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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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It was January 11, 1937 that Amelia Earhart flew from Hawaii to the Mainland. When Amelia was asked why she would take such chances, she would say, "I want to do it because I want to do it" and then she would say, "Women must try to do things men have tried and if they fail their failure must be a challenge to others." Only we that love to fly can appreciate this.

Have been asked to speak on "Women in Aviation" several times lately. What a subject! Thought I would do some research from all the available sources on the very first women that flew. The material was scattered, conflicting and interesting. I feel the true history of the first women to fly should be compiled in as complete and accurate form as possible and kept in our 99 Headquarters. I believe that a women's flying organization such as ours will be the first place people will refer to for such information 100 years from now. You would be surprised to know how difficult it is to secure information on this subject of early women flyers and how conflicting is such information.

Did you realize that in 1783 Madame Thibie of France went up in a balloon as a passenger. From 1804 on, Madame Blanchard flew frequently solo. Napoleon appointed her as Chief of the Air Service. Her life was most interesting. In 1863 Eliza Garnerin was the first woman to jump by parachute. In 1901 Madame Aida de Asosta flew a powered dirigible solo for one hour and twenty-five minutes over Paris - all this was five months before the Wright Brothers flew. In 1908 there was one English and two French women claiming to be the first to fly. In 1910 the Aeronautical Society claims Bessie Raiche as being the first American woman to fly. In 1912 Harriet Quimby was the first woman to be licensed. In 1913 Matilda Moisant was second. In 1913 Catherine Stinson was third. In 1914 Marjory Stinson was fourth. The family life and flying career of the Stinsons was very interesting. After reading about Catherine Stinson, I really want to take a back seat. That gal had something that we are all proud of. Then came Ruth Law and many others.

The Womens National Aeronautical Association is a grand group of women working for the Advancement of aviation the same as we are. They really did themselves proud again January 13. Tulsa Unit WNAA gave a banquet honoring Jacqueline Cochran by presenting model planes of different aircraft she had flown to the Smithsonian Institute. Moss Patterson was M.C. Gen. Nathan Twining, Chief of the Air Force, presented a plaque to Jacqueline for the WNAA. Charles J. Lowen, the new appointee to head our C.A.A., was to speak on "Women in Aviation", but instead spoke on his past experiences with Jacqueline during World War II, some were not too pleasant, but amusing. Best of all, our 99's were well represented and all most happy to see this well deserved honor paid to our beloved Jacqueline Cochran.

On January 15 I enjoyed a meeting with the very active Kansas Chapter. High winds - but it was a real pleasure to see so many girls fly in.

The Nominating and Resolutions Committees have started their work preparing for the 99 business to be taken care of at our 1956 convention. You can help these two committees if you will fill in their forms and answer their letters at your very earliest convenience. Thanks.

Have worked in Headquarters several days this month. I always leave saying a prayer of thanks that we have Dorothy Morgan who is a 99er and has worked with the C.A.A. for years with her sincere, personal interest in the welfare of our grand organization.

On behalf of our membership, I would like to find a stronger way to thank the following for donating to our Headquarters needs:

Lois Belle Cassidy of Chicago for the mimeograph machine. We are using it and it works wonderfully well. Many thanks.

Loretta Solvick for two shades for the office.

Dorothy Rice for the two planters for the office.

Santa Clara Valley Chapter for \$10.00 which we are saving for our lounge furniture.

The Dallis Unit for the beautiful mosaic tile top coffeetable with "99" worked in blue and white.

Many of the problems that come into Headquarters could be answered by referring to your Constitution and By-laws.

If you change your address or name, please notify your 99 headquarters. Thanks.

SAFE FLYING IS NO ACCIDENT.

Sincerely yours,

Edna Gardner Whyte
Edna Gardner Whyte

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

**the 1956 AWTAR
is less than
6 months away -
better start planning!**

SCHOLARSHIP

A DEADLINE TO MEET

if you need \$300 to get that coveted rating for your career in aviation. Applications for the 1956 AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP must be postmarked March 20 or before.

Send your request for an application form to:

Jeannette L. Sovereign
2136 Center Avenue
Bay City, Michigan

In the meantime, have a photo or suitable solo snapshot available to enclose with your application. You may also attach a one-page recommendation from your employer or some other person whom you consider should be acceptable to the judges. The application must be notarized. Let me repeat these two facts:

1. Even though you have applied for the Scholarship in prior years without success, you are welcome to try again.

2. The purpose for which you are applying need not be for an airman's rating for flight, but must be related to aviation. Perhaps your career in aviation will be in meteorology, engineering, airway or tower control, air-age education or some other related field.

After you receive this issue of the News-Letter, less than a month will be left in which to send for your 1956 application form, to fill it out and get it into the mail again, postmarked on or before March 20th.

Jeannette L. Sovereign
Chairman
Board of Trustees

AIR EDUCATION

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

Among the speakers who have accepted to address the National Aviation Education Conference are: Donald Douglas, Jr.; Arthur Godfrey; Mr. Johnson, Vice-President Convair; Tom Lamphier, President, N.A.A.; Admiral Ramsey; Stuart Tipton, President, ATA; Arthur C. Clarke, British rocket authority who caustically sums it up when he says, "Atomic energy has made space travel not only possible, but desirable".

Thursday night, March 15, is open and the NY-NJ Section of 99's is planning a social dinner meeting to which you and your friends are invited. Further information will be posted at the registration desk. Governor Selma Cronan, 175 Ames Ave., Leonia, N. J., would love to get a card if you expect to come. If you have any problems pertinent to your visit, perhaps the Governor or I could help you.

Standing by --

Kay Brick

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TO: SECTION GOVERNORS
CHAPTER CHAIRMEN

In accordance with the Constitution of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., which requires that any proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws be submitted in writing to all Sections and Chapters thirty days before the International Meeting, the Resolutions Committee requests that you send in such proposed amendments to me postmarked no later than April 23, 1956, with copies being sent to the other members of the Resolutions Committee: Laura Sellinger, 2956 N. Prairie Ave., St. Louis 7, Mo., and Jane Nettiebland, Route 2, Box 237, Arvada, Colo.

Send in all proposed amendments or suggested changes to the Constitution and By-Laws or any suggestions as to changes in the policy or practices of the Ninety-Nines. Each suggestion or amendment must be accompanied by explanation and reasons for the change, not to exceed 200 words.

Ruth N. Rueckert, Chairman
Resolutions Committee 1956
2037 Rivera Street
San Francisco 16, California

down by officialdom and paper work. I spent hours at a time on instruments when on the long ocean hops...on all there was very low cloud or haze or both. Must do some more long ocean hops; have the Pacific in mind for the future..." Such is the ambition of our A.E. Scholarship winner!

FREDA THOMPSON, Australia, is just back from a six-month jaunt to South Africa and South East Asia. "I am longing to drag my little Moth out of the hanger once again and blow the cobwebs off it. A new Ninety-Nine sponsored by Maie Casey, Freda is probably the most experienced woman pilot in Australia having been flying since 1930. As early as 1934 she flew solo from England to Australia in a Moth Major. No radio, but had a 1000 mile range. In 1950 she flew around Australia, some 10,000 miles in a Hornet Moth and in 1952 flew to New Guinea. Freda is Vice President of the Australian Women Pilots Assn. and President of the Victorian Branch. Welcome, Freda!

ANESIA PINHEIRO MACHADO, Brazil: She loves to hear from her friends in the U. S. Has been quite ill but is much better and flying again. "My Navion is super-duper and I take good care of it."



NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By: Ora Stevens

The January meeting was held on the 21st at Bradley Field, Conn. Luncheon in the beautiful Terrace Dining Room overlooking the busy ramp and runways was a pleasure. Mary Ann Lippitt conducted the meeting very well in the absence of our Governor, Barbara Cloud who was ill with a virus. Mary Ann very kindly offered to share the seats in her Bonanza to Alice Kitka, Chris Seaver and Ora Stevens for the ride up to Bradley and a beautiful ride it was, too, with the snow on the ground and not a bump in the air. Guess what: The weather held that way all day. From Worcester where Alice left us to Norwood where Chris got off and back to Hills Grove where Mary Ann runs the Lippitt Aviation Service, was all after the lights had been turned on and did they look pretty with the snow background. The other girls from Connecticut way attending were: Barbara Manchester, Hartford; Florence Macfarlane, Hartford; Joan Rosenburger, Rockville; Deed Holcomb, Westfield, Mass; and Page Shamburger, Great Barrington, Mass.

Barbara Kiernan has asked to postpone her party to April as they have a house up in Franconia, New Hampshire, for the skiing season and don't want to miss any. Don't blame you a bit, Barbara, but don't you think that is quite a dangerous sport. Be careful.



N.Y. - N.J. SECTION

By: Ruby Sadtler

Our New York - New Jersey Section members were happy to accept an invitation to join the Society of Automotive Engineers at their dinner meeting at the Brass Rail in New York, Wednesday, January 25. After dinner (which was preceded by cocktails - courtesy Republic Aviation!), Roland C. Berg, Vice Chairman of Aeronautical Activities of this Section of S.A.E., introduced the speaker, Lt. Col. John Paul Stapp, authority on aero medical research and who has personally completed rocket sled high speed acceleration and deceleration tests.

MEMBERSHIP

FROM YOUR INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
Beth Smith

report that we have received a substantial number of new members since September 1 and a very encouraging list of prospective members. Be sure to report any names of prospective members to your Chapter Membership Chairman promptly so that they can be invited to a 99 meeting.

Special compliments to Orpha Dann, Northwest Section Membership Chairman, for her work in rounding up all the licensed women pilots in South Dakota toward getting a chapter organized there. We hope to accomplish this in the Spring.

Let's ALL work on membership this year.

AWTAR

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

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
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

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AUTOUR DU MONDE
By: Kay Brick

Thanks to Christmas greetings, here's an armchair visit with our worldwide members who make us all burst with pride.

BETTY BOSELLI, France: Betty is still with the Import & Export Section of the Air Ministry. Her year has been busy and productive. She set three world records (still good as of Christmas) which have been recognized by the F.A.I.

In the Mistral, single jet fighter on January 26, 1955, she captured the record on the 1000 k on a closed circuit; March 1, distance in a straight line; February 22, distance in a closed circuit.

She has also flown the Vampire Jet and now owns "about 100 hours on the jets. I wish I could share some with you". There's a real friend.

On January 1, 1956, she was rolled down 9000 foot Val d'Saere and covered in a yard of snow - rescued - ankles and fingers strained - "No more skiing! It would have been too silly to have died that way."

MAIE CASEY, Australia: Met her hubby recently in Bangkok on his way back from Europe. On the ensuing visit to most of the South East Asian countries, she met women pilots. "In Siam, Bangkok, the Aunt of the Queen, Princess Palmy, is quite an experienced pilot. It is difficult to own a private plane there on account of opium running which is liable to be conducted by air. There are several women pilots in Indonesia, but there, too, private flying is quite restricted and the country they fly over is unfailingly heavily wooded or else broken up into small wet paddy fields, not at all appetizing after our stretches of open country here." Maie has been doing lots of flying, both in the F24 and the Messenger.

NANCY ELLIS LEEBOLD, Australia: Nancy has been elected Federal President of the Australian Women's Pilots Assn. For her 12,000 mile delivery flight of a 4 place Miles Messenger, 53% of which was over water, from England to Australia, she won the annual Evelyn Follet Trophy.

From Nancy herself: "No troubles on the flying or aircraft side, but were weighed

File your Summer Flight Plan now!

The banquet room was filled to capacity with engineers, 99's and guests who listened breathlessly to Col. Stapp who gave a succinct commentary as moving pictures and slides were shown of the actual tests, with closeups of physical after effects.

Hearing Col. Stapp tell so unassumingly of what he terms "human salvage", made us realize our privilege in listening to a truly great American who is giving himself 100% mentally and physically to saving manpower needed to operate our jet powered machines.

Pictures were also shown of a sedan which was towed at extremely high speed into a concrete wall. The car contained four dummies, two wearing seat belts and two without. As you can imagine, the two free dummies were shuttled around in the car and blown through the windshield to crash on the pavement many feet away, while the dummies secured by seat belts were still in place and had not been struck. The force of the impact crumpled the entire front of the car but did not destroy beyond. Running the film in slow motion the second time, corroborated Col. Stapp's figures on human salvage by the use of seat belts. He said he always fastens his seat belt before he starts his automobile engine!

Our March 15 meeting has been scheduled to coincide with the National Air Age Education Convention at the Hotel New Yorker. Time and place will be posted at Headquarters. All 99's are urged to attend this N.A.A.E. Convention and visiting 99's will be welcome guests at our Chapter meeting which our Governor Selma Cronan says will be a social get-together. Be seeing you!



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER
By: Peggy Borek

Jean McKaig, Kate Ornsen, Genevieve Koester, Connie Wolf, Virginia Cheatham and I were able to accept the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences' invitation to attend their January meeting and hear renowned aeronautical engineer Grover Loening's fascinating talk about aircraft of the future. We certainly enjoyed it and appreciated the opportunity to hear Mr. Loening.

Our January meeting was held in the Ground School Office at Wings Field, Ambler. Diane Ritt, Anne Shields, Louise Sacchi, Margaret Callaway, Jane Morris, Kate Ornsen, Jean McKaig, Anne Pickett (with the four cute little Pickets), Virginia Cheatham, Chris Siegl and Lillian Marks were present. We're really making plans for the coming months: Spring Sectional, Ladies Day at a local airport, the possibility that Philadelphia may be a stop for the IAR, special meetings with wellknown speakers, a combined meeting-house warming at Jane Morris' new apartment where we hope to see some of Jane's slides of Puerto Rico, etc. By the way, Jane has a photo credit in November FLYING (p. 10 - Mr. Crawford presenting Thompson Trophy to Col. Hanes at National Aircraft Show in Philadelphia in September). Jane was everywhere (with camera) during the show, including an Army helicopter and a police motorcycle sidecar, snapping away. Our feelings are still hurt 'cause she didn't introduce us to either pilot or policeman!

After the meeting, most of the girls accepted Connie Wolf's invitation to "come over for a cocktail", but eagerbeavers Margaret Callaway and I flew to a few local airports to look them over as possible sites for our Ladies Day in the Spring. We talked to Mr. Jordan Lederer of Lehigh Air Services at North Philadelphia Airport. He was very courteous and offered helpful information and suggestions.



CAROLINAS CHAPTER
By: Nancy Mayes

The Carolinas Chapter held its regular meeting January 8 at the Pine Needles Country Club in Pinehurst, N.C. Our hosts were Peggy Kirk Bell and 49er Warren. Some, encouraged by clear skies, braved the gusts to fly into nearby Southern Pines Airport. These included Dot and 49er Harry Shackelford with Caroline Hembel and Guest, Louise and 49er Herman Smith and Betty Hamilton and Nancy Mayes. Also present were Les Hembel, Gale East from Raleigh, Estelle and 49er Carl Bradshaw, Sara Shonk and guest.

