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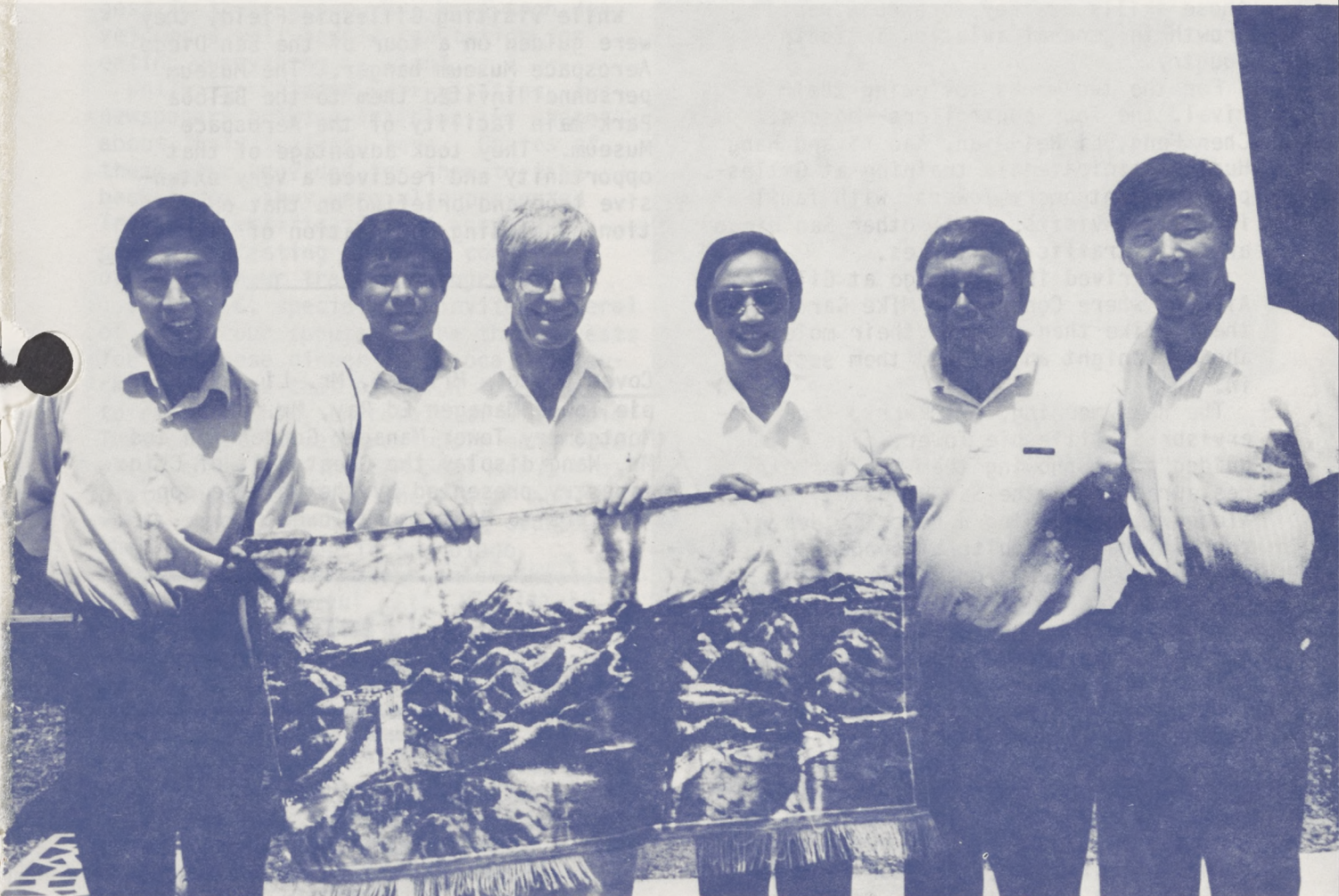
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**San Diego Facilities Welcome
Visiting Chinese Controllers**

Cover Story

by Ed Ray

Gillespie Tower Manager

Earlier this summer, four Air Traffic Control Specialists from the People's Republic of China (P.R.C.) arrived in San Diego, Calif. They came to Southern California for an on-the-job familiarization program, to learn about our Visual Flight Rules (VFR) air traffic control system. Although they already operate a sophisticated radar system, they do not use VFR concepts. They do, however, envision a growing need for those skills as they foresee a rapid growth in general aviation in their country.

