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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

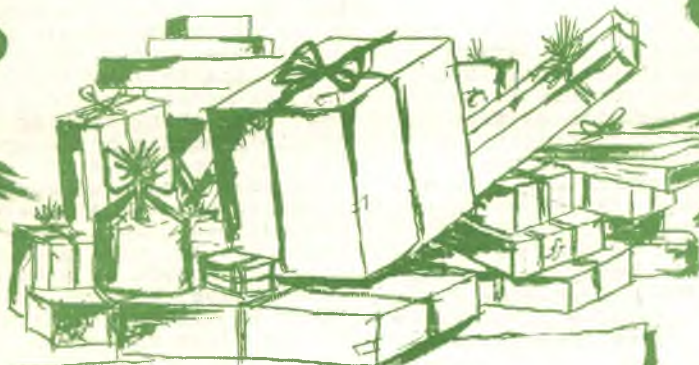
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Season's

Greetings



1955 CONVENTION

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

JULY 7TH, 8TH, 9TH, 10TH

HOSTESSES:

NEW ENGLAND, AND NEW YORK-
NEW JERSEY SECTION

EARHART FAMILY PRESENTS GIFTS

Ninety-Nines and Wings Club members crowded the Amelia Earhart Room at the Wings Club in the Hotel Biltmore, New York, on Monday, November 22nd to witness the presentation of gifts to our organization from the Earhart family.

The gifts, which included a large oil painted portrait of Amelia Earhart and some of her personal effects, were presented to president Gerry Mickelsen by Kay Brick in the absence of Mrs. Earhart and Amelia's sister Mrs. Morrissey. The mementos, which consist of a scarf, bracelet, Air Corp wings, numerous photos of Amelia Earhart and an autographed first edition of her book "20 Hours and Forty Minutes," will be located at Ninety-Nines headquarters. The portrait will hang in the Wings Club.

The presentation of the gifts was preceded by a cocktail party at the Wings Club, during which time the conversation centered around Miss Earhart. While not in the least surprising, it was very inspiring to listen to those who had personally known our first president. And as is usually the case where fliers gather, much 'hangar time' was logged listening and discussing 'away back when'.

A few of the many personalities attending this occasion were Charles A. Rheinstrom, President of the Wings Club; Vice Presidents, S. Paul Johnston, William A. Read, and James B. Taylor; Past Presidents, C. S. Jones, and O. M. Mosier; and Council Member Luis de Flores.

Our sincerest thanks to Kay Brick in her liaison role, and to Marjorie Gray, New York-New Jersey Chapter, and Mary C. Grimm, Executive Secretary of the Wings Club for an excellent job of arrangements for the cocktail party reception.

*The very best
for the New Year
Gerry Mickelsen*

'55 AWTAR:

NINTH ANNUAL ALL-WOMAN TRANS-CONTINENTAL AIR RACE

Long Beach, California to
Springfield, Massachusetts.

Dates: Impounding Deadline,
June 29th, 1955.

Take-Off, July 2nd. Planes
must cross finish line by
1700 EST Wednesday, July 6th.
The Awards Banquet will be
held in Springfield on July
7th.

The route will be 2787 miles,
making this the longest race
of the series. The route will
be Blythe, Calif; Phoenix and
Tucson, Arizona; El Paso, Mid-
land, Wichita Falls, Texas;
Tulsa, Oklahoma; Springfield
and St. Louis, Missouri; Terre
Haute, Indiana; Dayton, Ohio;
Wheeling, West Virginia;
Reading, Pa. Both Midland
and Reading will be required
stops.

Terminus Chairman is Barbara
Evans. Her committee: Pub-
licity co-chairman; Nove Daven-
port and Charlotte Kelley.
Inspection and Impounding:
Constance Hahn. Operations:
Louise Hyde. Registration,
Rose Abbott.

Mrs. Louise Smith of High Point
N.C., was elected to the Board
of Directors of the AWTAR, Inc.,
at the November board meeting.
She has flown in three TARS.

Remember: The contest for the
most suitable sketch for the
1955 Air Race Official Program
cover will close Dec. 31st.

The Air Race Board wishes to
announce that the deadline of
July 1st, 1955, has been set
for 99 chapter donations for
the 1956 race. Donations have
already started coming in for
the 1956 race.

WAYS AND MEANS

Congratulations to the San Diego
Chapter for being the first to
meet their quota for the 1956
AWTAR fund---\$200.00 no less!

Here is a list of the committee
members:

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Please send a list of your
meeting dates to the committee
member in your section so she
may attend whenever possible.

AIR EDUCATION

It has certainly been
gratifying to learn about the
work of the Air Age Education
Section Chairman, as well as
the various contributions all
of you are making toward pro-
moting attendance at the NAEC
annual meeting on Feb. 24th
and 25th in St. Louis. Many
thanks for your help and
interest.

I am sorry to have to dis-
appoint you at this time by
not providing in this issue
the program details of the
National Aviation Education
Council (NAEC) conference.
However, NAEC President, Evan
Evans, who is also Superinten-
dent of Schools of Overland
Park, Kansas, informs me there
has been some delay in firming
up commitments from con-
ference speakers, etc. This is
due to Mr. Evans' desire to

get nationally recognized in-
dividuals for the job. There-
fore, he is giving them as much
time as possible to plan their
schedules so that they may
accept the NAEC speaking en-
gagement. As soon as Mr. Evans
sends me this information, I'll
forward it on to the Section
Chairmen for distribution.

In the meantime, should you
have any specific questions,
I'm sure Mr. Evans will be
glad to answer them as best he
can under the circumstances.
Your letters may be addressed
as follows:

Mr. Evan Evans
Superintendent of Schools
Overland Park, Kansas

In case any of you wonder what
this NAEC conference is all
about, perhaps you have missed
reading your November and
December Newsletters. Look in
those issue under "Air Age
Education" heading to bring
yourselves up to date.

Marilyn C. Link, Chairman
Air Age Education Committee

CIVIL DEFENSE

Bonnie Fugitt, Chairman
International Defense
Committee

Have you ever flown over a wide
valley and looked down at the
patchwork of green and brown
fields decorated with farm
houses and trees here and
there and thought how lovely
and peaceful it was? Have you
flown over rugged mountains
and said to yourself how mag-
nificent they are? And
flying over the small towns
and large cities you think
about all those people peace-
fully going about their bus-
iness, the tall buildings,
the new homes, children play-
ing. You think nothing could
possibly happen here---you
find it impossible to visua-
lize these peaceful scenes
changing to ones of death and
destruction. This place,
these people, will never
know the horror of a tornado
or of bombs, we say. But
isn't it wishful thinking?
Is any place safe from

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natural or war-caused disasters.

So, you force yourself to admit the possibility of a disaster but then you wonder, what can we do? We can learn how to take care of ourselves and to help other people. But one person who takes first aid and other survival training could not possibly contend with a major emergency ---that is why we must all be prepared. It's like lighting one candle to try to provide illumination for a large auditorium---it is a very feeble light. But if a thousand people light their candles, the auditorium will be well lighted.

Have you heard the story of the Padre and the Wine? It goes like this:

"Once there was a very good old Padre in a little town in France. He had served his parish well, and he was going to have a birthday. His parish was poor, all the members had no money but, as happens in France each person had a few bottles of wine. Someone suggested, 'Why don't we give the Padre a little barrel of wine for his birthday? We are not rich enough to buy one, but let each of us empty one bottle of our own wine into a barrel, so we can give him a full barrel.' They all thought that was a good idea and Jean went home. When he told his wife, Marie, she said 'You stupid Jean, we only have six bottles left. We can't spare one. I'll fill an empty bottle with water, and you go along and empty that into the barrel. No one will see what happens, and we will keep our six bottles of wine.' Jean was a little ashamed because he thought the Padre was a fine old man, but he did as his wife suggested. The priest had his birthday. The barrel was given to him, he took it home, and was deeply moved by the kindness and generosity of his parishioners. After dinner he went to the barrel and drew himself a glass of wine to sit by the fire and drink it. As he poured it in his glass, it came out crystal clear! Everyone had had the same idea."

