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## President's Column

January 1, 1959

Another New Year! I wonder how many of us started this year with a 'clean slate'? Ha! Not I, for certain! But how wonderful to look forward to this New Year with renewed enthusiasm for what ever it may hold for us, at the same time, remembering to be grateful for all that the old year has given us!

The Amelia Earhart Scrap Books were delivered to Headquarters recently, by Cleo Morrison, of the Long Beach Chapter. I am sure that members who visit Headquarters will find them so interesting that it will be very difficult to lay them aside. They are a valuable addition to our Organization, and one that we can take much pride in owning. Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to all those members who were instrumental in acquiring them for us. You will find more about the purchase of these scrap books elsewhere in this issue of Newsletter. We have also received our National scrap book for 1957-58, for which we thank Barbara Hornback of the Idaho Chapter. Do remember to send any scrap book material to Chairman Alice Kudrna this year, our National scrap books are most important to our Organization.

We now have a Mayor in our ranks! Member at Large, Her Worship Gertrude McKinzie, Cheltenham, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, was elected by a large majority. Congratulations, to Her Worship!

If any of you have not received your new roster by this date, please advise Headquarters office.

I am so very pleased with the work you are doing everywhere, and especially in getting those new members. I knew you could do it, and I am convinced that I can depend on a loyal and wonderful Organization, working together, to increase our membership much, before the year is finished.

The weather has forced me to my typewriter and the telephone for the past two months, more or less, but the Cessna has had a checkup during this time and is now all ready to go to work for Ninety-Nines again. Houston,



**LONG BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERS**, Cleo Morrison, Iris Critchell, Claire Walters and Cynthia Gilkinson with the Amelia Earhart Scrap Book that was delivered by Cleo (on the left) to Headquarters.

## Amelia Earhart Scrap Books At Headquarters

Cleo Morrison, of the Long Beach Chapter, stopped at Will Rogers Field in Oklahoma City, on her way home in a plane she was ferrying to Long Beach, to deliver the Amelia Earhart scrap books to Ninety - Nines Headquarters.

The scrap books were located by Iris Critchell, also of the Long Beach Chapter, in an antique shop in Santa Monica. Iris did considerable checking as to the authenticity of the scrap books, also, Ruth Rueckert, San Francisco, California, Jimmie Kolp, Electric, Texas, and Blanche Noyes, Wash-

Shreveport, Kansas City, and next?

Good weather . . . Good Flying!

Sincerely

*Bronie Laine Evans*

ington, D. C. checked them before they were purchased.

The books were purchased by Ninety-Nines, Inc., and they will be permanently displayed at the International Headquarters.

Along with the clippings from many newspapers showing Amelia's flying exploits of 1929-32, the scrap books contain ambulance drivers license issued to her during World War I, and a photo signed by Richard E. Byrd, Will Stultz, Lew Gordon and Amelia. The scrapbooks were a part of the estate distributed by the administrators after the death a few years ago, of George P. Putnam, husband of Amelia. A search of her logbooks is now underway by members of the Long Beach Chapter. Few of Amelia's belongings remain in existence. Her home in Rye, New York, burned early in the 1930's, destroying many of her memos.



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### Work On Scholarship Fund Started In 1939

(Note: This item was received from Alma Harwood, who has worked with the A. E. Scholarship Fund, serving as permanent trustee since its inception. We believe that it will serve well to familiarize many of us with the objective planning and requirements needed to build the Fund. We owe much to Alma, and all those members who have given so freely of their time and financial assistance, to further its purpose and success.)

In 1939 President Betty Gillies appointed Alma Harwood to set up the legal structure and working structure of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund. Alma obtained the advice and assistance of Major Lester Gardner then head of the Institute of Aeronautical Science; the Guaranty Trust Company of New York; Gov. Harwood and other lawyers in drawing up the agreement for establishing the trust fund and the procedure for making the awards.

For "fund raising" she designed and donated penny banks which were distributed to all the members. In 1941 to encourage and keep the enthusiasm and interest of the members Betty Gillies and Alma donated the money for the first award. President Jacqueline Cochran donated the second award in 1942 as the interest on the principle of the trust was still insufficient to meet the \$150.00 appropriation. That was the last given until the war ended and in 1947 the interest was sufficient to again give out an award.

In 1941 upon the request of Alma, Margaret Cooper Manser was appointed permanent co-trustee to assist in the financial decisions. After her death, Janette Sovereign was elected

permanent trustee with additional committee members.

The original \$150.00 award has now been increased to \$350.00 and the committee can allocate funds for printing, stamps and other overhead expenses which originally were paid by the permanent trustees.

## 1959 AWTAR

Opening date for Entries, April 20, '59  
Closing date for Entries, June 15, '59  
Imp'd Deadline, 1700 EST, July 1, '59  
Take-off, 0800 EST, July 4, '59

Finish Deadline, 1200 PST, July 8, '59

All entries postmarked with the date of April 15, 1959 (regardless of the time of day) will be drawn for official Race numbers. All subsequent entries will be assigned numbers as per actual postmark.

Rules and Regulations, Applications for Entry, Handicap lists and all other race information will be available from Race Headquarters after February 1, 1959.

The route of the 1959 AWTAR will cover 2470 statute miles. Following are the "designated airports" along the route:

Lawrence Municipal Airport, Lawrence, Mass.

Broome County Airport, Binghamton, N. Y.

Youngstown Municipal Airport, Youngstown, Ohio.

Kokomo Municipal Airport, Kokomo, Ind. (Must Stop.)

DuPage County Airport, West Chicago, Ill.

Lobb Field (Municipal Airport), Rochester, Minn.

Fargo Municipal Airport, Fargo, N. D. (Must Stop.)

Bismark Municipal Airport, Bismark, N. D.

Miles City Airport, Miles City, Mont.  
Helena Municipal Airport, Helena, Mont. (Must Stop.)

Felts Field, Spokane, Wash.

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### To All Section Scholarship Chairmen

By the time you are reading this issue of the News Letter, you should have received the applications for the Scholarship Award from the various Chapters in your Section, and you and your committee are doubtless in the process of screening them for the "semi-finals." Your final selection to represent the Section, on the basis of one application for each 100 members, or major fraction thereof, should be made within the next 30 days, and the winning application forwarded on to me with a covering letter postmarked **no later than February 20, 1959**. And if you mail them close to the deadline date, please forward them to me by **airmail**!

The balance of the applications in your possession should be returned to the respective applicants, with the request that they please try again next year. The fact that an applicant fails to win one year is no reason for her to believe she may not win the following year.

Remember the deadline date: **February 20, 1959!**

With very best wishes to you all for 1959,

Sincerely,  
Marjorie E. Fauth,  
Chairman, Amelia  
Earhart Memorial  
Scholarship Fund

### Coming Events

April—Southwest Sectional Meeting, San Fernando Valley, details later.  
24-26

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24-26

—South Central Sectional Meeting, Omaha, Neb., date and details later.

—Southeast Sectional Meeting, Panama City, Fla., date and details later.

—Sky Lady Derby, June, 1959, time and details later.

July—AWTAR, Lawrence, Mass.  
1-8 to Spokane, Wash.





### FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER By Roz Robinson

First Canadian Chapter girls managed to get together on October 25th at my home in Toronto. Susan Koch reported the results of the mail ballot and our officers will be listed in the new Roster.

We agreed that the main job this year will be to find as many new girl pilots as possible and we didn't waste any time in starting but signed up Shelia Mann of Dundas, Ontario, right at the meeting. Shelia came to our meeting the day after receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree from MacMasters University in Hamilton. She is a public school teacher and lives with her parents on a farm where she, lucky girl, keeps her Piper Cub right outside the door. We also had a guest, Mrs. Dorothy Mallett of Niagara Falls. Dorothy has almost finished her private course and would like to join as soon as she gets the ticket.

