

PIEDMONT PRESS NOTES

ASHEVILLE — Reporter **Beckie McCulloch**: As August, 1967 drifts into history, we can look back over the summer with remorse and yet satisfaction. We've had good boardings in spite of the loss of two flights daily. Our campers are finally all out now, making seats available for our regular passengers. Have you ever tried to put 103 passengers on a 92 passenger airliner? Golly, that's hard! Just ask us! It is quite a beautiful sight to see that "big bird" climb out of the Land of the Sky with 92 people on board. We are anticipating big things for the YS 11's and the Boeing 737's. The future glows with success for Piedmont. Agents are beginning to vacation now; **Eddie Gabriel** and **John Queen** are off to unknown spots. **J. W. Dean** returned early in September and told us he had vacationed two weeks and counted one million and two raindrops. The summer brought prosperity to one of our agents and great loss for our station here in AVL. **Dave Cameron** left us in August to take over as chief operations agent in Atlanta. Dave, we wish you well; you have given much to our station and to the Company. We've welcomed transfer **Bill McFalls** from FLO, and new employee **Dan Johnson**. **Parm Johnson** and **Howard Meece** proudly received their five year pins in July. **John Queen** got his in August and **Joyce Putney** is due hers this month. A couple agents have completed six months and are looking forward to the next five years. How about it Joan, think they can stand us that long? **Ted Defosses** gave up his freedom to **Bobbie Ducker** in August. **Bob Alexander** and wife **Chris** have another little girl named **Leslie Dianne** who weighed in at seven pounds and four ounces on August 29th. Congratulations to you both. We're all in a Sales Training Class conducted by Mr. Gwennap. A class on general airline operation will be held at the station on Thursday evenings. Strictly on a volunteer basis, but we're hoping to learn a lot from discussing our problems, jobs and how to achieve a smoother total operation. Congratulations to New York on your recently acquired office space. We'll be sending people your way again in October. Recent visitors to AVL were **Jim Kendrick** and family from Parkersburg who spent a couple of days here in the mountains. We rather enjoy visits from people on the system, so drop in, who don't you?

CHARLOTTEVILLE — Reporter **H. K. Trail**: The Charlottesville airport has obtained crash equipment for the airport purchased by the city and county. We also have a new sign welcoming all passengers to Charlottesville and Albemarle County.

Station Manager **Dick Mahn**, has a new addition to his family, a baby boy. A couple of chuckles:

Husband and wife playing golf one day when they reached the 18th green and the wife finds herself confronted with a 40 foot putt.

Wife: "If I get this putt I will die."

Husband: "It's a Gimme."

"Isn't it against the law to be threatened with harm through the mail?" a man wrote the postmaster general. "It certainly is illegal", Mr. Gronowski responded. "I've been getting some very serious threats", the man said. Gronowski: "Tell me who is doing it and I'll see that action is taken". The man said, "It's the Internal Revenue Service."

The following is a letter from a little girl to Piedmont:

FLY PIEDMONT AIRLINES

Dear Piedmont:

We have found the code, come and get it.

Signed,
THRUSH

CINCINNATI — Reporter **Jan Tuemler**: **Caroline Donaldson** and **Wayne Hoffman** were married last month. **Romana Siemens** flew to LAX for her vacation. **Paul Loar** spent a week off beautifying his house and garden. **Carolyn Matthews** and her mother flew to New York on TW. Big Ed is responsible for the latest "Eye Catcher" in our Res office — it is a bright yellow bulletin board made of galvanized iron with magnetic clips. He will take orders for them, and guarantees them for a lifetime. Proud new owners of mobile homes in Crescent Springs are **Peq Pequignot** and **Linda Spears**. Piedmont baseball team stars, **Al Anness**, **Bob Stepp**, **Stan Gartner**, **Vern McCord**, **Red Knaley**, **Richard Tieke** and **Ed Wisnieski** finished runners-up in the Tuesday Night League. August was a record breaking month for CVG with a total of 8,289 boardings.

LYNCHBURG — Reporter **Jay Hunt**: This time it looks like vacations are the main topic. **Tom Harris** and wife spent some time in Miami. **Fran Dresser** spent some of her vacation in Miami too. **E. P. Bosiger** and **Guy Linn** took their wives to Myrtle Beach for two days and spent two days driving. Flying to Myrtle Beach from Lynchburg would have taken about as long. **Charlotte Osborn** and **Fran Dresser** spent one day in Boston with American Airlines. They tried to drink up all the "tea"! **A. Woodruff** spent a day in NYC trying to show them the ropes and seeing how the big city operates. Fashion experts tell us that miniskirts are really quite functional, because they

enable girls to run faster and when they wear them, they have to. The Boor tapped on the sleeping parakeet's cage and said "Hey, birdie, can you talk?" "Sure," said the bird, "Can you fly?"

