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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

HAPPY FLYING NEW YEAR - now with all the many sorrows and pleasures of 1955 in the past, we have 1956 to do with as we please.

My pleasure was so great that I am unable to find words to properly thank the Sections, Chapters and many individual members for the beautiful Christmas and New Year's greetings. What a pleasure to be a 99 and have friends all over the world. With all this well-wishing and team work, our wonderful organization is headed for even greater success.

I find that with the start of 1956 our Sectional Governors and Committee Chairmen are well along with their plans on the year's work for the 99's and all aviation. Let's all double our efforts to help them put over their many good ideas and well planned program. Thanks.

All aviation is proud and grateful to the Kansas 99's for their big effort in Air-marking. Their slogan was "55 Airmarkers in 55" and from what I hear they just about or have made it. They Airmarked Ellinwood, Kansas, from start to finish under the TV cameras. The film turned out fine and was so interesting it was reshown by public demand. NICE WORK GIRLS and MANY THANKS.

Have been ferrying some planes for a Texas company and on a recent trip I had a nice visit with our able Executive Board member Louise Smith in High Point, N.C. Louise has a beautiful new red and white Bonanza. I am very happy for her. I also had the pleasure of a visit and lunch with Evelyn Greenblatt in Atlanta, Ga. I sure admired the efficient way she handles her operation on Atlanta Airport. Evelyn is another one of our girls that helps to prove that women can do it.

One of our important projects for 1956 is to double our membership - so please keep alert for new desirable membership material. Invite them to one of our social and fun meetings.

It is not too early to start thinking about the officers for the coming year. You will soon receive a list asking for your nominations. Every Chapter should submit a list of names for the consideration of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is also elected, so be sure to include your candidates. The Nomination Committee's job is a hard one and is most important. We can help by sending in early our nominations chosen from our many qualified members. Be sure to submit a complete slate of nominees.

It is getting later than you think - start looking for a sponsor and plane for the 1956 flying events.

The year's program sounds something like this:

Some local flying events and races in the making -

May 10 - Sky Lady Derby, an efficiency race starting at Dallas, Texas, and terminating at Little Rock, Arkansas.

May - International Air Race, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, to Havana, Cuba. Individual handicap Race.

July 4 - Transcontinental Air Race, San Mateo, Calif., to Flint, Michigan. Set handicaps for each make of plane.

July 12 - Our Annual Convention, Harbor Springs resort, Michigan. Plans sound wonderful. No one should miss it. In all the 99 flying events, if you do not finish in the money, you are doubly repaid having found so many new friends with a bonus of great fun and good experience.

Let's all see how many women we can interest in learning to fly in 1956. Please feel free to send me any suggestions you may have that will help our organization.

Wishing you the best for the NEW YEAR. Bad weather makes flying less safe, so always check carefully.

ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD CAN NOT BUY REAL FRIENDS, HAPPINESS OR A PASSPORT TO HEAVEN.

Sincerely yours,

Edna Gardner Whyte

NATIONAL AVIATION EDUCATION COUNCIL
SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Hotel New Yorker
March 15-17, 1956

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 15

9:00 a.m. Registration begins
10:00 a.m. General Assembly
(Introduction-Welcome by
President-2 key speakers)
12:30 p.m. Luncheon - One speaker
2:00 p.m. General Assembly
(Classroom Demonstrations)

Friday, March 16

9:30 a.m. Annual Business Meeting
11:00 a.m. Key Speaker on Rockets and
their Future
2:00 p.m. General Assembly
(Classroom Demonstrations and
Key Speaker)
6:45 p.m. Reception
7:30 p.m. Annual Banquet

Saturday, March 17

9:00 a.m. Guided tours to NYC Airports

Kay Brick and Marilyn Link are the 99 members who are assisting the NAEC program committee with arrangements. In the December Newsletter we asked you to tell the teachers and aviation friends in your community about the NAEC Conference. The schedule as outlined above will allow you to pass on to them some additional information. NAEC Executive Director, Evan Evans, 1025 Conn. Ave., NW, Washington, DC may be contacted for more news at any time.

From M. C. Link

AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
By: Jeannette L. Sovereign, Chairman
Board of Trustees

Do you need \$300 to get that coveted rating to put you on top in your aviation career? The 1956 AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP may be just the right answer for you. That is the object of this oldest project of the 99's. To be eligible for the 1956 Award you must meet the following qualifications:

1. You must have been an active 99 member in good standing for at least TWO consecutive years prior to September 1955.
2. You must have had at least 200 solo hours (preferably since acquiring your private rating).
3. You must agree to USE the rating certification or training acquired through the Award for at least TWO years in the field of AVIATION.
4. Your annual earnings are limited to:
Not less than \$1,000.
Not more than \$3,500.

If you are married, your husband's income and your family status and needs will also be considered by the judges.

To the member whose application shows her to be the most deserving and whose plans for using the Award will be of most benefit in the field of aviation will go the 1956 Award of \$300.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE READY NOW. Send your request for the Scholarship application form to:

Jeannette L. Sovereign
2136 Center Avenue
Bay City, Michigan

DO IT NOW as they must be returned in complete form by March 20, 1956 (postmark deadline).

**it's later
than you think!**

**the 1956 AWTAR
is less than**

6 months away -

better start planning!

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CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

By: Jane E. Ackors, Chairman

All around the country there are posters in windows and on billboards asking the question, "Are you prepared?". Have you ever stopped to evaluate those words? Can you honestly feel that you are prepared either partially or fully to aid in any emergency or crisis that might befall your community? It is appalling that so many people - men and women alike - live in the belief that nothing can happen. Of course, we all hope and pray that our country never falls victim to enemy attack, but what of the other dangers - flood, fire, highway accidents, missing persons, disease epidemics, etc.

Are you trained in First Aid? Do you have at least a basic knowledge of the use of firearms? Could you give clear, concise orders with authority enough to inspire confidence in other people who may be confused frightened or helpless? Can you remain calm and level-headed in an emergency? Can you follow directions readily without wasting valuable time asking for repetition?

These are only a few of the things we should all ask ourselves. Every state, every community has its own problems and one small group cannot hope to set up a program so complete as to be workable for all - however the basic need for cooperation is the same from Maine to California and from the Dominion to the Gulf.

Therefore, all 99's are urged to work closely with Civil Defense in their own communities. No matter how great or how small your participation, you are needed. Will all Chapter Chairmen please send me the names of your Civil Defense Committee Chairmen so that I may in turn contact them for an interchange of ideas and to get a clearer picture of what is being done by the 99's in this program. Write to Jane Ackors, 7002 Westfield Road, Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Have you made
Convention Plans?
Don't be left out-start now!**

AWTAR

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By: Betty M. Loufek
Public Relations

START: San Mateo County Airport
(near San Carlos, Calif.)

FINISH: Bishop Airport
Flint, Michigan

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

RACE ROUTE: 2366 statute miles

via: Bakersfield, California
Needles, California
Prescott, Arizona
Winslow, Arizona
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Amarillo, Texas (MUST STOP)
Wichita, Kansas
Columbia, Missouri
Urbana, Illinois
Ft. Wayne, Indiana (MUST STOP)
Flint, Michigan

Rules, Application Forms and Handicap lists will be ready for mailing February 1. Those wishing sets of this information please write to: AWTAR Headquarters, 2611 East Spring Street, Long Beach 6, California. Please enclose 25¢ to defray mailing costs.

