



THE NINETY - NINES, Inc.  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

# News Letter

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## President's Column

It would be absolutely impossible for me to describe in words, my shocking surprise when I looked at the January News Letter! I actually mailed my column to the Editor after I left town, in the effort to keep everything quiet. So far, I have been unable to find any one person who will take the entire blame for it. I did want to share my happiness with all of you, but certainly did not expect all the "fanfare." You really have it first-hand. We both feel more than duly honored.

Plans are well underway for a wonderful International Convention in Alabama. You will soon be receiving interesting information concerning our most important event of the year, for all Ninety-Nines.

Another new Chapter has been added — our best wishes go to the New Eastern Idaho Chapter.

It is a real pleasure to know of all the activities within our organization. If your chapter seems to be relaxing a bit, may I suggest that you start a worthwhile project — air marking perhaps! A busy membership is a growing organization. Never let us stop growing!

Good flying!

*Broneta Davis Evans*

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## PILOT'S BRIEFING

A request from headquarters: Please cash your section and chapter refund checks as quickly as possible, when you receive them.

Send dates for sectional meetings to headquarters and/or News Letter editor.

Remember the proposed changes in CAR — you have until Feb. 28 to send in your comments.

Did you take that prospective 99 member to your last meeting? Personal contact and meetings do more than a thousand words in print, keep in mind our membership goal and TAKE HER to that next meeting.

News Letters are available at headquarters for 10c per copy.



Left to right: Major John Glenn, USMC, Mrs. Donald A. Quarles and Miss Joanne Alford. Mrs. Quarles, wife of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, is the newest member of the Washington, D. C., Chapter of the Ninety-Nines. The picture was taken at the Chapter's Fall Dinner. Mrs. Quarles, then a student pilot, was guest of honor. Major Glenn, who last summer made the record-breaking transcontinental supersonic flight (and a winner on "Name That Tune") was the guest speaker. Joanne Alford, named Miss Airpower by the Air Force Association, had just returned from a country-wide speaking tour sponsored by the Association and The Martin Company. She is a prospective member of the Washington, D. C., Chapter. — Photo courtesy Mary M. Moore (Mitzi), Aerial Photo Enterprises, Washington, D. C.

## COMING EVENTS

North Central Sectional meeting, Des Moines, Iowa, April 25 - 27, 1958.

South Central Sectional meeting, Oklahoma City, Okla., May 2 - 4, 1958.

The seventh annual "Skylady Derby," June 12, starting at Topeka, Kan.

AWTAR, July 1 - 11, 1958.

Make plans now to attend the National Convention in Montgomery, Ala., the Cradle of the Confederacy, July 10 - 13, 1958.

IAR, late July or August.

## Wanted STENOTYPIST

The Alabama Chapter would like to know if any qualified 99 will provide stenotypist service at the 1958 Convention in Montgomery. If so, please write

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The 25th Of Each Month

**"Skylady Derby"**

The 7th annual "Skylady Derby" air race for women pilots sponsored by the Women's National Aeronautical Association and staged each year in the mid-west, will be held June 12, this year.

The women fliers will take off from Topeka, Kan., and fly to Grand Island, Neb., thence to Des Moines, Iowa, and return to Topeka, a total distance of 640 statute miles.

The race is for light, stock-model aircraft of less than 300 hp, and the winners are chosen on the basis of fuel consumption and speed with relation to the manufacturer's claimed performance for each type of aircraft. By this method, the most skillful pilot has an opportunity to win regardless of the size and horsepower of the airplane.

Six hundred dollars in cash prizes will be awarded, as well as trophies, and other prizes. Entrance fee for the race is \$15.00 per plane, and all planes must be in Topeka on June 11, the day preceding the race.

Entry chairman is Ruth Nickell, 904 Nickell Road, Topeka, Kan., and entrance forms and rules may be obtained from her.

Entrance closes May 25, 1958.



A RECENT CIVIL AIR PATROL aviation education conference at Bolling AFB, Washington, D. C., was the occasion for a reunion of members of the Ninety-Nines, national women's flying organization. The conference of some 200 educators was called by Maj. Gen. Walter R. Agee, national commander of Civil Air Patrol, to plan the operation of aviation education workshops to be held on 40 college and university campuses this coming summer. From left, Janet Munkres, Weeping Water, Neb., past chairman of the Missouri Valley Chapter of the Ninety-Nines; Maj. Betty W. McNab, CAP, Albany, Ga., assistant aviation education officer, Southeastern Region, CAP; Lt. Col. Alice H. Hammond, CAP, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., coordinator for women, Great Lakes Region, CAP, past president of the Ninety-Nines; Maj. Coral Bloom, CAP, Sacramento, Calif., director of aviation education for the Pacific Region, CAP, and chairman of the Sacramento Chapter of the Ninety-Nines; Capt. Bette J. Crook, CAP, Highland Park, Mich., public information staff officer for the Great Lakes Region; and Lt. Col. Marie C. LePore, CAP, Worcester, Mass., deputy director for education and training, Massachusetts Wing, CAP.

**AWTAR NEWS**

The 12th annual All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race will start from Montgomery Field, San Diego, Calif., on July 4, 1958, and will terminate at Charleston Municipal Airport, Charleston, S. C. Deadline to cross the finish line will be 1200 EST July 8.

Designated airports on the route will be as follows:

Yuma County Airport, Yuma, Ariz.  
Tucson Municipal Airport, Tucson, Ariz.

El Paso International Airport, El Paso, Tex.

Midland Air Terminal, Midland, Tex.  
New Abilene Municipal Airport, Abilene, Tex.

Pounds Field, Tyler, Tex.  
Hawkins Field, Jackson, Miss.  
Dannelly Field, Montgomery, Ala.  
Macon-Cochran Airport, Macon, Ga.

Total mileage for the route is 2177.40 statute miles.

All aircraft must be at Montgomery Field, San Diego, by 1700 PST July 1 for impound.

Write to All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, Inc., 2611 East Spring Street, Long Beach 6, Calif., for your copy of the rules and regulations, applications for entry, handicaps and all other pertinent information. (Please enclose 25 cents to help defray cost of mailing.)

Great plans are being made for your pleasure by the San Diego Chapter 99's, your hosts at the start, and the Carolinas Chapter 99's, your hosts at the terminus, as well as all along the route. Make your plans now to be a participant in this great race.

Betty H. Gillies,  
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**SHIRLEY CORBITT (C)** steps down happy. Charlie Smith and Emily Grigsby, both pilots.



By Pat Arnold

This month we salute Alice Mansfield as our "flyer of the month." Petite and pretty, vivacious Alice, mother of two boys, operates the New England Aerial Advertising Company. North Reading, Mass., with her husband, Harley. Harley takes care of the contract selling for aerial banners and airborne sound and Alice does "all the sewing," which means making new letters and repairing used ones which are anywhere from five to seven feet high. They use two Stearmans and both are kept busy towing from early spring right up to Christmas time in the Boston area.

Alice rode dual for three years before going it alone and this year she starts her third year of solo towing. In making an aerial pick-up, the ap-

proach is made at 80 mph and must be gauged so that the grapple hook will swing under the tow line when the steeper than normal climb is started. On a hot and humid day, it's a battle to pick up speed and altitude and Alice says "there is a permanent bend in the throttle where I've tried to push it through the firewall."

