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Cover Story

Halloween is creeping up again. This unique holiday gives FAAers the opportunity to dress in costume and to assume the role of a favorite character.

This Halloween issue of INTERCOM features the guys and ghouls of the Regional Office, San Diego Flight Service Station and the Los Angeles hangar offices.



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Trick Or Treat?



Black Coalition Meets In Atlanta

Some 200 FAAers from across the country gathered in Atlanta Sept. 17-19 for the 11th Annual Conference of the National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees.

One of the highlights of the three-day get together was the selection of Air Traffic's Spann Watson as this year's recipient of the C. Alfred Anderson Award for his contributions to aviation and for promoting equal employment opportunities in aviation. A 22-year FAA veteran and a member of the famed, all-Black 99th Fighter Squadron in World War II, he is the first FAAer to receive the award.

Participants also saw a video-tape presentation featuring Administrator McArtor and Coalition President Evelyn Washington of the Tulsa, OK, Flight Service Station. McArtor expressed his strong support for affirmative action and equal employment opportunity.

Also during the conference, scholarship awards to high school graduates recommended by FAA employees were announced.

In Memoriam

Marvin Burrier

We are saddened to report the sudden death of Marv Burrier, retired air traffic control specialist. Marv suffered a fatal heart attack on Spetember 21.

Marv retired from the FAA in June 1986 after serving as a controller for many years in California's Inland Empire.

Marv was also one of the original controllers who opened Guam CERAP.

He later served the FAA at El Toro (now Coast) TRACON, Chino Tower and Ontario Tower, then retired from Riverside Tower.

Marv is survived by a daughter Michelle and son Michael. Condolences may be sent to Michael Burrier; 34855 Acacia; Yucaipa, Calif. 92399.

Our sincere sympathy to Marv's family and friends.

McArtor Wants More Airline Accountability

Administrator McArtor wants to increase "airline accountability" and said the agency is developing a self-inspection manual for the carriers that will help them "voluntarily identify problems and propose corrective action."

In a Sept. 15 speech to the Aero Club of Washington, McArtor noted that the increased emphasis on self inspection by the airlines in no way diminishes FAA's responsibilities for ensuring compliance with the agency's safety rules and regulations. "It must be a joint FAA-industry partnership," he added. "I'm not looking to levy fines, rather to improve quality... We must make reporting of problems an incentive, not a disincentive for industry."

The FAA Administrator also pointed to a doubling of pilot deviations in the last year and said the agency has begun a thorough examination of crew training and cockpit procedures. He predicted that the effort will lead to issuance of new regulations in this area, "the first major regulatory update since the turbojet aircraft was placed in service."

In addition, McArtor promised to press for the hiring of "as many controllers as needed to maintain the margin of safety built into our air traffic control system." He said he was particularly concerned about "our bench strength and getting out ahead of the rapid growth curve in air travel."



Angela Person Honored At San Diego AFS



Angela Person (left), Stay-in-Schooler in the San Diego Airway Facilities Sector, was presented a Special Achievement Award based on performance. Making the presentation is Supervisor Betty Sears. Angela's support in the clerical area and her positive attitude toward the job have been an asset to the FAA.

San Diego Sector Awards

The San Diego Airway Facilities Sector proudly presented career service emblems to nine individuals totaling 290 years of service. Two separate ceremonies were held, one at Riverside FSS and the other at San Diego AFS. Regional Director Mac McClure was very complimentary and expressed his appreciation to those receiving the service emblems.

Those receiving 30-year emblems were Donald Davidson, John Delpino, James Parker, George Wierschem and Richard Wise. Four employees who have completed 35 years are Bob Avakian, David Edwards, Donald Lugo and Ronald Rudolph.

Virginia Agilar, Logistics Management Specialist and Betty Sears, Administrative Officer were the recipients of Letters of Appreciation from their peers. Director McClure made the presentations during his recent visit to the San Diego Sector.

Take DAB To CMD

FAAers flying to the new Center for Management Development (CMD) in Palm Coast, FL, should have a tag on their luggage that says "DAB."

The reason is that FAA has arranged for ground transportation service between Daytona Beach Regional Airport (DAB) and the CMD campus. Students who fly into Orlando (MCO) will have to make their own arrangements for ground travel to Palm Coast.