Start getting the sponsors lined up gals!! We've been hearing great things about the arrangements at the start and finish and all indicate that this, the Tenth Annual, will be as much fun as any of the others-- maybe more!!

A FLIGHT TO SOUTH AMERICA

By: Evelyn Bryan
Tennessee 99

A flight to South America!!! This seemed almost unbelievable when the opportunity was presented to me last August. I tossed the thought around in my mind for quite some time wondering if the trip would really materialize. About the middle of Sept. a letter came from Rev. John Oliver of Teresina, Piaui, Brasil, stating that he had received the Import License allowing his Piper Tri-Pacer to be brought into Brazil. If I wanted to make the trip, all expenses paid, I should get busy with Passport, inoculations, landing permits, etc. Well, needless to say, I got busy.

With the help of the AOPA and Rev. Jack Wilder of Durham, N.C., who was in charge of the plane, red tape was soon in the making. It took almost three months to complete the necessary papers. During that time one of our Alabama 99's called and asked if she could go along. Of course, I was happy to tell Jan Warrick that she could go. A trip of this sort could be very lonely, especially since much of the time would be spent among people who spoke different languages than ours.

On December 5 I left Morristown Airport and flew down to Decatur, Ala., to pick up Jan. Soon after leaving there we caught up with the bad weather that had passed through Morristown a few days earlier. After making several stops to wait, we were able to get to Albany, Ga., that night and there we stayed for four days while the weather did its worst. Had it not been for Betty McNabb, one of our Georgia 99's, don't know what we would have done. She insisted that we stay at her house and it certainly made the stay in Albany very pleasant. The ceiling did not lift above 300 feet until Thursday afternoon. At that time we were able to get on to Cross City, Fla., where we caught the weather again, but were able to get on

to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the following morning. On this leg of the trip we averaged 150 miles per hour which you know is really some speed for a Piper Tri-Pacer.

We had business in Miami. It was necessary to visit the Brazilian Consul to get the Import License stamped before taking the plane into Brazil. Although this was very little work, the Brazilians were able to consume more than one-half day doing it. We then had to go to Pan-Avion Co. to rent life rafts and life jackets to take along on our over water hops. In all it took almost two days to tend to the business. In the meantime, I was the victim of a pick-pocket and my billfold was taken to the tune of \$250. To me this was a tremendous loss as it was not my money and I had to make up the loss. We left our winter clothes with Dorothea Vermorel as we knew we were going to need them when we got back to the USA.

By the time we got to Key West, Fla., checked with customs and arranged everything for taking the plane out of the country, the weather proceeded to get bad again and we were forced to stay there from Saturday until the following Thursday. On Tuesday we tried to go over to Cuba, but had to turn back when more than half-way over the 90 miles of water.

After reaching Havana, Cuba, on Thursday afternoon, it was too late to go further. Anyway, the weather was very threatening. Early the following morning we set out for Camaguey, Cuba. This trip was rather routine and was accomplished in fair time. Here we gassed the plane and started for Santiago, Cuba, but had to turn back about 100 miles out as a cold front lay across Cuba in our path. We overnighted in Camaguey and started toward Santiago before daylight the following morning. We were within 20 miles of Santiago but could not get to it. Fog went right down to the ground and as the mountains around Santiago run as high as 4000 ft., one did not dare take a chance on stumbling through the fog. We turned back to a small town, Bayamo, Cuba. This was a very primitive town, but the people were lovely. We met two young men who could speak a little English. That helped since we could speak no Spanish. We decided that we had best go to town to try to close our flight plan by phone. A mechanic at the field took us to town. We persuaded one of the young men who spoke some English to go along to help us. After \$6.00 and a conversation something like "Hallo", "I don't understand you" and trying to tell someone where we were, we gave up. When we reached Santiago we went immediately to check and see if they got the message. After shuffling through a great stack of papers, they said "Yes, you had a flight plan". Here we were six hours late and no one had noticed. Sure glad nothing was wrong with us.

Since Customs do not work on Sunday, we decided to remain in Santiago over Sunday. This is a charming city. Don't know why some of the tours do not include Santiago. Perhaps it would become the money grabbing city that Havana is if this were so, perhaps it is best as it is now. We enjoyed watching the young people promenade on both Saturday and Sunday evenings. The boys go one way and the girls the other. When a young man sees a girl he likes, he joins her and walks the same way she is.

In Santiago we met Congressman O'Hara and Mrs. O'Hara of Illinois. They were there as guests of the Cuban government. Pres. Batista had presented Congressman O'Hara with a Medal and was sending him around over the island of Cuba with a military escort in honor of the part he played in the liberation of Cuba under Teddy Roosevelt during the Spanish-American War. It was delightful to see one of our own countrymen being so honored by another government.

On Monday morning we were off to Haiti about 9 a.m. We flew up the coast of Cuba to the East Point and there cut across the ocean toward Haiti. We saw that country so quickly we thought surely we must still be looking at the East Point of Cuba. We

flew over the water for two hours. We could have cut in toward land much sooner, but since it was mountainous we preferred to fly over the water where the air is smooth.

When we reached Port Au Prince, Haiti, we were so intrigued with the place that we would have surely stayed overnight had we not received a cablegram from Rev. Oliver saying that he had found he could make such good airline connections to Trinidad that he had come up there to meet us, so please hurry. So what could we do but hurry.

We got over to Ciguad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, for the night. We might have gone farther, but it was the day before the opening of the Worlds Fair and hundreds of people were pouring into the Customs office. Things were in such a turmoil and it was after dark before we could get away from the airport to go to the hotel. We stayed at the PAZ a brand new three-million dollar hotel that had just opened four days before. It was gorgeous!! It was expensive!! But

there was no room anywhere else. By the way, we rated a photo in the newspaper, El Caribe, along with a long article. They said we were the first women pilots to ever land there. The gas boys were laughing as they said they had never seen a woman fly a plane before.

The morning we left was a holiday because of the opening of the fair. We had to pay overtime to Customs. I do not feel that it was a rip, nor do I feel that the price was exorbitant. We paid \$16.40 and we knew before we went out there that we would have to do it. We could have avoided the cost by waiting, but Rev. Oliver had said "hurry". We hated to hurry this time, too, as we had been invited to remain as guests at the fair.

Between Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico there lay 80 miles of water. The weather was rather bad, lots of rain and clouds, but by flying over some of them and under others, we were able to reach Puerto Rico without incident. We stopped here only long enough to gas up and get a bite to eat, as well as send some cables to let our families know that we were still safe.

We rushed on over to Saint Thomas Island to spend the night. We had heard so much about the place that we wanted to visit there. We had heard that it was a good place to shop. Something must have happened to the place. We could not afford anything they had. We only bought some postcards and spent the evening writing them to friends.

The next leg of the trip is the one we had been dreading. There lay 125 miles of water with no islands and no radio beacon. We wondered if we could hit Saint Martin. Surprising to say, we did with no trouble at all. From there on to Guadeloupe the islands were only 20 and 30 miles apart. You can see from one to the other. On landing at Guadeloupe we were surprised to learn that the landing fee was only 30¢. This was quite a bit different from the fees that had run anywhere from \$1.00 to \$6.00. The native boys went all out to be nice to us. They put the gas in the plane with buckets and a chamois. They spilled a lot, but they were doing their best. The Tower operator went all out to help with filing flight plans getting weather, etc. Of course, he could not do anything for us as far as landing instructions were concerned as we had no radio that we could communicate with anyone at any time after leaving the USA.

