

FRED KELLER DAY WAS CELEBRATED IN THE ALASKAN REGION ON OCTOBER 24. Keller (center) and his wife Micky are congratulated by Regional Administator Ted Beckloff. See story on page 18.



Deputy Regional Administrator Don Keil (right) was the first civilian in south central Alaska area to receive the CFC Eagle Award. This is the highest award presented by the CFC in recognition of outstanding support by an individual to this organization. Linda Gentry admires the eagle. See more CFC pictures on page 16.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



THE "WRIGHT STUFF"

December 17, 1903. The first manned flight in history is accomplished at 10:35 a.m. Orville Wright took off into a 27-mileper-hour wind as his brother Wilbur watched near the right wing of the biplane. The distance covered was 120 feet; time aloft was 12 seconds. A photo of the historic event was recorded with Orville's camera by a witness, John T. Daniels. At 11:20 a.m., Wilbur made the second flight.

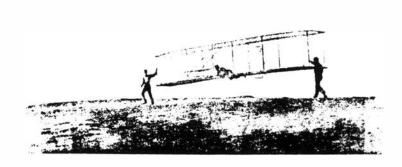
The Stage is Set

When Orville was seven and Wilbur was 11, their curiosity about flight was aroused when their father gave them a toy helicopter which actually flew. Between 1891 and 1899, the brothers read everything they could find about flight.

In 1899 they built a biplane — or "double decker" as early aviation pioneers called it — with wings that could be moved forward and backward with sticks. They also added an elevator, which was very much like those that planes use today.

Nonpowered Flight

Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, was selected as a location for testing. The site was carefully chosen for its constant wind characteristics. The Wright brothers' first aircraft was flown as a kite with movable surfaces manipulated from the ground by long control lines. The next version was flown first as a kite and later with a pilot aboard. Because the craft was difficult to manipulate, it did not fly well.



Orville Wright being launched by Wilbur (left) and Dan Tate for a glide in the modified 1902 glider, Kitty Hawk, N.C., October 1902

Powered Flight

The Wright brothers left Dayton, Ohio, for Kitty Hawk on September 23, 1903. It took 3 weeks to assemble their aircraft, but flight tests were delayed due to bad weather and storms.

December 14 was a beautiful day and a flight was attempted. A coin toss gave Wilbur the opportunity to make the first trial. Although an unsuccessful attempt resulted in damage, the brothers were pleased with the experiment. It took 2 days to repair the aircraft.

The First Flight

The morning of December 17 was cold and windy. Wilbur, having used his turn in the unsuccessful attempt on the 14th, bowed to Orville as the pilot of the soon-to-be historic flight. Orville recorded the day's events: "After running the motor a few minutes to heat up. 1 released the wire that held the machine to the track.... The machine would rise suddenly to about 10 feet, and then as suddenly dart for the ground. This flight lasted only 12 seconds, but it was nevertheless the first in the history of the world in which a machine carrying a man had raised itself by its own power into the air in full flight, had sailed forward without reduction of speed, and had finally landed at a point as high as that from which it started."

And the rest is history.

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(To learn more about the Wright Brothers, read "*How We Made the First Flight*," by Orville Wright. Copies are available in the Public Affairs Office.) When those two bicycle mechanics from Ohio showed the world how to fly, they set off an astonishing technological revolution.

Within a dozen years after the miracle at Kitty Hawk:

- the seaplane had been developed,
- the first helicopters had appeared,
- speeds had reached 125 miles an hour,
- * a pilot had set an altitude record of just under 26,000 feet,

* another pilot had set an endurance record by staying aloft for 24 hours and 12 minutes,

* Igor Sikorski had flown 16 people in a giant multi-engined aircraft,

* the first landing and takeoff from a warship had been achieved,

* and a guy named Cal Rodgers had made the first coast-tocoast flight, which took 84 days and involved twelve major crashes.

The technological revolution that followed the Wrights' first flight still continues today.... No matter how fantastic the changes we've seen so far, we're still just at the dawn of the aviation age.

