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Scottsdale FSDO Sponsors 1987 Flight Inspector of the Year

## Cover Story

Earlier this year, June B. Bonesteel --self-employed flight instructor, pilot examiner, and accident prevention counselor--was honored as the FAA's Arizona Flight Instructor of the Year for 1987.

June also claimed the honor as the FAA Western-Pacific Region's Flight Instructor of the Year. At a special Phoenix Ninety-Nines awards banquet--attended by over 150 pilots, various Ninety-Nines Chapters, and other members of the Arizona aviation community--Arlene Feldman, Deputy Director of the FAA's Western-Pacific Region, presented June with a beautiful plaque and certificate as testimony to her achievement.

Subsequent to her winning the Regional award, June was then selected as the National Flight Instructor of the Year. This ultimate and prestigious award was presented at a ceremony held in Washington, D.C. at FAA National Headquarters.

June presently owns her own flight school at the Scottsdale Aviation Center in Scottsdale, Arizona. She has over 9,000 hours flight time and has given more than 7,000 hours of flight instruction. As early as 1971, June operated her own approved flight school, "June's Aviation," at Phoenix-Deer Valley Airport. June obtained her Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) certificate in 1971, and Inspection Authorization in 1978. She became a Pilot Examiner in 1981. June has, over the years, personally instructed several hundred students for various certificates and ratings. Many of these have gone on to important careers in the aviation field.

June recently recognized a need for improving industry standards for flight instructors and students, and developed a course for flight instructors on the new FAA Practical Test Standards. This course has been well received locally, and FAA's Examiner Standardization Branch in Oklahoma City has requested to use her course in FAA training agency-wide.

June is recognized by her peers as a fine flight instructor who gives freely of her time as a speaker on aviation subjects for schools, Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) conventions (including Oshkosh), and pilot seminars throughout Arizona.

**Cover photo:** The 1987 National Flight Instructor of the Year June Bonsteel is congratulated by FAA Administrator Allan McArtor. June captured the state, regional and national titles for her outstanding achievements as a flight instructor.

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## News In Brief

### Flight Delays Down

\* Through the first 10 months of 1987, flight delays were down at 13 of the 22 "pacing" airports, up at five and about even at the other four. Overall, delays dropped from 38.8 per 1,000 operations last year to 32 this year, a decline of 18 percent. Those airports with the best improvement records included Newark, LaGuardia, Boston Logan, Minneapolis-St. Paul, St. Louis and Washington National.

### Northwest Pays Fine

\* Northwest Airlines has agreed to pay DOT a civil penalty of \$325,000 to settle allegations that Northwest violated consumer protection regulations, particularly those related to "timely" refunds. DOT requires credit card refunds within seven days and cash refunds in 20 days. The \$325,000 settlement was the largest ever for violations of airline economic regulations.

### NTSB Rules on Oakland Midair

\* NTSB has blamed a March 1987 fatal midair collision between two light aircraft at the Oakland Airport on the "failure of each pilot-in-command to see and avoid the other aircraft and the failure of the local controller to perceive the traffic conflict and issue traffic advisories." The planes collided at an altitude of 1,000 feet about one mile north of the departure end of Runway 33. Both aircraft were destroyed and all three persons on board perished.

### FAAers Assist With Investigation

\* Some 26 FAA Flight Standards, Air Traffic and other specialists have been involved in the investigation of the Nov. 15 Continental Airlines accident at Denver. Frank Del Gandio and Jean Pyatt from the Washington Aviation Safety Office were the FAA Investigators in Charge. Others were drawn from the Long Beach Aircraft Certification Office; Denver, Houston and Los Angeles Flight Standards District Offices; the New England Certification Region; and the Air Traffic Evaluations and Analysis Office in Washington headquarters.

## Student Aid Minh Quoc Honored At LAX AFS



Congratulations to Minh Quoc (left), student aid at Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector, who recently received an on-the-spot award from Acting Hanger Manager Cynthia Whitney. Minh, a second year industrial design student at Cal State, Long Beach, was cited for the excellent assistance he provided in the Administrative Support Unit.

(Photo by Dick Muckle.)

## Controller Bicycles Against Diabetes

Bill McCartney, Burbank Tower/TRACON controller, recently participated in a Bikeathon Ride Against Diabetes. Bill was sponsored by fellow controllers from the facility with pledges ranging from \$.25 per mile to a flat \$20. Completing an impressive 30-mile ride, Bill earned \$120 for the fund.

Next year Bill plans to tackle a 50-mile ride and looks forward to additional pledges.

## Civilair Christmas Party Set For December 17

The annual Civilair Adults' Christmas party will be held on Thursday evening, December 17, beginning at 7 p.m. The festivities will be held at the Alondra Club on Prairie near Redondo Beach Blvd. in Lawndale, Calif. A \$10 ticket provides hors d'oeuvres, a chance at door prizes and dancing to the music of "Swing Shift" until midnight.

For tickets and reservations, contact Linda Murray at 213/297-1697 or Elly Brekke at 213/297-1431.



## AF Holiday Party Slated

The Regional Airway Facilities Division has scheduled a holiday celebration at the Cockatoo Inn, 4334 West Imperial Hwy., Hawthorne, Calif. on Thursday, December 17, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The cost of \$12.25 per person includes a western barbecue buffet, tax and tip.

For reservations, contact Patricia Zeman at 213/297-1150. Payment must be received by December 10.

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## FAA Civilair Cookbook Order Form

Name:

Routing/Facility:

Address (if outside regional office):

Number of cookbooks ordered @ \$6 each:

Total amount enclosed:

Make checks payable to Civilair, Inc.

Books are spiral-bound, and should be available in time for Christmas.

For more information, contact Linda Murray at 213/297-1697.

Detach form and return to FAA Civilair; P.O. Box 92007 WWPC; Los Angeles, CA 90009

## ATC Staffing Standards Being Revised, McArtor Says

The controller numbers game played by many in the media and elsewhere is counterproductive, Administrator McArtor believes, and tends to mask some of the real problems in the air traffic control system.

"Today's controller job is fundamentally different from before the 1981 strike," he told a congressional hearing on Nov. 18. "We must stop comparing ourselves to that vastly different operational and technological time."

"Likewise," he added, "we should end the heroic attitude generated by the strike and stop thinking we can do more with less, admit that airspace management means more than separating aircraft, and plan for more nontraffic-related controller work."

McArtor said FAA is revising its terminal controller staffing standards to reflect these additional factors and also developing staffing standards for supervisory and traffic management coordinators. He told the subcommittee that he has a commitment from Acting Transportation Secretary Jim Burnley "to seek additional resources to help bolster our controller workforce management challenges."