



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

# News Letter

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## President's Column

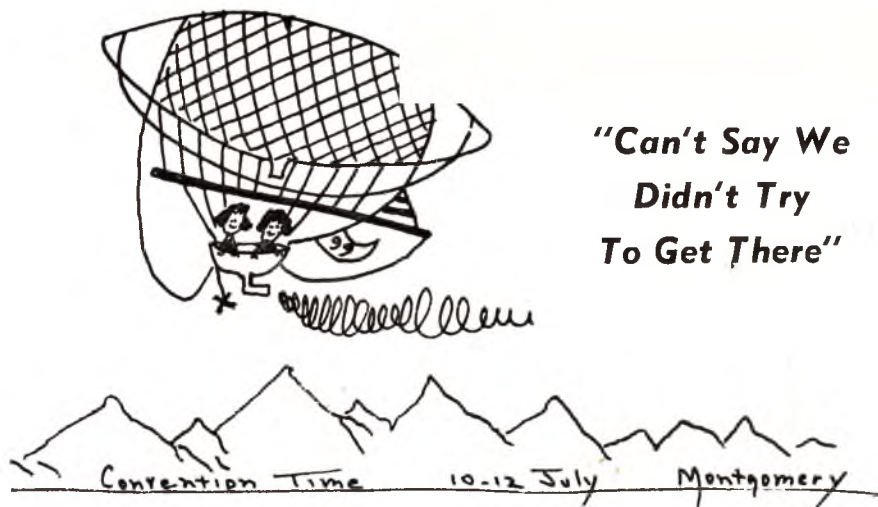
May 1, 1958

All members of the Executive Board were present for the Spring meeting, with the exception of Vice-President Deedo Heise. Recent surgery made it necessary for Deedo to attend via telephone. We were happy just to hear her voice, but much prefer her presence, and of course missed her very much. I am sure that every one joins the Executive Board in wishing for her, a very speedy recovery. We had such a busy two-day session that we were not aware of a destructive tornado happening only a few miles from us, during our first afternoon together. It was a real pleasure to see all the members of the Board, and to have them as guests in my home. I appreciate so very much, their help and fine cooperation, and all the efforts made by them in attending this meeting. Some of them came considerable distance. Our sincere appreciation and gratitude to Kay Brick, Marion Lopez and Barbara Evans, for their work in designing and editing our beautiful new Ninety-Nine brochures. And may I suggest that every Chapter keep an adequate supply of these brochures available for use in securing new members, publicity, or in any way to promote Ninety-Nines. Your requests for them direct to Headquarters will receive immediate attention.

I am pleased to accept the very nice invitation from the Zontas, to represent Ninety-Nines at a luncheon, for the unveiling of a beautiful Amelia Earhart Marker, which they are presenting at the dedication of the Amelia Earhart Airport, in the city of her birthplace, Atchison, Kansas, on May 18. I hope to see many Ninety-Nines there attending this important aviation event.

Ninety-Nines are busy people! So many Spring Sectional meetings, so well planned, with such interesting activities and fun, members from other Sections flying considerable distance to gather information and ideas for our next year's Convention, even at this early date. This is certainly evidence of the wonderful enthusiasm that exists within our Organization.

The Resolutions to be considered at  
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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE NINETY NINES INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

July 10 - 12

JEFFERSON DAVIS HOTEL  
Montgomery, Alabama

### THURSDAY, JULY 10

Fly-in Day—Landing at Dannelley Field, sunrise to sunset. Free tie-down, transportation, refreshments.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Registration, lobby Jefferson Davis Hotel. Registration fee \$10.00, registration for jet ride.

1:30 p.m.—Executive and Governors' meeting, President's suite.

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.—Cocktails and buffet dinner, Montgomery Country Club. Entertainment, (informal).

### FRIDAY, JULY 11

#### CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSIONS

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Business meeting. (Delegates must be registered by 8:30 a.m.)

12:30 p.m.—Luncheon and Fashion Show by Coach and Four, Jefferson Davis.

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Business meeting.

8:00 p.m.—Past Presidents' Award Dinner, Blue Moon Inn. Ninety-Nines and guests. (To honor all our Past Presidents present.)

### SATURDAY, JULY 12

10:00 a.m.—Tour of Maxwell Air Force Base, home of the Air University.

11:30 a.m.—Be on hand for take-off of the winner of the Jet ride by one of our members. Courtesy pilot?

12:30 p.m.—Lunch at Maxwell Officers Club.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.—Tour of Montgomery, courtesy of Montgomery Chamber of Commerce.

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.—Cocktail party, courtesy of Montgomery Zonta Club.

8:00 p.m.—Convention Banquet, Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award, Jefferson Davis Hotel Ballroom.

### SUNDAY, JULY 13

Take-off Day—Transportation furnished to airport.

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**Deadline For News**

The 25th Of Each Month

## 7th Annual Skylady Derby

On June 12, the 7th Annual SKYLADY DERBY, efficiency air race, sponsored by the Women's National Aeronautical Ass'n., Inc., will be held.

The race will begin and end in Topeka, Kansas, a triangular route of 640 statute miles has been chosen. This will be from Topeka to Grand Island, Nebraska, to Des Moines, Iowa to Topeka.

**Coming Events**

Southeastern Section Meeting,  
May 17-18, Tullahoma, Tenn.

Dedication of Amelia Earhart  
Marker at her birthplace, Atchi-  
son, Kan., 4 p.m. May 18, Amelia  
Earhart Airport.

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

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

Ninety-Nines International Con-  
vention, Montgomery, Ala., July  
11-13.

IAR—Welland, Ontario, Canada  
to Grand Bahamas, BWI, August  
14-23.

Northwest Sectional Meeting,  
Gaffney's Lake Wilderness Lodge  
near Renton, Wash., September  
12-14.

S. M. A. L. L. Race — Sturgiss,  
Mich., to Manistee, Mich., Octo-  
ber 11-12.

**AWTAR NEWS**

All - Woman Transcontinental Air  
Race—San Diego, Calif., to Charle-  
ston, S. C.

**Entries are open.** If you have not  
already done so, write immediately  
for your copy of the Rules & Regula-  
tions, your Application for Entry and  
other pertinent material. Address all  
inquiries to:

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

Entries will close on the 20th of  
June. Time is getting short!

**The Dates**

Impound deadline at  
San Diego ..... 1700 PST July 1  
TAKE-OFF ..... 0800 PST July 4  
Deadline to  
Finish ..... 1200 EST July 8  
Awards Dinner ..... Evening, July 9

**The Route**

(2177.40 statute miles.) San Diego,  
Yuma, Tucson, El Paso, Midland,  
Abilene, Tyler, Jackson, Montgomery,  
Macon, Charleston.

**Awards**

First place, \$800; second, \$600; third,  
\$500; fourth, \$400; fifth, \$200. Duple-  
cate trophies for pilot and co-pilot  
first five places. Also perpetual rota-  
ting trophies for first and second  
place. Leg Prizes, \$25 cash awards  
for best scores made by each make  
and/or model aircraft of which there  
are at least three in competition. \$50  
(donated by a friend of The Ninety-  
Nines through the Michigan Chapter)  
and trophy (donated by the Chicago  
Area Chapter) for the best score made  
by a crew flying their first AWTAR.  
\$100 cash donated by Flying Magazine  
for the highest score made by a crew  
holding no license higher than private  
grade. Other valuable merchandise  
awards for special categories.

The San Diego Chapter and the Caro-  
linas Chapter, as well as all the  
Ninety-Nine chapters along the route,  
are making great plans for your con-  
venience in flying the race and for  
your pleasure. We hope you will be  
with us.

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

Florence MacFarlane of Hartford,  
Conn., doesn't want any 99 to think  
that she regards the Champion Tri-  
Traveler a "contraption," as gestured  
in the April News Letter. She de-  
scribes it as one of the finest craft in  
its class—and all good 99's are in-  
clined to agree.

**PILOT'S BRIEFING**

New Ninety - Nine Brochures  
are now available at Headquar-  
ters upon request.

