

# TIGER REVIEW



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## How Much Do You Know About FTL? 'Tigerology' Feature To Supply Answers

By Jack De Bar Smith

As an FTL employee, it is quite likely that you often are questioned by your friends and neighbors about the operations of our Company. With this in mind, the following question and answer column, to be known as "Tigerology", is being inaugurated and we hope it will be a regular feature in future issues of the TigerReview. In this column you will have an opportunity to learn facts about the Company which should not only prove interesting, but which may be helpful in answering questions.



**QUESTION:** Is the man above wearing a new type space suit or is he preparing to go deep sea diving?

**ANSWER:** Neither. He is an FTL modification mechanic, wearing safety protective clothing, who is engaged in tank cleaning and sealing. Because of our diversified operations, FTL employs 17 different classifications of mechanics.

**Q.** If your neighbor asked you how many aircraft FTL operates, could you give him the correct number? What is it?

**A.** At the present time, 37 FTL aircraft are engaged in domestic, overseas, and charter operations. Of this number, 26 are twin-engine C-46's and 11 are four-engine C-54's.

**Q.** What did FTL's first payroll consist of?

**A.** Four tons of grapes flown East for Ralph Myers of Bakersfield, Calif. This was in 1945,

shortly after the Company was formed as National Skyway Freight Corp.

**Q.** How many varieties of freight does FTL carry?

**A.** According to a recent survey by the IBM department, there are more than 600 different commodities flown each year by the Tigers. The most common are automotive and aircraft parts, business machines, clothing, electronic equipment, film, human remains, and animals.

**Q.** Can one ship a piece of electrical equipment from Seattle to Rome by FTL?

**A.** Positively. By interline agreements with foreign flag air carriers it is possible to ship any commodity that isn't embargoed and which will go through the doors of the planes on the run. FTL has interline agreements with 45 domestic and international air carriers serving all points on the globe.

**Q.** What is the Tigers' "hub trucking system"?

**A.** Within a 300 mile radius of any of the points served directly by the Tigers, shippers can obtain FTL service from our agents serving that area by trucks. This means that more than 800 cities are served daily by FTL in expediting shipments via air freight.

**Q.** Do you have a question about FTL you would like answered?

**A.** We think there should be many. We urge you to send in your questions to this column. We will do our best to give you the answers.

## Elks Hall Scene Of Nov. 20 Dance

The Elks Hall at 145 E. Palm, Burbank, will be the scene of the big Benefit Dance to be given by FTL employees on Friday, Nov. 20, for former flight line mechanic Andy Formanack.

As many already know, Andy was stricken with polio about a year ago and doctor bills have played havoc with the Formanack budget. Andy's friends at FTL have put their heads together and planned a benefit dance for him and we invite all of you to attend and bring guests. The price of the ticket, \$1.20, will be a big help to Andy and you will have an evening of fun and dancing. Dancing will start at 8:30 to the music of the Towne Swingtette. As an added attraction, some lucky person will take home a valuable door prize.

Tickets are available from Thelma Wirta, Maintenance Office, or Dode Penrod, Public Relations Office.

"Man has 12 billion brain cells," says an anatomist. And if he gets in an especially tight corner he will use a dozen or so of them as a last resort.

## Tiger Night TV Roundup Set Nov. 28

Saturday, Nov. 28 will be FLYING TIGER night at the Santa Monica Ballroom and there's a rip-snortin' good time in store for everyone.

Fabulous Spade Cooley of TV fame has invited all FTL employees and their friends to be his special guests for a fun-packed, hour-long TV show and five more hours of continuous entertainment and dancing.

Spade Cooley, his band and featured stars will be on hand for the entire evening—Nov. 28—so don't miss it.

Regular price of admission to the Santa Monica Ballroom is \$1.20, but on Flying Tiger Night all of our employees and friends will be admitted for only 50c a person.

The TV show starts promptly at 8 p.m. and dancing continues until the wee hours. The Ballroom also includes a grill, bars, and soft drink concessions. Youngsters accompanied by parents are welcome.

Special tickets will soon be available in the hangar and office building. (Watch the bulletin boards.) The special tickets, which will be distributed free of charge, may be exchanged at the box office of the Santa Monica Ballroom for only 50c per person.

It's too good to miss so start now to round up your own party to attend FLYING TIGER NIGHT at the Santa Monica Ballroom. Remember the date—Nov. 28.