Remarks by Admiral James B. Busey, FAA Administrator, before the AVCAD Reunion, National Museum of Naval Aviation, Pensacola, Florida, November 10, 1990



CENTURY RIDE 1990



The FAA Big Wheels Team has completed its second century ride with the American Lung Association. The Big Wheels raised the most money for a single team the second consecutive year. This year, \$2,500 was donated in the name of the FAA employees. Alaskan Region. The most money raised by a single rider was by Bruce Crouse, \$500. Congratulations, Bruce. The members of the FAA Big Wheels Team for 1990 were: Marian Courtney, Bruce Crouse, Gary Nielsen, John Gruber, Mel Leskinen, Leonard Grau, Robert Yerkes, Cathy Benediktsson, Don Dorr, Darlene Dubay, Paul McEwen, and William Wuttke. A special thanks to the organizers of the ride (Marian Courtney, Gary Nielsen, William Wuttke) for their hard work. Also a big "THANK YOU" to all the FAA employees who contributed generously to make this ride a success. Hope to see all you riders in 1991.

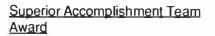
The FAA Big Wheels: (left to right) "Mel Leskinen Proxy" (Marilyn?), Len Grau, Bill Wuttke, John Gruber, Marian Courtney, Don Dorr, Bruce Crouse with AF Assistant Division Manager Andy Billick. (Other riders not available for picture.)



S/ATCS Katherine Arehart was presented with an Onthe-Spot Award for her efforts as the acting Air Traffic Manager at Nome FSS from August 1 to September 2, 1990. Jeff Wheeler, ATM, made the presentation.

AWARDS

On-the-Spot



In Fiscal Year 1990, with an inordinate amount of effort and teamwork, the Airports Division succeeded in obligating the second largest Airport Improvement Program (AIP) in the region's history: \$43.4 million! This was a herculean effort in view of the fact that about a third of the people in the division were new to the program, 70% of the program was placed under grant in the last month of the fiscal year, and two members of the division management team were missing. A superior accomplishment group award was given to the division by the division management team.



Chris Morgan, ZAN AF, received an On-the Spot Award from Regional Administrator **Ted Beckloff** for her outstanding work for the State Fair FAA exhibit.



Airports Division, left to right. Front row: Dave Johnson, Charlene De Rossett, Ethel Hoffman, Carol Wilson, Patti Sullivan, Cindy Kinard, Carla Follett, Ellis McElroy. Back row: Jesse Farnsworth, Regional Administrator Ted Beckloff, Howard Smith, Bob Cushman, John Lovett, Russ Hathaway, and Ken Moore.



Marshall G. Severson, ATCS/S, Anchorage FSS, was presented with a Letter of Commendation for the regional videotape on Total Quality Management (TQM).

Letter of Commendation



Art Cummings (left) NAS Operations Manager at ZAN AF, received a Letter of Commendation from Robie Strickland, AF Division Manager, for his ad hoc participation in the comprehensive management evaluation of the Establishment Engineering Branch, AAL-450. Ron Cowles (right), ZAN Sector Manager, presented the award to Mr. Cummings.

FREQUENT FLYER CREDITS

A No-No for FAAers on Official Business

FAAers and other Federal Government workers on official business cannot take advantage of airline mileage or accommodation upgrade credits, says the Comptroller General. Here are the rules:

* Airline mileage credits. Air travel benefits such as "frequent flyer" tickets earned by employees on official travel are the property of the Federal Government and may not be used for personal travel. There are no exceptions to this rule. Unfamiliarity with the scope of the rule is not an excuse.

* Accommodation upgrades. The General Accounting Office has ruled that all such credits are Government property and may not, under any circumstance, be used by employees for their personal travel.

Policy regarding the use of frequent flyer benefits for upgrades in airline accommodations while on official business is set by each agency within the regulations established by the General Services Administration.

Within the FAA, only the Administrator or the Deputy Administrator may authorize Government travel other than coach. Unless DOT amends DOT Order 1500.61, FAA employees may not use frequent flyer benefits for upgrades without the express approval of the Administrator or the Deputy Administrator.

The Assistant Chief Counsel, AAL-7, can be contacted for further information.



It is with sorrow that we report the death of **Jack G. Webb**, FAA retiree who served as Regional Director of the Alaskan Region from 1970 to 1972. Webb died in St. George, Utah, on November 6 after a lengthy illness. Winner of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Award for Meritorious Achievement and the FAA's Distinguished Career Service Award, he retired in 1975 after 31 years of Federal service.

Webb joined the Civil Aeronautics Administration in 1942 as a flight supervisor. At that time, he was stationed at the Western Region's Santa Monica headquarters.

