Abbreviations

A-1 a U.S. Army Air Corps landing aid, also known as the “Hegenberger system”
AAF Army Air Forces
ALPA Air Line Pilots Association
AN/MPN-1 a World War II–era GCA system
AOPA Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
ARINC Aeronautical Radio, Inc.
ARL Aircraft Radio Laboratory (Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio)
ATA Air Transport Association
BABS blind approach beacon system
CAA Civil Aeronautics Authority (until 1940); Civil Aeronautics Administration (after 1940)
FCC Federal Communications Commission
FIDO a thermal fog dispersion device
GCA ground-controlled approach
IATCB Interagency Air Traffic Control Board
ILS instrument landing system
ITRM/ITD International Telephone and Radio Manufacture; International Telephone Development Company (same company as the Federal Telephone Development Corporation)
NAS National Academy of Sciences
NBS U.S. National Bureau of Standards
PGP pulsed glide path
PPI planned position indicator
RAE Royal Aircraft Establishment
RTCA Radio Technical Commission on Aeronautics
SBA standard beam approach system
SCS-51 U.S. Army version of the instrument landing system
UAL United Air Lines
UHF  ultra-high frequency (after 1944; frequencies between 3 MHz and 30 MHz)
USSTAF  U.S. Strategic and Tactical Air Forces
VHF  very high frequency (after 1944; frequencies between 30 MHz and 3 GHz)
YB  a U.S. Navy version of ILS
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