

Long Lines

Since Piedmont's long lines were one of, if not the most successful of our modes of communication, we thought a column by the same name might be a good way of mentioning some of the small, but newsy things of interest that go on around the system. Any contributions you might have will be more than welcome. Address them to the Editor, Piedmonitor, INT-215.

Piedmont's team finished in 12th place in the World Airlines Golf Tournament. There were 45 teams in the tenth annual tournament, played this year at the Nueva Andalucia Golf Club in Marbella, Spain.

Joel Gibson of Wilmington and Joe Moorefield of Winston also won the VFW Fokker Trophy for the U.S. local service airlines.

The TWA team took home the first place trophies with a score of 141. Gibson and Moorefield finished 7-over-par at 151.

Models, decals available

Now that you know how and where to get pictures of Piedmont's planes — details were in the last issue of the Piedmonitor — how's your interest in models?

For \$1.25 per sheet, plus postage, you can order Piedmont 737 decals in the new color scheme from Victor 66 Products, P. O. Box 83, Santee, Calif. 92071. This firm also carries the Airfix 737 model. Sorry we don't have their price for the model kits, but we have seen copies of the decals. They look great!

CU manager honored

Tom Welch, manager of Piedmont's Credit Union was recently honored as the most outstanding member of the North Carolina Northwest Chapter of Credit Unions.

Welch is a member of the state board of credit unions and is treasurer of the Northwest chapter. He has been Piedmont's Credit Union manager since 1973.

Pilots reunion planned

The China-Burma-India Hump Pilots Association has announced plans for its 31st annual reunion. The gathering will take place Aug. 5-8, 1976 at the Ramada Inn in Monroe, Jan Thies, Executive Secretary, CBI Hump Louisiana. For further information contact Pilots Association Headquarters, 917 Pine Boulevard, Poplar Bluff, Missouri 63901.

N. C. native nominated

John L. McLucas, secretary of the Air Force, has been nominated by President Ford to be administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.



Piedmont's Explorer Post 049 recently added to the Company's trophy collection. Sharon Black, left, and Diane Tharington presented Senior Vice President H. K. Saunders with their first place awards from an Area Explorer Road Rally.

McLucas would succeed Alexander Butterfield who resigned last March. He has been Air Force secretary since 1969. A native of Fayetteville, N. C., McLucas is a graduate of Davidson College.

Insignia ashtrays for sale

Sam Maise at Raleigh-Durham has some attractive white ceramic ashtrays for Piedmont employees. In two sizes, the ashtrays have the current Piedmont logos in red and blue in the center. The 9 inch size is \$3.50 and the 11½ inch is \$5.50. You should allow three to four weeks for delivery. Write to S. A. Maise at RDU.

CU notes

The Piedmont Aviation Credit Union declared a 6 per cent dividend for the third quarter of 1975. It was reflected as the final entry on the quarterly share statements and represents the third 6 per cent dividend declared by the Credit Union thus far this year.

The CU has also announced a change in office hours. For the early riser who would like to call or visit the Credit Union before going to work and for the night shift members who might need the services of the Credit Union before they go home, the office is now opening at 7:00 a.m. Closing time remains the same, 5:00 p.m.

Quietest jet visits INT

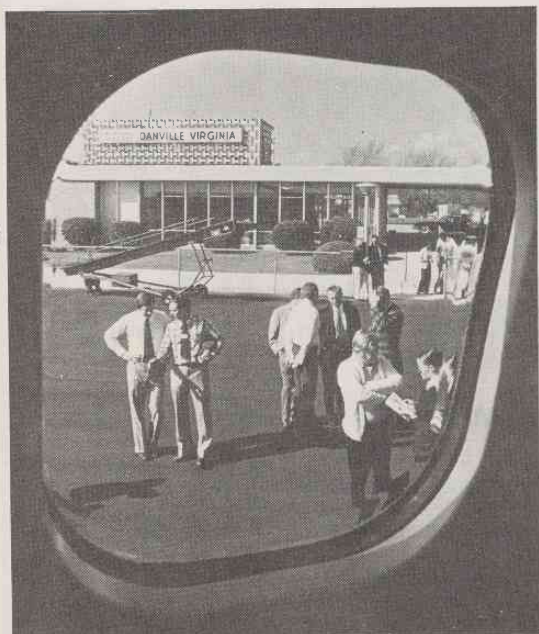
The quietest, and probably smallest, commercial jet airliner in the Western world recently came to Winston-Salem.

The VFW-Fokker 614 was touring North America for the first time. In the livery of its first operator, Cimber Air, the 614 stopped in 13 cities during its 17 day tour of the eastern half of the continent.

The "neighbourly" little airplane — seating capacity is for 40 to 44 passengers — was in Winston as much to be shown to the public through news media, as to be presented to Piedmont. Though very attractive, technically and in appearance, the 614 is more than a little expensive at \$4.5 million.

After the Fokker team and the Rolls Royce engine experts travelling with them, introduced their airplane some of Piedmont's personnel and the newsmen were invited to take a short trip. The group went over to Danville, where all the passengers got off. The 614 then took-off, very quietly and used less than three quarters of DAN's 5,000-foot runway. After a series of turns the plane came whispering back to pick up its obviously impressed passengers.

The Fokker visit just happened to come on the same day Piedmont retired its last FH-227 from scheduled service. That story is on page one.



The 614 let its passengers off in Danville for a brief demonstration of its quietness.



The visiting 614 returned to Cimber Air's main base at Sonderborg, Denmark to begin operation on their domestic network after its first North American demonstration tour.