Orders for Amelia Earhart  
Medals are going out almost  
every day — order yours now,  
either plain or inscribed.

Please send all changes of ad-  
dress and names to Hqs. as soon  
as possible.

Colored pictures will not re-  
produce for NL publication, a  
glossy print gives the best re-  
sults.

Don't forget our National 99  
Scrapbook — please send chair-  
man any and all pictures, clip-  
pings and articles concerning the  
Ninety - Nines. These yearly  
Scrapbooks are of the greatest  
importance and make for a per-  
manent record of the deeds and  
events taking place among the  
99 members and in our organiza-  
tion for this year. If you have  
been saving some choice picture  
or article, wouldn't it be nicer  
to have it on permanent record  
for others to enjoy too?

## Remember These Dates: August 14 - 23

The Ninth All-Woman's International  
Air Race will be held this year, Aug-  
ust 14-23.

Welland, Ontario, Canada is the  
take-off city with Dot Rungeling in  
charge. Banquets et al all lined up  
there.

Our sponser is the Grand Bahama  
Club, the Race Terminus, located on  
West End, Grand Bahama Island,  
about 50 miles off the coast near Palm  
Beach. Grand Bahama Club not only  
will furnish the cash prizes and tro-  
phies, but they have lined up a won-  
derful program with some surprises  
for our stay.

Race leaves Welland August 17, we  
will RON at Lauderdale, and leave for  
Grand Bahama on the 20th and re-  
turn to the US on the 23rd.

There will be some changes in the  
race as an experiment. All planes will  
know their handicap before entry, we  
have to eliminate individual this year;  
and also we will use a different method  
of computation . . . this will all be  
set up soon.

Hope to see you all as we feel we  
will have a very interesting race, new  
places for all to visit . . . so we sin-  
cerely hope you will all come. For  
further info and entry blanks, write  
me. ENTRY DEADLINE, JULY 31.

Happy flying,  
Dorothea M. B. Vermorel.  
1015 Olympia Building  
Miami, Florida



## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

### Proposed By The Executive Committee

To amend Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph D of the Constitution by striking out the paragraph "Honorary: Upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee outstanding women who are, or have been, active in aviation may be elected honorary members, at the annual meeting. Honorary members shall be exempt from dues and may not vote."

REASON: That since is organization 29 years ago, the Ninety-Nines has never named an honorary member. Furthermore, as there have been no standards set up for choosing such a member, it would be difficult for the Committee to make such a recommendation.

### Proposed Amendments to Standard Constitution For Sections

#### Proposed By The Executive Committee

To amend Article IV, Section 6 of the Standard Constitution for sections by striking out "after the annual international meeting."

#### Proposed By The Executive Committee

To amend Article X, Section 3 of the Standard Constitution for sections by striking out "after the section election."

REASON for the above two proposals: That, by the removal of this time restriction on elections, chapters and sections may elect closer to the end of the fiscal year. This will allow earlier committee appointments, facilitate the roster printing and, in general, keep the chapter and section in synchronization with the international organization which starts its activities on September 1.

## News Item

Just a news item to the 99's, as some of the girls are still sending him letters. Our adopted polio patient, Kenneth Fredrick, Peter Smith Hospital, Ft. Worth, Texas, passed on recently, which in some ways was a blessing, as he was completely paralyzed and had a tracheotomy for the last three years and was unable to sleep out of a respirator. The 99 letters and pictures brought him great joy because he loved the thought of flying and tried to live for the day I could take him up in a plane.

Thanks to the many 99's that helped bring happiness in his short life.

Edna Gardner Whyte, R.N.

## President's Column

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our National Convention this year, will be sent to all Chapters within the next few days, for your consideration. The Ballots will be coming your way soon, please watch for them in the mail, and don't let that deadline catch you. A "record vote" this year would be nice!

You will find the program for our National Convention in this issue of News Letter, plan now to be in Alabama on these dates.

With the arrival of Spring, there will be more flying . . . more planes in the air. Be alert, and watch that weather! Happy flying to you all!

Very sincerely,  
Broneta Davis Evans

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By Pat Arnold

Great balls of fire, June Douglas (Fall River, Mass.) is now getting ready to go up for her F. I. rating! Barbara Cloud (Boston) is now Mrs. Hutchinson . . . best wishes!

Daisy Kirkpatrick (Marblehead, Mass.) is just back from a trip to Palm Springs, Calif., in her Cessna 180. From Palm Springs they flew down to Mexico for some fishing where Daisy ran into another fisherwoman, 99'er Mary King Goss. Deed Holcomb (Princeton, Ill.) and 49½'er, Max, fired up their Fairchild recently and made it all the way to Vero Beach, Fla., in 3 gas stops—4 hours each burp. They had wonderful weather, saw the Dodgers vs. Braves, caught a couple red snappers, and didn't get too much sunburn. Deed reports she got a lot out of an Illinois Pilot Refresher Course this winter.

Isabel Blodgett (Cambridge, Mass.) has passed her instrument written and by now is embarked to London and the Hague via. KLM to visit her two daughters who live abroad. Anne Badour (Belmont, Mass.) is expecting the stork again in July. This will be No. 3 for Ray and Anne. Sara Hayden (Lawrence, Mass.), who by the way is a recruiter for the USAF, recently had a major on her aircraft and is looking forward to spring flying weather.

Shirley and Dick Mahn (Whitefield, N. H.) are expecting the stork again any minute now. Phyllis and Walter Livermore are now living in Madrid, Spain, where he has a position on the Spanish Air Bases program. Phyllis, too, is working for the Navy. Phyllis is also cutting all sorts of red tape in an effort to get her Spanish flying license. If she succeeds, she will be the first American woman to have received a Spanish pilot's license. Good luck to you, Phyllis, and please let us know how it all turns out.



By "A.J." Starr

Irene Keith and Willie Hanzlik were guests at a Testimonial Dinner given in honor of Clyde Pangborn on March 20. Ruth Nichols, also there, was one of the speakers. Due to illness, Mr. Pangborn was not present and nine days later the aviation world mourn-

ed his death. Willie Hanzlik represented the 99's at services in New York and Manila Talley attended the ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

The FAI banquet held April 8 at the Biltmore's Wings Club was a gala affair. Our members attending were: Ruth Hill, Eileen Bristol, Alma Harwood, Peggy Norris, Doris Renninger, Barbara Evans, Jeanne Spielberg, Selma Cronan, Dorothy Julich and Irene Keith. Also, Marilyn Link, Fran Nolde, Connie Wolfe and Arlene Davis plus Jackie Cochran, who is senior vice president of FAI. Secretary of Commerce Weeks was the guest speaker.

Many of the 99'ers in this area were happy to see Annette Gibson at a reception and tea in honor of Annette and her new husband, Wilson Way. Barbara Evans, Fleur-De-Lys and Joseph Scheer, Selma and Walter Cronan and Alma Harwood were among those attending.

Captain Kim Scribner of Pan American World Airways was our leading attraction at the April 16 meeting. He interested us very much with his talk on sailplane flying and about a new company formed to study Emergency Evacuation of DC-7C's on land and sea. Captain Scribner is the world acrobatic champion of sailplane flying and Chief Pilot of PAA's Atlantic Division now flying DC-7C's to Europe.

Correction: June 7, instead of the 14th, is the date of our party at Peggy and John Norris' home in Irvington-on-Hudson. This will be held rain or shine and will feature games, barbecued steaks with all the fixings, cocktails and dancing.

Marge Gray is on active duty at Fort Dix, N. J., for her two-week reserve stint. Selma Cronan has been plying around Staten Island in a J-3. A multi-engine rating has been earned by Dorothy Julich. Kay Brick is just back from two cold weeks in Florida.

There will be a luncheon-bridge May 2 at Koos Bros. Furniture Store, Rahway, N. J., to help raise money to send CAP cadets to the Wing Roundup in Canada this summer. Ruth Hill is in charge of the Roundup.