Susan Koch agreed to take on the difficult office of Section Governor following in the footsteps of Dorothy Rungeling, who has done her usual magnificent job for the past few years. We regret that Dorothy was unable to join us. Apparently she started out twice from Welland during the morning in the Bonanza and was turned back both times by bad weather. We had hoped to see her pictures of the race but that will have to be a treat we look forward to at our next meeting. Audrey Peck showed us a few

colored snaps of the Bahamas which turned everyone green with envy.

We hope to have more news of our members' flying activities after our monthly round-robin letter gets back to your reporter.



### By Anne Baddour

Phyllis Livermore, who has lived in Spain for quite a spell now, (some people have all the luck!) has become the first American woman to receive a Spanish Pilot's License. I quote from her letter:

"The big day finally arrived and I have received my 'Titulo' from the Spanish Air Force. They really don't kid about it over here, and are very rigorous and meticulous about the whole thing. The Colonel in charge of all Spanish Air Force flying activities was the gentleman who gave me my flight exam—replete with his ribbons and sidearms. It was wonderful."

She received her Spanish Pilot's License on September 22, 1958. Before going to Spain with her husband, "Doc" Livermore, she was administrative assistant to the executive vice-president of a large paper manufacturing company, during which time she flew in the course of her business duties over much of the United States, especially from Canada to Mobile, Ala., in a Piper Tri-Pacer provided by her company. She is also a member and former vice-president of the New England Aero Club, the first Aero Club in America.

I hear from Pat Arnold that it's lambing time down on the sheep ranch again. She says that they have 250 sheep and so far since the first of December have had 87 new lambs, and expect 300 before springs rolls around. Can sheep have twins?

In November, 1958, Massachusetts Aviation Education Council presented a program for teachers, guidance personnel and administrators at Boston's Logan International Airport. Charlotte Kelley extended the welcoming address on behalf of the Massachusetts Education Council. This airport operations program provided the participants of the Aviation Education Institute with a day of first-hand aviation experiences. It was offered by the sponsors to make basic understanding of aviation available to them in a functional manner. Educators of our nation are rapidly recognizing that aviation is having, and will continue to have, a profound effect upon our way of life.



### WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER By Terri Pirrung

Reactivation of our chapter got off to a very encouraging start on November 20 with a good turn-out and a delicious roast duck dinner at the new Clinton-Aire Hotel, Buffalo Airport.

Roll call showed: Members—Floroe Andeer, Ethel Fedders, Dorothy Forke, Abbie Haddaway, Jean Nellson, Ruth Olson, and Terri Pirrung, and guests Lee Carter, Tonie Guay and Marge McAdam. Peggy Norris, our newly elected Sectional Governor, flew in from New York and we were all happy to meet her.

Officers for this coming year are: Chairman, Jean Nellson; Vice-Chairman, Abbie Haddaway; and Ruth Olson, Secretary-Treasurer. Committees were appointed as follows: Membership Chairman, Abbie Haddaway; Publicity, Ruth Olson, Jean Nellson and Abbie Haddaway; Ways and Means, Floroe Andeer; News Letter, Terri Pirrung; and Chairman Nominating Committee, Ethel Fedders.

For being new at the job Peggy Norris did an excellent job as guest speaker. One thing she stressed is the need for more publicity to acquaint the public with the 99's and urged as many girls as possible to fly in the AWTAR. In conclusion she presented our new Chairman, Jean Nellson, with a nicely bound little book, "History of the 99's." We are all behind you, Peggy—down to the last female.

Jean Nellson and husband, Bob, have a new Apache. In fact it's so new that they are eagerly waiting to be checked out in it. Abbie Haddaway has moved her Cessna 120 from Buffalo Municipal to Gardenville Airport.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Abbie and Ethel Fedders for all the time they have spent in getting our Chapter together again.

### N. Y. - N. J. SECTION By "AJ" STARR

A business meeting was held Nov. 18 at the 71st Regiment Armory. The meeting was called to order by the Governor and Secretary Doris Renninger was called upon to read the minutes of the last meeting. Treasurer Kay Hillbrandt gave the financial report.

A report of our recent successful dinner-dance was given by Irene Keith who said we had a profit of \$125.22. Everyone agreed that Irene and Herb Fisher deserved a vote of thanks for their hard work in connection with the dance. Mr. Fisher was our emcee and introduced the guests at the dance who were: Anne Shields, AE Scholar-

### Pilots Briefing

On pages 70 and 71 of the 1959 Roster, the following are in the Eastern Washington Chapter, **not** the Idaho Chapter: Reynnells, Richardson, Seavey, and Sherman. So please mark them accordingly and with your Editor's sincerest apology.

Please notify your Editor of the dates and sites of your Spring Sectionals at the earliest convenience, as well as Air Races, etc.

### NOTICE

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ship winner; Lucille Wright, WWAA—Woman of the Year Award winner; Ruth Nichols, recipient of the Lady Hay Drummond-Hay Trophy for '58; and a local Wing Scout, Audrey Graff, winner of the NY-NJ Chapter Merit Award. Other guests were Robert Copsey, director, Bureau of Aeronautics, State of New Jersey, and Jack Wardell, Boeing test pilot on the B-707.

The retiring Governor installed the new officers and new Governor, Peggy Norris, gave a very fine speech. Willie Hanzlik was also a substantial contributor to the success of the dance by selling 90 tickets! We had a great many wonderful sponsors who donated door prizes. A highlight of glamour was supplied by Ena Ayres and two of her co-workers. They came wearing blond wigs tinted pastel pink, green and blue respectively! Their satin gowns were vivid shades of the same colors.

Back to our business meeting—Barbara Evans heads the Membership Committee. (Manila Talley has donated \$50 to be given to the NY-NJ member who brings in most new members between Sept. 1, '58 and Sept. 1, '59.) Jeanne Spielberg is in charge of the Ways and Means Committee, Connie Hahn is chairman of the Estimated Budget Committee for the coming year, and the Public Relations Committee is headed by Phyllis Crouch. We're off to a good start publicity-wise as indicated by the extensive newspaper coverage received regarding the election of new officers. Our Governor made the first page of The Daily News, Westchester Ed. The first edition of "Airport News," issued for the major airports of this area, has photographs of our new officers in the center fold.

Julia Acampora is chairman of the Flying Activity Committee and the AE Scholarship Fund Committee is headed by Arax Simsarian.

We will have a Christmas party at the home of Peggy Norris on December 6. As usual each member will bring a present for a child at Belleville Hospital.

The Western N. Y. Chapter has been activated by Abby Haddaway and they started off with 14 members!



#### WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER By Virginia Thompson

Our Sectional meeting was such a nice affair, thanks to Adelaide Tinker and her committee: Kitty Stepler, Gloria Durham, Barbara Bonnett and Dorothy Faulkner. We were greeted with pleasant smiles at the Atlantic Aviation, New Castle County Airport,



**LOCAL 99's** (women pilots holding luncheon meeting at Du Pont Country Club. Part of local 99 luncheon meeting committee includes (left to right): Gloria Durham, Dorothy Faulkner, Barbara Bonnett, Adelaide Tinker, and Kitty Stepler.

Wilmington, Del., on Oct. 25, 1958. Although umbrellas were in vogue that day, several went flying via Atlantic's Link trainer. The rest of us just looked longingly at the new Beechcrafts. The group then proceeded to the Hagley Museum along the historic Brandywine River. It was here that Eleuthere Irenee duPont founded his powder mills which served our country for 117 years. Our one regret was not being able to take the jitney ride over the beautiful grounds.