The business meeting was followed by dinner at the club and a tour of the vicinity. The golf course here is among the best.

The next meeting is planned for Charleston, S.C., in March at which time the azalea gardens should be in full bloom. Let's all be there!

TENNESSEE CHAPTER
By: Eddie Lee Griffin

The weather man did not cooperate with us on our January meeting which was held at the Municipal Airport in Knoxville. We had showers galore!

When our Chairman, Mary Beth Sargent, says "We will have a meeting 'Rain or Shine'", she really means what she says. She and Georgiana McConnell drove the 200 miles up from Nashville in a downpour of rain. Evelyn Bryan and Mary Jane Quarles drove down from Morristown and the only two Knoxville members, Ruth Thomas and Eddie Lee Griffin, were present. Evelyn showed colored slides of the various places on her trip to South America which included: Key West, Florida; Havana, Cuba; Camaguey, Cuba; Santiago, Cuba; Port au Prince, Haiti; Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Saint Thomas Island; Guadeloupe; St. Lucia and Trinidad. She also told us all about her trip which was very interesting.

Ruth Thomas, her 49er, and son Andy, have just moved into a brand new home at 4217 Roaming Road.

ALABAMA CHAPTER
By: Jan Warrick

The Temperature, Dew Point and Alabama Chapter had a bang-up meeting in Clanton at Minnie Wades home on January 22. Despite the rain and bloom, nine members and three guests were present. Everyone was in a business mood and headway was made on the future plans for the Chapter. After disposing of business, we had a regular gabfest while putting away the delicious chicken dinner and all the trimmings which Minnie had waiting for us.

Elizabeth Wade showed her color movies made on the "Alabama Air Tour" in November. This was a real treat to members who didn't get to go.

Ye Ole Reporter showed the color movie made on the Caribbean-West Indies trip that Evelyn Bryan and I made in December. Evelyn has written our trip up for Newsletter so you'll be hearing all about the wonderful time we had. To those who may be interested in making this trip as a winter vacation sometime, I have a complete record of it which would be a big help in planning expenses, etc., and will be happy to send a copy to anyone who wants it. I'm sure when you read Evelyn's story, you'll be "rarin to go".

Jo Durdin was also a gadabout in December. This lucky gal spent ten days, including Christmas, in Mexico, ending up in Mexico City. She reported a wonderful time. Jo flew down (via airline) to join her mother and father who were there on business.

FLORIDA CHAPTER
By: Helen Mennitto

FLASH - International Air Race News! The seventh and longest IAR will be from Hamilton, Ontario, to Havana, Cuba, May 16-19, 1956. Dot Rungeling is major-domo of the Canadian arrangements and has succeeded in obtaining the services of handicappers and officials who participated in previous IAR's originating in Canada. She and the city of Hamilton are cooking up a warm welcome and takeoff for all participants. Deadline for arrival in Hamilton will be either May 12 or 13. Entry Chief is Irma Price, 242 S.W. 8th St., Miami. Irma will supply you with more information, race rules and entry blanks. Marathon, Florida, will be looking for the ladybirds to flock there on May 17, 18, 19 prior to the last leg to Cuba. So - make your plans - clear your decks and plan to be in on this three-country, two-borders race!

Many details of the race were discussed at the January 16 Chapter meeting at Helen Mennitto's home. Newsletter reporter Edith Swinney was recalled to three months' active duty in the Navy, so yours truly is filling in again. We were fortunate to acquire Marie Thompson as a transfer from the Indiana Chapter and Nancy Langsenkamp of Fort Lauderdale as a new member. Nancy is a reporter for the Fort Lauderdale Daily News and full of enthusiasm for the 99's. Our welcome guests were Bea Hymen of NY-NJ, Juanita Fineman of Chicago and prospective member Lona Frame.

Our lone Cuban member, Hilda Perez de Fragas, has been successful in persuading Standard Oil Company to airmark their service stations on the main air routes of Cuba. There's a one-woman airmarking committee! We're very proud of Hilda's achievement.



NORTH CENTRAL SECTION
By: Marge Raglin

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION ALERT: Michigan, convention headquarters and TAR terminus, will contact all chapters by March indicating projects for July. Convention plans already include competition enroute from Flint to Pellston after the race has ended. Prizes will "make your eyeballs jangle" says Mary Clark, chairman. And just 18 miles from Pellston is convention headquarters, Ramona Park Hotel at Harbor Springs. There you'll spend delightful days swimming in artesian-drawn, pre-heated waters, sunbathing, golfing, playing tennis and shuffleboard, and just relaxing. Ramona offers all the comforts and conveniences of a city hotel, yet all the advantages of the cool North Woods. It will be your dream of a resort come true!

Leah Warren of Central Illinois says Springfield is looking for a big fly-in May 11-13 at the Sectional. Southwest Airport is the official landing field; St. Nicholas Hotel is headquarters. This will provide opportunity to tie together the work of various chapters on those July convention and terminus projects, too.

Sympathy to Betty Thatcher, North Central Secretary, for the loss of her mother. And speedy get-well wishes to Governor Eloise Smith for her stay in Bronson Hospital at Kalamazoo.

See you in Michigan!

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By: Ethel Christensen

There just isn't much news from these parts. Due to our undependable weather and a slight confusion on my part, we did not have a meeting in January - thus news about what the other girls are doing is not much.

Isabel Myrland is still sunning herself in Arizona. Irene Moore is back from Florida. I think the rest here in Wisconsin are trying to get some flying in tho it is not easy this time of the year. As yours truly is back forecasting the weather with the United States Weather Bureau, I shall endeavor to do something about it. Right now, I am on the night shift and can hardly keep my eyes open, let alone do anything else.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By: Ruth C. Lembke

Milwaukee friends of the Heises will have to get along without Deedo and Herm for about a month. They are leaving to fly to Mexico to join the Cessna Caravan of fliers. On the return trip they will stop for Herm to deliver a medical paper. This piece of news was released at Toney's home recently during a meeting held there.

Another item all were happy to hear was that Elaine Franke will renew her membership in our Chapter of the 99's. She flew airlines to California at Thanksgiving time. Elsie Peters and Dora Fritzke also partook of refreshments that evening.

Sixth graders of mine have heard first hand talks, a series of two, about the art of paratrooping from R. O. Roth, a returned veteran of 13 jumps, who also teaches a sixth grade in our school. For three days after the talks all the boys and a few courageous girls were certain they wished to enter the air force and be paratroopers. Things have settled back to normal now.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By: Marjory Farrell

At our December meeting at the AirVue Room on KC's Municipal Airport, Marie Kuhlman startled the members present by the announcement of her resignation as Chapter Chairman for reasons of health. Marie has been a very capable and good Chairman and we regret very much the necessity of her decision. We hope that Marie will feel that she can accept office again at some later time.

Our new Chairman, therefore, is our former Vice-Chairman, Laurien Griffin. Betty Siggs, by appointment of the Executive Board, will assume the duties of the Vice-Chairman.

Another bit of official news is the selection of a new meeting date: the 1st Thursday of each month.

As for our personal news, the weather this month has definitely not been of the flying type. Dee Southard is very unhappy - she's so close to that commercial, and is being grounded by weather for too long a time! Meanwhile, she keeps busy with dog shows, as does Betty Siggs. Betty has a full schedule of shows for her two Dandie Dinmonts during February.

Betty and 49^{er} Stan made a Christmas jaunt to Texas where they went splashing in the Gulf. Al and Verna Wilson chose the desert sun instead, and spent four perfect days in Albuquerque.

