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Regional Director Tours Inland Empire

Cover Story

On a recent tour of California's Inland Empire, Regional Director Mac McClure visited Riverside Flight Service Station (FSS), Riverside Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), Riverside Tower (both the old and the new relocated towers), Ontario Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) and Chino Tower.

While touring these facilities, Mac made several presentations to FAAers, including those pictured on these pages.

Cover photo: Ontario Tower Manager Sam Fabela (right) shows off the new control tower to Regional Director Mac McClure (foreground). The new tower enables the controllers to better view the traffic pattern and the approach end of the runway. Along with the new facility comes state-of-the-art equipment. Riverside FSS Manager and FAA Coordinator Norm Hopkins (left) and regional Air Traffic Field Management Branch Manager Charlie Aalfs also enjoy the tour. (Photo by Lee Daniel.)

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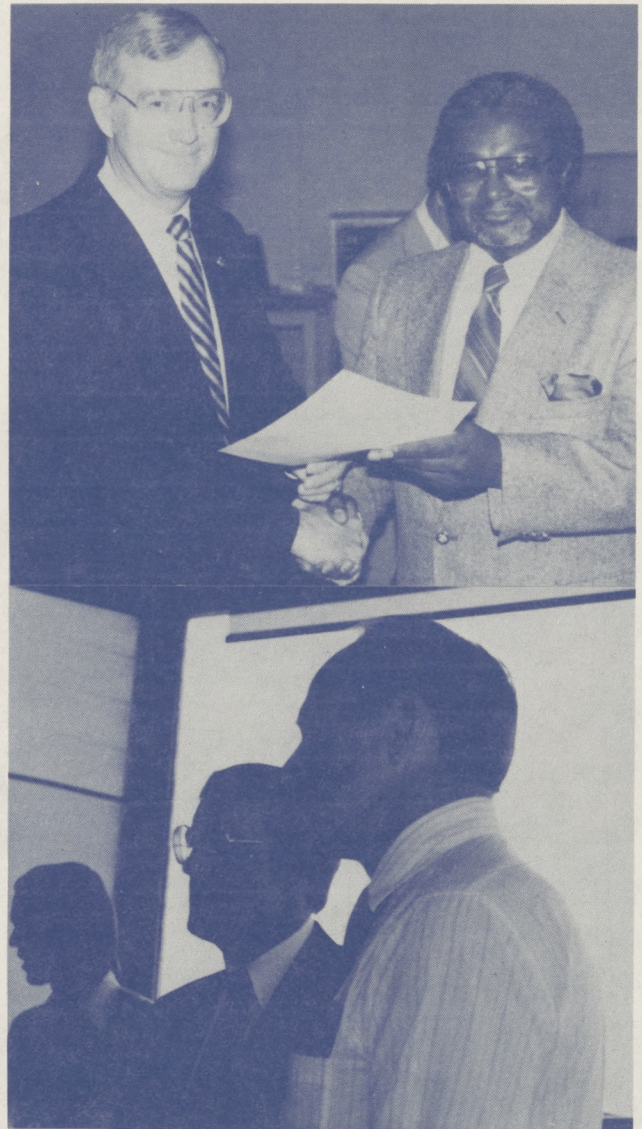
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Photos: **Top** -- Riverside FSS Manager Norm Hopkins, right, accepts the Facility of the Year Award plaque from Regional Director Mac McClure. Norm received the award on behalf of all controllers from Ontario FSS.

Below -- AF Technician Richard Resendez briefs Mac on the status of the relocation of radios and navigational aid monitors to the new Ontario Tower.

(All cover story photos by Lee Daniel.)

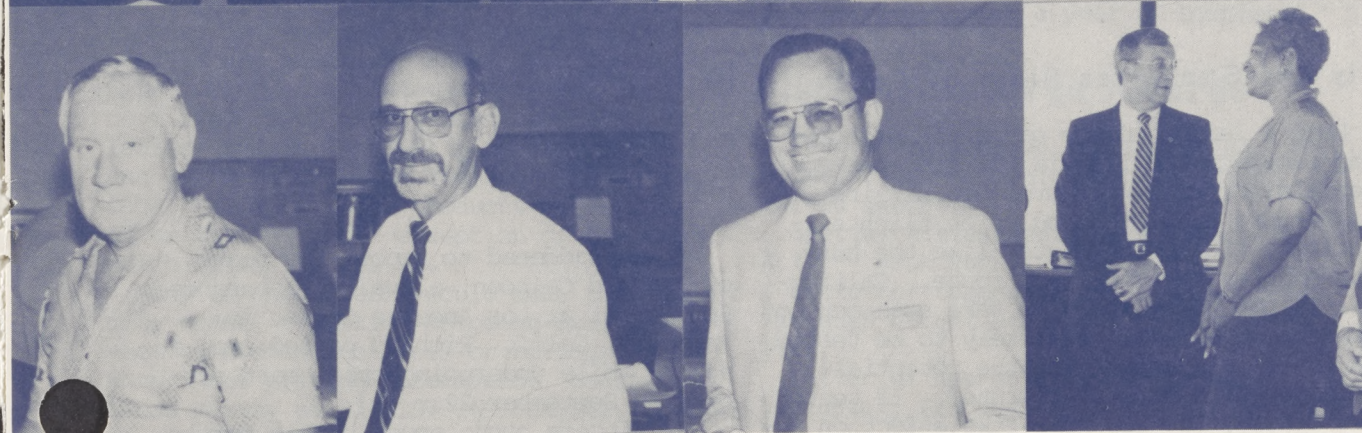
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Top -- Controller Pat Powell briefs the Director on air traffic control and training procedures at Chino Tower.



