

Dillard's commitment never ending at SAN

Mornings at SAN start early for Bobby Dillard, USAir's senior—in terms of chronological age, that is—baggage handler. Dillard recently celebrated his 66th birthday, and what a celebration it was! SAN station employees surprised him with a party—complete with food and a Hawaiian dancer.

Dillard's commitment to USAir and to a job well done has been recognized by his receipt of a Careline Award. Says CSM Larry Burns, "Bobby is one of the most conscientious employees I've ever seen. When he's in the bag room, everything is under control."

Dillard joined PSA in 1968 after stints in both the Army and the Navy. The biggest change Dillard says he's seen in his 21 years with the airline is the increased specialization. He used to handle baggage as well as clean, supply, and service the aircraft. Now it's bags, bags, and more bags with USAir's increased size as the number one California airline.

Retirement is not in Dillard's vocabulary. As he puts it, "As long as I feel good and can do the job, I'll keep on working."



Dillard at his 66th birthday party at SAN.

Around the Industry

Commuter service widespread in North America

More than half of North American airports rely on commuters, according to *Commuter/Regional Airline News* (March 20, 1989).

Of the 830 U.S. airports offering scheduled service, 817 (98.4 percent) receive commuter/regional service. Some 592 of those airports (71.3 percent) depend exclusively on commuters. In North America, including the U.S., Bahamas, Canada, Caribbean, and Mexico, 899 total airports receive scheduled service with 861 (95.8 percent) receiving commuter service. Airports exclusively receiving commuter service number 624 (69.4 percent).

American Airlines receives 180-minute approval

American Airlines has received the first approval to operate some aircraft under the new 180-minute extended range operations twin-authority for flights over the Pacific, reported *Aviation Week and Space Technology* (April 10, 1989). American's



Boeing 767-200ER transport has been approved by the F.A.A. to fly routes where the aircraft is no farther than 180 minutes on one engine from the nearest suitable airport. *Aviation Week* reported that American told the D.O.T. that it might operate the B767-200ER between San Jose, Calif., and Tokyo if it receives authority for that service.

WARR to take place in Hamburg

The City of Hamburg, West Germany, has been chosen as the site of the Eighth Annual World Airline Road Race (WARR), sponsored this year by Lufthansa German Airlines. Billed as the world's largest travel-related athletic event, the 10k (6.2 miles) road race will take place September 24, 1989, through the downtown streets of Hamburg and Alster Park. The 5k will be staged in Alster Park around the inner Alster Lake. Approximately 2,000 runners representing more than 60 worldwide airlines will be competing this year for individual and team awards. Each runner will receive a WARR t-shirt and a commemorative medal for participating in the event. For more information, contact World Airline Road Race, P.O. Box 45003, Atlanta, Ga. 30320.

GPA Group to place biggest aircraft order

"Irish-based GPA Group Ltd., the world's largest aircraft leasing company, will place the biggest plane order in history, worth up to \$20 billion," *The Washington Times* (April 13, 1989) reported. About 200 aircraft will be ordered from Airbus, McDonnell Douglas, and Boeing.

TWA carries most transatlantic passengers

TWA carried more passengers in scheduled transatlantic service in 1988 than any other carrier for the fifth consecutive year, enplaning 3.4 million, or 15.3 percent, of the total. The number compares with just under three million (14.6 percent) in 1988, and 2.4 million (14.3 percent) in 1987.