



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

News Letter

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President's Column

April 1, 1958

Dear Ninety-Nines:

Your Executive Board will meet in my home here in Minco, on April 20, 21 and 22. There is much business at hand, and it promises to be a busy session. We are looking forward to getting together, and to working together for our Wonderful Organization. We will be pleased to hear from any of you, if you have suggestions and questions to place on the agenda. Please send your correspondence directly to me, so that it will be received no later than April 20.

I am sure that you will be pleased to know that already, the AWTAR Committee have mailed out 160 kits of air race information, this is 45 more than were requested by March 26 last year. The IAR Committee have set their dates and are well under way with their race plans. The S.M.A.L.L. race plans are in the making, and there's the Sky Lady Derby too! There definitely is an increasing interest in racing, throughout the Organization. Participation in these races will increase proficiency, and do much for women in Aviation, in general. In addition, they are fun! Let us all become race-minded this year and cooperate in every way possible, to make them all successful.

A letter received from one of our Members at Large, expresses her appreciation in being accepted as a member of Ninety-Nines. We are pleased to receive such a letter, and in behalf of all Ninety-Nines here in the U. S., I want to welcome most sincerely, our Members at Large. We are honored with the membership of each and every one of you.

Ninety-Nines are busy everywhere! But do be sure to attend your Sec-

PILOT'S BRIEFING

The new brochures are now available, request your requirements from headquarters.

Please send your news reports to Wynema Masonhall, the editor, in Minco, Okla. Not to headquarters.

Please send changes in addresses to headquarters.

Remember — A.E. Medals, \$3.50. Plain or inscribed on back.

AWTAR NEWS

All-Woman Transcontinental
Air Race

San Diego, Calif. - Charleston, S. C.

THE DATES:

Impound Deadline 1700 PST July 1
Take-Off 0800 PST July 4
Deadline to Finish 1200 EST July 8
Awards Dinner Evening July 9
THE ROUTE:

(2,177.40 statute miles.) San Diego, Yuma, Tucson, El Paso, Midland, Abilene, Tyler, Jackson, Montgomery, Macon, Charleston.

THE PURSE:

First place, \$800; second, \$600; third, \$500; fourth, \$400; and fifth, \$200. Also Leg Prizes and \$25 cash awards for best scores made by each make and/or model aircraft of which there are at least three in competition.

TROPHIES:

Duplicate trophies for pilot and co-pilot first five places. Also perpetual rotating trophies for first and second place. Valuable merchandise awards for special categories.

FUN!

The San Diego Chapter and the Carolinas Chapter of The Ninety-Nines as well as all the Ninety-Nine Chapters on the route are making great plans for your pleasure. You will have a lot of fun as well as a great experience participating in the AWTAR.

For your copy of the AWTAR Rules and Regulations, your Application for Entry and all other pertinent material write immediately to:

All-Woman Transcontinental
Air Race, Inc.
2611 East Spring Street,
Long Beach 6, Calif.

Entries open May 1. Get your application in early and get a low race number. We are looking forward to seeing you in San Diego July 1.

Betty H. Gillies, Chairman
Board of Directors,
AWTAR, Inc.

tional and regular meetings, and check those dates on the calendar now, for the National Convention!

Sincerely,
Broneta Davis Evans

APRIL, 1958

COMING EVENTS

Executive Board meeting at the home of Broneta Davis Evans, Minco, Okla., April 20-22, 1958.

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

Southwest Sectional meeting, Tucson, Ariz., April 25-27, 1958.

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

Southeastern Sectional meeting, May 17-18, Tullahoma, Tenn.

The 7th annual "Skylady Derby" June 12, starting at Topeka, Kan.

AWTAR — San Diego, Calif., to Charleston, S. C., July 1-10.

International 99 Convention, July 11-13, Montgomery, Ala.

IAR — Welland, Ontario, Canada, to Grand Bahamas, BWI, August 13-23.

Northwest Section meeting, Lake Wilderness Lodge, near Renton, Wash. September 5-7.

S.M.A.L.L. Race — Sturgis, Mich., to Manistee, Mich., October 11-12.

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Ninety-Nines have get-together for international member. Front row: Eileen Bristol, Hostess Barbara Evans, Sabiha Gocken of Turkey, Gov. Irene Keith, Helen Boudreau. Back row: Dorothy Julich, Doris Renninger, Peggy Norris, and Grace Mallett. Who's taking the picture, huh, we had a few men too, like Mr. Mallett, Capt. Sam Miller, Herb. Fisher, and our Host Ed Evans.



By "AJ Starr"

A business meeting was held in February at the National Air Transport Coordinating Committee headquarters in New York and was arranged by our Vice Governor Phyllis Crouch. Before the business got under way we had a showing of the excellent film, "Song of the Clouds", about world airline travel and its many phases. Ruth Nichols was with us and she autographed her book, "Wings for Life", for members who had brought their copies with them. The business of the evening consisted of nominating candidates for international office and setting up the various committees. Ruth Hill was voted as the N.Y. - N.J. Section candidate for the AE scholarship committee. Peggy Norris will be our Scrapbook Chairman and will continue to photograph our meeting activities. Phyllis Crouch has to start from scratch as Historian and round up a lot of back chapter information as prior records had been lost. Jeanne Spielberg was asked to check out restaurants for us to meet in. A banquet-dance committee to be held next October for the benefit of the AE fund consists of Alma Harwood, Manila Talley and Marjorie Davis. All members take note and hold June 14, 1958 open for an outdoor party to be held at Peggy and John Norris' home on

Harriman Road, Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Bill Mauldin, famous WW II cartoonist and now very active pilot, was our guest speaker March 12 at the Beaux Arts restaurant. Kay Brick arranged this program which brought out many members and guests. Bill started flying in 1954 and has logged 1400 hours, has his commercial, instrument and multi-engine ratings. He gave an informal talk about his recent flight from Florida island hopping down to Trinidad, along the coasts of Venezuela and Colombia, up through Central America and across the Gulf back to Florida. The flight was in a Piper Apache and he was accompanied by his two young sons and a friend. Read about it in January, February and March "Sports Illustrated."



By Pat Arnold

Marie Lepore (Worcester), Director of Education and Training for Mass. Wing CAP, is doing outstanding work in promoting aviation education. Her latest endeavor is the In-Service Workshop for Teachers, a 15 week course with approximately 350 teachers signed up. Charlotte Kelley (Boston) is scheduled for one session.

One of our newer members, June Douglas (Falls River, Mass.) has recently acquired her commercial license. Congratulations also again to Anne Baddour (Belmont, Mass.) who acquired her commercial license in January and her multi-engine in February.

Eleanor Horn, Lake Region Airport, Wolfboro, N. H. reports they are doing all their flying on skis because of three feet of snow! Alice Mansfield (North Reading, Mass.) is groaning because their Stearman needs a full re-covering job before banner towing season opens. Interesting item: Drucilla Rowell (Burlington, Vt.) is the only licensed woman pilot in Vermont!

We belatedly welcome our new member Eleanor Loiia (Winthrop, Mass.) and at the same time bid sad adieu to Urchil Wales and 49½er, Hank. Hank has taken over the marketing activities of Lear, Inc. in California and Hank and Urchil have moved to Pacific Palisades, Calif. Jean Shaw and 49½er are back on the Virgin Islands writing again. They spend their summer months on Nantucket and Jean suggests a 99 meeting there next summer. I second the suggestion.

"Inactive" Abby Louis is most active "inactive" member. She is looking forward to summer and a few leisurely hours on their 26 foot cabin cruiser.