We hurriedly completed arrangements on Guadeloupe and started for Grenada. After flying for some time and passing Saint Vincent Island, we decided that dark might catch us before reaching Grenada, so we turned back to Saint Lucia. This was the only stop we made that we had sent no prior notification of arrival. We wondered how we would be received. Amazing to say, no one was at the airport when we landed, but within fifteen minutes there were the police, customs, immigration, fire department, two

taxis, the hotel manager, the radio operator plus about 50 children. They saw us land and had all come out. There is very little traffic there and only one woman had flown a plane in there before. She was our 99 member who resides in Guadeloupe. Everyone treated us royally. All arrangements were made for us. The flight plan was cancelled and arrangements were made to get gas brought out, a hotel room was secured and transportation to the hotel arranged (the hotel was one-half block from the field), customs and immigration refused any pay although it was way past hours for them to work. The police arranged to tie the plane down for us. Nothing could have been nicer than our reception on Saint Lucia.

This island impressed us immensely. It was like something you read about in story books. The people never hurry. Everyone seems to be doing something they like to do. We met a sailor, not one connected with the government, guess you might call him a civilian sailor. He had just delivered a yacht to a young English Baron who was living there in a cottage. Oh yes, the young man could not seem to get over the fact that two women were flying an airplane down through the islands. Also, we met an anthropologist from Peoria, Ill. who was there working on a book on Folk Lore. He informed us that the Missionary must be worried to death, knowing that two women were flying his airplane over the ocean. We thought that hardly likely since he had asked a woman to bring it. We met a graduate of Harvard who lives there and works for the government - he is a native of St. Lucia - he drove us around the town of Castries, up on a hill 900 ft. high to get a view of the town at night, then he took us to visit in the homes of some of the natives. It was truly a delightful evening. He told us something of the island. One of the things that impressed me most was the fact that it had changed hands 14 times between the English and the French.

Early the next morning we prepared to leave for Trinidad. It took some time to gas up, visit with the airport manager who was the only person we had not seen the night before, file our flight plan, get a weather report and bid everyone goodby. Finally, we were off for Trinidad. About 30 miles out we encountered some very bad weather, but by picking our way around Saint Vincent Island and getting down to 700 ft. over the water, we were able to get away from the worst part of the weather in about 45 min. From there on the flying was pretty good. We saw a great number of sail boats and one ocean liner on this trip. It was 250 miles from St. Lucia to Trinidad. The first 100 had little islands dotted along close together, just as good as a railroad track for navigating. The last 110 miles had no islands, but we found no trouble with the navigation as there was a radio beacon on Trinidad.

The most beautiful sight was when the coast of Trinidad loomed up in the distance. Here in sight was our goal. Here Rev. Oliver was waiting. Here we would successfully complete our mission. Here we were. God had brought us safely over 3000 miles. A great deal of this was water. We were thankful.

It was with great pleasure that I handed the keys of the Piper Tri-Pacer over to Rev. John Oliver, Missionary to Brazil. In fact I had Jan take my picture handing him the keys. It was a bit of history that I want to be able to look back on from time to time.

On Friday morning, December 23, we got up early and began haunting the office of Aerovias Brasil Air Lines. They had no seats, but if the children on the plane were small, they could take on enough weight to let us on. It was our only chance to get home by Christmas. When the plane arrived, they were able to take us. We quickly checked out of our hotel and boarded the plane. In 25 minutes we were back in Trinidad. Something was wrong with the DC-6. We stayed there two hours for repairs. We then proceeded to Caracas, Venezuela. There

the plane had to go in for repairs again and it was twelve hours before we could go. We left Caracas at midnight on December 23. By 5:30 Atlantic time the following morning we arrived in Miami, Fla. In three hours we were able to get connections home. We had an interesting experience on the DC-7. We were separating some of the trinkets we had gotten along the way. One of the hostesses saw them and asked where we got them, so we told her the story of our trip tracing our route out on a map. Later she came back and said the pilot would like to have us come up in the cockpit. Now all of you know that is something we all love to do. When we got up there and were talking to the pilot, he asked if we would like to fly the DC-7. Oh boy, you bet, so consequently, we each were given a turn at the controls - a never-to-be-forgotten treat. An ideal ending for a delightful adventure.

Never before had we realized what "Home for Christmas" could really mean. When it looked like we might not make it, we fully realized the meaning. As it was, we made it home almost twelve hours before Christmas came.

P.S. The only navigational aids we had in the plane were 1 magnetic compass and 1 E.D.F. hooked to a Narco low frequency receiver.



NEW ENGLAND SECTION

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By: Ora Stevens

The December meeting of the 99's was held at the Boston City Club on December 17 at noon. Members and friends in attendance were: "Chris" Seaver, Bertha Ryan, Barbara Cloud, Mary Ann Lippett, Barbara Ellis, Charlotte Kelley, Polly Fish, Jenny O'Connell, Shirley Rose and Ora Stevens. After the informal meeting conducted by Governor "Rustie", it was suggested we have our luncheon at Pattens Restaurant across the street.

Abby Cutler Louis sent word that her address has been changed from Hamilton, Mass. to Essex Road, Ipswich, Mass.

We hear that Pat Arnold flies down to Virginia every few weeks and is in the sheep raising business - about 300 in all.

99er Jean Pearson, Michigan Chapter, was here for A.M.A. Convention. Jean is a science writer as well as Aviation Editor for "Detroit Free Press". Barbara Cloud had the fun of having lunch with her.

Another ambitious gal in our Section is Page Shamburger who is working on her instrument ticket. Seems like a lot of working - this instrument stuff.

While "Rustie" Cloud was in Illinois for Rust Craft in November, she had a chance to have coffee and visits with Leah Warren, Doris Dougherty, Rose Andrews and Florence Musser. 99's reception all over the country is unparalleled, says Barbara.

Barbara Kiernan came to the rescue of Chris Seaver one Saturday afternoon as she was sort of stranded at New Bedford Airport. Barbara flew her back to Norwood Airport - a much appreciated and enjoyable ride in Barbara's Navion.

Guess what! That lucky gal Barbara Kiernan flew to Wichita for North Atlantic Airways to fly their new Cessna 310 - of all twins - back for them. Barbara also got to fly that Twin Navion at Mass. Air Industries, New Bedford, over to the Vineyard and Nantucket finally. Flew just as nice as it looks she said. Barbara is having a fund raising dinner for the 99's in February at

her home, so make plans, girls - fun for everyone.

"Rustie" Cloud received a nice note from Shirley Mahn up at the White Mountain Air Service in Whitefield, New Hampshire. Shirley hasn't been able to make the meetings recently because she is the only Commercial Pilot there and has to stick around on weekends. She says hello to everyone and hopes to make the next meeting.

Bertha Ryan, our licensed Glider Pilot and Private Pilot from up around Mrs. Hiller's way, is transferring to the Los Angeles Chapter. She has accepted a position as Aerodynamicist (I was going to say "job" but not with that title) for Douglas Aircraft Company in Santa Monica, California. Good luck on your new position, Bertha, although we hate to have you leave us.

Mrs. Catherine Hiller, Owner-Operator of the Hiller Airport in Barre, Mass., has been appointed the Soaring Society Governor for Mass. and Vermont. Mrs. Hiller was active in the formation of the New England Soaring Association last Spring and is the Treasurer of that organization. Eight sail planes were flying at her field last summer and twelve are expected next year. This position was formerly held by Bertha Ryan.