Middle -- Some of the people responsible for Ontario FSS's selection as "Facility of the Year" include from left, Bill Fennemore, Jim Kelley, Mac McClure (presenting the award), Norm Hopkins, Eddie Nelson, Janet Snyder and Charlie Aalfs.



Below -- Receiving service awards from the Director during his Inland Empire tour are from left, AF Technician George Wierschen, 30-year pin; AF Technician Bob Avakain, 35-year pin; and AF Technician Ron Rudolph, 35-year pin. At right, Area Supervisor Lavern Evans talks with Mac about the impending move from the old control tower to the new tower.

News In Brief

Courts Rule On Drug Testing

* A Federal Court in Washington, DC, has ruled in favor of DOT's random drug testing program which got under way September 10. U.S. District Court Judge Gerhard A. Gesell dismissed a suit filed by the American Federation of Government Employees saying the program "reflects a high degree of concern for employee privacy interests and is carefully tailored to assure a minimum of intrusion." Judge Gesell supported the government on both the Constitutional and procedural issues.

October FAA World Out

* The October FAA World looks to the past and the future with articles about the semi-mysterious disappearance of Amelia Earhart 50 years ago and an assessment of the tiltrotor aircraft's role in air transportation system of the 21st century. There also are here-and-now articles such as the account of an outstanding flight save by a Groton, CT, controller, a piece on FAA's aircraft evaluation groups and a description of the agency's new rate-your-boss program. All in all, it's a pretty good read.

Fly The Smokeless Skies of Calif.

* Long a leader in the national anti-smoking campaign, California now has enacted legislation that will prohibit airline passengers from lighting up on flights entirely within the state, like the busy Los Angeles-San Francisco route. California is the first state to take such action and the legislation is likely to be tested in the courts because of the potential conflict with Federal statutes. If tested and upheld, the law will take effect on New Year's Day.

Revised W-4's Take Effect.

* FAAers who failed to file a revised W-4 form by the October 1 deadline will discover in their November 3 paychecks that Uncle Sam has done it for them. The problem is that he only allows one deduction for a single person and two for a married couple. That may cause some problems in meeting mortgage payments and the like.

Thrift Deductions Cut Back

* Another change to look for in the November 3 paycheck is a cutback in the maximum deductions allowed for the Thrift Savings Plan. The 15 percent for FERS employees will drop to 10 and the seven and one-half percent for CSRS workers will go down to five. The higher rates were allowed initially because the Thrift Plan got off to a late start.



In Memoriam

Richard R. Calhoun

We are saddened to report the death of Richard Calhoun, a Quality Assurance Specialist at Los Angeles Center in Palmdale, Calif. Richard passed away at age 46 while undergoing open heart surgery on September 22.

Our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Office Automation Systems To Be Standardized

FAA has taken a major step forward in its program to implement office automation agency-wide, one of the major goals of Administrator McArtor's IMPACT 88 program.

On September 29, it issued Requests for Proposals to approximately 1,500 companies for a contract that will supply FAA and the rest of DOT with microcomputer hardware and software, as well as training and maintenance service. Some 26,000 workstations in FAA alone could be provided and serviced under the eight-year contract.

The three-year award with options for five additional years is scheduled for award in August 1988. It will help achieve standardization of office automation equipment which presently includes 54 different brands of microcomputers, many of which are incompatible with one another. Each office will continue to pay for its own equipment, but use of the single contractor will assure uniformity in procurement of hardware, software and services.

This initial "OATS" phase (Office Automation Technology and Services) will be followed by "CORN" (Computer Resource Nucleus) which will compliment "OATS."