Florence MacFarlane (Hartford) when not in the "salt mines" teaching has been busy getting in flying time in a 172 and that "contraption called a Champion Tri-Traveler." Florence is also toying with the idea of entering the TAR again this year. Gov. Barbara Kiernan and Fran are in Florida or the B.W.I. or down there someplace where the tall palms grow. Charlotte Kelley (Boston) vacationed in Delray Beach, Fla., this winter and while there took the 180 degree course.



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Peggy Borek

We've had such stormy, blustering weather and been snowed in so often, no one has done too much flying. Betty Ward has passed her private written and finally gotten her cross country in so we shall soon have a new 99.

Margaret Callaway is off to Dal-Tex in Dallas in the 140 to get the plane in condition for the coming races. Jane Morris' answering service announces that she is in Panama. As long as there is a good golf link there we know Jane will be content.

Capable, hardworking flight instructor Anne Shields is our nominee for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship. We hope she wins because she deserves the honor and would use the scholarship for further ratings.

Funniest sight of the month: Kay and Tom Macorio getting into and out of the 182 with their six small children. One was clambering over the seat shouting, "I want to sit with daddy," one fell out on top of another getting in, and still another was testing the springs in the rear seat. I almost had heart failure worrying about their running into taxiing planes—there are so many of them. I guess Kay and Tom are benumbed because they take it all so nonchalantly.

Did you know that Nancy Diemand designed lingerie before she became a Mrs. and still occasionally flies her 172 to the factory with new designs? Some of the yummy things you see in the shops just might be Nancy's brain-children.

NOTICE: Middle East Section will be held at Philadelphia International Airport, Sky Lounge, on Saturday, April 26. Come, have lunch, a helicopter ride and a tour of Vertol. You're all welcome.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Virginia Thompson

The success of the 14th annual National Forum of the American Helicopter Society this year will be due in great part to the talents of our Jean Howard, who is serving as its chairman. An excellent program is in store for all of you helicopter pilots. See you at the Sheraton Park Hotel from April 16-20.

Washington was recently honored by a visit from outstanding cadets of the U. S., Alaska, and Hawaii, who met here for the Civil Air Patrol Congressional dinner. Col. "Mitzie" Moore was in charge of arrangements, Major Ada Mitchell, girl cadets. Also present for this affair were Doris Eacret, governor of the Southwest Section; Mrs. Donald Quarles, and Jean Howard from our chapter.

On April 9, a luncheon is being given by the Aero Club of Washington at the Mayflower Ballroom honoring delegates to the Federal Aeronautique Internationale from many foreign countries. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will be the guest speaker. This is a part of the 51st FAI conference to be held in Los Angeles on April 14-16 with Jacqueline Cochran as co-chairman.

On June 21, wedding bells will be ringing for Frances Dean Nodde and Alexander Haven Ladd III of Dover, Mass., and New York City. The former will be graduated in June from Connecticut College, New London, Conn. The former is the daughter of our Mrs. Frances Nolde, director of the General Aviation Division of the Defense Air Transportation Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

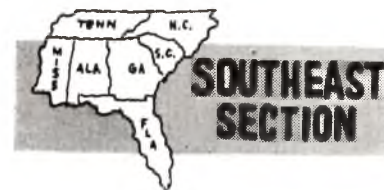
We are happy to report that those on our sick list, Chairman Dorothy Mitchell and Secretary Ann Ash, are now well on the road to recovery. Both husbands are mighty happy too, especially Papa Ash who finds that looking after three little boys can become a bit wearing.

It is currently rumored in the best circles that the Collins' of Lake Minchumina, Alaska, are expecting a permanent guest. Mrs. Collins (Florence Rucker) thinks that Alaska is a grand place to rear children despite their -45 degree temperature. She reports that by Christmas the temperature had gotten all the way up to zero giving them spring fever. Imagine.

Blanche Noyes is off again on a six-weeks business trip through the southern half of the U. S. Fran Nolde is doing likewise but in the opposite direction, New England.

Thanks to Eleanor Davis, our chemist, who has discovered a new process for creating real white cashmere, you can now enjoy beautiful sweaters that

look as white as snow. Congratulations, Eleanor. She enjoys her work so much that she would work every day if they would permit her.



FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Dorothea M. B. Vermorel

Our March meeting was held at my home and we were so happy to welcome our former member, Bertha Meana, who is a Link instructor at Camp Gary, in Texas. Anna Freuhauf also joined us and we might make a southerner of her yet!

The ninth International Air Race has been cleared by contest committee, and the dates are definitely Aug. 14-23. The Grand Bahama Club, our sponsor, is arranging a terrific program for the three and one-half days we will be there, with some surprises to come, so that everyone can return home with some "souvenir."

We are planning a May meeting on the west coast so that our members from Naples, Fort Meyers and vicinity can join in, and any 99 visiting there is most welcome.

Former Chapter Chairman Gladys Pennington Thompson has been chosen to receive the Lady Drummond Hay trophy, particularly for her work "on behalf of private aviation and for perpetuation of the memory of Amelia Earhart Putnam" and will be presented with the trophy in New York City.

Irma Price will be entry chief for our race and will be happy to send any advance information, even though all plans are not complete. Marion King will handle publicity so prepare to have some pretty pictures to send.

Our sympathy to Verna Burke whose mother passed away March 11.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Constance Ohlinger

Every now and then a pilot becomes aware of the fact that there can be things other than aircraft flying in his airspace. From the ground, your reporter had often seen the graceful and expert flight of those wonderful natural-born fliers, the turkey-vultures, but had never met one aloft. Then one day while sightseeing above the foothills of the Southern Blue Ridge it happened. The large, black bird suddenly loomed right ahead of me, thoroughly enjoying the air currents which had brought him there so unexpectedly. Apparently he didn't seem to mind being so close to my prop, but I certainly minded his being

in my flight path. Since he seemed determined to ride his thermal regardless, it was up to me to get out of the way—and accomplished—without delay!

Chapter meeting in Chattanooga in April.

Southeastern Section meeting in Tullahoma in May.

SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Lona Frame

The South Florida Chapter of 99's held their March meeting in the home of Dorothea Vermorel. We had several members with us that have been missing from previous meetings.

Beverly Rowan was with us after many months. Seems Bev drove her "MG" sports car all the way to California and back. No wonder we haven't seen her. Ann Fruehauf, a Detroit 99'er, stopped by. We always enjoy a visit from her.

Vera Bratz was among the missing. She slipped a disc while cleaning up the house the other morning. By the way, Vera, Lee seems to have that Stinson practically ready to go now. I don't see anything but a wing left for cover in your garage as I pass there.

Bertha, that Texas girl was here with us for a surprise visit.

Marion and Dorothea have big plans under way for all who enter this year's race, so come on girls, get your entry blanks to Irma early.

See you in next month's News Letter.



MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Bette Crook

It was a red letter day indeed for the four Michigan 99's pictured above! They were singled out for an hour's familiarization flight in a T-33 jet trainer during Ladies Orientation Day at Selfridge AFB on March 20. The flights culminated a full day of activities, all part of a program launched by the Air Defense Command of the United States Air Force in recognition of the influence of women on the future of air power and national security, and the ways in which they can lend their support to them.

