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"white water" rafting . . .

Judy Devine, chief of the region's Training Branch, spent the day recently "white water rafting" in the Saco River, New Hampshire. Judy is shown on the right in photo during a part of the 15 mile voyage in treacherous waters. The other two persons are members of the expedition which sponsors the exciting event. Last year Judy did "white water rafting" in the Green River in the Utah/Colorado area. The New Hampshire journey, she said, was "mild" compared to the Green River expedition. There were four other persons on the 18-foot rubber raft with Judy. (Photo courtesy of Bob Howard, Boston Herald-American newspaper.)

EXPERIMENTAL AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATES MAY BE EXTENDED

In a speech delivered to members of the Experimental Aircraft Association in Washington recently, Deputy Administrator Taylor announced that the duration of airworthiness certificates issued to experimental aircraft soon may be extended. He said a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) will be issued "before long" which will "extend airworthiness certificates for EAA planes on an indefinite basis, with an inspection annually required, just like other general aviation aircraft." Taylor went on to say that if the new rule is issued, flight inspectors will have to rely even more heavily than before on EAA's "well known trait of self-policing." He added that FAA has "been impressed with your fine efforts in this respect...."

TRANSPORTATION DEATHS UP IN '77

Although 1977 was a particularly bad statistical year for aviation safety because of the runway collision in the Canary Islands, air crashes still accounted for only a few more deaths than the total for grade crossing and bicycle accidents. According to NTSB preliminary figures for 1977, general aviation accidents resulted in 1,395 deaths and air carrier accidents for 654 of which 573 were (Continued on P.3)

AIRLINES MOVE TOWARD DABS

The airlines early this month voted to make provisions in new transponders so that they would be compatible with the agency's new Discrete Address Beacon System (DABS). The vote at the annual meeting of the Airline Electronic Engineering Committee in Minneapolis came after FAA published a draft national standard for DABS in the *Federal Register*. Designed to operate with the present Air Traffic Control Radar Beacon System, DABS will improve aircraft surveillance and, most importantly, will provide a data link communications capability which will increase safety, further improve traffic handling efficiency and generally reduce pilot/controller workloads. The first of three ground interrogators, being built by Texas Instruments, Inc., is scheduled to be delivered next week. Avionics to be used in a test of the system are currently being procured.

ATCA CONVENTION ANNOUNCED

The Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA) will hold the 23rd Annual Meeting and Technical Program this year on October 2-5 at the Kahler Green Oaks Inn, Fort Worth, Tex., The convention theme will be"Integrated ATC Development--the Next Decade."



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TRANSPORTATION DEATHS (From p.2) in the Canary Island crash. By comparison, 1,001 persons died at grade crossing and 952 on bicycles. Overall, transportation deaths were up nearly four percent in 1977, the first significant increase in five years. As usual, highway accidents led the way with 46,880 deaths, an increase of 1,357 over the previous year. Total transportation deaths numbered 52,154 as compared with 50,288 in 1976.

A RACE WITH ICE

There was panic in the pilot's voice, but specialist Doyle D. Werner of the North Platte, Kan., Flight Service Station could not establish direct radio contact with the lost plane. So a TWA flight, closer to the meandering plane, got in the act and relayed Werner's messages. The pilot of the single engine, light plane advised that he was in and out of clouds and picking up ice. He also reported that the plane was not equipped with a transponder and that he was not trained to fly on instruments. TWA then lost radio contact with the plane, but communications were reestablished through a United flight. From there on, vectors were first relayed and then radioed directly to the plane as the ice continued to build up on windshield and wings. But with the help of the FSS instructions this time the pilot won the race and landed before the ice build-up made his plane unflyable .... During the month of April, 231 flight assists were reported--108 by flight service stations, 92 by towers and 31 by centers. There were a total of 457 people reported on board the aircraft involved. The primary cause for the assists included 144 lost, 30 low on fuel, 51 involved in dangerous weather and 38 with some type of equipment failure.

ICAO SEEKING APPLICANTS

The following assignment is now available with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). MONTREAL 2 years - PC-17/78 Procurement Officer, P-3, Gross: $23,910 and Net (free of tax); $16,978 without dependents and $18,193 with dependents per annum. Applications due in AIA-19 by May 31, 1978. Information about salary, duties, qualifications, benefits and applications is available at your personnel office. In addition, employees may be eligible for allowances, such as: dependency allowance, assignment allowance, post adjustment, and installation grant, etc. Federal employees accepting ICAO assignments are entitled to restoration rights.

