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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Thanksgiving Day has just passed, Christmas coming and 99's have many things to be thankful for every day of the year.

We are truly thankful for two NEW CHAPTERS this last month. They are Eastern Washington and Albuquerque Chapters. It would have given me a great pleasure to have been able to present both of the Charters in person and best of all to have met the girls. However, I did have the pleasure of meeting the Albuquerque girls and presenting their Charter in person at a banquet November 5. ➔

With pride we sent the Eastern Washington Chapter their Charter. From all reports the occasion was arranged exceptionally well through their very able Chairman Betty Seavey. They had a dinner and program highlighting the big part women pilots played in their Air Progress Week. The Walla Walla Union Bulletin newspaper displayed a nice group picture and story on the front page. Good work girls - keep it up.

To our new Chapters may this association give you all many new friends and a long lifetime of real aviation pleasure.

It is gratifying to see the many new membership applications coming in to our headquarters. Let's all keep on being alert for desirable new membership material. We want our wonderful organization to grow and grow. We can do this by having each member invite one or more nice women pilots to be a member.

Since my last writing I attended the National Aeronautic Association Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. The theme was Air Age Education and very enlightening. All 99's are indebted to our Arlene Davis and Joan Hrubec of Cleveland. They were the capable N.A.A. hostesses. THANKS, GIRLS. That is one of the many reasons it is so nice to be a 99.

When any member has a picture of story in a newspaper or magazine, will you please send a copy to our National Scrap Book Chairman, Ruth Migele, Colorado Chapter, 495 Oneida Street, Denver 20, Colorado.

Our Headquarters is coming along nicely - we are getting things as we can.

On behalf of the 99 membership, we wish to thank:

San Joaquin Valley Chapter for the \$10.00 sent to be used to help furnish our new Headquarters.

Mary Francis of the Oklahoma Chapter for the very nice Cory Electric Coffee Maker, \$29.95, donated to our Headquarters.



From left to right, Edna Gardner Whyte, International President, 99's Inc., of Fort Worth, Texas, presenting Albuquerque

Charter to Jocile B. Eddleman, Chairman, and Randy Southerland, Vice Chairman, both of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Have your Chapter Chairman write to our Headquarters for membership application blanks, so you will have them for the nice new members when you find them.

I used to get "instructors spread" sitting in a plane, but now I sure spend a lot of time sitting at this desk for the 99's. God has given each of us two ends - one to think with and one to sit on. Our success in life depends on which one we use the most.

Please keep the social, flying and do-good projects active in our 99's. They all pay big dividends in pleasure and happiness.

They say a person who thinks by the yard and acts by the inch should be kicked by the foot. They also say together we stick; divided we're stuck.

Sincerely yours,

Edna Gardner Whyte

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ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER By: Harriet Nye

After 13 years, Albuquerque again has a Chapter of 99's. Sparked by the enthusiasm of the younger members and sustained by the continuing help of our South Central Governor, Ruth Deerman, the Chapter came into existence on November 5.

Our International President, Edna Gardner Whyte, gave the charter into the hands of our local President, Jo Eddleman. This occurred at a dinner meeting at Desert Sands, where we were extremely proud to introduce our distinguished Mrs. Whyte to our guests and 49ers. We were delighted also because other members had flown up from El Paso to help us celebrate: Ruth Deerman and Ruby Hays, Fay McConnell and 49er George, and with them, Johnell Crimmen. Prior to the dinner, Virginia Cutter entertained at a beautiful party in her new country home.

The Albuquerque members are: Jocile Eddleman, Randa Sutherland, Lou Sina Jones, Harriet Nye, Dorothy Bond, Virginia Cutter and Mary Turney. The local press recognized the importance of Mrs. Whyte's visit and prestige was given our enterprise. We hope for some good times together in pursuit of our favorite avocation.



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WAYS & MEANS

By: Loreta Slavick

Contributions are already starting to come in for the 1957 AWTAR. The following contributions have been received to date:

North Central Section-Indiana Chapter	\$55.
St. Louis	65.
Northwest Section---Washington	15.
Southwest Section---San Diego	200.
Total	\$335.

If your chapter is still looking for a project to help raise funds, this is a good time to start planning a dance to be given in the Spring.

Some hotels are willing to make no charge for a room if they can sell food and drinks but others will not. So, if heavy expenses are to be incurred you have to be able to sell a great many tickets in order to have a profit.

Our chapter sponsors a contest for "Miss Aviation". Girls are sponsored by various flight schools, airports, airlines and other aviation organizations and businesses. Each ticket has a stub attached for the purchaser to vote for his choice and the one getting the most votes wins. We also give \$100 in flight time to the winner and the girls and their sponsors work very hard to sell tickets in order to get the most votes. Interest runs high and such a contest gets better publicity than just a dance. We usually clear \$350-600, although our expenses run about \$500. We have had such a contest for several years and some things we have learned the hard way, so if any chapter is interested in a similar project, if you will write me, I can send you more information.

Hangar dances are fun and can be put on without much expense. Square dance callers and juke boxes can be used for music at a small cost and you can sell your own sandwiches and refreshments.

For sandwiches at such a dance or for any other occasion, see if there is a Stewart In-Fra-Red company in your town. Here, they will furnish a machine (for free) and sell sandwiches already packaged in cellophane which are put in the machine and are cooked and ready to serve in 3-4 minutes. They will also take back any not used. Practically no work involved and all clear profit. I understand there are other similar machines, but this is the only one I have seen.

AWTAR

By: Betty Loufek, Director
Public Relations, AWTAR, Inc.

START: San Mateo County Airport
(near San Carlos), California

FINISH: Bishop Airport
Flint, Michigan

DATES: Impound Deadline, Wednesday,
July 4, 1956.
Take-Off, Saturday, July 7.
Finish Deadline, Tuesday,
July 10.
Awards Dinner, Wednesday,
July 11.

The sets of Rules, Application Forms and Handicap Lists will be ready February 1. Those wishing sets should write to Mrs. Barbara London, All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race Headquarters, 2611 E. Spring St., Long Beach 6, California. Please enclose 25¢ to defray mailing costs.

The air race board is proud to announce the opening of an official AWTAR office. The address is given above. It is located on the south side of the Long Beach Municipal Airport and is in the Aircraft Associates Building next door to Larry Hunt's Air-Oasis. Fly in and visit us!

NATIONAL AVIATION EDUCATION COUNCIL
Sixth Annual Conference
Hotel New Yorker
New York City

March 15-17, 1956

Last year an attempt was made to encourage 99 members to participate in the National Aviation Education Council (NAEC) annual conference as the one national air age education project. This was accomplished with some success, but we would like to have more of you on hand for the 1956 conference. We also asked you to tell the teachers in your community about the NAEC conference and where possible fly them in to the meeting.

This year we wish to ask you to do all of these things again. The NAEC has doubled its membership during the last several months and through NAA and AIA support their activities have increased correspondingly. To learn more about NAEC you may write to Executive Director, Evan Evans, 1025 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. You may want to become a member of this organization but this is not a necessary requirement in order to attend the annual conference.

We'll try to tell you about a few of the more important activities of NAEC particularly as they relate to the Annual Conference in the next few issues of the Newsletter. For now - mark March 15-17, 1956, on your calendars for a trip to New York. We expect Kay Brick and the NY-NJ 99's will assist in the NAEC conference as efficiently and enthusiastically as did Loreta Slavick and the St. Louis chapter last year. More details next month.