Starting at 9 a.m. with coffee in the Officers Club while they were welcomed by Base Commander Col. Glenn E. Duncan and briefed on the mission and activities of the Air Defense and Strategic Air Command by Major Lewis LaGro, public information officer. The day's schedule in-



Left to right: Michigan Ninety-Nines Sue Hickman, Janey Hart, Pat Russell, Alice Hammond (with Carol Votta, wife of the executive vice-president of the Aero Club of Michigan), prior to their jet familiarization flights at Selfridge Air Force Base on March 20.—Detroit Free Press Photo

cluded the showing of the new film, "The New Sound of Freedom," a visit to the 71st Fighter Interceptor Squadron's operations and morning briefing, the alert hangar, an interceptor scramble demonstration, a detailed tour of the radar approach control center, luncheon at the Officer's Club, and so forth.

Twenty clubwomen from communities in the vicinity of Selfridge and a number of officers' wives were invited to participate in the orientation day program, but only the four 99's and Mrs. Votta were cleared for the jet flights.

The March meeting of the Michigan 99's at the airport in Flint was enthusiastically attended by members, 49½'ers and guests, fifty in all.

During the brief business meeting, it was announced that Chairman Pat Russell would represent the chapter on the planning committee for a proposed flight safety institute to be sponsored by the Aero Club of Michigan. Bernice Trimble represented the chapter at tax hearings in Lansing. Janey Hart reported that the S.M.-A.L.L. race would be held Saturday, Oct. 11, (impound date, Oct. 10) to start at Sturgis, Mich., and to terminate at Manistee. Sure, and we'd like to have each of you enter!

Speaker for the day was Leonard E. A. Batz, AC Spark Plug Division, Military and Electronic Engineering. His topic was "Rocketry," but he covered many, many more related subjects, including flying saucers (and his opinions on same!).

Another distinguished guest was

Lovell Laurence Jr., director of the Redstone Program, Chrysler Missile Division.

Mr. Batz invited questions, to be directed both to him and Mr. Laurence. You can bet that everyone availed themselves of the opportunity to get first hand information from two such prominent authorities on the subjects which are uppermost in the minds of all of us who are now living the "Space Age."

Brunch table chatter revealed that Eric and Margaret Windfuhr are flying to Germany on March 22 to attend a wedding and visit friends and relatives. Lucky Windfuhrs! They're going to attend the World's Fair in Brussels, then return to the USA by April 20.

Velma and Tom Del Giorgno spent a week last month in Jamaica. While there they met Earsley Taylor Barnet (instructor at Detroit City in 1952). Seems she has the only private flying enterprise on the island and treated the Del Giorgno's to a sightseeing ride in her Bonanza.

Your correspondent and her family are climbing into their Bonanza on March 22 and heading for Dallas and the American Academy of General Practice 10th Scientific Assembly—then on down to Mexico City and Acapulco.

Your correspondent also had her third jet ride with the Michigan Air National Guard on March 12. This was a night intercept mission; she rode in the target ship, an F89 Scorpion.

Alice Hammond will be writing you

about experiences of other Michigan girls who are out jet-riding on the day this letter is being put in the mail.

So until next time, "over and out."

IOWA CHAPTER

By Alice Pfantz

The Iowa Chapter had their regular meeting March 20 at Margaret Adkins in Des Moines. The out-of-town members present were Kitty Hach from Ames and Esther Neiderhauser and Leona Hertema from Marshalltown. Those present from Des Moines were Joann Fortier, Pauline Reece, and Alice Pfantz. We had two guests, both prospective members, Mary Lou Willis from Des Moines and Tena Healy from Newton. One brave 49½'er, G. W. Hertma from Marshalltown. Everything seems to be under control for the North Central Spring Sectional, April 25, 26 and 27. I'm still sticking out my neck and promising GOOD flying weather for that weekend. So everyone be sure and make plans to come.

We had two other visitors from the staff of The Register and Tribune, our local paper. They came out to take some pictures and write a story about our chapter. They were so impressed with us that they decided they wanted some more pictures of us out at the airport and would write a feature story which at present time is scheduled to appear in the Sunday paper, March 30.

We have written to all the airport operators in the state of Iowa asking them for the names of all women pilots flying out of their fields. The response has been great and we are in hopes of getting lots of new members for both the Iowa and Upper Iowa Chapters.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Rose S. Andrew

Our most exciting news this month is to be able to announce the arrival of a potential pilot at the home of Bill and Doris Layson Bullock.

He measured 21 inches, weighed in at 7 lbs., 10 ozs., and has been named David Layson. With both parents as pilots, and good ones at that, we think he is a lucky boy and the members of our chapter are awfully happy for "D. J." and Bill.

A member who is constantly being remembered, writes us from her home in Baltimore about shoveling snow to get the car from the garage to go to work at the Martin plant. Dora Dougherty is doing well with her job there and we hope that by the time this is in print that spring will have arrived and snow shoveling forgotten.

Marjorie and Fred Kelly, Mattoon,

spent some time in Florida this winter. Their son, Bob and his wife, flew their plane down and they drove down, so they had access to both a plane and a car while there.

Mary Hendrix and hubby, Helen McBride and 49½'er, also spent some time at Sarasota this winter. The Kellys flew up and played golf with them one day during their vacation.

Barbara Jenison has been busy this winter caring for her mother who suffered a severe heart attack. We are glad to hear that she is better.

Barbara is also serving on the committee to process the applicants for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship.

Our March meeting was held at the home of Leah Warren, Champaign. We carried a covered dish, and our 49½'ers or a friend or a prospective member was invited. Those attending were Gloria Adams and her husband who is a dentist; Florence and Eob Musser, who have a music store in Jacksonville; Rose and Frank Andrew, who is in the agricultural extension service at the University of Illinois, and their two sons; Sue Hassler, a part-time flight instructor at the Univ. of Ill. Airport, and a friend who is taking flight course; Leah's husband, Sam, who works for the Universal Bleacher Co. and travels a good bit, and their two sons, David and Fred, completed the group who ate an awfully good supper together.

The next meeting will be April 20 at Capital Airport, Springfield, Ill., at 2 p.m.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Ruth Lake

Our hats are off to the ATC and tower operators at Lambert Field who escorted and briefed us on their operations, which was the program for our meeting this month; also to the manager of the restaurant at the new terminal building who allowed us to use their Sky Cove Room for our business meeting and French pastries. Really received the "red carpet" treatment.

Hostesses for the meeting: Sylvia Bloom, Frances Merrill, and yours truly. Guests at this meeting were Lenore Leacock and Juanita Boswell, both student pilots. Lenore and her husband are both learning to fly and have just purchased a Cessna 140. Juanita's husband, Paul, has been flying for years and is very active in the CAP.

Plans were made to sponsor a Webster Groves Wing Scout group, beginning next fall. Dorothy Wheeler and June Evers are making arrangements.

Erma Jaco and her 49½'er, Garrett, are moving to Harlan, Iowa, this month, as Garrett is moving his business there. We will miss them both,

as they have always been very active in aviation affairs and good friends to us all; however, they plan on getting back to St. Louis quite often and we are looking forward to RON'ing in Harlan. Understand there will be a Nebraska Chapter meeting in Harlan in June. Perhaps we can plan on a fly-in and get together.

Hilda Hemmersmeier entered the hospital this week for surgery. Evelyn Niese is vacationing in Florida.

