



Roy Hager  
... FAA man at radio consol

ANNED 24 HOURS A DAY

## Easterwood's FAA Station Means Safety In The Skies

Easterwood Airport, just off the campus, a small cluster of rooms on the side of a hangar is the key to life for aviators flying in this area.

The Federal Aviation Agency at Easterwood is filled to overflowing with radio consols, tape senders and receivers and navigation controls. This tangle of wire and tubes is for one thing. To help the concerned points.

An operator at the master consol can make contact with any aircraft within range on any of the authorized aircraft frequencies or channels issued to either civilian or military planes.

In addition to the standard communications frequencies available at the flick of a switch, the Omni, or air navigation beacons, can be tuned in.

The Omni, operated by the FAA as a standard service, sends out a radio beam with the call letters of the sending station at frequent intervals. If the airplane is equipped

with Omni receiving apparatus it can get a "fix" on its position by zeroing in on the beam and consulting special maps with transmitting stations marked by call signs.

This one factor alone has helped many pilots when they were unsure of their position.

A large glass-fronted metal cabinet sits next to the consol. This contains the teletype relays and repeaters. When a teletype message to some other FAA station passes along the Easterwood line, it is relayed by a mechanism that punches the original message into a paper tape and then re-transmits the message.

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