SPADE COOLEY, famous Santa Monica Ballroom maestro and TV star, and Anita Aros, violinist, will entertain Tigers Nov. 28.



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### A Feather In Our Cap

The recent Community Chest campaign conducted among Burbank-based employees turned out extremely well and every Tiger who contributed has a right to feel downright proud. A total of \$951.60 for both the Los Angeles and Burbank chapters was collected in cash, checks, and payroll deductions. This surpasses last year's contribution by \$183.60 and compares favorably with the contribution made by the Company at the start of the campaign.

The group leaders who got behind the Red Feather Campaign and pushed it through are to be congratulated. Heartfelt thanks go to Art Schifferman, Virginia Lindstrom, Mary Ludlam, Jean Rusnak, Nancy Tarr, Margie Gray, Thelma Wirta, Irving Weiner, Nancy Beck, Jack Callahan, Ozzie Burghardt, Ralph Stump, Irene Klein, Forest Hawkins, and Dick Yung for successfully collecting and processing the Community Chest contributions.

In any campaign where funds are solicited for a worthy cause such as the Community Chest, there is one person responsible for working out the many details and complications attendant to the campaign. This is a job requiring a great deal of planning and effort and yet it is usually a thankless job. In this instance, however, we don't intend to overlook the person who spearheaded our Community Chest campaign and who is responsible, to a large extent, for the fine results. Our hat is off to LLOYD SHERMAN — the man who made this campaign the most successful of its kind ever conducted among Flying Tiger employees!

### Model FTL Aircraft Make Novel Gifts

Some months ago when the Public Relations department took orders for plastic model DC-6 airplanes, quite a few employees failed to purchase as many as they needed, and the offer passed some by completely. There have been so many requests for these model planes that we have arranged for employees to purchase them direct from the manufacturer.

The planes are made to scale model in plastic with silver wings, white fuselage, and are complete with FTL insignia. They have a wing span of 9½ inches, an overall length of 8½ inches and are mounted on a plastic base.

The cost of these planes is \$2 each, which includes cost of pack-



"Expense accounts? Why, naturally I filed them under 'X'!"

aging and mailing to your home. If you wish to order one or more, send check or money order (no cash, please) to the firm listed on the order blank on this page.

### Don Etchell Wins C-46 Model Plane

The beautiful C-46 model airplane which was the grand prize in the recent Community Chest campaign has been awarded to Don Etchell of the Welding Shop. The drawing was held in the office building on Nov. 5.

Don, who has a four-year-old son, says that winning the model plane has helped to solve part of his Christmas shopping problem. The plane should make quite a hit with the youngster when he finds it under the tree on Christmas morning.

Employees of the Welding Shop where Don works gave almost 100 per cent to the Community Chest drive.

### Flying Tigresses To Meet Nov. 17

By Virginia Lindstrom

The Flying Tigress Club held a Canasta party at the home of Mrs. Al Perreault Oct. 26.

The November meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. A. J. Machado on Nov. 17 at 8 p.m.

A baked food sale was sponsored by the Club on Saturday, Nov. 7 for the purpose of adding to funds of the Club. Also, a cosmetic party was held at the home of Mrs. George Edge on Nov. 9. The Club is also selling Eversharp ball point pens as a means of raising funds. (Look out, or Ilene Franklin will be after you). Anyone wishing a pen may call Mrs. Art Flanagan at EM 1-0554.

Mrs. C. G. Groh, Philanthropic Chairman, reported that contributions had been made to the following organizations: The Cancer Society; Polio Fund, Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Sclerosis, and the

You, Too, Can Be One

### Dig Those Cats!

By Paul B. Grace, Inspection

Man, the joint was really jumpin' on Oct. 13 when seven Tigers and one kitty blended their respective musical noisemakers together in the back room of Paul Grace's residence.

Reports from that area of the city varied from, "We were dancing to your jive a block away!" to "At last we have a decent air raid warning system!" Such reports do nothing but spur this group on to further activity.

Freddy Briggs, hydraulics, tickled the ivory; Bert Carpenter, assistant personnel director, plunked the bass fiddle; Paul Grace, chief inspector, plumbed the slip-horn; Otto Kruger, flight line, caressed alto and tenor sax; Roy Towne, radio shop, puffed licorice-stick and alto sax; and Ann Grace (Paul's Mrs.) sawed the fiddle.