ALERT FOR DOD TEACHERS

Teachers in the DOD Overseas Dependents School System between April 14, 1966 and June 30, 1975 have until November 1, 1978, to apply for back pay entitlement under a three-year old court judgement. Write Back Pay, 2461 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, VA 22331. Give name under which employed, D.O.B., S.S. number, and inclusive dates of employment. If currently with the Federal Government, give the name and address of the agency. The Department of Defense will compute each teacher's entitlement and so advise the teacher.



personnel notes . . .

Selection made under the Merit Promotion Program for April 1978

Vacancy No.	Position & Selection	Selection
NE-78-66	Electronics Technician, GS-0856-11, AFS-810, Bangor, Maine	Quinton R. Hurst
NE-78-67	Clerk-Senographer, GS-312-04, GADO-13, Norwood, MA	Marie G. Donnelly
NE-78-68	Electronics Technician, GS-0856-12, AFS-817-1, New Haven, CT	Edwin E. Pike
NE-78-73	Electronics Technician, GS-0856-11, AFS-815, Nashua, N.H.	Michael N. Freda
NE-78-75	Aviation Safety Inspector, (Manufacturing), GS-1825-13, EMDO-41, Windsor, CT	Albert Pereira
NE-78-97	Engineering Technician, GS-0802-11, AFS-815, Nashua, N.H.	Robert C. Levesque
NE-78-97	Engineering Technician, GS-0802-11, AFS-815, Nashua, N.H.	Larry B. Mann
NE-78-97	Engineering Technician, GS-0802-11, AFS-815, Nashua, N.H.	Ralph B. Nelson

Promotion without competition under FAA Order 3330.1A, Chapter 4, for the month of April 1978

NAME	POSITION	LOCATION
John L. Shanahan, Jr.	ATCS (T), GS-2152-13	Boston Tower, MA
Lyle N. Lucier	SATCS (C), GS-2152-14, (Temp. Prom.)	Nashua, N.H.
Robert J. Fillmore	SATCS (C), GS-2152-13, (Temp. Prom.)	Nashua, N.H.
David W. Stifle	Training Instructor, GS-1712-09	Nashua, N.H.
Daniel H. Haywood	SATCS (T), GS-2152-13, (Temp. Prom.)	Windsor Locks, CT
Anthony Mangiafico, Jr.	ATCS (S), GS-2152-07	Montpelier FSS
John E. Boisvert	SATCS (C), GS-2152-14, (Temp. Prom.)	Nashua, N.H.
James A. Powers	ATCS (S), GS-2152-09	Boston FSS, MA
Marsha N. Sands	ATCS (T), GS-2152-09	Groton Tower, CT
Janice M. Quandt	ATCS (S), GS-2152-07	Concord FSS, N.H.
Thomas P. Halligan	ATCS (S), GS-2152-07	Lebanon FSS, N.H.
Ronald K. DeCola	ATCS (T), GS-2152-09	Hartford Tower, CT
	Airway Facilities Division	
Kenneth Schofield	Supervisory Electronics Technician GS-0856-13, AFS-817, (Tem. Pro.)	Keene, N.H.
Thomas J. Lydon	Electronics Technician, GS-0856-09, AFS-816-4	Quonset Pt., RI
Barbara Travers	Secretary (Steno), GS-318-5	Burlington, MA
	Flight Standards Division	
Maurice J. Ahearn	Supervisory Air Carrier Inspector GS-1825-14, (ACDO-33, (Temp. Prom.)	Boston, MA
Christina M. Dalton	Personnel Clerk (Typing), GS-203-06	Burlington, MA



PASQUALE J. CONFORTO, TID/ESU, AFS-812, Boston, receives his 30-year career service emblem from ASM Allan Brillant. He also received letters of congratulations from ANE-1 and 400. Conforto is on the right.



NAV/COM Unit Chief, ROBERT K. SWAN, left, receives his 25-year Career Service Emblem from Sector Manager Joseph S. Salatino.



NAV/COM Unit Chief, Robert Swan, chats with ET JOHN MORRIS, left, and ED HEIN, right, after presentation of their Special Achievement Awards for Sustained Superior Performance.



ATCS CHRIS TOPI, Boston ARTCC, right, receives an Outstanding Rating with a QWI from Team Supervisor Al O'Donnell.



Flow Controller CHUCK KOWALSKI, right, receives a Quality Within Grade Award from Assistant Chief Dick DeCola at the Boston ARTCC.



ANDREW COUGHLIN, receives an Outstanding Performance Rating from Logistics Div. Chief, Lucien Benjamin, on the left.

NOAA NAMES HIMMicanes

If you are a hurricane watcher or if you live on the West Coast, there may be a Paul instead of a Paula in your life this season. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced last week that it will drop the practice of naming hurricanes exclusively after women. Beginning this year, Pacific storms will be named alternately for men and women. Next year, Atlantic hurricanes will be identified in the same way. The projected cast of characters for Pacific disturbances this year are: Aletta, Bud, Carlotta, Daniel, Emilia, Fico, Gilma, Hector, Iva, John, Kristy, Lane, Miriam, Norman, Olivia, Paul, Rosa, Sergio, Tara, Vicente and Willa.