Sometimes everything doesn't go just right such as the time the tow banner was picked up on the Stearman's left wheel instead of the grapple hook! "It took both hands and all my strength to straighten out the ship and salvage what altitude was left," shuddered Alice, "and by standing on the right rudder straight flight was maintained and the ship munched along at 40 mph with the banner all but dragging in the marsh." To this day, Alice can't explain why the banner turned flat and rode over hi-ways, bridges, and telephone wires. Forty minutes later and out at sea, sufficient altitude was gained to make a turn and attempt a landing. It was the most difficult landing Alice ever at-



tempted but it was a success and only one letter was lost off the huge banner. We salute Alice for so successfully combining a homemaking career with a skilled and daring occupation!

Congratulations this month also to Anne Baddour (Belmont), another housewife who received her commercial license in December! If you didn't make the January meeting in Providence, you missed a halarious one, and you surely should come to the one March 1st at Bradley Field, Windsor Locks, Conn.



By Alice-Jean Starr

December's Friday the 13th found 35 Ninety-Niners and guests converging upon the home of Barbara and Ed Evans in Manhasset, L. I., for a wheel of a Christmas party. See photos. Barbara Kiernan and Esther Gardiner



**NY-NJ SECTION** Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Evans with a world smorgasbord as the theme is being enjoyed by Willy Hanzlik, Eleanor Witchel, Ruth Hill, Arax Simsarian, Hostess Barbara Evans, and in the rear Helen Boudreau and Peggy Norris.

flew down from New England to be with us. Other guests included Abbie Haddaway from Buffalo, Herb Fisher of The Port of New York Authority, Dorothy Julich brought along Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ballinger and Mr. and Mrs. Walker as guests. Also Capt. and Mrs. Scott Flower of Pan American stopped by.

The food theme was "World Smorgasbord"—something from just about every country. The punch bowl (USA brand) inside the front entrance was making quite a hit and some people didn't discover the bar downstairs in the rec room until much later—or shall I say too late. Peg Norris was taking "Steve Allen" photos right and

left—don't know who took the one showing Peg in the group though.

Gifts were brought and piled in front of the fireplace—our annual contribution to the children of Bellevue Hospital. The only Friday the 13th jinx I can think of was that the freezing weather froze up a few car door locks and the cars had to be left there while we doubled up for rides home.

Read in the paper yesterday that Ruth Nichols flew as a passenger up to 51,000 feet—the first woman to get so high!

On January 8 a few of us finding the time inspected the mock model cabin of the Boeing 707 set up in the Walter Teague Studios in New York. They have designed a beautifully modern, clean and colorful interior that is extremely easy to care for because of the materials used. Believe me, this jet age is going to be the ultra of living! To top it the lighting effect will put you in a dream world.

The first meeting of the new year was held at the Beaux Arts on Jan. 13—we seem to love meeting on the 13th. Our best to you all for the coming year. Joe Crane was our speaker and told us about "Sky Diving" and of the meets held in Russia and Tivat, Yugoslavia. The world-known parachutist discussed the comparison of equipment and sportsmanship of east and west. He recently made his 65th jump after being grounded 20 years due to an ankle fracture. Joe Crane is president of the Federation of Aero-



**SAME PARTY!** Arax Simsarian, Kay Brick, Marion Lopez, Lindy Boyes, Bay Cities Chapter; Esther Gardiner, Northeast Section; Barbara Kiernan, Governor, New England Section.

nautique Internationale and of the Parachute Club of America. He is the owner of Joe Crane and Co., makers of sport and utility parachutes.

Former member Bessie Owen from Mexico City honored us with a visit. Also with us was ever-welcome Dr. Clara Gross and Novie Davenport.



WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Virginia Thompson

Valentine hats—doesn't that bring back fond memories? To many of us 99'ers it did. To many children in a local hospital, we hope it creates a ray of sunshine, a little happiness. Wouldn't you enjoy seeing their faces on Valentine's Day when they spy the perky little hats and cute napkin holders? Betty Fisher, our hostess, was the sponsor of this nice idea. To help create these works of art were Betty MacGlashen and Augusta Roberts who flew in from Maryland, Dorothy Mitchell, Carolyn Terry, Ada Mitchell, Eleanor Davis, Ann Ash, and myself. After a brief business meeting conducted by Dorothy Mitchell, we all thoroughly enjoyed Betty's delicious chocolate pie and coffee.

Along the aviation line, we hear that Adelaide Tinker is now the proud possessor of a new Cessna. Happy landing, Adelaide.

Blanche Noyes is quite enthusiastic about her recent European trip to Sweden, Norway, Denmark and France as a representative of the International Society of Aviation writers. Also in the group were Jene Abney, Aviation Director of Illinois, and Myrtle Thompson, a 99'er from Selma, N. C. While in France, Blanche was entertained by 99'er Odile Tommy-Martin and by a Countess for another one of our members who is presently flying in Algiers. Other highlights of the trip were receiving honorary wings by I.P.S.A., a flying nurses organization, and a chance to fly the famous French helicopter.

On Jan. 9 Blanche spoke to the Zonta Club in Cincinnati, Ohio, during their Amelia Earhart Commemoration Week.

Grass never has a chance to grow under her feet. This morning she is off in the CAA Bonanza on a business trip to "ye sunny southlands."

We were sorry to learn that Marilyn Link has left our midst for the bright lights of N. Y. She has been appointed chairman of the Planning Committee for the Second National Conference on Aviation Education to be held on March 13-14 at the Mayflower Hotel here in Washington, D. C. Members of the committee include representatives from national professional educational organizations, government agencies, the armed forces and several aviation organizations.

**EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER**

By Peggy Borek

Hope your holidays were as pleasant as ours. Our Christmas dinner-dance



at the Naval Officers Club was a quiet and happy occasion. Selma Cronan and husband, Walt, came down from New York with Lindy Boyes, who is now working up there. We enjoyed visiting with some old friends we haven't seen in a long time.

Lois Dobbin stopped by for lunch on her way to Loch Haven to fly a new Tri-Pacer back to Wichita. She doesn't know how much we wanted to go along for the ride.

Nancy Diemand has passed her commercial written and is on the way to pocketing her ticket. Louise Sacchi is starting another commercial class next month, of which we have decided to be a part. Our brainiest people nomination would be the courageous souls who study on their own for the various ratings. When we think of trying to cram that mountain of books into our poor ole haid we get such a jumble of odds and ends!

Ada Mitchell and Adelaide Tinker came up from Washington, D. C., to attend our meeting and lecture on guided missiles on Jan. 19 at North Philadelphia Airport. David Rushlow, of General Electric, who is presently working on the nose cone section, gave an interesting talk on the entire missile program, with some amusing stories of the "early days" in 1949 when he was experimenting with smaller missiles as an Air Force officer. This is the second such program our chapter has either planned or attended. We believe the 99's should be well informed on all these subjects.



#### GEORGIA CHAPTER

By Emily Bourne Grigsby

The Ninety-Nines and Flying Rebels, both flying organizations, took a group of 100 children from the Georgia Baptist Children's Home into the wild blue yonder for a Christmas present.

Most of the pilots would agree with pilot Betty McNabb, who said her young passengers were somewhat frightened but tried to appear very blasé about the whole experience. About 20 planes took part in the flying party at the Fulton County Airport. This was the third annual party sponsored by the Flying Rebels and the first time the Ninety-Nines had taken part, but from the beaming faces and cries of joy it will not be the last.

#### TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Constance Ohlinger

Plans for aviation education work-

shops in various parts of the country are already underway for teachers and others who want a profitable summer. Some of the institutions offering the course even grant a master's degree in aviation education. Scholarships are still available. The University of Tennessee again sponsors its program, in which our Ruth Thomas has been so interested. At the close of school, she will go right from the teaching of third graders into the guidance of adults in air age education. It's a thrilling and important job, and we wish her all luck.

#### NORTH FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Betty W. Wertz

The November meeting was held at the home of Barbara Ellis, near Patrick Air Force Base on the east coast. There were four members and 10 guests present. The hostess had planned a beach picnic but with the cool breezes and blowing sand, we all enjoyed the lunch inside. There were two brave souls that entered the water for a swim though. Margaret Stannah, our very active member from Orlando and her guest from New York. Everybody else just shivered.

Our December meeting was held in Ocala with Betsy Collins as hostess. Still we had cool breezes, so an inside meeting! Betsy is famous for her beef stroganoff and she should be. It was delicious. Alma Parker and three guests flew in from St. Petersburg and the Wertz' and Collins. After the delightful lunch and good conversation the guests were honored with a demonstration of the Uмбаugh copter in flight. (That is a one place copter being manufactured in Ocala.)

Margaret Stannah was hostess to the January meeting held in the Showalter hanger at the Orlando Airport. There were again three members and seven guests present for a delightful ham dinner served by the hostess. Lou Denault's husband told of flying in a snowstorm last Tuesday over Orlando and Lou said they had to close the hanger doors to keep the snow out. Florida weather is very unpredictable. Betsy Collins called that she was unable to attend the meeting because of doctor's orders. We all hope she will get well in a hurry. We always miss her. We also missed Elaine Mogelvang who was out of town on business. Alma Parker and three guests flew in from St. Pete. Betty Wertz moved to Eau Gallie the first of the year and drove over.

The next meeting will be held March 9 at the Albert Whitted Airport in St. Petersburg with Alma Parker hostess and we do hope all the members and prospective members will be able to attend.



#### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Mary J. Fecser

Christmas "chez Hrubecs" is rapidly becoming a tradition for the All-Ohio 99's. This is the third year that members and their guests have had the red carpet laid out to them in warmest welcome by Mr. and Mrs. John Hrubec and our own 99'er, Joan Hrubec. As usual, there was an excellent turn-out. Dame Wind was playing second fiddle to Old Man Sol, thus providing marvelous weather for fly-ins as well as drive-ins. Twenty-five members and guests, including visitors from Michigan enjoyed the happy day and buffet spread by Cleveland hostesses Joan Hrubec, Helen Wiedwald, Edythe Maxim, Helen Sammon, and—alas, alack, in absentia because of illness—your reporter, Mary Fecser. Many, many thanks to those wonderful Hrubecs for their hospitality!

We are slowly becoming up-to-date in our account of meetings. January still found the weather in bright, co-operative mood, again giving our lucky gals a chance to fly—this time to Sullivant Avenue Airport in Columbus, with Marion Betzler as hostess. Twenty-two members and three prospective members were present. Marion and Gamer Jones, airport manager, went all-out to welcome the gals, Mr. Jones providing a delicious and colorful blue and white cake with "Welcome 99's" on it and two beautiful floral pieces to decorate the tables in the lounge where the meeting and dinner were held. Thank you, Marion and Mr. Jones, for making us so very much at home. It was a lovely meeting.

By the time we read this issue of the News Letter, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Theis (Ruth Guenther) will just have returned from their honeymoon in the Bahamas, flying both ways, naturally. They were married on Jan. 17 in the Lakewood Presbyterian Church in a candlelight service.

Martha Wilcox is a real little beaver of ambition and activity. Recently she spoke to the Y's Men's Club (YMCA) at a dinner meeting on "Flying Experiences." She also spent a week in January in Houston, Tex., at a business convention of the United Co-Operatives, Inc. Latest plan is to fly to Florida with her 49½'er.

#### IOWA CHAPTER

By Alice Pfantz

We didn't have a meeting in December—just not enough days and everyone busy with holiday activities. We had our regular January



meeting Thursday, the 16th. A 7 p.m. dinner in the Cloud Room at the airport. Weather was bad, so Kitty Hach from Ames was the only one to make it from out-of-town. Others present were Maggie Adkins, Joann Fortier, Evelyn McDonald, and Alice Pfantz. We had one guest, Betty Bengé (Mrs. T. A.)

Betty is a former member—she has commercial, instructor, instrument, and multi-engine ratings. She hasn't been flying the past 10 years, but as soon as she gets a current medical, plans to do some flying and reactivate her 99 membership. I'm sure Betty will be a very valuable addition to our chapter.

Plans are well under way for the spring sectional in Des Moines. **GIRLS PLEASE NOTE!** The dates published in the January News Letter were incorrect. The correct dates are April 25, 26 and 27. A good time for all is assured. Sponsors have been secured for a hospitality hour on Friday night, cocktail party on Saturday night, and the music for your dinner dancing pleasure. Be sure to bring those 49½-ers along if at all possible. There will be favors for everyone and valuable door prizes. Come one, come all! Des Moines, Iowa, April 25-27.

#### CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Vachout

The first affair of the holiday season was our annual Christmas party, which was held on Dec. 8. We were served a delicious steak dinner and another helping of Lois Cassidy's wonderful entertainment "know how." Lois was emcee again this year. She had us all singing carols and playing funny games that required some degree of skill and a lot of luck. A beautiful doll was raffled off, resulting in happy smiles on the faces of Chairman Nell Brown and Treasurer Donna Giles. All our thanks to Helen Budwash, who so very graciously donated the doll. Also, thanks to Bea Seimon's perseverance, station wagon, and 49½-er who doesn't mind carrying things, several cases of carmel corn were sold.

A group of us attended the "Goodfellows" luncheon, held at the Sheraton Hotel on Dec. 12. Our Christmas gifts for the children had been brought to the Christmas party, and Sylvia Roth flew them to Meigs Airport, where they were received by Mr. Maxwell, head of the "Goodfellows."

Carol Cooper picked a marvelous way to celebrate Christmas. On Dec. 26 she married Peter Veris of Evanston. Best wishes, Carol. Gean Burson and her husband flew to De Smet, S. D., for their annual hunting trip. Gean said the weather was perfect and so was the hunting. Both bagged their limit of birds. Bea Seimon and her family picked the coldest day of the year (temp. 12 degrees below

zero) for a jaunt to Minneapolis, Minn. On the home-bound trip, they picked up a nice tail wind and got home in one hour and 45 minutes.

Nell Brown and her 49½-er drove to California — stopping at Scottsdale, Ariz., for a grand dinner at "Lula Belle's." Continued on to L. A. to spend Christmas with their children. They spent New Year's morning having brunch at the Cliff House in San Francisco. Finally flew home via airlines to get back to the "salt mine" of 1958.

