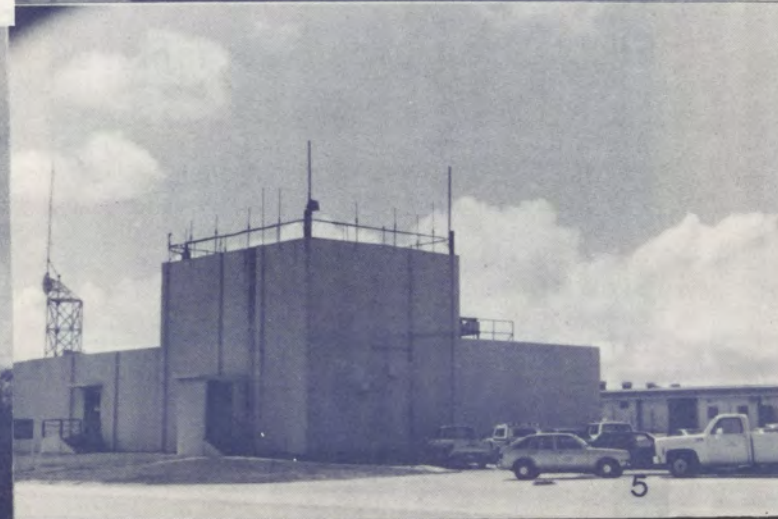
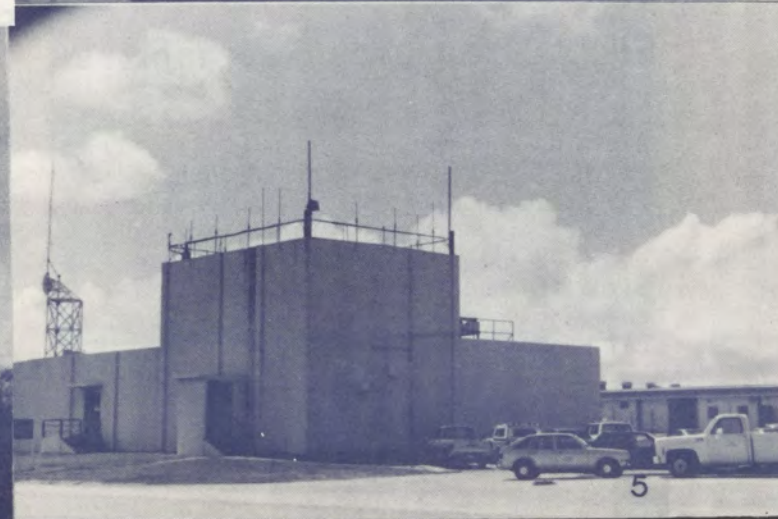
Guam AFSFO -- Where The Day Begins for Airway Facilities

Top: Starting out the FAA's day in the far western corner of the region is Ed Marion, Inventory Management Specialist.

Middle: The folks in the NAV/COMM unit include, from left, Bob Wong, Bea Guon, Mits Adaniya and Galo Camacho.

Below: Left -- Mt. Santa Rosa Long Range Radar facility.

Below: Right -- Guam CERAP is on Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The Radar Unit is located here.



Tucson Provides Outstanding Flight Assist

On an early spring day, a Piper Cherokee contacted Tucson TRACON and advised that he was in the clouds at 12,500 feet. Although the pilot was not rated for instrument flying, he felt that he was able to do so. Through the use of radar, the aircraft was located approximately 40 miles northeast of Tucson International Airport, which was his intended destination. However, the pilot was heading away from the airport. The controller instructed the pilot to turn toward Tucson, then to keep wings level and start a slow descent.

The controller used radar to direct the Cherokee toward the airport through a broad pass dividing two mountain ranges. As the aircraft descended, the controller instructed the pilot to continue a slow, wings level descent.

Approximately 25 minutes after the pilot's first call, he reported he was clear of the clouds. Because the pilot was not familiar with the Tucson area, the controller continued to issue radar vectors to direct the plane into the traffic pattern for Tucson International Airport.

A successful landing was made about ten minutes later.

Congratulations to the folks at Tucson TRACON for providing excellent, professional service to this distressed aircraft.

Flight Standards Reorganizes

Effective May 11, The Flight Standards Division has reorganized the following offices: Flight Standards Branch, AWP-250 has been eliminated with the addition of Airworthiness Branch, AWP-250, and Operations Branch, AWP-260. The Situation Monitor Staff, AWP-205, has changed in name to Analysis and Technical Evaluation.