Since the last session was such a roaring success (but loud), arrangements have been made to hold regular jam sessions in larger quarters. If anyone would like to participate with this noisy bunch, the only requirement is that you have an instrument and have fair ability to play orchestration. If this fits you, contact Paul Grace or any of the fellas listed.

The next two sessions will be held on Monday night, Nov. 30, and Friday night, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. We have reserved the spacious clubroom of Campo DeCahuenga (across from Universal), 3919 Lankersheim, North Hollywood. After Jan. 1 we will have the second Thursday of each month reserved for our use.

Pacific Lodge Boy's Home.

The Tigresses recently welcomed Delores Campbell as a new member.

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# BDL Meets Quota, Reward Dinner Won

By Terry Donahue

BDL Sales and Operations won their Quota Reward Dinner, for months of June, July and August. As a result the spirits of all personnel have soared to a new high, with a determination to win it again. BFI topped their Quota, which in a way is a coincidence, as Art Ives used to be HFD's Station Manager. The reward dinner was held at the Mountain Laurel in Thompsonville, Conn., on Sunday, Nov. 1, with our DSM Bob FitzGerald doing the honors. No need to add that a fine time was had by all.

A telephone inquiry to Bob FitzGerald as to whether FTL had any publicity pictures available, led to free publicity for our Company at the Eastern States Exposition of '53, held yearly at East Springfield, Mass. Out of three-quarters of a million people who attended the affair, 90 per cent viewed the FTL display in the Connecticut Building, which also housed exhibits of the main manufacturers of Connecticut. The display, taken from a 10"x8" publicity picture, was blown to a size of 6'x10' and placed at the far end of the building so that when one walked in, FTL aircraft was the first thing one saw.

It is with great pleasure BDL Station announces the arrival of Mark Warriner Giddings, son of Agent Donald and Mary Giddings. Mark arrived Sept. 11, weighing in at 7 lbs. 7 ozs.

**New Faces at BDL:** John Strellich, Agent, transferring from FTL BGM, to Operations; Gene Pelissier, Agent, transferring from BDL American Airlines, to Operations. More about them, next issue.

**Recent Telephone call received:** Shipper—"Have two hot dogs for CLE tonight—Must move". FTL Rep., to himself: "with or without mustard"—to the customer: after a pause: "Yes sir, we will reserve space for you."

Gordon Walker's recent vacation led to the Navy steps at Washington, D.C., where he met the various "VIPs" who are in charge of the Navy Charter Flights that are now stopping at BDL. We now call Gordon—"Mister" Walker.

A man is the only animal that can be skinned more than once. He is a creature that is always looking for home atmosphere in a hotel and hotel service at home. A self-made man is one who started from scratch and now itches all over.

## Traffic Lights

# Traffic Library Planned at BUR

By Bob Rawlinson

Notes of good news emit from the Traffic Department of FTL. Beginning immediately, a traffic library is being set up in the Burbank Traffic Department. This library will contain text books and literature sent in from station and sales managers in the field.

For a number of years. Flying Tigers, as well as other air carriers, have been sorely in need of assistance and information pertaining to air cargo problems. Inasmuch as we are engaged in the newest phase of the transportation industry, we find ourselves at a disadvantage when considering requests for study material.

In the past we have suggested that our personnel requesting air cargo information subscribe to the magazine "Air Transportation." The subject matter is of a general nature on air cargo matters, but does not dwell on any technical or procedural problems.

Because of this need for information and literature, we plan to set up a library in Burbank for reference material and we hope you will show your interest in this project by forwarding to this department any material, ideas, or pertinent data which can be used in this program.

## Classifieds

A Free Service

**HELPFUL HINT!**— Save money on Christmas shopping Lamson & Gilbert Discount House, 1127 Wilshire Blvd. Contact Personnel Dept. for membership card. Appliances, jewelry, furniture, carpeting, everything for the household Hours Mon. thru Fri. 9 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tues. and Thurs. 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Closed Sun. and Wed.

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**TELEVISION REPAIR SERVICE**—The best in the west. Call Nick Ventresca (that's our own navigator, Nick), Electron Television Service, 9106 Sepulveda Blvd., EMpire 2-6868 or EMpire 2-6519.