From all indications and weather permitting there will be quite a few of us able to make the sectional in Des Moines in April. See you all.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Mary J. Fescer

Here is a quick run-down about the activities of the Ohio ladybirds:

Virginia Schuhmacher cross-countries everywhere these days in a Beechcraft Bonanza. Ruby Kratz has earned more than 70 solo hours since last summer. Janice Kuechenmeister has become a member of the Jet Fliers, Inc., a flying organization comprised of General Electric personnel of Cincinnati. Nancy Sitler has passed her written commercial. Ione Kiplinger, Marilyn Barnes, and Pauline Smetzer were guests recently of the Toledo Zontas, at a commemorative tea in honor of Amelia Earhart. Joan Hrubec and loads of publicity, with plenty of picture spread, describing her winning of the Ohio Achievement Award Trophy for 1957.

Arlene Davis and 49½'er had a wonderful flying jaunt around South America, and in particular, to Venezuela recently. Arlene is presently vice-president for aviation in Ohio for the National Ohio Safety Council. She is also maintaining her helicopter rating by taking regular flight time in the "whirly bird."

Pepper (Marie) Ambus was having flashing lights installed on her new Cessna 182, the last time your reporter heard from her. You should hear her enthusiasm over her two grandchildren; she has a grandson and a granddaughter.

Our All-Ohio chairman, Edythe Maxim, is currently at the helm of another large and active aviation organization. In January she was installed as the president of the Cleveland Women's Chapter of the NAA.

As for your reporter, there is nothing to say flying-wise. She recently participated in a foreign language broadcast over WBOE, the Cleveland Board of Education radio station, in which she and two other teachers of German spoke in that language to students of German in the city of Cleveland. They described the summer they spent last year in Germany and environs under Fulbright study grants.



Lois Cassidy, Bea Siemon, and Nell Brown of the Chicago Area Chapter receiving Achievement Award trophies from Bill Donahue, manager-operator of Du Page County Airport.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Vachout

On March 8 our annual Achievement Award dinner was held at the Svithiod Singing Club. Bea Siemon, our Achievement Award committee chairman, arranged a very interesting program. It included a comedy skit by C. V. Amenoff and a movie entitled "Song of the Clouds," courtesy of the Shell Oil Co. Bea and her 49½'er showed color slides, taken by themselves and other members of our chapter, showing "99" activities for 1957. Eva White presented the awards and the winners were: Bea Siemon, first place; Lois Cassidy, second place; and Nell Brown, third. Congratulations to the winners, they certainly earned it! All our members who had over 400 points were presented with achievement charms donated by Siemon Mfg. Co., and designed by the Morgan Jewelry Co. Winners of the charms were Alice Kudrna, Sylvia Roth, Fran Akerlund, Hazel Peterson, Helen Sailer, Dorothy Vachout, Donna Giles and Eva White. Everyone had a wonderful time; but the fun's over now, girls, so let's all get back to work on 1958 Achievement Awards!

Helen Sailer and Sylvia Roth were both in Phoenix, Ariz., recently, but missed each other by one day. Helen was taking a vacation and Syl took a "charter" there and stayed overnight with Alice Roberts. Syl now has her ground instructor's rating and has passed the ATR writtens. What an array of ratings that gal has!

Dorothy Anderson had her first heli-

copter ride from Meigs Field to Midway Airport while enroute to St. Louis. Joan Campbell is still flying and teaching at Du Page Co. Airport, combating the Chicago snow drifts. It certainly is quite a switch from Los Angeles.

We all are still busy selling carmel corn to raise funds for the fall sectional. It is a very good way to make money and we hope to see a lot of 99's here in Chicago in the fall.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Rita Orr

I know it was a job but Jane White did manage to get most of the girls out for our March meeting. It was a lively affair—those on hand to have their say were Pat Sullivan, Florence Scriver, Avis Larson, Betty Johnson, Shirley Iverson, Helen Masterton, Marilyn Williams, Jean Scheifley, Jane White and Rita Orr. Because of our successful money raising projects last summer, we were able to vote \$100 each to the AE Fund and the TAR Fund. Also, \$30 for a trophy for the NIFA to be presented by Jane White at the Intercollegiate Air Meet in May. Betty Johnson did a fine job of compiling a first draft of some much needed by-laws for our chapter. The discussion was enthusiastic and will be continued at our next meeting.

It was our pleasure to have two prospective members with us, Virginia Casperson and Mary Lee Whiting. We hope they enjoyed the meeting and will come again. Walter Smyk, head of the department of radiology of the Civil Defense Program in Minneapolis,

spoke to us on "What to do in the Event of an Emergency such as an A-Bomb Attack," answered our many questions and showed us a movie on the subject.

Our next meeting will be at Wold-Chamberlain in April and Marilyn Williams is planning something special for the program—hope to see you all then.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Justine Mills

A windy March 16 found three planes and eight 99's convening in Oshkosh. Weather reports of approaching snow kept the Madison area girls grounded. Members present included Hostess Dora Fritzke, Deedo Heise, Ruth Lemke, Justine Mills, Jean Molholt (newest member), Avis Peterson (former member soon to be reinstated), Bernie Voelker, Dorothy Wittman (newly reinstated), and men folk, Doc Heise, Steve Wittman, and a guest of Avis Peterson.

A picnic style luncheon meeting was enjoyed in the Wittman hangar on the field. Here we saw experimental aircraft in the making and Steve Wittman's famed racer. A tour through the new terminal building, soon to be opened, ended the Sunday activities. Prizes were awarded.

News Letter sidelights:

Avis Peterson has taken her written commercial exam. Bernie Voelker is eagerly awaiting to try out the new 160 red and white tri-pacer, and Deedo Heise flew to Cleveland.

In consideration of members unable to attend daytime meetings, we will have an evening meeting on April 31 at Mitchell Field, Milwaukee

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Nellie P. Jackson

Old Man Winter moved in with a vengeance for our March meeting. Snow showers, low ceiling and poor visibility prevented anyone from flying in to Sky Harbor where we were to meet for coffee at 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 16. The meeting was held in a private room at Buckley's Restaurant in Cumberland where we were served delicious fried chicken and baked ham dinners. There were 15 members, four 49½'ers, and two prospective members present. After dinner 49½'er Bill Jackson showed colored slides of our flying trips to Mexico. There were scenes of the coastline from Brownsville to Tampico, Mexico City with its ancient and ultra modern buildings, often side by side, the beautiful and modernistic buildings of the University of Mexico, air views of Volcan Ixtaccihual (Sleeping Lady) and Volcan Popocatepetl with their permanent snow caps, the quaint and picturesque city of Taxco, famous for its silver, Hacienda Vista Hermoso, Cuernavaca, where many of our movie stars have homes, Acapulco — the

Miami of Mexico, with its breathtaking scenery, LaSabana—a native village, and lastly Guaymas on the blue Pacific, the fisherman's paradise.

Miriam Shirley (Pendleton) is going to visit her daughter, Mrs. William P. Budd, Colonial Heights, Va., April 4 for one week.

Virginia and Ralph Eberhart are flying to Fort Lauderdale and Miami on April 11 for a 10 day vacation.

Joan Ferguson, formerly of Anderson, now in California, plans to be back here this spring for a visit with her old friends.

Jane Simmons has been busy planning a trip in her Navion to Palm Springs.

Esther Berner and her family plan to fly their Bonanza to Marathon, Fla., March 28 for a week's vacation during spring vacation of the children.

A couple of 99's from Kansas, Ethel Anne Waddell of Garden City, and Lois M. Dobbin of Wichita, were weathered in here recently when they were ferrying two Tri-Pacers to Wichita. Esther Berner, Mildred Hurt and Tannie Schlundt helped to keep the girls from being too bored while waiting for the weather to clear.

Hope to have some exciting news about a new member next month. See you at Elwood in April.