Grace Harris was able to take a few days off from the duties of the Ong Real Estate business and flew her Bonanza to New York for a QV.

Mildred Verderber has been spending her time thinking up ways for us to raise money for the AWTAR. She has some good ideas coming forth!

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By: Rose Andrew

The Andrews' LONGPATCH was the meeting place for the Chapter members, 49^{ers} and several guests on January 7. All told there were 30 present to eat waffles and sausage, later viewing two movies shown by Jessie Stonecipher, Chief pilot, University of Illinois Airport.

FLIGHT DECISION is a wonderful film on the subject of undertaking a contact flight under marginal weather conditions. We recommend it to other chapters. The second movie was on Aviation activities in Ill.

Several 99's took part in a TV show entitled WOMEN IN AVIATION, for the University station WILL January 19. Rose Andrew and her sons represented a phase of home life in a flying family, Dora Dougherty talked some about the AWTAR and her own career in Aviation Psychology, and Miriam Shelden, Dean of Women at the University, represented the woman who does most of her flying for recreation. Irene Levertson came down from Chicago and talked about women's groups in Civil Air Patrol work.

Our next meeting will be strictly business. It will be held at the University of Ill. Airport February 1 at 1:00 p.m. We will be doing more planning for the Spring Sectional which will be held in May in Springfield Ill.

The University Airport has been designated as a stop on the AWTAR in July. The Central Ill. Chapter will do all they can to make the stop a pleasant one.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By: Donna Giles

The Chicago Area Chapter of 99's held their annual Christmas dinner at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago on December 17. Guests present were Dora Dougherty, Leah Warren and Florence Misser from the Central Illinois Chapter; Joan Baldwin and Joyce Hillstrom, prospectives; and Deedo and Doc Heise from Wisconsin.

The January meeting was held at the B & M office at Elmhurst Airport. Hostess for the meeting was Harriette Magee who served "coffee and" before the business meeting.

New Achievement Award forms were passed out to those girls present and they were warned that girls who failed to send in their forms at least every three months would be disqualified.

Helen Sailer and Chairman Sylvia both reminded the girls to be sure and send in their contributions for the TAR.

Irene Levertson notified me that the Northwest Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol has just received their charter. Nita Fineman, Dorothy Vachout, Helen O'Hara and Virginia Rabung, all Chicago Area 99's, are on the staff.

Nita Fineman was unable to attend the January meeting because of a winter vacation at Miami Beach. Harriette Magee and her 49^{er} flew up to Lake Lawn last weekend and met about a dozen couples they knew. Must have seemed like old home week. Virginia Rabung has been night flying her 140 and Helen O'Hara has gotten instrument time in her 120. Priester Aviation has added a Globe Swift for Esther Noffke to teach in.

The Achievement Award Dinner was tentatively set for March 24. Lois Cassidy and her cochairman on the entertainment committee, Doris Langher, were left with the details.

Marg Raglin told us that the Spring Sectional was set for the 11 - 13 of May. She reminded those girls that were not planning to fly in the International Race to be sure and try to attend.

Margaret Johnson was presented with her pin at this time because she was unable to attend the Christmas meeting when Winnie White received hers and the new 49^{ers} got their cards.

Hazel Hackwith reminded the girls that the rummage sale was set for March 30 and 31 and that they should keep those dates open and also start collecting.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By: Babe Ruth

ARE YOU READY???? What for???? Why for the AWTAR Terminus and Convention in Michigan!! Just to entice you all a little bit, the Michigan 99s are wearing miniature spark plug earrings, gifts from AC Spark Plug in Flint. As you will learn later as plans progress, AC is sponsoring the terminus of the AWTAR at Flint. The plans for the terminus have reached terrific proportions. There will be much wining and dining and partying!!

For you who are planning to attend the Convention at Harbor Springs, there will be a competition between Flint and Pellston (less than 200 air miles). Just what the final rules and regulations for this competition will be, has not been decided BUT we can tell you that the prizes which have already been offered will make you sit up and take notice!! This event will be open to all. There will be more details later, so watch the Newsletter.

January 8 we met in Flint, Michigan, with Bernice Trimble as hostess. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mary Clark and she introduced Robert Johansen, Director of Public Relations and William Stack, Director of Advertising from AC Spark Plug. We had several guests. Anne Froehauf, who is working on an instrument rating, flew in a 180 with Helen Wetherill. This 180 taxied by with a gal on the left side whom we didn't recognize, but in the other seat, we all knew the head showing by the hair style. Helen is one who can wear her hair straight back and a bun which is most attractive. Others included Mrs. Helen Ward, the gal who soloed at 66. She is from Flint and was attending her second meeting. Mrs. Ruth Ann Donelson and Mrs. Elsie Ferich, both new members, Sammy McKay from Flint, and Olivia Bell from Plymouth were also present. Other members were Gerlie Rasch Prochazka, Addie Binsfield, Edna Chapin, Margaret Crane, Nancy LaFarge, Janey Hart, Margaret Windfuhr, Leah Higgins, Marian Hoffman, Marguerite Huff and 49^{er}, Faye Kirk and 49^{er}, Lucille Quamby (whom we haven't seen in ages), Jean Reynolds, Jeannette Soveriegn, Margaret Napierala.

The only other ones to brave the usual 99 weather, flying a Tri-pacer from Detroit, were John and Alice Hammond. We sat down to lunch in the Horizon Room overlooking the airport, to a most attractively decorated table (all by the Flint girls). On the wall was a large map with the race route marked with a red ribbon. The table was cleverly arranged with sectional maps taped together of the route with miniature blue flags marking each stop and airplanes made of the small small spark plugs flying along the course. And, of course, each gal received a pair of spark plug earrings. Need we say more of what we plan for the terminus? Luncheon guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Koerts, Flint, who will be entertaining at the terminus, also a future 49^{er}, Robert McClure, tagged by Jean Knaus.

It's difficult to put on paper the enthusiasm of the Michigan Chapter about the forthcoming Convention and Race Terminus. If just half of the fabulous plans which we have now materialize, this will be the GREATEST. There are plans for beach parties, barbecues, swimming parties, style shows, sightseeing excursions, banquets, cocktail parties, just to mention some of the things which are shaping into reality. So make your plans now. You will really be missing something if you don't come to Michigan next July!!

THE ALL-OHIO CHAPTER
By: Betty Wertz

The Chapter Christmas party was held in Cleveland with the Cleveland members as hostesses. There were 10 members present and one prospective member, Jody Scott of Youngstown, and several guests. Mrs. Doris Miller of the Cleveland Air Taxi Service, was the guest speaker. Virginia Ashelford surprised everyone by announcing her marriage in November to Earl Schumacher. Rosalie Bracht also is to be married, and we will lose her to the Texas Chapter.

The January meeting was held in Zanesville with no cooperation from the weatherman. However, there were seven members and their guests. Bonnie Butler and Marjorie Miller were hostesses. Marj's husband Lee, who is Chief Production Test Pilot for North American, was guest speaker. Bonnie showed movies of the 55 International Race and her 54 trip to Europe.

Congratulations to Janice Kuchenmeister for her glider rating; Bonnie for her work on her Commercial; Meg Berning for work on her sea plane and multi-engine.

Arlene Davis was recently honored by the Alpha Eta Rho, a professional Aviation Fraternity, with a gold key, in recognition of her interest in students and the encouragement she gives to collegiate aviation. In December Arlene attended the Wright Brothers Dinner in Washington.

Pepper Ambus, having recently passed all her examinations with flying colors, is now a full-fledged U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary member of the Cleveland Flo-tilla.