After a delicious luncheon in the Conestoga Room of the DUPont Country Club, Governor Ada Mitchell presided at the business meeting. Highlights of the activities of the different Chapters were given by Dorothy Mitchell and Peggy Borak. Dorothy also told of the wonderful time she had at the National Convention in Montgomery, Ala.; Elsie McBride, the Women's International Air Race from Welland, Canada, to the Bahamas. Ada thanked her corps of officers: Adelaide Tinker and Jean Rutledge, and presented them with attractive ceramic pieces that she had made. With a wisp of sadness, Ada turned the meeting over to the incoming officers: Adelaide Tinker, Governor; Elsie McBride, Vice-Governor; and Peggy Borek, Secretary - Treasurer. Our heartfelt thanks goes to Ada for a job well done and our congratulations to the new officers. Under their guidance, we are looking forward to a wonderful year.

"Around the World in 35 Minutes" was the theme of our November meeting at Dorothy Mitchell's home. That is after we finally got into the right one. A dark house (blown electrical fuse), guests unsure of the exact location, a neighbor's welcoming porch light and greeting to enter ended with several surprised people, namely: the neighbor, Ann Ash and myself. Besides the above named, Velta Benn,

Eva Magonis, Hazel Dwiggin, Lamona Vervenka, Doty Powers, Ada Mitchell and visitor, Liz Banes, saw movies of Japan and Okinawa that Dorothy and her husband had taken while stationed there. After our business meeting, refreshments were served.

We are happy to report that those on our sick list are improving, Blanche Noyes from a severe case of shingles and Clara Callaghan from two cataract operations.

The jinx has been broken for Ann Ash. Although bad weather threatened, it failed to prove a serious handicap for her party. Once again Ann's home was the scene of our delightful Christmas party. We always look forward to her kind hospitality. Spiced cranberry punch put us all in a holiday mood for the usual gayety that accompanies our exchange of gifts. You really missed a choice bit of constant gabbing by Ada Mitchell on why Lamona Cervenka should not take the fruit cake from her. After hearing such pleading, Lamona just didn't have the heart to deprive Ada of her tasty morsel. After several games, Christmas carols filled the air. Imagine our surprise later to find that Bill Ash had recorded our singing. Doty Powers and Jan Tyler added the jopful notes that made our warbling sound surprisingly well. "A Very Merry Christmas to All," ended a happy occasion for everyone.

Ada Mitchell, Lamona Cervenka, Mr. Spears, Mr. Oaks and I discussed our part in the Civil Defense Program while recently munching a delicious lunch at Dorothy Mitchell's home.



#### CAROLINAS CHAPTER By Sara Shonk

Our September meeting was held at the Charlotte, N. C., municipal airport. Nita Hudman arranged for the business meeting to be conducted in 49½ers office at Southeast Airmotive Corporation. New officers elected are as follows: Nancy Mayes, Chairman; Maxine Walker, Vice-Chairman; and Nita Hudman, Secretary-Treasurer. Attending the meeting were Nancy Mayes, Nita Hudman, Betty Hamilton, Louise Smith, Sara Shonk, and Myrtle Thompson. Myrtle brought a guest from Great Britain, Diane Barnes. I think Diane will become a Ninety-Nine shortly.

The Carolinas Chapter was represented by four members at the Southeast Sectional meeting in Marietta, Ga., in October. They were: SE Gov-





**LOUISE SMITH, MARION HART AND LOUISE THADEN** on Marion's stop-over visit in the Carolinas.

ernor Burnette Spencer, Louise Smith, Nita Hudman and Estelle Bradshaw. Also along to enjoy Kitty Nix's hospitality were 49½ers Herman Smith, Gene Hudman and Carl Bradshaw. From all reports a wonderful time was had by all.

A fly-in meeting was held at the Raleigh-Durham Airport on November 9. Myrtle Thompson was in charge of arrangements. Maxine Walker presided in the absence of Nancy Mayes. Others present were Gale East, Estelle Bradshaw, Nita Hudman, Louise Smith and Sara Shonk. Louise provided a guest from Seoul, Korea. She is Capt. Kim Kyung O, the only woman pilot in the Korean Air Force. Kim is presently attending Guilford College in High Point, N. C., studying English. When she has sufficiently mastered our language she will do further flying here before returning to Korea. She hopes to organize a women's civil flying club on her return to Korea. Kim will be in the USA about three years and would like to be a Ninety-Nine, so we may have another new member soon. At Gale East's invitation we adjourned to her beautiful new home for refreshments. She has invited us back for a meeting in the spring. Our next meeting is scheduled for December 14, at the lovely Pine Needles County Club, Southern Pines, N. C. The North Carolina Aero Club is having a weekend there and have invited us to join in their golfing and gaieties. It will be nice seeing Peggy Kirk and Warren Bell, proprietors, again. Peggy is a Ninety-Nine.

Nita Hudman has had several interesting cross countries recently. She had been ferrying new Mooney Mark 20A's from Kerrville, Texas, to Charlotte, N. C. Between flights she keeps

busy managing her home, three children, and is also taking some college courses. What energy! Happy holidays to everyone.

### ALABAMA CHAPTER

By Jan Warrick

A vote of thanks to our editor for those little foot notes aimed at non-reporting Chapters, it really jolted me in the right direction, it's not that Alabama Chapter hasn't been doing anything, I just have been letting my tail wheel drag on reporting it, and attendance too, I'll have to admit.

Much has been going on as I found out this past Sunday when the Chapter had an almost perfect attendance at our November meeting in my home town, Decatur — seems there's been a Ninety-Nine fly-in down Clanton way nearly every Sunday this fall, sort of a fly-in jamboree and they seem to have been having loads of fun.

We are all proud of our newest (and youngest) member "Lil Min" Wade. The ink's not dry on that private and she's already well on the way to a commercial. The "age barrier" has been holding that gal back but there's nothing to stop her now. You can bet we're all standing on our toes with tongue in cheek.

Sorry to loose Liz Gay from our Chapter. The altar and a college professor in Mass. claimed her. Our Chapter's loss will be some eastern Chapter's gain.

The Halsteads report a very enjoyable 182 trip to Yellowstone and other points west right after convention. If anyone needs a vacation trip it's a convention chairman when it's all over. We are proud of the job Juanita did and hope everyone at the convention enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed preparing for it.

Plans are underway for fly-ins around the state with the two-fold aim being to encourage membership and gain publicity for the Ninety-Nines.

Everybody's enthusiastic about the Chapter trophy. It's to be the "Margaret Barnett Memorial Trophy" and will be won by the first Alabama 99 to get her name engraved on it the third time, for the greatest number of hours logged during a given period of time (six months). It's a beautiful silver platter and we all want to own it. What a flappin' of wings comes January 1, 1959, the "go" date.

Most of the Chapter attended the Fall Sectional in Georgia and seems a gala time was had by all. Proud to say that our former Chairman, Juanita Halstead, was made Section Secretary.

Ye ole reporter had the pleasure of 30 minutes dual in the Apache right after the meeting Sunday. What a nice way to wind up a meeting. Now I want "more" and you know how much an

hour—tis sad—the time was complimentary—and fun.

The annual Christmas party meeting will be at Minnie Wade's home in Clanton, the second Sunday in December. More news then.

"What did the ocean say to the airplane as it flew over?"

"Didn't say anything. Just waved."

### FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Vera M. Bratz

The Chapter has been busy the last two months but with mostly hanger flying. We had a wonderful time at the home of Irma Price at the November meeting. Irma prepared a walloping barbecue for the members. Needless to say, no one went away hungry.

We were too full to talk much but did hold a brief meeting at which we planned a reception for Blanche Noyes some time in the future as we were not sure of the exact date when she was to arrive in Miami.

December 10, we held a meeting, just to chat with Blanche Noyes. We met at the home of Verna Burke and all who attended the meeting enjoyed it. We almost forgot the time and the fact that most of us had to get up early to get to work. We discussed the prospects of a Miami to Alaska Skyways to welcome the state of Alaska into the Union next June. How far that goes depends upon cutting a lot of red tape and planning.