Barbara W. Ellis, Assistant Director of Personnel with Mass. Wing Headquarters of Civil Air Patrol, is starting her Link instruction this month.

Barbara "Rustie" Cloud has just been made a member of the Aviation Committee of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Charlotte Kelley has been made Assistant Coordinator of the Womens Activities in Civil Air Patrol Mass. Wing Hdqrs. at Hanscomb Field, Bedford.

Mary Ann Lippett got together with our Treasurer Alice Kitka up at Southbridge, Mass. to go over the records Alice received with her election to office. Alice was not able to make the December meeting. Mary Ann Lippett took time out from her flight operations at Hills Grove and flew up to Boston for the December meeting.



NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION
By: Ruby Sadtler

We had the most delightful Christmas party December 9 when we were invited to Irene Keith's attractive apartment in Jackson Heights, Long Island. Irene's tree was a thrill to see, especially after we had added our gaily wrapped gifts, each tagged for boy or girl, to be given to the crippled children at Bellevue Hospital in New York on Christmas morning.

Present were Pat Wilson, Jeanne Spielberg, Wilhelmina Hanzlik, Lucille Boudreau, Marjorie Davis, Gertrude Alcock, Irene Keith, Selma Cronan, A.-J. Starr, Kay Brick, Ena Ayres, Phyllis Crouch, Barbara Evans, Marie Lopez and Marie Lecky who works for Northwest Airlines and is a prospective member and quite a number of extremely good looking and helpful 49ers and guests.

Also present was Muriel Steinel, looking more starry-eyed than ever when she told us of her plans to marry January 22. Irene and her friends had prepared a most appetizing buffet to which we all did credit. It was a relaxing and happy time and before we knew it, the evening was gone and one more memory added!

On December 12 we were happy to accept an invitation from Warner Bros. Pictures to a preview of "The Court-Martial of Billy

Mitchell" starring Gary Cooper, Charles Bickford, Ralph Bellamy and Rod Steiger. We were spellbound for 100 minutes and feel impelled to urge you to go see this factual picture at your first opportunity. It is showing in New York right now and is probably in your home town now, too. Don't miss it!



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER
By: Peggy Borek

We hope your Christmas was a happy, memorable one. Our December meeting is usually more social than businessy. We enjoyed delicious lobster dinners at the Alpha Club. We thank Secretary Jean McKaig for the pretty wax table decorations and for arranging things in general. Afterward we exchanged little gifts, one being more ridiculous than the other. Yours truly, the only teetotaler in the bunch, got a large size Alka Seltzer. We also noted colored cigarettes, a ukelele and other "valuable" gifts. By auctioning a bejeweled bottle opener and a mouse trap paper clip, our treasury was enriched to the tune of about \$10.00.

Other 99's present at the party were Marie Angstadt, Georgianna Herdman and 49er Tom, Genevieve Koester, Kay Macario and Tom, Anne Shields, Bettie Townson and George, Helen Sheffer and her guest, Mrs. Stalnaker who came all the way from Montoursville, and prospective member Diane Ritt with prospective 49er Tom.

Chairman Margaret Callaway conducted the briefest of brief business meetings and we set our January meeting for the third Sunday in that month at Wings Field.

We received an invitation to attend the January meeting of the Society of Aeronautical Sciences. Having attended their November meeting, we are really looking forward to an interesting evening.

WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER
By: Jean Ross Howard

Caught a quick glimpse of several 99's at the December CAP Conference here. Lt. Cols. Alice Hammond from Michigan, Barbara Jenison from Illinois, Louise Thaden from Virginia, Marie Rushing from Texas, Clara Livingston from Puerto Rico and Captain Betty Hamilton from North Carolina. Just wish there had been more time to meet and mingle.

The 99 table added glamour to the Wright Day Dinner which was voted unanimously the best ever. Intrepid Dr. Helen Meyers made a quick round-trip by car from Lancaster, Pa., to be on hand - it was a long way to come for dinner (even filet mignon) - hope she made it home safely - we did enjoy seeing her again.

The Chapter's annual Christmas party was truly tops. Ann Ash was our gracious hostess, assisted by Virginia Thompson, in her stunning new home near Annadale, Va. Others who were there in their festive best were: Ada Mitchell, Florence Rucker, Florence Robinson, Betty Dillon, Nancy Tier, Elizabeth Fleming, Hazel Diggins, Betty Fisher (the lady in red), Blanche Noyes, Dorothy Mitchell, Eleanor Davis, Louise Kidd, Ruth Barclay, Eva Mignonis, Chairman Mitzi Moore and Jean Howard.

After a delicious ham dinner with all the fixings, the "grab-bagging" for gifts became slightly hysterical - heavy swapping was in order! Highlight of the evening, was Ann accompanying the group for carols on the 150-year old organ which her 49er

Bill discovered in Ohio. It's truly a prized possession.

Word has arrived that the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter will hostess our Middle Eastern Spring Sectional. We're looking forward to a reunion in Philadelphia!

The January meeting will be at the home of the Florences - they have promised to show movies of their favorite Alaska.

Just a reminder - 1956 - LEAP YEAR!!



SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER
By: Edith B. Swinney

The November meeting was held at Barbara Erickson's home. Aside from regular business Phyllis McBeth reported having a wonderful time on the Texas Air Tour and Bertha Meena has returned from a South American Tour. Have you ever flown the Andes in a 140? Bertha has and can really tell of many interesting adventures.

The December meeting was held at the Miami Springs Villas - a good turnout of 99ers and 49ers enjoyed dinner and a short business meeting disclosed that the 1956 International Air Race will start at Hamilton, Ontario, and wind up in Havana, Cuba. Watch for information and dates.



NORTH CENTRAL SECTION NEWS
by: Marjorie Raglin, Vice Governor

Neither 0-0 fog nor thirteen inches of snow have kept Governor Eloise Smith from spending an active month of planning with Mary Clark, 1956 International Convention Chairman, and Bernice Trimble, AWTAR Terminus Chairman. The city of Flint, Michigan, is buzzing with anticipation about summer plans. And here's a note from Bernice on the latest developments:

"I have never seen this city get so excited over anything as they are over the Terminus. Sue makes my job a pleasant one. The city that put the World on Wheels is about to launch off into aviation, and it is all due to the 1956 AWTAR Terminus. Those entering the Race we hope will be most pleasantly accommodated and those not entering the Race should plan to come to Michigan early enough to participate in the Terminus events before continuing to the Convention.

"The Michigan Chapter of Ninety-Nines stands ready to meet and greet you in July at Flint, Michigan."

Central Illinois representatives visited the Chicago Chapter Christmas party at the Conrad Hilton Hotel indicating great expectations for the North Central Spring Sectional at Champaign in May. Sparkplug Dora Dougherty drops in on some of the weekend meetings in the Chicago area disclosing just enough tidbits to keep that chapter in suspense.

There's an exciting spring and summer season coming up in the North Central States in 1956. Be sure to join us for two, if not three, of the festivities!

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER
By: Mr. Jory Farrell

This has been a Christmas month of cold, cold weather. It must have affected us, too, for we've been a mighty slow group activity-wise. With our change of meeting date to the fourth Wednesday of the month, we've not been together yet to exchange news and views of the Christmas holidays.

Laurien Griffin had the best Christmas present for her in the final repairs on her plane. She's flying again now, and happy!

Marie Kuhlman had a "purely for pleasure" weekend in Chicago recently. She and that Beech like to take off and go!