Captain and Mary Ann Kurtz have been transferred from Alaska to Seattle, Wash. We are losing Mary Ann to the Washington Chapter, so that she may become a more active 99 again.

INDIANA CHAPTER
By: Rae Cawdell

As promised in the last Newsletter, the January meeting at Weir Cook Municipal Airport, Indianapolis, proved interesting and informative. Our business meeting in the pilots lounge at Roscoe Turner Hangar preceded lunch at the airport restaurant. After lunch we took off for the ATC Center where Mr. Lyle Brown, Chief of ATC, spoke on "Air Traffic Control in Relation to Private Flying". His talk was understandable and to the point. We enjoyed it. And we enjoyed a tour of the Center which followed. Our guests and prospective new members were Agnes Gallatin of Mishawauka who got her license last August, Jane Simmons of Indianapolis and Miriam Shirley of Anderson, both in the "awaiting a good day for flight test" category.

Advance notice is hereby given of the April meeting. It will be in Fort Wayne which as you all know is a required stop for the TAR gals. We've set up this meeting to handle a few of the preliminaries and urge as many of the Indiana girls as possibly can arrange it to be there. And we issue this as a blanket invitation to other chapter members to join us. Come and bring your suggestions and your counsel. That's Sunday, April 15, Baer Field, at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Seems that the 99s will be well represented on the Indianapolis Aero Club's roster of officers for '56 - Esther Berner having been elected treasurer and your reporter taking over the duties of secretary.

Betty Nicholas is scheduled to speak before the Zonta Club (a service club at Columbus, Indiana) January 23. The members have set this date up for an aviation meeting, calling it Amelia Earhart Day, and Betty will talk to them concerning the Ninety-Nines.

Tannie Schlundt has been working with the senior Wing Scouts assisting in an instructional course on Pilotage, Dead Reckoning and Radio Navigation.

P.S. Rae, you forgot something - the 1956 winner of the Dee Nicholas Trophy.

This award is given every year to the fairer sex who is a member of the Indianapolis Aero Club showing the most interest, aviation-wise.....To our reporter goes the honors of winning this award.....Congratulations, Rae!

Sophia M. Payton

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER
By: Bernice S. Wilson

The Upper Iowa Chapter met at the lovely home of Verna Mae Prochaska on Sunday, January 15. The weather was bad and steadily grew worse with the result that one member after another telephoned as she was forced to give up. Our hats are off to Margaret H. Adkins, our new member, who drove from Des Moines and brought with her Pat Motter, a potential member, whom we had not seen since last Spring.

Others who drove were Ruth and Frank Schleusner from Evansdale, and Bunny and Jack Wilson from Waterloo. Verna Mae's 49er and her two young daughters were present. (Wonder if you knew that her oldest daughter was married last fall?)

Those who were forced to stay away missed a delicious feast prepared by Verna Mae, as well as a friendly get-together.



TULSA CHAPTER
By: Faye Mefford

January was a very eventful month for the Tulsa Chapter. In our last meeting we were very fortunate to have with us these special guests: Loretta Slavick from the St. Louis Chapter, Marge Cooper who lives in Tulsa but is a member of the Kansas Chapter, and Joan Patterson who was a member of the El Paso Chapter but has recently moved to Tulsa therefore transferring her membership to Tulsa. We are sure glad to have you, Joan. We were very happy to welcome Alline Davis home after an extended tour of Europe. Loretta Slavick gave a report on the Ways and Means Committee of the 1956 AWTAR. After the regular business meeting, Alline told of a few of her many exciting experiences she had on her trip. Midnight found us all still listening intently and eating delicious cake baked by Dorothy Rice, our Chairman.

Jacqueline Cochran was honored in Tulsa January 13 at a banquet by the Tulsa Unit of W.N.A.A. At this time seven of the planes in which she has made a record were presented to the Smithsonian Institute. The feature speaker of the evening was Charles Lowen of the C.A.A. Jacqueline was also presented with a plaque by General Nathan Twining as "Woman of the Year in Aviation".

The 99's were very well represented, along with many other aviation organizations and enthusiasts. Edna Gardner Whyte was a guest at the head table No. 13, Jacqueline's favorite number.

Loretta Slavick, entertained before the banquet with a cocktail party for the 99's. A few that were enjoying the drinks and "99 talk" were: Dorothy Rice, Jerrie Jarboe, Joan Patterson, Edna Gardner Whyte, Faye Mefford and Toni Page.

TEXAS CHAPTER
CORPUS CHRISTI UNIT
By: Neil Hood

Hey, Hey, what a day that turned out to be! Pauline Glasson, Elaine Needham and I departed with all our airmarking equipment, and especially our brand new ladder that Mr. Keats Dunnam and the American Bottling Co. donated to us. We were ready to paint the whole coast, but the ugly old front moved in on us and we didn't have a chance to use our new ladder of which we are so proud. However, our time was not wasted, because we were able to line up buildings, in four coastal towns, to mark and with the five waiting for us in West Texas we have a pretty good start for 1956. As soon as the weather permits, you can bet we'll hear the crack of Polly Glasson's whip and be on our way.

Ardath McCreery and Helen Disney flew from McAllen to attend our last meeting at Merle Dunnam's. It was a good meeting with \$78. turned in on the cigarette boxes we made and sold at Christmas. Also, we made plans for our annual dance to be held on February 24. That's on a Friday night, so if any of you 99's are going to be near here about that time, let us know so we can take care of you.

Ardath and Helen spent the night with Merle, and the next day we attended the Zonta luncheon as the guests of Pauline Glasson. It was Amelia Earhart day and Pauline was program chairman. Louise Clarkeson was acting as reception hostess. It was a lovely luncheon, after which we viewed the color motion film of the 99's on an airmarking tour; a fine film shot by Claude Glasson, one of those real "Quiet Birdmen" and, boy, those Zonta girls certainly were impressed. But why not! This painting on roof tops is quite a deal you know.

I am sure all the 99's in the Corpus Christi Unit and the Texas Chapter join me in a rising vote of thanks to Mr. Keats Dunnam for the wonderful ladder, and to Pauline Glasson for her enduring efforts and indomitable leadership in our airmarking accomplishments. After all, we do have 58 airmarkers to our credit, and Texas is SO--OO--O Big.

DALLAS UNIT
By: Evelyn Prince

By this time, I'm certain we have all had an opportunity to satisfactorily recuperate from the holiday season and "chart out course" for the year that is ahead of us.

In December Phyllis Nold entertained the Dallas 99's with a delightful party in her home. After marvelous refreshments, we elected our officers for 1936 as follows: Phyllis Nold, Director; Martha Ann Reading, Treasurer; Pat Jetton, Secretary; Evelyn Prince, Reporter.

January 21 we enjoyed a delicious spaghetti dinner at the home of Martha Ann Reading and daughter, Linda Ann, honoring our charming Governor of South Central Section Ruth Deerman who was visiting our city. We were also honored by the presence of our lovely International President, Edna Gardner Whyte of Ft. Worth. Others present were Beulah Conn, Fort Worth, Josephine Allison and granddaughter (welcome home, Jo), Margie Barr, Pat Jetton and Olean Sellers. It's surprising what one can learn at these hangar flying sessions about flying, air races and babies.

Our gal, Janis Romanio, who is teaching school in Germany, is really taking advantage of the chance to travel. She and two of her girl friends have a car and are making some nice trips to interesting places.

Doris Weller is also traveling here in the states. She made a trip up north during the Christmas holidays and has gone to California now.

Marian Guiberson and Marie Rushing are very busy in CAP activities.