The Christmas party was held last Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Red Coach Grill. This was a dinner meeting and we all felt just like the season has hit us with a bang. It seems as though the last Christmas party has just finished and here we were at another.

By the way, Marion King presented her husband with a son and heir. Al went out and bought her a station wagon as a present. Wonder what it would have been had she had twins? Dorothy Vermorel is up and around again. She acquired a cat to keep her company in recuperating.



### CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By June Basile

The below zero temperature and the bad visibility due to the driving snow didn't keep the Chicago Chapter from two happy Christmas events.

Two big tablesfull (20 members and guests) attended The Chicago Tribune Goodfellow's luncheon at the Sheraton Hotel on December 11th. Nell Brown, our coordinator for the luncheon and for the 99 Christmas gift air-



lift for this affair, was proud to see that we were so well represented. Some of the members had to travel over 30 miles by car to attend.

Phil Maxwell, Mr. Goodfellow himself, returned the compliment by attending our own Christmas party the following Sunday. Mr. Maxwell, accompanied by his lovely wife, led us in a round of Christmas carols that put us all in a real Christmas spirit.

The gayly decorated Christmas tree made a perfect background for the members gift to the Chapter. Five prospective members and two brand new members. Eva White, ably assisted by 49½er Harold, took publicity pictures of the new lady pilots. Congratulations to Sue Willems and Irene Campbell, the two new members.

Lois Cassidy may never be able to give up the task of planning our Christmas parties because she is again responsible for the success of this year's event. The charcoal broiled steak dinner was especially tempting after the "cocktail hour." We were told that the entertainment for the evening was to be a surprise. And, so it was! We all joined in and took chacha lessons from John Pierce, an instructor for the Fred Astaire Dance Studio.

If there had been any prizes to award, Eve Chilcoat and her 49½er would have deserved them for some pretty fancy routines. Alton doesn't save all his talents for the dance floor—he a capable airman in an emergency. He's carrying only a small cut on the bridge of his nose to prove that he had a forced landing in their Cessna.

Mary Beritich enjoyed a pre-Christmas surprise. She finally flew her rebuilt Cub Cruiser and now she's wishing the weekend weather would brighten up so that she can make a few trips. Chicago weather has grounded Eva White's new 180 and June Basile's 175, but Gladys and Les Muter picked just the right weekend for a quickie flight to Florida in their Apache.

#### **GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER** **By Elaine Morris**

Happy New Year to all our members and friends. Being a new reporter and having missed a few News Letters has me in quite a dither at this reporting. Forgive, please, any error in fact or figures.

Our October meeting was a fly-out breakfast to Topeka, Kan., Oct. 5. For added interest we invited pilots and friends from surrounding airports to join us. We were very pleased that approximately 10 persons did just that. Members attending were Joan Cayot, Mary Ruth Dietrich, Marjory Farrell, Sarah Gorelick, Grace Harris, Katherine Peck, Betty Siggs, Dee Southard, Elaine Morris, and 49½er's Orville Kuhlman and Bill



**KANSAS 99's** with their guests, Greater Kansas City Chapter and prospective Kansas 99's, at November meeting. Back row (left to right): Margaret Berry, Marjorie Farrell, Mary Ruth Dietrich, Joan Cayot, Ann Pappas, Hazel Guy, Marie Engleman, Olive Payne, Margaret Yourdon, Pat Ripper and daughter, Susan, Doris Richey. Second row: Marjorie Brightup, Mary McKillip, Ruth Stafford, Elaine Morris, Marie Kuhlman, Becky Morgan. Front row: Helen Chandler, Mary Stratemeier, Laurien Griffin, Pat Anderson, Betty Parks, Sarah Gorelick.

Morris. A few planes made it a three point affair by flying on to St. Joseph, Mo., before coming back to K. C. We did goof, however, by neglecting to send word to our friends in Topeka but someone called Becky Morgan for the airport and she came flying down to bid us a welcome and farewell. She invited us to join a fly-out to Warrensburg, Mo., the next Sunday with the Topeka Flying Club. Katherine Peck, Marjory Farrell, yours truly and 49½ Bill made that one too. A very fine turn-out from Topeka on a bright, sunny day with a good strong wind, wrong way of course.

The November meeting was held jointly with the Kansas 99's at Wichita Nov. 9. A coffee-doughnut, hanger flying session was called for 10 o'clock. This is always enjoyable. A short business meeting was called to order by the Kansas 99's at 11:30 and then we were guests at a very fine smorgasbord dinner at The Branding Iron, a short distance from the airport. We wish to thank our good neighbors again for a lovely time. Hope we may do as much for you in the near future. We were very pleased at our turn-out for this one. One plane had to cancel out at the last moment and a few of the ole faithfuls had to be left behind. Sorry, girls, better luck next time. Attending from Kansas City were Joan Cayot, Mary Ruth Dietrich, Marjory Farrell, Sarah Gorelick, Laurien Griffin, Marie Kuhlman, Elaine Morris and new members Ruth Stafford and Mary Stratemeier, and

49½ers Stafford, Stratemeier, Kuhlman and Morris. Another beautiful, sunny day with an even stronger headwind which as usual kept yours truly off course all the way.

A few of our members took interesting trips this summer which I hope to report in time. Following is Sarah Gorelick's story of her flight to Mexico:

"My three passengers were girls that I work with, and who had never flown any distance in a light plane prior to this trip. We were delayed on take-off in K. C. because of bad weather Sat., Aug. 23. However, we got into Brownsville about 4 p.m. (gas stop at Dallas) and found we had to clear customs Saturday or pay an overtime fine on Sunday for the officials. We took off again and landed in Matamoros, about eight miles from Brownsville to clear Mexican customs. (Contrary to AOPA propaganda we received absolutely no trouble from Mexican officials either here or at any point along our trip. We found them all to be helpful and friendly.) We then took off again for Tampico. We arrived at Tampico just a few minutes after sundown. Here we spent our first night. Sunday morning we took off for Mexico City. When we arrived our plane was surrounded by curious on-lookers. Apparently they had never seen four women in an airplane before. Of course the fact that I jammed both doors so we couldn't get out didn't help matters too much.

"We stayed in Mexico City for three days and then headed for Acapulco. The most beautiful sight I have ever seen from an airplane was flying up and down the coast at Acapulco. We again stopped for three days and headed back. I don't know if I should blame the Mexican weather bureau, unexpected conditions, or my misinterpretation of the weather sequence but anyway the clear sky at Mexico City turned out to be 500 feet overcast when we got there a bit over one hour later. We flew directly from Acapulco to Tampico where we refueled. Everyone seemed to remember us. We again took off for Matamoros to get cleared out of the country. After clearing Mexican customs we took off on our three minute flight to Brownsville to clear American customs. Those barren plains of Texas never looked so good. Here we spent the night before heading back toward Dallas, our return gas stop also. It sounded so good to hear the voices of the CAA radio station that I kept contacting them constantly for weather—accurate weather. K. C. sure looked good when we approached it just eight days later, seasoned travelers by now. We found that some ants had gotten into the airplane, so when I opened my luggage to unpack I



really had a shocking reminder and souvenir of the trip."

Thank you for listening.

Sarah Gorelick

### GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Maxine Loeffler

On October 26 clear skies, and just a wonderful day in general, caught 14 of us St. Louis 99's hopping in our planes and flying to Jefferson City to spend the day with our only Jefferson City member, Amy Sommers, and her 49½er. Amy had arranged everything just perfectly. The highlight of the day, of course, was our visit to the governor's mansion with Gov. Blair personally taking time out of his busy schedule to show us through their home. Mrs. Blair poured coffee for the occasion. After our visit at the governor's mansion we were all taken to the country club for brunch. After thanking Amy and Dr. Sommers for a perfect day it was once again time to take off for our various airports around the St. Louis area.