DOCTOR GETS AWARD

Dr. J. Robert Dille, Chief of the Civil Aeromedical Institute (CAMI) in Oklahoma City, recently received the 1978 Aerospace Medical Association's Theodore C. Lyster Award for outstanding achievement in the general field of aerospace medicine. Dr. Dille was cited for "his significant and continuing contributions to flight safety and to the health of civilian fliers and air traffic controllers..." He has headed CAMI since 1965.

FLY-IN ON NATIONAL TV

"Affair in the Air," a one-hour TV program depicting the annual 1977 Experimental Aircraft Association Fly-In at Oshkosh, Wis., will be aired on public television stations June 6 at 9 p.m. EDT. Since not all public TV stations will carry the program at that time, check local listings for day and time of broadcast in your area.

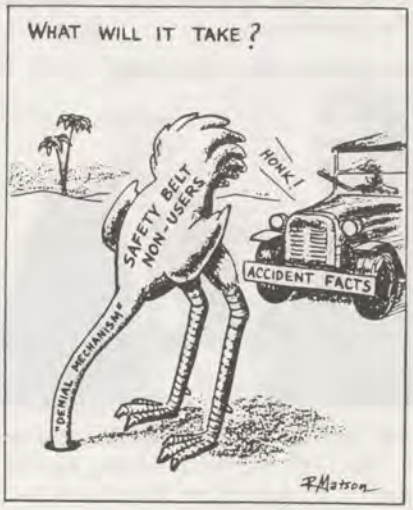
(Editor's Note: The program will be aired in Massachusetts on the date and time listed above, on Channel 44. In Rhode Island it will be aired on Channel 36, same time and date.)

FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

Since the government loses millions or even billions of dollars through fraud each year, a concerted effort is being made throughout the government to detect fraud and bring those who commit it to justice. Any employee who commits a fraud is subject to both agency disciplinary action, which could include dismissal, and possible criminal prosecution. Persons found guilty of fraud may receive either jail sentences, a heavy fine, or both. Several FAA employees recently have been tried and found guilty of such fraudulent acts as claiming overtime for work not performed, making a false claim on a travel voucher or imprest fund, and submission of a false OWCP claim. Supervisors are reminded of Order 1600.38A, FAA Investigations Programs, paragraph 7, which covers reporting of criminal acts, and employees of Order 3750.3B, DOT Regulations on Employee Responsibilities and Conduct, Appendix 1.

ORDER CANCELED

Order AT 3410.1, Performance Improvement Program, is obsolete and is hereby canceled. A new order will be published in the near future.



HEAR YE! ! !

Here's what's going on in the Region. . .



"LAS VEGAS NIGHT" WINNERS . . . . . Kermit Wieselquist, AF Div., was the big winner at the recent "Las Vegas Night," sponsored by the FAANE Club. He won a cash prize of $85. Other winners were Lee Wallace, $50; Nancy LaRossa, $15; and Laurie Maguire, $10. The event featured games of Black Jack, dice and roulette. Script money was used for the games-of-chance.

AIR TRANSPORTATION SECURITY DIVISION CHIEF NAMED. . . .



Monte R. Belger, an intelligence operations specialist with the FAA's Civil Aviation Security Service in Washington, has been named as the New England region Air Transportation Security Div. chief. He is expected to report on board for duty in early June. Belger, 31, is a native of Jacksonville, Fla. He is married and has a daughter. He has been with the FAA since October 1972, when he joined the agency as a Civil Aviation Security Inspector in the Southern Region at Tampa, Fla. He remained in that position until August 1975, when he was transferred to Washington. From November 1968 to October 1972, Belger was a First Lieutenant with the Army's 116th Millitary Intelligence Group, Washington. Prior to that, he was an investigator with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Atlanta, Ga. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Fla. in 1968. Belger succeeds "Chuck" Middleton, who became the Air Transportation Security Div. chief in the Southern Region.



a first for Maine . . .

The first female aviation inspector for the FAA in the state of Maine has been appointed, and she's Sandra A. Quigley. Sandra is shown in photo with John Van Horn, chief of the Portland, GADO. She has been assigned to the Portland GADO since April. A native of Buffalo, New York, Sandra is 22 years old and has been flying since her senior year in high school, four years ago. She holds instrument and multi-engine instrument ratings. Sandra has accumulated more than 1,200 hours since she has been flying. The new aviation inspector started her career in the agency in March 1977, and was in the air traffic controller program.

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