Retirement Dinner Planned For Wayne Newcomb

Friends and coworkers are invited to a retirement dinner held in the honor of Wayne Newcomb, manager of the regional Air Traffic Division.

The festivities will be held on Saturday, May 30, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel, 3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, Calif. The cost of \$27.50 per person offers a choice of Poached Salmon or Oriental Steamed Chicken. Cost also includes tax, gratuity and gift.

For those guests wishing to spend the night at the Marriott may do so for a special rate of \$59, which includes breakfast for two on Sunday morning.

For further information, contact Gail Sankey in the regional Air Traffic Division at 213/297-1343.

Glenn Imamura Earns Award

Glenn Imamura, Air Traffic Control Specialist at Honolulu Flight Service Station, recently earned a Quality Within Grade Increase for outstanding performance. In summarizing the recommendation for the award, Area Supervisor Sun Choy Lam stated that Glenn is a "great asset to the facility and the agency."

Congratulations, Glenn!

Retirees To Hold Luncheon

A retiree luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday July 27, at the Hacienda Hotel, 525 N. Sepulveda Blvd. in El Segundo, Calif. Price is \$9.25, including tip, payable at the luncheon. Please make reservations by July 22.

Contact 'Chic' Kobayashi 213/324-1073, Lynn Hink 213/596-3520, Bob Frehse 213/542-6839 or Fred Potter 213/670-8769. Lets hear from FAA and Credit Union retirees for this informal get-together.

Meet Allan Ashbury Riverside FSDO Manager

Allan Ashbury became the Manager of the Riverside Flight Standards District Office on February 15, 1987.

Allan was employed by the Federal Aviation Administration during February 1973 in the Honolulu Flight Standards District Office as an Air Carrier Operations Inspector. A native of Orangeburg, South Carolina, he had spent approximately eighteen years as a pilot, mechanic and FBO operator in the industry prior to joining the FAA.

Previous assignments since joining the FAA have been as the Operations Unit Supervisor, Los Angeles Flight Standards District Office; Operations Specialist in the Flight Standards Branch, Western-Pacific Regional Office; and as an Airman Certification Inspector in the San Francisco Air Carrier District Office. Some of the many FAA certificates and ratings he holds include ATP, DC-3, DC-9, B-727, Flight Engineer-Turbo Jet, Rotorcraft-Helicopter, Certified Flight Instructor, Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic, Aircraft Dispatcher, and Balloon.



Allan is a resident of Huntington Beach and is married to the former Susan Denton. Susan and Allan have a fourteen year old daughter, Cassie.

Known as an avid automobile enthusiast, Allan has appeared in previous articles in the Western-Pacific Intercom and FAA World noting his accomplishments and awards with antique and classic automobiles.

Concord Tower Manager Gourley Presents Awards

Congratulations to Ruth Ryan, Air Traffic Control Specialist of Concord Tower (right) on receiving an Outstanding performance rating along with a Quality Within Grade Increase. Glen Gourley, manager of Concord Tower presented the award.

Congratulations also to Jon Kalsbeek (not shown) who also received an On-the-Spot-Award.



Jeff Hovious Retires

FAA Holds Ceremony At Regional Headquarters

After 20 years of military service and as Regional Representative to the FAA from December 1983 to March 1987, Lt. Col. Jeffrey C. Hovious retired from the U.S. Army. He was honored on March 27 with a Certificate of Merit presented by Lloyd Golden, Acting Regional Director. On hand to assist in the presentation was Col. William Trent from Cameron Station, Virginia, and Messrs. John MacKeeman and Jesse Burch, also from Cameron Station. A luncheon at the Air Force Station Officers' Club followed.

LTC Hovious, his wife, and two teenage sons will be making their home in Texas where he has accepted a position with a private firm.

--Reported by Maryann Davidson
Secretary, Army Regional
Representative

Photos:

Top: Jeff's many FAA friends gathered to wish him a happy retirement. Standing left of Jeff is John MacKeeman from Cameron Station, and to Jeff's right are Col. Trent and Maryann Davidson, secretary to LTC Hovious.

Middle: LTC Hovious is honored with a Certificate of Merit. Making the presentation on behalf of Regional Director Mac McClure is Lloyd Golden.

Below: Admiring the certificate are, from left, Col. Trent, LTC Hovious, and LTC Ed Schrimpf, U.S. Air Force Regional Representative.

