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## FAA People

\* FAA Administrator Allan McArtor says his "biggest surprise" since taking office "is that I have been struck with the willingness of the entire aviation community -- from the operators to the pilots -- to recognize deficiencies in our own system and the urgency of working with FAA to effect change and improvement." Responding to a reporter's question at a Sept. 21 news conference, he said he also was impressed with the willingness of FAA employees to recognize and respond to the need for changes and added that "it's very, very encouraging."

\* The transition from FAA Administrator to private citizen hasn't diminished Don Engen's advocacy of aviation or slowed him down one bit. Since leaving FAA in July, he has appeared on national news talk shows, testified at Congressional hearings and addressed various industry and trade organizations. His favorite theme continues to be the need for more airports and he recently told a meeting of Associated Press managing editors in Seattle that new/expanded airports are the only long-term solution to the problem of flight delays.

\* FAA's Public Affairs Officer in Anchorage, Paul Steucke, is featured in the Sept./Oct. issue of *Midwest Art* as one of Alaska's leading artists. The magazine points out that "Steucke's representations of Alaska's people and its scenery have attracted a loyal following of art collectors throughout Alaska as well as the rest of the United States." Steucke has a fine arts degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and has won numerous art awards.

## Special Inspection of Aircraft Industry Set

Responding to a directive from Administrator McArtor, FAA's Office of Airworthiness (AWS) is busy organizing an in-depth inspection of the aircraft manufacturing industry, including companies that make aircraft parts.

The AWS Aircraft Manufacturing Division will direct the inspection program that will involve a random sampling of approximately 40 of the 1,300 companies in the aircraft manufacturing industry and probably will include such big names as Boeing, McDonnell Douglas, Cessna and Beech. The program is scheduled to get underway in October and to be completed in 15-18 months.

The inspections will be conducted by teams composed of both headquarters and regional personnel.

There will be a minimum of four teams that each include four inspectors, an engineer and two contract employees. A flight test pilot also may be added for certain inspections.

McArtor announced the program on Sept. 21 emphasizing that he was not questioning the quality or safety of the industry's products. However, he added that "there have been a number of recent developments that make it incumbent upon us to make sure that the quality stays at its existing high level." These changes include advances in technology, such as increased use of automation and composite materials, and the proliferation of international and multinational aircraft programs.

## Delta Told To Upgrade Crew Training and Discipline

FAA has told Delta Airlines that it needs to improve the guidance and training given to flight crews because of instances of poor cockpit coordination observed during a recent special investigation of that airline.

Although the FAA inspection team found Delta in "general compliance with FAA regulations," it noted that crewmembers "frequently are acting as individuals rather than as members of a smoothly functioning team." Delta crews were monitored on 116 flights by the 10-member FAA team, headed by Marion Dittman of the Western-Pacific Region.

Most of the deficiencies identified by the team were in the area of crew coordination which it said may result from the company policy of "delegating the maximum degree of responsibility and discretion to its crewmembers." It recommended tighter controls including publishing materials defining the duties of each crewmember.

The inspection was begun July 29 following a series of incidents involving Delta aircraft. Team members, in addition to Ms. Dittman, are James Edwards, Lloyd Tincher, and William Molesworth, all from AWP; Gene Houtz, ACE; Anson Gray, AGL; Earl Culver, AEA; Dexter Taylor, ASW; Robert Januzzi, ANM; and Roy Grimes, AFS.

## Medieval Times Knight Hosted By Civilair

Join your fellow FAAers in an afternoon of fun as you cheer your knight to victory in the arena below while feasting on a four course meal. Civilair is sponsoring an outing to Medieval Times, near Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, on Sunday, November 8 at 1 p.m. Ticket price of \$22 includes the meal, two rounds of beverages and tax.

For ticket reservations, contact Frank Deniz at Los Angeles Flight Standards District Office, 213/215-2150, or Elly Brekke in the Regional Office at 213/297-1431.

## ADL To Reorganize

A new System Maintenance Service (ASM) began operating in Washington headquarters on Oct. 4 as one part in the reorganization of the Development and Logistics (ADL) organization.

ASM's Acting Director at the outset will be Donald J. Schneider, who is the Airway Facilities Division Manager in the Central Region. His Acting Deputy is Edward Kelly, who is moving with his entire organization, the Maintenance Engineering Division (APM-100), to the new service.

In addition to the former APM-100, ASM is picking up other elements of both APM and the Systems Engineering Service (AES). The three main divisions will be Maintenance Engineering, Maintenance Operations, and Telecommunications Management and Operations.

Other changes include retitling the streamlined APM to the Program Engineering Service (APS). Besides transferring its maintenance and telecommunications management programs to ASM, it also will give its air traffic control automation programs, except Flight Service Stations, to the Advanced Automation Program Office. It is being renamed the Automation Service (AAS).

For the present, employees will stay where they are with the same phone numbers.