For the two weeks following their arrival, the four controllers--Messrs. Chen Feng, Li Wei-Jian, Kao Yi and Wang Hua--participated in training at Gillespie and Montgomery Towers, with familiarization visits to all other San Diego area air traffic facilities.

They arrived in San Diego at Gillespie Airport where Controller Mike Garcia met them. Mike then took to their motel about midnight and helped them settle in.

The next morning, Art Perry, Area Supervisor at Gillespie Tower, gave a guided tour, showing them the markets, restaurants and the San Diego Bay-front, along with providing a general idea of recreational and cultural opportunities available. After a drive through the downtown area of San Diego, the visitors were briefed on the bus transportation system. They promptly used the bus to return for a walk-around tour of San Diego, especially enjoying the ultra-modern shopping complexes. They were also pleased with a visit Woo Chee Chong Oriental Market, where they purchased groceries and engaged in a spirited conversation with the elderly butcher.

The following day, all four reported to Gillespie Tower to begin training. It was at this point when it became clear that all parties were in for a delightful experience, for the visitors were charming people.

On our part, we did not know whether the P.R.C. specialists would show up wearing Chinese Army uniforms, insist on standing at attention at all times,

or want nothing but work, work, work. On the other hand, they were equally uncertain about us and about what sort of welcome they would receive. It quickly became clear that both hosts and guests were friendly people, and a cordial relationship was established.

During breaks in training at the towers, they discovered the (heretofore secret) pool table at Gillespie Tower and the dart board at Montgomery Tower. They enjoyed both diversions, and no one could agree on the champions. Montgomery Tower personnel presented the Chinese controllers with a dart board and darts to take back to their facility.

While visiting Gillespie Field, they were guided on a tour of the San Diego Aerospace Museum hangar. The Museum personnel invited them to the Balboa Park main facility of the Aerospace Museum. They took advantage of that opportunity and received a very extensive tour and briefing on that operation, including restoration of aircraft.

Cover photo: Mr. Kao, Mr. Li, Gillespie Tower Manager Ed Ray, Mr. Chen, Montgomery Tower Manager Gordon Yen and Mr. Wang display the Great Wall of China tapestry presented by the Chinese controllers to Montgomery Tower.

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Following a tour of San Diego TRACON, I took them to Montgomery Field, where Tower personnel hosted a barbecue in their honor. Tower Manager Gordon Yen was the titular chef; however, as a delegator of responsibility, he soon had Mr. Li doing most of the cooking. If you ever get a chance to try Gordon's recipe for Hawaiian Teriyaki Steak Strips, don't pass it up. As the youngest in their group, Mr. Wang soon developed a well-earned reputation for eating everything in sight.

While the Chinese were visiting, two newspapers printed articles and photos about their training here. Copies of these were provided for them to take back home. They were also presented Training Certificates and acrylic plaques attesting to their completion of the 80-hour training program.

The P.R.C. specialists invited several of us and our spouses to be their guests for a Chinese dinner at a local restaurant. I took that occasion to present to each of them, on behalf of Gillespie Tower, the plaques previously mentioned, which contained the FAA Seal and a brass plate inscribed with their name and words concerning the training course they had completed in San Diego.