By: Ora Stevens

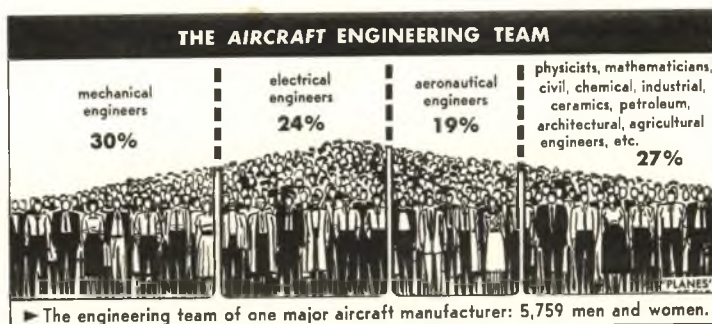
The November meeting of the New England Section went well under the leadership of our new Governor, Mrs. Barbara Cloud, Treasurer Alice Kitka and Secretary Mary Ann Lippett. The meeting was held at the Worcester Airport where luncheon was served. Those other girls in attendance were: Lois Wartman, Providence; Bertha Ryan, Cambridge; Alice Kitka, Webster; Mrs. Chris Seaver, Needham Heights; Marie Lepore, Worcester; Pamela Read, Middleburg, Virginia and Radcliff College; Gladys Turcotte, Hopkinton; Mildred Morey, Lowell and Oak Bluffs; Neta Hall, Taunton; and Ora Stevens; and guest of honor Mrs. Zaddie Bunker, the Flying Great Grandmother of Palm Springs, Calif.

Mrs. Zaddie Bunker, who became the oldest woman in the world to fly solo at the age of 65, flew to Boston in a Twin Cessna owned by Forest Bird of Palm Springs. She came to the meeting as guest of Barbara Kiernan who flew her up to Worcester in Barbara's Navion. Mrs. Bunker earned her multi-engine rating at Teterboro, N.J., in September 1955. She has been on crosscountry trips in her Ercoupe named "Zaddie's Rocking Chair" on trips from Palm Springs to Phoenix, Arizona; Shreveport, Louisiana; Asheville, North Carolina and attended the International Convention of 99's. She also took part in the Women's International Air Race from Washington, D.C. to Havana, Cuba. It was nice to have her at our meeting. She has a grandson, Gary Lee King, who is the only boy to ever ride with his Great Grandmother as pilot of an airplane.

Pamela Read of Radcliff College, a prospective 99, is all thrilled over her 5:00 solo hours built up flying at Mrs. Hiller's airport in Barre, Massachusetts; Bedford, Massachusetts airport and Westchester County Airport, New York. Pam has attended College Air Meets at North Adams, Massachusetts, Mansfield, Massachusetts, and Hiller Airport.

Just heard from Barbara Kiernan on our Uni-comm while flying home from New Bedford in her Navion 5359K. She sure is thrilled and rightly so because she just got her Multi-Engine Rating in a twin Cessna at New Bedford Airport from Al Dessert. Barbara got her Commercial last month, Multi-Engine this month and is well on her way to an Instrument Rating. Good luck, Barbara. Hope you make it for next month's news.

Major Marie Lepore of 389 June Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, Commanding Officer for the Worcester Squadron of CAP, invited all the 99's to the Open House November 3 at the Army Reserve Training Center in Worcester. Major Marie is very proud of her Squadron especially Susan Bailey who was one Cadet chosen out of eight in the USA to go to Hawaii this summer. Also, she had one boy selected to go to Israel in August for the International Cadet Exchange, and she had one of two girls to be sent to the WAAF Encampment at Lockland Air Base, Texas. We think you have a right to be proud, Major.





By: Selma Cronan

A meeting of the NY-NJ Section was held in New York City on November 14. Everyone was delighted by Allen Heinsohn of The National Pilots Association, who interrupted a tour of active duty with the Navy at Norfolk, Va. to come and tell us about the aims and aspirations of the new organization.

On behalf of our international club, we also made a presentation to "Ma" Chamberlain of the WIAA and The Flight Safety Foundation. The presentation consisted of two huge photographs of the pictures which hang in the Amelia Earhart Room of the Wings Club in New York. One is of the Howard Chandler Christy painting of Amelia and the other is a photo from "Ma's" own collection of Amelia Earhart just before takeoff on her first trans-continental flight.

We were all delighted to hear that our Betty Haight Harris is so satisfied with her new baby that she's ordered another redhead for April.

Another happy piece of news that came out at the meeting is that Jill McCormick is now teaching the Professional Pilots Course in the Technical Institute Division of Purdue University.

Anyone in or around New York early in December, please contact a local member for details on the MAMOUTH Christmas party. We'd love to see you all.



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By: Peggy Borek

After a light lunch we gathered in the Instructors Office at Wings Field for our November meeting. Margaret Callaway, our new chairman, presided. We had a good turnout with Marie Angstadt, Bettie Townsend, Kate Ornsen, Jean McKaig, Lillian Marks, Genevieve Koester and Ann Shields. Wings was so close for most of us that everyone drove (the wind being reported at 35 per helped a bit, too!). It had snowed all the day before, so the country looked like an animated Christmas Card.

We started initial planning for the Spring sectional. It will be held sometime in April whether in Washington, D.C., or Philadelphia is yet to be decided. We didn't have a Fall sectional, so we are looking forward to the important Spring meeting.

Our treasury really needs a boost. Long range plans for raising money include a Ladies Air Lift and a dance planned for May and June. We hope to have our Christmas meeting at the Officers Club, Willow Grove Naval Air Station.

We have a good deal of hard work ahead but it should be fun, too, and will help the 99's and aviation in general.

WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER

By: Jean Ross Howard

Wendell Moore (Chairman Mitzi's 49^{er}) was host at our November meeting in his lovely Connecticut Avenue Studio, complete with open fire!

In addition to our Chairman, members who braved the wx were: Virginia Thompson, Florence Robinson, Florence Rucker, Jean Howard, Eleanor Davis, Katherine Stinson, Betty Fisher and Blanche Noyes.

After reading Nancy Moore's "Farewell Address", plans for the year were discussed. Eleanor Davis was named Chapter Race Chairman; Katherine Stinson and Blanche Noyes, Technical Advisors for Airmarking (we believe in using our CAA talent). After hearing Blanche's report on the monumental work done by the Corpus Christi and Kansas air-marking 99's, we're inspired to hit the roofs with paint!

Virginia Thompson and Eleanor Davis were appointed to assist Ann Ash in planning our annual Christmas party (December 16 at Ann's home). We've invited the West Virginia 99's to come and we hope to join them in their state for our January meeting.

Once again, our Chapter will have a table at the Wright Day Dinner. This year the speakers will be Vice President Nixon and Ambassador Sir Roger Makins of Great Britain.

Chapters are usually proud of members who have an airplane - but -- our Chapter can boast of Florence Robinson and Florence Ruckers who have two Cessnas - one land and one on floats. At the moment the sea plane is harbored at Syracuse, N.Y. so the Florences have been commuting weekends to get their sea planes ratings!

We enjoyed seeing Barbara Jenison last week - in town to spend Thanksgiving with her grandson - believe it or not! And we're looking forward to seeing Alice H. Hammond and other 99's who'll be here for the CAP Leadership Training Conference December 10 and 11.

We've just heard that Betty Crites is now Mrs. Robert Dillon. "Buddy" is a former paratrooper.

From all of us a Merry Christmas and we hope the New Year will bring many of you to Washington.



CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By: Estelle Bradshaw

The Carolinas Chapter held their Fall meeting October 16 with a dutch luncheon at the Sky Club Winston-Salem Airport. Louise Smith and her 49^{er} Herman were our hosts. Maxine Walker presided in the absence of Chairman Edith Long who still has a cast on her foot, but says she is getting along fine and will soon be flying their new Bonanza. After routine business, Maxine turned the meeting over to the new officers which are as follows: Chairman, Estelle Bradshaw; Vice Chairman, Frances Miller; Secretary-Treasurer, Sarah Shonk.