Betty Archibald and Mary Beritich are anxiously awaiting their Cub Cruiser. It's coming out of the shop with a new mahogany floor! Lois Cassidy is just as anxiously waiting to see the one-man helicopter that her cousin won in a contest.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER

By Nellie P. Jackson

Sunday, Jan. 19, the weather man gave us a wonderful day for our regular meeting. We had 18 members, four 49½-ers, and five guests for dinner in the dining room of Weir Cook Airport. The committee in charge showed us a beautiful movie, "Song of the Air," which took us to many interesting spots in the world, then they showed colored slides of some of our own 99's taken at the annual convention at McAllen, Tex., and at some of our local meetings. They were wonderful, girls! Let's have more of them!

Billie Smith and 49½-er, Savage, are winging their way to Florida for two weeks of needed rest. They plan to visit Marathon and Key West and have tentative plans to fly to Cuba.

Flora Mae Newman, Muncie, Ind., recently was installed as vice president of the Delaware County Wing, Flying Farmers. Congratulations, Flora Mae!

Now that Betty Nicholas has her lovely new home properly organized and time on her hands she is going back into the business world. Nice to have you back among us "working girls," Betty. Her husband, Ted, is with WFBM-TV. They own and fly a Cessna 170.

Our vice chairman, Ethel Knuth, and husband, "Rusty," had a surprise and thrill (and perhaps a touch of sadness) when their handsome son, Ronald, got married the day after Christmas and left with his pretty bride for Phoenix, Ariz. He is to be with air traffic control (CAA) at Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix. We all join in wishing much happiness and success to this fine young couple.

Jill McCormick flew to Atlanta, Ga., during the holidays in a Bonanza (G model) which was somewhat of a change from flying her little Tri-Pacer. Jill is to be the speaker at the annual Amelia Earhart dinner-meeting of Indianapolis Zonta Club Jan. 27.

Esther Berner and husband, Don, flew to New York City recently where Esther had the pleasure of visiting with some of the girls she flew with during the war. She also had the thrill of flying the new Beech Travel Aire when it was demonstrated here in Indianapolis recently. Esther, who has been holding the beautiful Dee Nicholas trophy for the past year for being the outstanding woman pilot in Indianapolis, turned it over to your reporter at the January meeting of the Indianapolis Aero Club for "safe keeping" this year. If the News Letter doesn't make sense this month just blame it on the shock. I've never been so surprised and thrilled in my whole life. I feel very humble beside the five famous women who have won it previously: Betty Pettit (now Nicholas), 1952; Mildred Hurt, 1953; Tannie Schlundt, 1954; Rae Cawdell, 1955; and Esther Berner, 1956. The trophy honors the late Dee Nicholas, a well-known woman pilot and member of the Aero Club.

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Babe Ruth

Michigan hasn't been seen in the Newsletter for some months now, but we are still here. At this time everyone is digging out of the snow, and haven't the kids been having fun, no school and rolling in the snow.

The news starts back in November when several of us went deer hunting, this includes Chairman Pat Russell and Bill at St. Ignace, Margaret Windfuhr and Eric, Becky Thatcher and Harold, Babe Ruth and Dale and daughter, Dale Lee, on Drummond Island. The Windfuhr's have a cabin at Little Long Lake, Harrison and the Thatcher's just take to the woods. The Ruth family had the pleasure of crossing the world's greatest bridge, the beautiful Straits of Mackinac bridge. The bridge is five miles long connecting the two peninsulas and is almost 500 feet in the air. This may not seem such a thrill to travelers, but when one sits more than 16 hours in line waiting to take the ferry across the straits the bridge is out of this world.

The November meeting was held at Tri-City Airport. I finally managed to get to Midland that day several hours after the meeting adjourned. I had a student XC and decided to take a chance on getting there in time.

The October meeting at Marshall at Schulyers (one of the eating places in Michigan). We had a real good fly-in. I saw Elsie Ferich, Sammy McKay and a 49½-er get out of a 172. Jeanette Souverign and Marian Elbinger taxied up in J's Stinson. Bernice Trimble and student in a Champion. Pat Russell in her Meyers. Fran Meyers, Nancy Brandon, Margaret Windfuhr and myself in a Tri-Pacer. We also celebrated three birthdays at this



meeting, Margaret Windfuhr, Janey Hart and Pat Russell.

The December meeting was our annual Christmas party held at the McKay's Hill Top Farm at Grand Blanc. We were all having such a good time it was decided to adjourn the meeting before it started. Santa Claus was George McKay and you had to be there to appreciate the speech that was given as each gift was given. It is easier to tell you who wasn't there as just a few didn't turn out. Elsie Ferich was home with the flu, but Mike joined us anyway.

The January meeting was held at the new Riverside Manor, Lansing. We had nine planes fly in, by 99'ers of course. The AOPA 180 degree rating was shown and discussed. We had 45 members present, including several attending their second meeting to make them eligible for membership. Namely Terry Thomas, Detroit, received license in 1946, one of the three founders of the Winged Spartans Flying Club, Mich. State University and the first president. Terry worked at Glenn L. Martin Co., Denver, where they built ballistic missiles and did a lot of skiing there. Prior to this worked in Detroit for Parke Davis.

Next is Gertrude Clark who flies at Detroit City Airport. Received private license in 1947, 100 hours and took the commercial written last August.

Now about six months later Ila Pimlott, instrument flight instructor, Detroit City Airport, is about to become a 99'er. Some of you will remember Ila flying in the '57 AWTAR solo and winning a couple of prizes.

Bette Crook and Alice Hammond attended the CAP aviation education workshop planning conference in Washington, D. C., in December. Velta Scutt and Mel have an Erco Coupe. Bette Crook finally flew the Bonanza to the meeting with her husband, mother, and daughter as passengers. Also Bette has an article appearing in the February issue of Flying.

No matter how a 99'er has to take off she will come to a meeting. It seems Austin Lake Airport had a little too much snow or else Harry didn't feel like shoveling. Anyway Eloise Smith and Mary Gardanier taxied out of the hanger and out onto the lake, not much wind was blowing so they just took off down-wind.

### CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Rose S. Andrew

Here I am, pushing against a head-wind again. I suppose if I get as far as the Pearly Gates, I'll have some kind of flimsy excuse thought up for being almost late.

We had a fine group at our Sunday dinner meeting, Jan. 19. Counting 49½ers and two smallfry, there were 19 present to eat an excellent meal at the Paradise Inn (R 45, South) Champaign. Then we drove on over to the

University Airport and saw a technicolor picture of intercontinental air travel. The scenery in it is beautiful and helps to make one realize just what the airlines are doing to make us more "one-world minded." The film can be obtained for showing, free for the asking, from Shell Oil Co., and its title is "Song of the Clouds."

We are not planning any meeting for February, but expect to have a potluck supper March 2 at 5 p.m. at Leah Warren's in Champaign. As they say on TV, "Join us then, won't you?"

Helen McBride and her husband and Mary Hendrix and her husband are taking Florida vacations in Feb.

### GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Ruth Lake

We were entertained by hostesses Laura Sellinger, Dorothy Wheeler, Pat Tulley, and Lydia Dunn in Lydia's beautiful new home for our January meeting; which was very well attended—19 members, two guests and prospective member, Margaret Brickey. Margaret and her husband own the Festus Flying Service here in Festus, Mo. Our guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Fillston, who is with McDonnell Aircraft Corp., in charge of all parachute rigging. Dr. Fillston has a master parachute riggers rating, doing this since 1939 and considered an expert in his field. Most informative and interesting.