We will remember their quick intelligence and delightful wit. We will remember their generosity and patience--how Mr. Kao helped Suzanne Ray use chopsticks; how we joked with Mr. Li about "Double Happiness" Chinese cigarettes and the "Double Happiness" seafood entree on the menu; the enthusiasm and sense of humor of Mr. Wang, as we all teased him about eating all the leftovers; the joy in Mr. Chen's eyes as we looked at the photograph of his lovely wife and fine son; the fortune cookie I opened and found the message, "A new experience will become a treasured memory." How appropriate!

Knowing them was "Double Happiness." We hope they return to China with skills enabling them to better controllers. We know they left us with experiences which make us better people.



Photos: Above -- While Gillespie Tower Controller Rita Carstens works local control, Chinese Controllers Wang, Kao and Chen monitor.

Below -- Gillespie Tower Manager Ed Ray (third from left) and Controller Mike Garcia (second from right) present the P.R.C. Controllers with Certificates of Achievement. The awards follow a week-long training session at local San Diego air traffic facilities.

Controllers Staff Temp Tower At Porterville Fly-In

Controllers from Bakersfield Tower recently provided air traffic services for the 37th Annual Moonlight Fly-In and Air Show at Porterville, Calif., Airport. The temporary tower, which recorded 679 operations, operated from the U.S. Forest Service Tanker Base lookout located on the airport. The facility was air conditioned, which contributed to the comfort of the controllers in the 100° temperatures.

The staffing of the tower was made possible by the group efforts of controllers at Bakersfield, who arranged shift trades, changes in days off and in general, did everything necessary to cover the operation at Bakersfield so that four Controllers could work the Porterville event. The Bakersfield Sector Field Office provided and installed the portable "suitcase" tower with its radios, wind indicators and light gun.

Photos: Top -- David Coulthard and Jeff Valentino work the morning shift from the U.S. Forest Service Tanker facility.

Below -- Rachel Brown and Mike Lacefield provide Air Traffic services in the afternoon.



Los Angeles Center Implements Local Awards Program

Los Angeles Center recently implemented a local awards program to recognize Center controllers who have been free of operational errors or deviations for a three-year period. This recognition consists of a Letter of Commendation and an SAA On-the-Spot Award.

Following are the first months recipients: David Alford, Dana Anderson, Donald Averitt, Bart Avery, Dean Barnes, Allen Bowers, William Cound, Ronald Emery, Randall Ezell, Mark DeGroot, Timothy Farrow, Darcy Fernandes, Jerry Fryer, Mark Gallagher, Scott Gilliam, Terry Griffith, Bonnie Grimes, Donald Gunner, Larry Hackney, Samuel Harris, John Hatcher, Kathleen Heet, Thomas Holifield, Charles Keen, Thomas Kite, Carol LaBarge, Daniel Lekovish, Wade

Lichti, Larry Light, Dan Look, Thomas Lynde, David Martin, Michael Mercer, Gary Mileski, Bruce Morey, George Otis, Thomas Parks, Danny Patterson, Frank Perino, Randolph Pawlak, Ronald Rakoski, Katherine Raulston, Rothey Rogers, Susie Ruggaber, Calen Sandoval, William Simons, Anthony Skirlick, William Splinter, Mark Stemple, Stowman Stines, Charles Street, William Terry, Carol Warren, Daniel Weems, Teddy Barnes, Larry Tipton and Johnnie Garza.



Region Welcomes Flight Standards National Policy Briefing



Regional Director Mac McClure (standing) welcomes FAA Flight Standards personnel to a conference hosted by the Western-Pacific Region. Washington Flight Standards Maintenance Division Manager, Roy Ramakis briefed the FS Airworthiness Branch from all regions on current national policy pertaining to foreign maintained parts and foreign repair stations.

Los Angeles AF Technicians Earn Awards

Congratulations to (from left) Robert Nemits, Thomas Augustine and Al Oune of the Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector for recently earning awards.