(Photos by Elly Brekke.)



Task Force on EEO Goals Program Meets in Los Angeles



FAA Administrator Engen has appointed a task force composed of headquarters and regional personnel to determine the EEO goals for women and minorities in the Agency's long-range plan. The task force is developing a comprehensive planning strategy including a national policy for an EEO Goals Attainment Program. The group held its third meeting in Los Angeles in March and is scheduled to meet again in Chicago. Recommendations will be provided to the Adminis-

trator in May.

Members of the task force attending the Los Angeles meeting are, from left, Doug Ewing, AGL-9; Cathy Trujeque, AWP-9; Bob Birdsong, ACR-2; Olivia Erikson, ACR-3; Darlene Kirby, ADL-11; Art Fregoso, ANM-9 (observer); Dick Gersley, ATR-160; Clark Sharp, ASO-9; Vince Joubert, AWP-9 (observer); Alfredia Brooks, AMS-420; Linda Deaton, ALG-10. Members not present: Jim Spaulding, AHP-100; Nick Soldo, AMS-420 and Wanda Reyna, APT-200.

Jean Reulet Retires

Jean Reulet (left) retired from the Palm Springs Airway Facilities Sector Field Office after 41 years of federal service. Presenting his official retirement certificate is Donald Davidson, Manager.

Congratulations, Jean and best wishes to you.



News In Brief

* The Office of Personnel Management has initiated an open-ended test to study the desirability, feasibility, and cost of permitting Federal employees to do= nate annual and sick leave to their co= workers for medical or family emergency purposes. FAA is not involved in the test, but agency employees could reap the benefits if the program is adopted government-wide.

* Orion Air of Louisville, KY, has most of its DC-9s and B-727s flying again after a one-week grounding resulting from an FAA emergency order of suspension. Initially, Orion could not produce records showing compliance with airworthiness directives showing the current status of life-limited parts.

* DOT reports there were almost twice as many, 2,060 consumer complaints in March 1987 as in the same month a year ago. Complaints concerning flight delays, cancellations, or other scheduling deviations topped the list with 722.

* FAA has now approved construction of the much-debated PortAmerica World Trade center tower on the Potomac River 3.66 nautical miles south of Washington National Airport. The 25 to 29 story tower will stand 472 feet above sea level. Originally a 730-foot tower was proposed for the site, but FAA ruled that it would pose a safety hazard for aircraft using Washington National.

* Lawyers from seven foreign countries recently visited FAA headquarters in Washington to brief each other on their country's aircraft airworthiness regulations. An aspect of the subject examined at length was how to monitor maintenance done outside of their own territory. Ultimately the legal experts concluded that continued cooperation among civil aviation authorities could solve this problem.

* This year's Robert J. Collier Trophy, given annually for "the greatest achievement in aviation in America," will be awarded to Jeana Yeager, Richard G. Rutan, Albert L. Rutan, and the team of volunteers for the ingenious design and development of the Voyager aircraft and the skillful execution of the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world. The trophy will be presented May 15 at a banquet in Washington hosted by the National Aviation Club.

A Non Near Miss

People who think the sky is falling may just be reading the wrong edition of their daily newspaper.

For example, the April 14 issue of the L. A. Times carried a headline that said "Jet Nearly Hits Cessna After Leaving Burbank" and quoted the airline pilot as saying he missed the private aircraft by 300 to 500 feet.

The next day, the Times commendably corrected the record by running another article under this headline: "Near-Miss Report Unfounded, FAA Says After Study." It explained that a review of radar data showed the Boeing 737 and the Cessna apparently passed no closer than the 1,200 feet minimum required by FAA at Burbank.

Hecker Nominated Deputy

President Reagan has announced his intent to nominate Lawrence M. Hecker as FAA's Deputy Administrator subject to Congressional approval. Mr. Hecker as Vice President of Flight Operations for Western Airlines and prior to that was with TWA for 29 years. A Coast Guard and U.S. Navy veteran, he is a qualified captain of the B-747 and L-1011 wide body aircraft.

Handicapped Employees Do Outstanding Jobs

Loretta Doyah of the McAlester, OK, Flight Service Station is FAA's Outstanding Handicapped Employee for 1987. A polio victim at the age of two, she gets around well enough with the aid of leg braces and crutches to earn "outstanding" ratings from her supervisors and kudos from pilots who praise the professionalism of her briefings. In addition to her on-the-job performance, Doyah also has compiled a commendable record of service in community activities.