Our newest member is Olive Miner who obtained her license this past August. She and her husband both started flying at the same time and have their own Bonanza.

We will miss Sue Parks, who is to be married on Feb. 8 and moving to Denver, Colo. Our best wishes go with her. Pat Tulley is also leaving us for a while, having enlisted in the WAF's as a second lieutenant and expects to be away for three years. Lots of luck, Pat.

Dorothy Henke presented her 49½er, Auggie, with a bouncing baby boy since our last meeting and hopes to be flying soon. We are all willing to baby sit right at the field, Dorothy, so come on out.

Ginny Duenke and her 49½er, Burton, left this last week in their Apache for six weeks in the caribbean—their third trip there—love those islands. Ginny showed us her films from their last trip—"out of this world." She has also graciously offered the use of their field and hangar for our Mexican party in May, which is to be our money raising project for this year.

The winners of our Achievement Award contest were announced and will be presented their awards at the meeting of the Aero Club of St. Louis this month, when our chapter presents the program for the evening; about which we will report next month.

### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Justine Mills

Our January meeting was held on the 19th at Waukesha with a smorgasbord at the Avalon Hotel. Snow prevented any fly-ins. A prospective member, Mrs. Jean Molholt, was present plus seven 99's.

Out-of-state as well as local flying has been active with Deedo Heise flying to Colorado Springs the weekend after Christmas, Mary Seymour and Bernie Voelker busy about and above Madison and Jean Herrling making numerous trips to DuBuque, for parachutes.

Our February meeting and fly-in will be in Middleton, at Morey Airport just west of Madison. The date will be February 23, and any stray 99 in the area is hereby invited to either contact one of our members or just come on over.



### KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Emily Crew

December . . . meeting at my home with nice turn-out. Sarah Gorelich, Elaine Morris, Mary Ruth Dietrich, Joan Cayot, Dee Southard, Marjory Farrell, Margaret Shephard, Betty Siggs, and Laurien Griffin. Sky Club cocktails got the meeting "off the ground" and to a "South of the Border dinner." Next stop, the business meeting. Dee Southard suggested as a candidate for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship and application is to be sent in. Agreed on a Christmas project of gifts for the aged. Dee Southard, Betty Siggs, and Mary Ruth Dietrich appointed to select the home, gifts, and distribution. Betty Siggs gave an instructive demonstration on gift wrapping. Next, a Christmas gift exchange with an hilarious assortment. The evening completed with a gathering around the organ singing Christmas carols. Dec. 19, a gift wrapping spree of the gifts selected for the aged took place at the home of Betty Siggs. The welcome gifts, beautifully wrapped were then presented to the individuals a few days before Christmas and graciously received. A most worthwhile project.

January meeting—a true pot luck supper at the new apartment of Sarah Gorelich. Turn-out small — Marjory Farrell, Katherine Peck, Joan Cayot, Laurien Griffin, and Emily Crew. Quantity of food large and delicious, even though all hamburger and macaroni dishes. Baked ham and egg rolls, the only variance, used for hors 'd'oeuvres with the initiation of



Sarah's bar. Business meeting followed, discussed project for the year, however, no decisions reached. Tour of the new Mid Continent Airport is planned for February meeting.

### COLORADO CHAPTER

My Mary Wenholz

Congratulations being the order of the day, Colorado Chapter wishes to send along their most hearty best wishes to the newly weds Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Evans. Congratulations Broneta and Clyde.

Our January meeting was a brunch at the Aviation Country Club in Denver, hostessed by our pert little Thelma Thomas, who had the table beautifully decorated with a lovely centerpiece of garnet sweetheart roses (sent to our recuperating Darlene Gray, who is still a bit handicapped with a broken back) and individual roses set in porcelain ashtrays at each place. Those attending were Pat Urling, Betty Stackhouse, Ed and Frances Tepper, Joe and Helen Choun, Harold and Marilyn Nordstrom, Bob and Mary Wenholz, John and Donna Myers and Verna Christopher who came limping in from Colorado Springs sporting a sprained ankle. From all the casualties Colorado is having it would seem to be a good place to stay away from; but don't you believe it, 'tisn't so!

Everyone enjoyed a most delicious smorgasbord brunch after which Thelma presented Donna Myers with a pair of gold Ninety-Nine earrings from the Colorado Chapter for her untiring efforts over the past many years as editor of our news letter, "Crosswind Chatter." Our many thanks, Donna.

Another big event that quite a number of our members attended was the annual Colorado Flying Farmers' Stock Show banquet on Jan. 11 at Writer's Manor in Denver. In fact, several of our members were very active in making this banquet a huge success—same being the Longbrooks, Teppers and Chouns. We met a visiting 99'er from Montana, Louise Butcher, at this gala affair too. Other Colorado 99's attending were Thelma Thomas, Betty Stackhouse, and M. Wenholz and 49½'er. All 99 members were sporting a beautiful corsage furnished by Thelma.

### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Dorothy K. Morgan

The January meeting was held on the 19th in the home of Broneta Evans at Minco. Attendance was better than average and everyone enjoyed Broneta's hospitality. Early plans for the sectional meeting in Oklahoma City on May 2, 3 and 4 were formulated after much discussion. The program will be published in a later issue of the News Letter.

We met Broneta's 49½'er, Clyde,

and the man is — brave. Imagine facing 12 pairs of feminine eyes at one time, without "flomixing." Well, he did — so I think he is a brave and courageous man. From here on all remarks about Broneta's cooking are "out of order" — the chicken and accompanying viands were delicious.

We were pleased to have a visitor and prospective member present, Betty Brown of Duncan. Other visitor was Marie's 49½'er, Brewer Hall. Members present were Velma Woodward, Susie Sewell, Marie Hall, Beth Smith, Wynema Masonhall, Emily Frost, Ruth Jones, Ida Carter, Rita Eaves, D. Morgan, and Fern Yount.

Our February meeting will be at Duncan on the 16th.

Random Notes: Ruth and Ida spent several days at the Dallas-Fort Worth Fat Stock Show. They should have entered Sam and gotten a blue ribbon. Jimmie Kolp visited Dorothy Morgan and they attended the Oklahoma Wing OX 5 Club charter dinner.

Broneta flew to St. Louis on Jan. 28 to speak on the history of the Ninety-Nines at a meeting of the Missouri Pilots Association.

Mary Francis and Dorothy attended a sports car rally and discovered their navigation is better in the air than on the ground. Anyway, the Austin-Healy got a good workout!

We extend deepest sympathy to Beth Smith in the loss of her brother, Dr. Oran Ehlers of Ravenna, Neb.

### SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

By Betsy Hogan

This absent-minded reporter mailed the last News Letter copy to a completely wrong address, so we'll have to go back to 1957 and start again to bring you up to date on our chapter. In October we were honored by a visit from our international president and received our chapter charter. Surely was fun having Broneta with us for lunch and thanks from all of us to Edna Gardner Whyte for flying her down here. After lunch we were all gabbing over at Marian Burke's office and who should breeze in but Toni Page from Fort Worth. Only a few minutes before Pauline Glasson had been in from Corpus Christi with a student she was taking on a cross country.

Broneta and Edna flew out to Eracketville and spent the night with Ama Lee Jameson before heading for Corpus Christi. No doubt Ama Lee and Edna rehashed the Dallas Dolls Derby in which they came in second and first respectively. Congratulations, gals!