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## NAS Maintenance Center Set Up In Flow Control

A new National Airspace System (NAS) Maintenance Coordination Center now is operational on an around-the-clock basis in the Washington headquarter's Central Flow Control Facility.

Staffed by Airway Facilities system engineers from the field, the center tracks facility outages, resolves conflicts and coordinates repair efforts when more than one facility is involved. The information is fed directly to the Associate Administrator for Development and Logistics (ADL-1) who, in turn, keeps the Administrator and other top-level officials informed about systems maintenance performance.

Ed Kelly, Acting Deputy Director of the new Systems Maintenance Service, said the center "gives us real-time, 24-hour-a-day capability to communicate directly with region and field facilities when there is a problem in the system, separates the chaff from the wheat and expedites follow-up action when necessary." He also noted that air traffic specialists in Central Flow are finding the data increasingly useful for their operational planning purposes.

Field personnel currently on temporary assignment at the center are Harvey Mayer, Atlanta Center; Jim Franklin, Houston Center; Doug Walton, Miami Center; Chris Tressler, Seattle Center; Fred Blumberg, Cleveland AF Sector; and Jim Friend, Minneapolis Center.

## Four More ARSAs Set

FAA will establish three more Airport Radar Service Areas (ARSAs) on Oct. 22, pushing the total nationwide to 92. The new locations are: Grand Rapids-Kent County Airport, MI; Rochester-Monroe County Airport, NY; and Toledo Express Airport, OH. In addition, Akron-Canton Regional Airport, OH, has been designated as a future site with an Oct. 20, 1988, implementation date.

## SOAP Plans Retirees Reunions

The Society of Airway Pioneers (SOAP) has announced its 10th Annual Arizona FAA/NWS Retirees Luncheon and Reunion, to be held at the Scottsdale Elks Club. Festivities will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, October 26.

All FAA/CAA/NWS retirees as well as current employees, spouses and friends are welcome. For further information, contact John Lindberg at 602/949-7882.

A reunion has also been scheduled for the northern California, Nevada and Oregon areas. The event will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 7, at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, 5851 South Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada.

The buffet lunch is \$11 per person including tax and tip. For reservations, contact Jerry Long, 40896 Chiltern Drive, Fremont, Calif. 94539. Lodging accommodations may be made by calling the Holiday Inn at 1/800/722-7366.

SOAP is looking forward to hearing from many FAA, NWS and Credit Union retirees at these get-togethers.



## South Florida EEO Council Invite

The South Florida EEO Council and the Hispanic Employment Advisory Committee (HEAC) invites all FAA employees and their families to the 1987 Hispanic Heritage Week in south Florida. This year, it will be celebrated the week of October 14, culminating with the annual banquet the evening of October 16.

Hotel reservations are being accepted at the Miami Airport Hilton and Marina (\$45 single/double). For further details contact Maria G Lohein FTS 350-2633.

# 27 things to help you survive an earthquake

Californians are constantly aware of the potential of an earthquake creating damage and creating dangerous conditions. So if we don't properly prepare, the next quake may cause greater personal damage than necessary. Each item listed below won't stop the next earthquake but it may help you survive in a better way.

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## 4 basics to do during an earthquake

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1. STAY CALM
2. Inside: Stand in a doorway, or crouch under a desk or table, away from windows or glass dividers.
3. Outside: Stand away from buildings, trees, telephone and electric lines.
4. On the road: Drive away from underpasses/overpasses; stop in safe area; stay in vehicle.

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## 6 basics to do after an earthquake

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1. Check for injuries—provide first aid.
2. Check for safety—check for gas, water, sewage breaks; check for downed electric lines and shorts; turn off appropriate utilities; check for building damage and potential safety problems during after shocks such as cracks around chimney and foundation.
3. Clean up dangerous spills.
4. Wear shoes.
5. Turn on radio and listen for instructions from public safety agencies.
6. Don't use the telephone except for emergency use.

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## 14 survival items to keep on hand

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1. Portable radio with extra batteries

2. Flashlight with extra batteries
3. First Aid Kit—including specific medicines needed for members of your household.
4. First Aid book
5. Fire extinguisher
6. Adjustable wrench for turning off gas and water
7. Smoke detector properly installed
8. Portable fire escape ladder for homes/apartments with multiple floors.
9. Bottled water—sufficient for the number of members in your household
10. Canned and dried foods sufficient for a week for each member of your household. Note: Both water and food should be rotated into normal meals of household so as to keep freshness. Canned goods have a normal shelf-life of one year for maximum freshness.
11. Non-electric can opener
12. Portable stove such as butane or charcoal. Note: Use of such stoves should not take place until it is determined that there is no gas leak in the area. Charcoal should be burned only out of doors. Use of charcoal indoors will lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.
13. Matches
14. Telephone numbers of police, fire, and doctor

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## 3 things you need to know

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1. How to turn off gas, water and electricity
2. First Aid
3. Plan for reuniting your family

## The best survival is a prepared survival