#### **EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER**

**By Peggy Borek**

Spring at last and never so welcome after the various blizzards.

We also welcome Polly Alley, for-

mer inactive, transferring from New York - New Jersey.

Louise Hollinger had quite a write-up in a Harrisburg newspaper about her flying activities. We hear too, that Louise and Ada Mitchell will be flying together in the TAR this year in a 170.

Yours truly was surprised at being asked to be an official timer for the TAR in Charleston. So I'll see you all there.

I'll have to save the Sectional News for next time as it comes along after News Letter deadline.

#### **WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER**

**By Virginia Thompson**

Sleep, Oh, restful sleep. By the time this News Letter goes to press, we hope that Jean Howard has found a chance to catch up on hers. As chairman of the Fourteenth Annual American Helicopter Society Forum, she was continually rapping up here, there and everywhere when needed. She really did a terrific job.

Our hats are off to a courageous Whirly Girl, Ann Carter, who has just recently spent a year in an iron lung. To see her taking part in all the activities of the Helicopter Society was heart warming.

"Ye Good Ole Days" was the theme for our April meeting at Nancy Tier's lovely home. To lend realism, we were greeted at the door by our hostess dressed in flying togs and helmet. Dorothy Mitchell breezed through the business meeting so that we could see the main event of the evening, movies of Nancy's fledgling flights in a Fleet back in 1929. Then followed movies showing glider flying, first flight of the Graf Zeppelin, flights leading up to and including Lindbergh's famous flight, Amelia Earhart's last flight, and one entitled "Pacific Pioneers". How much we owe these 'early birds' who really flew 'on a wing and a prayer'. To some of our members, these movies brought back fond memories of bygone days; to others like Betty MacGlashan and Joanne Alford, a glimpse of what they missed by being lovely, young sprouts. Visitors included: Susan MacGlashan and Betty Fisher's mother and one new member, Dorothy Faulkner. Welcome aboard, Dorothy.

The modern version of flying is being experienced by Lamona Cervenka and her husband, Frank, who have just winged their way to Europe to visit Portugal, Spain, France, the Brussel's World Fair, England and home.

Another Atlantic sky hopper is Helene Oliver who has just returned from a visit to her homeland, France. She is just full of interesting tid-bits

of life in France and flying as experienced there.

Philadelphia, here we come. Our fingers are crossed for nice weather as we are all eagerly looking forward to a helicopter ride at our Spring Sectional. The Philadelphia girls always do things up royally so we know a wonderful time is in store for us.



#### **ALABAMA CHAPTER**

**By Jan Warrick**

Alabama chapter met the third Sunday in April at Juanita Halstead's home in Montgomery. Seven members were present and we were busy as one-armed paper hangers — convention work — naturally! We did stop long enough for lunch at Maxwell Field Officers' Club — and then back to Juanita's for more work — til sundown — more fun.

We were happy to have Asa Rountree Jr., Director of Alabama Department of Aeronautics, with us at this meeting, he has certainly proved himself a real Ninety Nine supporter these past months.

Sorry that Margaret Barnett is back in the hospital again — but she promises to get well soon and be back with us.

Was glad that Estelle Moon feels like joining us again, following the loss of her husband some months ago, welcome back Estelle, we missed you.

Heard various members making their plans to attend the Spring Sectional meeting in Tullahoma, Tenn., in May — sounds interesting.

Don't know how Juanita Halstead finds time to campaign for our next (?) governor and work so hard on the convention at the same time but she seems to be doing a fine job on both.

#### **FLORIDA CHAPTER**

**By Dorothea M. B. Vermorel**

Vera Bratz was hostess for the April meeting and we had as our guest, Russ Meade, from St. Catherine's, Ontario, Canada. Russ was one of the officials for the start of the 1956 International and will be on hand again for the start of the 1958 race . . . so we Florida girls were trying to "entice" him, but to no avail . . . so as usual Russ will be fair to all and is looking forward to seeing everyone at Welland.

May meeting will be at Naples, Sunday, May 18, and Rosemary Ingram will hostess a barbecue, trusting we





Carolinas Chapter meeting April 13, Charleston, S. C. Back row, standing (left to right): Nita Hudman, Louise Smith, Louise Thaden, Dorothy Shackelford, Emgee Williams and Caroline Hembel. Seated: Burnette Spencer, Martha Caldwell, Sara Shonk and Frances Miller. Seated on sofa: Gale East.

Others present, not included in picture, were 49½ers Les Hembel and "Shack" Shackelford. Also, a complete Charleston representation for every phase of the Terminus: Airport Commissioner C. O. Thompson; Airport Manager Marion Reid; Hawthorne Flying Service, Johnny Hawkins; CAA Aviation Safety Agent Paul Carriker; Chief Controller Walter Wessels; Control Tower Operator John Busby; Francis Marion Hotel, Lee Herbert; Charleston Radio Club, O. C. Dawson; Chamber of Commerce, Francis Brenner and Julian Metts; Charleston Evening Post, Jack Roach; Civil Air Patrol, Cadet Wade Williams; and two others.

Good news! Hawthorne Flying Service is sponsoring Sara and Frances in the TAR, their first race and Carolinas only entries this year. We are keeping our fingers crossed—so we can say "first" again. Next meeting: Sunday, May 25, Charleston, S. C.

can meet some prospective members from the West Coast.

Race plans are still underway and now comes the minute details that take so long . . . we always get the entertainment quickly arranged (most important). Handicaps and method of computation will be published well in advance, and entry deadline will be July 31.



#### KANSAS CITY CHAPTER By Emly Crew

We who missed the March Meeting at the home of Lauren Griffin missed the event of the season—dinner served in the royal manner—and, ah what food and preparation! Business meeting followed and then an enlightening film shown "Letter to a Pilot"—the story of the commercial pilot.

April meeting held in conjunction with the Kansas City WNAA Chapter. Dinner at the Plaza Royal and then a film on Civil Air Defense narrated by Capt. Wm. C. Berry of Richards-Gebaur Air Base. Ninety-Nines present Sarah Gorelich, Marjorie Farrell, Elaine Morris, Katherine Peck, Joan Cayot, and Mary Ruth Dietrich. Where were the other members?

Happy to report two of our members back in the air—Sarah Gorelich and Marjorie Farrell—'til spring, let's all go flying.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER By Nellie P. Jackson

Three new members were initiated at our regular meeting on April 20 at Elwood Airport by Membership Chairman Betty Nicholas: Nellie Alger, Mildred Cassidy and Mary A. Wyall. We are delighted to have these three good pilots and hope they will be able to attend our meetings regularly.

Nellie Alger, who received her Private License about six months ago, has been piling up the hours. She flew to Houston, Texas recently with her hus-

band's mother (age 88) as a passenger. They had to lay over a couple of days in Dyersburg, Tennessee on account of weather; otherwise, a wonderful trip. Nellie and her husband, Evan, flew to Vera Cruz, Mexico for a week recently. They said Vera Cruz was a delightful spot and they wished for more time to stay and enjoy it. Then she flew (solo) out to Omaha, Neb., to see her sister. Out one day (five hours) and back the next day (seven hours), making gas stops at Peoria going over and Ottumwa coming back.

Mildred (Mid) Cassidy who got her Private License a few months back in a 172 (I hope that is right) has been taking training in a Beechcroft Bonanza and doing mighty well from what I hear. She and her husband own a Twin Beech which Mid hasn't soloed yet, but just give her time!

Mary A. (Marty) Wyall is an old hand at the business having earned her wings while in the Service. She is hoping for a sponsor so that she can fly the AWTAR this year. You will be hearing more about Marty later.

Nice to have you three girls aboard. Lots of good luck and flying, and let's see you often!

A little bird just told me that Delia Sanders, Sophia Payton and Nellie Alger passed their written test for an Instrument Rating recently. Congratulations! That is a real achievement and we are really proud of you.

Ethel and Rusty Knuth decided their 140 wasn't big enough so now they are the proud owners of a 170. They soon will be winging their way out to Phoenix to visit their son and his wife in their new home there. Lots of luck and a wonderful trip in your new plane!