Our November meeting was held at the home of June Evers with June and Dolores Whelan as our hostesses for the evening. After a quite lengthy business meeting our guest speaker, William Bourne, director of operational training for Ozark Airlines, gave us some pointers on instrument flying. June and Dolores climaxed the evening by serving coffee and cake to the 16 members in attendance and our five student guests.

If anyone sees something with "an extra special sparkle" in the sky, don't be alarmed—it is probably Dot Rumsey's Cessna with its brand new paint job!

In St. Louis we are all being kept quite busy preparing for our Spring Sectional. The date has been set as well as the place having been chosen. We will see everyone April 24, 25 and 26, 1959!

Wing Scouts are beginning to play more and more of a part in our activities. The group that we are sponsoring in Crestwood (a suburb of St. Louis) is coming along just fine as we all continue to take our turn lecturing to them. Dorothy Wheeler is doing a splendid job making up schedules and she recently took them on a tour of ATC, the tower, and the weather bureau at Lambert Field.

Yours truly got so interested in this Wing Scout work that she has gotten a group of 17 girls started in her home town of O'Fallon, Mo. With all this reasearch the Scouts and I are all learning about flying.

Hilda Hemmersmeier, our Membership Chairman, is doing a nice job of arousing interest in our organization among students by getting them to attend meetings and other activities.

With Christmas parties, meetings,

Wing Scouts, making further plans for the Sectional, for our money making project, and our annual Achievement Award dinner, we will all be kept quite busy, I'm sure, between this date and the deadline of our next News Letter issue.

### MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Virginia Caspersen

We were all so very pleased to see Broneta Davis Evans, our International President, at our November meeting. She has been in Rochester while her husband is going through Mayo Clinic.

Broneta drove up with Marilyn Williams and Marietta Sonnenberg, a former 99, and we all enjoyed a lively dinner at Wold Chamberlain Airport in Minneapolis.

Our meeting included a film and a speaker from Pan-American Airlines. The film was "Six and One-Half Magic Hours," showing the new 707 jet airliner. Broneta had just been through the Boeing Aircraft plant in Seattle and had a lot of interesting things to tell us about the plant and the airliner.

Progress on our air marking program is beginning to accelerate. Due to Marilyn Williams hard work we have heard from many towns of their interest. Cambridge, Minn., has already completed their markings.

Patty Dawson Mankin is a new member this month and flies out of Rochester, Minn.

Marianne Champlin attended our November meeting as a prospective member.

### INDIANA CHAPTER

By Ethel Knuth

Our November meeting was wonderful! Margaret Ball Petty, our charming hostess, entertained us in a gracious manner at the Delaware Country Club at Muncie. The weatherman warned "postpone your flight!" We drove through fog and drizzle but surprisingly had 22 current members, plus a brand new member, a prospective member, and former members Virginia Molden and Lois Whitney. Oh, yes, four members of the Cone of Silence and a guest. We shared Margaret's tour of the Hawaiian Islands via colored slides (magnificent shots) as she told us the story of her trip. She sailed over but flew back. Incidentally, Margaret is now the proud possessor of a Piper Comanche. Betty Nicholas did a magnificent job of welcoming Mildred (Peggy) Coulter of Muncie as a new member. Peggy owns a Tri-Pacer and is active in Flying Farmers.

Today, Nov. 23, we were on hand to witness the dedication of the new Madison, Ind., airport (formerly a military installation but now a municipal operation managed by Don and

Opal Ledgerwood. From the old control tower Delia and I saw Jane Ackors hovering in midair in a helicopter. Nellie Jackson's parked Bonanza was sighted next. Opal has a lovely office. You may be sure of a hearty welcome if you fly in—and the runways are tremendous.

We know why Martha Ozbun has been kept busy—Happy Birthday, Janet Sue! Barry Smith is moving to a new home. Tannie Schlundt is Chairman of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Committee for the North Central Section. Tannie and Delia both gave lectures to the Wing Scouts on navigation. Mildred Hurt, back from the West in her own plane, has gone to the East Coast by commercial carrier. Olive McCormick has a brand new Tri-Pacer—the fourth one that she has owned. While in Europe Olive had the thrill of flying a Tri-Pacer over France. Mary Frances Abel and 49½er toured the Bahamas in their own Bonanza—reported a marvelous time. (Mary Frances, when Pam finishes school in Scotland we hope that she will be a Chapter member.)

Seventeen of our members attended the Indianapolis Aero Club dinner (over 200 present) at the Columbia Club on November 11, honoring Capt. Pat Boling. Capt. Boling, you will recall, achieved the greatest non-refueling solo flight in aviation history last August 1 when he flew a Beechcraft Bonanza from Manila, P. I., to Pendleton, Oregon. The story of his preparation for the flight and his experiences during the journey made it a stimulating occasion. It was a fascinating account of interpid courage. He was awarded a handsome trophy inscribed "Outstanding Pilot of the Year." His charming wife, Joyce, was also an honored guest.

### CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Rose S. Andrew

Florence and Bob Musser were hosts to the following members November 23 at Lincoln, Ill., where they all enjoyed eating together at The Oasis Restaurant: Helen Greinke from Bloomington. Marjorie Kelly, Helen McBride, Mary Hendrix and her sister, Margaret, from Mattoon. Leah Warren and her 49½er, Sam, from Champaign, Dee Holcomb and Evelyn Farley from Princeton. They brought Joy Keys as a guest.

The girls from Mattoon flew in in Marjorie's Cessna 182 (in which she has installed a new automatic pilot) wonderful, Marj.

The Holcombs came in their Fairchild and the Farleys and Joys in a Cessna.

We had such a wonderful day for flying that it really brought the people out.

The next meeting will be in the form of a potluck dinner in January—



the 18th, 1 p.m. at the Frank Andrews near Champaign. Be sure to fly in if the weather is suitable.

Leah Warren has made arrangements for all who are interested to take the radiation monitoring course to be offered at the Champaign Senior High School the first three Wednesdays in this coming January. All interested please contact Leah.

Helen Greinke will soon be migrating to Florida for the winter.

Happy holidays, everyone.

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Elsie Peters

The Wisconsin Chapter was very lucky to have two meetings in October. One Sunday evening, Deedo Heise invited us all over for supper. We saw an old-time movie in which our hostess was the heroine and our host the villain. Dr. Heise also showed us a movie explaining all about the "Fall-out". Of course we had some real business to take care of. Election of officers followed: Chairman, Dottie Faust; Vice Chairman, Mary Seymour; Secretary, Justine Mills; and Treasurer, Dora Fritzke.

Our second meeting was held at the home of Isabel Kress, where we always are treated like royalty. We were disappointed that so few of our Madison members were unable to be with us.

Our November meeting was held at Curtis Wright Airport with Judy Olson as hostess. She certainly made an extra nice one. She surprised the girls with little booby prizes which everyone was pleased to receive. The December meeting will be held Sunday, Dec. 21, at 5 p.m. at the home of Elsie Peters. We hope that Santa appeared, not only to us, but to every one of you.

#### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Mary J. Fecser

All-Ohio members are still enveloped in the rosy warmth of the Christmas party which was held at Marilyn Collette's lovely ranch home in Barberton. Picture windows framed a cold winter scene of untrampled snow-covered hills and dales, while we basked in the glow of a log fire which crackled in the hearth of the gayly decorated recreation room. It is hard to say which shone more brightly—the fire or our happy, laughing faces.