MYRTLE BEACH — Reporter **Frank Woodruff**: There was another great incentive party here in August at the Gaiety Supper Club. We were happy to have **Turby**, **Ken**, **Ross** and **Bill Clark** from INT and **Pete Jones** and wife from ILM. This "little" station is busting at the seams. We boarded over 2,200 passengers last month with just one check-in position. We are 20% ahead of last year's boardings through August. If we just had a good LGA flight we would have to build a new building. We had the Worldwide Air Force Softball Tournament at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base last week. Can you imagine putting or trying to, 140 people on two or three flights. **Mike Bullard** is vacationing now; says he may go to EXPO. **Harold Rowe** is next in line to rest. **Ray Britt** will be leaving shortly to go back to SOP. He's getting married the last of this month, so we wish him the best. The fish have just started biting and should be good this year. Myrtle Beach is having the Grand Opening of the new 2,300 seat convention center October 1st. It should draw some more conventions to CRE and more passengers to PAI.

PULASKI — Reporter **Glen Shanks**: PSK is still here. We just haven't been making and going over quota too often recently and didn't have anything to brag about. We're going to have to move ROA on up the valley about fifty miles. Vacations are about finished here for another year. "Leaky" **Faucette** got hitched on a week of his vacation. He hasn't been a lot of help for the past few weeks but he sure is wearing a big smile. Good luck to you and the lovely bride, **Jim**. **Glen Shanks** took the family on Southern's DC-9 to BNA. Naturally they got bumped in TYS but there was a Martin 404 heading that way, so all worked out very well. **Dan Love** took his family to LEX and RIC. **Virgil Spradlin** is spending one week moving his mobile home closer to his work and is spending one week in MIA. **C. O. Walters** just moved into his new home. He saved a week of vacation to do a little hunting when the season opens. It was good to have **Turby** drop in a few days ago. Just wish he would do it every year or so. Note to **Bill Clark**. We sure put that big cart you had ROA send us to good use. Now how about a tug . . .

RICHMOND — Reporter **Dave Cain**: We've welcomed new agent **James Lawson** to RIC. A native of Galax, Va., **Lawson** just spent four years in the Air Force. **Ann Metzler** has enjoyed having her aunt visit her from Germany this summer. To keep the confusion down on connecting in NYC, **Ann** drove up to meet her. It took seven hours! What a way to fly! Station Manager **Bob Rose** spent two weeks away from the office this month. We all missed him! **Dave Cain** spent a couple of days in NYC, woke up with a terrible headache both mornings, must be the air up that way. We are thankful the hurricane passed by without any great damage. We were lucky that only a few flights were cancelled. As **Jane Thomas** says we are busy as a box of snakes!

ROANOKE — Reporter **Audrey Callahan**: We're happy to have **George Hendrix** at ROA-M as our new superintendent. **John Rehder** transferred to INT as Director of Training. **Mr. Hendrix** purchased a Minah Bird and it has taken up residence in the office here at the hangar. He made a recording for us to play to the bird. So far everyone has adopted the phrase, "Hello, what's your name" — Now if the bird will only pick it up!! Our bowling team is getting the season off to a good start with four wins and two losses. It is old news to us, but we have a new Jr. Accountant, **Aubrey Lester**. INT-A has taken our last two accountants, but we think **Aubrey** likes us well enough to stay. **Audrey Callahan** and **Aubrey** Accountant's names have created a slight amount of confusion at times. Reporter **Don Conner**: Ladies and gentlemen, this is station WROA, the most happening station on the system. And now, the six o'clock news. DNT-30, the college educated hunt-and-peck machine, reporting from the communications center, says that a number of messages especially designed to confuse the opposition are being passed through its channels. Example, one station reported they had to sit under the long-line for two days listening for someone to call. Another message requested space on flight 033 for 450 foot lockers, 35 of which turned up in ROA the next morning. DNT-30 also reports a message addressed to "AC 401". The secretary who delivered the message to the aircraft was unable to take the reply because her night school course has not yet covered the translation of Morse code to Gregg shorthand. The computer refused further comment on these items. Other news on the system level, many stations are demanding clarification of a ROA issued advisory stating that "GBAT OPS ROA-SSU 0830 TILL DARK". The ROA agent-in-charge-of-advisory-messages had this