Ollie and Cassius McCormick flew down to Charleston, S. C., recently where their daughter met them; then they all flew down to the Florida Keys for a nice vacation.

Our meeting at Elwood this month was an unusually enjoyable one. After receiving the three new members into our Chapter, we had a very peppy business meeting, then Virginia Maggart introduced Mrs. Marjorie Fisher who gave us a delightful book review, holding us spellbound with her wonderful delivery and charming personality. Oh, yes, Flora Mae Newman introduced her guest, Peggy Coulter, who is taking flight training, so maybe we will have another member soon! Next meeting the third Sunday in May at one of our favorite spots—Crown Ranch owned by Billie and Savage Smith near North Vernon. See you there!

#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER By Shirley Iverson

With the advent of Minnesota's beautiful spring flying weather, our Minnesota gals are getting in a lot of flight time. Marilyn Williams and Jean



Scheifley have made two trips to Wichita, Kan., this last month. Margaret and Gordon Campbell enjoyed a weeks flight to Mexico City in their Bonanza. Gordon has just purchased a new Cessna 310.

Jane White will be an assistant judge for the National Intercollegiate Air Meet at Holman Field May 9-10.

Florence Sriver is very busy in Civil Defense work in Minneapolis. Sounds like interesting work and we're proud of her accomplishments. Another gal who doesn't fritter her time away is Laura Black, who received her novice rating as a ham radio operator since our last meeting.

Our April 16 meeting had ten members in attendance. Three prospects, Mary Lee Whiting, Virginia Casperson and Dorothy Ryan were present.

St. Cloud, Minn., was set as the site of our fund raising project, Penny-A-Pound Air Rides.

Marilyn Williams, Chairman of our Airmarking Committee has given a lot of time and effort toward putting our airmarking project into the final stages of planning.

Last but not by any means least—Margaret Campbell deserves an award of some sort for arranging the excellent program: a color movie, "Minnesota, Star of the North." The obstacles she hurdled are a story in themselves and the fact that she survived without ending up a mental patient commends her.

#### UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Helen Flaherty

The Upper Iowa Chapter held their regular monthly meeting on Sunday noon, March 16, at Trelor's Inn, in Fort Dodge and three girls from the Iowa Chapter flew in to join us, Mrs. Alice Pfantz, Mrs. Joanne Fortier and Mrs. Mary Lou Willis. A short business meeting was held and discussion on the forthcoming Sectional. Mrs. Bonnie Wiewel, a potential member, was a guest and her claim to fame was that she soloed on Friday, Dec. 13, and she has 13 hours. A letter was read from a former member, Mrs. Jean Wildman, who now resides in Amman, Jordan. On Sunday, April 20, a spot-landing contest was held in Fort Dodge and Helen Flaherty finished tenth in a field of sixteen.

#### GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Ruth Lake

Evelyn Neise entertained us in April in her lovely new home overlooking the river, which meeting was well attended—19 members and two guests. Virginia Duenke's husband, Burton, showed us the film "The Unchained Goddess" through the courtesy of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, which was very entertaining and educational—a real easy to absorb explanation of weather.

Further plans were discussed for our Mexican Party, which is to be com-

plete with Bull Fighter and the Mexican Mudcats, a real jazzy colored orchestra who play all the night spots in and around St. Louis—can just see them in their Mexican outfits. Understand almost all invitations are spoken for. We feel like we have really arrived when guests ask our chapter for invitations before they are even out. Laura Sellinger (who is most ingenious) has designed a very colorful invitation, complete with *Durmiendo el Muchachito*.

Mickey Clark is mighty busy these days working on her instrument rating—lucky gal. I wish I was as far along with it as she is. Golly Miner, our newest member, told us she and her husband, Jack, have logged almost 135 hours on their new Bonanza since December—who said we have had bad flying weather? Of course she did say that on many trips they returned home by Airliner.

Arrangements were made for about twelve of us to fly to the Spring Sectional in Des Moines, weather and 49½'ers permitting.

Our local CAP squadron, of which Virginia Duenke and Evelyn Neise are both active members, were busy this last weekend, giving indoctrination rides to about twenty school teachers, members of the NAE. Thought we heard someone calling on Unicom at the time that one of the planes was having gear trouble—never heard any more, so guess all come out safe. This would have been a sad way to start out.

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Bette Crook

It was a "made to order" day for the 48 99's and guests who attended the April 13 meeting at Selfridge Air Force Base to hear Lovel Laurence Jr., director of the Redstone Program, Chrysler Missile Division, speak on "Rocketry."

(Incidentally, "Babe" Ruth wonders how many know that the base was named for Thomas Selfridge, who was the first air force pilot killed in a plane. She also states that more famous generals have come from Selfridge than any other base!)

Col. and Mrs. Richard Dick—he's Deputy Commander of the Base—and Mrs. Robert Miller (whose husband is Col. Robert Miller) greeted us in the Officers' Club Lounge. Our own Sue Hickman is responsible for the lovely new interior of the club. She arranged this meeting and was on hand at the flight line to greet Janey Hart and son, Jimmy, "Babe" Ruth and Nancy Brandon, Fran and 49½'er Dale Myers—all from Lansing.

"Babe" reports a prospective 24½'er. E.T.A. sometime in September. She is still instructing at Lansing and soloed a student two weeks ago.

Others who flew in were Alice and John Hammond with guest Martha

Morrison, her second meeting; Pat Russell, Olivia Bell and three guests, Nita and Leslie Berry, Ruth Woods, Alice Davis, Elsie and Mike Ferish and Sammy McKay with her son, George.

Sammy was thrilled over her first helicopter ride—seems that one day recently, her husband, George, a Pontiac and Cadillac dealer in Flint, gave free helicopter rides to everyone who bought a new car.

Coffee cup clatter and chatter: Anne and Paul Phillips report three trips to New England since last October when they attended their youngest daughter's wedding. Thelma Lindzay recently back from California. Helen Weatherall reporting that Mary Clark is now in Acapulco. Nancy Brandon lamenting that while hunting for the rudders in an Ercoupe one windy day, she almost stomped her foot through the floorboard. Fran Myers getting some instrument time in a 172. Margaret Napierala combining pleasure with pleasure, driving from Saginaw to see Cinerama and attend the meeting. Marian Elbinger with her guest from Midland. Addie Binsfield, John Lopo, Luville and John Biscornb clinking coffee cups. The DelDiorno's comparing travel notes with my future 99, Suzi, who wishes we could turn right around and return to Acapulco. (Time to spare, go by air dept.—after being weathered in in Evansville, Ind. for three days, with more bad weather to come, we boarded a commercial liner and left the Bonanza for a re-upholstering job.)

Following breakfast, Chairman Pat Russell introduced Mr. Laurence (he rode in with Bill Russell, for Pat had a plane-full!). His topic, "Rocketry. Past, Present and Future." It was a most interesting presentation, concluding with a question and answer period.

To round out a most delightful day, First Lt. Wm. J. Nagle Jr., USAF, conducted the group on a tour of the base.

Don't forget to make your plans for the S.M.A.L.L. Race in October.

#### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

Resume of Meetings: March 16—Grimes Field, Urbana, Ohio. Hostess, Janice Kuechenmeister. Coffee time. 10:30 a.m., that pleasant, cozy time in which one greets arrivals with a kind of cheer, and everybody's taking reconnaissance of who was able to "make it" when the weather is bad, just as it was this time. It's a getting-acquainted time with new members, and all the while, one is becoming up-to-date about so many interesting doings. It is soooo very nice! In fact, I believe it is the best part of our All-Ohio matinee meetings! It was a fine, informative meeting, attended by Bernita Nickell, Lavina Stolte, Margaret Hammon, Virginia Schumacher,



Martha Walter, Marion Betzler, and two prospective members—Kak Wood and Jane Howell. "Wings for Adventure," that popular Piper Aircraft film is greatly in demand. It is in color with sound and puts a student pilot through the necessary flying routine leading to a private license—all in a Tri-Pacer.