The runner-up for this year's award is Mike LaJuene who has rebounded from a severe injury that left him a quadriplegic to return to work at the Milwaukee/Mitchell Airport Traffic Control Tower! A former controller, he now works as an air traffic assistant putting his experience and knowledge to practical use.

Johnson and Turner Receive 30-Year Career Service Pins

During the Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector (LAX AFS) Managers/Supervisors Conference at the Burbank AF Sector Field Office, Russell Johnson, Burbank AFSFO Manager and Delores Turner, General Supply Specialist at the LAX AFS High Desert Operations, received 30 year career service pins.

Russ started his government service with the U. S. Army as a Nike Missile Intergrated Fire Control Radar Technician. Delores began hers in Detroit, Michigan, in 1957, later joining the FAA at the old Regional Office on Manchester in 1969. She plans to retire in October of this year.

Photos/Top: Russ Johnson, right, receives congratulations from Los Angeles AFS Manager Dick Muckle.

Below: Delores Turner, center, receives her 30-year pin from Don Isaacs, High Desert Operations Manager, as Dick Muckle looks on.



Host Forges Ahead

The Host computer installation program continues to meet or even beat deadlines. It was accepted at the Boston Center, the fourth ARTCC site, on April 23, almost two weeks ahead of the scheduled May 6 date.

The final site inspection before Host implementation at the Albuquerque Center was completed on April 30, which was the scheduled date. Also, the Denver ARTCC is now set to go operational since the software package was delivered by ATR-250 on April 28.

AVS Personnel Move Up

Associate Administrator for Aviation Standards Anthony J. Broderick has announced three top level personnel shifts within his organization.

John S. Kern will become Deputy Associate Administrator, moving up from his previous post as Director of the Flight Standards Office. Replacing him will be Robert Goodrich, Director of the Aviation Standards National Field Office in Oklahoma City. Filling that opening is John Howard who steps up from Deputy Office Director.

Top AT Facilities Named



The winners of the 1986 Air Traffic Facility of the Year awards are the Memphis Air Route Traffic Control Center; Dallas/Fort Worth (radar) tower; Providence Tower (non-radar), and the Chicago Flight Service Station, all of the winning facilities demonstrated the capability to handle higher traffic loads last year with increased levels of safety and efficiency.

The Memphis Center finished 1986 with ten percent more operations than 1985 but recorded a significantly lower number of operational errors. In addition, 22 controllers attained full performance level during the year and both sick leave and overtime use were down.

The Dallas/Forth Worth tower also reduced operational errors although handling more than one million instrument operations last year. Meanwhile, the facility provided nearly 10,000 hours of training which enabled 22 new controllers to become facility rated. Also, sick leave usage and overtime use dropped significantly.

The Providence Tower extended its string of operational error-free years to five. Tower personnel not only performed flawlessly but handled more traffic despite the closure of the airport's primary runway, the assault of Hurricane Gloria, installation of a new instrument landing system, and construction of a new tower.

The Chicago FSS set a number of records in 1986 as it prepared for its consolidation move to Kankakee, IL. It provided over 800,000 flight services and was involved in five flight assists, giving emergency assistance to the pilots. The facility also ran a successful training program with seven developmentals completing all training phases. Formal courses were attended by 37 employees, and a total of 77 correspondence courses were completed.

Imprest Fraud Stopped

An FAA headquarters employee has been given a five-year prison sentence by a U.S. District Court judge for fraud against the U.S. Government. The employee had systematically processed a number of forged claims for reimbursement through the imprest fund.

An Office of Accounting (AAA) employee detected the fraud in the normal course of voucher examination work. AAA officials then notified the DOT Office of Inspector General, and that office conducted a criminal investigation which resulted in prosecution by the Department of Justice.

Subsequently, sentence was suspended, and the employee was placed on probation for a five-year period with the condition that full restitution be made to the U.S. Government.

Full restitution includes offset of all contributions in the employee's Civil Service Retirement Account. Any remaining monies will be recovered through a repayment schedule administered by the court assigned probation officer.

Engen Seeks '88 Funding

Administrator Engen has told Congress that any cutback in FAA's proposed FY 1988 budget request could seriously impact the nation's air transportation system.

Testifying April 21 before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Engen said, "The type of spending freezes being discussed, if sustained in the appropriations process, would cause us to impose hiring freezes and to delay key parts of NAS modernization."