Robert earned a Special Achievement Award for his exceptional efforts in maintaining equipment at Los Angeles Tower and TRACON, as well as at Edwards Automation Sector Field Office. Thomas, Electronics Technician of the Comm/Data Sector Field Office, earned his SAA for his excellent support of the Hawthorne Flight Service Station. Receiving a Quality Within Grade for exceptional maintenance activities, Al is an ARTS III technician at Los Angeles TRACON.



25,000th ATC Student Passes Through Academy

The FAA Academy has graduated the 25,000th student to enter the basic air traffic controller course since the present pass/fail system was adopted in Jan. 1976.

Number 25,000 is Brian Ferreira who reported to the Chicago air route traffic control center on July 20 and is now undergoing on-the-job-training.

Ferreira takes a casual view of his newly-bestowed celebrityhood and just wants to get on with the job of being a controller. "It's going fine and I am definitely looking forward to my career as a controller," he says. "It is something I have been working toward for a long time."

Since 1981, 16,981 students have entered the basic ATC course. Of these 59 percent graduated and moved on to controller careers.

Former FAAer Sentenced

Former FAA Dr. Dlebert Lacefield has been sentenced to two years probation after pleading guilty to falsifying reports of post accident drug tests performed for the Federal Railroad Association.

Lacefield, who headed the forensic toxicology laboratory at the Civil Aeromedical Institute, resigned from the agency following disclosure of the incidents. In handing out the sentence, the judge cited Lacefield's fine work record.

In Memoriam

Bob Beck

We are saddened to report the death of former Western Region employee Bob Beck, who died of cancer on July 16.

Bob's career in the FAA included a tour as Air Traffic Controller at San Francisco Tower; Supervisor at Moffett RATCC; Air Traffic Representative at Castle Air Force Base and Specialist at FAA Headquarters.

Top FSDO Named

The managers of the Scottsdale, Ariz., Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) think they know why it has been picked as the top FS Field Office for 1986.

Office Manager Eldon S. Gubler said, "It is the people that make the difference, and we have an outstanding group of people."

For example, 88.2 percent of the FSDO staff expressed overall job satisfaction in the 1986 Employee Attitude Survey.

Overall, eight employees received outstanding performance ratings, ten received Letters of Commendation, and 21 got Letters of Appreciation.

The positive employee attitude has been reflected in increased productivity in such areas as accident prevention. From 1981 through 1986, accidents in the FSDO's area dropped 50 percent.

Last year, Scottsdale inspectors conducted 62 safety-related meetings that drew more than 6,000 participants. In addition, the FSDO's network of counselors held another 117 such meetings with more than 4,000 attendees. Overall, the accident prevention program reached 68 percent of certificated airmen in the FSDO area.

Falcon Tower News

Congratulations to John Bryan and his wife Christine on the birth of their daughter Elisabeth Ashley. Elisabeth was born on June 6, weighing eight pounds, two and one-half ounces.

Congratulation also to Denne' Hoover-Moore and A.V. Moore who recently married. Denne' spends some of her time promoting aviation education. Recently, she played Air Traffic Control communications tapes for and spoke to the fifth-grade class at Squaw Peak Elementary School in Phoenix. The students showed their appreciation by sending Denne' thank-you cards.

Controllers John Bryan and Tim Spence recently were presented Special Achievement Awards for Sustained Superior Performance. Congratulations!



Las Vegas Tower People & Awards

Performance awards were granted recently to several people at Las Vegas Tower. Recipients are: Quality Within Grade -- Clerical Assistant Barbara Anderson, Controller Warren Lundberg, Controller J. Scott DeHart, Controller Paul Khatcherian, Administrative Assistant Sherry Seward and Controller Jon Holman.

Sustained Superior Performance -- Controller Greg Leger, Controller Rick Black, Controller Harry Petrie (with outstanding rating), Automation Specialist Dave Clarke, Automation Specialist Gary Stoutimore and Controller Rich

Berry.

Special Act -- Air Traffic Assistant Bob Herrell, Air Traffic Assistant Dave Iredale, Controller Elizabeth Storey and Controller Tim Barrett.

