



WILD GOOSE ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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ITEM: WGA 4TH ANNUAL CONVENTION - 15, 16 and 17 October. Since you will be getting the details from convention chairman Bill Reveille, I will only say "I hope to see you there."

ITEM: Elections: Here is how the ballot came out on the annual election.

President: Jim Van Etten 138
Bill Reveille 39

Director (four vacancies):

L. Higginbotham	145	P. Reynolds	73
J. Beukers	136	T. Siviecki	46
E. McGann	96	D. Wesson	40
E. Durbin	95	R. Ytturepe	37
R. Pasciuti	86	R. Merriam	35
R. Frank	80	W. Reveille	1 (write in)

Since Jim was re-elected president, Higginbotham continues to fill the position of immediate past president and, therefore, your Board vacancies are filled by J. Beukers, Ed McGann, Ed Durbin and Dick Pasciuti.

The constitutional amendments passed by a vote of 175 to 1.

ITEM: World Administrative Radio Conference of ITU 1979. President Van Etten received a reply from Admiral Siler on the WGA letter offering assistance as reported in the last Newsletter. Admiral Siler advised the WGA that the Coast Guard is involved in the entire study (all subjects) and that our letter will be placed with IRAC for later consideration. He also stated that a technical level liaison channel has been established with the USSR and USA for coordination of LORAN C frequency utilization matters. This, he said, was brought about because the USSR is now operating a LORAN C system.

ITEM: Baffin Bay. LORAN A chain discontinued operations on 1 July 1975.

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ITEM: West Coast LORAN C Conference: Comdr Bob Dugan has advised us that the USCG and the Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program at Oregon State University are co-sponsoring the long-heralded users conference in Portland, Oregon on 2 and 3 December. Bob says that a great deal of misinformation on the capabilities of LORAN receivers exists on the West Coast and hopes this conference can alleviate it. The program will include coverage of the LORAN C system, West Coast Implementation, Charting, USCG low cost receiver program, LORAN A phase out, other applications and a receiver manufacturers round table discussion. For further information, please contact Comdr R. Dugan, 13th Coast Guard District, 915 Second Ave., Seattle, Wash 98174, Tele (206)-442-5845.

ITEM: Congressional Activity: This past June, Congressman McFall's subcommittee on Transportation/appropriations recommended that funds be withheld from the USCG LORAN C program and the FAA's VOR/DME program pending resolution of the question as to whether the two systems are "duplicative" in meeting the navigation needs of the aviation community, and the preparation by DOT of a comprehensive plan defining the role of each. Your Board of Directors were concerned over the possible impact to the West Coast LORAN C implementation for the US Coastal Confluence Zone which will provide service to a much broader class of users. Letters detailing this concern were sent to Senators Birch Bay, Theodore Stevens and Representatives McFall, Mario Biaggi and John Murphy.

ITEM: Good News/Bad News. DT&E contracts for an AF low cost omega (\$15K/unit) went to Dynel, Bendix and TRACOR. The contractors will build and test 7 airborne systems for flight test in early 1976 after which time a design will be selected and production quotes will be requested.-----
On 30 July, the Air Force selected Lear Siegler, Inc., to continue effort on its LORAN aided Digital Avionics System, the AN/ARN-101. This contract calls for flight test in the F4D, F4E and RF4C and provides options for production.

ITEM: Ed Durbin has moved from Teledyne to Kaiser; Nick Judge from Lear Siegler to TRACOR, and Norm Dickerson is the proud owner of a new sailboat.

ITEM: CHARTS: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced on 29 June that "an improved electronic navigation system, LORAN C, is being added to 100 nautical charts this year." The move, long awaited by commercial shipping and recreational boaters, will provide a major assist in promoting safety at sea. Information regarding the charts and their purchase may be obtained from the National Ocean Survey, Distribution Division (C 44), Riverdale, MD 20840.

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Editor