Shares Honors with B-50's Crew

J. E. SCHAEFER, representing the Boeing Company, is shown here with members of the crew of the Round-the-world B-50 “Lucky Lady II” after being presented Texas cowboy hats at the recent fête for the record-breaking fliers held in Fort Worth. The hats were presented by Col. Amon G. Carter, president, and publisher of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, as part of the honors tendered the fliers by the Texas city from which the B-50’s world flight started and ended. Left to right, standing: 1st Lt. Roland B. Bonner, Bakersfield, Calif., radar officer; T/Sgt. Melvin G. Davis, Long Beach, Calif., gunner; Mr. Carter; Mr. Schaefer; 1st Lt. Earl L. Rigor, Colonies, Ore., second navigator; Capt. James G. Gallager, airplane commander; Capt. James H. Morris, San Antonio, Tex., third pilot; 1st Lt. Arthur M. Neal, Visalia, Calif., second pilot; Capt. Glenn E. Hackes, Waukegan, Kans., first navigator; Capt. David S. Parmelee, Guilford, Conn., flight engineer; S/Sgt. Donald G. Traugh, Jr., Danville, Pa., kneeling, left to right: S/Sgt. Robert C. Davis, Niles, Mich., flight engineer; T/Sgt. Virgil L. Young, Cranemere, Pa., flight engineer; T/Sgt. Burgess G. Cantrell, Pound, Va., radio operator; S/Sgt. Robert R. McLeroy, Alvarado, Tex., radio operator.

15 Employees to Share in Awards For Suggestions

At a special meeting of the Staff Committee last week, 16 ideas submitted by 15 employees under the Boeing suggestion program were approved for payment of cash awards, and several others were returned to the suggestion committee for further investigation.

Payment has already been made on three of these awards, while the remaining 13 are scheduled for payment in the next few days.

The three employees for whom checks have already been drawn are: Wayne Udenstock (32), Francis R. Evans (35) and William T. Browning (55).

Udenstock received his award for suggesting the use of a clamp to compress glass against the pressure seal when it is installed on pressure bulkhead doors. Evans suggested the use of a safety feature for preventing the vertical fin from turning as it is lifted from the jig; and Browning’s idea was to stock rudder tab assemblies in cardboard boxes, thereby decreasing the chance of damaging the assemblies and at the same time making them easier to transport.

Nusse Wins Two Awards

Two ideas from Francis J. Nusse (2340) were adopted and approved for payment. The first of these resulted in a marketplace method of marking tubing, and the second was the introduction of a new base for tube benders.

One suggestion from a woman employee was on the list this time. Marjory E. Brown (55) will receive a cash award for devising a list that saves considerable time in checking master records.

Other employees in this group who will receive awards for ideas they submitted include:

Lawrence D. Willis (2330), who devised a ladder to assist employees in getting into and out of bomb bay tanks while working on them.

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