Additionally, he noted, "We would have to examine carefully whether we could continue to allow an unrestricted flow of air commerce if our staffing levels have to be constrained."

FAA is seeking total funding of \$5.8 billion for FY-88 with \$3.2 billion earmarked for operations and \$1.35 billion for facilities and equipment.

Automated Maintenance

Computer on Line

FAA has completed the first phase of its new automated Maintenance Management System (MMS). The event was marked April 24 with a national telecom and presentation of awards to both Washington headquarters and field personnel involved in the program.

The MMS computers are located at en route centers, lead GNAS sectors, the FAA Academy, and Washington headquarters. The system automatically provides data on the performance of National Airspace System (NAS) facilities and services and eliminates the need for this data to be logged manually in the field.

The second program phase involves the design and implementation of add-on subsystems with which MMS will exchange facility and equipment performance information.



Union Representation Vote Set

All eligible air traffic controllers are urged to vote in the union election that begins this month. The issue will be decided by the majority of the ballots actually cast.

The Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) will mail out ballots to all 12,700 eligible employees at their home addresses on May 6. They must be returned to FLRA by 5 p.m. June 10 in order to be counted. The results will be announced June 11. Then, if the union wins, it will speak for all employees in the nation-wide unit whether or not the employees choose to join the union.

The only question presented on the ballot is, "Do you wish to be represented by the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) Yes or No?"

Buy Bonds, Engen Says

Administrator Engen has added his voice to many others urging Federal employees to sign up for the payroll savings plan during the May U.S. Savings Bond drive.

"One of the easiest ways to save money regularly is through the payroll savings plan for U.S. Savings Bonds," he said in a letter to all employees. Noting the tax and other advantages of buying bonds, said, "You will be building a more secure financial future for your family, your country, and yourself."

Marvin Clark To Retire

Marvin Clark, Area Supervisor at Tucson Flight Service Station, will retire on July 1, after more than 30 years of federal service. Marv has spent 20 years with the FAA at facilities such as Daggett and Los Angeles, Calif., FSS's, and has served as area supervisor at Tucson and Prescott Flight Service Stations.

A retirement dinner will be held in Marv's honor, Thursday, June 11, at the El Corral Restaurant, 2201 E. River Rd., Tucson, Ariz. The menu will include Prime Rib, T-Bone Steak, and Chicken. A no-host bar will open at 6 p.m., dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Send check for \$16 per person to cover dinner, tax, gratuity and gift to Brenda Dickinson, c/o Tucson FSS, 7081 S. Plumer, 2nd Floor, Tucson, AZ 85706.

Please respond no later than June 1.

AT&T Gets Award

Another National Airspace System (NAS) Plan contractor has been cited by DOT/FAA for a job well done. On April 17, Deputy Secretary James Burnley presented AT&T Technology Systems with FAA's Quality Control Certificate for meeting production quality standards for new radio control equipment (RCE).

The modular, remote control RCE systems will replace existing signaling and tone equipment at en route centers nation-wide.

Payroll to Hold Reunion

Payroll is having a reunion for all former employees and "friends of payroll." All are cordially invited to a luncheon at Shakey's Pizza Parlour, 2000 N. Sepulveda Blvd. Manhattan Beach, Calif. on June 20 at noon. If you plan to attend, please contact either Janice Beccue at 213/297-1107, Daisy Hyatt 213/297-1062 or Betsy Titherington at 714/898-0401. Hope to see everyone there.

College Flyers Compete

The nation's top college flying teams met last week to compete for the national championship by flying events designed to stress safety. Over 100 teams competed at the regional level this year and 18 went onto the National Championships held at Southern Illinois Airport where FAA accident prevention and aviation education specialists as well as tower controllers assisted the collegiate pilots.

Special Assistant to the Administrator Don Clausen was MC for the National Intercollegiate Flying Association banquet where the winning team from the University of North Dakota was honored.

The first such air meet was sponsored by Yale University in 1911 at New Haven, CT.

AD Calls For Special Wing Inspection

As result of a fatal accident following an in-flight wing separation, FAA has issued an Airworthiness Directive calling for a special wing spar inspection on Piper PA-28 and 32 aircraft with over 5,050 hours of service time.

To complete the inspections of these high-time planes, the wing will have to be removed which means the inspection may cost owners in the neighborhood of \$1,000.

The accident that preceded the AD occurred when the plane was cruising at low altitude on a pipeline patrol flight. The pilot, the sole occupant, received fatal injuries.