**FOR SALE**— Tickets to the "Andy" Formanack Benefit Dance, Friday, Nov. 20. Music by the Towne Swing-tette. \$1.20 per person. Tickets available from Theima Wirtz in Maintenance Office and Dode Penrod, Public Relations Office.

# Tiger Poll

By Lillian Colman

**QUESTION:** As a Flying Tiger, what part of the country would you prefer as a home base?

Rusty Replogle

Midwest Regional Station Mgr.

Chicago... because I like their suburbs in the western section.



I'm a happy man.

Jack Martin, Pilot

I prefer Denver. I like flying DEN, CHI and if we had a domicile in Denver, I would prefer living there because of the weather the year round. I like the flying run; the flights are neither too long nor too short (ten hours round trip) and no mountains



to contend with. Weather for flying is not the most ideal; however, everything taken into consideration it was about the best segment of the company's operation.

Joe Healy

Eastern Regional Station Mgr.

Due to interest in the North Atlantic operation and our geographic routes, I prefer New York. Barring the consideration of the North Atlantic, I would prefer Burbank. The weather in this area enables the company to perform maintenance service and overhauls on ramp and service areas out-of-doors, where in other locations the majority of the work must be done under cover during the winter months.



Mary Meraz

Electrical Engine Build-Up

I would rather work in Burbank than anywhere else. Everyone treats me nice. There are only two girls doing the kind of electrical work I do and the fellows never give me any trouble. They are a swell bunch. I came from Phoenix, but I prefer LA.



Jim Bray, Engine Build-Up

Right here in Burbank for me — mainly because this is home base. Unfavorable climate would make it more difficult to do our work if we were restricted to working under cover. In Burbank, at least ten months of the year we can work outdoors.



Now that I'm a race car enthusiast, I certainly prefer Southern California. I guess there is no place like California, no matter what you are doing.

Herbert Ising, Instrument Shop

I would prefer California. The longer I am here the better I like it. I'm formerly from Alaska, where I lived for 13 years, and while the hunting and fishing are more convenient there, I find much more to do here in the way of recreation. The sunshine here is ideal all year round and if I want to travel I can still fish and hunt.



Growing old doesn't seem so bad when you consider the alternative.

Among the people who think you shouldn't send a boy on a woman's errand are the boys.

## The Air Truck Drivers' Section

# SCL Halloween Party at Sanders' Home Will Be Topic for Some Time To Come

By Va. Lindstrom

From Virginia Shane comes word of the SCL Halloween party—the party of the year, evidently. I quote:

"Rarely do parties anywhere attain the degree of success that the D. E. Sanders' Halloween party did on Saturday, Oct. 31, in Salt Lake City.

"The Sanders live in Emigration Canyon, without a doubt the perfect setting for a party of this type. Just to mention a few of the highlights of the evening: Ole Olson appeared in a mask—(quite apropos, both for the individual and the occasion) which was a wolf, complete with smile on its face and tongue hanging out. His famous, excuse the expression, "hat" completed the outfit. He'd never have needed to say a word nor have removed the mask and there wouldn't have been any doubt as to his identity.

"The evening was young, most everyone had arrived and were sitting quietly with bent elbows when a strange creature walked in—looking like something from outer space. He was wearing a big black rubber suit, hideous face, and a headset with a plunger sticking from the top. On his back was a sign which read 'Chief Pile-it, Flying Puddy Kats, Mars Div.' and on a smaller sign hanging from that was 'Temporarily on Furlough'. Of course, it caused quite a commotion and everyone was amazed to discover it was Blaine Robbins.

"Among the various activities throughout the evening was a treasure hunt. The Sanders' back yard is the mountainside, and, there was quite a scramble of bodies, stumbling and fumbling all over the place during the hustle and bustle of the hunt.

"An old-fashioned apple ducking contest was held and couples were paired up according to the length of hair. Was surprising to actually see how many pilots we have with such little hair!

"Many more games and stunts, too numerous to mention, were engaged in but the mere writing about them could never do them justice. All in all, the party was a huge success and I imagine it will be a topic of conversation for some time to come.

"If I'd written this yesterday, I feel quite sure I never would have added this, but — LET'S HAVE ANOTHER PARTY."

Congratulations to Lenore Brennan Reed and Hal on the birth

of Kathleen Marie, Oct. 3, 1953, 6 lbs. 2 oz.