We were all drive-ins, on this day of two-mile visibility. Your reporter was first upon the scene, by 9:30 a.m., missing nary a worthy reportorial note, including that luscious blackberry pie, which Marilyn's mother, Mrs. Joanne Macrae, offered me for breakfast, and pie which Joanne not only had baked, but made of wild blackberries which she had picked



**THOSE PRESENT** at the Christmas party at Marilyn Collette's house, left to right, bottom: Rosalie Bracht; Alice Schlott; Ione Kiplinger, holding Achievement Award Trophy; winner, Edythe Maxim; Mary Scheafer; 10th place, Helen Sammon; 5th, Virginia Schumacher. Top: Marilyn Collette; 6th, Winnie Caughey; Mary Fecser; 2nd, Joan Hrubec; 4th, Jean Hixson; Helen Ailes; Lee Best. Others who placed, but were not present: 3rd, Marion Betzler; 7th, Bernita Nickell; 8th, Janice Kuechenmeister; and 9th, Edith Friedrich.

herself, thorns and all, during the summer.

Mary Scheafer and Virginia Schumacher came fast upon my steps, and, like two happy little cratchits, bore the roasted thirty-pound turkey instead of Dicken's traditional goose. Next appeared Alice Schlott, Helen Ailes and guest, Cleo Wilhelm, long-time friend of the All-Ohio girls. Rosalie Bracht, Lee Best and Jean Hixson were the next to bring the wintry air in with them. Winnie Caughey brought Helen and Jim Sammon. Last, and certainly from the farthest, came Ione Kiplinger.

The most exciting announcement of the year was the winner of the Ohio Achievement Award, which was conferred upon Chairman Edythe Maxim, on the basis of points accumulated over the year for flight time, check-out in different aircraft, participation in air races and meets, work with other aviation organizations, and zealous publicizing of the Ninety Nines, primarily over radio, television, and in four excellent displays at Cleveland Hopkins Airport lobby.

Edythe received her pilots license in 1951. Her husband, John, also a pilot, earned his license in 1944. They have owned several aircraft, including a Stinson Station Wagon. She and John presently fly together commercially, when Edythe is not flying off somewhere as navigator or co-pilot in Joan Hrubec's Tri-Pacer. Mornings find her at Aircraft Services, Inc., operations at Cleveland Hopkins Air-

port, where she maneuvers the company radioequipped station wagon on the field, meeting business planes of all kinds, including DC-3's. She takes passengers to the cab stand, and gives information and service, along with taking dictation and performing general office work in the afternoon. She manages to find extra time to keep flight time, and is especially proud of her recent instrument dual. She has participated in three air races. Besides serving as Chairman of the Ohio Ninety-Nines, she was recently re-elected president of the Cleveland Women's Chapter of NAA.

Jean Hrubec, last year's winner, placed second and was presented with the Amelia Earhart Medal inscribed as the 1957 winner.

**IN RETROSPECT:** Your reporter is sorry that several meetings were washed aboard in the melee of race finals. One just must be mentioned before we launch ourselves upon the new year. It was the meeting held at Mitchell Airport, owned and operated by our own Bernita and Roger Nickell.

Here is a young couple who have made a reality out of their dreams by converting their 300 acre farm into an excellent flying field and in just a short time, too. They have already built a lovely ranch house and several hangars. The airport is now on the section map, and it's a must on your flying plans as soon as weather will permit you to land on a sod field. Good luck to you, Bernita and Roger, in your fine, new venture.

Another item IN RET. is that wonderful glider flight which we enjoyed at Marion Airport in October. Those of us who took advantage of this unusual opportunity were: Jean Hixson, Martha Walter, Harriet Wladyka, Helen and Jim Sammon, Ruth Theis, Winnie Caughey, Marjorie Gorman, Jean Bonar, Joan Hrubec, Rosalie Bracht, Kak Wood, Mary Fecser, Lee Best, Edythe Maxim, Ione Kiplinger, Margaret Hammon, Mr. Love, and Janice Kuechenmeister. Janice says, "On behalf of the Buckeye Glider Club, it was a pleasure to have you at Marion. I waited until last and was able to get two tows. I was just a little rusty on the first, but really improved on the second tow. A real thrill is to catch a little lift and then work it by circling, so that it does not get away from you. If it is strong, a tight bank will keep you in it. When you have been up for thirty minutes on your own, that is the thrill. You just can't wait until the next time to look for the lift." Those of us who handled the controls of the glider have an idea of what Janice means. It is a peculiar feeling to fly an engineless craft. There's the silence—just the wind as it sweeps over the wings—SHWWWWwww. Whew!

**BRIEFS AND SHORTS:** Nancy Sit-



ler was recently married to Don S. Parker of Lebanon. Don is also a pilot, belonging to the Jet Flyers', Inc., Hamilton Airport. . . . All-Ohio officers for 1959 are: Edythe Maxim, Chairman; Marion Betzler, Vice Chairman; Janice Kuechenmeister, Secretary-Treasurer; Helen Sammon, Assistant Secretary. . . . Section officers are: Governor, Joan Hrubec; Vice Chairman, Joan Bonar, both Ohio girls; Laura Sellinger, Treasurer; Mary Clark, Secretary. . . . Alice Schlott keeps busy helping her doctor husband with patients. . . . Lee Best has been promoted to Warrant Officer in the CAP. . . . Helen Ailes is busy in her insurance office and in the Olds dealer's office. She recently visited MacDill Air Base in Tampa, Fla., where her brother, Capt. Richard Ailes, is a B-47 pilot.

Jean Hixson has blazed another con trail, this time in an F-102 Delta Dagger. . . . Marilyn Collette sold her all-metal Erco and since has bought another, which will be ready to fly any day now. . . . Rosalie Bracht and Lee Best were on the planning committee of the Akron CAP Ohio Wing Conference in Dayton. They even succeeded in hitching a ride in an Air Force C-119, no less! . . . Yours truly was called upon by her language supervisor from the Cleveland Board of Education to present three demonstration lessons, from 8:45-11 a.m., to visitors from the Lakewood School Board, who are interested in putting into effect a successful junior high modern language program. . . . Margaret Callaway and daughter, Sandra, are now members of the Ohio Chapter.

It was nice hearing from Dottie Rungeling and knowing that she was able to get copies of the National News Letter for all of the Canadian friends who were mentioned in the IAR report. . . . Bette Inowar and her family have moved to Tucson to become permanent residents there. . . . Pauline Smetzer has accepted a job in Alaska. . . . Helen Venskus is now tower operator at Columbus. CAA recently awarded her a trip to New York for a suggestion which turned out to be a winner. . . . Jody Scott and 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> are now flying a 172, as is Rhea Gilmore. . . . Marge Hammon has checked out in a 172. . . . Marilyn Collette checked out in a 180 and accrued 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours instrument time.

Ione Kiplinger has been re-elected secretary-treasurer of Toppe Flight Club, Inc. of Toledo, the only female member of a membership of thirty. . . . Mildred Harshman is back and forth between Dayton and Florida. . . . Mary Brown is leaving Ohio for Salem, W. Va. Lee, Rosalie and Virginia Schumacher gave her a fare-

well luncheon and going-away gift recently.

Everybody had a wonderful time at Martha Walter's in November when she, Maye Hammon and Mildred Harshman hosted the meeting for that month. Everyone flew low. It was clear earlier in the morning, but fog closed in later. . . . Rosalie is working part-time for the new Mooney distributor at Akron Airport. After the first of this year, they will have a new plane on exhibit. . . . Louis Tobias of Tobias Studio, Akron, was the photographer at Marilyn's Christmas party. (See the picture which heads this article.) It was he who took the TAR pictures two years ago at Akron. . . . Norma Morton is working in CAA communications at Cleveland Hopkins Airport.

Congratulations to Helen and Bob Hansen on the birth of their third son. The Hansens moved from the apartment into a 15 room house with four fireplaces in Shaker Heights. "There is ever so much more room for the nurse, the children, and all of us," says Helen. . . . Martha Foley is president of the Columbus Architect Women's League. Along with the Parents' League, the 99's, and baby Susan, these all keep Martha stepping.