It is often this way in civil defense. Everyone thinks someone else can do the job---not himself. If we really want peace and freedom, we will work for them. We cannot keep our freedom and hope to have peace without an effort on the part of each one of us.

"Nome Was Our Home"
(AND WE LOVED IT)

The Exciting True Life Adventure
of 3 NINETY-NINES in 2 parts

Saturday we had no water in our Hotel because a main had broken. We spent the better part of the day out in the woods at a Husky Ranch. The dogs were beautiful and so friendly. Because the day was clear, we were able to see Mt. McKinley in the distance, 20,269 feet high. That evening we were entertained by the Alaskan Chapter of the 99's; Dorothy Burns, Randy Briggs, Florence Fintak, Pat McGhee, Lois Wise, Baby Doll Booth, Helen Stoddard and the three of us. We had an excellent dinner of King Crab at the Idle Hour Restaurant.

Early Sunday morning Helen picked us up and we had breakfast at Doll Booth's restaurant at Merrill Field. She furnished us with wonderful box lunches including Turkey sandwiches and we left for Fairbanks. Helen joined us on this trip. It was a beautiful day and Mt. McKinley stood out as did many other snow covered mountains thru the pass which is called Windy Pass. The railroad goes thru the pass to Fairbanks but there is no road. The flight took three hours and the scenery was terrific. We landed at Fairbanks just long enough to gas and check the weather to Nome. After crossing the range of mountains behind Fairbanks, we picked up the Yukon River at Tanana and followed it to Galena. This was a desolate Army Field and gas was obtained from the Indian Village. It was in five gallon cans and cost \$.90 per gallon which was the highest we paid on the whole trip. From Galena to Nome, a distance of 285 miles was nothing but bleak, desolate country. The first hundred miles was over barren hills with no valleys or growth. Then we picked up the coast at Norton Bay and flew over flat tundra country. We arrived at Nome in a terrific wind and had a terrible time trying to taxi and tie the plane down. The airport was absolutely deserted as far as help was concerned.

By the time we were thoroughly frozen from the cold wind blowing off the Bering Sea, an Army Plane landed and we were able to get a ride into town to the Polaris Hotel. The owner was very surprised to see us because people just don't turn up in Nome unless they come in at scheduled times on the airliners since there are no roads and the boat only reaches there twice a year!

The next four days were spent in Nome and it rained and rained. At first we were hesitant to do any sightseeing or take pictures in the rain but everyone finally convinced us that we might as well because it always rained in Nome---in fact, it had been for 56 days! We visited Polet's Fur Store in Nome and the terrific sea-wall that keeps the Bering Sea

out of town. We also visited the Skin Sewers Association and saw more furs in the process of being made up. Saw the Kind Islander's Village and their boats made of Walrus Skins in which they come over from their island each year. We watched them carving ivory. We saw the tremendous Gold Mining Dredges and rode an old mining railroad up into

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By Barbara Cloud

Worcester, Mass., Airport's new Stockholm Restaurant was where our November meeting took place. Those who came were: Governor Catherine Miller, Pat Arnold, Mildred Simenson, Peg Souci, Ora Stevens, Neta Hall, Polly Fish, Joan Rosenberger, Charlotte and Len Kelley, Dot Hughes, Connie Ripley, Jerry Gardiner (who flew in from Conn.), Anne Crathern, Marie Lepore, Deed Holcomb, Gladys and Everett Turcotte, Lois Wartman and Mary Ann Lippitt (who flew in from Providence), Page Shamburger and Barbara and John Cloud. Guests were: Ted Jarrett of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce; Harry Herman, Manager of Barnes Airport, Westfield, Mass. and Julie Goldman of Revere Airport and President of M.A.T.A. We had our first meeting with the people we will be working with for the 1955 AWTAR "Finish" and International Convention and there was wonderful enthusiasm on all sides for the events. We plan to meet with the New York-New Jersey Section later on to discuss and plan the joint-section bid.

Gill Robb Wilson (Editor of Flying Magazine) was guest speaker at a recent Aero Club meeting which many of the 99's attended. In his address Mr. Wilson strongly stressed the importance of women in aviation and spoke very highly of the 99's.

Color movies of last year's New England Air Race were shown to a group of Girls Scouts in Hingham by Charlotte Kelley who has been very busy working on the Air Age Education Committee preparing for the Educational Forum to be held in Boston on January 10th.

The New England Section met with New York-New Jersey Section and Gerry Mickelsen to discuss joint activity and TAR-Convention plans. So nice to have Gerry visit us and too bad the weather was below minimums at Bradley Field that day so that so many had to cancel out at the last minute.



By Ruby Sadtler

We wish every one of you Ninety-Nines could have been with us November 22nd when we were guests of the Wings Club in the Biltmore Hotel, New York. The occasion was the dedication of the "AMELIA EARHART" room, where a portrait reproduction of a painting of Miss Earhart by the late Howard Chandler Christy and a beautiful oil painting---gifts to the Ninety-Nines from Miss Earhart's family ---were presented for permanent display at the Wings Club.

Gerry Mickelsen, our lovely President, who flew from her home in Sacramento for the dedication was assisted by Selma Cronin, our Chapter Governor, Barbara Evans, Kay Brick, Alma Harwood, Novetah Davenport, Constance Hahn, Marjorie Gray, Cecile Hamilton, Muriel Steinel and many others including Manila Davis Talley, Charter Member.

The Wings Club members consisting of many top flight business executives and prominent pilots, joined with your New York-New Jersey Ninety-Nines in paying homage to our beloved founder.

With "Ma" Chamberlain, who represented the WIAA at the dedication, we read the beautifully touching poem "One from Ninety-Nine" written by Gill Robb Wilson when Amelia was lost in the Pacific, July 2, 1937, and printed in our Tenth Anniversary brochure. Again, on our Silver Anniversary, it is as poignantly appropriate. It follows:

"One from Ninety-Nine"

Is life more truly ours than yours
Loved friend we toast tonight?
Are you less present here than we
Who share the candlelight?
Must life be certified in years
And memory by authentic tears,
Or may we hail with valiant cheers
The living...not in sight?

Bright spirit of the blue frontier
Where silver navies ply,
No place on all this rolling sphere
Can claim that there you lie.
Though wind and tide may have your wing
They cannot quench that living thing,
That deathless passion which
must sing
Its song against the sky.

Gill Robb Wilson



EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Jane Morris

We are happy to report that our 3rd Friday of the month meetings in Philadelphia continue to be well attended. At the one of November 19th we had 2 interesting movies following dinner. Results of the election are: Ina Young, Chairman; Kay Gaul, Vice-Chairman; Bettie Townson, Secretary, and Jane Henry, Treasurer. Congratulations to all, especially Kay who is also our Sectional Vice Governor.

There is lots of news to include this time. Some of it may be old to a few, but we want everyone to get what we have been able to find out. Here goes! Helen Burkhard is now Helen B. Sheffer. Jessie Jones Eckhardt had a baby boy, Howard Stewart. Sorry to write that Kay Gaul's mother died in July. Ruth Shafer Fleisher is now living at 369 Barbara Avenue, Layton, Utah. Ruthie's old sidekick is at 421 Avenue M, N.E., Winter Haven, Fla. Fran Nolde has transferred to the Washington, D. C. Chapter. She attended the F.A.I. Conference in Turkey in Sept. Dot Leh was on safari in darkest Africa this summer. Jane Godschalk changed her name to Henry last February. Anne Shilds was in the hospital with a bad shoulder; all is well now. Jane Morris flew to England in August---return PanAm trip by way of Iceland. Marie Bowers Miller has had another little one---don't know the sex yet. Katherine Slocum had #8; calls it Gwyneth. Our balloon-atic, Connie Wolf, had quite a mishap on one ascent. The bag ripped at about 4,000 feet. She escaped serious injury.