TEXAS CHAPTER - EL PASO UNIT
By: Lois Hailey

January 21 we had our luncheon meeting at Sky Chef, International Airport. Many members could not be present. Those who could come were: Doddie Powers, Ruby Hays, Lois Ziler, Lois Hailey, Anne Duthie and Mary Margaret Arnold.

We all regretted not being able to attend the banquet and meetin in Albuquerque this month. Many planned on going, but unforeseen events cut into our plans.

For our next meeting each member plans to bring a guest or two or might become interested in taking to the air in the future.

COLORADO CHAPTER
By: Marilyn K. Nordstrom

The Jet Room of the Aviation Country Club was the scene of our January 8 meeting. We met first for brunch and then Mr. Carl Christenson, Director of Safety, United Air Lines, spoke to us on the present day problems of air safety. He stressed the fact that the airlines are training their pilots in simulators as a safety factor and stated that UAL will train their crews for one year in a simulator before they actually fly the Douglas DC-8. Thelma Thomas arranged this meeting and it was indeed a stimulating one. So much so that Lucia Joliffe, hostess for our February meeting, has arranged for a demonstration by United of their simulator at Stapleton Field.

Colored 99's were invited to the annual Flying Farmer Stock Show Banquet held January 15 at the Cosmopolitan Hotel. This is an annual affair held during "The National Western Stock Show, Horse Show and Rodeo". We were represented by the following: Rei and Verna Christopher, Jane and Swede Nettleblad, Bert and Betty Stackhouse, Mary and Bob Wenholtz, Cricket and Andy Anderson, Lucia and Ray Joliff, Frances and Bob Warner, Clara and Delmar Lemons, Phil Johnson and Keith Allen, Thelma Thomas and Donna Myers.

Our Verna Christopher, Vice-Governor of the South Central Section, represented Governor Ruth Deerman at the Zonta Club banquet in Albuquerque January 14. The occasion was the climax of Amelia Earhart Week and Verna spoke on Amelia, of course. She stated she had a wonderful time and that the Albuquerque 99's were present.

Donna Myers will fly out and help dedicate a Heliport at the Aviation Country Club on Sunday, January 29. Donna reports she and Dot Young had a nice chat with Jean Howard in the wee hours of January 25. Jean was enroute home from California.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Bettie King

Only two planes flew into union airport at Lincoln for the January 8 meeting of the 99's. The other members attending drove. Pauline Hawks and the Lester Kings braved the clouds and wind to fly.

Juanita Leach of Grand Island was hostess to the meeting. We ate a delicious swiss steak lunch at Twin Pines in southeast Lincoln. After dinner we drove to the home of Juanita's sister, Mrs. E. J. Dyksterhuis and family, and had our meeting. After the meeting, Mrs. Dyksterhuis and daughters served coffee in their lovely home.

We viewed two colored sound films shown by Millard Bennett, Nebraska Aviation Safety Chief. One film was on agricultural spraying and the other when to do a 180 to avoid weather. We all enjoyed the films and having Mr. Bennett with us.

During the afternoon a reporter and photographer from the Lincoln Evening Journal interviewed all the members and took pictures of the group in the home and later in the planes at the airport.

Mrs. Gertrude Howard of Lincoln, who received her private pilot's license late in November, joined the 99's as a member of our chapter. We are glad to welcome her to our group.

Members attending were Helen Moore, Jan and Neil Munkres, Pauline Hawks, Belle Hetzel, Helen Nestle and daughter Sandy, Bettie and Lester King and sons Davey and Donnie, Gertrude Howard and Juanita and Marvin Leach and guest Millard Bennett.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
By: Emily Frost

We held our monthly meeting at Downtown Airpark in Oklahoma City January 22. Members present were: Cecilia Jane Frew, Elizabeth Sewell, Broneta Davis, Skip Carter, Ruth Jones, Rita Eaves, Dorothy Morgan, Beth Smith, Nema Masonhall and Emily Frost.

Broneta has a new 170 which she recently flew to Electra, Texas. Broneta also attended the Tulsa 99 meeting at which the Kansas girls demonstrated airmarking techniques.

We had a guest at our January meeting - Mrs. Nicki Fariss. We are planning our annual guest meeting for March 18.

KANSAS CHAPTER
By: Ama Lee Jameson

Your reporter got misplaced in the Texas fog during Christmas and didn't get back in time to get in any December news. The weather cooperated fine. Fogged up the day I was to leave Texas and kept me down there till New Year's. Good story, anyway.

Our Christmas party was at the home of Helen Chandler. Lucious ham with all the trimmings including a flaming cake brewed up by Hazel Guy. Pretty and delicious. After making way with as much of the food as we could, we had an exchange of Christmas presents. Those present for the occasion were Anne and Lowell Waddell, Lucile and Raymond Dienst, Ruby and Tom Mathis, Julie and Justin Snowhill, Dorothy and Joe Speer, Helen and Buddy Chandler, Hazel Guy, Margaret Yourdon, Lois Dobbin, Mary Howard, Marge Cooper and Ama Lee Jameson. Takes a party to get us all out.

January meeting was held in Tulsa with Marge Cooper as our hostess. We assembled at Yingling Aircraft where Marge had coffee and doughnuts for us. Business meeting was held at their offices then we all adjourned to the terminal for lunch. Prizes were given for trying to make our E.T.A. The tail wind sure helped and I received 310 cufflinks, Anne Waddell a set of glasses and Broneta Davis a computer. Maybe it will help her do better next time. Kansas members present were Lois Dobbin, Julie Snowhill, Ruby Mathis, Marge Cooper, Anne Waddell, Lucile Dienst and Ama Lee Jameson. Guests were VEEPS Edna Gardner Whyte, Broneta Davis and Loretta Slavick. Other guests were Emogene Goodman, Kansas; Joan Patterson and Dorothy Rice, Tulsa; Nema Masonhall and Imogene Arnot, Oklahoma.

South Central Sectional meeting will be held in Wichita, Kansas, on April 20-22, Broadview Hotel Headquarters. More on this later. Want everyone who can to come whether you belong to the South Central Section or not.

Kansas 99's had a full page publicity spread in the paper in December. Same day as our meeting. Pictures of several with their planes and a short story on all members of the chapter.

We completed 48 airmarkers for 1955. Plan two all state airmarking trips this year with about ten teams to do twenty airmarkers in one day. One Spring session and one Fall session.

Don't forget the Section - Wichita - April 20 to 22.



LAS VEGAS CHAPTER
By: Martha Lundy

This column has been held up to flirting distance with the deadline in order to report on the program we put on for the Mesquite Club. Their program chairman announced that it was the longest program they had ever had, and it was the largest attendance they had ever had at a meeting. The Mesquite Club is a cultural club organized in Las Vegas in 1950. We were terribly disappointed that Zaddie Bunker was weathered in in New Mexico and didn't make the meeting. I can just see the effect she would have had on these thoroughly staid and circumspect ladies! Dorothy Dorothy, a former licensed pilot, one of the less staid of the Mesquite Club members, was in charge of the program and it was she who invited us. We were proud of our Joyce Failing who gave a talk on the TAR and showed one of the films on a previous race. We had a "Then and Now" fashion show, and Billie Wallace, a member of the 99's in the early 30's, (then Billie Cain) modeled the flying clothes she wore when she made the altitude record for women in 1930. Some of the girls wore old time flying suits, Solange D'Hooche wore her Zoot Suit from Sweetwater days, and others wore slacks, pedal pushers and dresses, to show that one can now fly and be "dressed up" at the same time.