April 20—Toledo Express Airport, Toledo, Ohio. Hostess, Ione Kiplinger. Again that warm, congenial coffee time, bright and early. Our Ohio 99's have not been light-minded in the planning of their meetings. Ever since the turn of the year, they have revolved about a well-selected aviation subject. What could be more practical than a Narco Clinic on "How to Use Omni"? Messrs. J. Patrick Murphy and Walter Carr Jr., representatives of General Aircraft Supply Corp. of Detroit, explained the multi-uses and problems of this aid to private flying.

Although rain squalls developed later in the day, a number of girls flew in. Janice soloed from Cincinnati; Joan Hrubec piloted Chairman Edythe Maxim and Virginia Schumacher from Cleveland; Alice Schlott, at the controls of her 170, brought Martha Wilcox. We were happy to have Alice Hammond as our surprise guest. She flew a Mentor from a CAP meeting at Lockbourne Air Force Base. Winifred Caghey autoed in with Helen and Jim Sammon. Also by auto came Rosalie Bracht, Marilyn Collette, Mary Scheafer, Mary Brown and her 49½'er, Pauline Smetzer, and Jean Hixson. Thank you, Janice and Ione. A good time was reported at both meetings.

Popourri: Secretary Helen Sammon and her Jim had the good luck to be in Washington, D. C., while the blossoms were in bloom. They luncheoned at Carvel Hall, Annapolis. — Sound barriers were being broken, not only over proving grounds, but at St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, where your reporter finally landed for the solution to her aches and pains. It was an acute inflammation of rheumatoid arthritis. She considers herself very fortunate to have been one of the several guinea pigs who were given treatments on the brand new sound wave machine called the Medcosonator. This therapy, plus round-the-clock medication did the trick. Today she is miraculously well and hopes to attend the May meeting.

Margaret Hammon will soon be flying T-34's. Her flying club has just bought two from the government and is expecting two more in the near future. They will be flown from Wright Field, Dayton. — Meg Berning is keeping very busy teaching various phases of aviation . . . at the present how to read air maps . . . to her Cub Scouts. As soon as the weather is more consistent, she plans to take them for orientation flights in her 170.

She will have the assistance of other pilots of the Cincinnati Airmen's Club.

The best wishes for a happy marriage are sent by each and every one of us to Bonnie Butler and Lee Miller, who recently became Mr. and Mrs. at the Little Church Around the Corner, in New York City. They spent their honeymoon in the Bahamas. — Charlie Betzler, Marion's 49½'er, opened a United Rent-Alls Store in Columbus. He rents almost anything, from mechanic tools to baby equipment and party needs. Guess who tends the store while he continues to work for North American Aviation? — Joan Hrubec was presented a Safe Flying Award by the Ohio Aviation Division in the N.E. Ohio area for having flown safely 54,510 miles in her Tri-Pacer. Awards for the greatest number of miles of safe flying are presented about this time of the year in all parts of Ohio in order to stimulate greater flying care and alertness.

Bernita Nickell has built a new hangar on her landing strip, very near to Indian Lake. — Our sympathy is extended to Edith Friedrich, whose father passed away. — In recognition of consistently good work in creative writing, Pauline Smetzer has been invited to become a member of the largest organization of free-lance writers, the National Writers' Club, Denver, Colo.

Ione Kiplinger visited West Palm Beach, Fla., where she was able to get six hours of instrument and radio range 'a la Air Force' and wished she could have completed the course. — Martha Walters, back from her two month's stay in Florida, reports that she also tried her hand at sports car racing while there. — Doc and Jean Bonar airlined to Florida, heeding the call of Ole Man Sol. From here they will fly to California for the rest of their vacation. Total sojourn . . . one month.

Rosalie Bracht drove to Missouri to visit her father who has been ill. — It's nice to see who our latest Ohio members are, according to the April News Letter: Betty Ann Cramer, Helen Ann Tee, and Harriet Wladyka. Welcome into our hangar! — Jean Hixson and Arlene Davis participated in the program of speakers at the NAEC Convention in March.

Next meeting you'll hear about will tell you of our visit to the Youngstown Air Base. See you there.

#### MILWAUKEE CHAPTER

By Justine Mills

A rainy Monday evening, April 21, found Wisconsin 99's gathering at Mitchell Field dining room for a smorgasbord meeting. Unfortunately the right night was not picked as many were out of town or working. Present were Chairman Dottie Faust, Dora Fritzke, Justine Mills and Elsie Peters who just returned from New

York where she was on The Price is Right TV show April 9. She brought home a Westinghouse Washer and Dryer, Lounge Chair, telephone and \$100 check, Philco TV and an art set.

Other news includes:

Isabel Kress returned from Phoenix, Tony is in San Francisco, Francis Strong is in Phoenix, Avis Peterson is on a trip, Jean Herrling is busy teaching CAP cadets and Deedo Heise is recovering from surgery. Dorothy Wittman is busy at Oskosh where the new administration building is about completed.

Next meeting will be at Sky Lodge in Montello. If desired members may make accommodations for Friday and Saturday also. Hope to see more about.



#### EL PASO CHAPTER

The El Paso Chapter held its regular monthly business meeting at Anne Duthie's home. Interesting plans and "doings" were discussed for the rest of this season. On May 31 we will have a fly-in luncheon at the Deming Country Club, and have asked the Tucson, Ariz., Chapter to meet with us there for an afternoon of swimming and fun. An invitation from the Albuquerque Chapter was read, and it sounds wonderful! They are flying to Santa Fe on May 24 for luncheon, and expect to have Ruth Nichols as a very special honor guest. We all hope to make that trip too.

Since Air Race time is getting near, we prevailed upon our most efficient Ruth Deerman to act as Chairman of the El Paso stop. Contestants take notice—that means that El Paso will be one of your very best overnight stops, for any job that Ruth accepts. she does perfectly!

We hope to have a good representation at South Central Section meeting in May, and are looking forward to it. See you there?

(Written by that pinch-hitting reporter, Ruby Tatman, because Faye McConnell didn't make it in to the meeting.) I might add that Ruby and Dick Tatman just returned from a short visit in California, had a wonderful time, and had a long conversation via telephone with Betty Gillies, who is really snowed under with Air Race details about now.

#### COLORADO CHAPTER

By Mary Wenholz

The Colorado Chapter weathered the snowstorm on instruments in fine shape for their April meeting at the home of Verna Christopher in Colorado



Springs followed by a dinner at the Broadmoor. Those brave souls reaching this destination were Donna Myers and Marilyn Nordstrom who made a whole day of it, spending the earlier part of the day visiting the Colorado Springs Zoo (one of the best) and various other points of interest in and about the Springs; Pat Urling, Darlene Gray, Betty Stackhouse, Thelma Thomas, who arrived with a lovely corsage for each gal attending, the Ed Mugeles, the Bob Wenholzes, the Les Longbrooks, the Millard James, the Joe Chowns and the Ed Teppers.

Any of you passing through Story, Wyo., may now call our Phil Johnson who is now at home there, having received a medical discharge from the Army. Sorry to report that Betty Haas Pfister is laid up with a broken neck. Don't know the details but trust that she is getting along okay. Grace Longbrook added a few hours of flying to her logbook by flying to Pennsylvania recently on a sympathy mission—the death of her brother-in-law. Verna Christopher is on vacation in Jamaica, crowding her vacation so that she can attend the South Central Sectional at Oklahoma City.

Happy to report a new member—Anne Zuckerman Pollum—who manned the timeclock at Cheyenne, Wyo., during last year's AWTAR. At that time Anne didn't quite have her license. Since, however, she has not only obtained her flying license but also a marriage license. Congratulations, Anne. The Pollums are making their home at Anchorage, Alaska, but are maintaining Cheyenne as a permanent address.