to say: "In essence this means GBAT will operate from normal coffee break time until you can't see your hand in front of your face." This is expected to clarify matters, that is, if you know how to read an E6B computer in such a way as to know in AGS how dark it is in ROA. Turning to the local news, the biggest story is headlined "HAROLD GIBSON SHOWS BILL SETTLE THE BEAR FACTS. Our on-the-scene reporter has this to say: "For some unknown reason, **Harold Gibson** found the need to purchase a zither from an agent up the valley. Failing to have a trading stamp contract at the time, said agent threw in a mounted black bear which **Capt. Bill Settle** just had to have. Ask him about it sometime when you have several hours to kill." SAFETY LAST! This appears to be the new slogan for the ROA station. **Kermit Vest** started things by falling off a nose loader and requiring 37 stitches in the ramp pavement. **Henry Carr** toppled off a step ladder and **Bill Jenkins** fell out of a boat. **J. W. Helms** rolled his truck over and **Bob Stepp** tells an amusing story about how he cut the cornea of his eye with a newspaper. Close analysis of these accidents has revealed that they were caused by Friday the Thirteenth falling on a Wednesday this month. Our society editor is reporting marriage in the wind again. About a year ago, **Lynne Blacke** met a sailor named **Ed** and now she's **Melton** in his arms. They honeymooned in Florida. Two more weddings are at hand but we cannot disclose particulars at this time in order to protect the innocent. Lots of news from the Travel Department. **Cindy** and **Harold Norton** flew to LAS, allowing **John Best** to do their housekeeping for them. **Harold Gibson** vacationed at the Oak Island, N. C. resort (pop. 16). **Bob Stepp** motored to Florida where **Mason Boyd** is currently basking in the sun. **Malcomb Smith** reported he had a wonderful time visiting the waiting lines at Expo '67 pavilions. **Shelby Hale** jetted to SAT, MSY, and the beach. **Jim Tingler** fished at Nags Head; **Dent Tuell** camped out up the valley; **Bob Wampler** and **Dave Poff** took off for the beaches. **Frank Carroll** and **Roscoe Cromer** rested at home. ARMY FINDS LINKOUS INNOCENT, RELEASES HIM. Uncle Sam, who has been running a six month series of tests on **Bob Linkous**, found him not to be a hippie after all and he's back at the ROA ticket counter. The vacancy for **Bob** was created by **Hubert Kelley** who left our employ for another position, or because of the weird things that have been going on lately. For instance, some counter agent is using mouthwash in place of facial cream, an op agent is using hairspray in place of hair tonic, departure agents are getting roses from secret admirers, and a res agent received a box of Islandic floating rocks, whatever they are. Strange! PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED. Officials ordered congratulations for ex-ROA F/A **Ken Brock**, recently promoted to his new position in ATL, and for **J. W. Helms** who has been promoted to Lead Agent-Ops. **Jay** is moving his office to a local hospital temporarily while he is in traction. OLE BLUE IN ORF. ROA agents offer their condolences to ORF who got to see "ole Blue" rather unexpectedly in July. **Capt. Gilley** said he apologizes but there just wasn't anywhere else to go except Pocatello, Idaho which is somewhat off system. RECORD OVERLOAD. Competing in a recent tournament, ROA beat out three contenders and recorded a record overload of 9,562 lbs. on Ft. 024/27Jul. All ROA forms agents were awarded a years supply of tranquilizers for their efforts. A duplicate prize was sent to the dispatcher of their choice. Wrapping up the news, we must admit that recently one of our agents showed up late for work because he overslept. The only trouble was the he wasn't due at work until 1300. We wonder who it was . . . Zzzzz! This has been station WROA reporting. Listen again next month for the six o'clock edition of the news. And now a word from our sponsor . . . FLY PIEDMONT!

WASHINGTON (Dulles) — Reporter **Ron Rush**: Not too much news from the little ole airport in the country. A couple of agents are still planning vacations and some are just returning from Tampa, Phoenix and Tulsa. Places yet to be visited include New York, San Juan and all points south. Starting this year the Airport Management Council at DIA will hold their annual business conference abroad. This year, as guests of Air France, they will be going to Paris for a series of meetings and the election of officers. Included in this group is our manager, **Don Sutphin**. We've all put in an order for him to bring a little something back. We wonder how much you have to declare for a little something about 21 years old. We'll let you know what happens next month. We recently entered the Dulles Men's Handicap Bowling League and at this writing we are in first place with a record of seven wins and one loss. Averages range from 143 to 178 with **Don Sutphin** having high game in the league of 225 as well as high series of 535 and third high average of 178. Is anyone interested in a roll-off in the future? **Jackie Gurkin** is always good for a laugh, it seems that while visiting NYC not long ago she had a flat tire. Well, this isn't too bad, but on the Queensborough Bridge? Just that isn't too bad either, but, at the height of the 5:00 p.m. rush hour traffic! To add insult to injury, it was pouring down rain. Traffic backed up more than usual. Stopping on the bridge is forbidden, so she went on. It's awfully slow going with a flat tire even though it was only flat on

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