We want to welcome Katie Macario and Peggy Borek. Glad to have you with us.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Louise Kidd

Sectional Officers for 1954-55 are Governor, Norma Jean Swartwood, Meadville Chapter; Vice-Governor, Katherine Gaul, Eastern Penn Chapter; Secretary Treasurer, Ada Mitchell, Washington, D. C. Chapter; and Membership Chairman, Mary Ann Weatherby, West Virginia Chapter.

At our first meeting of the fall season, Commander Edward R. McCarthy, Chief of the Chart

Division of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on aeronautical charts. The new sectional charts now being prepared on an experimental basis met with unanimous acclaim. After the talk, luncheon was served at Olmstead's Grill. We were happy to see the excellent turnout.

Congratulations to Adelaide Tinker on her Majority in the Civil Air Patrol.

Blanche Noyes was hostess at a cocktail party and dinner for 99s attending the conference for Regional Coordinators for Women Activities in the Civil Air Patrol held at Bolling Field recently. Among those present were Eunice Naylor, Utah Chapter; Alice Hammond, Michigan Chapter; Jane Bey, Missouri Valley Chapter; Virginia Richardson, Washington Chapter; and Frances Nolde. Louise Thaden had to rush home and miss the festivities. We enjoyed our visit with these 99's and hope they will have another conference real soon.

MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By Vega Ihsen

A little back-tracking is necessary to get recent events in proper sequence. First of all a special meeting was held October 21st at the home of Harriette Mosbacher in Meadville. At that time we reorganized our chapter and elected officers for the coming year:

Chairman: Harriette Mosbacher
V-Chairman: Jean Swartwood
Secretary and Membership Chairman: Marge Cook
Treasurer and Newsletter Reporter: Vega Ihsen

The business meeting almost didn't come off that night, for Harriette's very appealing pet parakeet, by the name of "Chico", ran some pretty strong competition. He flew about the room non-chalantly perching on the heads, noses and fingers of the various 99s who, although well-intentioned, found themselves somewhat sidetracked by Chico's amusing inquisitiveness!

Plans were made for a "half-way" dinner meeting to be held at The Inn in Edinboro on November 16th.

At this writing, the November 16th dinner at Edinboro is still a delectable memory. Seven of us were present to enjoy that tender roast chicken with all the trimmings. Jean Swartwood, Harriette Mosbacher, Marge Cook, Betty Rohlender and Betty DeVore drove from Meadville. Eleuthera Millera

came up from Franklin and yours truly over from Fairview.

We're all very proud of our Jean Swartwood who was recently elected Section Governor. It is an honor and a big responsibility, and surely it went to a most deserving and capable 99.

Next meeting will be on January 19th. It will be in the form of a dinner meeting, again at the Inn in Edinboro. See you then.



Georgia Chapter By Betty McNabb

Georgia 99s met in Albany November 23rd with Mary Edwards and Sue Patillo coming in from Atlanta in Mary's Swift, Evelyn Greenblatt of Atlanta Flightways, with Ruth Gwinn, Georgia's President, as her passenger. Caroline Kennedy, one of Georgia's newest members, soloed in from Americus. Albany 99s were Lois Lacy, another newcomer to the organization; Betty McNabb and Connie Reynolds, who is renewing her membership now that the fifth of her babies is five months old.

Plans were made for helping Blakely's Pilot club airmark their community; Evelyn reported on the Southeastern Conference in Chattanooga;

Georgia 99s hope to accept the invitation of Alabama 99s to their Christmas party in Birmingham; will meet in their own state again January 18th in Americus.

Georgia finds it possible to meet every month by alternating meeting days from Tuesday to Sunday. The working gals often miss the weekday meetings, sometimes the operators don't get to the Sunday meetings, but a few make them all, and interest remains high.

NORTH FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Helen McBride

The November meeting was held at the home of Helen McBride. It was the first meeting since Convention and also the first presided over by our new Chairman Betsy Collins. We made all sorts of plans for the coming year, particularly the project of getting new members.

Naturally the I.A.R. was discussed and the entire membership wholeheartedly behind the Florida Chapter in this undertaking.

We were very pleased to have with us Lou Pulley, who is a prospective member. Lou owns her own plane and flies "all over". We are expecting her to be quite an asset to the Chapter.

We plan to invite Sectional to be our guests for the Spring meeting, when our weather is particularly lovely.

We inspected our new air strip and are quite proud to announce that actually it is now usable. However the process of getting CAA approval is in the making.

A method was evolved whereby we can increase our treasury, and yet cause no hardship for any of our members. In fact we had a very successful meeting.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Jane Hilbert

The Southeastern Section meeting was held in Chattanooga on November 6th and 7th with all section chapters being well represented. We were honored to have our International President Geraldine Mickelsen and Margaret Calloway with us and we all were happy to have the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with both of them. The results of the Sectional election were announced at the business breakfast held at the Patton Hotel on Sunday morning and they were: Sara Duke, Governor; Burnett Spencer, Vice-Governor; Estelle Bradshaw, Secretary and Treasurer.

I hear by way of the grapevine that Pat Burnett is getting in quite a lot of time in her new Bonanza and is planning to enter the 1955 AWTAR. Hope this is true and that all of our chapter members who entered last year will enter again and really put our Tennessee Chapter on that old AWTAR map!

Evelyn Bryan and Mary Jane Quarles were recent fly-in visitors at Tri-City Airport.

Thank you, Ninety-Nines for all your hospitality shown me this past year. Your pres. Jerry



INDIANA CHAPTER

By Rae Cawdell

Just now we're all looking forward to December 18th and our Christmas party at the home of Betty Nicholas. But getting down to the business at hand, our November meeting at Muncie was well attended with most of the girls flying in. We were happy to welcome new member Delia Sanders of Indianapolis. And very glad to have with us as guests Mary Frances Abel, Muncie, a pilot whom we hope will soon be on our membership list, and Dorris Silverthorn, also of Muncie, who is working for that all important license.

Your reporter and Tannie Schlundt had a bit of radio difficulty before take-off from Municipal Airport and so were somewhat late for the business meeting which was at the Muncie Airport office.

It was voted that the 99's would cooperate with the Aeronautics Commission Girl Scout program---an eight months program designed to bring vocational and educational information on aviation to the attention of the Girl Scouts in Indianapolis and Marion County---certainly a worthwhile endeavor.

The membership agreed to go along with the TAR and will be on hand to welcome the girls on the stop at Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Indiana. It should be fun.

We all missed Flora Mae Newman at the meeting. Flora Mae is recovering nicely from a recent operation. All best wishes go her way.

Tannie Schlundt took time out on her birthday, October 24th to fly over to Muncie in her T-Craft, accompanied by young son Wayne, to arrange the Muncie meeting. But who can think of a better way to celebrate one's birthday than by flying.

Royerton is next on our list for air marking. Paint and supplies are on hand, so when weather permits, Royerton here we come!

The girls must have been hugging the fireside lately; Jane Ackors being the only one reporting a trip out of town, spent three days in Chicago.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Velta C. Skutt

With Lois Wilson as our hostess 23 members, 2 prospective members and 15 guests met for a breakfast meeting at Wayne Major Airport. During the business meeting a report was given on the recent rummage sale held in Detroit. Proceeds will go in the AWTR fund. The next meeting will be the Christmas Party for members only at Alice Hammond's "Castle on the Cambridge--- usual time for the usual." Donations will be received at that time for our annual project of providing gifts for patients of a mental ward at Wayne Co. General Hospital.

Helen Wetherill, Adele Binsfield and Lois Wilson took a booth at the Dearborn Hobby Show. With the aid of posters, they explained the requirements, hours and cost involved in acquiring a pilot's license. Betty Crick, a prospective 99, worked out a map showing comparative mileage and time consumed on hunting and fishing trips using a 4-place plane vs. automobile. The booth contained model planes and they had a CAP demonstration. A man and woman interviewed have already started taking flying lessons and one other woman has made inquiries regarding flight instruction. Good work gals.