Didn't we tell you the Texas Air Tour was quite a deal? Our newest member, Marilyn Smith of San Antonio, had time while she was on the tour to get well acquainted with a charming young fellow and now we

hear they are engaged to be married this spring.

Weather has really "fouled up" our plans for a fly-in meeting in Del Rio for the past few months. We're still hoping that we can get down there in February for a meeting and lunch across the border.

### FORT WORTH SKY QUEENS CHAPTER

By Mary Kahak

In case you fly over Fort Worth and see the upper 40 hasn't been plowed, you might take a look at the next few paragraphs and see some of the reasons why.

For instance—since stating the facts to you in the last issue—(that's right ma'm—just the facts).

Broneta Davis and Wynema Masonhall came down in person to present the Fort Worth Sky Queens their own great big charter of the 99's. A cocktail and dinner party was held to honor this occasion and honorable guests, plus giving everybody a chance to catch up on their hanger flying. (And I thought male pilots had imaginations! Mercy Percy!)

Before Christmas several of the Fort Worth Sky Queens attended a joint meeting with the Dallas 99's and heard all about the 180 degree procedure presented by Mr. Gobel of Red Bird Airport of Dallas. In fact, we enjoyed it so much that we are having an evening meeting on the 180 degree procedure for all male and female pilots in the Fort Worth area on Feb. 10. The same Mr. Gobel will present the program.

Francis Pyland and husband just returned from a two week joint business and pleasure trip to Mexico City.

Cleva Godfrey has been in the hospital for a check-up.

Tony Page, who is always being asked to make speeches on and represent women in aviation has found time to write a book called "Personally Yours."

Edna G. Whyte was a guest speaker for the Zonta Club of Shreveport, La., on Jan. 15 and the Dallas Zonta Club on the 17th, where she presented a scholarship in their behalf. This scholarship is given each year to a girl majoring in aeronautical engineering. On Jan. 21 after flying a helicopter and landing at the new KGfZ television station heliport, Edna is to be interviewed on television for the Ann Alden show.

Now being an understanding 99'er and realizing that this isn't all that has happened around here, you can see why we haven't had time to take care of the upper 40.

### TIP OF TEXAS CHAPTER

By Elaine Needham

Brrrrrrrr!

It's so cold here in Texas (?) the teeth in my comb are chattering.

Just to bring you up to date and to



let all concerned know—we've been working mighty hard with airmarkers. Our little black and yellow works of art are beginning to make a stir in the minds of the public, we've noticed.

Ada Toland and Ardath McCreery whizzed from McAllen to Corpus for our 99 meeting in Ada's little green 'n yellow J-3 Cub clocking a phenomenal ground speed of 50 knots. Must have hit the jet stream or sumphthin. Anyway, two hours late, Pauline and I rushed them across town (those mudhens) to our eating and meeting place arriving just in time to find the rest of our loyal 99's had long since given up hope and were about to leave in disgust, but seeing us four hungry, haggard, windblown pilots coming through the doorway was just too much and all was forgiven and when we tried to eat the left-over olives and bread crumbs they pinned the Purple Heart on us and ordered four large dinners. Present for the meeting besides the four heroines were Rooky Tromm, new members; Veda Tennent, Merle Dunnam, Louise Clarkson, Gwendolyn Hickerson, and Mary Wallace, prospective member.

Bad weather prevented our Houston members from attending and we missed having them with us.

Next meeting is planned for Victoria, giving all about an equal distance to travel.

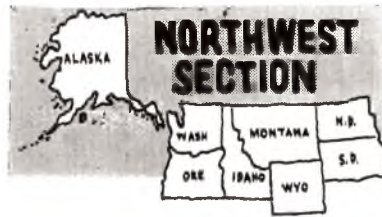
#### DALLAS, TEXAS CHAPTER

This chapter has been spending quite a lot of time in the air the past couple of months. New member Gerry Sloan has recently interested her husband in flying, after a ten year or so absence. Marceline Todd (also new member), has been devoting quite a bit of time to investigation of aviation education in this area. She is also about to check out in 172.

Mildred Bishop went to Houston over the holidays and returned with a wonderful tailwind—wonderful until it got gusty and she got home and had to land—about 35 knots. Marge Barr took her aunt sightseeing in their Cessna. Pat Jetton is taking instrument ground school and champing at the bit to fly the '56 Tri-Pacer her husband just brought home. Martha Ann Reading has finally gotten her new Tri-Pacer flying and is really getting hot in it.

This chapter is very happy to welcome Jan Romanio Martin, who has been in Europe teaching for the past two years.

Last month the chapter heard a lecture and saw a film on the 180 degree instrument rating, by M. T. Goble of Goble Aviation in Dallas. The January meeting is being held at the Flite Club, a local private club for aviation people.



#### ALASKA CHAPTER

By Carol Pierce

A lucky seven of the regular membership enjoyed a delightful turkey dinner at the January meeting which was held at the lovely log home of Bill and Marion Zaegel. We were fortunate in having as a guest Dr. Ruth Coffin, a potential 99'er who was invited by Helen Stoddard. Ruth, a recent arrival in the Territory, was amazed and slightly apprehensive at the sight of so many light aircraft in the air around Merrill Field at one time. We hastened to reassure her that the problem of getting in and out of the pattern was not as difficult as it appeared at first glance.

Since our last "Fly-in Drive-in" breakfast at Palmer, Alaska, was such a huge success, we are making preparations for an even more elaborate repeat performance to be held in March. An additional attraction of this event will be the raffling of an Air-boy Sr. radio.

I am looking forward to the next meeting which is to be held at my home at which time we will "dip and dab dabs of paint on pieces of paper" in a bold attempt at producing posters announcing our forthcoming "Drive-in Fly-in."

Across some 8,000 miles comes a letter from an Australian 99'er, Nancy Leebo'd who sent greetings for '58 and expressed a great deal of interest in learning about our flying conditions here in Alaska. Our Secretary Treasurer, Ruth O'Buck undoubtedly has an answer (via, naturally) on the way to our "down-under" 99'er at this writing.

#### MONTANA CHAPTER

By Vivienne Schrank

Details of a February 1, 99 meeting at Billings will appear in your next NEWS LETTER. And the surprise news for this issue is that our 99 Gladys Kreider changed her name to Chapman and is on an extended honeymoon in California. Congratulations, Gladys!

While in Rapid City, S. Dakota lately your reporter got to have coffee with our 99 member, Dorothy Lee, and meet a lady instructor, Georgia Gip, who is trailer house neighbor to Dorothy. We are in hopes that both girls will attend one of our meetings soon and maybe Georgia will join our Mon-

tana Chapter. Introduced them to my student, Bob Millard, who was on his dual cross country with me and who has a wife, Maybelle, intending to take flying lessons soon so there's a prospective 99 for our Chapter, too.