Assigned to the Federal Aviation Administration's Washington Headquarters in September 1959, he served as a section chief and assistant division chief in Flight Standards. Webb was appointed as the Special Assistant to the Associate Administrator for Programs in October 1963.

Transferring to the Southern Region, Webb served as Flight Standards Division Chief until his appointment as Deputy Director in August 1965. His next assignment was as Director of the National Aviation Facilities Experimental Center in Atlantic City.

In August 1970, Webb was named Director of the Alaskan Region. In 1972, he assumed the position of Director of the Pacific-Asia Region until his retirement in 1975.

A native of Pasadena, California, Webb had earned airline transport pilot, flight instructor, and airframe and powerplant licenses.

FAA carpenter and locksmith **George Allen Edwards** died November 5 at Providence Hospital in Anchorage. Burial was at Fort Richardson National Cemetery with full military honors. During his 38 years of service to the government, George worked at several sites around Alaska. He is survived by his wife, O'Del, his daughter, Niki, his son, Allen, and his grandson, Ronald Reid, all of Anchorage. The family suggests that memorial donations be sent to the Anchorage Christian Center Food Bank, 639 W. International Airport Road, Anchorage, AK, 99518.

AVIATION FELLOWSHIPS OFFERED

The National Air and Space Museum is offering two aviation fellowships and urges interested scholars to apply.

Applications and proposals are due January 15 for these fellow-ships:

<u>Guggenheim Fellowship</u>. The Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Foundation funds a 1-year resident fellowship for pre- or post-doctoral research for young scholars interested in aviation and space historical and scientific research.

Minimum academic requirement for the pre-doctoral position is a bachelor's degree and current enrollment in a graduate program in an accredited college or university.

Post-doctoral program applicants preferably should have received their Ph.D. within the past 7 years.

A stipend of \$13,000 for the predoctoral candidates and \$21,000 for post-doctoral candidates will be awarded. There are limited additional funds for travel and other expenses.

<u>Verville Fellowship</u>. The museum funds a fellowship in honor of Alfred V. Verville, a noted aviation designer.

The competitive 9- to 12-month fellowship is intended for the analysis of major trends, developments, and accomplishments in the history of aviation or space studies.

A stipend of \$26,000 will be awarded for a 12-month fellowship.

The fellowship is open to all interested candidates with demonstrated skills in research and writing. An advanced degree in history, engineering, or related fields is not required.

To receive application packages for both the Guggenheim and Verville fellowships, write to: Interpretive Programs, 3356B, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560.

CORRECTIONS

Dwight Jones was probably very surprised to see in the October issue of INTERCOM that his daughter Cheryl Jones is in AAL-7. She is not his daughter. Cheryl's father is Roland Jones. Now, is that Roland E.? (I hope it's not Roland A.) —Editor

"I think most of us are struck with wonder when we consider the tremendous changes aviation has brought to life on our planet. It has transformed the way we live, and it has done it with unbelievable speed."

> James Busey FAA Administrator

SERVICE PINS

3 Years



Janet Deano (left), Computer Specialist at ZAN AF, was presented her 3-year service pin by **Ron Cowles**, Sector Manager.



Robert Fairchild (left), SET at Kenai SFO, presents **Sherrie Byrum**, ET, with her 3-year pin and letter of appreciation from Nancy Lathey, Kenai AFSS Manager.



15 Years



Congratulations to Linda Ramos (left) who recently received her 15-year career service emblem. Linda began her career with the FAA in May 1975 and worked at the Anchorage FSS. Fairbanks FSS, and Fairbanks Tower before transferring to Kenai FSS in 1978. Linda, who started as a summer hire, had a short break in service to complete her AAS degree in air traffic at Anchorage Community College (new University of Alaska Anchorage) before hiring on permanently with the agency. Linda was recognized for her many contributions to the FSS program over the past years by facility manager Nancy Lathey (right) during a presentation ceremony at the Kenai AFSS on October 24. Linda is excited to be at the AFSS and is looking forward to using the new ICSS and MIFC as soon as it is commissioned.

25 Years

Frank Henrikson (right), Air Traffic Manager at King Salmon Tower and FSS, is presented a 25-year service award by Mike Thompson, Assistant Manager, Air Traffic Division



35 Years



Danny Syverson (right), AAL-515, receives his 35-year career service emblem from Air Traffic Division Manager **Henry Elias**.