Alice Hammond, while attending a CAP meeting in Louisville, enjoyed visiting with Georgia Heitkamp, Teresa Cecil and June Ralston. At the conference of Regional Coordinators for Women in CAP, Alice, along with Gini Richardson (Washington), Eunice Naylor (Utah), Jane Bey (Nebraska) were the 99's attending. All enjoyed the cocktail party and reception given by Frances Nolde at the Washington Aviation Club, and the cocktail party and dinner given by Blanche Noyes at the Little Tea House in Alexandria.

Our January meeting will be at Flint Airport, time to be announced later.

IOWA CHAPTER

By Betty Barton

The November meeting was held at the Municipal Airport, Mason City, Iowa, with Bernie Hugel in as hostess. Yours truly thought the weather was pretty nice with the exception of a strong north wind, flew to the meeting. On arriving found that just a short time before the ceiling was almost too low for landing.

Helen Flaherty wasn't quite as

lucky and was grounded a short distance from Fort Dodge.

After waiting

for an hour she decided to take off and return home. The Hunts flew in with a friend in his Beechcraft. Ruth Shimon had gone to Des Moines to meet Blanche Noyes who was flying in. Members present at the meeting were Dorothy and Wayne Hunt and guest Mr. Foster of Sibley. Beulah Smith of Forrest City, Bernie Hugel in and guest and myself. The December meeting will be our annual Christmas party at Virginia Koestner's farm home east of Fort Dodge, Iowa.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Harriette Magee

The Chicago Area Chapter was very honored to once again be hostess to our International President Gerry Mickelsen while in Chicago, with International Secretary Deedo Heise. About twenty-five of us met in the Conrad Hilton Hotel's Victorian Room for a lovely dinner and plenty of conversation, followed by still more hangar-flying in Deedo's and Gerry's hotel room. Apparently credit is due our charming International Officers for getting out some of our "Old Time" 99s. It was good to see them.

Our regular meeting was held at O'Hare International Airport this month and while we had quite a few in attendance it's too bad everyone couldn't have been there for we were taken on a most interesting tour of the Interceptor Squadron of the USAF which is based there. We were addressed by Col. Johnson of the USAF and Lt. Col. Gherman of the Civil Air Patrol in addition to being shown movies on the F-86D jet. And while we all enjoyed these talks it was even better to be allowed into the hangar where we could

examine these jet aircraft, including a cockpit check. This was followed by a trip to the actual alert hangars where two pilots on five minute call explained to us their personal equipment as well as the airplanes. Our thanks to Virginia Jansen for arranging this tour thru her position as a Major in the CAP.

Irene Leverton was telling us of her experiences in night school where one of her assignments was to write a theme. Her subject dealt with the Grumman Widgeon, and while her grade was very satisfactory, her professor pencilled a note in the corner, "Suggest you write on something you are familiar with." Naturally her professor does not even know she flies much less of the extensive background Irene has had in aviation.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Betty Siggs

The Greater Kansas City Chapter offers a belated account of its recent activity, starting with the August meeting at which Chairman Neva Rea and V. C. Marie Kuhlman were unanimously re-elected. This might not have been such a dismaying news to them had they not planned such a lovely Hawaiian "farewell" dinner for chapter members and friends, including lovely gifts for some of our most loyal friends. However, Neva and Marie have recovered from the shock and have started the chapter out on a year of interesting activities.

The September meeting featured color films of English jet races. The October meeting was one to remember and talk about. We were guests for dinner at the Officer's Club at the Central Air Defense Base at Grandview Airport. After dinner we were escorted to the "ready" hangars to see the F-86's in readiness for "scramble" take-off on a few minutes notice. Then we were taken to the ground training building to see the electronic simulator in action---an exact duplicate of the F-86 cockpit. Several lucky girls were given hops in the jet flight simulator. We have an invitation to fly in at a later date to witness a "scramble". The November meeting featured an account by Lt. John DeMasters, Base PIO, NAS, Olathe, Kansas, on the Navy's part in the air warfare over Korea. His story was interesting and informative and he also conveyed an invitation for us to fly in to the joint Navy-AF Air Show at Olathe. As a follow-up, the Navy sent a photographer later to take pictures of our group for publicity use.

Our next meeting is to be Nov. 29th when we will attend a dinner meeting of the newly organized "Aero" Club. Our chapter is greatly interested in the new Aero Club, sponsored by the NAA, and being organized in Kansas City by Mr. William (Bill) Ong, who is a member of the NAA National Board of Directors, and our Grace Harris who is a member of the Ong firm. They have worked hard on the organization of this badly needed aviation group and from present results, the Aero Club should prove to be a successful and helpful organization.

Your recently appointed reporter will endeavor to keep you up to date on meetings and activities. Our regular meeting date is the first Wednesday of each month. Kansas City visitors please call Marie Kuhlman at Benton 9189 for meeting information or informal get-togethers.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Lois L. Joyce

The Chapter met at Truax Field, Madison, on Sunday, November 21st. Fifteen members and guests were present. Nellie Bilstad, our hostess, had arranged lunch for us at the new Jet Room Restaurant at the Airport. We did not hold our regular business meeting because of a prearranged tour of inspection of F-89 and T-33 Air Guard Jets. Captain Donald Christensen, fighter pilot of F-89's was our guide. He is Ethel's 49^{year}. Ethel is Chairman.

With his detailed and most interesting explanation of the F-89's at Wisconsin Air National Guard, I am sure every member and guest was filled with awe and respect for the men who fly jets. Winnie Kestly's eleven year old son, David was present and his interest and fascination was so intense--Winnie need not be surprised if David decides to become a jet pilot.

The 176th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, of the Wisconsin Air National Guard, along with one other Squadron in Milwaukee, is the first to get the F-89's. They are called Scorpions. They were formerly operated by the U.S. Air Force and only recently released to the Air National Guard in Wisconsin. The cost of each F-89 is one quarter million dollars! It is manned by one pilot and one radar observer. It was designed for interception. It is a powerful thing and with a wing speed of a B-25. Each fuel tank attached to the tips of the wings holds five tons.

All of us were impressed with the fact that the pilots cannot be checked out in the Scorpion. They train in a T-33 Jet trainer, which is a much smaller plane--from then on the training for the F-89 is study of the technical orders and a written exam on it. When that is passed, a walk around check and a blindfold cockpit check is given. If that is passed, the pilot is then on his own. A check pilot in another jet goes along on the first flight, so that he can tell the new pilot what to do if he runs into trouble, or if the jet catches fire, the new pilot can be warned.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Edith Harmon

The November meeting was held at Akron on the 21st with Jean Hixson and Rosalie Bracht as hostesses. President Gerry Mickelsen, Alice Hammond, prospective 99s and families of 99s were guests. Members present were Helen Ailes,

Virginia Ashelford, Marion Betzler, Mary Feeser, Joan Hrubec, Ione Kiplinger, Janice Kuechenmeister, Edythe Maxim, Marge Miller and Helen Sammon. The meeting was followed by luncheon in the attractively decorated dining room at the airport.

Bonnie Butler left New York November 1st on a three weeks tour of Europe.

Arlene Davis has been named United States representative for the Federation Aeronautique Internationale at the June 1955 meeting in Paris, France.

Dorothy Anderson of Bluffton is active in Civil Air Patrol. In addition to being Coordinator for Women for the Lima Squadron, she is check out pilot on the Lima Flight Proficiency Board.

Edythe Maxim and her 49^{year} tried out the newly inaugurated Helicopter Taxi Service in October. They flew from Lakefront Airport to the Cleveland Hopkins Airport. Edythe flew to Chicago for three days in November.

Jacqueline Cochran flew into Cincinnati and Cleveland recently to autograph her book "The Stars at Noon" in the downtown stores.

Ann Ash writes from Japan that they'll be returning to the states in January. She hopes to catch up on her flying as she's had no opportunity to fly over there.

Janice Kuechenmeister, a student at Ohio State University in Columbus, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her family in Cincinnati.