OKLAHOMA CHAPTER By Dorothy Morgan

Chapter members met in the home of Elizabeth Sewell for the March meeting on the afternoon of Sunday, the 16th. The meeting was important inasmuch as plans were discussed in detail for the sectional meeting to be held in Oklahoma City on May 2, 3 and 4, so it was gratifying to have a good turn-out of members. Those present were Wynema Masonhall, June Crosby, Fern Yount and Marie Ketchum of Duncan, Broneta Evans, Ida Carter, Velma Woodward, Elizabeth Sewell, Dorothy Morgan, Imogene Arnot, Marie Hall, Rita Eaves, Dottie Young, Betty Black of Duncan, Beth Smith and Ruth Jones. Guests were Sally Broyles, Arlene Walkup and Jean Williams, all of Stillwater. We were so pleased to have these girls present. We were glad to visit with Irby Keen, too, one of our former members. (Sotto Voice—Irby, those rolls were delicious.)

NEWS ITEMS (received by Pony Express, I think!): Congratulations to Florine and Archie Stout on the ar-



Beth Smith of the Oklahoma Chapter was the lucky one for the jet ride at the Fall Sectional in Albuquerque in 1957. Will your name be in the pot for the jet flight in Oklahoma City on May 3? Some lucky 99 member attending the South Central Sectional convention will win the same thrill experienced by Beth Smith at the Fall Sectional in Albuquerque. Twelve other girls will win helicopter rides.

rival of Jimmy. We hope to see him before he goes to college.

Velma and Dr. Neil Woodward attended the International College of Surgeons meeting at Los Angeles. Dr. Woodward was a speaker at the meeting. I understand they flew out via the airlines. I am wondering if he read the article a certain reporter wrote about her recent trip with Velma.

Broneta and Marie flew to Bartlesville to a Flying Farmers meeting.

Beth Smith is having a hard time cooking for one man instead of two since Cyril Jr. is now in the Missile and Rocket School for the Air Defense Command at Fort Carson, Colo.

Rita Eaves and a party of friends are spending the weekend in Hot Springs, Ark., and we hope that if she

is investing (?) any of the 99 dollars there that she does as well as we understand Velma did at Las Vegas, so it can be entered in the black side of the ledger in the treasurer's books.

Our next meeting is April 13 at Velma Woodward's. Be sure and come as we will be winding up our plans for the sectional.

Wonderful plans in the making for the South Central Sectional, Oklahoma City, May 2-4. Every 99 is cordially invited.

Special Article—By Beth Smith

Velma Woodward, Broneta Davis, Eves Tunes, Beth Smith and three prospective members, Arlene Walkup, Jean Williams, and Mrs. Harold Nordman, are proud owners of certificates from Oklahoma State University for completion of the Flight Standardiza-

tion Clinic in Stillwater on Feb. 29.

Talented Sally Broyles, flight and ground school instructor for OSU, acted as mistress of ceremonies at the banquet and is also a prospective 99.

The short courses covered "Meteorology" under Wally Kinnan, "CAR on A&E" under Arthur Elwell, "Navigation" under Tiner Lapsley, "CAR—New High Density Airports, UDIZ Penetrations, Etc." under Sally Broyles, "Radio" under Walt Plummer, chief controller, Tulsa CAA, and "Loading Aircraft and Mountain Flying" under Hoyt Walkup.

Eves Tunes won the door prize of instrument flight time for her already thick log book.

Hoyt Walkup took Broneta, Velma and me up for the "Emergency Procedure" flight in our recently purchased 170B, with Broneta at the controls. In one hour's time, my respect for Broneta as a pilot, Hoyt as an instructor, and the 170B as an aircraft, all rose to new highs. It is still hard for me to believe the plane with four passengers could get in and out of so many emergencies—including a dead stick landing—with just the proper procedure.

I should like to express our appreciation and thanks to the instructors of this clinic for their time and effort in promoting "Safe Flying," and certainly urge all 99's to take advantage of any similar clinics whenever possible. I would highly recommend that a similar "Flight Clinic" precede one of our national conventions at a future date.

EL PASO CHAPTER

By Faye McConnell

The 99's meeting for March was guest day and our guests were Liddy Weaver, Vestal Holcomb, Billie Callaghan, Doris Burdick, and Evelyn Wasser (who went on her solo X-country Sunday). Members present: Lois Hailey, Frances Slape, Joy Chisholm, Ruth Deerman, Jaunita Burdick, Leal Carwardine, Doris Smith, and Ruby Tatman.

Joy Chisholm has asked us to hold our April meeting at her home in Las Cruces and bring our bathing suits. She has a lovely patio and heated pool.

Frances Slape and her mother, Mrs. T. E. Nixon of Deming, have invited us 99's for a fly-in breakfast or brunch for our May meeting. We will be met at the airport and taken to the Deming Country Club for the "goodies."

March 28 the El Paso 99's will sponsor an evening get-together for all fliers at the International Airport, 7:30 o'clock, in the International Room. We will furnish the refreshments and two films, "The 180° Rating or Flight Decision" and "To Save a

Life." SAC will furnish the projector, screen and operator.

This news is brought to you with the help of 99 Ruby Tatman, as your reporter limps off to California to lick her wounds.

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Mary Wenholz

Happy Easter and glamorous (?) chemises to all women flyers everywhere. Just a thought, gals, when those chemises go out of style, we flyers can sure convert them into wind socks for our airports, eh!

The Colorado gals had a wonderful pot-luck dinner meeting in March and invited five prospective members, all of whom are grand gals and we look forward to gathering them into our fold. Darlene Gray was our most charming hostess and served the most delicious Loster Newburg I've ever tasted. Those attending were Pat Urling, Ruth Mugele, Jane Nettleblad, Betty Stackhouse, Frances Tepper, Helen Choun, Alice Fuchs, Grace Longbrook, Verna Christopher, Marilyn Nordstrom, Donna Myers, Frances Warner, Mary Collett and your truly, plus our guests, Jo Trinder, an ex who rejoined us that evening and who we are very happy to have again as a member, Mrs. Grace James, Mrs. Peggy Ong, Mrs. Anne Frenzel, and Mrs. Gwendolyn Dennis.

Our next meeting will be on April 11 at Colorado Springs with Verna Christopher as our hostess.

Everyone must be shopping for Easter toggery as I haven't been able to run down much exciting news this month. Our petite Thelma Thomas took a jaunt to Bermuda on her trip to New York. Alice Fuchs is doing some instrument instructing at Stapleton. Also, she covered the Helicopter Association of America convention in Fort Worth for Skyways magazine and is writing a computer handbook for Jeppesen. I'm sure we will all want one of these as soon as they are in production. Francie Warner and 49½er, Bob, are working toward getting their instrument ratings. The rest of us are keeping busy with family and civic duties.

Here's to a big South Central sectional where I hope to see a lot of you gals as well as our headquarters, which I'm sorry to say I haven't yet seen.

TIP OF TEXAS CHAPTER

By Elaine Needham

Dear weather man: Please, please quit sending that nasty Florida weather to Texas. Don't you know that a north wind is worse than poison to us Texans?

Needless to say—no meeting this month due to bad weather. April's meeting should be quite an interesting

yak session, after almost two months of isolation. Most likely, we'll all crawl out of our igloos and head for the Valley.

Marian Lippott, formerly of Phoenix is our "brand new" Ninety-Niner! Welcome, Marian, get on your air-marking clothes.