Air Traffic Division Manager **Henry Elias** (left) congratulates **Mike Hessler**, AAL-512.2, on completion of 35 years of service.

AIRBORNE GLASNOST

A badly burned 8-year-old Soviet boy has transpacific *glasnost* to thank for getting medical care in the United States.

In late September, the Alaskan Region Flight Standards was asked to provide guidance on a request by an emergency airlift company to operate a Learjet on a medical flight between the United States and the eastern Soviet Union.

The child needed to be flown to the Shriners Burn Institute in Galveston, Texas, from Magadan, Siberia, as soon as possible.

The boy and his mother were picked up and flown to Galveston, with stops in Anchorage and Salt Lake City.

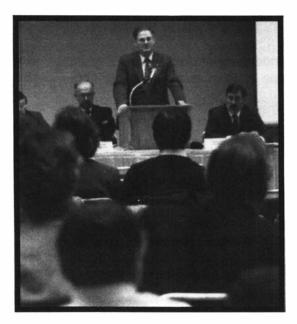
Flight Standards coordinated the emergency flight with the Office of International Aviation to make sure proper clearances were issued by the State Department and air traffic control.

Arrangements were made to have a Russian navigator onboard along with proper charts and weather information.

Flight Standards gave the September 26-27 flight a verbal authorization since time was critical.

Although this was a one-time authorization, the State Department and Soviet Embassy are working on a plan to allow routine air ambulance trips into the Soviet Union. Total Quality Management Vision: To provide the finest aviation service in the world, as an integral part of the total U.S. transportation system, and be the best Federal employer; continually striving to meet the needs of our customers and our employees.

> James B. Busey FAA Administrator



Regional Administrator **Ted Beckloff** addresses the User Meeting which was held on October 16 at the Egan Convention Center in Anchorage. Additional user meetings are being planned for Juneau and Fairbanks.



Ken Lively (left), NAS Area Manager, received a Letter of Appreciation from Robie Strickland, AF Division Manager, for his assistance and efforts in the Airway Facilities reorganization. Andy Billick (right), AF Assistant Division Manager, presented the letter.



Jim Houston (left), NAS Area Manager, ZAN AF, received a Letter of Appreciation from Edd Clair, Anchorage SFO Manager, for his assistance in administering two certification exams to Anchorage SFO technicians at a time when other priorities were also competing for his time and talents. Andy Billick (right), AF Assistant Division Manager, presented the letter.



Valerie Estabrook, ET trainee, Kenai SFO, received a Letter of Appreciation from Nancy Lathey, Manager of Kenai AFSS. Bob Fairchild, SET at Kenai SFO, presented the letter.

Letter of Appreciation

Ron Cowles (right in the following pictures), Sector Manager, ZAN AF, presented Letters of Appreciation to **Don Huitt**, NAS Area Manager, from Ken Smith, Civil Rights Officer, for the time and effort he invested in conducting tours through the Anchorage Center to some of our Anchorage youth; to **Eben Olrun**, Laborer, and to **Richard "Sarge" Zaleppa**, Maintenance Mechanic Helper, from the Regional Administrator for their support and assistance to the Alaskan Region's 1990 Alaska State Fair C-123 exhibit.



Don Huitt (left)



Eben Olrun (left)



Richard "Sarge" Zaleppa (left)



ZAN AF employees pictured above (left to right) also received Letters of Appreciation from the Regional Administrator for their help with the State Fair C-123 exhibit: Back row: John Cline, Manager, Technical Support; Cliff Boulch, Electronics Technician trainee; John Harris, Utilities Systems Repairer-Operator; Art Cummings, NAS Operations Manager; front row: Nancy Tinney, General Supply Specialist; Betty Anderson, Secretary; Janet Deano, Computer Specialist; Linda Teetsell, Secretary.



Ron Cowles (left), Sector Manager of ZAN AF, received a Letter of Recognition from Robie Strickland, AF Division Manager, for his efforts as Alaskan Region's 1990 Alaska State Fair Coordinator. **Andy Billick** (right), AF Assistant Division Manager, presented the letter.

FRIENDLIER SKIES FOR NORTH AMERICA

The United States and Canada have agreed to begin negotiations to create an open aviation market that would dramatically expand air services between the two countries.