Daytona-Orlando Transit Services -- appropriately called DOTS -- will provide the shuttle service at a cost that will vary with the number of passengers. Just follow the signs at the airport to the pick-up area.

Students driving their own cars to the CMD or using other transportation should remember that FAA payments will be limited to the combined plane and DOTS bus fare. The new per diem rate for CMD is \$6.

AVN To Conduct Pilot Examiner Course

On January 12, 1988, the Aviation Standards National Field Office in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will present its Designated Pilot Examiner Recurrent Course in Ontario, Calif.

This program is vital to maintaining safety within the national airspace system in that it fosters the complete training of the key element in the system--the crew member. The Pilot Examiner Standardization Section, AVN-134, will present the class. This Section has devoted many years of proactive effort to meet the goal of safe air commerce.

The January 12 presentation marks the 10th anniversary of the Designated Pilot Examiner Course, and it is expected there will be media interest in the event. FAA employee presence will serve as a positive indicator of the Administrator's commitment to safety in the nation's airspace.

The course will be conducted at the Red Lion Inn in Ontario and begins at 8 a.m. on January 12. For further information, contact Ron Bragg, AVN-134, at FTS 749-4753.

On The Lighter Side...

By Mike Kulhanek, AWP-464.7

Earlier this summer, I was aligning some survey equipment in the Air Force parking lot north of the FAA Western-Pacific Regional Office building. While I was there, a man who looked about 20 years old drove up in a car and got out to ask me a question. He wanted to know if it would be okay to practice hovering his helicopter in the parking lot.

The first thing that came to my mind was, "I don't need this guy learning to fly a helicopter around me." I told him it sounded a little dangerous and that the helicopter might throw stones and debris at the cars parked on the other side of the lot. He hesitated and assured me that there would only be a small blast from the helicopter and that he would stay far away from the parked cars. My previous logic having failed, and a large part of the parking lot being empty, I did not think I had the right to deny him the use of the lot. I told him that I supposed it would be okay as long as he stayed away from the cars, the buildings and me.

About 15 minutes later, the same car came back and stopped. The same man got out and opened the car trunk. He pulled out his radio controlled helicopter and began to practice hovering!

L. A. Center Controller Wins National Flight Assist Award

Los Angeles Center is pleased to announce that Ralph King, a developmental assigned to Area D, has been selected to receive recognition for the National Outstanding Flight Assist for 1986. Ralph was previously assigned to Lewiston Flight Service Station before being re-assigned to Los Angeles Center in November 1986. This award is based on Ralph's outstanding performance on July 4, 1986, when he assisted a distressed pilot, who was lost in the clouds and not instrument rated.

News In Brief

* It wasn't exactly the same experience Francis Scott Key had at Ft. McHenry, but Washington FAAers felt a surge of pride when they reported to work recently and saw the agency flag flying in front of the headquarters building for this first time in 20 years. Administrator McArtor ordered the action after some research by his staff discovered that DOT policy allowed display of the FAA banner along with the departmental flag. So McArtor said, in effect, let's run it up the flag pole and see who salutes. A lot of FAAers did.

* The number of operational errors by air traffic controllers dropped again in September for the second month in a row. In August, op errors were down by 14 percent and last month by 10 percent, compared to the same months in 1986. For the year, through September, op errors still are up nine percent over 1986, but this represents a substantial drop since the end of June when the figure was plus 20 percent.

* A Special Intercom detailing the Administrator's IMPACT 88 program is being mailed in bulk to all FAA offices and facilities and should be in employees' hands shortly after mid-October. The illustrated, four-page newsletter lists the eight major program areas included in IMPACT 88 and provides a status report on each. It concludes by noting, "The success of IMPACT 88 depends on us as the agents of change in the system."



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6.73	14,000	80.73	3.36
7.21	15,000	86.52	3.60
8.65	18,000	103.80	4.30
9.62	20,000	115.44	4.80
11.06	23,000	132.72	5.53
12.02	25,000	144.24	6.00
13.95	29,000	167.40	6.97
14.90	31,000	178.80	7.45
16.35	34,000	196.20	8.20
17.78	37,000	213.48	8.90
19.23	40,000	230.78	9.60
24.04	50,000	288.48	11.10
28.85	60,000	346.20	13.32
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