A number of our members had the unusual pleasure on October 30 of flying a delightful group of 26 coed sponsors of the University of North Carolina's AROTC unit over the town of Chapel Hill. The 99 pilots including Louise Smith and her 49^{er} Herman in their beautiful red and white Bonanza, fresh off the Wichita, Kansas, assembly line; Myrtle Thompson in her green Cub Crusier, and Carl and I, who have no plane at present and hitched a ride with Peggy Kirk Bell in her Cessna 170, on temporary leave from her golf and her 24 3/4^{er}, Bonnie Kirk, arrived at "The Hill" at 11 a.m.

We were officially greeted by Col. George J. Smith, AROTC Commanding Officer, and by Capt. Joseph J. Gerrity, Advisor to the Sponsor Squadron, who conveyed us over to chow at the Carolina Inn, after which we all went to the airport and the pilots started taking off in shifts with their beautiful passengers. These coeds appeared to us all to be tops in charm, looks and intelligence, and as this excursion of the 99's was an attempt to interest them in becoming pilots and future members, we shall experience a bonanza if they do decide to join our ranks later on.

ALABAMA

By: Meredith Ward

1955 Air Tour:

On October 22 and 23, 1955, the Alabama Air Tour was held. This was arranged by the Alabama Department of Aeronautics with the cooperation of Alabama Flying Farmers, Alabama Civil Air Patrol and Alabama Chapter of 99's.

This was Alabama's first such tour in over 15 years. The Alabama 99's were very active in the Tour plans and participation. Out of the over 41 planes which took part, five of them carried 99 members. The flight started at Alexander City and went then to Enfana, Andalusia, Fort Morgan and Fairhope. We spent the night at Fort Morgan - which is south of Mobile on a finger of land which guards the entrance to Mobile Bay. The landing strip there looked very impressive with 41 planes and over 100 people alighting from them. The hotel was only a hundred yards or so from our tie-down locations. Our Alabama Chapter took care of registration during the Tour and helped in other ways as well. We had a special gathering of our Chapter on Saturday before the dinner hour and planned our next meeting time.

The December meeting will be a Christmas party at Juanita Halstead's home in Montgomery. We'll meet at Allensport Airport and then go to Juanita's December 18.

Since Jan Warrick is south of the border on a very interesting flight at present, I'm sending this along for her.



NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By: Marge Raglin

If you haven't mapped a course for the International 99 Convention for '56, listen to Mary Clark, Chairman, describe the spot:

"The Michigan 99's are bubbling with enthusiasm over the locale of the '56 Convention. Ramona Park Hotel at Harbor Springs is a dream of a resort come true, a north woods paradise of unsurpassed beauty offering every modern facility. It isn't a bit too soon to plan to attend the convention there, July 12, 13 and 14."

Mary was with the Red Cross at Okinawa and in Japan; she has good ideas on entertaining groups of both women and men. And Bernice Trimble, AWTAR Terminus Chairman, is steeped in aviation and works for a lively Michigan flight service. You will never plan a happier landing.

On the North Central Section homefront, Governor Eloise Smith commends Newsletter reports on the last issue. "Each chapter had a letter full of real news, making me realize that aviation isn't dead yet as far as the feminine element is concerned. Congratulations to all on the new ratings and on the new airplanes purchased."

Chairmen for the following Sectional Projects have been named: Jane Shope Ackers, Indiana, Civil Defense; Jeanette Sovereign, Michigan, Amelia Earhart Fund; Laurien Griffin, Greater Kansas City, Airmarking; Arlene Davis, All-Ohio, Air Age Education; Betty Morgan, Chicago, Ways and Means; Marietta Sonnenberg, Minnesota, Membership. Central Illinois will entertain the Section in May (?) at the capital city, Springfield. Already plans are well underway and this, too, promises to be a worthwhile weekend. In fact, this promises to be one of the greatest years for North Central! Do come to visit us in July.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER
By: Babe Ruth

First - thanks to Nancy LaFarge for taking care of the October news.

A little bit of news picked up at the meeting at Wayne Major Airport. As usual, I heard we had the same ole 99 weather "bad" But a grand turnout - 40 99's including 49ers and guests. The program was three films on "Fronts" borrowed from the Navy and shown by George Borden, a meteorologist at Detroit City Airport.

On October 29 Betty Little celebrated her birthday by flying to Orlando Florida with Eloise and Harry Smith.

Jean Knaus picked up one of the new Champions at Holman Field Plant, St. Paul, Minn. for the Skylark Flying Service, Detroit City Airport, Michigan, Distributor.

Seems like Michigan has its share of speakers in aviation. Just a few we have heard about. Lois Wilson spoke to Dearborn Zontas on "Opportunities for Women in Aviation". Alice Hammond talked to a group of former American Airline hostesses about "Opportunities for Women in Aviation" and "The Civil Air Patrol". The Inter Group Council of Detroit listened to Loma May talk about "Women in Aviation". Then Janey Hart and Babe Ruth were luncheon guests of the Pilgrim Congregational Church and told about their recent TAR flight. Janey has given several talks on the slides of the TAR taken by the two.

Babe Ruth and husband Dale and daughter Dale Lee were lucky to shoot two nice deer on Drummond Island. The Windfuhrs, Margaret and Eric, are still in the woods at this writing. No report on the Thatchers yet. Janey Hart brought back an empty tag after hunting around St. Ignace several days ago. Janey and the Ruths crossed the Straits of Mackinaw on the trip home at the same time but on different boats - found it out after getting back to Lansing. We sure hope to see a lot of you flying in to see the bridge that will span the Straits. It is to be finished in 1957. Every deer season there is a line up to get across the Straits and results in a many-hours wait. This fall the Ruths waited nine hours to get across and reports were up to 20 hours wait and 18 miles long. The ferries were running as fast as they could load and unload.

Mrs. Sammy McKay and Mrs. Margaret Hollaway were guests of Bernice Trimble. Lucille Biscomb had as her guests her husband Jack and his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. L. Biscomb of Kalamazoo.

For those who would like Gloria Smith's new address, it is 28910 Bock Street, Garden City Michigan.

Have you made plans to attend the national 99 convention this year? If not, arrange now for a baby sitter, book the airplane and load it with 99's and take off for Harbor Springs, Michigan, this next July.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER
By: Ethel Christensen

Bernie Joelker was hostess for our November meeting. She planned a noon lunch at the new "Jet Room Restaurant" in the Madison Airport Terminal. The food was good - it is quite a cozy place.

Bernie had asked Lawn Prichard, the Control Tower Chief, to tour us through the new tower. There is so much to remember and to know relative to tower operation - I know we will welcome the chance to go back.

We had three adult guests, plus Winnie Kestly's son. One of our guests was a licensed pilot and needless to say, we gave our best sales talk. Another guest was a student pilot - more sales talk.

Avis Peterson, Winnie Kestly and Bernie Voelker are our most active flying members. You should hear some of their tales!

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER
By: Marjory Farrell

Our November meeting was our 99 party at Fairfax Airport Terminal - and a good time was had by all! The airport officials turned the Terminal lobby over to us for the exhibition dancing, and we really tapped our toes to the waltzes, quadrilles and various dances - even joining in on a few ourselves. We heartily enjoyed it! A very nice event, arranged for us by Neva Rea and Alyce Humphrey.

Our chairman, Marie Kuhlman, has been continuing her business and pleasure flying throughout Missouri and Illinois, taking time out, though, to attend a couple of fly-ins at Topeka, Kansas - at one of which two of our KC 99's flew home with prizes. Mildred Verderber was there and received two very nice gifts.

Dee Southard has taken time off from showing her Wee Belinda in dog shows to finish up all written tests for her commercial license. She's a busy girl these days.

Laurien Griffin ran into some bad luck in Kansas. That old devil wind flipped her plane - Laurien not injured, but the Cessna certainly was. So Laurien is TWAing these days, much to her disgust.