Outstanding Rating -- Air Traffic Assistant Carl "Andy" Anderson; Letter of Commendation -- Controller Mark Rios.

Photo: Some of the folks honored at Las Vegas Tower include, from left, Dick Anderson, Warren Lundberg, Greg Leger, Bob Herrell, Tim Barrett, Bill Kramer.

News From Fresno Flight Service Station

The Air National Guard recently held an open house, sparking a lot of activity at Fresno Flight Service Station. Colonel Carroll, the Air National Guard commander at Fresno, expressed his appreciation for the highly professional manner in which Fresno FSS personnel performed their duties.

Jerry McDuffie from the National Weather Service (NWS) in Redwood City, Calif., recently provided training on terminologies used by NWS. Many attendees felt the sessions were outstanding. Several individuals attended on their own time, and three specialists traveled from Bakersfield FSS to attend.

The City of Merced held their 30th Annual West Coast Antique Fly-in where 2,500 aircraft arrived at Merced Airport for the three-day event. Fresno FSS manned a temporary FSS, and public relations became a high priority.

Quality Assurance Training Specialist Bob Thompson attended a pilots' meeting at Tulare Airport and conducted a class

on weather charts, pilot weather briefing and flight planning.

Fresno FSS Specialist Charles Mitchell is the proud father of a high school graduate. Chuck received a telephone call from Congressman Chip Pahasyan, who congratulated the Mitchell family on their son's selection to West Point.

Congratulation to Fresno FSS Specialist Blake Lewis, whose attendance at Merced College resulted in a certificate in advance horseshoeing. Blake says this is his hobby; but horseshoeing is serious business. If you don't pay attention you can get kicked right out of business.

Congratulations to the following Fresno FSS Specialists who received Letters of Appreciation from their supervisors -- Norman Davis, Harrison Yoneda, Robert Murray, Blake Lewis, Robert Brewer, Robert Sherrard, Bill Colbert, James Shingledecker, Emil Sereda, Charles Mitchell and Stephan Shackelford.

Aviation Education Networking

NATIONAL AVIATION AND SPACE EDUCATION NETWORK

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS & SPACE ADMINISTRATION
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PROCLAMATION

Whereas, NASA, FAA, and CAP-USAF each have requirements in aviation and space education mandated by federal law, policy, and regulation which are directly related, yet individually unique to the special needs, resources, and interests of each organization, and

Whereas, Each organization recognizes the mutual benefits resulting from sharing information and resources related to the common objectives of each respective mission, and

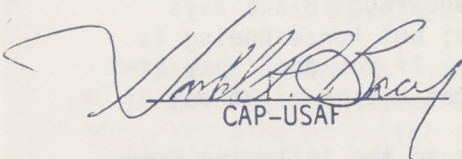
Whereas, Each organization desires to cooperate in fulfilling the goal of enhancing the general public awareness of the importance of aviation and space and the concept of aerospace education, in the most effective and most efficient manner, and

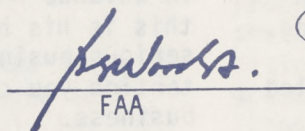
Whereas, Each organization recognizes the benefit of an official network for the accomplishment of the aforementioned objectives,

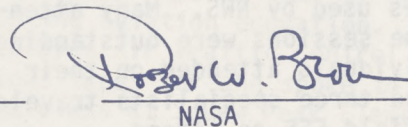
We, NASA, FAA, and CAP-USAF hereby establish the National Aviation and Space Education Network for the express purpose of fostering and developing continuing cooperative programs, policies, and activities in aviation and space education which will benefit the general public and contribute to our respective aspirations and missions.

And, We hereby agree to expand the network, as appropriate, to include education, government, and business leadership at the national, regional, state, and community levels which will contribute to the success and accomplishment of the network objectives.

Signed, This 29 of JUNE, 1987, Washington, D.C.


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