

## Bean wins FAA mechanic's award

Climaxing the Federal Aviation Administration's annual program to honor outstanding aviation mechanics and to recognize the vital contributions they make to safety, FAA's 1974 Regional Air Carrier Aviation Mechanic's Award was presented to Piedmont's Leonard R. Bean.

During an awards luncheon at the home office Gordon Becker, chief of FAA's southern region flight standards division, presented the engraved plaque to Bean. It marked the third time a Piedmont employee has received the award. Earlier winners were Ernest Hurt in 1969 and Frank Barnes in 1973.

Bean was recognized for envisioning and developing a design improvement to the YS-11 engine fuel drain box outlet. His suggested improvement was accepted and implemented on all of Piedmont's YS-11s. Bean was also honored with gifts from the Snap-On Tool Company and the Champion Spark Plug Company, two of the

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FAA Flight Standards Chief Gordon Becker, left, presented Leonard with the award.



## Update on traffic improvement and route developments

June was good. July was better. And August was the best, traffic-wise, of any month thus far this year.

During June Piedmont's passenger load factor was 55.12 per cent on boardings of 323,261. For July the load factor was 53.56 per cent on boardings of 326,964. August figures showed boardings of 340,832 with the load factor reaching 56.16 per cent.

For the first eight months of this year revenue passenger miles were 692,010,189. Passenger boardings through August totaled 2,361,919. The year-to-date load factor, through August, was 48.55 per cent.

In the area of route development, Piedmont and Eastern have agreed to a route exchange.

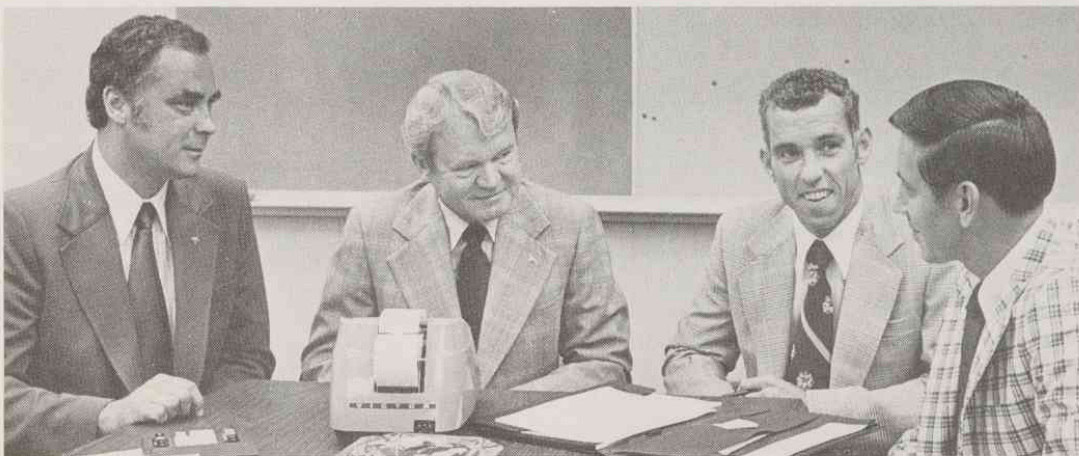
The agreement provides that Eastern's non-stop authority between Chicago, Illinois and

Louisville, Kentucky will be transferred to Piedmont. Piedmont's non-stop authority between Atlanta, Georgia and Columbia, South Carolina will be transferred to Eastern.

The proposed agreement was filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board on August 19. Both carriers requested expedited treatment by the C.A.B. The Board's approval is required.

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## Profit improvement task force will develop new ideas



Lionel Anders, Chairman Jack Walker, Jones Stanley and Gene Sharp, in the usual order, came to the initial meeting ready to work.

To assist senior management in developing and implementing new ways of conducting Piedmont's business the Company has established a profit improvement task force. The group of non-officer personnel is working under the guidance of an officer steering committee.

The task force represents a wide diversity of backgrounds and includes the employees pictured here. The officer steering committee is composed of Chairman Will Blackmon, Vice President-Ground Operations; Audree Long, Controller; Bob Kadlec, Assistant Vice President — Research; Don Shanks, Assistant Vice President — Customer Services; and Sherl Folger, Assistant Vice President — Sales.

In announcing the formation of the task force President Davis said "We are hopeful that by working together as a group and in sub-groups these employees can provide us with

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Committee members include, seated from left, Pete Van Duser, David Johnson, Bob Reed and Carroll Gambill. Those standing, in the same order, are Reggie Powell, Sherl Brown and Bob McAlphin.



Leonard Martin, Forrest Bates and George Reynolds are the other members of the task force.