Don't know how we did it, but between rain and cold we managed quite a few airmarkers since the last News Letter.

Good news! "The Broom" and "The Witch" are back in the air. Ole N2767N looks as good as new with a shiny, new paint job and brand new tail feathers. A few scratches and patches on the wings are the only visible reminders of Pauline's recent accident.

'Bout all for this time. Happy skyin' and flyin' from The Tip-o-Texas gals!

DALLAS, TEXAS CHAPTER

By Pat Jetton

This chapter's March meeting, which is being held late this month, will be a joint meeting with the Fort Worth Sky Queens at the home of Rowena Burns in Dallas. Our speaker will be Dayle Crow, who is a test pilot for Chance Vought Aircraft. Mr. Crow formerly flew with the Blue Angels and will show some pictures taken when he was flying with them. This sounds like a very informative meeting and the questions will probably fly fast and furious.

We would like to extend our condolences to Mildred Bishop, whose stepfather recently died.

Marceline Todd has been working part-time at a local landscaping company but has managed to squeeze in work at the public library on aviation research in this area. Also Marceline and Pat Jetton recently went to Fort Worth and met with Edna Gardner Whyte, who in turn took them to several old-timers in Fort Worth for interview on aviation in the early days. This was a very interesting day and both girls are eager to be at it again soon.

Gerry Sloan has been in Midland, Texas, for the past week or ten days checking out in the Bonanza which she and Martha Ann Reading will fly in the TAR. This is the first time in some years that one of our members has flown the TAR and we are expecting great things of this team.

Many of our members are making plans to attend the South Central Sectional next month in Oklahoma City. Looking forward to seeing all the SCS girls in headquarters, we will sign off.

KANSAS CHAPTER

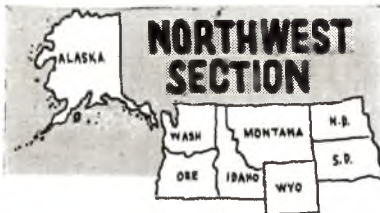
By Helen Chandler

Our March meeting is one of our largest for the year. Rummage sale and birthday party come into focus.

As for the rummage sale for 1958—not as much money as last year—but who hasn't heard of the recession? Terrific snow storms kept many of our members at home with their planes in the hangar, but those on hand were real eager and had their hands out for every nickel.

Our birthday party was a huge success and was held at the home of Margaret and Forest Yourdon. Their new home is the most! Not one single item has been overlooked, it is beautiful. The 99's held their monthly meeting in the den and chased all 49½ers to the living room to do their hangar flying there. Members present were Hazel Guy, Betty Parks, Julie Snowhill, Marjorie Brightup, Helen Chandler, Lucile Dienst, Margaret Yourdon, Dorothy Speer, Mary McKilip, and Lois Dobbin—respective 49½ers also. New prospect Doris Richey and husband, Frank, were very welcome guests as was Lorene Rockefeller, roomie of 99 Marjorie Brightup.

After the meeting we all retired to the dining room and feasted on the most delicious buffet dinner I've seen in a long time. A fitting finish to another eventful year for the Kansas 99's.



EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Mary Drinkwater

Our first meeting of 1958 was held in Pasco, March 14. With beautiful flying weather, we had a wonderful turnout consisting of Minnie Boyd, Pullman; Betty Jane Seavey, Walla Walla; Betty Robinson, Pomeroy; Lygie Hagan, Ardith Sherman and prospective member Jean Carbon, Spokane; new member Ester Hughes, Moses Lake; Gini Richardson, prospective member Dolores Hall, and yours truly of Yakima. All but two arrived by plane.

Following a buffet dinner at the Elks Clubs, we held a business meeting in our room at Hotel Pasco. We were most happy to have Selma Mischuk of Blackfoot, Idaho, chairman of the newly formed Eastern Idaho Chapter join us during our meeting. 1959 convention plans were the chief topic during the meeting. We hope to have a good representation in the 1958 AWTAR. After the meeting, a good old gab fest was enjoyed until the wee hours Saturday morning.

Lygie Hagan is preparing a report on her flight to Mexico. It was wonder-

ful being together again and we're looking forward to many get-togethers this coming year. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 13 in Spokane.

MONTANA CHAPTER

By Vivienne Schrank

Had a most interesting guided tour with Marge Rolle (the guide) through the new—almost complete—administration building at Logan Field, Billings. The interior color scheme was selected by Marge and a most beautiful and restful shade of green predominating each impressive room to be occupied by CAA and airlines employees. Also, there are spare rooms for different aviation groups and organizations to use and the stairs are so shallow in height that one fairly floats up them with nary a puff after reaching the very top stair.

Our 99 members are so sorry to hear of our Chairman Dorothy Sabo (Bozeman) having the unfortunate accident right after our last 99 meeting after she returned home from Billings. Dorothy was skiing and the cable on the ski lift at Bridger Bowl broke and cut her head as well as broke her left leg. Here's wishing you a quick recovery, Dorothy! Hear that you are getting around already.

Inza Riedesel and 49½er, Russ, (Billings) have just returned from a trip south, including a visit of the Hawaiian Islands. Also, Russ is the proud owner of a new Piper Apache now.

Pud Lovelace and 49½er, Jack, flew to Idaho and visited with 99's there.

Vera Throssel just returned from a week in Las Vegas flying down in the Long Construction's twin Beech Bonanza. Did you lose any money, Vera?

Ernestine Gore has been spending the winter in Phoenix, Ariz.

Elsie Hartley's daughter married recently in Missoula.

Norma Wingfield and Marge Rolle conducted two groups of Wing Scouts with a tour of the airport (Logan Field) at Billings as well as showing them a CAP airplane of which latter they will receive familiarization in flying.

Just learned that Mary Jo Janey's 49½er, J. D., received his commercial license from our safety agent, John Doster. Congratulations!

By the time you read this our chapter will have had a 99 meeting at Bozeman as well as a tour of the Bozeman College. Happy landings, all!

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Mickie Gilman

La Paz, Mexico by slides, was our February meeting entertainment. Maxine Francher and Van Addison

with 49½ers spent many pleasant days in Mexico. A highlight of the trip was a stopover at Bing Crosby's ranch. Something about Mexico is drawing our 99ers. Terry Kellogg and Dave visited in and around Mexico and Ida and Bill Beebe are planning a three weeks vacation there.

Our airmarking program is progressing favorably with Chairman Van Addison working with Standard Oil to set up plans.

Our new venture is with the Air Science Committee setting up the program in the Seattle public schools and outlying districts.

For our March meeting Helen Appel and Marti Spaulding ran the weather film, Unchained Goddess. The color was beautiful, it seems something so beautiful and be so deadly.

Congratulations to our new member, Gini Andrews. She and her 49½er have a 172 Cessna which they enjoy flying very much. They own and run the Potlatch Bar-B-Q in Bellevue. Their son, Tony, also enjoys flying with them.



SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jeanne McElhatton



Chet and Marga Martin, Dave and Jeanne McElhatton, Pat Gladney, chairman, and her daughter, Gale, in front, Natalie Bosso, Pat Sherwood, and Dorothy Monahan. Members and guests of Santa Clara Chapter who flew in to Napa County Airport.

Speed, heat, and rain, that's been the story of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter this month. The speed and heat provided by Mr. Fred Drinkwater of Ames Aeronautical Laboratories during a recent discussion and the rain provided by Mother Nature in amounts breaking all seasonal records in the

thirty year existence of the San Francisco International Airport.