DOT Secretary Sam Skinner and Canadian Transport Minister Doug Lewis announced a plan on October 3 to seek a new "open skies" aviation agreement. Negotiations aimed at creating a new agreement are scheduled to begin early next year.

"We must find ways to tear down the walls that prevent open skies around the world, to deregulate international aviation markets."

Sam Skinner Secretary of Transportation

In a joint statement, Skinner and Lewis said they "share a common vision of a liberalized North American aviation market. In pursuit of that vision, we intend to take a bold approach in these negotiations. We want an aviation market in which the flow of goods and passengers would be unimpeded by government economic regulation."

The two countries seek to permit all types of air service between any city in the two countries by all U.S. and Canadian airlines.



notes from the retirees...

"Hi, Folks in Alaska:

I thought it was about time to save 'Uncle' a few bucks (he needs it). I find after being retired for 14 yrs. (you poor souls) that I do not have the interest in the news from up there.... For several yrs. I did all the mail delivery for FAA around Anchorage. This was when we were scattered all over Anchorage & our mail room was in the Post Office, plus no elevators & I ran up flights of stairs plus delivered all supplies once a week. Some were 3 flights up. But enough of this.... Please cancel the FAA news. etc."

Dick Cogdell

"I want to take this means of commenting on the improved quality of the Intercom. The September 28th issue was best that I can recall in my nearly 40 years of seeing the Regional paper. I am a ten year retiree...I still enjoy receiving the monthly issues. I noted the retirement of Mary Ann Earles, Ray Marley and others and wish them well." Al lyerson

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"I was AAL Appraisal Officer 1966-67. The only AAL names that I recognize in the current FAA Directory are Don Keil, Andy Billick, Henry Elias, and Russ Hathaway. Please give my regards to each of them." Leon Daugherty, Society of Airway Pioneers

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ALASKAN REGION FLIGHT STANDARDS OFFICE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Tom Stuckey, Flight Standards Division Manager, traveled to Fairbanks recently and while he was there, he presented the Fairbanks Flight Standards District Office (FSDO-01) with the award as the FSDO of the year for the Alaskan Region. The office was selected because of their overall excellent performance in accomplishing the flight standards program.



Presenting the award, **Tom Stuckey**, left. Accepting the award for all the office employees are (left to right): **AI Crook**, Manager; Larry Dalrymple, Operations Unit Supervisor; and Parker Nation, Airworthiness Unit Supervisor.

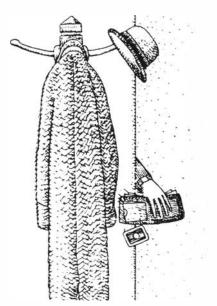
USING THE COMSERFAC

Cold Bay Local Coordinator Raymond Christensen reports that the Community Service Facility (COMSERFAC) was used on October 13 for a Borough Assembly/Cold Bay Advisory School Board meeting. Additionally, it is used every Wednesday evening for the local AA meeting. "When I was in Alaska last year, I discovered that food, medicine and fuel were routinely delivered to many communities by air. Some children went to school everyday by air. The Alaskans use airplanes like New Yorkers use taxicabs."

> Barry Lambert Harris FAA Deputy Administrator

'TIS THE SEASON Holidays Bring Out Thieves

As the holidays approach, it's not uncommon for Federal employees at work to have their wallets and purses snatched.



"Let me leave you with this thought: Everyday, year in, year out, general aviation attracts new constituents. It is part of our national psyche. It is exciting and challenging. It is a form of recreation and a form of discipline. It is educational and inspiring. It is at once our past and our future. We must nourish it, encourage it, protect it and love it. If we don't,... Well, that isn't the question. I know we will. I know you will."

> Barry Lambert Harris FAA Deputy Administrator Airport Improvement Conference, Kansas City



The energy saved by recycling one glass bottle could operate a TV for 3 hours.

Here are some tips to keep your money and credit cards safe.

* **Don'ts.** Many women "hide" purses under desks or in an *unlocked* drawer.

A lot of men think wallets are "safe" in jacket pockets — but desks, drawers, and jackets are the first places thieves look.

Never leave valuables in a suitcase, under the mattress, or in coat or jacket pockets.

It only takes a thief a few seconds to cause a lot of grief.

* **Do's.** Keep your purse or wallet with you or *locked* in a secure drawer or cabinet.

Move coat racks away from the main office entrance, and treat valuables the same way as cash.