That's all for now. A Merry Christmas to all!

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER
By: Rose S. Andrew

Florence Musser and her 49er recently attended a dinner meeting of the St. Louis Chapter held at Litchfield, Illinois.

Dora Dougherty made it to Chicago in time for the Chicago Chapter's November meeting. Barbara Jenison is getting in CAP flying time and also spending her Thanksgiving vacation in Washington, D.C. Helen McBride and her husband made a trip to New York by airlines. Mary Hendrix has been vacationing in Texas and Florida.

A letter from Marilyn Jackson who is with her Air Force husband in California states that they may be returned to Chanute Field this winter - we will be glad to see them.

Pauline Munsch has returned to school teaching after working for some time in the office of the State Aeronautics Department. She and her husband are attending a ground school refresher course sponsored by the State Aeronautics Department.

Florence Musser and Leah Warren are also attending sessions which are taught by a staff member of the University of Illinois Institute of Aviation who commutes to Springfield.

Several of us went down and introduced ourselves to Barbara (Rustie) Cloud when she was in town lately. It was a pleasure to meet her.

Leah Warren and her almost three-year-old young man for copilot flew to Centralia one sunny day to visit and say hello to our members farther south, Helen Grienke and Sally Lathrop. Both are busy with students and charter trips.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER
By: Bernice Schrader Wilson

Our November meeting was held at the Mason City Airport. It began with a turkey dinner and was followed by a business meeting conducted by our chairman, Beulah Smith.

Miss Marie Blank was the hostess and she had prizes ready to present to Beulah Smith (Forest City) for being the first arrival; Dorothy Hunt (Sibley) for coming the greatest distance; and Helen Flaherty (Dodge City) for having the most flying hours during the past year.

Be sure to say "hello" to Bernice Eno Hugen when you land at the Mason City Airport. She is there with Air Activities, Inc.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER
By: Marietta Sonnenberg

The November meeting in Rochester was one of the most interesting and informative ever held by our group. Jeanne Scheifley and her husband Chuck were wonderful hosts at their home and everyone had second helpings at the brunch. Present were Shirley Iverson of Lamberton, a prospective member, who flew in alone; Dawn Arcand of St. Paul and Joe Michaud, who also flew in; Audrey and LaRoy Baird and two sons from Minneapolis; Margaret Manual, her lovely mother, and her two children from Northfield, and Dorothy Anderson, Betty Clements and yours truly from Rochester. Plans for Minnesota to host the 1956 Sectional meeting in the fall were discussed and plans were made for our annual Christmas party in the Twin Cities.

We all went downtown in Rochester to the Mayo Medical Sciences Building for a wonderful program by Dr. E. J. Baldes, widely known authority on aviation medicine, long-time member of the Mayo Clinic staff and a member of the executive committee of the National Aero Medical Assn. We were joined by other enthusiasts and had a "crowd" of 33 at the lecture and movies. Subject of both was the problems of acceleration and deceleration. Movies of the development of the human pickup were shown and also of experiments in the centrifuge in the Medical Sciences Building, the first developed for human tests in the U.S. Many of our North Central girls toured this building during the Sectional meeting here in the spring of 1951. The forces a body can withstand in both airplane and car maneuvers and mishaps were discussed. We were at the Medical Sciences Building more than an hour. We unanimously agreed that the program Betty Clements had arranged was outstanding and of great value to us. We were especially grateful to Dr. Baldes who gave up part of his Sunday afternoon to meet with us. We missed the Orrs and other members at the meeting. Dr. Orr's mother recently died. Marilyn Kvalheim is making plans for her forthcoming marriage and Florence Scriver was assisting her daughter at a special program in Minneapolis.

INDIANA CHAPTER
By: Rae Cawdell

What a surprise - in spite of forecast it was a truly beautiful day for our November 13 meeting at Bakalar Air Force Base in Columbus, Indiana. Recalling last February 20, at which time floats might well have been considered standard equipment, we took along our boots and umbrellas. But happily "Old Sol" saw to it that we did not need them.

We were officially welcomed by the new Base Commander, Col. Byron Foster. During the business meeting, held in the Officers Mess, members in the Cone of Silence were hangared in the cocktail lounge. Our tour of the Base, immediately following luncheon, was again most interesting to those of us who had seen it before, and, of course, to the first visitors.

A card from Maxine Stein, South Bend weather girl, to Mildred Hurt tells us that Maxine is in Japan visiting her sister, Pauline Martin, a former 99.

Tannie Schlundt, Betty Nicholas, Mildred Hurt, Delia Sanders, Esther Berner and your reporter met during the lunch hour November 21 to complete plans for the Christmas party. We eagerly await what promises to be an outstanding date - December 17.

No roving reports from 99's except the Schlundts, Tannie and Paul, who are flying to Florida for the Thanksgiving holiday.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER
By: Loretta Slavick

We get excellent cooperation from everyone in aviation here but seem to have no influence with the forces controlling weather. Our Scavenger Hunt had to be cancelled on both the original and rain dates. However, we have already purchased some beautiful prizes, so we still hope to have it next Spring.

Mickey Clark recently earned her Commercial license and is at the airport every nice day practicing for the AWTAR next year.

We are very happy to report that we now have four new members - Erma Jace, Sylvia Bloom, Lynne Paxton and Dolores Whelan. And we have several other women working real hard on their Private licenses and we hope to report at least one more new 99 next month.

The Dorothy Condon Memorial Trophy, given annually to the member of our chapter making the best score in the AWTAR, will be presented to Mickey Clark at the Kitty Hawk Dinner, given by the St. Louis Chapter of NAA on December 16.

We are working on an awards program to encourage our members to fly more and also to log their time. Sylvia Roth very generously sent us a copy of their rules and other suggestions which we are adapting to our own use.

This reporter was privileged to attend the meetings of the National Pilots Association and the NAA in Cleveland. Arlene Davis did her usual excellent job as general chairman of these meetings. We also enjoyed the use of the hospitality room furnished by the Ohio Chapter of 99's. Joan Hrubec and Edythe Maxim made us feel most welcome and were very helpful in furnishing transportation and making other arrangements for us.

On November 6 we flew to Litchfield for dinner and were met by Florence Musser and her 49^{er}. Those attending from St. Louis were June Evers, Loretta Slavick, Mickey Clark, Dorothy Rumsey, Sylvia Bloom, Ruth Lake, Erma Jace and their husbands, Lynne Paxton, Maxine Desper and Laura Sellinger, Adele Scharr and Mary Jeffords.

One of our members participated in a safety program at Springfield, Missouri, on November 18, sponsored by the Missouri Pilots Association. The same program will be presented at Cape Girardeau on January 20 and at several other towns in Missouri at later dates.

THE ALL-OHIO CHAPTER
By: Betty Wertz

The November and December meetings will be combined December 4 in Cleveland as a Christmas Party. Hope the weather will cooperate.

The following committee chairmen have accepted appointments thus far: Air Education, Jean Hixson; Budget, Helen Sammon; Flying Activities and Public Relations, Virginia Ashelford; Historian and Scrapbook, Norma Morton, 30550 Summit Lane, Chagrin Falls, Ohio; Membership, Arlene Davis; Nominating, Martha Wilcox; Newsletter Reporter, Betty Wertz, 283 Park Ave. West Mansfield, Ohio; Ways and Means, Marilyn Collette.

The Chapter extends sympathy to Alice Puller at the loss of her mother recently.

Meg Berning (Cincinnati) and her 49^{er} have their Cessna up for sale so they can get a four place plane as they have two children that like to fly with them. Meg is currently working on her Commercial and Flight Instructor ratings.

Edie Harmon Friedrich and her 49^{er} really get around in their 195. They recently flew Edie's mother of Chicago and sister and nephew, from Louisville to Dover, Delaware, and the next weekend they spent in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The Friedrichs even have a flying pup "Cessna" that loves air travel. Edie has checked out in the 195 and says it flies like a dream.