Chez Yvonne Restaurant in Palo Alto was the scene of the very enlightening evening with Mr. Drinkwater. Twenty-eight members and guests gathered to hear him and view the movies which he used to help explain the very technical aspects of thermal problems and heat barrier of planes flying supersonic. The aircraft seen in the movies were models undergoing testing in wind tunnel research. Those attending enjoyed a good amount of food for appetite and an abundance of food for thought. Our thanks to Mr. Drinkwater.

The rain which has squelched so many activities this year failed to daunt nine hearty members even on the 13th day of March. We gathered at the home of Patty Sherwood and participated in such exciting things as talking about what's happening to government workers in Japan, eating of delicious refreshments and (of all things!) changing of auto tires. The talk was prompted by our guest and new member Betty Jo King who has just returned from the area. She is a former 99 who is being reinstated now that she is back on home ground. Betty Jo is a Dispatcher for Pan Am and is now residing in San Mateo. The eating came about as the result of ravenous appetites and tempting tidbits, and the tire changing was courtesy of Jackie Patty our fearless mechanic. Clara Lou Cathey very optimistically set out for the long trip to Salinas only to discover the very flat tire. But with the physical help of J. P. and the profound verbal assistance of several others, the change took place in about twenty minutes and Clara Lou was on her way.

Between all of this activity we did manage to get down to business for a while. The primary topic was our forthcoming Bingo Party which always turns out to be the big social event of the season. This year it will be on the 19th of April at Palo Alto Airport. If you're in the area come join the fun!

Hardly a member got off the ground this month, so that's all the news from the "very tired of being weathered in" group in Santa Clara Valley.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Jackie Sepulveda

Our March meeting was held in Rolling Hills at the home of Cynthia Gillkison and was attended by eleven members and three guests. It was a business meeting and afterward we enjoyed coffee and cake while looking at a new movie concerning flying.

Bad news is the fact that our annual

Flight Safety Clinic scheduled in April at Fullerton Airport has had to be cancelled because of lack of a link trainer. Good news, on the other hand, comes with the information that Fran Bera received her Air Transport Rating. Ruth Gay is the proud owner of a Cessna 140, Cleo Morrison has her multi-engine rating and has passed her written commercial, and Annette Castle has acquired a new 172.

Several of us from Long Beach are planning to attend the sectional meeting in Tucson and are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones.

UTAH CHAPTER

By Jane Andreason

Doris Eacret has just returned from Washington, D. C. where she attended a Congressional Dinner for the Civil Air Patrol. She chatted with and met Mrs. Nona Quarles, Mitzi Moore, Gen. Spaatz and many others. Doris also had the opportunity of meeting the next day with J. Edgar Hoover. Ada Mitchell, chairman of the Washington chapter, drove her to the airport for her departure. At Chicago, Doris was pleasantly surprised when Doris Langer boarded the plane; she was going to Denver for a week-end of skiing.

Weather permitting our April meeting will be a fly-in to Provo, Utah. Lucile Christopherson, Ruth Walker and our newest member Nicky Harding will hostess and from past experience, this will be an outstanding get-together.

Alberta Nicholson and the other members of her flying club (all males—lucky girl!) traded in their Cessna 170 for a new 172. Alberta has always been one of our more active flyers but now, you can hardly keep her on the ground.

REDWOOD EMPIRE

By Hazel Bertagna

Hallelujah! a clear week-end at last. What a wonderful Sunday flight and meeting we had in Ukiah. Anna Brenner and Jerry Schick weren't there but Nellie Palmer flew up from Santa Rosa in her Cessna 140, and Pat Stouffer and I (with the pleasurable company of Ernest Riddle, a friend and helper) flew one of Bridgeford Flying Service's Cessna 172. It was a beautiful sunny day, with a nippy breeze blowing off the snow tipped mountains to the north.

We were met at the airport by Shirley Blocher, 49½'er Duane, and Betty Locken (prospective member and our hostess for the day). Francis Cohen (another prospective member) arrived and we drove to Betty's house for our meeting and luncheon. The Blochers

showed off their cute little new German car, an Opal, and the Lockens gave us a tour of their beautiful modern new home, which they built themselves. There was a crackling fire in the fireplace in the house, and another one in the summer house across the patio, to Bar-B-Que a half a chicken apiece for our lunch. The whole layout shows a lot of thought and planning but they said they just laid the floor, drew out the rooms on it, and went to work. Their cement and brick work throughout the back, and the summer and garden house is set up for cool, convenient outdoor living. Betty's husband presented her with her birthday gift, a lovely out-door table with umbrella and chairs to complete their patio. He also cooked the delicious chicken. Some Cook! Many thanks Doctor.

Ways and means of raising money for the race was discussed at our business meeting and we are planning to fly to the Nut Tree to meet with the San Carlos chapter next Sunday. Shirley, Betty, Pat and I are going to the Sectional meeting in Tucson, Arizona, in April, weather permitting. Nellie is trying to organize her work so she can make it—but is not too sure it can be done.

The luncheon was very, very good. Shirley provided the salad and Francis the garlic bread and we all stuffed ourselves. We had to pull ourselves away and get home too early (why are sunny, meeting day, Sundays so short). Our thanks to Betty, her husband, and the others for a wonderful day.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Hialeah Reilich

Our March meeting was held at the home of Helen and Harvey Mace. We all got to Oh and Ah at their new little

boy, Kip. He's a cutie. Helen fed us a scrumptuous lunch.

While we had scheduled a "strickly bizness" meeting, we managed to get in lots of unbusinesslike talking and entertainment. Harvey showed his co'or film on rebuilding Art Chester's "Goon". It started with loading the pieces into a trailer at Torrance Airport. It then covered all phases of re-design, rebuilding, engine run-ups, taxi checks and first flights (very exciting) and ended with pictures taken from an Aeronca Sedan showing normal passing speed of the "Goon." — Oops — there he went!!!

Several of us made tentative plans to attend the spring sectional in Tucson. Hope all goes well and we get to go as planned.

Our weather has improved locally

and we are dusting off our planes and going places. There is to be a joint fly-in meeting of several chapters at the Nut Tree Restaurant. See you there.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Ruby Keaveny

Our March business meeting was held in the home of Jessie Ostrander and again we had the pleasure of having one of our out-of-town members present. Ann Bledsoe flew down to meet with us. Clara Aldrich was welcomed as our newest member and Polly Ross and Frances Goodwin, prospective members, were guests. What a pleasant surprise to have Sylvia Roth from the Chicago Area Chapter join us for this meeting. Come back again soon, Sylvia.

Plans are underway for our June dance. Betty Lambert taking the chairmanship and under Betty's guidance we know it will be a tremendous success. Betty has named Margaret Lang as ticket chairman, Harriet Allen as decorations chairman. Any of you who plan on or can be in San Diego June 7 make a note to join us at the dance, we promise you a good time. Incidentally, Betty announced her acceptance as chief timer for the AWTAR at the terminus in Charleston.

Gerry Vickers, our hard working secretary, is the proud owner of a new 180. Congratulations, and good flying, Gerry.

It appears our chapter is becoming quite business minded. Lois Bartling has started her own jewelry manufacturing business, B Craft Enterprises, no less, wholesale and retail and most attractive jewelry it is. "Mac" Huntington has copyrighted and is marketing a new flight instructors log book. It is simple, convenient "U Check It" method of complying with CAR 20:13 (b). The price is \$5 and Mac is offering a 15 per cent discount to all 99's. You may order these from: C. Huntington, Box 6004, San Diego 6, Calif.