Letters came from Dorothy Sabo and Pud Lovelace of Bozeman. Dorothy writes that she is skiing more than flying lately but has made a few interesting flights lately including a tour of the ski area around Butte, Anaconda, Phillipsburg, Helena and back to Bozeman Bridger Bowl which was the only one with snow enuf for really good skiing. While Pud writes that it has taken her ages to recover from her operation in October altho she sort of firmed up for the Christmas holidays knowing her son and bride would be home for a wonderful visit from Idaho. Pud flew her cousin to Billings in their Cessna 170 to the wedding of a friend and they stayed over nite, but she never could get Marge Rolle nor Norma Wingfield on the phone and thot they may have been to the big Airline annual party. Pud's return to Bozeman proved exciting trying to fly thru the Bozeman pass since she didn't want to land with 50 mile gusts at Livingston but did find a spot to go thru. Says her 49½'er, Jack, is getting along fine with his flying making many business trips lately, solo. He got into soup conditions near Missoula but got himself out okey and "learned about flying from that." Also said that Jimmie Kuhn was to Bozeman lately from Missoula and visited them. And that our Sectional 99 Governor, Barbara Hornbeck, is going to Arizona for winters henceforth so has resigned and vice-governor, Minnie Boyd will take over the responsible position.



#### SOUTHWEST SECTION

#### BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Margaret Gerhardt

Rose Tucker was hostess for our January meeting at her home on Easy Street on top of a hill in San Leandro. There was a thick tule fog that slowed cars on the Bay Bridge to 10 miles per hour. Visibility was about one car's length. However, up on Easy Street it was above the fog part of the evening. The girls from the Peninsula found the fog too thick and didn't try to come. We were happy to have Eleanor Bjorkman Wilson join our small group. Now that her child is old enough for father to handle, she hopes to be with us more.

She told us about the plane that her



husband built, and promised to bring some movies of the first flight. The plane now has almost 50 hours and will then be ready for a check by the CAB. Ruth Rueckert brought some of her Christmas cards from 99's and we had some news of former Bay Cities members, such as Jerry Jordan. Had a note from Irene Leverton who is now at Redding Sky Ranch. She is flying charter and getting in instrument time. She says there will be a swimming pool open come summer. Sounds like a good spot to plan a fly in.

Our next meeting will be in Half Moon Bay if Maxine Carlson is willing. Hope the weather will be more cooperative in February.

### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Marijane Brown

Elsie Smith should take a bow for the fine work she is doing with the Wing Scouts. She received a letter of appreciation which reads in part as follows: "The Hawthorne City Council at their meeting of December 9, 1957, publicly commended the Spirit of Los Angeles Wing Scouts, Troop No. 725, for their contribution of materials and labor towards the accomplishment of repainting the name HAWTHORNE on the Hawthorne Airport runway at no cost to the City."

Christie Warren and her hubby vacationed in the Hawaiian Islands, and while there Christie flew a 650 h.p. low-wing trainer, of the same type she flew when she was a WAF. She brought home some beautiful stereo color slides, including one with the shadow of her plane in the center of a complete rainbow.

Mary Kitson Prendergast was our gracious hostess for the January meeting. Mary is expecting that long-legged bird to arrive at her house about the middle of February. Probability is, Mary, that your baby will grow up to be a saucer-jockey.

All the Ninety-Nines present at the January meeting signed a letter seeking to save the Grand Central Airport in Glendale from being squeezed out of existence by high taxes and complaining citizens. We have hope that the County of Los Angeles will take it over and pay part of the cost of maintenance.

### SAN FERNANDA VALLEY CHAPTER

By Trixie-Ann Schubert

Kudos to Cal Rotors Inc. for their demonstration helicopter rides for our chapter 99s. So happens the company president is Less Hall, 49½er of our Virginia Hall. Pilot Pete Miller operated the whirlybird for us ladybirds. With operational costs on the 3 place Bell 47G2 estimated at \$57 an hour,

we say thank you with reverence.

Penny Swope is taking commercial aviation courses at Mt. San Antonio college and is our illustrious candidate for the Amelia Earhart scholarship. Penny, Jan Wood, Norma Wilcox, and Polly Stoehr attended the Death Valley Days Fly In. Polly and Shirley Robinson said their piece at the Glendale city council in the interest of saving Grand Central airport from the death knoll sounding over Glendale way. Joan Trefethen, who built her own Stits Playboy sport plane was a guest at our January meeting. She and Shirley R. will take part in the Experimental Aircraft Association fly-in Jan. 26 at Riverside. Sectional governor Doris Eacret named Shirley as contest committee chairman for the section. Shirley is receptive to any suggestions from any 99 for improvement of the TAR or any other 99 contest. If requested, the suggestion will be kept confidential but will be passed along to the proper persons in charge of the various contests.

June Kaiser who flew the '56 TAR has moved from Utah to join our Valley chapter. Liz Crowley has started a flying club at Cannon Electric which already has two planes and 20 members. Joan Ferguson flew to Apple Valley for a breakfast fly-in. And Babe Story ferried a PA 11 to Deming, New Mexico.

### REDWOOD CHAPTER

By Hazel Bertagna

Weather again completely canceling out our January meeting, we shall tell about our Christmas party held at Art and Anna Brenner's beautiful home.

Anna was the perfect hostess and Art played the dutiful host to perfection even to the preparing and frying of the boneless chicken. We had the added pleasure of having their lovely daughter, Marguerite, assisting with the luncheon and playing Santa. The rest of the 49½er's were unable to be present, due to circumstances beyond their control, their loss, because we had a most delicious dinner really, with petit-fors and snow balls for desert, and a great variety of hors d'oeuvre with home made biscuits (yum) with the chicken.

Shirley Blocher had to drive down from Ukiah alone, Pat Stouffer and yours truly drove over from Napa, and Nellie Palmer drove out from Santa Rosa.

We all had a perfectly wonderful time, enjoying all the good food and good company.

Thanks again Anna.

We had a very delightful visit with the girls from the Santa Clara Chapter when they flew to Napa County

Airport for their November meeting.

The Redwood Chapter was on hand, en masse, to greet them. We can't get together for our own meetings, but the sun seems to shine for others.

They had a wonderful large group of members and guests: Chairman Pat Gladney with her 170 full, her charming young daughter, Gale, Natalie Bossio, Pat Sherwood, Dorothy Monahan, Jeanne McElhatton and husband Dave, and guests Marga and Chet Martin. Helen Kelton of Bay Cities Chapter, and guests Arvelin Carmin, Marian Turner and Bill, and Ray and Alice Shannon. Aimee and Fred Gerlach of Bay Cities Chapter. Our Chairman Shirley Blocher also brought two guests from Ukiah, Frances Cohen and Betty Lochen, who we hope will be 99'ers in the near future. Nellie Palmer and Anna Brenner were able to fly over from Santa Rosa, and Pat Stouffer and I drove out. We hope they enjoyed their flight and visit as much as we did. Come again soon.

### SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Hialeah Reilich

At our January meeting we welcomed a new member, Gerry Hall, from Oroville. She drove all the way to Sacramento for the meeting because of unfavorable flying conditions. Coral Bloom was our only fly-in member. She brought the news that she will be teaching at an Aviation Workshop in Hawaii, June 16 thru July 17.

Margaret Farkas and Thelma Syrek told us about their flight to Long Beach for the meeting of the Military Aero, Club Assoc. Betty and Joe Haynes also flew to So. Cal. recently, with three of their children, to spend a few days at Disneyland. Betty Boyd had returned from Mexico just the evening before the meeting. We all admired her nice tan and the interesting silver jewelry she was wearing. The other members present were Jan Kapus, Hialeah Reilich, Ruth Wagner and Helen Mace. Helen looks so slim and trim it's hard to believe she was so recently a new mother. Our guests were student pilots, Doreen Brandley and Ruth Lummis.