Understand Marge Miller sold her Cessna 170 and flew to Akron in a rented Tri-Pacer. Guess Marge is going to try different kinds before she settles on a new one. Can't see Marge without an airplane!

The All-Ohio Chapter gained eight new members last year--Marilyn Barnes, Margaret Berning, Beverly Brown, Patricia Comer, Marcy Crawley, Ardith Cutts, Ruth Reep and Pauline Smetzer. Welcome 99s!

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Ruth C. Lembek

Wisconsin 99's have just closed a red letter INTERNATIONAL month, for President Gerry Mickelsen, and Treasurer Broneta Davis, spent two days in Milwaukee as guests of Secretary Deedo Heise. Imagine THREE INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS under one roof at one time in Little Old Milwaukee!

Gerry, Broneta, and Deedo (as we now fondly call them) were dinner guests of Elsie Peters at the Chalet on the Lake, November 12th. Elaine Francke, Dora Fritzke, and Dottie Faust were the other guests able to come. Toney couldn't get away from her work and I was in traction at Lakeview Hospital.

Saturday the chapter and guests dined at the Cascade where the group was augmented by Isabelle and Fred Kress, just returned from their California flight, and three members of the Central Wisconsin Chapter, Bernie Voelkor, Ethel Christensen, and Irene Moore. All attended the meeting held at Capitol Drive Airport, Toney's office, where the Heises showed their movies of the Mexican Flight.

Now all the INTERNATIONALS are off on flying business. Our own Deedo and Herm, the flying Heises, are in South America flying with the Cessna Caravan.



MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jan Munkres

The Missouri Valley Chapter of the Ninety-Nines held their October 24th meeting in Crete, with Jan Munkres in charge of the arrangements for the meeting. We were met at the Airport by Mr. Sunday of the Chamber of Commerce and a friend who furnished us cars into town; also Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Prince and three sons were there to greet us. Mr. Prince was a former Airport Manager and Instructor for Crete.

We held our business meeting at the Airport later going into town to the Hotel where a private dining room was furnished, thanks to the Chamber of Commerce's efficient Mr. Sunday. Mr. James Ramsey our

State Director of Aeronautics gave us a most interesting talk on the Tri State Air Tour from October 4th through the 10th, and now we're thinking in terms of the 1955 Tour.

November--We had for our November meeting "The Flight of the Angles" held at the Council Bluffs Airport. Mrs. Laura was in charge and made all arrangements for this meeting.

The "ANGLES" are a group of girls studying Aeronautics. They are members of the Co-ed Auxiliary of the Arnold Air Society and an Auxiliary of the AF ROTC at the University of Omaha. Donna Reed is their Flight Leader and in charge; Helen Howell and Jane Anderson were the Project Officers. The girls were accompanied to the Airport by Lt. John Plantikow and Col. Allen Wood. Joseph Dwoskin of the University took pictures of the Flights.

The Ninety-Nines were Hostesses for a snack of coffee and Doughnuts after the rides; Jan Munkres had the doughnuts made by the City Cafe in Weeping Water and flew them in as a special treat. Laura Russell furnished all other necessities and served the group in the office at the Airport.

Bunny and Jack Wilson have just moved from Council Bluffs to 321 Prospect Avenue, E, Waterloo, La. Now we're afraid we'll lose the Wilsons who were always donating so much of their time and their home to the Ninety-Nines.

TULSA CHAPTER

By Eleanor Heath.

Tulsa chapter of 99's is back on the active list! We elected officers Sept. 23 and held our first regular meeting Oct. 14, the second Thursday. Officers are Eleanor Heath, Chairman; Dorothy Rice, Vice-Chairman and Membership Chairman; and Faye Sullenger, Sec-Treas. Members attending were Oma Stamps, Peggy Snyder, Ruth Starnfield, Dottie Thompson and Alline Davis of Ft. Smith. At the election meeting we also had as guests Broneta Davis, Suzie Sewell and Beth Smith from the Oklahoma Chapter; also prospective members, Mary Scally, Ione Forche and Lois Martin who has since received her private and joined our Chapter. Also had as a guest, Tissie Lawrence, a new solo student. Needless to say we are beating the bushes for new members right now.

We also have a wonderful permanent meeting place; "fabulous Western Village", a new "super-deluxe" motel east of Tulsa which also has an airstrip and heliport.

KANSAS CHAPTER

By Lois Dobbin

Wichita's new Municipal Airport is now officially operating. The airport is located on the west side of town, and was formerly on the southeast edge of town which

is now the McConnell AF Base. The 99's had a booth at the opening day, exhibiting a model air marker, literature on history of 99 and a registry for women. Names were drawn, and the winners were given free airplane rides. Our booth drew a lot of interest.

Our November meeting was held at Ken-Mar Airpark, in Wichita. We were guests of the Kansas Flying Farmers for chow. We painted an airmarker "KEN-MAR AIRPARK", which looks pretty snazzy on a 265 foot roof. At least you can't miss the field. We were very glad to do this for Mr. Ed Isaacs in many thanks for the use of his airplanes for the airmarking cause. Guests at the meeting were Mrs. Marguerite King of Wichita and Mildred Verderber of Kansas City, Kansas.

Gerry Mickelsen and Broneta Davis dropped in for lunch and a short visit November 9th. Gerry was on "tour" and we enjoyed seeing her again and wish she could have stayed longer.

Kansas Chapter has airmarked 36 towns in 1954, and anticipate completing 16 more before the end of the year to make our "Fifty More for '54". This last month Fredonia, Kiowa Harper, Derby, Turon, and Lyons have been added. You can't get lost very far in Kansas!

"Women in Aviation" was the topic of a meeting of the Zonta Club, and speaking in behalf of the 99's were Margaret Yourdon, History and AWTAR, Ama Lee Jameson, Air Age Education, and Helen Chandler, Air Marking. The club was very interested in what the 99's are doing today.

Lucille and Ray Dienst of Lakin, Kansas, are taking delivery of their 1955 Tri-Pacer at Lock Haven over Thanksgiving. We're suggesting they name it "TORNADO" since they lost their last plane when a tornado played tag with their hangar.

Welcome to Marjory Paris, our newest member in the Kansas Chapter. Marjory has just got her license, and lives in Atchison, Kansas. We're happy to have her aboard.

Marge Cooper of Wichita, and Secretary to the Kansas Chapter, will be commuting to meetings from Tulsa, Oklahoma. She is moving there in the near future to work at Yingling Aircraft of Tulsa. This is a nice promotion for Marge, but she's sure gonna be missed 'round Wichita. Stop in and see her when you're down Tulsa-way.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By

Members who missed our annual Thanksgiving meeting at Veda and Dewey Mauks certainly missed a good dinner. Those attending were Imogene Arnot, Broneta Davis, Florine Hayes Stout, Elizabeth Sewell, Marie Hall, Jane Baker, Bran Van Pelt, Veda Mauk, Ida Carter, Ruth Jones, and Mary Grace McGinty. 49 1/2's Dewey Mauk, and Archie Stout. Guests Anne and Lowell Waddell of Kansas, Irene Smith and Wynema Masonhall.

Gerry Mickelsen visited the Tulsa and Oklahoma City groups---we enjoyed having her with us. Broneta Davis really showed Gerry Oklahoma by taking her on the annual Oklahoma Air Tour---then they went on to visit 99's in Milwaukee and Champaigne, Ill.

Florine Stout and Baby Maria spent a week in Washington while 49 1/2's Archie served on Oklahoma State Industrial Tour in New York, Hartford and Boston.

Emily Frost is in the Stillwater hospital with a blood clot in her leg as a result of a fall.

TEXAS CHAPTER -- Dallas Unit

By Janis Romanio

We are so happy to welcome a new member into our midst---Frankie Waits, of Dallas, newspaper reporter for the Dallas Times Herald. Frankie received her license early

this summer. She has been active for some time in reporting both aviation and educational activities. With her vivacious personality, Frankie will definitely make a Ninety-Nine of whom we can all be proud.