The Siggs--Stan and Betty--spent Christmas with Stan's folks in Oklahoma City, then went on south to Brownsville and the Gulf Coast. Lucky People!

Dee Southard is very proud of her Yorkshire Terrier--brought back three ribbons from Omaha. (She confesses, though, that Wee Belinda was the only Yorkshire Terrier there!) Betty Siggs accompanied her to help in the instrument navigation per Ford flying machine. Dee is busy doing local flying in preparation for her flight check for commercial. Luck to you, Dee!

Good flying to all of you through 1956.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER
By: Bernice Schrader Wilson

The Upper Iowa Chapter held its Christmas party in the Warden Hotel in Fort Dodge on Sunday, December 18. The recent snow and threatening skies kept several away. Those present were Helen Flaherty and Virginia Koestner, the hostesses, and Donald Koestner, Bernice Wilson, Jack Wilson, Margaret Adkins and guest, Fay Gregory, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Manchester. Christmas punch and a social hour were enjoyed before the delicious dinner. Following the dinner, gifts were exchanged. In addition, door prizes were won by LuVerne Manchester and Jack Wilson.

The members of the chapter send New Year's greetings to the members of the other chapters.

INDIANA CHAPTER
By: Rae Cawdell

We've been going through a period of pleasant convalescence - recovering from our Christmas party. Hosts this year were the Berners, who excel in hosting. Our thanks to Esther and Don for the privilege of meeting in their beautiful home.

Our party was in the rumpus room, decorated in keeping with the season including, of course, the Christmas tree. And the crackling of the logs in the fireplace attributed to the spirit of the Yuletide. It wouldn't be difficult to figure out the Berner's hobby - for here and there about the room were many model airplanes. Completely covering the wall back of the bar was a blowup from a snapshot of their first airplane and over the mantle the props from their first Cub. To mention the dinner - well, double everything you can imagine for a Christmas feast - we had just that.

We were extremely sorry that several of the girls (including Betty Nicholas who was suffering from a virus infection) could not be with us. Incidentally, Betty was in Washington, D.C. over the weekend of December 10 in connection with Civil Air Patrol duties.

Guess everybody is really "home for Christmas" - haven't heard of anyone making any flying trips.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER
By: Rose Andrew

The Central Illinois Chapter held its December brunch meeting at Capitol Airport, Springfield, on the 1st Sunday of the month. The following attended: Chairman Leah Warren and her husband, Sam, and Dora Daugherty, Champaign; Mary Hendrix and Helen McBride, Mattoon; Mabel Johnson and Adelaide O'Brien, Springfield; Barbara and Ed Jenison, Paris; Helen Grienke, Centralia; Florence Musser and her 49er from Lincoln. They brought as guests Dr. and Mrs. Gary.

Also meeting with the group were Mr. and Mrs. A. Abney. Mr. Abney is the Illinois State Director of Aeronautics.

Plans for holding the Spring Sectional were discussed. Leah Warren, Florence Musser, Dora Daugherty and Joyce Hillstrom attended the Chicago dinner meeting at the Conrad Hilton Hotel Dec. 17.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER
By: Ruth C. Lembke

Valpano's was the site of the holiday party the Wisconsin 99's chose. Those who attended the dinner were Dottie and Eustace Faust Herm and Deedo Helse, Mary Lou Thompson, Elaine Francke, Dora Fritzke, Toney and Genevieve Sharp.

The Heises are now in Akron, Ohio, visiting their son and daughter-in-law. Deedo managed to fly the new Cessna 172 of the tricycle landing gear fame which appeared at Curtiss Wright Field one day. Mary Lou has taken off for her home in Wichita, Kansas, while Genevieve flew to Montana, her home.

Three of my sixth grade boys are very happy because of letters they received recently from famous fliers. A book week project and an aviation unit in the classroom interested them in choosing to write to their favorite author-aviators. They asked the name of their favorite book when the auto-aviators were eleven. Jimmie Doolittle's were TOM SAWYER and HUCKLEBERRY FINN - Eddie Rickenbacker's was the BIBLE - while Phil Houghton listed ROBIN HOOD as his. The children treasure the personal answers they received highly.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER
By:

Santa paid his annual visit to our Chapter's Christmas party held in the home of Lois Wilson, Dearborn, Michigan. As usual, it was a huge success with cocktails, etal.

As has been our custom in the past couple of years, we contributed toward gifts for the women in a ward at the Eloise State Hospital. The gifts will be distributed next summer rather than at this time when they have other Christmas gifts.

We were delighted to have at our meeting Anne Phillips, who has transferred to our Chapter from the New England Section and also a new member, Ruth Donelson from Flushing, Michigan. It was wonderful to see Gloria Lynch Smith, who is now making her home in Garden City, Michigan.

Margaret Napierala was presented a lovely 99 compact in appreciation of her splendid work as chairman last year.

Naturally, conversation centered around our plans for the National Meeting. The more we hear about Ramona Park Hotel in Harbor Springs, the more enthused everyone becomes "Way Up In God's Country", a resort city within itself. And they say the food is "out of this world".

To add to the fun, plans are being made for some kind of competition between the AWTAR terminus, Flint, Michigan, and Pellston, the airport for Ramona Park. More about this later.

Thelma Lindzay spent Christmas in Oklahoma City. We are hoping that she has an opportunity to visit our new National Headquarters so we can have a first-hand report.

Heartell that Loma May has been receiving get-well cards from her coworkers since reporting to them that she had "rust on her empenage".

SEE YOU IN MICHIGAN NEXT JULY.

Word has just been received of the death of Becky Thatcher's mother. We extend our deepest sympathy to Becky and her family.



SO. CENTRAL SECTION

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER
By: Harriet Nye

The Albuquerque Chapter enjoyed their first outing together when they were invited to lunch in El Paso by the unit there. Mary Turney was pilot in her Stinson for Jo Eddleman and Harriet Nye, and Lu Sina Jones came in from Hatch. It was a fine December day, and the association with Texas friends was so much enjoyed. Our South-Central Governor Ruth Deerman is due credit for getting some of us off the ground and into the air. Locally, our Chairman Jo Eddleman keeps plans bubbling and will, no doubt, promote many activities during 1956.

TULSA CHAPTER
By: Faye Mefford

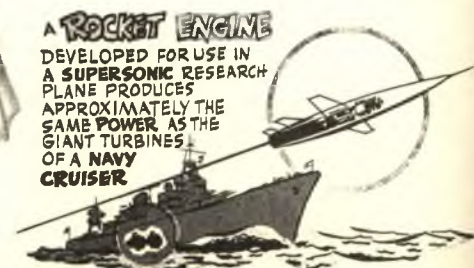
Our December meeting was substituted by a very successful Christmas party. Celebrating the event were: Tulsa 99's and their 49ers, Prospective 99's and 49ers and guests. All 30 were enjoying the food, dancing, drinks and the tales of women pilots. We offer our thanks again to the wonderful host and hostess, Bill and Peggy Snyder, for such a very good party.

We in the Tulsa Chapter are all real excited about our prospective members. There is a good possibility of three that already have their private license, that have just recently moved to Tulsa, and seven or eight that are now working like Beavers to get theirs.

Sunday, December 18, started a long series of flights. Made up of 99's and various aviation groups in Tulsa, the first one found us up at 6 o'clock a.m. scraping frost off our planes that were tied outside. Two hours later at Sedan, Kansas, in the restaurant, at the airport for breakfast - the hot food was delicious. This one was real successful, with 20 attending, and we are looking forward to the next one.