Blanche O'Brien's Christmas cards are always a family photograph of herself, John, and the children, who are both college-bound now. . . . Marie Ambus is often invited to speak before civic groups about her crippled children program and how she redeems thousands of dollars worth of Ohio Sales Tax Stamps for badly needed equipment — wheel chairs, braces, and so forth.



#### HOUSTON CHAPTER By Alice Seaborn

The newly jelled Houston chapter of the 99's was a shade late for the November News Letter so we have a bulging file of news for our first report.

Our organizational meeting was held at the home of Merle Boitnott on Oct. 23, 1958. Officers elected were Marcelline Todd, Chairman; Gertrude Howard, Vice-chairman and membership committeeman; Sally Gauss, Secretary - Treasurer. Barbara Danburg was appointed Historian and Alice Seaborn ran a successful campaign for reporter.

We had a fly-in to Palacious on November 15 where we met members of the Corpus Christi chapter. Sally Gauss and Merle Boitnott flew our members down. They included Marcelline Todd, Frances Castleberry, Rhea Hurrle, and Alice Seaborn. This fly-in resulted in an air-marking session November 29 under the direction of those experts from the Corpus Christi chapter. Merle Boitnott, Rhea Hurrle, and Marcelline Todd attended this session and have charged our batteries to get started on our own program.

At our December 17 meeting, plans were discussed for our January meeting when Broneta Evans and Martha Ann Reading will be here to present our charter. We will have a full report on this important event in our next (letter, that is).

#### EL PASO CHAPTER By Evelyn Wasser

Starting the month off by flying the first day of November with clear skies and lunch baskets brimming with succulent fried chicken and all the trimmings, we rendezvoused at Van Horn, Texas, for lunch. Lela Carawardine flew out from Las Cruces. Lela, Ann Duthie and I had an added thrill of flying with Ruby Tatman in her new Skylane Cessna, which made every moment aloft a great thrill. Ruth Deerman and Billie Callahan picked up Frances Slape and Tillie Perkins who live about 50 miles from El Paso. We were joined in Van Horn by June Smith of VH and Melba Travland and Jane Stover of Marfa. Our November luncheon was held on the 15th at El Paso Sky Chef with Chairman, Juanita Burdick at the stick.

Congratulations to Lois Hailey who has just purchased and moved into her new home.

A small ribbon tied on me for having been accepted by the 99s, it was a very proud moment for me, too.

On the happy side: Good news of Fay McConnell's mother and Ruth Deerman's husband, both are out of the hospital again.

Our December meeting found us munching chicken again at Marfa Airport. This time we were guests of the girls in that territory who were anxious to form their own chapter and submitted their applications. Quite a large turnout. Flew up with Juanita Burdick, who gave us an opportunity to see the stage set of the house which is still standing from the picture, "Giant."

The big event was our Christmas party at Ruby Tatman's. Lots of good food and wonderful guests made the evening very enjoyable.



**TULSA CHAPTER****By Agnes Hellman**

At our December meeting we departed from the norm of procedure to assemble at the Douglas Aircraft Co. here in Tulsa, where we were treated to a tour of several phases of operations, as guests of Col. James C. Arnold. We made a special point of seeing the "mock-up" C132. The Col. had a previous appointment, but he chose a charming and gracious substitute in Mr. C. L. Tilton, to whom we were greatly indebted.

Tissie Heath spent last week-end in Miami, Fla., where she had the good fortune to be able to watch the Boeing Jet 707 come in and leave on routine practice runs. That didn't make her appreciate her Apache any less, but she admits there is a difference.

**KANSAS CHAPTER****By Helen Chandler**

Our November meeting was held at the Municipal Airport in Wichita. As is customary each year in November we have our annual guest day. This year the weather couldn't have been more beautiful, sun was shining, a little windy, but a perfect day for flying. We had invited some prospec-



**HAPPY FACES** at the annual presentation of the Bobbe Slade Memorial Fund Scholarship by the Kansas 99's. Left to right: Margaret Yourdon, who made the presentation; Norma Peterson of Wichita, winner of the award; and Marie Engleman, Kansas 99 Chairman.

tive members and the Greater Kansas City Chapter to attend our meeting and have lunch with us.

Very early the gals started arriving and we had a wonderful turnout. We had coffee and doughnuts at Aircraft-co Services and then drove to the Branding Iron for lunch.

Many of the girls from Kansas City brought their 49½ers along and the Wichita 49½ers tried to make them feel welcome.

Those attending were: Marjorie Brightup, Mary McKillip, Ruth Staf-

ford, Elaine Morris, Marie Kuhlman, Becky Morgan, Helen Chandler, Mary Stratemeier, Laurien Griffin, Pat Anderson, Betty Parks, Sarah Gerelick, Margaret Berry, Marjorie Farrell, Mary Ruth Dietrich, Joan Cayet, Ann Pappas, Hazel Guy, Marie Engleman, Olive Payne, Margaret Yourdon, Pat Ripper, Doris Richey and Dorothy Speer.

We had such a wonderful day and such a good turnout from our neighbors to the East that we hope to do this again soon.

**FLASH! FLASH!** The stork has really been a busy little bird in our neck of the woods. November 13th, Mary and Dick McKillip became the proud mother and father of TWINS. They have named their bundles of joy —girl, Kimberly Lynn —boy, Craig Allen. Doris Richey presented husband, Frank, with a big boy to accompany their little potential 99 age 5.

T'was a wonderful and busy November in Kansas.

Kansas Chapter held their monthly meeting in Wichita in December. Our annual presentation of the Bobbe Slade Memorial Fund Scholarship, was held in conjunction with our meeting and Christmas party.

Norma Peterson of Wichita won the scholarship this year. She received a \$300.00 check, which is to be used towards a private license, a trophy commemorating her award, and a key chain computer, which was given by Standard Products in Wichita to each girl competing.

The Scholarship tea was held in The Colonial Room in the Lassen Hotel. As usual, the weather didn't cooperate and due to the snow in Oklahoma, our International Chairman, Broneta Evans was unable to attend. Margaret Yourdon presented the awards and gave a very interesting and timely review of Jacqueline Cochran's book, "The Stars at Noon."

That evening, 99's and 49½ers joined together in the Aeronautics room for dinner and a gift exchange. A very lively turnout in spite of the typical Kansas winter weather.

**ABILENE CHAPTER****By June Renny**

Nine Ninety-Niners from Abilene climbed aboard four Bonanzas, and flew to Oklahoma City Tuesday, Oct. 21. They were met by Broneta Davis Evans and four other charming Ninety-Niners of the Oklahoma chapter. After enjoying luncheon they took a guided tour through the C.A.A. Training Center.

At the time of this meeting I was flying to Rapid City, S. D. I had a fine trip but was sorry to have missed

going to Oklahoma City. I've been told the girls had a most enjoyable and educational time . . . we thank you for your gracious hospitality, and hope to see you again.

**TIP OF TEXAS CHAPTER****By Elaine Needham**

We had a very nice meeting at the Polacios airport, and over cups of coffee and plates piled high with good food, had a nice round-table discussion with Marcellina Todd, Rhea Hurlee, Merle Boyntott, Alice Seaborn and Sally Goss, all from Houston; Ada Toland, Ardath McCreery and Neva Jaspersen from the Valley.

Pesky clouds went wherever Merle Dunnam's Cessna 170 went, and so Merle, Veta and Louise did a 180 in a 170. (Does that make sense?) and returned to Corpus. We missed you at the meet!

Pauline and future Ninety-Nines — Patti Bird and Sally Sullivan made it in OK.