The Dallas Ninety-Nines are also happy about the opportunity we had several weeks ago of meeting our President, Gerry Mickelsen. Since we joined the Forth Worth Unit in their meeting at the Officers' Club at Carswell AFB for this occasion, the details will no doubt be reported by that unit. Doris Weller, Martha Ann Reading, and Jan Romanio represented the Dallas Unit. Martha Ann offered her "Doodlebug"

(Ercoupe) to Gerry and Margaret Callaway, who flew in it on a trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Minco, Oklahoma....Our group also recently assisted with transportation for the meeting of the National Business Aviation

Association. Doris got to ride in one of the helicopters that was also assisting.

Josephine Allison was in from Pecos for a few days, and met with Doris, Martha, Evelyn Prince, and Jan Romanio for dinner and Ninety-Nine conversation. Jo attended the Texas State Aviation Association convention in Galveston while here, as well as the joint meeting of the Texas Aerial Applicators Association ("cropdusters", to me). Jo was again elected to the board of TSAA and became this year a member of the board of TAA. Our Jo is becoming quite a person of consequence in the field of aviation in Texas!

Evelyn Prince is a busy girl. In addition to having a new house, she has a new project. Besides her regular work with Pioneer Airlines, she is special representative for Weaver Airline Personnel School, of Kansas City, in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Evelyn works at interviewing and selecting student candidates for the school, which trains personnel (both boys and girls) for the airlines and includes all positions from Hostess to Dispatcher to Radio Operators.

Jan Romanio again worked with the special Aviation Section of the Texas State Teachers Association, which held its annual Thanksgiving convention in Fort Worth this year. Ray Mertes, Director of School and College Service for United Airlines, talked to the teachers of the importance of aviation education in this era of scientific progress. Guests were present from Hensley Navy, Bell Aircraft, Chance-Vought, Texas Aeronautical Commission, S.M.U. AFROTC, and many other interested aviation groups, both of industry and of education. This is all part of a growing program in Texas to acquaint organized education with the value of aviation in the field of general education.

TEXAS CHAPTER -- El Paso Unit

By Lois Hailey

El Paso Ninety-Nines have really done themselves proud with our annual Air Show. This was held at the International Airport and sponsored by Ninety-Nines and the airport board. Over 10,000 people were off work and out of school for this big event of the year.

Main feature of the show was a tactical demonstration of the Navy F7U Cutlass jet fighters. For private flyers

there was an economy race from El Paso to Salt Flat and return. This was held in three classes. A static display from Biggs Field AFB included a B36, a C124, and operating cut-away model of the B36 engine, and rescue equipment. Ft. Bliss and the White Sands Proving Ground had on display the Aerobee and Pogo Rockets, the Nike, WAC Corporal, and many tanks and radar equipment. Champ's Flying Service and Southwest Air Rangers demonstrated private planes.

The week previous to the show, Ninety-Nines all appeared on daily schedules of radio and TV. Those working on this show were, Dodie Powers, Ruth Deerman, Ruby Hays, Anne Duthie, Dorothy Blackham, Esther Naylor, Helen Boise, Lois Hailey, Lela Carwardine, and Lois Ziler.

TEXAS CHAPTER-- Fort Worth Unit

By Marjorie Gray

Geraldine Mickelsen stopped in Ft. Worth, Nov. 4th, on the first stop of her Fall tour. We certainly enjoyed seeing her and appreciated her including us in her busy schedule. The Dallas girls joined us for Cocktails and Dinner at Carswell AFB Officers' Club, to meet and chat with Gerry. The 99's from Dallas were Doris Weller, Janice Romanio, Martha Ann Reading and a new Dallas member, Phyllis Nold from the Alabama Chapter. Those from Ft. Worth were Mary Helen Rattikin, Cleve Godfrey, Beulah Conn, Tony Page, Margaret Calloway, Rowena Burns and Marjorie Gray.

After Gerry's visit with us, she and Margaret flew to Chattanooga, Tenn. for a meeting with the Southeastern Section. Margaret reports a wonderful time with the Southern Hospitality at its best. On their return through Oklahoma City Bronita Davis entertained them at her lovely home. On the trip Margaret did some work on the AWTAR Ways and Means of which she is Chairman.

Ann Atkinson has been busy lately. In addition to her job at Convair, she is going to night school, studying Production Illustrating and Aircraft Drafting.

Rowena Burns and family spent Thanksgiving in Temple. Earlier this month, she and her family flew to Oklahoma City. She and the children

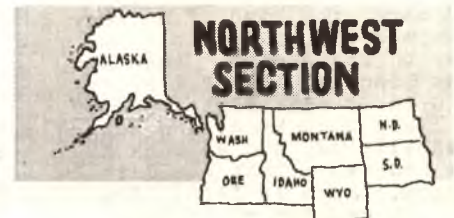
visited there for several days.

We are glad to hear that Ruby Hays is doing well after her recent illness. Congratulations to you El Paso 99's for a success-

ful Airport Day, November 11th. You 99's really did a bang-up job.

A letter to your reporter from Edna Gardner Whyte says she and husband, Murphy, will be in Ft. Worth the middle of Dec. We look forward to seeing them again.

Tony Page has been flying about the country for her paper, Cross Country News. She's a hard one to catch for specific news but we know for sure she's been on the go.



WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER

By Melba Owen

Our Washington State Chapter meeting November 22nd was held in Seattle at Harry E. Cramers. A most interesting meeting, as Harry gave each and every one of us some instructions in the link trainer. Most of the gals crashed "but glad they are all here to tell about it."

On the evening of December the 18th we "Ninety-Nines" of Washington are planning a Christmas dinner dance for members, huddies and sweethearts. Our December meeting will also take place that same evening, before the gaiety starts. We hope to see all members at this gay affair..

Our year program is now being planned and expect an interesting year ahead. We in Seattle would surely like to see more of our Ninety-Nines from Eastern Washington attend their Chapter meetings. Winter weather prevents a great many of us from attending.

Fortunately a few of us have been able to do a little flying, now and then. Marty Proctor was out a few days ago in her one seventy, doing take-offs and landings. I flew to Arlington and back this week but ran into a terrific rainstorm on the way home. Was relieved to see Boeing Field come in sight.

We have two new prospective members. Audrey Watson and Novleen Goggert. We are all working for new memberships and looking forward to a larger chapter this coming year.



SOUTHWEST SECTION

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Jean Elliott

November brought with it some of the best, and some of the worst flying weather in many months. Some beautiful clear days with visibility of 50 miles and more, the kind of weather that makes it impossible to stay on the ground. And then what happened????? After a taste of what flying should be like, fog, smog, and zero visibilities, and so back to the housework that was left undone. Such is life. Anyway, it was fun while it lasted.

Shirley Blocki is now Mrs. James R. Froyd. Her wedding on Nov. 10 was very lovely, and Shirley and Jim are home again after a honeymoon in San Francisco. Jim is a city school psychiatrist.

De Thurmond is off for Lock Haven to pick up a new Tri-Pacer for a local dealer. The big smile she's wearing is due to the fact that she has a brand new Airline Transport Rating in her pocket. Our very best congratulations, De.

The November meeting was held on the 17th at Adeline Maylen's house in Lynwood, and plans were completed for the Tri-Chapter Christmas party. The place is the Officer's Club at Long Beach Airport and the date is Dec. 10th. Long Beach will be hostess to the Los Angeles and San Fernando chapters. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:30, so come earlier if you'd like a cocktail before dinner. There'll be dancing til midnight. Barbara Thisted and her committee have worked very hard to insure a wonderful party.

Iris Critchell announced that Dorothy Hayes is the chapter historian. Dorothy is also working very hard on the chapter's new scrapbook.

Plans were discussed for the 1955 AWTAR, and since Long Beach is to have the take off again, it will probably be the main topic at most of the meetings to come. It's lots of work, but also lots of fun, and we're really looking forward to seeing all the girls who came to Long Beach last year, and many new ones, too. We've placed our order with the weather bureau early, and they promise to deliver good visibility and no smog. (Remember last year?)