At our last meeting, Tissie Lawrence, our Airmarking Chairman, reported that we are to airmark one of the small towns close to Tulsa in the near future. All of us in the Tulsa Chapter would like to wish you all A Very Prosperous and Happy New Year.

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OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By:

We had our December meeting in the form of a very nice Christmas party at the home of Mary Francis, northeast of Oklahoma City. Our guests included Mr. and Mrs. Roy Simmons of Abilene, Kansas, our Kansas 99 and 49er friends. Besides the member and their husbands, Beth Smith brought friends from Tulsa and Jane Baker brought her brother, John.

After a marvelous dinner of bar-b-cued turkey, we adjourned to the game room for ping-pong, etc.

TEXAS CHAPTER - EL PASO UNIT

By: Lois Hailey

Sorry I missed the December issue with our news.

On December 10 we had a grand turnout at our joint meeting with New Mexico 99's. We all enjoyed lunch at the Sky Chef at International Airport. Out of town guests were Lucina Jones from Hatch, N.M., Lela Carwardine from Las Cruces, N.M., and Jo Eddleman, Mary Turney and Harriet Nye from Albuquerque. Local members present were: Ruth Deerman, Ruby Hays, Anne Duthie, Lois Hailey, Faye McConnell, Doris Smith, Dodie Powers and Mary Margaret Arnold.

On December 11 we had a breakfast flight to Deming, New Mexico. As usual there was a large turnout of planes and pilots. A wonderful breakfast was prepared by Deming Chamber of Commerce. Ruby Hays almost won the spot landing by straddling the line, but Wayne Champney inched in a little closer.

We regret that we have lost Ruth Muller to Nashville, Tenn., and Joan Patterson to Tulsa. Good luck, gals.

CORPUS CHRISTI UNIT

By: Nell Hood (for November)

"Howdy Partners" - as we say way down here in South Texas. This is Nell Hood pinch hitting for Mary Lee Humason who really has her "little ole'" nose on the grindstone and, of course, she's grinding out A's for outstanding performance in her first year of pre-med at Del Mar College. We're mighty proud of you Mary Lee! We're proud of Elaine Needham, too. Elaine came home from the University of Texas to visit her parents for Thanksgiving and left that same evening with Pauline Glasson and three of her Wing Scouts on a three-day airmarking tour. They went to McAllen first where Ardath McCreery had a nice fat project ready to break in the "new hands".

McCreery Aviation - how do you like that for an airmarker? Then, Ardath joined the group and they went on to do Progresso, Hidalgo and Mission. They laid out the Mission Airmarker and completed it in one hour and ten minutes. Who says those brushes don't have wings!

We are sure glad to see Helen Disney up and out of the hospital. It was a tough fight, but Helen came through with flying colors. Keen your chin up, Helen, we're all pulling for a speedy recovery.

It looks like some of our 99's have been travelling this month. Louise Clarkeson and her husband went to New Orleans for a Geological meeting; Elaine Gault flew to San Antonio to visit her mother at Thanksgiving then came home and broke in a brand new '56 tripacer; Ardath McCreery and her 49er went to Houston and looked over the new Cessna 172; Edith Stearns was honored with a house guest, Nancy Miller, all the way from Oregon, and Merle Dunnam went to Austwell and watched the wild animals at the Game Reserve park there. Merle has also been entertaining painters and paperhangers at her house and you know how those people are. They always overstay their welcome. When Merle reached the exasperation point, she went out to the training practice area and flew triangles. How do you like that

for diversion? And Pauline Glasson! Who can keep up with her activities. If you ask her when she sleeps, she can't tell you. Our Dr. Mary Ghormley is leaving the Corpus Christi unit. She is to be married to Mr. A. D. Miller and will live in California. Congratulations, Mary. Our sincere best wishes for your future happiness and don't forget to come back and see us.

I guess all you 99's know that we gals way down here in Corpus Christi wish you all the best of everything in this coming year of 1956. Everyone down here has been very busy getting themselves together for the past month so they could extend the thoughtfulness so appropriate at this time of the year to all those about whom they think all year. These are great days of heart-warming and remembrance, these very special days of Christmas and New Year's when every one wants the best of everything for every one they know and love. Let's make 1956 a big year for the 99's, o.k.?

I don't know about this Pauline Glasson and Elaine Needham team. They are going to be hard to beat. Elaine came home for Christmas holidays and went on another airmarking tour with Pauline and her Wing Scouts. They had a terrible time, but you know things can't go smooth all the time and in spite of the tire blowing out and the rain, they managed to finish an airmarker at Carrizo Springs, one of the towns that Elvie Turney and Cornelia Davis had lined up for them. When the rain pushed them back toward Corpus Christi, they stopped and repainted the airmarker at Freer, one of the first three done in this part of the country. There will be another trip this month to finish up the other towns that Elvie and Cornelia have lined up for us.

We flew to McAllen for our last meeting and Ardath McCreery and Helen Disney took real good care of us. We wound up our business and Ardath surprised us with one of her special chocolate cakes. It sure was good, and so fattening too.

Well, we were finally forced to release our hold on Dr. Mary Ghormley. She was married to Mr. A. D. Miller and is now living in Orange, California, so all you gals way out West throw out your welcome mat for Mary. She's a swell person and you'll all love her.

And so this pinch-hitting reporter has little else to say except that we know everyone has been busy taking care of their personal affairs for the past month and we sincerely hope that everybody will find some of the happiness they are seeking in 1956.



SOUTHWEST SECTION

UTAH CHAPTER

By: June Raybould

Jane Andreason was one of the lucky people who got to try out a new Cessna 172. Her enthusiastic description of its performance makes it sound like a dream plane.

Among our Christmas cards was one from Marine member Louise (Mickey) Nebeker who was lucky to enjoy a Hawaiian vacation. With the unusually severe mountain winter on us, sounds like a real fine idea.

As usual, our annual Christmas dinner party hostessed by Eunice Naylor featured some of Eunice's wonderful southern recipes along with a luscious turkey. Members present were Jane Andreason, Bobby McDonald, Margaret Loy, Zada Arentz, Cora Grote, June Raybould and prospective 99's Jessie Carter, Martha Whiting, Ethel McDermott. Eunice was assisted by her sister Louise and no less than Navy Cdr. Azalia Jorgenson, another sister, visiting in Salt Lake over the holidays. Azalia entertained those present with stories of her experiences in

the nurse corps. Incidentally, she has many thousands of hours of passenger time in military aircraft and has flown over a large part of the globe. It was very pleasant - and filling evening. Eunice kept us all laughing with the story of her experiences enroute to the aviation education conference held the first part of December in Washington, D.C. Eunice left her job in the city schools to attend the conference as Utah Wing Training Officer of the CAP and wins our vote for one of the busiest people we know.

Since our November meeting three members paid visits to the hospital, but are now either recovered or recovering - Jane Andreason, Doris Sacret and Alberta Hunt. Alberta took time off from her duties as recreation director at the local Veteran's Hospital to spend the holidays with her family in Oregon.

Hope all the other 99's had a wonderful Christmas and may the New Year bring good health, good flying weather and many happy flight hours.

SAGUARO CHAPTER

By: Jimmie Lou Shelton

We combined our December business meeting and social in a Christmas party at the Sky Chef Restaurant on the 10th. Marjy Crowl was hostess and went "all out" in decorations, favors, etc. It was indeed a lovely party and we were all so happy to have so many guests.