We the Wertz's, flew to Philadelphia, November 4 to pick up Jack's mother and bring her to Ohio. It was her first small plane ride and she loved it. Catching the airline in Cleveland for her to go to Florida November 20 wasn't so easy - a fog bank closed in over Mansfield at seven a.m. and we had to fly low in the Cadillac. Nearly missed the plane too because of snow on the highways.

The Bonars flew to Chicago recently in the 180 for a Medical Meeting. They are having a new Globe Auto Pilot installed in their 180. Marge Gorman says she has time only for local flying in the Bonanza due to the increase in family.

Kathy Ruff Donahue and Edie Harmon Friedrich are both expecting future pilots in the spring.

Nancy Sitler, our new member of Cincinnati, is active in Civil Air Patrol as Ohio Wing Public Information Officer for the Press. She attended the CAP Conference (Ohio Wing) in Columbus November 5 and 6. She flies out of Hamilton Airport and is now working on her Instrument Rating.

Marcy Crawley (Cincinnati) and 49^{er} are spending Sunday, the 27th, in Cleveland and on to Florida for a week in the sunshine.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER
By: Donna Giles

The Chicago Area Chapter has had three meetings since last month: two airmarking meetings at Mitchell Field and our regular business meeting at Paulwaukee Airport on the 20th. We were real happy to see Dora Dougherty show up at our regular meeting and thank her and the rest of the Central Illinois Chapter for their invitation to attend their meeting in Springfield on December 4. I do hope quite a few of us can make it.

Alice Kudrna brought copies of the experimental Cleveland Sectional Chart and pointed out some of the changes on it. She urges everyone to get a copy and send the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey his opinion.

We're very proud to announce that we have a new member in our chapter. Winnie White of Glen Ellyn. We found out at our airmarking meetings that not only is she a good painter but that she is raising a future 99 who is quite proficient with a paint brush also.

Winnie was sponsored by Nina Price who, we're sorry to say, is moving to Tucson to manage the downtown airport there. Some of the gals decided to drop in on Nina last Monday night "sorta" uninvited to say goodbye. I think we delayed her departure because she certainly didn't get much packing done that night.

Nell Brown wishes to express her pleasure meeting and visiting with the Bay Area Chapter during their September meeting at the home of Hazel Miles in Oakland, and hearing their enthusiasm about the start of the AWTAR from San Mateo and the wonderful ideas planned.

Marge Raglin states that she was royally entertained by Gerry Mickelsen in Sacramento during August. Ethel Sheehy and Margaret Gerhardt came over for the evening and they enjoyed lots of flying talk.

Helen and Jerry O'Hara have been checked out for night flying their 140 and are now soloing it.

Congratulations to Sally Stremple who is now on the Flight Proficiency Board for Illinois Wing.



COLORADO CHAPTER
By: Marilyn Nordstrom

Our plan for airmarking Cheyenne Wells, Colorado, has certainly been stymied. We were prevented on November 13 by weather and then November 27 the airstrip was not in condition for landing. But we will try again after the first of the year.

Final plans for our Christmas buffet supper, which will be held December 10 at Jane Nettleblad's, were made at Marilyn Nordstrom's at our November 4 meeting. Our 49^{ers} will be our guests and Christmas gifts will be exchanged.

Nice to have Jo and Harry Trinder back in Denver, welcome home! The Lemons (Clara and Delmer) have been busy hopping to Wichita and Billings. Mary and Bob Wenholtz with sons Bill and Bruce spent Thanksgiving in Portland. And the Nettleblads traveled to Saguache for same. The Trinders are off to Fullerton, California, come Christmas. And the snowy slopes are beginning to call many of us each weekend.

January 8 Cricket Anderson and Thelma Thomas will cohostess a skating party at the Park Terrace motel. Let's all turn out with our families.

To all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Landings in 1956 from all the Colorado gals.

TULSA CHAPTER
By: Faye Mefford

Our November meeting was a great success. Our new Chairman, Dorothy Rice, entertained members and guest with a spaghetti dinner in her home. Those present were: Peggy Snyder, Lois Martin, Tissie Lawrence, Faye Mefford, Dorothy Rice and we were very happy to welcome our new member, Jerri Jarboe, also as guests, Irene Myers and Imogene Irnot, Past Chairman, of the Oklahoma Chapter.

Plans have been made for the Christmas Cocktail party - Peggy Snyder graciously offered her home for the occasion. We are looking forward to entertaining prospective members and 49^{ers}.

The TAA office has been very busy here in Tulsa the past month giving: Commercial written exams to three of our members - Tissie Lawrence, Jerri Jarboe, Faye Mefford. Link Instructors Rating - Jerri Jarboe. Flight instructor written - Faye Mefford. We are all celebrating the results.

Alline Davis, is still on her European Tour. In her last letter she was very excited over her camel ride. I bet she is sure having fun - wish we were all with her.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
By: Emily Frost

We had our annual Thanksgiving meeting with the Maiks at Blackwell. Members present were: Veda Mauk, Broneta Davis, Elizabeth Sewell, Skip Carter, Ruth Jones, Mary Francis, Dorothy Morgan and Emily Frost. We all had a most enjoyable time.

Armistice Day Broneta Davis and Emily Frost flew to the annual Fly-in breakfast at Fairview. The next day they flew to Wichita for guest day of the Kansas Chapter. Broneta, our International Vice President, gave a talk to the guests at the Sunday luncheon.

KANSAS CHAPTER
By: Ama Lee Jameson

Kansas 99's and airmarking went on TV. Two camera men from KARD-TV went with us to airmark Ellinwood. Televised it from loading the planes in Wichita to the completion of the painting and an aerial view of the completed job. The film has been shown twice on their station. We find that TV stations are interested in 99 activities.

November meeting was our "Guest Day". Most unwelcome guest was low clouds in parts of Kansas but a good crowd turned out. Had coffee and chatter at the National Flying Farmer Building. Lunch at the Dobbs House with Dick Taylor as speaker. He is Chief Experimental Flight Testing at Boeing. Most interesting talk on flying the B-47 and B-52, otherwise referred to as "taxiing the hangar". Three lucky people got a ride in the new Cessna 172. V. P. Broneta Davis getting to do the piloting. Out of state guests were Broneta Davis and Emily Frost both of Oklahoma and Laurien Griffin of Kansas City.

Airmarking count to date is 48. The Gold Star goes to Lucile Dienst for doing 11 of these. If only the rest of us could do as well, our goal of "55 for '55" would be completed.

Another laurel to Lucile "Grandma Moses" Dienst. At an exhibit of oil paintings in Garden City, her picture "Notre Dame Cathedral" was chosen to be shown at the college in Manhattan the first week in February.

The Thanksgiving holidays brought on a rash of flying about the country to try other brands of turkey. Ama Lee flew down to Texas to renew her acquaintance with wild turkey and visit with her family. Anne and Lowell Waddell were flittin' to Fort Worth and Wichita. Mary and Martin Howard with new baby, Ann Marie who now has ten hours in the air, flew to Kansas City for the holiday. Helen and Buddy Chandler went to visit her parents in Oklahoma and fill up on turkey there.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Pauline Hawks

Due to bad weather November 13, the November meeting was held November 20 at the South Omaha Airport near Pappillion. The main feature was giving rides to the "Angels". The "Angels" are a group of Omaha University coeds interested in aviation. Twenty-four Angels and three Wing Scouts were given rides. Doughnuts and coffee served by the Angels were enjoyed by all. Thanks goes to Richard Whited, South Omaha Airport manager; Lt. Richard Richards, C.O., CAP Sq. of the South Omaha Wing, and others of his Wing; M. L. Bennett, Chief Aviation Safety, State Dept. of Aeronautics, who also generously helped in making this flight a success.

