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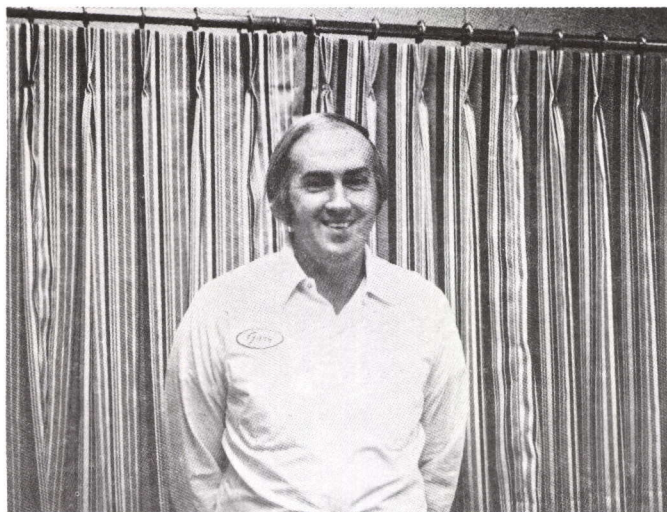
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INSTRUCTOR AND MECHANIC WINNERS ANNOUNCED



GARY WARD

Mr. George Gary Ward of Stevens Beechcraft, Inc., Greer, South Carolina, was selected as the winner of the 1975 FAA Aviation Mechanic Safety Awards Program for the State of South Carolina.

Mr. Ward was selected for his consistent demonstration of a high level of professionalism and excellence in the performance of his duties. His thoroughness and persistence during inspections of PT-6A turbine engines resulted in revision of inspection requirements that contribute significantly to aviation safety.

Gary is a native of Greenville; graduate of Travelers Rest High School; is married and the father of two sons. He has been actively engaged in aviation maintenance since 1961. He joined the maintenance organization of Stevens Beechcraft in 1965, following a four



DOUG MERRITT

year tour with the United States Navy. He is presently the foreman of the engine shop, supervising seven technicians.

Douglas W. Merritt of the Shaw AFB Aero Club was selected as Flight Instructor of the year for South Carolina. Doug started instructing part-time with the McGuire AFB Aero Club immediately after receiving his rating and continued part-time instructing at the Shaw AFB Aero Club since his arrival at Shaw AFB in April 1970. Since his retirement from the Air Force August 31, 1975, he has been instructing full time at Shaw. Although instructing part-time he was extremely active and has accumulated a total of 3,471.6 flight instruction hours and has recommended 92 candidates for license.