

Culler chosen Beech's 'Man of the Year'

Joe Culler, president of the General Aviation Group (GAG), has been named "Man of the Year" by Beech Aircraft Corporation. Culler, who received the same award in 1982, is the first person to be so honored twice.

Beech Aircraft's most prestigious award was presented to Culler September 12 at the company's annual sales conference in Wichita, Kansas. In addition, Piedmont Aviation was presented the Walter H. Beech Award for the highest total dollar sales.

Culler, who first joined Piedmont in 1944 as a part-time line-man while attending school, is well-known in general aviation trade circles. He has twice been elected president of the North Carolina Aviation Trades Association, and is currently a member of the U.S. Department of Transportation National Defense Executive



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Reserve Program serving as a regional deputy director. He is also a past director of Aircraft Dis-

tributors Manufacturers Association, and present director and vice chairman of the National Air Transportation Association.

In addition to the two "Man of the Year" awards from Beech Aircraft, Culler received the Professional Sales Manager Award in 1975 and the Professional Sales Management Award in 1976.

Six other General Aviation employees also accepted awards at the conference. Bud Hylton (ORF) received the \$9 Million Sales Award and was named to the Legion of Honor for the highest number of King Air Sales.

Danny Culler (INT) won the \$7 Million Sales Award, Gary Banister (ROA), the \$5 Million Sales Award, and John Bryan (INT) and George Johnson, Jr. (INT) both received \$2 Million Sales Awards. Rob Wells, Beechcraft sales manager, INT, was named Professional

Sales Manager by Beech Aircraft.

Air Services, Inc., a subsidiary of GAG headquartered at GSO, received the Walter H. Beech Award for the highest dollar sales of Bonanza and Baron aircraft. In addition, the following Air Services employees received awards: Adria Zimmerman, Charter Sales Excellence; George Johnson, III, \$1 Million Sales; Buddy Cannon, \$3 Million Sales and Rising Star (Rookie); Ken Horvath, \$3 Million Sales and Executive Sales; and Jack Frye, Professional Bonanza Sales.

Judy Hill, manager of the Atlanta office for Aviation Supply Corporation (AVSCO), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Piedmont, was awarded the Parts Sales Excellence Award.

PI sponsors Record album About home state

A record album of North Carolina's most popular stories and songs is being sent free to all public schools and libraries in the state — compliments of Piedmont Airlines.

The album, "North Carolina Is My Home," features well-known CBS correspondent and Tarheel native Charles Kuralt, and Loonis McGlohon, one of the state's most prolific composers. Kuralt does the talking while McGlohon provides the music for tales and ballads that the album preserves for generations.

From collard greens to Brunswick stew, from how "Whynot" in Randolph County got its name to achievements of famous Tarheels such as Thomas Wolfe and Dolly Madison, the album is a treasure of history and lore about North Carolina and its people. All the tales are true, beginning with Kuralt's description of how the Englishmen who first waded upon the state's shores 401 years ago must have felt about the new land they had just discovered.

"North Carolina Is My Home" is sponsored by Piedmont and is presented by the company, Kuralt and McGlohon to the state as part of the 400th Anniversary of the English arriving in America.

On Sunday, October 6, Kuralt and McGlohon gave live performances in a premier of selections from the album in Winston-Salem. The premier was held in the Stevens Center before the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters and other guests.

This special collection of songs and stories is available in both album and cassette form and may be purchased by sending a check for \$7.95 to "North Carolina Is My Home," Box 36186, Charlotte, N.C. 28234.

Bach one of industry's best

Miami-based Flight Attendant Peggy Bach has been chosen as one of the top professionals in her field in the country.

In national competition sponsored by Skyway Luggage, a major supplier of crew luggage for the airline industry, Bach was named as a runner-up for the prestigious title of Flight Attendant of the Year.

To those who know Peggy Bach, the award came as no surprise. She's a warm, outgoing person with a good sense of humor and a winning smile. She cares about people, especially those at Piedmont, and she's known throughout the Company as a professional.

"That's why six years ago when the flight attendants' union talked with us about working together to assist flight attendants with their individual personal problems, we suggested Peggy as the person to coordinate the effort at Piedmont," Larry Brooks, director-in-flight services, recalled.

"The basic idea is to assure flight attendants that help is available for their personal problems before these problems become Company problems. Peggy is an exceptional lady. She always cares about people and has an unusual interest in helping her peers. She was a natural to become involved in this program."

Because of her work with the program and her professionalism in her work, Bach was chosen as one of the best in her field. Last month, she, as well as flight attendants from five other airlines, was honored by Skyways at an awards banquet held in New Orleans.

Bach has been a flight attendant for Piedmont just nine years. Prior to this position she worked as an agent for the Company at ATL. Before joining Piedmont,



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she ran a travel agency and also worked for Eastern as a station agent.

"The lifestyle of a flight attendant is very different from most jobs because of the travel involved," Bach said, "and our schedules often put stress on marriages and families. Everyone of us has personal problems and sometimes we just can't handle them by ourselves."

To help flight attendants deal with these problems, Bach has established programs at each of the flight attendant bases. And all of those who help with the program, including Bach, do so on a voluntary basis. If a flight attendant has

a problem, these volunteers will see that they are steered in the right direction for help.

Bach is now finding dietitians for each base who can help flight attendants better control their weight through improved eating habits.

"The program has been a tremendous aid to our employees," Brooks added.

"Peggy, aside from her responsibilities as a flight attendant where she excels, has spent many hours as a volunteer for this program. This honor from Skyway is one she well deserves."