

Jet Hydraulic Improvements Bring Fewer Difficulties

Washington - (UPI) - The Federal Aviation Agency has reported a 50 per cent reduction in hydraulic difficulties encountered by jet airliners since last summer.

The improvement resulted from a massive FFA-industry drive to cure numerous malfunctions that were causing frequent precautionary and emergency landings.

One such malfunction led to a fatal accident involving a United Air Lines DC8 at Denver last July 11, killing 17 passengers. The jet was making an unscheduled landing after losing its hydraulic fluid supply when it swerved off the runway into a parked truck.

This was the only accident resulting from hydraulic troubles. But a rash of reported malfunctions, both minor and major, prompted the joint FAA-industry corrective program.

That program, dubbed "Project 61" by the FAA, called for:

- Nine modifications to the DC8 hydraulic system, including a lock-out device to prevent engines from going into uneven reverse thrust. This was the cause of the fatal swerve at Denver, occurring when the pilot - lacking braking power - attempted to slow down the jet by reversing his engines.
- Stricter inspection and maintenance procedures on the hydraulic systems of all jets.
- A special check on all flight crews to make sure they are following prescribed procedures for dealing with hydraulic emergencies.
- Faster, more frequent and detailed reports by all airlines on every conceivable type of hydraulic malfunction, no matter how minor. This enabled the FAA and carriers to prevent insignificant difficulties from developing into major problems.

An FAA official told UPI Project 61 has reduced hydraulic incidents from a peak of 10 to 16 per 1000 hours last summer to as low as five or six per 1000 as of last month.

Most Fully Modified

He added that all 92 DC8s now in scheduled U. S. airline service will have completed modifications by May 1. About 80 per cent of them are fully modified. The remainder have at least some of the improvements already installed.

"The rate of malfunctions now is down to about the level of piston - engine aircraft," the FAA spokesman said. "Considering the far greater complexity of the jet's system, this is a significant achievement."

He emphasized that the incidents being reported by the airlines include slight seepage or leaks as well as complete system failures.

16 SOC Students Receive Perfect Grade Averages

Ashland-Sixteen Southern Oregon college students attained perfect grade point averages of four point during the past winter term while carrying 12 or more hours of academic credits, according to Mrs. Mabel W. Winston, registrar.

They are Linda Carver, Medford; Margaret Childers, Medford; Linda Cornutt, Central Point; Robert E. Frank, Grants Pass; Jason Grable, Portland; Gary Hamilton, Ashland; Brian Jefferson, Medford; Lynn Mannan, Grants Pass; Sally Maulding, Medford; Mieke Noble, Medford; Edith Rode, Medford; David Schneider, Eagle Point; Faye Shearer, Portland; Maxine Stringer, Ashland; Barbara A. Ward, Ashland; and Barbara Webb, Prineville.

Among honor roll students who reached a grade point average of 3.5 or above while carrying 12 or more hours during the winter term include:

Katherine Alsing, Robert C. Anderson, Marilyn Brook, Duane Burket, Barbara Decker, Hugh Engstrom, Sybil Hamilton, Linda Hill, Norma J. Jefferies, Carolee Jones, Roger Leatherman, Ona L. Liles, Ruth Liles, Franklin Mahar, Maxine Mason, Marilyn Michael, JoAnne Mittag, Sue Olson, Michael Payne, Phyllis Reser, Judy Rinker, James Skibby, John L. Sorneson, Alfred South, Laurel Strieby, Cynthia Thuma, Ashland.

James Benson, David Bergman, Janet Bohl, Margaret A. Bolz, Carol Dyche, Sandra Ekerson, George Gilman, Kaye B. Goff, Dick Gustafson, Margaret Hadley, Irving Heyer, Charles Holt, Janet J. Huenners, Gladys Jamison, Nile L. Johnson, Robert Light, Karen Moccabee, Rosalita Patch, Jean M. Pope, Gloria Quackenbush, Janet Snodgrass, Roberta J. Warnock, Kenneth Wise, Medford.

Judith Foote, Zoe King, Michael Maffett, Kathleen Morrison, Grants Pass; Richard Carter, Jacksonville; Mary K. Gregg, Eagle Point; Aedene L. Jensen, Eagle Point; Elizabeth V. King, Talent; Carolyn Tieg, Talent.

Area Students on OSU Honor Roll

Corvallis -- Fourteen students from the Medford area were listed on the winter term honor roll at Oregon State university.

They are:

- Business and technology, Joseph M. Teeter, senior; and Nancy G. Adams, senior.
- Engineering, Thomas F. Wieskamp, senior; and Jack L. Winchester, freshman.
- Pharmacy, Robert T. Elmer, senior.
- Science, Joseph H. Beatty, freshman; Harold C. Sexton, junior; Robert L. Steele, junior; Alice A. Thompson, sophomore from Central Point; and Glenn C. Gralsinger, freshman from Eagle Point.
- Education, Herschel L. Mack, junior from Gold Hill; and Dennis F. Faulkner, freshman.
- Graduate school, William L. Ryan from Central Point.
- Humanities and social science, Wayne V. Welty, freshman.

To make the honor roll, students must make at least a B plus grade average for the term. Miss Adams, Ryan and Winchester were three of 117 students singled out for special recognition on the straight-A honor listing.

UPI News Analyst Honored by Press

New York - (UPI) - Phil Newsum, foreign news analyst for United Press International, has received the Overseas Press Club Award for the best consistent interpretation of foreign news developments in 1962 among the wire services and daily newspapers of the United States.

Newsum was presented the award at the annual OPC awards dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel.

Atmospheric Test Preparations Ready

Washington - (UPI) - Officials said today preparations for U.S. nuclear tests in the atmosphere were virtually completed and the first blast might be set off about April 25.

The original target date was May 1. But officials said that since all was in readiness, the tests might as well go ahead in view of Russia's repeated refusal to accept an inspected test ban treaty.

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Fellowship Plans Supper, Speaker

Reservations are now being accepted for an evening of fellowship, Saturday, April 21, at the Jackson house sponsored by the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, Rogue Valley chapter.

Leland Earls, pastor of the Multnomah Church of Christ (Christian) in Portland, will speak at the 7 p.m. event following a buffet supper.

Tickets may be purchased at the Evangel Center, 230 South Central ave., Medford, or at Memory Lane Studios, 293 East Main st., Ashland.

Well Drilling Is Planned in Winema

Klamath Falls -- The forest service has called for bids for drilling a well on the proposed site of the Chiloquin ranger station in the new Winema National Forest in the Klamath Falls area.

The proposed station will occupy a site recently purchased from the Chiloquin Timber company west of Highway 97 opposite the Chiloquin airstrip. Forest service crews are now working on roads and clearing building sites.

The well drilling bid will be opened in Portland at 3 p.m. April 27, in the office of the regional contracting officer of the U. S. forest service.

Astronaut's Mother Receives Award

Columbus, Ohio - (UPI) - Mrs. John H. Glenn Sr., of New Concord, Ohio, received a citation here Saturday as Ohio's mother of the year as more than 300 central Ohio women paid tribute to the mother of astronaut Lt. Col. John Glenn Jr.

Gov. Michael V. DiSalle presented the citation to climax ceremonies in which several speakers spoke of Mrs. Glenn's sincerity and devotion to family and God.

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