The best location for extra credit cards, excess cash, and traveler's checks — if you don't plan to use them that day — is at home.

When traveling on official business, keep government charge cards, excess cash, and traveler's checks with you or *locked* in a hotel safe.

LETTERS			
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		Kenai AFSS 470 North Willow Kenai. Alaska 99611 Dear Nancy, We would like to thank you for sending Stan high school science class about weather. We we the video he brought helped the students under st	Gerlitz to come and speak to our re studying weather fronts and
		Stan's presentation was excellent and very in sending hit? to our school.	
	CITY OF KENAI FIRE DEPARTMENT 105 SOUTH WILLOW STREET KENAI. ALASKA 99611 (907) 283-7666 October 24, 1990		Sincerely, Jon Shields teacher
Ms. Nancy Lathey, Manager Kenai Flight Service 470 N. Willow Street Kenai, AK 99611 LETTER		r	
		TER OF APPRECIATION	
	The officers and staff of the Kenai Fire Department wish to express our appreciation to you and your personnel for your participation in our disaster drill on September 30, 1990. Your assistance and input in the planning stages as well as during the drill, clearly demonstrated the effectiveness of our newly implemented Disaster Plan. This drill was yet another demonstration of the dedication to professionalism exhibited by local Emergency and Public Services when working together to serve the public.		
Again, my thanks for your assist Most sincerely, David C. Burnett Fire Chief Kenai Fire Department		assistance and participation!	
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CFC Coordinator **Bill Schmidtman** (standing) briefed the Regional Administrator's staff meeting each week on the status of the campaign. (Left to right) **Don Keil**, AAL-2; **Dr. Robert Rigg**, AAL-300; and **Grace Davis-Nerney**, AAL-10, take notes.

CLARK'S CRUSADERS COMMIT TO CFC

When members of **Clark**

Fontaine's crew at Anchorage ARTCC make a commitment, they go all out. So it was no surprise when they decided to support the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) with a 2-day barbecue at Anchorage Center. "Clark's Crusaders" publicized the event with a variety of posters. Then on October 17 and 18 from 11AM to 1 PM they barbecued hotdogs and hamburgers (outside - brrrr!) which they served with beans and potato chips. The event was a big hit with Center employees — and earned \$351.72 for the CFC.

Clark's Crusaders presented a "check" to the CFC keyworker at Anchorage Center on October 24. These guys deserve a big "thank you" for their enthusiasm and hard work! In addition to the barbecue proceeds, air traffic employees at Anchorage Center have made personal contributions of \$7,755.20, for a total of \$8,106.92. This figure represents approximately 27% of the total contributions made by FAA employees in the area.

Thank you, Anchorage Center!



Clark's Crusaders serving up lunch. (Left to right) Mark Edge, Steve Munroe, and Joe Steitzel at the grill.



The kickoff for the Southcentral Alaska Combined Federal Campaign took place in the atrium of the Anchorage Federal Office Building on September 17.



Clark's Crusaders presented a "check" to Anchorage Center Air Traffic keyworker. First row: (left to right) Clark Fontaine, Joe Streitzel, Joel Graebe, Debra Lerner (keyworker), Steve Munroe, Lou Rosgen (Assistant Center Manager), Mike Thomas, and Russ Biehl. Second Row: (left to right) Chris Brown, Bill Sims, Sam Rich, Ty Rollins, Mark Edge, and Brian Snider (hidden).



THE CIVAIR CLUB

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Dancing 8 PM to Midnight

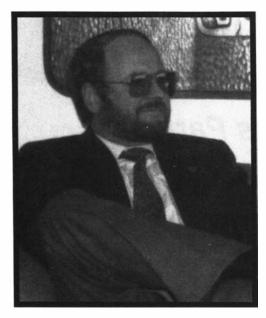
Cost \$5.00 per Person (Meats provided by Civair Club Divisions provide other dishes)

Seating is limited to the first 160 persons, so make your reservations early.

For tickets, see your CIVAIR CLUB representative or call Ellis McElroy at 271-5943.

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KELLER DAY CELEBRATED OCTOBER 24



The Alaskan Region was proud to have one of our air traffic employees, **Fred Keller** of the Anchorage ARTCC, selected to receive the DOT Secretary's Award for Valor. **Fred** was recognized at a ceremony in Washington on October 19 for his heroic actions, endangering his own life, in saving the lives of a couple on a burning boat near Seward. The region held a celebration day for him and his wife **Micky** on October 24.