The 99's present, helping in the flight were Rosemary Phelps, Laura Russell, Helen Nestle Dorothy Higbee, Helen Moore and Pauline Hawks; 49ers present were Howard Phelps and Earl Hawks. We were very happy to have Gertrude Howard of Wesley University (we are looking forward to having Gertrude as one of our 99 members very soon) and little Jill Higbee as visitors.

Thanks goes to Helen Nestle for completing the year books and having them ready to be given out at the meeting - very nice work.

We are very sorry to receive word of Jan Munkres being in the Thornton and Minor Hospital, Kansas City 8, Missouri. We missed you Jan, we are all wishing you a speedy and satisfactory recovery and hope that you will soon be back with us.

Plans are being made for our December meeting to be held December 10 and 11 in the "Christmas City", Minden. We hope that quite a number can plan to attend to see the Christmas Pageant and Lights, for which Minden has become very famous.

TEXAS CHAPTER - Ark-La-Tex Unit
By: Barbara Williams

It was a wonderful feast - turkey and all the trimmings - when the Ark-La-Tex Unit met Tuesday, November 15, in the home of Essie Hollis, Longview. After a huge meal, we were confronted with three different kinds of pie and our only regret was that it was impossible to find room for all 3 kinds. Attending were Mildred and Robert Carney of Shreveport, Marie and Marcus Barnes of Kilgore, Barbara Williams of Gladewater, and a prospective member, Diane Moffett of Longview, brought by Marie Barnes.

Diane obtained her private license at Stephens College last spring. She hopes to attend Oklahoma A&M next year to continue her pre-medical course, which was interrupted by an appendectomy this fall. She is active in the Civil Air Patrol.

Merle invited us to her home for a meeting in January. We voted to skip the December meeting. Essie will be in Manhattan, Kansas for the Christmas holidays.



LONG BEACH CHAPTER
By: Cynthia Gilkison

Our pre-Christmas party for members and their husbands and friends is set for Nov. 30. There will be a raffle to raise money for our treasury and a showing of a color film on the Sierra Mountain Wave Project, thanks to Betty Loufek. We are also looking forward to attending the Los Angeles Chapter's Tri-Chapter Christmas party.

Our flight safety clinic has been definitely scheduled for Saturday, February 4, on Torrance Airport. We have all been busy this past month contacting operators on the field, preparing publicity releases, locating link trainers, and trying to get as much as possible done before the Christmas season is upon us. We do hope all 99's anywhere in this area will be sure to come and bring any friends who are interested. Mr. Houghton of the Aviation Safety District office of CAA is flying a Twin Beech to Tucson for the flight clinic which is to be held there on December 3. All our clinic committee members are wondering who will be the lucky two or three who will get the opportunity to go along to find out at first hand how a safety clinic is managed. We are also looking forward to meeting some of the girls from the Tucson and Sagvoro Chapters.

Barbara, Dale and the newest Thisted, Dana, are anticipating a trip to northern Idaho this month. And Iris Critchell has just welcomed her mother back from a very wonderful, extended trip around the world.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Fran Dias

How the months do roll around! We have been having such wonderful weather until now "and the fog rolls in". Any of you girls who were cadets at Houston I'm sure remember the fog song. Each day now the great San Joaquin Valley is wearing a white shroud which is ghastly or should I say ghostly which in the end amounts to simply this: Flying is slightly curtailed.

There must have been some good days, though, because Laura May Crawford and 49er Gene, Bonanzad over to Las Vegas to see Campbell try to beat his own record in his jet propelled boat on Lake Mead. They didn't get to see much since his boat sank. That they saw!

Irmyle Fitzgerald and 49er Clark gave up trying to get to Napa the other day, 130ed and came into Modesto.

They called Hazel Zimmerman, who in turn called the members to come over to her house for the afternoon. Ev Hendley and 49er Walt, Laura May Crawford and Fran Dias went over and what a gab session we had. A lot of it about the airmarker we plan to do the 3rd and 4th of December at Porterville, Irmyle's home town.

Our chapter is very proud that Irmyle Fitzgerald has been appointed Contest Chairman for the Section, by Governor Martha Lundy.

Jean Vincent who has been groundbound for a couple of months is now, along with her 49er Tony, part owner of a Navion. We are very happy for Jean and Tony because they take to the air as often as they can and felt a little lost without their Stinson.

Ev Hendley's ten-year-old Steve is a member of a wonderful accordion band in Modesto. After a concert for the Airmen's Association the Hendley's took all the youngsters up for a plane ride. For some of them, their first ride. Who know, from that we may have some potential pilots. Getting non-pilots and kids into the air looks like one of the best parts in the Air Age Education program.

Our November meeting was held at Laura May Crawford's in Hughson. She served a delicious lunch to Hazel Zimmerman, Ev Hendley, Ethel Heiland and Fran Dias. Big discussion about our annual anniversary party. This year it is to be held in the Fable Room of the Hotel Covell in Modesto. All 99's and husbands are invited. In fact, we urge you to come - it's a big party (usually around 100 guests) and we really have a ball - remember - the date if January 21.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER
By: Marjorie Faith

Bay Cities Chapter meeting for November was held on the 18th at the home of East Bay member Lindy Boyes. Present were Lindy as hostess, Miriam Brugh, Fran Grant, Geri Hill new member Gale Lane, Margaret Gerhardt, Ruth Rueckert, Rose Tucker, Wray Misener, Dorothy Whiteman and Mable Zehr. After the buffet supper and meeting, Lindy's father and mother showed color slides taken on their recent trip through the Orient.

The next day revealed a good turnout of members at the airmarking on the San Mateo County Airport at San Carlos. The 14-letter 40-foot high marker was completely laid out by chalkline and outlined in paint on Saturday morning, and despite threatening weather the following day, was completed on Sunday. In addition, to the local 99's on the job, 49ers Norm Grant and Mel Whiteman and former Bay Cities member Helen Harrison showed up and rendered valuable assistance.

On Sunday Betty Gillies and Betty Loufek of the Air Race Committee, arrived for a conference with the local race committee and a look at the field installations. The two Bettys were guests of the San Mateo County Development Association that night at dinner.

On Sunday, November 27, a fly-in and dedication of the new runway at San Mateo County Airport will take place, and coffee is on the house for all 99's, 49ers, and other visiting pilots. Dusty Rhodes, airport manager, is so pleased with the new runway and new airmarker that he is taking this way to celebrate their completion. San Mateo County Airport is just east of the city of San Carlos and some 24 miles south of San Francisco.

December 10 has been selected for the date of the annual Kitty Hawk dinner to be held at the Alameda Naval Air Station. Local 99's have been asked to serve as hostesses at this event. On December 9 the Bay Cities Chapter will have a Christmas party at the home of Marian Detrich. Marian was quite ill earlier this year and it is good to know she is back on the active list again.

Commencing again in January, Bay Cities Chapter meetings will be held on the 3rd Friday night of the month. Itinerant 99's enthusiastically welcomed. And with this, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Grand New Year!

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER
By: Martha Lundy

At long last the Las Vegas Chapter is going to make the deadline with an appearance of sorts.

On November 20 99's Lela Horn, Airmarking Chairman, Margaret Moore, Solange D'Hooghe, Iva MacDonald and Martha Lundy, together with 49ers, boy friends, children and a number of prospective 99's, got into cars, trucks and planes and went to Pahrump Valley (where cotton is grown in Nevada) where we put in a rock airmarker. Made letters 20 feet high and 3 feet wide and painted the rocks. Really shows up from the air. Irma (Babe) Story, Airmarking Chairman for San Fernando Valley Chapter, and friend Jack Smith, flew over from Lancaster and helped. We had a wonderful picnic in the patio at the home of Dorothy and Dale Dorothy. Dorothy Dorothy (that is not a misprint!) is a former pilot and she and her husband own a plane so we are hoping she will get her license again and join us. She has given us some wonderful publicity, since she writes a column in a local Las Vegas paper, as well as various other publications.