Margaret Moore was cochairman with Dorothy in the plans and preparations for the meeting. We are so lucky to have a member such as Margaret, one who is Efficient (with a capital E), willing, clever, witty, a perfect lady, and sweet as a peach. I wish all of you could know her.

Lela Horn, our airmarking chairman, had charge of publicity, and besides a number of radio and TV appearances and pre-meeting pictures, we got the full front page of the Sunday Women's Section of one of the local newspapers.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER
By: Marjorie Fauth

First, to catch up on the holiday news as your reporter failed to get last month's news in. Our delightful Christmas party was held at the home of Marion Dietrich who rushed home from Sacramento that very morning to get the big tree trimmed and the "dip" made for the party. The tree was lovely, Marion was cool, calm and collected despite her hectic day and John Gerhardt, Margaret's 49er made a wonderful bartender!

Mabel and Otto Zehr were the unsung heroes of the Christmas storm when they rushed to the airport and dashed around saving planes patrolling, adding extra tiedown ropes, moving planes to sheltered areas and generally making themselves very helpful.

Geri Hill is back in her house after sitting it out for the past month in a motel while repairs were made to the roof which also took off during the windstorm. Maxine Carlson reports being at the Half Moon Bay Airport during the shooting there of some of the scenes for the movie "Spirit of St. Louis" and found it all very interesting. And the big news about Dorothy and Mel Whiteman is that they have just acquired a lovely new Cessna 170. Adele Chase is recovering from an operation for "football knee"! Surely she didn't acquire that at the November airmarking!

The January meeting was held at El Portal Restaurant on the 20th and was attended by Geri Hill, Mabel Zehr, Fran Grant, Ruth Rueckert, Margaret Gerhardt, Rose Tucker, Dorothy Whiteman and Rosemarie Gehling.

On January 24 Rosemarie, Ruth and Lindy Boyes attended a luncheon given by the Bay Area Aviation Commission honoring the Helicopter Assn. of America which was convening in San Francisco that week. They enjoyed the meeting very much and had the pleasure of seeing Jean Ross Howard from Washington, D.C., and Elynor Rudnick, Bakersfield, Calif., 99 who is President of the Helicopter Assn. Some 200 people attended the meeting which was international in scope and from discussion held it would appear that America is lagging behind the rest of the world in making use of 'copters, notwithstanding the extensive use of "windmills" by the Armed Forces and the Forest Service.

SAGUARO CHAPTER

By: Jimmie Lou Shelton

Our January business meeting was held at the residence of Vern Brooke. Members present were Wilma Bland, Bonnie Fugitt, Alice Roberts, Helen Van Epps, Melba Beard, Frances Wood, Jimmie Shelton, Marjy Crowl and hostess Vern. We had two guest speakers: Frank Shelton and John Neace represented Arizona Aviation Trades Association and Arizona Flying Farmers Association in an informal discussion on the Arizona Aviation Authority.

We had such a nice card from Doris Glina. Doris' husband is in the Air Force and has been temporarily transferred to Maxwell Air Force Base at Montgomery, Alabama. They will be there until around the middle of April and if any of you 99's in Montgomery have the time to look her up, I'm sure you will enjoy getting to know her. Her address is: 733 West Shawnee Drive, Montgomery, Alabama. We've missed Doris and are all looking forward to her return to Phoenix. Elaine Banta from Colorado was in Phoenix and Marjy gave a luncheon on the 7th in order for the girls to get acquainted with her. Those attending the luncheon were Wilma Bland, Betty Knier, Camille Shapley, Hostess Marjy and Guest of Honor Elaine.

Bonnie was in charge of the January Flight and planned a nice one to Tucson for lunch and then arranged for the members and guests to go through the Filter Center there. Bonnie, Melba and Alice took their respective ships (and families) down.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By: Yvette Kovary

Our January meeting took us way down to Palos Verdes Estates to Anita and Ken Redfern's new home. The fire was so cozy, the Early American decor so charming, and the Redfern snacks to tempting, that even the early-goers didn't get away until midnight.

Val Warne introduced her bridegroom, Gil Verba, and informed us that they had taken the step December 31 in Las Vegas. Gil is a landscape architect, a former KOA announcer, and he and Val even dated back in their high school days in Colorado Springs.

Then, while Gil and Ken went off to the den, we girls settled down to find ways to make our Chapter some money. We decided to start the ball rolling with a "white elephant sale" at your reporter's house; perhaps later a potluck supper and swimming party at Fran Bera's, and another Starlight Banquet. Long Beach Chapter Chairman Iris Critchell was present and so pleasant to see again.

Chairman Christie Warren forwarded an invitation to a joint WIAA-San Fernando Valley 99's meeting. Elsie Smith, Bette Glaser, and Ethel Kerley attended and reported an enjoyable evening and meeting Australian WIAA President Winifred Willmore, a prospective 99. Winifred recently moved to Los Angeles from Australia.

Christie and Bette Glaser attended a dinner meeting of the Legal Secretaries of Los Angeles, January 10, when Jacqueline Cochran spoke on "A Civilian Looks at Defense". Bette is our Civil Defense Chairman and scouting for ideas to work into our program.



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Clara B. Davis

Our Chapter held a January joint dinner meeting in Pasadena with the Women's International Aeronautical Assn., Los Angeles and Long Beach 99's being also invited. It was most gratifying meeting with 74 people attending. Bob DeHaven, chief test pilot of Hughes Aviation, was guest speaker. He was accompanied by his wife, singer Connie Haines. Also among the 74 were members from the Blue Yonder Flying Club, a W.I.A.A. member from Australia, and Marian Wagstaff who is President of the California Aviation Education Assn.

Congratulations to the following 99's who arranged such an interesting meeting:

Trixie Schubert, Dot Dancer, Renee Brown and Norma Wilcox. From what I hear the rest of the meetings will be just as interesting, so San Fernando Valley 99's be sure to keep the 2nd Monday of each month open for our meetings.

Jean Van Dyke Reimer has just returned from her fourth trip to Tokyo, Japan, as Chief Stewardess for North American Airlines. We hope before too long to have a meeting that Jean can attend and tell of her interesting experiences.

Jane Morales has a fascinating new job as Analysis Engineer at Gilfillan Electronics. She and her son Victor flew to Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta during the holidays.

Trixie Ann Schubert attended the dinner meeting at which Jacqueline Cochran announced she would run for a seat in Congress as the Congresswoman from California. Jackie urged women to take a more active part in Civil defense preparation. She said it was her opinion that we would not have more than three hours warning in the event of an attack. She hopes we will not be "caught with our plans and plants down."

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Fran Dias

January marked the fifth anniversary for our Chapter and we celebrated this event with our usual gay cocktail party and dinner dance. This year the event was held at the Fable Room of the Hotel Covell in Modesto. There were 126 present for the gala event. Favors for everyone and dinner wine given to us in great quantities by Gallo Wineries. This year we decided to have a speaker (we don't ordinarily since cocktails and wine are not exactly conducive to good listening); however, everyone listened in rapt attention to Captain Theodore Weholt, Flight Surgeon from Castle Air Force Base, as he showed color slides and gave us a rundown on the problems, from a medical point of view, faced by the crew of the B52. He had a display of the various types of helmets, flight suit and the new type parachute which automatically opens at 20,000 feet in the event the pilot or crew should, in

San Fernando Valley Chapter, Ninety-Nines, dinner meeting at Rancho Hillcrest, Pasadena, January 21, 1956. Left to right: Lauretta Foy, Louise Robertson, Jeanne Strahl, Renee Brown, Barbara Stewart, Betty Glazer, Margaret Jepson, Connie Haines DeHaven, Bob DeHaven, Irma Story, Trixie Ann Schubert, Norma Wilcox, Dorothy Dancer, Ethel Kerley, Elsie Smith, Paulette D'Avril and Jane Morales.

being ejected, lose consciousness. We wish that the members of the Chapters in our area would come to these anniversary parties - we are sure they would have a wonderful time. This year we were very happy to have Marion Barnick and 49er of Santa Clara Valley Chapter as our guests.