Members attending were: Bonnie Fuggit, Carol Lowery, Lucille Crosby, Wilma Bland, Vern Brooke, Mary McNeill, Alice Roberts, Marjy Crowl, Jimmie Shelton, Louise Lantis, Ruth Reinhold, Frances Wood, Melba Beard.

Guests were: Beverly Davis of Phoenix, Mary Jane Lane of Casa Grande, Peg Pierce formerly from Cleveland, Ohio, now living in Phoenix, May Finley also formerly from Cleveland and now living in Phoenix, Claire Kopp of Phoenix, Agnes Hollingshead of Buckeye, Thora Schnepf of Queen Creek, Beth Wright and Helen Van Court of Flagstaff, Pat Bucholz of Yuma, Adele Gomez of Casa Grande and Susan Carter of Phoenix. After the luncheon in the Sky Chef, we moved to the Conference Room in the Administration Bldg. to find that it, too, was delightfully decorated. Melba Beard, who is an international charter member, gave an interesting history on the 99's organization and some of the "old time" members. Then Alice Roberts, Chairman of our Chapter, gave a talk for the guests on the current activities.

Our Chapter adopted the same family for Christmas that we adopted last year. Alice appointed Wilma Bland chairman of the committee to collect the food, money, clothing and toys. We gave the family the makings for their Christmas dinner and bought a tree and the trimmings.

Several of our members spent quite a bit of time on the search for the Phoenix student pilot who lost his way on his first cross-country from Phoenix to Tucson. He was lost in the desert near Yuma for about five days; however, he finally walked out to the highway and returned to Phoenix, little worse for the experience. Juanita spent two full days on the search.

Juanita is one of those who likes to select her Christmas tree in the forest, rather than from a city lot. She flew her boss' 195 up to Flagstaff and brought back her choice tree. Lucky girl. She and husband Elgin were to spend the holidays in San Joaquin Valley, California.

The Eighth Annual Arizona Aviation Conference and Flight Clinic was held in Tucson on the 2nd and 3rd of December. Ruth Reinhold and Marjy Crowl attended and both report that they enjoyed their visit with Tucson's 99 members, Iris Critchell, Cynthia Gilbertson and Mary Johnston.

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I wish it were possible to send copies of the book, "Desert Survival" to all members of the 99's. "Desert Survival" is published by Civil Defense Joint Council, Maricopa County, Phoenix, Arizona. The book was compiled and edited by our own BONNIE FUGITT! I have never before seen so much valuable information compiled in a book this size - that can be read and studied in an hour's time. It is composed of seven sections which appear to cover any questions which might arise concerning survival on the desert. Bonnie is to be commended on her splendid work in compiling this book.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER
By: Yvette Kovary

Our Chapter's farewell thoughts of 1955 are certain to be dominated by December's events....

For Lee Morrow is now home recuperating from a two-transfusion major operation....

Fran Bera and Claire Walters are all set to plunk down their hard-earned cash for the first airplane of a flying club they plan to start in the New Year....

And the Tri-Chapter Christmas party we hosted December 10 was well attended and enjoyed by all. We had dinner at "The Cove", received our exchange gifts through Santa Claus (in the person of Ethel Kerley's son Joe) aided by Val Warne in fur-trimmed red velvet gown, and danced to a band provided by 49ers Max Warren, Norman Smith and Stanley Pflaum.

Vince Barnett, actor, Q.B., and airmail pilot of the '20's, was the guest of honor and speaker. And, at the gaily decorated tables, we noted Don Redwine, Assistant City Attorney and Mrs. Redwine (both pilots, she a prospective 99), Bette Glaser and 49er Leon (recovered from his long illness), Monte Dye (back from a two-month visit with her daughter in Toronto, Canada) and Trixie and Del Schubert (proud parents of a boy of six weeks).

The door prizes were the hit of the evening. There were so many - among them Mission Paks, a clock-radio and a kitchen clock. The latter was donated by Elsie Smith, won by her, returned by her, and then won by her daughter.

Ethel Kerley, Elsie Smith, Bette Glaser, and Mary Ilgen did a lovely job of decorating the room and tables - Christie Warren supplied the Christmas tree - her sister-in-law Rose Burgess greeted guest at the door and Ethel Pflaum, Elsie Smith, Bette Glaser and House of Sceptre donated the door prizes. Our thanks to them all and our sincerest wishes to every sister 99 for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER
By: Margaret S. Lang

Our Christmas party this year, which included members and their guests, was given by Lois and Harry Bartling. Their house was beautifully decorated and Harry made some of his delicious punch.

I had forgotten to mention in the previous Newsletter that our chapter has contributed \$200 to the 1956 AWTAR. At our rummage sale held in December a profit of \$57.94 was made but we hope to increase that substantially when we hold our auction. The auction is held on articles which are picked up by members from the rummage sale and it's a wonderful way to raise money - try it and you'll be surprised. Last year we made \$100 on the rummage sale and approximately \$150 on the auction and had a lot of fun besides.

Our November meeting was held at the home of Ruby Potter and we were very happy to welcome back Ruth Gamber who has been overseas for two years. We were also glad to welcome our two newest members - Marian Craver and Lea Hanlon. Plans were initiated for a repeat of the aerial picture contest

which will be held in March.

Ruth Waldren's 49er, Wally, is being transferred to Hawaii and Ruth will, of course, accompany him. We're sorry to lose her, but are happy she's having the opportunity to live in such an interesting place. Harriet Lewis will take over as Flying Activities Chairman.

Helen Dick just returned from a three-week trip to Mexico and from all reports had a marvelous time. Betty Gillies and Bud left December 29 to spend Christmas in Long Island. Betty will leave there January 3 for Paris where she will meet her daughter Pat and will continue with her on an around-the-world trip. When they arrive home again, Pat will go on to Stanford for the Spring quarter. Betty says that AWTAR information can be obtained from Barbara London until after March 15 after which time Betty will again be in San Diego.

Our January meeting will be held at the home of Ernestine Stanley on January 20 and in February we will meet at the home of Mary Ring - date to be announced later.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER
By: Cynthia Gilkison

Our Christmas meeting on November 30 was well attended and much enjoyed by all. De Thurmond's talents in auctioning off Christmas gifts enriched our treasury by some \$15.

Iris Critchell and Cynthia Gilkison flew over to Tucson with the CAA for the flight clinic there on December 3. We were weathered in at Phoenix Friday night and were royally entertained by Alice and Chas. Roberts. Getting into Tucson early the next morning, we spent the day observing the

clinic and trying to learn how to make our coming clinic a big success. We enjoyed seeing Marjy Cowl and Ruth Reinhold of the Saguaro Chapter and Mary Johnston of the Tucson Chapter. Mary had charge of the registration desk all day and really worked hard toward making the clinic a success.

Just a reminder to those who may be able to come: The flight safety clinic sponsored by our chapter will be held on Saturday, February 4, at Torrance Airport. Registration desk will be by the Airport Manager's office. We have arranged a three-stage program, consisting of 20-minute lectures on maintenance, flight regulations, aircraft communications, weather problems and aviation medicine, all as specifically regards the private pilot; link instruction (with 2 links available at no charge); and courtesy rides in your own aircraft or in aircraft which will be available at reduced rate. If you come, we guarantee that you will find it stimulating and informative.