Donna and Johnny Myers are leaving May 10 on a safari trip terminating at Indianapolis for the big Memorial Day race. The Harold Nordstroms are planning to attend an Insurance Convention at Excelsior Springs, Mo., and then to Kansas City to see some of the Big League ball games in May. The Longbrooks are working the Glenwood Springs Sports Car Rally this weekend and Thelma Thomas and Betty Stackhouse are participating in Thelma's Porsche. Good luck, girls. John Maxson is now the proud owner of an instrument rating. Congrats, John!

#### **ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER** **By Randy Sutherland**

Our meeting for the month of April was held at the home of Mrs. Donie Boone with ways and means discussed as how to raise some money and also as to the coming election of officers.

Mrs. Harriet Nye has just returned after a wonderful vacation on a steamer down to South America.

As for the Jo Eddleman home they have been quiet upset with their little Chris having had two operations since the first of the year to replace an ear

drum eaten away by measles. The only thing on the bright side of it is Jo has been getting in quite a bit of flying since this is all done in Houston, Texas.

Donie Boone and hubby are attending a convention in Tucson the last of this month and afterward are flying on down to Guaymas, Mexico for some fishing and swimming. Sounds fun.

This winter I finally completed all the requirements and received my commercial license.

Two new people attended our meeting. Connie Banks, a student pilot, and Bobbie Albert, who is a 99 only just recently moving to town.

As it looks now not too many of us are going to be able to attend the meeting in Oklahoma City as other things are conflicting but we shall be thinking of the girls and what a wonderful time they are having there.

#### **SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER** **By Betsy Hogan**

Well, spring has finally arrived down here and we found real evidence of it in a beautiful wild flower covered grass strip out at Bracketville. We held our March meeting at the Jameson Ranch, with Ama Lee as our hostess. Tamale pie topped the menu and we are all hoping to have another chance to go back to enjoy that fine Jameson hospitality again soon. At the present time, Ama Lee is really busy. John Wayne and his movie company are planning to make a picture out near Bracketville, in fact a replica of the Alamo and Old San Antonio is being built right now on Fort Clark Ranch property. Ama Lee handles the Bracketville participation in the matter and should have some interesting tales to tell us when the movie is completed this summer.

Gertrude Smith, a really talented member of our group, is due for a singing audition for Arthur Godfrey next month. She tried to make it last month but laryngitis caught up with her. Besides the trips to New York, Gertrude plans to spend several months in Europe this summer and her itinerary includes a stop in Vienna to visit her mother.

We are all looking forward to our Sectional meeting in Oklahoma City soon, with everyone harboring a secret hope that she'll be the one to win that ride in a jet. The following weekend we'll have our regular meeting, this time at the Flying L Guest Ranch in Bandera.

#### **DALLAS, TEXAS CHAPTER** **By Pat Petton**

Wind, wind, and more wind. One would almost think that Dallas had moved to West Texas, the rate the wind is blowing. However most of our members have been quite busy, air-wise or other-wise.

Mildred Bishop has been spending

quite a lot of time in the air enroute to East Texas for her company. Mildred is now the proud possessor of a new pink Tri-Pacer (150 hp); and if everything looks rosy to her lately it is no wonder.

Our Chairman, Marge Barr, has recently moved into a new home and is busily fixing things like she wants them.

Martha Ann Reading recently was the subject of a very nice article in the local newspaper for her work in communications with the CAP. One of Martha's duties is to relay information to the various Moonwatch teams in this area and after the article came out Martha was up all night answering the phone. It seems the citizens wanted to know what time to look for Sputnik.

Marceline Todd has been visiting relatives in Stephenville, Texas. Olean Sellers made this meeting also, for which she reserves a medal. Olean lives about 40 miles north of Dallas and the meeting was at the home of Rowena Burns, some 15 miles south of center of Dallas, quite a little trek by auto.

Gerry Sloan is working fast and furious on her commercial rating, only about six hours to go.

Jan Martin (our school teacher member) who has just finished a bad bout with pneumonia says she will feel fine in about six weeks—school will be out. But think of we poor mothers, Jan.

Our April meeting is being held in Southwest Airmotive's plush new restaurant, the Flite Deck. We would like to remind everyone that we meet the fourth Thursday of each month and invite anyone down this way to give us a call.

#### **OKLAHOMA CHAPTER** **By Dorothy K. Morgan**

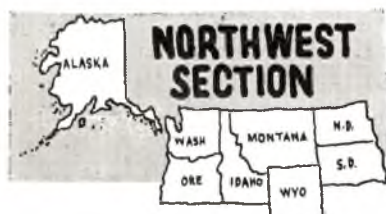
The April meeting was held in the home of Velma Woodward. The meeting was devoted to reports from the various committees working on the Spring Sectional Meeting to be held in Oklahoma City. We were pleased to have two visitors—prosecutive members—who were Margaret Vaughn and Mary Lou Mankin, both of Oklahoma City.

Regular members present were Beth Smith, Broneta D. Evans, Marie Hall, Ruth Jones, Wynema Masonhall, Ida Carter, Emily Frost, Dottie Young, Velma Woodward, Dorothy Morgan, Betty Black and Fern Yount from Duncan, and former member Irby Keen. The May meeting will be incorporated with the Sectional and no regular meeting will be held. The June meeting will be Guest Day, time, date and place will be announced later.

An excellent write-up of Veda and Dewey Mauk appeared in a Sunday issue of The Daily Oklahoman recently. We hope all our members saw it



By the time this appears in our News Letter the Sectional meeting will be a thing of the past and we hope everyone attending will have enjoyed Oklahoma hospitality. We have worked long and hard to make it a success. The above statement is made as an excuse for the meager news contained herein, just not time to pry into all the members personal comings and goings!



### IDAHO CHAPTER

Just pinch-hitting for Joyce McCorm who is suffering with a bad throat infection.

Northwest Sectional Governor Minnie Boyd of Pullman, Wash., and Betty Jean Seavey of Walla Walla, Wash., were guests at our April special dinner meeting held in Boise April 16. Preliminary plans were discussed for the 1959 National Convention to be held at Spokane, Wash., with much enthusiasm displayed by all.

Eula Logsdon has sold her Tri-Pacer and is now flying a Cessna 180.

Georgia Martin is "grounded" in the hospital with a painful back ailment.

Edna Hettinger recently accompanied Glenn Higby to Pendleton, Ore. and flew back a new Cessna 182.

Millie Shinn flew a practice SARCAP at Weiser, Idaho recently getting some time in a Stinson L-5 and the Aeronca L-16.

Just learned Barbara Hornback and family are back in this area from Arizona ready to open Sulphur Creek.

Next month, our Chapter has a busy roster for weekends with May 11 a combination fly-in and clean-up of picnic facilities and pot-luck lunch at the Cascade Reservoir Airstrip; May 17-18, Bradley Field in sponsoring an "Air Fair" with the 99's setting up a booth and perhaps participating in an all-woman spot landing contest; and May 25, another fly-in-clean-up at the Warm Springs Creek Airstrip.

Our Chapter welcomes newest member, Lucille Taylor, who flies an Aeronca and a recently purchased Luscombe.

### MONTANA CHAPTER

By Vivienne Schrank

There were 12 present at the 99 meeting at Bozeman March 29 or 7 regular members, 3 guests and 2 potential members. Luncheon was at a new small restaurant in the shopping center across from the campus as the college was on vacation with the Student Union closed. While there with Pud Lovelace and 49½'er, Jack, as



Minnie Shinn of Boise, Idaho, NW Sectional Secretary, and other Idaho 99's met with Section Governor Minnie Boyd of Pullman, Washington, and Betty Jane Seavey of Walla Walla, Washington.

guides—driving the girl's from the airport at Belgrade to the Bozeman College—made a tour of the campus prior to lunch and after lunch most of them had their pictures taken with Col. Timmons—Airforce—in front of a jet which is on the campus. Then saw an excellent movie on training-reconnaissance pictures taken from a B47. Elsie Childs and Helen Dunlop left early, due to a front moving in promising bad weather. Just as they were leaving—who should surprise them but our Governor Minnie Boyd (Pullman, Wash.) and Lidji Hagen (Spokane) who flew in together ahead of schedule as their first plans had been to meet in April at Missoula to start a discussion and plans for the 1959 convention in Spokane. Weather held them at Bozeman for a couple of days but Pud and Jack Lovelace entertained them and when they left the weather was clear to Seattle so they had no worries of anything developing in weather. Members present at the 99 meeting were Chairman Dorothy Sabo, Treasurer Pud Lovelace (Bozeman), Vice-Chairman Marge Rolle and Secretary Norma Wingfield (Billings), Membership Chairman Elsie Childs and Helen Dunlap (Helena), Suzanne Ward (Clyde Park), and Jimmey Kuhn (Missoula) making a very worthwhile meeting.