The Kellers were in Resurrection Bay out of Seward in late June of 1989. They had visited **Ruth** and **Art Crowder** on a nearby boat to admire their halibut catch and had then retired on their own craft. In the middle of the night, they awakened to find that the **Crowders'** boat was afire, and the two occupants were hanging onto the side of the boat.

Fred Keller quickly got into his dinghy, paddled to the burning craft, and rescued the Crowders from the fire. He took them aboard his own boat where he gave them first aid treatment for hypothermia and shock.

Micky had already called the Coast Guard, who sent a helicopter to airlift the burned couple to a hospital.

During the 2 hours that they waited for the Coast Guard to arrive, the **Kellers** were fearful that their own boat was in danger of catching fire also, since their were anchored about 50 yards away and burning debris could float their way. However, the boat



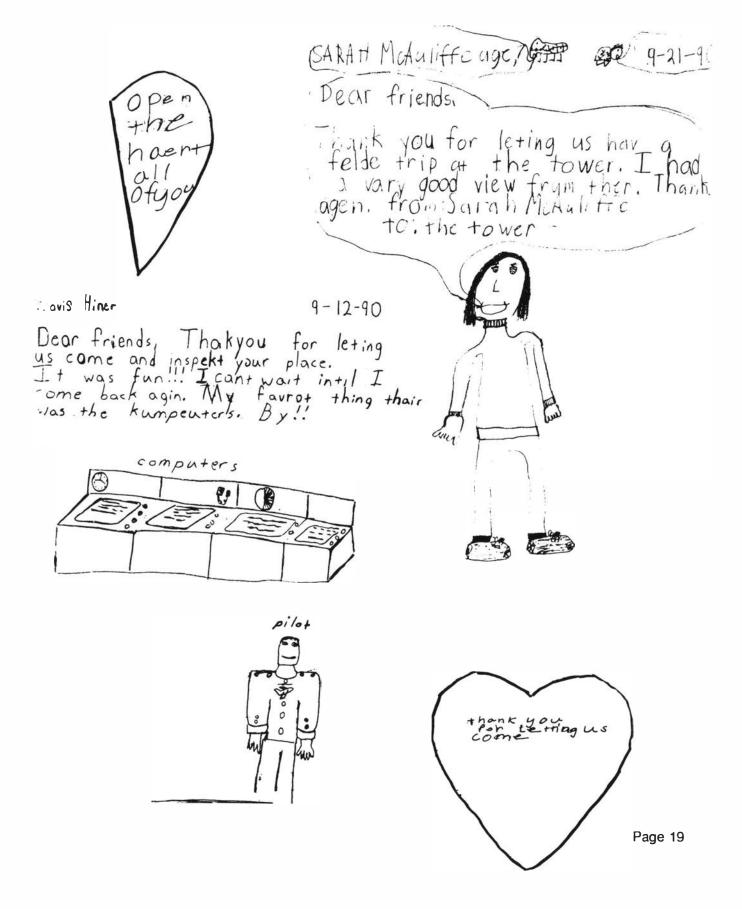
burned to the waterline and sank.

Although Fred and Micky say that they just did what had to be done, they are certainly well deserving of the Award for Valor for their responsiveness in saving the lives of two people.



THE KENAI SFO BIRTHDAY GANG: (left to right) **Bob Fairchild, Tom Wicher**, and **Mike Peterson** — all three have November birthdays.

KALIFONSKY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL VISITS KENAI FLIGHT SERVICE AND TOWER:



"ATTENTION" "HUMAN AFFAIRS OF ALASKA" (HAA)

continues

providing EAP services to FAA!

The new Employee Assistance Program (EAP) contract award has been granted to HAA, who has provided EAP services to FAA for over 9 years. Services have been expanded to include coverage for employees located in Southeast Alaska. Human Affairs of Alaska is located at:

> 4300 B Street Suite 209 Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Within Anchorage: 562-2812 Outside Anchorage: 800-478-2812

Qualified counselors are available to assist employees in matters regarding marital and family stress, legal and financial problems, difficulties centering on children, alcoholism, drug abuse, mental health, and care of the aged.

Questions regarding the EAP Program may be directed to HAA and also to **Carol Marvel**, EAP Manager, 271-5370.

EAP