FAA Sponsored Research Lauded by Industry

FAA sponsored research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology received high praise from industry. A research paper, describing experiments performed to measure the heat transfer from an iced surface during artificial and natural cloud icing conditions, was called the best paper in thermophysics for 1986 by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

The research was funded by FAA and NASA under the joint university program. Through this program research projects are funded for professors and graduate students at outstanding colleges and universities.

Administrator Announces OP Error Task Force

Responding to an 18 percent increase in operational errors, Administrator Engen has ordered the formation of a task force to examine the problem. It will be chaired by Office of Aviation Safety Director William Hendricks, and include field controllers, will begin work this month.

Engen noted that "People cause accidents. We've got to get into the minds of the pilot, the controller, and others to see why they happened.... We are going to dissect all the errors that occur, look very carefully into the anatomy of the error and try to find what caused that error."

In Memoriam

Jack Bulmer

Friends of Jack Bulmer will be saddened to learn of his death on April 6 from heart failure.

Jack retired in 1973 after serving with Aircraft Engineering.

New Directive Issued on Performance Standards

The agency will issue a new directive in early May that spells out performance standards for managers and supervisors in the human resource management area. The directive is entitled "National Human Resource Management Performance Standards."

The Office of Organizational Effectiveness, which prepared the directive, is asking rating officials to begin using the standards immediately since the new rating year began April 1. AOE plans to publish an instructional guide to help with the implementation of the new performance standards by August.

TCA Film Crew On Location In Southern California

TCA Flight Productions, a film company from Idaho Falls, Idaho, recently visited the Western-Pacific Region to produce an aviation safety video tape in the Los Angeles area. The purpose of the video tape is to provide a training aid for pilots, and it concentrated on proper VFR operations in and around Terminal Control Areas (TCAs) and Airport Radar Service Areas (ARSAs).

While in the Los Angeles area, visits were made to Los Angeles TRACON, Burbank Tower/TRACON, Coast TRACON, Van Nuys Tower and Los Angeles Center. During visits to this field facilities, personnel were interviewed concerning procedures, traffic flows and air traffic control in general. In addition, filming included footage of controllers performing their normal duties.

Hats off to the various facility personnel for providing their expertise to this project and for presenting a positive view of the FAA.

TCA Productions will be making similar films at other TCA locations throughout the country. However, the Western-Pacific Region was FIRST!

--Reported by Dick Morrison
Manager, Van Nuys Tower

Deer Valley Tower Sponsors Open House

Deer Valley Tower recently held an Open House in conjunction with the Deer Valley Airport Open House and Annual "Senators Classic," which sponsors the Make-A-Wish Foundation Charity to raise money for the terminally ill children in the State of Arizona. The Phoenix Hot Air Balloon Association participated with 40 balloons furnishing rides to these children. Over \$37,000 was raised for this charity.

During these two days, tower personnel gave tours to 120 visitors, and the FAA film "Flight 52" was shown for a better understanding of the air traffic system. The Phoenix Hub banner "50th Anniversary of FAA ATC" was displayed from the tower catwalk. In addition, interested visitors were given the FAA's "ATC Employment Opportunities" brochure as well as additional employment information.

Deer Valley Tower is one of nine ATC facilities who are members of the "Valley of the Sun Hub," stretching from Grand Canyon Tower to the north and Tucson Tower to the south. Dick Miller, manager of Phoenix TRACON serves as Hub manager.



A Message From The Administrator



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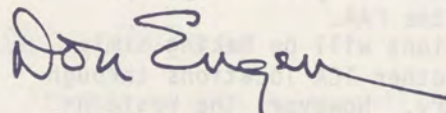
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Recently I testified before the House Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee on near midair collisions and other related air safety issues. A number of critical allegations were directed toward our agency, and we responded forthrightly.

But, as is often the case, the full story did not make it onto the television screens. Without describing in detail the discussion at the hearing, I want you to know the sense of what we said and what did not get reported on national television. It was as follows. I am very proud of you, and that what you have accomplished is, by any standards, very impressive. We are handling more air traffic with lower accident rates than at any time in history. We are inspecting and enforcing the aviation safety and security regulations more thoroughly and professionally than ever before. We are in the process of implementing the most comprehensive and technically advanced equipment modernization program of its kind. The outstanding record of achievement is your record. You should feel great pride in your accomplishments. I have that pride in you.



Donald D. Engen
Administrator