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# TUCSON FSS



## Cover Story

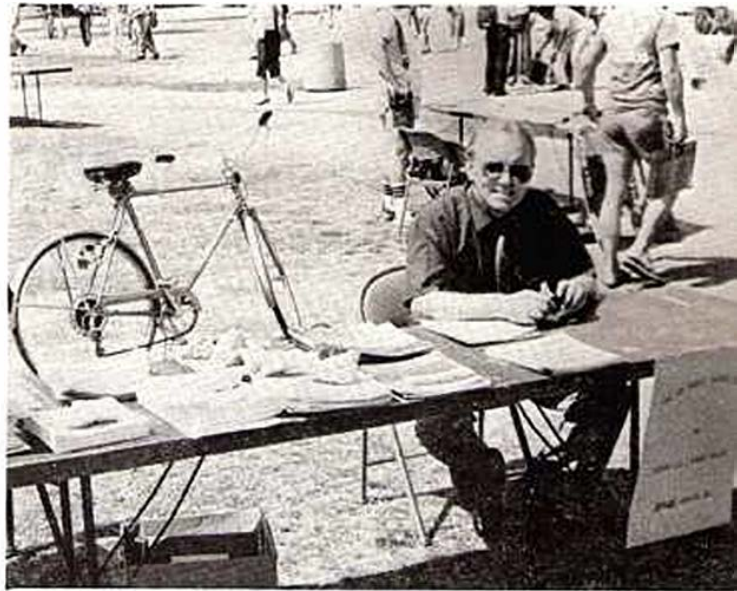
Tucson Flight Service Station is a Level II facility located 50 miles north of the Mexican border and some 90 miles southeast of Phoenix. The station has ten specialists and one area supervisor who handled nearly 11,000 flight plans in calendar year 1982. This is in addition to the standard services provided, which includes domestic flight plan filing, pilot weather briefings, tie-in FSS for Davis-Monthan Air Force Base base operations, and last--but not least--Direction Finding (DF) assistance for the occasional lost and confused pilots flying out of the interior of Mexico to the United States.

Facility records place the original commissioning date of the first Tucson Flight Service Station at November 1, 1931. The building was constructed in the desert, just northwest of what is now the Davis-Monthan AFB main gate.

In the mid 1930s, the station moved on to Davis-Monthan AFB as a joint military/CAA (FAA) operation and in 1948, the shift was made to the Tucson International Airport.

On October 10, 1958, Tucson FSS moved to its present location, at the base of the Tucson Tower building.

Cover photo: From left--Top: Luis Palacio, Air Traffic Control Specialist, one of the fortunate persons to have spent his entire FAA career at Tucson FSS, arriving in October 1967; and, at the right, is Jay Olson, who is the tenth Facility Manager since the inception of the Tucson FSS some 51 years ago. Jay began his career with the FAA/CAA at Ukiah, Calif., in April 1957, and has held his current position at Tucson since May 1981.



Above: Jay Olson, Tucson FSS Facility Manager, represents the FAA at a recent University of Arizona Aviation/Aerospace Education Day.

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Middle: Bruce Pertile, Air Traffic Control Specialist, who started out with the FAA at Los Angeles FSS in September 1976, transferring to Tucson in December 1978; and in the right photo--Brenda Dickinson, Air Traffic Control Specialist, who came to Tucson FSS in May 1980 after beginning her FAA career in April 1977.

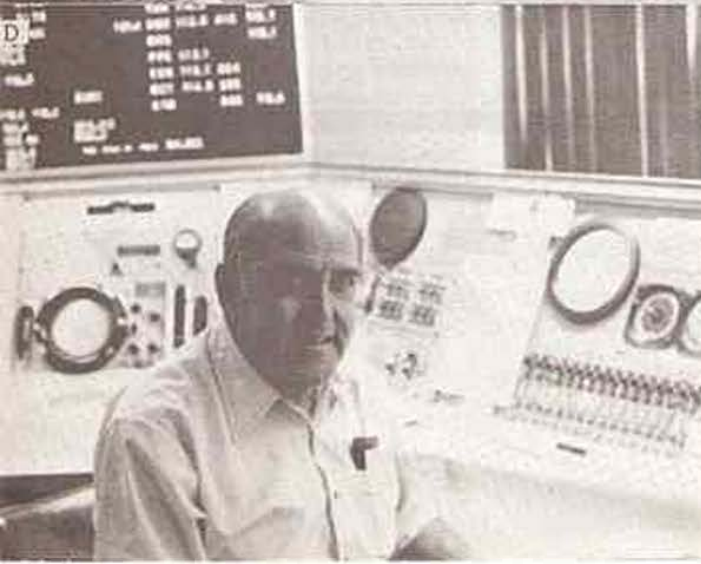
Below right: Joe Wenzl, Air Traffic Control Specialist, who began with the FAA at Omaha FSS in June 1959. Five moves later, Joe arrived in Tucson in December 1979.

Not available for photos were: Gary Mabey, Air Traffic Control Specialist, who began his FAA career in June 1973, transferring to Tucson FSS in January 1976; and Alan Shumaker, Developmental Trainee, who left the FAA Academy and came on board at Tucson FSS in September 1982.

Story and Photos by Jay Olson.



Tucson  
Flight  
Service  
People



A--Marv Clark, Area Supervisor, who began his FAA career in January 1967, transferring from Prescott FSS to Tucson FSS in October 1980.

B--Carmen Simbari, Air Traffic Control Specialist, who started his FAA career in March 1957 at Blythe, Calif., transferring from San Diego FSS to Tucson FSS in October 1961.

C--Diana Stamper, Air Traffic Control Specialist, started out with the FAA at LAX FSS in May 1965 and moved to Tucson FSS in January 1977.

D--Jim Gould, Air Traffic Control Specialist, who signed on with the CAA/FAA in January 1949 at Mansfield, Ohio, FSS. Jim arrived at Tucson FSS in April, 1966.

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## More Tucson



Still more Tucson FSS personnel are:

A--Frank Marino, Air Traffic Control Specialist, who shipped over to the FAA from the U.S. Navy in July 1967, and has been at Tucson FSS since October 1975.

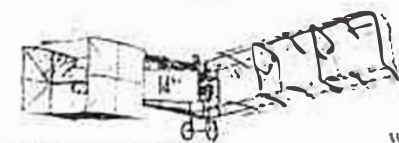
B--Ron Mathews, Air Traffic Control Specialist, got his FAA start at Tucson FSS in August of 1974. After a brief stop at Douglas FSS, Ron returned to Tucson in December 1976.

C--Marie Bergmann, FSS Secretary. After a stint with the Department of the Interior, Marie decided on the FAA in April 1979. Along with her FSS duties, Marie also assists with the Tucson Tower/TRACON clerical functions.

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