Mary Jo Janey will teach aviation education workshop at Eastern (Billings) and 49½'er, J. D. Janey, will do the same—only at the U. (Missoula) this summer for three weeks. This

course is sponsored by the Montana Aeronautics Commission. Mary Jo is hoping that some of the 99's will lend her a hand.

Eleanor Greening writes that Betty Stormont has her private now so imagine Eleanor has grabbed on to Betty for her new 99 member of the year and your reporter is sponsoring Jean Tough of Rapid City, S. D., and I believe that Dorothy Lee of Rapid City is sponsoring Georgia Gip of Rapid City who is an instructor so if all our members are as lucky, the Montana Chapter will really have a membership this year worthwhile. And by the way—Dorothy Lee has just returned from Rochester Minn., so let's all wish her a quick recovery and visit in the near future to one of our 99 meetings.

Next month will be a story of Elsie Child's trip to Phoenix, Ariz., in their family Stinson and the weather she encountered enroute.

### ALASKA CHAPTER

By Carol Pierce

Our March meeting at the home of Dahl Booth concluded our plans for the breakfast which we held on the 15th of the same month. The weather was in a bright, cooperative mood which made our drive-in and fly-in breakfast a great success. The Anchorage Volkswagon Club motored up as did the Sports Car Club and stopped in to dine enroute to the car racing event on the ice at Big Lake. In addition were countless planes which also arrived for the breakfast. The lucky owner of



the number drawn for the Airboy Sr. was called long distance (collect, no less) and told of his good fortune. A very happy fella!

Congratulations are in order for three of our gals who have been burning the midnight oil. Ruth O'Buck passed the written exam for an Instructors Rating. Pat Gilda completed Meteorology in a course at the Community College, took the written Commercial Exam and passed! Elizabeth Krauku is really keeping her nose to the grindstone. Liz works long hours and goes to night school to absorb all the ground school she can. May the power of osmosis be with her.

Several of us are waiting patiently for our favorite lakes to break up so we can take off on floats again. With weather like we've been having it shouldn't be long now.

Helen Stoddard was hostess to the April meeting which was held in Stoddard's Hangar at Merrill Field. Everyone agreed that we should present an electric coffee urn to the Palmer Airmen's Association and the Palmer Flying Club in appreciation for the use of their facilities when we have held our breakfasts. So, the following Monday Helen Stoddard, Ruth O'Buck, Pat McGee, Arliss Cumbie, Pat Gilda, Marion Zaegel and the beautiful new coffee urn motored to Palmer and presented the surprise at the Airmen's Association meeting which was being held at the time. Needless to say, they were very pleased.

Ann Pollom was a guest and is continually logging up hours. With our longer days it won't be long before we have another member. Another new face and recent arrival in the territory was Bobby Quimby, who I understand has sent in her application for membership. I will have to dig into her past more at the next meeting and get the details.

Until next time, good flying.



### **SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER**

**By Jeanne Strahl**

The highlight of our April 7 meeting was the nomination and election of officers for the San Fernando Valley Chapter. This mid-year election was necessary inasmuch as the chapter has now split and a new chapter has been formed — the San Gabriel Chapter. While we realize that distance necessitated the chapter split we will miss the girls and their enthusiastic support. We wish every success to our sister chapter. Our chapter elected Lola Ricci, Chairman; Virginia Hall

and Louise Robertson, Co-vice-chairmen; Renee Brown, Secretary; and Donna Strom, Treasurer. The meeting took place in Virginia Hall's beautiful home in LaCanada. After the meeting Ginnie set up a buffet of delicacies to tempt the most astute gourmet.

A delightful surprise of the evening was the presence of Clara Davis. Before the evening was over we had convinced Clara she had neglected the 99's long enough and we feel assured she will be back soon giving us technical advice and her own personal charm.

Want to feel a pang of embarrassment? Just wait until your husband who recently soloed and passed his private with flying colors starts asking questions about regulations passed since we took our exams eons ago. Puts one to shame. Now Lola Ricci is quietly boning up to keep pace with her hubby who is an aviation enthusiast that won't stop.

Joan Ferguson has returned from a trip to Indiana and tackling her Air Marking project with vengeance.

Trixie Schubert has added still another talent to her long list. She has promised to model for a charity affair soon to be sponsored by the private school systems. Trixie is a perfect tall 16.

### **SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER**

**By Hialeah Reilich**

Our April meeting was held at the Lanai Restaurant near Sacramento Municipal Airport. Our fly-in members were Coral Bloom, Betty Maynes and Nelsyne Jones. Vivian Dalton missed a ride with Betty so bravely drove to Sacramento from Williams. Helen Mace met the fly-ins and drove them to the Lanai but couldn't stay for the meeting. Others present were Jan Kapus, Ruth Wagner, Gerry Mickelson, Rita Hart, Hialeah Reilich and two student pilot guests.

Did lots of hangar flying while munching delicious teri-yaki steak sandwiches. We were happy to hear that Gerry with Margaret Gerhardt of Bay Cities chapter will be scouting the race route this year. It was quite interesting to hear how this is done—especially for us new members. This touched off the "who's going in the TAR this year?" talk. So far have nothing to report.

Betty and Joe Haynes had a fine time on the Flying Farmers Air Tour and soon will be flying to Texas to bring their oldest son home on leave. Fancy hitch-hiking for a G.I.

Ruth and Al Wagner left this morning on their way to Phoenix for the Annual Convention of the Flying Physicians, then on to Tucson for the Spring Sectional.

After a brief business meeting, Vivian Dalton invited us to her home

on the Dalton Airport for our May meeting. We were happy to accept and this will be our first meeting away from Sacto since last fall.

### **SAN DIEGO CHAPTER**

**By Margaret S. Lang**

Our April meeting was held on the 18th at Marian Craver's lovely home. We had an outstanding turn-out of regular members and were happy to welcome guests and prospective members. Polly Potter Ross is being reinstated (she is one of the original members of the 99's) and she gave a most informative and interesting short talk on the highlights of her flying career—had all of us entranced! Prospective members present were Marian Thomas, Bobbie Westling and Anna Christenson. We were also glad to welcome Stella Hardin who is transferring to our Chapter from Hawaii. We are all sorry to hear that Mayetta Behringer is leaving us—she's moving up to Palo Alto in about three weeks. Guess the Bay Cities Chapter will be the lucky one to get her! Hope she'll be back down this way again as it was a pleasure to know her.

Since several of our members are glider enthusiasts now, Marian arranged for Sterling Starr to show slides he has made since the start of his glider career. They were beautifully done and Sterling gave us an interesting talk as he showed them.

Plans for our Annual Aviation Ball were discussed. Betty Lambert is Chairman of the dance, Harriet Allen is in charge of decorations and Margaret Lang in charge of ticket distribution. You're all invited to attend—the date is June 7. This year instead of donating the \$100.00 to one of the Race contestants, we're going to use the proceeds from the dance on events for the start of the Race.

Marian Craver, Betty Lambert, Dotie Sanders, Anna Christenson, Polly Ross, Lobby Westling, Willie Kelvin, Terry Vasques, Millie Carlson, Jerry Vickers, Frances Goodwin and Gertrude and John Lockwood and Lois and Harry Bartling are planning to attend the Sectional meeting in Tucson April 26.