Bill Drum of the Calif. Aero. Commission spoke on flight safety, illustrating various types of accidents. He also told of the growing shortage of airports in California with a short history on politics and general aviation in Calif. The time was all too short to cover all the things he gave us to think about and to be concerned with as pilots.

We ended the meeting with two films supplied by the Calif. Aero. Comm., "Flight Decision" and "To Save A Life", the story of the AOPA



180 degree rating. We can recommend them as of general interest to all pilots.

### SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jeanne McElhatton

Well, the holidays came, but so did the "imported" flu bug! Our whole family ended up on its' respective backs. Thus the Newsletter deadline for December came and went without so much as a look at the typewriter ribbon, so we will have to go all the way back to November for our first bit of news.

Napa County Airport was the scene of a three way fly-in luncheon in late November. Included in the group of twenty-two were Ninety-Nines from the Redwood Empire and Bay Cities Chapters, as well as our own, some 49½ers and several other guests. It was most pleasant to get acquainted with the other chapters.

During that same month Natalie Bossio and Jeanne McElhatton had the thrill of having their first helicopter ride. It was in a Hiller and was a new and different sensation. Like one's first fixed wing flight, one taste is hardly enough. What a feeling to "take wing" without any.

The traditional Christmas party was held at the home of Pat Gladney and was a huge success. The surprise guest of the evening was our good friend Irene Leverton who is doing charter work in Redding. About thirty people attended the buffet supper. After availing themselves of the tempting repast that was offered, they all exchanged gifts (some of which were most amusing).

Plans to start the New Year with a fly-in to the Nut Tree were scuttled by a storm that decided to move into the area at the same time we wanted to. So our year was officially opened on January 16th with a meeting at the San Jose Airport. Hostesses Dee Thurmond and Mary Ann Wetherby supplied two very interesting color films covering flight training and a travelogue of a trip from the Piper factory down the coast of South America and across to Africa in an Apache. It was one of those films that makes one want to take to the air.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to plans for the year. There was lots of enthusiasm, so it should prove to be a lively one. The first activity will be a fly-in to Salinas as a sort of farewell to Ardell Hauk. Dauntless Dell will be leaving soon for the land of Sukiyaki and rice paddies. We will miss her, but now Santa Clara Valley Chapter will have an overseas outpost. This looks like the year for us to stretch out and cover ground.



**SAGUARO CHAPTER**, Southwest Section (left to right): Doris Glina, Capt. John Glina, Betty Graham, Juanita Newell, Maxine Garrard, Lucille Wallace, Marjy Crowl, Edith Driver, June Kaiser, Melba Beard, Helen Wetherill; front, Chris Crowl.

### SAGUARO CHAPTER

By Marjy Crowl

Huddle Inn was the scene of the dinner held on the night of the regular business second Thursday night of the month—meeting. Helen Wetherill was special guest, and those absent missed a treat as this charming Michigan 99 disclosed the ups and downs of her most interesting position as unit production manager for a firm which produces training films. We were also pleased to have Virginia Hash, former member of our chapter, with us that evening. Chapter members present were Melba Beard, Doris Glina, Juanita Newell, Marjy Crowl, Alice Roberts and her 49½er, Charles.

Doris Glina hosted the January flight—a tour of Luke Air Force Base, which was arranged and conducted by her 49½er, Captain John Glina. Those who flew over landed at Litchfield Park strip and were "convoyed" to Luke via station wagon by Doris Glina. An Air Force bus was major transportation for most of the tour through operations, the mobile traffic unit, view of a Bell helicopter, luncheon at the Officers Club, interesting films (especially the one of the Thunderbirds) and visit to Link Trainer department. Those enjoying this event were Doris Glina, her 49½er John, guest Betty Graham, Juanita Newell, guest Maxine Garrard, guest Lucille

Wallace, Marjy Crowl, Chris, guest Edith Driver, guest June Kaiser, Melba Beard and Helen Wetherill, our visiting 99 from Michigan. Alice and Charles Roberts were missing due to the fact they are on a Caribbean cruise! Adios for now!

### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Ruby Potter

With the Holiday season past we are again settling down to serious concentration on the plans for the start of the AWTAR. So many people have "come up" with so many good ideas, it now is becoming a chore to decide which of them will prove the most interesting and entertaining. Our financial goal has been reached with the City and County of San Diego assuming the major part of sponsoring the start. For this we have hardworking Gertrude Lockwood and Chairman Marian to thank and believe me, these gals really put in a lot of time and effort.

Going back to the holidays temporarily, Terry Vasques and 49½er Al flew their Tri Pacer away down south of the border to spend Christmas in Guadalajara and New Years in Mexico City. They left San Diego December 21 and returned January 12 and what a wonderful holiday they report. Lucky people!

Dottie and 49½er Bob Sanders reported a most interesting New Years



day. They flew their 140 to Pasadena, watched the Rose Parade, back to San Diego and watched the football game on television. That is doing it the easy way, I drove up for both events and spent hours in snarled traffic.

How grateful we all are to have Aileen and 49½er Walt Saunders back with us. They had the terrifying experience of a forced landing in Baja, California. With Walt's early training in Arizona he was able to walk some 25 miles thru sand and cactus and most fortunately came upon a crew of road workers who took him back to the plane where Aileen had stayed. To emphasize the ruggedness of that area, it took the truck with Walt showing them the direction to the plane, five and one half hours to go those relatively few miles. With the exception of a sleepless night for Aileen and Walt still picking the cactus out of his feet and legs they survived it beautifully.

At our last business meeting we had the distinct pleasure of welcoming Willie Kleven as our newest member and

the displeasure of bidding Nancy Lynam goodbye since she is moving to Oxnard, California. We sure hate to lose Nancy, but she has promised frequent visits.

We are beginning to wonder who does more cross country flying than our Chairman Marian. She and 49½er Noble just returned from Shreveport, La. Marian's grandmother has spent several months with them here in San Diego, felt it necessary to return to Shreveport so how better to go than in the 182.

Hope you have all started making your plans for entering the AWTAR, we are planning on you being here.

#### UTAH CHAPTER By Jane Andreason

Congratulations to our Alberta Hunt! On the 23rd of November she became the bride of Walter E. Nicholson. May you both have continued happiness and good fortune.

Our holiday party at Eunice Taylor's home was, as always, a success and all departed raving about our Eunice's cooking ability. June Raybould, "Coke" Grote, Ethel McDer-

mitt, Beth Goodsell, Margaret Loy, Nicky Harding and Connie Leitz were in attendance.

January 22nd we met at June Raybould's. Business for the coming year was discussed; assignments were made and with a break in our usual snowy-blowy winter weather we will be off and flying. Our special speaker was Dr. J. I. Swigart, professor at the University of Utah and one of the outstanding physicists on loan to the White Sands Proving Grounds. He gave us many interesting side-lights on space travel and rockets.

June, who is "gal Friday" to the local Aviation Safety Office, C.A.A. has just been awarded a commendation by C.A.A. for excellence in efficiency.

The Salt Lake Municipal Airport now has available a Unicom station on 123.0 m.c. This is the new frequency (for controlled airports) designated for aeronautical advisory. Anyone flying into our airport can contact the station on this frequency for information, transportation, and the phone numbers of the Utah Chapter 99's. Do come see us!

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