Our newest member, Clara Aldrich, had a most interesting flying trip to New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras. Gertrude Lockwood and 49½er John, reported a wonderful trip to Mexico, but they let the Mexican Airlines do the flying. From Gertrude's report that was even more interesting, spent their first night in Tijuana all of 16 miles from home then on to Guadalajara, Mexico City, Taxco, Cuernavaca, etc. John said they had such a good time it has taken them two weeks to recuperate.

Aileen Saunders is becoming quite a celebrity. She and 49½er, Walt, just recently returned from a lion hunting expedition in Baja, Calif. No lion, but what a thrilling experience and consequently Aileen was the guest of one

of our television stations. Incidentally Aileen said a 99 had written her asking for information concerning flying conditions in Mexico and she has misplaced the letter. If you would like to try again she will be pleased to answer your questions, and apologies for having misplaced the original.

Our good member Edna Penners has been having quite a bout with pneumonia. She was just recovering nicely when she contracted it again so had a few more days in the hospital. She is home again and much improved. Ern Stanley had the misfortune of injuring her foot which slowed her down for a while. She and 49½er, Joe, are having the fun of watching their new swimming pool take shape. They have such a lovely home and what a nice addition.

Looks like most of the San Diego Chapter is planning on flying the race come July 4. Anyone want to help with the start? Our plans are progressing beautifully and we are now really settling down to some good hard work so we can take time out to attend the spring sectional in Tucson.

Sorry I missed getting our report in last month, but I took time off to change my name, thereby adding another 49½er. His name is Jack and I think he is pretty terrific. Suttle way of announcing that I got married, huh?

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Marijane Brown

On March 10th we enjoyed a joint meeting with the San Fernando Valley and Long Beach Chapters at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth McQueen Bancroft, who is founder and honorary president of the Women's International Association of Aeronautics.

The entertainment was instructive as well as interesting. Two movies were shown: "Flight Decision" and "The 180 Degree Technique." An added special attraction was the showing by Miss Jan Wood of her color slides taken on a recent trip through Europe in her own Cessna 170.

Our hostess, Mrs. Bancroft, was the originator of the Women's Air Derby, which is now known as the AWTAR. Her slogan and that of the WIAA has been "Wings Around the World for Peace, Prosperity and World Friendship."

Another news item, which it is a pleasure to report, is that the New York, San Fernando Valley, Long Beach, and Los Angeles Chapters have started a fund to aid Paulette D'Avril in her brave fight against the horrid enemy known as arthritis. A generous sum has already been forwarded to Paulette with the love and good wishes of all the girls.

We are pleased to welcome into our membership Mrs. Helen Nelson, who

was formerly a member-at-large. She and her husband are now permanently settled in Los Angeles, and we anticipate lots of activity and pleasant companionship from our new member.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Trixie-Ann Schubert

Jeanne Strahl is celebrating her 12th anniversary with Hughes Aviation Corp. She and 49½er, Johnny, will utilize their April vacation painting their home in Encino, golfing, and of course flying. Jeanne will be at Hughes' Tucson, Ariz., plant providentially in time for the sectional convention.

Penny Swope, Ginny Hall, and Shirley Robinson are at this date convention bound. They, plus Lauretta Foy, Lola Ricci, Louise Robertson, Nina Stoehr, and myself were at the joint meeting of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and San Fernando Valley Chapters in March. It hailed (freakish for Los Angeles) but a good sized group turned out to see the excellent film on emergency instrument procedure for those finding themselves suddenly in instrument weather without instrument ratings.

And the piece de resistance of the evening was our transfer member, Jan Wood, showed slides and expounded on her flight around the world, in 45 countries, with her little plane "Yellow Cloud" Cessna 170.

At the same meeting the chapters initiated a "benevolent fund" from which any member may draw or borrow when she is in financial stress. Sort of a 99 insurance.

SAGUARO CHAPTER

By Marjy Crowl

Welcome to our three new members: June Kaiser, a transfer from Utah Chapter; Peggy Pierce, a transfer from All-Ohio Chapter; and Virginia Hash, who is a reinstatement for our chapter.

The regular March business meeting was held in the home of Camille Shapley with 49½er, Coop, lending Camille a helping hand at greeting Melba Beard, Wilma Bland, Junc Kaiser, Betty Slater, Marjy Crowl, and Juanita Newell. The girls who made the Davis-Monthan tour are still talking about it! Doris Glina and 49½er, John, were hit hard by the flu bug that day but Doris managed to get a copy of the minutes there even though unable to attend to her secretarial duties in person that night.

Vivacious Alma Harwood paused in Phoenix enroute to Palm Springs to attend a Sportsmen Pilot meeting. For the benefit of new members will mention that Alma is the premanent

trustee of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund and is a member of the New York-New Jersey Chapter. Alma enjoyed a visit with long-time friends, Peg Pierce and 49½er, Harry, in their lovely home in Scottsdale. Also acquired some suntan during brief stop at Juanita Newell's home. "Kidnapped" her for a look at Paradise Valley after "clearing" Scottsdale—later recuperated while she talked with some of the many other-than-99 friends here in the Valley of the Sun!

Dorothy Jenkins flew up from Tucson in a Tri-Pacer for a little shopping—which she and Juanita Newell accomplished in Scottsdale. Also "test-hopped" an eating place for joint chapter meeting in near future.

Juanita Newell and 49½er, Elgin, enjoyed flying Lee Moore's ambulance Twin-Beech, complete with one patient and two nurses, to Gooding, Idaho. Juanita, liason officer between Wing Scouts and 99's, is working with the new leader to see that the girls will be able to go to Tucson to assist with the sectional meeting there in April.

Bette Knier Slater and 49½er, Jack,

have purchased a house at 1912 West Tuckey Lane in Phoenix. Her new telephone number is CRestwood 7-5926.

Our March flight, which is also a "quarterly" meeting, will be March 30 at Thunderbird Academy, report next issue. April business meeting is scheduled at home of Thelma Biegert, while April flight will be sectional meeting at Tucson. May business meeting is scheduled at home of Peg Pierce and later in that month hope to greet the members of the Tucson Chapter for a shopping trip and luncheon before they knuckle down too hard on work for the air race (AWTAR—of course). Adios!

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Margaret Gerhardt

A happy time was had by all who attended the 26th birthday party of our chapter. We had cocktails and a very tasty dinner at Veneto's Restaurant in one of their banquet rooms. After dinner Eleanor and Glenn Wilson showed their movie of the manufacture and flight of their Stitz Playboy. It took 21 months of their spare

time to get the Playboy in the air. It is a beautiful job and has already won a prize in a Southern California competition for custom-built ships. It has been commended by the CAA for the various safety features designed and built in by Glenn, and after the requisite hours of flight time will be licensed.

We also had "Cleared for Take-off," which the chapters owns and some of the members had not seen, as well as "Song of the Air," courtesy of Shell Oil Co.

Members and guests present were Miriam Brugh, Maxine Carlson with Eddy's mother, Margaret and John Gerhardt, Rita Hart with Gerry Nickelson from Sacramento, Geri Hill, new member Jean Kay with her brother, Cmdr. Colley, Helen and Don Kelton, Gail and Fielding Lane, Guest Ces and Adrian Rose, the Rueckerts, Ruth Fred and Marsha with guest Cmdr. Burtz, and the Wilsons.

We missed Mabel Zehr, Pop was under the weather, the Andersons who were off to Los Angeles, and the Miles readying for two weeks in Palm Springs.

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