We are all proud of the fact that the Air Force Association has selected Terry Vasques as one of 11 women nominated for "Woman of the Year in Air Power." The winner will be announced at an award banquet on April 26. We're keeping our fingers crossed that Terry will be the winner!

Aileen Saunders, Terry Vasques and a photographer flew to Rosarito Beach and Marian, Gertrude Lookwood, Lea Hanlon and Ruby Keaveny drove down to meet them for lunch to make plans for one of the gala entertainment events we're setting up for the start of the Race. It's a terrific setting and



we hope all of you will be able to be here in July to enjoy it with us.

Helen Dick and Dottie Shultz, our two most ardent glider enthusiasts, spent their Easter vacation at Elsinore, where they had a "soaring" good time!

We're all happy for Anne Hanrahan and 49½'er, Bob, who are adopting a baby boy. He "arrived" on April 21 at the age of 4 months, weighs 14 pounds and his name is Michael Bruce.

#### TUCSON CHAPTER

Who had fun at the Southwest Sectional? Why, 'most everybody who could roc, roll, fly, ride or swim to Tucson for the April 25, 26, 27 weekend! Fifty-four advance registrations gave a total of 25 aircraft that were welcomed at Tucson airport's new weather bureau building, and who gave the young tower a "baptism under fire."

Arriving participants were greeted with "howdy" bags (and we don't mean the members of the welcoming committee) and showered with gifts and surprises through-out the weekend. Friday evening saw us out for a movie short about Arizona, and a "cheer" hour, while Saturday was real Arizona-brand fun, with riding, swimming, steak fry, and, of course, fashions by Miguela of Tucson. Sunday the "birds" took wing again, for all good things do end, but Tucson loved having you-all, and hopes you'll be back soon.

Like any shindig, we'd never have gotten off the ground without so many wonderful friends and able workers. Special thanks to our co-chairman, Shirley Marshall and Lorraine Chandler, who scrambled their sleep for many long weeks to insure us all a perfect time.

Dorothy Jenkins is "back on the line" again after a major operation April 15 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix. Shirley Marshall and Lorraine Chandler flew Shirley's Tri-Pacer to Phx after the ordeal to present Dot with a Compass Rose pin and the best wishes of the Chapter. (Contrary to popular rumor, they did not bring on the cloudburst that struck Phoenix that day, but were themselves forced to abandon the Pacer for an Apache for the return trip.) Doris Choiniere cheered Dorothy up by flying in Thursday, and, of course, no small aid to recovery was 49½'er Charlie and the Jenkins young men, who flew up Saturday.

Latest proud accomplishment is Shirley Marshall's achievement of her Commercial ticket on March 20, after about 250 hours of blood, sweat, tears, and pure joy. Many more of them, C1371716!

#### SAGUARO CHAPTER

By Marjy Crowl

Our Spring Quarterly Meeting was held March 30, a Sunday, at 2:00 p.m.



Lorraine Chandler (left), and Shirley Marshall, sparkplugs of the Southwest Sectional, take time out to model some desert fashions by Miguela of Tucson. The happy friend in the middle is the Chandler's Navion.

at Thunderbird Academy, 8 miles north of Scottsdale, Arizona. Thunderbird Academy is now a Seventh Day Adventist High School and Trade School, was once a primary training field known as Thunderbird No. 2. They utilize all the buildings on the field as well as the runways. One hangar is used for planes used and owned by the school aviation division and for a few private planes which rent space there. Other hangars and buildings are used for such things as a furniture factory, laundry and dry cleaning, bakery, etc. — as well as classrooms, dormitories, administration building, etc. It is a very interesting school and the executives and everyone else with whom we came in contact were exceedingly gracious and hospitable. About 50 people heard A. Howard Hasbrook, director of the Aviation Crash-Injury Research Project of Cornell University, speak and saw his slides and movies on "Crash and Live." He succeeded in making some of us more safety-conscious—I'm getting safety-belts installed in my car! Door prizes were awarded—about 16 of them, thanks to our 99's in the

aviation industry and others in that field. Jimmie Lou Shelton contributed a unique timer and a couple of cuff-link sets on behalf of Anderson Aviation; Frances Wood donated an attractive set of drinking glasses from Sun Valley Air Service; Beverly Davis came through with a flight from Davis Flying Service; Ruth Reinhold's chief, Bill Hixson, really helped our display table with a variety of articles and useful prizes from Mercury Flying Service; American Airlines and TWA both gave mementos and Blakely Oil contributed three helicopter rides. Many other flying schools and distributors donated rides and flights. Thanks to all. Besides the instructive talk and tour of the school, Thunderbird Academy also provided refreshments of lemonade and brownies, which really hit the spot on a hot afternoon.

Thelma Biegert was hostess in her lovely new home to chapter members for our regular monthly business meeting. Wilma Bland, Marjy Crowl, Doris Gline, Juanita Newell, Ruth Reinhold, Alice Roberts and "late but not least" our chairman, Melba Beard, success-



fully navigated to this Scottsdale home. Also we were happy to have as a guest Dr. Doris Rowe, a prospective member. For refreshments Thelma served coffee, tea and a chocolate sheet cake with a white 99 on each piece. Melba had car trouble between Wickenburg and Peoria, but arrived in time for refreshments and more business. Alice Roberts was just late enough to make her debut as a striking red-head with a grand entrance.

Ruth Reinhold and Pat Runyan plan to fly Pat's Bonanza in AWTAR. Juanita Newell reports that she recently flew to the Coast and that it was clear with a visibility of 50! Camille Shapley is the first one to read the Ruth Nichol's book which we bought to start our own library—a slight charge to each person defrays the cost of the book, with perhaps a profit to get more. Melba Beard spent some time in California. Dorothy Jenkins sojourned in Phoenix briefly—in the hospital! Juanita flew her back to Tucson and says she felt fine. Ruth Reinhold had a flight to Caborca, Mexico recently. Have news via grapevine that Betty Clements will be returning to Phoenix—this time, we have hopes,

she will be able to spend some time with us.

Present plans have Juanita taking Betty Slater, June Kaiser, Doris Rowe, and Agness in the 195 to TUS for Southwest Sectional Meeting. Alice and Charles Roberts fly their Bonanza down; Ruth Reinhold, Pat Runyan and Camille Shapley in a Mercury Flying Service plane; Thelma and Mox Bie-gert flying their 195 with yours truly as passenger. Wilma and Bill Bland plan to stay three days, Melba Beard for two. Doris and John Glina plan to drive Dawn down, Jimmie Lou Shelton's plans are indefinite at this point since her two youngsters have been sick most of the time since they returned from their trip to Missouri. Haven't heard from members Louise Lantis, new Flying Farmer Queen, or Helen Cancourt and Beth Wright. Adios!

#### **BAY CITIES CHAPTER** **By Margaret Gerhardt**

The Bay Cities Chapter met at Geri Hill's new apartment in Berkeley for the April meeting. Those present were Marilyn Anderson, Maxine Carlson, Miriam Brugh, Margaret Gerhardt, Geri Hill, Jean Kaye, Doris Phillips,

Ruth Rueckert, and Eleanor Wilson. We were happy to have Doris Phillips with us, formerly of Southern California. Her husband is now stationed at Alameda.

After the business meeting, when we discussed what we might do to help save us some airports and air space, there was hangar flying and some rather shaggy dog stories. Geri Hill and Hazel Miles are planning to go to the sectional at Tucson via Tri-Pacer and Jean Kaye hopes to go if she can find something faster than her Trojan to fly. Margaret Topping is being married on April 27, and we hope to have her back at meetings in another month or so. She will be Mrs. William R. Roberts and they will live in Livermore. Gail Lane is vacationing in La Jolla.

The May meeting will be Saturday, the 17th, at 1 p.m. in Half Moon Bay. Maxine is making arrangements and we expect to have enough drive-ins to handle the fly-ins' transportation from the airport to the picnic grounds. Eleanor expects to bring the Playboy and I for one am looking forward to seeing it. 49½'ers, children, and friends are being invited as well as nearby chapters.

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