We are pleased and proud to announce that we have a new member in the person of Iva MacDonald. Iva got her license a short time ago and as soon as we got her signed up, she was elected Chapter Treasurer. We are so short of members (active, that is) that it has been necessary for one member to hold several different positions. We are working hard to correct this situation, with more prospective members coming to meetings than members.

We are preparing for our Christmas Buffet party to be held at the home of Iva MacDonald, with Martha Lundy as cohostess. Any members in the vicinity on December 13, just call any member in the roster for directions on how to reach Iva's home. You will be welcomed with the traditional Christmas spirit(s)!

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Clara B. Davis

Chapter gals, Margaret Jepson, Katherine Wagner, Trixie Schubert, Babe Story, Dorothy Dancer, Louise Robertson, Norma Wilcox, Joan Strahl, Rane Brown, Barbara Stewart, Ann Bledsoe and Clara Davis turned out for the dinner meeting held at the Green Hotel in Pasadena, California, Monday, November 14. Trixie Ann Schubert was surprised with a gift from the chapter girls for her new born son, future jet pilot.

Appointed to new chairmanship positions were the following: Baby Story, Airmarking; Jean Strahl, Civil Defense; Louise Robertson, Historian; and new chapter member Barbara Stewart was put to work pronto as chairman of a money-making project.

We are proud of Rane Brown who placed 4th in the recent Air Race from Fullerton, Calif to Tucson, Arizona, flying a Cessna 140 with her husband acting as copilot.

We welcome back Ann Bledsoe who has just returned from South America and the Caribbean where she has been with her husband, a pilot for the Flying Tigers.

The 99's congratulates Jean Parker who was married last August to Rex Rose and also to the founder of the WIAA Elizabeth McQueen who was married October 28 to Dr. Irving Reed Bancroft.

Kee Scoville has a singing part in her Episcopal church production of the operetta "Amal and the Night Visitors" to be presented during the holidays. Also she has been promoted at Lockheed Corp. to technical illustrator in the engineering department.

We are looking forward to the Tri-chapter Christmas party with Long Beach and the Los Angeles Chapter to be held in the Los Angeles area. The San Fernando Valley Chapter extends Holiday Greetings to all 99's!

UTAH CHAPTER
By: June Raybould

On Saturday, November 5 we celebrated our fifth year since receiving our charter with what has come to be an annual affair. Lunch at the Salt Lake City Aviation Club. Present to celebrate were outgoing Chairman Jane Andreason, Eunice Naylor, Alberta Hunt, Zada Arentz, Cora Grote, Bobby McDonald and lone charter member June Raybould, with guests Jessie Carter, Ethel McDermitt and Linda Raybould. Jane was presented with a specially designed silver bracelet and our thanks for her two terms as chairman and two terms as secretary. We are proud to note that she has accepted the job as Air Age Education Chairman for the Section so she will still be busy. Everyone went home full of birthday cake and carrying charm bracelets which were favors -- courtesy of Jane. Our new chapter officers were presented at the luncheon and are: Chairman, Zada Arentz; Vice Chairman, Bobby McDonald; Secretary-Treasurer, Cora Grote; Membership Chairman, Doris Eacret; Reporter, June Raybould.

A national plastics firm showed excellent judgment, we think, in choosing our Doris Eacret and her special plastic airplane cover to be featured in a full-page spread carried in many magazines. While we're on the subject, think Idaho was also a good judge on selecting Onita Hoff, our Idaho 99, as their FF Queen. Onita reports a wonderful time at Lansing, Michigan, even tho she didn't win as national FF Queen. Says she ran into quite a few 99's there and enjoyed talking with them.

Four chapter members were fortunate in being able to fly to Santa Monica for the Fall sectional. Best of all was finding unusually good visibility after worrying all the way down. Jane Andreason and June Raybould traveled via a Cessna 180, and Doris Eacret and Alberta Hunt came in Doris' Cessna 140A. Doris and Alberta were less fortunate and had to leave their plane along the way due to weather, but arrived in time for all the festivities.

Our October meeting featured a distinguished guest in Dr. Geary from TWA, who traveled to Salt Lake from his New York base in order to deliver a speech to the Utah Educational Association. Thanks to Eunice Naylor, who made arrangements for his appearance, he kindly arranged to stay over in order to speak to chapter members.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Diane Gibson

The fog has been rolling in frequently, in our normally sunny valley, clipping all our wings. A fly-in to Monterey was planned but unfortunately no one was able to attend due to the low ceiling.

Despite the fog, many of us have been flying regularly - Allie Guest and her husband flew a new Tri-Pacer to Reno. They took with them a young couple who were getting married - this is a very nice way of promoting aviation, don't you think?

Ardell Hauk has started on Uranium Prospecting flights. She tells us so far the air has been smooth and the flights enjoyable - however, flying so close to the mountains takes a little getting used to.

Natalie Bossio, who works for the CAA, was quite happy to receive her Commercial License. Congratulations Natalie - we're all very proud of you.

Also, Marion Barnick is working feverishly for her Instrument Rating.

Marriannis Restaurant, located in Santa Clara, was the scene for one of our dinner meetings. The roll call went as follows: Marion and Herman Barnick, Jackie and Lloyd Petty, Ardell and John Hauk, Elsie and Ed Watson, Pat Gladney, Natalie Bossio, Pat Sherwood, Dorothy Monahan, Bob King and yours truly. Spirits were high and everyone had a wonderful time. Pat Gladney and Pat-

tie Sherwood reminisced with us about their flight to Alaska. Some of us have started to look for sponsors for the TAR. This is no small matter, as most of you know. Let's keep our fingers crossed for them and we'll see you next month.

GUARO CHAPTER
By: Jimmie Lou Shelton

We had the National Aviation Trades Association Convention here in Phoenix, Nov. 8, 9 and 10 and all NATA members to whom I talked said they felt this was the most successful convention in NATA history. It was held at the Hotel Westward Ho, which is the largest hotel in Arizona. Though I was at the hotel all three days, I was unable to attend any of the business meetings. Friend husband was "chairman in charge" which meant that yours truly was busy running errands and "keeping store" at the registration desk. Frances Wood was kept busy running a free taxi service and helping at the registration desk. She drove me down to the hotel from the airport at noon Tuesday and didn't get away until after 7 p.m. Some of the other 99 members did attend the business meetings. Marj was there for most of them and Ruth was there for some of them, until she had a business trip to Salt Lake City.

The Saguaro Chapter's Fashion Show was a great success. We modeled Tonia Tassi's exclusive original Squaw Dresses. They were the most beautiful we've ever seen, with prices ranging from \$39.95 to \$220.00. We also modeled a selection of Capri Pants, Indian and Mexican jewelry, evening and casual shoes and bags. The fashion show was given at a "By the Pool" luncheon on the patio at the hotel for the entertainment of the NATA Conventioneers. Frances Wood was the Narrator and did a marvelous job. Frances has a wonderful "mike voice" and though she had a few notes, most of the commentary was extemporaneous. The Saguaro Members who modeled were: Melba Beard, Wilma Bland, Lucille Crosby, Marj Crowl, Betty Knier, Carol Lowery, Juanita Newell, Alice Roberts and Jimmie Lou Shelton. It was very gratifying to have a number of the Conventioneers say that the Fashion Show was the highlight of the convention.