Mayetta Behringer has agreed to assist Betty Loufek with publicity, thereby giving her time to catch her breath occasionally. Betty is already snowed under with printing, publicity, etc., for the race.

Attending the meeting, and enjoying Adeline's delicious cake and coffee were Hilda Reafsnnyder, Edna Stennett, Barbara Thisted, Iris Critchell, De Thurmond, Helen Maylen, Betty Loufek, Rita Gibson, Mayetta Behringer, Donna Evans, Jean Elliott, and Norma Slingsby. Norma surprised everyone, as it was her first meeting in three years. She received such a warm welcome that she promised never to be absent again.

Donna Evans, who is now instructing at Torrance Airport received her Private Flight Examiner's rating a few days after she became old enough to be eligible for it. That, we think, is really something.

The January meeting will be at Hilda Reafsnnyder's home at 12541 Pine, in Garden Grove on Wednesday night, January 12th. Anyone visiting there from out of town, be sure to drop in. You'll be very welcome.

SAGUARO CHAPTER

By Juanita Newell

Our November business meeting found us gathered at the lovely new home of Alice Roberts. We were served delicious refreshments by Alice following the meeting.

We had a real good turnout at our breakfast to "Salome where she dance". Camille Shapley hosted the event. She and her husband flew in in their Ercoupe; Bonnie Fugitt and Betty Knier in a Pacer. Wilma and Bill Bland in their Stinson, Alice and Charles Roberts and their guests in the Roberts Tri-Pacer. Frances Woods and her son in a 180. Jimmie Lou Shelton, prospective member, with her husband, Frank, and their two children in an Apache. The airport at Salome is real handy. It is just across the highway to stores, cafes, motels etc. Flying would be a lot more practical if there were more airports as conveniently located.

Phoenixians witnessed a spectacular airshow and aircraft display sponsored by the Jaycees on the 21st of this month. Thousands of people gathered at Sky Harbor for the event.

Nearly all of our group attended with their families.

Alice Roberts has been taking some time with Ruth Reinhold in a Beech Bonanza. Probably is checked out by now.

Carol Lowery acted as commentator for a group of professors and teachers from Tempe College on a 5 hour flight over the northern part of Arizona. Carol is well acquainted with that country inhabited by the Indians, having spent 12 years there when her father was with the Indian Service.

I flew a Los Angeles geologist to Marble Canyon the other day. He was checking some rocks in the Vermillion Cliffs with a scintalometer for uranium activity. That little isolated Indian Trading post was alive with uranium hunters. There are mines and diggings all over the walls of the canyons for as far as I could see with binoculars. The gold rush days in California were never like this. Ruth Reinhold told me that the activity was really something in Northern Arizona, New Mexico and Utah ---and now I am quite aware of it. In fact, Ruth has found some "hot rocks" herself while flying with a scintalometer over an area about 100 miles northwest of Phoenix.

TUCSON CHAPTER

By Mary Johnston

At Tucson Chapter's last meeting officers for the new year were elected. Mrs. Alice Fuchs took over the office of chairman which has been so capably held for the last two years by Bea MacPherson. The other officers are: Mrs. Mary Johnston, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Barnett, Secretary (our new member), Gertrude Gelderman, Treasurer, and Pat Udall, Membership Chairman.

Alice Fuchs, our new chairman, has an article published in the November issue of Air Facts entitled "No Need To Be Lost". Since Alice has been in Tucson she has had quite a number of articles on flying published, and we're proud to say she's a member.

Our other writer, Bea MacPherson, has been made editor of the Arizona C.A.P. publication, "Wingtips". Bea, with all her other duties, finds time to be a 2nd Lieutenant in C.A.P.

Gertrude Gelderman reported the usual good time at the Southwestern Sectional Meeting. Gertrude flew over as usual in her Hudgin Brothers' Piper Tri-Pacer.

Maggie Schock, 49¹/₂er Ray (with his notorious beard), and 24-3/4 "Susie", Mary Johnston and her 49¹/₂er, spent Sunday in Tombstone, "The Town Too Tough To Die". Each year Tombstone re-lives its rough and tough days with a celebration called Helladorado. The Earps and Clantons ride again, all the gun-battles are re-

enacted, and there's just plain fun for all.

We in Tucson look forward to seeing any passing 99's, so give Mary Johnston a buzz at 6-5707. We'll round up the gang! Regular meetings are first Monday of each month.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

By Ardell Hauk

The Santa Clara Valley and the Bay Cities Chapter combined efforts on November 14th to finish up an air marking job on Hollister Airport that we started several years ago. We got an early start and by noon the runway was fairly swarming with eager beavers; ready, willing and able to lend a hand and get the job done. A grey, cloudy day did nothing whatever to dampen our spirits (although it did dampen the runway once or twice), and by three in the afternoon, the name HOLLISTER was brightly painted in gigantic letters on the airport runway.

So many workers appeared on the scene that we were forced to take turns painting. It worked out fine, however, and the non-painters were able to roam around and chat with the painters, eat their picnic lunches, and several planes took off for an upstairs view of the project. While wandering around to see how many Santa Clara Valley girls and fellows were there, we stopped to chat with Clara and Ray Schneider. Ray had just returned from a hunting trip. He flew his Stinson L-5 to Washington, and had to pack in by boat the last few hours to reach the cabin in the deep woods. It took just :40 to spot and bag a 175 lb buck--the one and only for the ten day trip. What a beginning! Aimee and Fred Gerlach told about being interviewed and photographed for a magazine article on private flying, and our chapter secretary Marion Barnick received congratulations again--and again--this time for having appeared in the December issue of Flying in an article entitled "Formula of a Winner".

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER

By Billie Wyatt

Aching muscles and sore joints are very much in evidence these days as we have just completed our first two Airmarkers. Good teamwork was had as Fran Dias, Ev Bendley, Billie Wyatt, Laura May Crawford, Hazel and 49^{er} Al Zimmerman climbed on top of the Farmers Feed Store

in Oakdale and painted 25-ft letters with circle and arrow. Fran, Ev and Hazel marked out the letters while Billie and Al manned the paint gun and Laura May ran the air compressor. Al accidentally sprayed Billie with the paint gun and Billie hit Ev with a paint smeared board which proved that we could have a lot of fun and good sportsmanship along with hard work. 49^{er} Gene Crawford flew over and gave us the direction for the arrow. Our first Airmarker and the job was completed in 3 hours and 30 minutes.

The Crawfords and Zimmermans left for a two weeks vacation in Hawaii two days after we completed the Oakdale Airmarker!

While our Airmarking Chairman was basking in the sun in Hawaii Ethel Heiland, Kay Dray, Ev Hendley, Fran Dias and Billie Wyatt Airmarked the city of Newman. We painted 25-ft. letters with circle and arrow on the roof of the Kaljian Chevrolet Co. building. Fran Dias has been making the contacts for the Airmarkers and has been asked to attend the city council meeting of a neighboring city already! Weather has been our only handicap thus far.

Ev Hendley was hostess to our November 13th meeting when plans were made for a Christmas party to be held at the home of Kay Dray in Merced on December 12.

All 99s are invited to attend the fourth anniversary cocktail party and dinner dance to be held at the Hotel Del Puerto in Patterson on January 22nd. Contact Fran Dias for reservations. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

UTAH CHAPTER

By Bobby McDonald

The Utah Chapter celebrated its 4th birthday November 13th with another luncheon at the Aviation Club in Salt Lake City. Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and peas, ice cream and birthday cake were on the menu, enjoyed by Bea Lowell, Eunice Naylor, Ethel McDermott, Bobby McDonald, June Raybould, Jane Davis, Margaret Loy, Lucille Christopherson, Doris Eacret, Onita Hoff, Zada Arentz and Jessie Carter.