Our January 11 meeting will feature final arrangements for the flight clinic and a program on Air Age Education presented by Mae Sharp.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Diane Gibson

Christmas for our Chapter was celebrated at the home of Elsie Watson. The dinner Elsie served was excellent and afterwards gifts were exchanged. It was a wonderful party and it was made complete by a terrific turnout of all the girls which included: Natalie Bossie, Marian Barnick, Clara Lou Cathey, Maxine Christian, Jean Collins, Pat Gladney, AllieQuest, Ardell Hawk, Barbara Hector, Dorothy Monahan, Mary Jane Oberg, Jackie Petty, Pattie Sherwood, Mickey Hughes, Helen Murphy, Elsie Watson and yours truly. Also we had the pleasure of having Marion Dietrich with us who is a member of the Sacramento Valley Chapter.

Martha Lundy, our Sectional Governor from Las Vegas, was visiting in the Bay area

and lunched with our Chapter Chairman Ardell Hawk, also Pat Gladney and Dorothy Monahan in the International Room at the San Francisco International Airport.

Margaret Standish of the San Fernando Valley Chapter came up for the holidays to visit with Pat Gladney and Pattie Sherwood. The three of them have done a lot of flying together - you all remember their article in the Newsletter "Nome Was Our Home" which was the interesting story of their flight to Alaska.

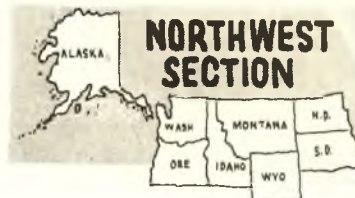
LAS VEGAS CHAPTER
By: Martha Lundy

The Christmas party is past and, if no one was ill from overstuffing, then the Las Vegas Chapter is truly blessed. Those attending were Lela Horn and 49er Bill, Margaret Moore, Martha Lundy, Barbara Seeber and 49er Mark, Iva MacDonald and 49er Jack (hostess and host) and prospective members and husbands far outnumbering the members.

Barbara Seeber and husband just returned from a three-week trip to Mexico. Barbara came home wearing a perfectly sensational red leather coat with bag to match, besides speaking Spanish (but with a Washington State accent).

Our next meeting will be for the sole purpose of making final plans for a meeting with the Mesquite Club (the first women's club organized in Las Vegas about 1905). The 99's are preparing the program to be attended by about 300 women. As part of the "show", we will run the film, "Cleared for Take-Off" or its successor, whichever one Jovce Failing gets to Las Vegas with.

Your reporter returned recently from the Bay Cities and San Joaquin Valley areas where she met with Ruth Rueckert, Gerri Hill and Lindy Boves of Bay Cities Chapter; Ardell Hawk, Pat Gladney and Dorothy Monahan of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter; and Frances Dias, Hazel Zimmerman, Irmyl Fitzgerald and Jean Vincent of San Joaquin Valley Chapter. Wonderful trip, wonderful hospitality, and (according to Ruth Rueckert) the WETTEST rain they had ever had in San Francisco!



WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER
By: Marjorie R. Long

Our record breaking cold November weather didn't stop the gals from attending our meeting at Renton Aviation. We were pleased at the good attendance and happy to have as our guest, Minnie Boyd, Chairman of the Eastern Washington Chapter. Minnie brought us up to date on the many activities of our sister chapter. They are sure breaking records for a newly-formed group.

We're making progress toward what should be a really big rummage sale for next Spring. We found that we had better results by imposing a fine on all non-contributors each meeting.

Our December meeting was our annual Christmas party for 99's, 49ers and guests. We had the use of Marti Proctor's recreation room which made a perfect setting for a very successful evening - plenty of dancing, food, gifts and good company always add up to fun. Among those present were our newly married Chairman and her husband Mead Gilman. Congratulations and good luck, Mickey!

January 3 should see us all safely back to earth and ready to face the business of a new year.

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IDAHO CHAPTER
By: Doris Atkinson

Our Newsletter reporter, Laura Conner, is hospitalized because of a car accident December 21 in which she received severe scalp lacerations, broken ribs, fractured ankle and back injuries. We all wish her a speedy recovery and hope she can soon get back to her family and her flight instruction activities at the airport.

The November meeting was held at Claire Justad's beautiful home in Boise at which we were shown the latest NASAO movie "THE FLIGHT DECISION" and our Idaho Director of Aeronautics, Chet Moulton, gave us an interesting and informative talk on Air Age Education.

The December meeting was hostessed by our charming Chairman, Barbara Hornback, and a wonderful spaghetti dinner was enjoyed by all, and Christmas gifts were exchanged. We are proud to announce the new membership of petite Selma Mischuk of Blackfoot, Idaho who recently received her Private Pilot's license and flew the 200 miles over to Boise in the family Swift in spite of threatening skies. We also wish to congratulate Helen Higby who has become a member of our Idaho 99's. Welcome, girls!

Our main project this winter is the Hangar Dance to be held at Bradley Field February 25. Various committees were appointed and we're all looking forward to another wonderful dance!

Our treasury has been strengthened through the efforts of Chairman Barbara who promoted sales of Christmas cards to members and friends. We will soon receive our 80-cup electric coffee urn earned by selling 60 bottles of vanilla at \$1.00!

We are very happy to find we have a Las Vegas Chapter member residing in Pocatello, Mrs. Esther Stone. Her husband is the new manager of the Municipal Airport there and she asks that any 99's in the vicinity stop by and have a cup of coffee with her.

Claire Justad, our Treasurer, is always on the go - either coming or going on a trip with 49^{er} Bob and managed to take time out for two elk hunting trips this Fall - we understand somebody was lucky!

Edna Hettinger is Princess Royal of Iras Temple #4 of the Daughters of the Nile and will become Queen in March after four years of hard work to gain this coveted honor. We 99's are proud to share Edna with this organization.

Dr. Freda Morgan has returned to Chicago for the winter, but will be back come June.

Joyce Morcom, our Oregon member, was two nights late to the December meeting - the weather didn't cooperate for flying and she had to resort to two trucks, one not being enough in that rain and mud!

Our Chapter would like to report that since our Charter was received over a year ago, we can boast 85% attendance at all meetings and believe that interest is maintained through our monthly bulletin which is mailed to not only 99's, but all women who are interested in aviation.

The first Northwest Sectional bulletin was mailed prior to Christmas and it is hoped that this by-monthly paper will keep all the Northwestern Sectional 99's closely knit together and abreast of the happenings of all Chapters therein.



FROM YOUR EDITOR:

News Reporters, I do thank you for your news letter copy. You have been very prompt these last few months. I haven't had the time to answer your notes personally - and, since we have extra space this month, I'll try to touch on all important items.

1. Copy must reach me by the 1st of the month.
2. ONLY typewritten copy will be used.
3. Try to keep your copy under 75 lines, 40 characters wide.
4. Number paragraphs as to importance. If necessary to cut (and it has been many times), I will not cut the items you think most important.
5. NO Chapter news will be eliminated in its entirety if received on time.
6. Send in interesting pictures. If space allows, they will be used.

Please send in articles of any special trips or events. They will be used when space permits. (Am having trouble with too much copy, but would much rather have it that way than not enough - so keep those letters rolling.)

Thanks so much for all the nice Christmas cards. I hope to be able to answer them soon. Mick and I have been so swamped this winter we just didn't get our cards made - thought we would send a New Year's card - then lo and behold the flood hit Yuba City Christmas Eve morning - what with trying to find out what happened to my family and friends and with Mick working with the Coast Guard evacuating people from their flooded homes - we still haven't sent cards.

Thanks for your nice notes enclosed with your news. It is always nice to hear from you even though I haven't been good about answering.

Gerry M.



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