

Interesting Interlining

Transpo '72 — You Won't Want To Miss It

If you're thinking of taking the family to Washington this spring, try to make it around Memorial Day. In addition to all the historical attractions, there's a new one being added—an international exposition of the latest developments in sea, air and land transportation—and some glimpses into the future as well.

Known as TRANSCO '72, the exposition will be held at Dulles International Airport. It will be huge, covering 300 acres, and according to Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe, will be the largest showcase in the world for advanced transportation products, systems and technology. It will run for nine days, from Saturday, May 27 through Sunday, June 4, so that includes two weeks to take it all in.

Four huge pre-fabricated steel buildings, each 200 feet by 400 feet, will house indoor exhibits, while displays and exhibits of large products and equipment will be ranged throughout the grounds.

There will be literally hundreds of outdoor exhibits showing U.S. civilian and military aircraft, space rockets, and helicopters. There will also be extensive displays of all types of surface transportation equipment, including new trains, buses, trucks, hovercraft, and even small boats.

The indoor exhibits will include displays of every conceivable new transportation technology being built or planned by both U.S. and foreign manufacturers.

In case this seems a little technical, don't worry. There'll be lots of other excitement, such as truck rodeos, automotive safety testing

and flight demonstrations by the USAF Thunderbirds, Navy Blue Angels and Army Golden Knights. International flight exhibits and aerobatic teams will also be on the schedule.

The Exposition will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., but will be closed to the public from 9 a.m. to noon on May 30 and 31, June 1 and 2. Surface and air shows will be held daily and will include all forms of transportation. Major shows are scheduled for May 27, 28, 29 and June 3 and 4 and will be more extensive than the daily shows.

Parking places for thousands of private cars will be available and special roads are being built to handle crowds which are expected to exceed one million. In addition, food service, sanitary facilities and first-aid stations will be provided. Everything possible is being done for comfort and to make a visit to the exposition memorable and enjoyable.

Historically, expositions have always played a big role in advancing new ideas and accelerating the sale of new equipment. The French and British Governments have been sponsoring similar shows for years. It's hoped that TRANSCO '72 will spotlight America's leadership role in the development of new and advanced transportation systems and technology.

Secretary Volpe and TRANSCO '72 officials literally covered half the globe gathering ideas and advice for a successful show, including visits to the 1971 Paris Air Show and conferences at Disneyland—the latter still considered the model for handling large crowds of spectators quickly, efficiently, and comfortably (The same consultant firm that helped Disney

officials create the new Walt Disney World at Orlando, Florida, was awarded a DOT contract for laying out the TRANSCO '72 site.) Even the dates were scientifically established; May 27 through June 4 was selected after an analysis of weather potential, hotel accommodations, forecasts of total visitors in the Washington area at certain times, and whether any conflicting events elsewhere might divert people from TRANSCO '72.

To attract top transportation officials from all over the world, DOT is planning a series of transportation symposiums to be held just prior to, during, and immediately after TRANSCO '72. As Secretary Volpe puts it: "It isn't enough just to put on an Exposition and hope people will come. We've got to give them a reason to attend and we think they will, because there isn't a place in the world that doesn't have some kind of transportation problem."

Secretary Volpe has invited the Soviet Union to send a representative and to participate—emphasizing the international theme. Officials believe as many as 50,000 foreign visitors will be among the expected one-million plus total. To Secretary Volpe, TRANSCO '72 has three chief goals:

- To show the public and the world that the United States has not abandoned its role as a technological leader;
- To demonstrate to the people of all nations the whole spectrum of the transportation future;
- To increase the sales of U.S. products here and abroad.

CROZY CORNER

by Ann Umstead

One of the most important parts of the Central Res Office is the scheduling change area.

Betty Derrick, Patricia Gray and Priscilla Johnson are the three fulltime CRO agents. They were involved in making our computerized reservation system a reality long before most agents knew what the computer would entail. Back in October of 1970 they had their first classes and were soon building the complete PI schedule for computer adaptation. Most of you in the field will remember the request for frequently traveled routes on and off line from their stations. These requests were utilized in compiling the first city pair tables which are what we pull up when we request availability from one point to another. Those pairs, which include connections, had to be manually compiled with correct connecting times.

All information was then punched on IBM cards which were carefully screened. All of these were taken to Los Angeles where they were run through the computer by MCS (Mutu-

The CRO, in celebration of its first anniversary, will hold open house on May 8 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. During this time tours will be conducted. All personnel and their families are most cordially invited to attend.

al Computer Services). The cards were then edited by our agents who made needed corrections for as many as seven runs. When the run was correct the schedule was input to appear in the form by which we use it.

This, however, was just the beginning, for each time we have a schedule change, information must be reworked and this means another trip to LA. Although PI has relatively few schedule changes, there are always the Official Airline Guide changes which can come as often as twice a month. For all of these changes there is a new scheduling input for our computer. When a change is input in LA there must also be a compiled listing of all bookings we have on discontinued flights and the reaccommodation we have used for these passengers.

Effective after April we will be utilizing an additional service of MCS known as SCIP (Schedule Change In Put). At this time all OA schedule changes will be handled by Donnelly in LA. This will result in a much more reasonable pace for our agents.

School Is Granted Accreditation

Piedmont Aerospace Institute, an operating department of Piedmont Aviation, Inc., has been accredited by the Accrediting Commission of the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools.

The Commission is the U. S. Office of Education's official accrediting agency for the country's private trade and technical schools. Accreditation is an authoritative index of a school's standing within its own profession.

Piedmont Aerospace Institute underwent a detailed study by an examining team of qualified professionals and specialists before meeting the Commission's standards. Among the factors considered were the school's history and integrity of operation, its course offerings, faculty, admission rules, enrollment and business policies.

In making the announcement President Davis

also revealed that the N. C. Board of Higher Education has authorized the Institute to award Associate of Applied Science Degree in Electro/Mechanical Technology and in Aeronautical Maintenance Technology. Transfer arrangements with bachelor degree granting universities are available. Students are training for positions in aviation and aerospace service, manufacturing and sales occupations. Graduates are qualified for jobs in any industry or business needing highly skilled technicians.

Executive Director of the Institute is Henry F. Murray, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.). Murray is a member of the Aviation Technical Education Council, the N.C. Aerospace Educational Advisory Committee, the N. C. Aero Club and the National Vocational Guidance Association. He has been director of the school since it opened in 1966.



Washington — National recently boarded their 3 millionth passenger. H. L. Gilbert, third from left, is from Covington, Virginia and has been flying with PI for 12 years. On hand to help celebrate the occasion were, in the usual order, DCA District Sales Manager Bud Halsey, Customer Service Manager Jean Dial, Mr. Gilbert and Station Manager Don Sutphin.