Civilair News

There are many new products on display, both at the Regional Office Civilair Desk and at the Los Angeles Hangar Civilair display case. Some of the items include wood carvings (cats, flowers, dinosaurs and dogs), kitchen magnets, floral night lights, hand-painted note cards, Pentel pencils and supplies, and Fisher space pens. Of special interest are FAA logo novelties, such as tie bars and tacks, ladies' and men's lapel pins, key chains and watches (with the logo serving as the face. Most of these products range from \$3 to \$10, with the exception of the watch, which sells for \$32.95.

Many of these items would make thoughtful retirement, promotion or going-away gifts—not to mention get-well or birthday presents. For pricing information, contact Linda Murray at 213/297-1697 or Elly Brekke at 213/297-1431. Mail orders will be accepted for a slight delivery fee.

Airports Office Program Helps Reduce Delays

FAA-industry task forces are taking an in-depth look at eight major terminals in an effort to increase capacity and further reduce delays at these locations. The airports are St. Louis, Memphis, San Francisco (with Oakland and San Jose), Detroit, New York (LaGuardia and Kennedy), Boston, Miami, and Phoenix.

In addition, a task force earlier this year completed an Airport Capacity Action Plan for Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport. The St. Louis, Memphis, and San Francisco studies are expected to be completed by year's end.

Organized by FAA's Airport Capacity Program Office, the studies involve an examination of navigation aids and air traffic control procedures at each airport. Team members also look at the physical aspects of the airport, including runway orientation, runway exits, and taxiway configurations.

At Atlanta, for example, 15 major projects were recommended by the task force, including airspace procedures, airport development, new facilities, and new equipment. The annual delay savings of each of these projects range from 2,000 aircraft hours to as much as 119,000 hours.

The FAA-industry task forces are composed of airport and airline operators, local experts, and FAA airports specialists. In addition, the FAA Technical Center supports the program by generating computer simulations of proposed improvements to determine the delay reduction benefits. Studies take about a year to complete.

Flight Standards Awards

Congratulations to the following Flight Standards folks who recently earned awards:

Special Achievement Award (Special Act) -- Jack Norris, AWP-260.

Letter of Commendation -- James Dugan, Van Nuys Flight Standards District Office.

Letter of Appreciation -- Leonard Schaustal, Van Nuys FSDO; Thomas Carmen, Van Nuys FSDO; Karl McGuire, Riverside FSDO and Ann Bachtell, Riverside FSDO.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Bicentennial of the Constitution
1787 - 1987

Just 200 years ago, a small group of men from 12 of the 13 American States gathered in a hall in Philadelphia. They came from as far north as New Hampshire and as far south as Georgia.

Barriers of distance and special interest might have divided them, but their common dedication to liberty and the rights of man held them together. They were devoted to the proposition that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. And it was their mutual conviction that here on these shores they could raise a light unto the nations -- a light of self-government, of liberty, and of hope.

For two centuries these ideals have guided us and given us strength in our journey across a continent, to the stars and into the heart of every man and woman on Earth who dreams of liberty.

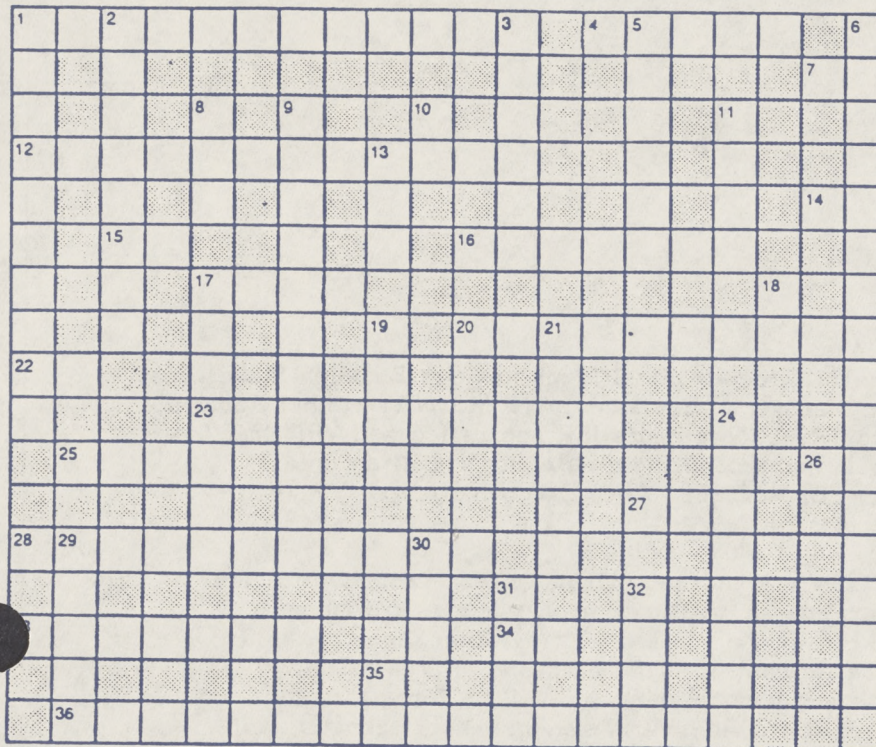
On this historic occasion let us join together to remember our heritage and to rededicate ourselves to America's mission of standing by those who -- wherever they may be -- love freedom and yearn for democracy. God bless you.