The San Diego Chapter spent the weekend of the 12th in Phoenix, helping us celebrate the Saguaro Chapter's birthday. They brought a beautiful scrapbook as a birthday gift - something we needed. Chairman Alice made arrangements for a party at the Green Gables, Phoenix's most picturesque restaurant which has mounted knights with flaming swords meet the cars at the gate and escort them to the Green Gables entrance. Alice and husband Charles presented everyone attending with the Green Gables' famous miniature horses. Corsages were presented to all the ladies. The November meeting of the Saguaro Chapter was held at Doris Glina's home.

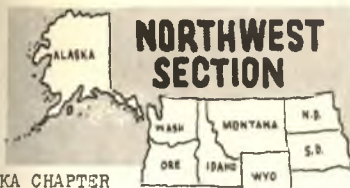
LOS ANGELES CHAPTER
By: Yvette Kovary

Our November meeting was held at Fran Bera's home where we all had a wonderful view of the new kidney-shaped pool (from indoors). No one was hardy enough to accept Fran's invitation for a dip, though the pool was heated and ready.

We unanimously agreed to Chairman Christie Warren's suggestion that we hostess the Tri-Chapter Christmas party at the "Cove", which is well known for good food. Christie plans decorations and new member Ethel Pflaum accepted the headache of reservations chairman.

A surprise came with the final report of the proceeds from the Stardust Banquet during the recent Sectional meeting. It seems that after gifts, donations, etc., our treasury benefitted to the tune of \$40 instead of the previously mentioned \$400...a mere slip of a decimal.

We were all pleased to see plucky Paulette D'Avril again. Despite her severe arthritis she manages to attend quite regularly. And 24-year-old Priscilla Kovary was pleased to attend even though the sandman overtook her before the meeting adjourned.



NORTHWEST SECTION

ALASKA CHAPTER
By: Lois Wise

Most exciting thing is that we have a SPONSOR for THE race next summer. At present we have been asked not to mention the name, but that will come with the next issue. We also have another prospective member, Jean Collins lately of the CAA Station at Minchumina and now in the Communications Center at Merrill Field. Jean is the gal who helped supply by plane an expedition to Mt. McKinley a few summers ago. Our meeting on November 3 did not see the return of Doll Booth with her plane but she is home-sweet-home at last - no place like it, eh Doll? 'Specially when it's minus forty Fahrenheit (-40°F).

Our meeting was small and we mostly gabbed, enjoyed Jean's snow stories, and sipped hot drinks (not alcoholic). Present were Pat McGee, Helen Stoddard, Helen Snyder and Lois Wise, with Jean Collins our prospective newcomer.

MONTANA CHAPTER
By: Mildred Berglund Shinn

Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year - if we listen to Whyte's repeated "Do not hesitate to do a 180". We "mountain gals" have almost as much up and down (3-10,000') as across our big state, so we appreciate her reminder.

Now it seems we need a resume of old and new - some missed in moving, new officers, and general omission:

1. August - \$25.00 for TAR fund.
2. September - Sectional, with Washington Chapter flying in force (Gini R. even enroute from Alaska); Sectional Officers elected, a TV program, 49ers certificated - and, of course, fun.
3. October - AIR FAIR IN BILLINGS - 65,000 attendance, including 22 Montana 99's - Lucille Wright of Jamestown, New York (Billings native) Head of Air Age Education, was our guest speaker. New local officers: V. Schrank, Chairman; Mary Jo Janey, Secretary (new owner of Navion with which she and her husband, both teachers, spread air education vastly thru central Montana); Eleanor Greening, Treasurer (Pilot-owner of Mooney Mite, Mark 20, 180 Cessna, etc.); and, Ernestine Gore, Vice Chairman. (Gerry, "Ernie" turned traitor on you and your Belanca and sold hers - now A Beech - to Cincinnati past week - hear Belanca is building again!!)

4. November in Montana - met in Central Montana and the lunch was by the Chamber of Commerce - unsolicited! BIG BUSINESS - SOS Montana pilots are trying to fight the lobbying of the Airlines ESPECIALLY - we are trying to RETAIN LOW FREQUENCY RADIO RANGE - all letters and wires to Senators and Representatives may keep our precious CAA funds from being channeled into VHF only. The low frequency, in addition to being a lesser expense, reaches approximately 100 miles, even in close mountainous spots, but the VHF was checked out at 17 miles on one heading out of Bozeman - one of our big and busy ranges. The four or five hundred active Montana pilots now using Low Frequency range should fight for it.

5. December - coming up with predictions of more snow and unusually early cold - hope the sun is out and temperature above zero for December 10 meeting and old jewelry auction - fund-raising time again!

Orpha Dann, teaching in Sidney, flying to her ranch, which she operates solo - and even teaches a class every Friday evening in Air Education at MILES CITY - now, that is MANEUVERING to make such rounds on these short wintry days; Gladys Kreider again elected Montana Farmers Queen - Flying Queen; Elsie Hartley (in addition to deer hunting) was copilot-stewardess on a DC3, Missoula to Logan, Utah - lucky MSU Football men; Jimmie Kuhn says flying safest - her car hit on highway while she was deer hunting - Eva Schwarrock got her deer solo too. Sabo and Lovelace of Bozeman back off ill list and should be flying south soon we hear.

Next news should bring names of five new Montana 99's - Hurrah!

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER
By: Betty Jane Seavey

Eastern Washington Chapter received our official charter on October 1, 1955 - held our first organizational meeting in Yakima, Washington, on June 19, 1955. Chairman, M'innie Boyd; Vice Chairman, Lydiellen Hagan; Secretary, Betty Jane Seavey; Treasurer, Mary Drinkwater; Membership Chairman, Paralee Casey; Newsletter Reporter, Ann Warren. We are looking forward to formal presentation of charter by Edna G. Whyte when spring sectional comes in Yakima, Washington in early May 1956, and the weather is more favorable.

Gini R., Mary D., Minnie B., Betty S. and 49er Don attended the fall Northwest Sectional in Billings, Montana, on September 14 and 15. Had a grand time, wonderful Montana hospitality, and especially enjoyed the Friday night meeting with the Montana Pilots' Association to see the wonderful film, "We Saw it Happen".

Vera Corey (Mrs. Harold), our newest chapter member from Ellensburg, Washington, has four pilots in her family - herself, husband and two Naval son fliers. Her application picture showed her in front of their private plane on a trip beyond the arctic circle. Her husband is in construction work in that area. So, she has the distinction of having piloted an aircraft beyond the Arctic Circle.

Another new member, Helen Wheeler, from Larson Air Force Base, holds many license ratings and is at present a civilian instructor at the Air Force Base in Eastern Washington. Walla Walla area members of the 99's were hostesses on October 16 for the monthly meeting at Walla Walla Country Club luncheon for 99's and Flying Farmers (Washington) Board meetings in Walla Walla the same day. There were 18 in all for the luncheon and publicity pictures.

Parry Casey and 49er Adrien, and Betty S. had a 99 display at Walla Walla Air Progress open house at city airport on October 23 with the "Powder Puff Derby" plans on display in hangar along with placards of pictures and news clippings. Participated in taxi-by parade and introductions of small aircraft, as well as conducting tours thru out the afternoon of youngsters into the cockpit of Tri-Pacer and explaining mechanics of instrument panel and radio equipment.

Ann Warren and Betty Seavey flew with their husbands on Washington Flying Farmers volunteer search group missions for crashed plane on November 4. Parry Casey assisted at Martin Airfield with the food detail for search pilots. Ieland Hector (Flying Farmer Board member) sighted crash as copilot observer, Don Seavey piloting Tri-Pacer, and Betty S. as second observer in the back seat. After calling crash site report in, flew over two hours in same area using radio for air to ground operations to find site.

Gini R., Minnie Boyd, and Betty Seavey were guest speakers November 9 at Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee luncheon meeting in Spokane with over 40 men there to listen to the 99's program. Lygie Hagan of Spokane assisted Mr. Watson of Chamber of Commerce with transportation and publicity relations for this luncheon meeting.

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