Hazel Zimmerman and Laura May Crawford were in charge of all the planning and arrangements for the party and, as usual, did a magnificent job. Jean Vincent arranged the decoration for the speakers table. It consisted of our 99 insignia cut from white plastic foam about 10" high and outlined with blue sequins, flanking this were pieces of driftwood which had been silvered and were the shape of wings. Fluffs of blue tulle with white camellias in the center were attached to the branches. Jean also decorated all of the tables with camellias. Hundreds of them in varying shades of coral and pink.

UTAH CHAPTER

By: June Raybould

Our January meeting proved unusually interesting thanks to some beautiful color slides brought from Idaho Falls by Mark Hoff "just in case" when he accompanied wife Onita down to Salt Lake in the family Cessna 140. Onita does a wonderful job flying to both Utah and Idaho Chapter meetings and is always welcome to any gathering with her vivacious personality. The slides covered not only flying trips but views taken during automobile trips and all were very thoroughly interesting. Thanks, Mark, and we're looking forward to a return engagement.

At the same meeting we tried out for the first time Cora Grote's idea to painlessly raise TAA donation money. At each meeting a "white elephant" will be raffled off to those attending with that winner contributing the item to be raffled at the next meeting. The proceeds, of course, go into the fund. First night's winner was Alberta Hunt who won a beautiful casserole and warmer contributed by Jane Andreason.

A welcome guest at the meeting was Leona Granger, former Chapter member, who has been moving around so much with her geologist husband that she dropped out for several years. We are hoping to get her back with us again. Besides the Hoffs, out-of-town arrivals were Lucile Christopherson and guest Ruth Walker from Provo.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER
By: Margaret S. Lang

Lois Bartling, Dottie Sanders and Edna Pen-ners flew to Yuma January 17 at the invita-tion of the Zonta Club. Lois gave a talk on the Air Race, Dottie gave a talk on the history of the 99's and they showed the film "Cleared for Take-Off". They reported that the talks and movie were very well received and that the Zontians expressed a great deal of interest in the race as a result.

Our January meeting was held at the home of Ernestine Stanley in Bonita. It was de-cided to make our next fly day to Torrance Airport where the Long Beach Chapter is having a Flight Safety Meeting on February 4. We have the sum of \$50.11 to add to our treasury as a result of the auction held and it will continue at the home of Mary Ring on February 17. It was voted that we have another rummage sale on April 21. The members also voted to donate \$20. to National Headquarters to help with fur-nishing their new home.

Evie Briggs is our new Civil Defense Chair-man.

Ruby Potter is a patient at Mercy Hospital and is recuperating very satisfactorily from an operation. We're glad to hear that she'll be home in a few days.

Marian Craver is piling up the written grade slips for Ground Instructor. So far she has passed CAR, Navigation and Meteorology. She has also passed her Com-mercial written and has taken the Instru-ment written. She hasn't received the re-sults as of this writing but we're keeping our fingers crossed.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Diane Gibson

Our regular monthly meeting was held at Marion and Herman Barnick's San Jose Air-port. We discussed having a Teacher's Flight to promote aviation in our school system and a tentative date was set for around the third week in May. Also, notes were compared by some of our members on acquiring a sponsor for the TAR.

Pat Gladney spent one very busy day the first week in January taking all of her friends and neighbors for a tour of the San Francisco Bay Area. Pat works very hard and diligently on promoting aviation and we're very proud to have her in our Chapter.

Hoping to have better weather and more news in February - we'll see you next month.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER
By: Cynthia Gilkison

Our members have been hard hit by viruses and colds lately. Only eleven hardy souls made it to the January meeting. Present were Claire Walters, Shirley Froyd, Pat Dee, Jan Dietrich, Mayetta Behringer, Mae Sharp, Ruth Gay, Iris Critchell, Cynthia Gilkison, and Donna and Al Chilcote. Our air age education expert, Mae Sharp, pre-sented an interesting program featuring material she uses in her elementary school classes to stimulate and maintain her stu-dents' interest in aviation.

Iris Critchell attended the February Los Angeles chapter meeting at Anita Redfern's home in Palos Verdes.

Plans for the future include a February 15 meeting at Hilda Reafsnnyder's home in Garden Grove, and in May a fly-in to Brackett Field in LaVerne, hosted by Pat Dee, to visit with the gals from that area.



MONTANA CHAPTER
By: Mildred Shinn

This reporter is trying to crawl out of the doghouse - fellow members making scathing remarks because Montana was not in the last newsletter - New Year's Resolution - "not to even let a little thing like Christ-mas and a husband's broken leg deter me henceforth".

Montana is having the most wintry winter of history and our December meeting proved it much to our chagrin when the Stanford Cham-ber of Commerce voluntarily suggested and did set forth a fancy luncheon in honor of the 99's and then most of the small central Montana town was at the airport to view the arrival of the many women pilots - our local secretary and teacher 99er was about to roll out her Navion and give the C. of C. rides when the Greenings arrived with Shinn in tow in no other than the new Mooney Mark - a sweet flying, scotting-along airplane! Still trying to come to a decision - much politics entering - as to or not to delete Low Frequency Aids in this state.

January brought an invite from the local Zonta Club (the international professional women's club) to all Montana 99's to be guests - they were honoring Amelia Earhart as a Zonta and 99. We women pilots found out other women know a bit about the back-ground of women in aviation also - a cheer-ing revelation for the advancement of our pet - flying. Hartley just sent this from Missoula... "Passengers in a business plane are now 15 times safer than those in autos and insurance companies consider a corp. pilot TWICE as good a risk as a house painter."Soooooooooooo

Our Ernestine Gore is having a fight with arthritis so anyone in Phoenix please go visit her - she is probably swimming in that warm water - Biltmore Hotel, 2512 E. Thomas Road.

IDAHO CHAPTER
By: Doris Atkinson

Our Newsletter reporter, Laura Conner, is still recuperating from her auto accident, so I'm pinch-hitting again, but we hope she will be back on the job next month, tho on crutches, and we're sure she does too!

Our Chapter is boasting another new member, Georgia Myers - welcome to the fold, Georgia!

Gayle Evans of McCall was the only out-of-towner to January meeting hosted by viva-cious Betty Sargent who isn't a 99 yet, but is one of our best boosters of aviation. We enjoyed meeting in her new home and the main business topic was the forthcoming Hangar Dance to be held in February.

The Idaho 99's will all have costumes alike for public appearances in the future - white cotton blouses and black skirts. The 99 em-blem will be embroidered on the pocket of the blouse. Fran Brown and Mae Eason had the task of choosing our blouses.

Our meeting dates have been changed to the 2nd Tuesday due to PTA confliotions.

Margaret Jacobson was a visitor in Boise re-cently but was unable to stay for the meet-ing. Chairman Barbara happened to be at Bradley Field when Lidiellen Hagan and 49½ Cornelius of Spokane stopped enroute home from a tour to Cuba in their Stinson.

The Idaho Department of Aeronautics held Open House at their new combination office-hangar-warehouse located at the Boise Mu-nicipal Airport on January 9. The Ada County Aerial Sheriffs and the Idaho 99's cohosted by serving coffee and doughnuts.

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