Ronald Reagan

Test Your Knowledge Of The Constitution

Crossword Puzzle

by James Tenney



ACROSS

- 1 Document embodying fundamental principles of government
- 4 Traditionally administers Presidential oath (first word)
- 7 First state to ratify Constitution (abbr.)
- 12 Constitutional Convention met here
- 14 State that proposed plan for strong, central government (abbr.)
- 15 Last state represented at Convention to ratify Constitution (abbr.)
- 16 "Father of the Constitution"
- 17 "The trial of all crimes,...shall be by _____ ..."
- 20 Unanimously elected President of the Convention
- 22 & 26 Two states adamantly opposed ending slavery (abbrs.)
- 23 Number of delegates who signed the proposed Constitution
- 25 Party that opposed ratification of the Constitution (prefix)
- 27 No person shall be "...deprived of life, liberty, or property, without _____ process of law."
- 28 Only state which refused to participate in Convention
- 33 "_____ Law of the Land"—clause embodying principle of direct action by the national government on the people
- "_____ post facto"—phrase prohibiting Congress from passing retrospective laws
- 36 Body selected by delegates for choosing the President

DOWN

- 1 Best word to describe how agreement was reached in the Convention
- 2 Permanent home of the Constitution—"_____ Archives"
- 3 Greatest contests over ratification occurred in these 3 states (abbrs.)
- 5 This writ may not be suspended by Congress unless the public safety requires it (first word)
- 6 Oldest Convention delegate
- 8 Only the national government can declare this
- 9 Party that favored ratification of the Constitution
- 10 This state's delegates didn't arrive until July (abbr.)
- 11 Presented by the smaller states to patch up the Articles of Confederation—the "New Jersey _____"
- 13 A Senate president "_____ tempore" is appointed when the Vice President is absent—latin for temporarily
- 17 One virtue the Founders hoped would result from the Constitution
- 18 First "new" state admitted under Art. 4, Sec. 3 (abbr.)
- 19 Right guaranteed by 15th and 19th amendments
- 21 Possesses sole power to try all impeachments
- 24 Explanatory clause at beginning of Constitution
- 29 Representation within this body determined by state population
- 30 First capitol of U.S. under Constitution (abbr.)
- 31 Latin for "I forbid"
- 32 Symbol of authority of the House of Representatives
- 35 State in which Shays' Rebellion occurred (abbr.)

(See Next Week's Issue Of INTERCOM For Puzzle Answers.)



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Editor
Sacramento Bee
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Dear Sir:

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Burleigh Stokes, and I am the FAA's Air Traffic Manager at Sacramento TRACON (Terminal Radar Approach Control). Sacramento TRACON provides IFR separation and VFR traffic advisories to aircraft operating in and around the greater metropolitan area including Metro Airport, Beale AFB, McClellan AFB, Executive Airport, Mather AFB, and other surrounding airports.

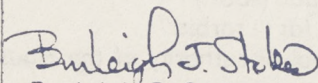
We in the FAA believe that it is very important that news representatives in the local area understand our mission and air traffic control procedures in general. With that in mind, we would like to invite you and your aviation reporters to a special 3-hour seminar on air traffic control in the Sacramento area. The seminar will be restricted to media personnel only, and will be formatted to provide a general briefing on the air traffic control system. Your reporters will actually "plug in" with one of our controllers at a radar scope, and then we'll have a session to answer any questions that they may have.

Although no specific date has been set, we respectfully request input from you on the best schedule for you or your aviation reporters, and subjects you want addressed during the seminar.

In the Sacramento area, the management of the FAA is dedicated to dealing with the media in an open, honest, timely and forthright manner. We only request that the media be knowledgeable of our mission.

Please indicate on the attached page what schedule would be best for you, and any comments you may have.

Sincerely,


Burleigh J. Stokes
Air Traffic Manager

Editor's Note: After coordination with the Sacramento Local Coordinator, Burleigh Stokes sent out this letter to all of the news media in the Sacramento area. This is an outstanding example of one manager's efforts to enhance the FAA's public image through communications with the media. We encourage all managers to work with their FAA Local Coordinators and the Public Affairs Manager to foster a better informed media.