Eve Matot and Verna Williams have a beautiful lodge at Idlewild and would like to have some Tiger tenants who may be vacationing. I do not have full particulars as yet, but watch the classified ad section for this news. Idlewild is 2 hours and 45 minutes from the Valley. \$6 per couple per night or family rates. Guests must bring their own bedding. There are four bedrooms for rent. Prospective guests may call Bob O'Donnell at Idlewild for reservations. This place has its own trout stream, too!

Welcome to Ed Pinke's new secretary, Florence Slaght. Florence evidently has not kept a close watch on two of the Line's most eligible bachelors. I hear that Andy Chambers and Frank Morrow will both be solid citizens by the time this is printed. Sure would like to have some wedding pictures to print or at least the full story of the weddings for next month.

Received a note from Jack Tarry that he is convalescing beautifully after his recent surgery and expects to be back with us by Dec. 1. He must be getting along fine as his first thought was, "What are the latest rumors?"

Do not have a drop of news about the EWR people. Guess they are behaving, though, as no unprintable rumors have reached Burbank about them, either.

Among those NOT winning the Lincoln Cosmopolitan were Rod Gehrett and John Lamping, Len Jarvis and Ray Korty. This is really a shame, too, as they had been promised at least one wheel each. My apologies.

**A Novel Experience**—Tigers get more popular every day! Howard Brooks was recently honored by having a brass band see his flight off in Texas.

We have received many complaints recently about the **Handsomest Pilot of the Month** always being a bald-headed pilot. Can't see that this is anything to complain about; however, the gals have selected **Verne Westman** for the honor this month.

**Prettiest Stewardess of the Month:** Shirley Bolo. A redhead at this printing, but you will also recognize her as a blonde.

**Handsomest Navigator of the Month:** H. R. Brown. Now there is a very distinguished looking gentleman!

Have you seen all the dressed



—Photo by Lloyd Sherman

**FOR ONLY \$1**—Dick Spahr of Burbank Operations accepts the keys to the 1949 Lincoln which he won on a Credit Union raffle. Presenting the keys to the happy winner is Leona Ross, assistant treasurer of the Credit Union.

## Liz Schroeder, RML, Resigns To Marry Dick Spahr Wins 1949 Lincoln Car

By Jo Traster

Liz Schroeder, Detroit Sales secretary, resigned as of Oct. 16. Best of luck to Liz and her marriage to Fred Wilhoff.

Detroit Sales is throwing out the welcome mat for Patricia Fenstermaker, who is replacing Mrs. Wilhoff, formerly known as Liz Schroeder.

Les Dickinson, now an agent in Detroit Operations, is doing well. We hope that he will be as efficient here as he was in Toledo. If so, it will be quite a boost to RML's operations staff.

Ted Schlegel, who switched places with Les Dickinson, and who now is in Toledo, is also doing quite well in Toledo. We all wish Ted happiness and success with his recent marriage and also his brand new job.

**Old-timer:** One who remembers when a man did his own withholding on his take-home pay.

up pretty pilots? Their new uniforms are real scrumptious looking. For a while it looked as if some of them (Frank Otey, Ed Lowe, Bill Hoey, and some others) should have been wearing old Inverness capes over theirs—just in case those last few threads gave way. Can't you just see Ed Lowe sweeping his cape around his shoulders and striding toward the nearest C-46?

Dick Spahr of Burbank Operations is the proud owner of a 1949 Lincoln — all for the price of \$1.

It happened so fast that Dick refused to be convinced that it was really true, until he was practically beat over the head. Dick was strolling toward the hangar for his afternoon cup of coffee on Oct. 27 when he was told that he was the lucky winner of a 1949 Lincoln as a result of the Credit Union raffle held that afternoon in the Burbank hangar. Dick thought someone was playing a joke on him. Finally a beautiful crimson started up from his neck until it engulfed the top of his head and he gave out with. "You really mean it?"

The winning of this car by Dick has solved a long-standing problem in his household. His ever-loving wife, Lois, has been patiently awaiting the day when the Spahr finances could withstand the purchase of a vehicle on wheels for her. And lo, for only \$1.00 his problem was solved and his wife not only has a car of her own, but enjoys the hauteur of driving a Lincoln.

The only people who are not jealous are those who are overly in love with themselves. Some wives are so jealous that when a man comes home with a hair on his coat, he has to drag in the horse.