New officers were presented during a short business meeting after the luncheon. Guiding the fortunes of Utah Chapter for the coming year are Jane Davis, Chairman; Eunice Naylor, Vice-Chairman; June Raybould, Secretary-Treasurer; Onita Hoff, Member-ship; and Bobby McDonald, Reporter.

Doris Eacret brought a huge scrapbook of Chapter activities during the past 4 years, which she presented to Jane for the Chapter. Containing news clippings from California, Nevada, Utah and Idaho, snapshots and souvenirs, the book made very interesting reading for all present, and is a gift well appreciated. Thanks, Doris.

SAN-DIEGO CHAPTER

By Dottie Sanders

For the benefit of those who anticipate being in San Diego on any of our meeting dates, the following schedule has been made through February: Business Meeting, Friday January 21 in the home of Ernestine Stanley; Business Meeting, Friday, February 18th in the home of Betty Lambert, whose new address is 4272 Alta Mirano Way, San Diego.

We are sorry to have lost a member from San Diego to Santa Clara in Mickey Collins. Our loss, your gain, Santa Clara. Congratulations on gaining such an excellent member.

Edna Penners was hostess at our November business meeting, where it was decided to hold our Ninth Annual Aviation Ball on Saturday June 18, 1955. Mary Ring is Chairman.

In addition to supervising the building of her new home, Betty Lambert has been teaching Ground School at Gibbs Flying Service at Montgomery Field.

Betty Gillies reports a wonderful trip with Bud to Mexico City and Acapulco, with excellent weather and not a bump in the sky. They flew their Navion with 22 other planes of the Aviation Country Club, a total of 68 people on the journey. They enjoyed getting their suntans at Acapulco as anticipated. They left San Diego November 1 and returned the weekend of November 14.

Plans for a picture hunt, to be headed by Betty Gillies, are shaping up, and we expect to hold it after the first of the year, possibly February or March. Betty has already taken lots of pictures of the surrounding landmarks. Details will be forthcoming when the plans are complete.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Trixie Ann G. Schubert

Chairman Clara Davis entertained the chapter at her home in November, and appointed Lauretta Foy to handle air age education and Wing Scouts we sponsor.

Dorothy Dancer was named to head membership, Jeanne Strahl as Ways and Means Chairman, Ruth Rance to continue airmarking, and this writer as Program Chairman.

Irma (Babe) Story drove to the November meeting from Lancaster. She has vacationed in Portland, Oregon.

Kudos to Jane Morales who began a new job as test flight analyst in the engineering department at Lockheed aviation.

Jean Parker and Babe Story, as air race chairmen, for this chapter, will assist the TAR board in any capacity in which the board needs help for the upcoming cross country race.

Tony LeVier who, as test pilot and author of "The Pilot", needs no special introduction to fliers, is our January speaker. Any 99 who will be in the area the second Monday in January is invited to check with Clara Davis as to the time and place so that they may meet and hear Tony LeVier.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Maxine Carlson

Gladys Davis was hostess for our October get-together at her home in Concord. The seventeen members present enjoyed a tasty buffet dinner. The business meeting which followed centered about an enthusiastic discussion of the different phases of airmarking.

The new Santa Clara Valley Chapter and the Bay Cities Chapter cooperated to paint an air marker at Hollister on November 14. Thirty-two Adults and several children showed up early Sunday morning. By evening the letters, fifty-six feet, six inches high, a true north arrow, and the latitude and longitude were completed. The city of Hollister donated the paint.

A future 99er? A baby girl, Candice Lynn, was born to Ruth Jacquot. Lindy Boyes, from our chapter, and Cecile Hamilton, managing editor of Flying magazine, attended the recent press demonstration in San Diego of Navy fighter aircraft. Convair, Douglas and Lockheed aircraft participated. Lindy saw the V T O "Pogo" in its first horizontal flight.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Coral Bloom

Sacramento Chapter were hostesses for a River Boat party in October. The boat was chartered on the Sacramento

River and took its capacity of 50 Ninety-Nines and guests for a lazy cruise upstream. The weatherman cooperated with a balmy evening plus a beautiful moon. John Gerhardt and Mick Mickelsen acted as Cus-todians for the liquid refreshments while Al Wagner reigned over the barbecue pit. Some excellent barber shop harmony was inspired by Al Hart's background guitar. We were extremely happy to welcome guests from Bay Cities and San Joaquin Valley Chapters.

The November Chapter meeting was held at the Capitol Inn. Helen Mace introduced her guest Aggie Appleton, a "would be" enthusiastic bird girl. We were delighted to welcome Lt. Usbeck Peterson, a New England Chapter member transferred recently to McClellan Field as craft control operator. She recently had the thrill of a lifetime when she rode in a T-33 Jet. Usbeck described the sensation as that of being in another world so quite one could even hear a pin drop.

Jeanette Kapus, who also wears a silver bar at McClellan, recently returned from a quick flight to the nation's Capitol in a B-17. She's a hard working personnel coordinator. All the gals join me in a welcome home for Gerry Mickelsen after a month's tour of 99 Chapters.

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the mountains. The little hotel was very nice and we practically lived on Reindeer. We had steaks, cutlets, reindeerburgers and chops. We even met the "Reindeer Man" from Redmond, Oregon, who goes up each year to increase his herd which he rents out at Christmas time. Alaska Airlines Manager was very helpful to us while in Nome.

Friday, September 17th, the weather-bureau called at dawn to say it looked like we might get out. We did. By following the coast down thru Solomon, Golovan and Moses Point and gassing at the Eskimo Village of Unalakleet we were able to escape from Nome. We had hoped to fly

to McGrath and then East to Lake Minchumina at the base of Mt. McKinley but the ceiling was still hugging the mountains so we followed the river East to Galena. We gassed there and reached Fairbanks before dark. While spending the night there, we called Florence Rucker and Florence Robinson two girl pilots from the States.

Monday, September 20th, after waiting for weather in the morning, we were able to make it up thru the pass to Gulkana.

The ground was snow covered and it was snowing on the mountains. We were lucky in being able to get thru Mentasta Pass into Northway where we remained for two nights while it snowed. We had a tiny room with two cots for the three of us in a building located on the field. The temperature was 20° and it was cold, cold, cold and windy. We visited an Indian Settlement called Fisch Camp which was quite an experience. The weather looked better on Wednesday and we got ready to leave only to discover that the gas drains in the airplane were all frozen. This caused a delay while we thawed them and then thawed ourselves. The flight from there to Whitehorse was thrilling because we had to fly low because of the weather and the ground was covered with 10 inches of snow for over a hundred miles. We followed every turn in the Alcan Highway and took some lovely pictures. We checked in with Canadian Customs at Whitehorse, gassed and left for Watson Lake. This part of the flight was lovely. We passed many large lakes bordered by snow capped mountains as we flew in and out of mountain passes. The sky was filled with dark clouds but we only got into rain once. We spent the night at the lodge located on the Highway about eight miles from the airport. On Thursday we left at Dawn having obtained a Thermos of Coffee and sandwiches the night before. After we were well on our way, we opened the Thermos only to discover the coffee had been ruined with sugar and cream---tragedy! This flight took us along the Liard River and the country was a complete blanket of green Spruce trees with patches of Yellow leaved Birch. The River was beautiful shade of blue-green with early morning fog patches. Our next stop was the RCAF Field at Fort Nelson a distance of about 250 miles where we were able to obtain some coffee and eat our Roast-beef sandwiches for Breakfast! From there we continued on to Fort St. John where we remained overnight due to the weather not being good thru the pass into Prince George. The next day was windy and rough. We flew to the pass in an Hour and fifteen minutes, couldn't get thru, returned in 20 minutes to Fort St. John. The next day the weather still looked doubtful so we gave up trying to cross over to the Coast and flew down to Edmonton where we left the Alcan Highway. Our next stop was Lethbridge, Alberta where we checked out of Canadian Customs. From there we flew to Great Falls, Montana and checked in with American Customs. Remained there overnight and returned home by way of Burley, Idaho and Reno. We covered 9,000 miles and flew 80 hours in a trip which is just out of this world. FINIS