We claimed title to the largest chapter in miles (350 in all between the valley and Houston), but we think it best that those hearty Houston gals have their own chapter, and so we wish them many, many hours of good flying, and good work for women in aviation. Houston, come see us any time!

Ada Toland, from McAllen, quickied in in her Bellanca one day last week.

Ardath McCreery and little son, Robert, also from famous McAllen, flew in one day last week to attend the wedding of Merle Dunnam's son, Keats, Jr.

Well, happy 1959 to you all. Maybe we'll be having meetings on the moon, huh? I believe in being prepared—bought my junior space suit just in case.

**WHOOSH!!** There went a Russian Ninety-Nine in orbit!

**DALLAS CHAPTER****By Frankie Waits**

Dallas 99's are all set for the new year. We had our Christmas party at Jerry Sloan's house and were happy to see Marian Guiberson, a long-time member. Other celebrants included Virginia Holmes, Dorothy Warren, Jo Allison and her granddaughter, Della Jo Allison, Martha Ann Reading, Mary Gauss, Margie Barr, Pat Jetton and myself. Our January 22 meeting will be dinner at Glen Lakes Country Club.

We have two new officers. Virginia Holmes is secretary and Dorothy Warren is News Letter reporter. Virginia replaces Rowena Burns who moved to Lancaster, Calif., with her family on December 1. Before leaving Texas,



though, she checked out in a Beech Bonanza as a member of a Dallas flying club. Dorothy will take my place after Christmas. Write Rowena at Lancaster and me at 1160 Colorado Blvd., Denver.

Twenty-one of us had a great time at our November 15 fly-in at the Fly 'N Fish Lodge on Beers Field at Caddo Lake. The day was a singular beauty in a week of gullywashers and northers. Members and guests from Dallas were Dorothy Warren, Pat Jetton, Marge Barr, Mildred Bishop, Marge Bunch, Rowena Burns, Emily Shields, Joan Huckleba, Margaret Beal, Jerry Sloan, Mary Gauss, and Frankie Waits. From Shreveport were Dorothy King, Joan Shedler, Hazle Nealey, and Betty Sue Lyons, and Barbara and 49½'er Bruce Henington from Wolfe City, Texas. H. L. Jennings flew over from Red Bird Airport in Dallas to join us for a scrumptuous lunch of cat fish, fried chicken and hush puppies. Martha Ann and 49½'er Bob Reading drove over in their new Nash Metropolitan.

Jerry, Mary and I in a Tri-Pacer and Pat and Dorothy in a Cessna de-toured via Wolfe City to drop Barbara a note saying we couldn't land on the soggy (we thought) field there to pick her up. While Pat and Dorothy circled, we passed low, dropped the note and watched Barbara and Bruce in their car watching us. They saw everything but the falling note. We sped away and so did they and all met for lunch anyway. The note's somewhere out in the north 40. Imagine that.

Jo Allison has her ninth and newest grandchild, Suzanne. Proud parents are Lou Ellen and Ralph Spencer, formerly of Corpus Christi, who have recently moved to Dallas.

Betty Lyons kept us up in the air at Caddo Lake with rides in her Cessna 180 which was fitted with pontoons. Such smooth landings.

Texas Air Tourers must have thought the West Texas posse was after them when the official looking plane with the big gold star on its side kept following them. But it was only our own Doris Weller and Jo Allison sporting around in the flashy chariot, on loan from the Sheriff of Pecos.

Mary Gauss and Joan Huckleba are full fledged members now. Congratulations! Mary and her 49½'er, Gene, have a photography business in Dallas and do lots of flying in their Cessna 195. Joan, who owns an Ercoupe, is in the accounting department of Bell Telephone Co.

Marge Barr and her family recently flew out to El Paso and visited Old Mexico.

Pat Jetton's 49½'er, "Jet", is manager of a new fixed base operation at Red Bird Airport. It's called Air Haven and is scheduled to open Jan. 1.

It's located on the south end of the field at the runway intersections. There's airplane storage, maintenance, instructor service, transit service and a used aircraft salesman. Everybody come!

We think the new membership directory is a beautiful job.

Hope 1959 is the best year yet for 99's everywhere!

## OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Morgan

This will be a short, short report on the Thanksgiving and Christmas meetings of our Chapter. These were two of our most successful and enjoyable meetings of the year — and I would be attempting to "gild the lily" if I went into detail — so . . .

Our Thanksgiving meeting was held at Blackwell with Veda and Dewey Mauk as hosts — this has become a tradition with our chapter and it is always a pleasure to visit the Mauks. The weather was 'flying weather' and everyone took advantage of it. Duncan, Stillwater and Oklahoma City all were well represented. Our visitors were Cleo Morrison, Long Beach, Calif., Chapter, Wanda and Ed Jackett and Archie Huff, who gave the 49½'ers rides in his Comanche during our business meeting.

Our Christmas Party was a DINER with Velma and Neil Woodward as hosts in their home. Words fail at this point — Wonderful food, decorations, games and the people! Everyone had a ball, that I know. Two things stand out in my memory—the initiation of Dr. Fay Lester having to carve the turkey as a new 49½'er (and Mary's fidgeting because as she said—he is a marvelous surgeon but birds are different from people and he can't carve a turkey). Then there was Suzette, who by way of introduction is a miniature French Poodle and Velma's Christmas present. She refused to go to bed, stayed up until the last guest departed and didn't know she was a dog.

May I be excused for a short report this time and now a very prosperous and happy new year to all 99s everywhere!

## COLORADO CHAPTER

By Peg Ong

Just finished reading Alice Fuchs' article in the December issue of Flying magazine . . . the soaring story of the Air Academy Cadets . . . decided I'd better do some soaring along the typewriter keys and get the news items in print.

First, let me note several items that I inadvertently omitted from last month's article. Continental has transferred Fred and Darlene Gray to California . . . 17020 Sunset Blvd., Apt. 1, Pacific Palisades, Los Angeles, to be exact. Our loss is the Los Angeles Chapter's gain! Thelma Thomas is making plans for a round the world trip in the spring. Newest use for the Jeppensen computer is to navigate the Longbrooks to a sportscar event in Leadville. Incidentally Alice Fuchs has been compiling material for two computer books for the Jeppensen firm . . . did you include on-the-ground use too, Alice? Aspen has been the scene of several members landings . . . namely, the Teppers, Nettleblads, Longbrooks, and James. The Maxsons didn't just go part way . . . they made it to the west coast. The Cohuns' Travelair took the Warners and its owners to the Wichita Air Patrol.

Mary Frenzel opened her apartment doors (and her refrigerator) for our October meeting. Alice gave us some very pertinent facts about local flying in and around high density Denver . . . ya really have to keep an eagle eye out for those jets among other things. After additional business was discussed, we got on to the project for the night . . . making earrings for re-sale at Christmas time. Imagine that the local Denver gals probably put in another stint at it in order to get them finished for our December get-together. A former member of the chapter, Grace "Molly" Mayfield, was a guest as was Ruth Saville from Derby. A beautifully decorated "Bell" was given to our chairman for assisting in keeping order . . . thanks to craftsman Mary Wenholz. The meeting adjourned to a scrumptuous feast provided by the hostess.

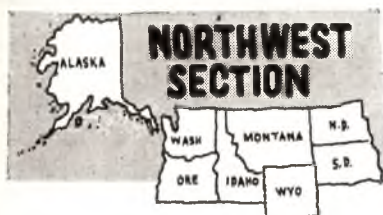
Jo Dennis has taken her life in her hands and finally been brave enough to fly over to Bar None to see Mary's field. As if it wasn't enough of an experience she tested her short-field ability on a 1800' local private strip. She got in OK but had a little sweat getting her Stinson Voyager out. Donna and John Myers went to Phoenix to witness an auto race . . . imagine finding an excuse to soak up that wonderful Arizona sun as well as watch their favorite driver win! The Teppers recently flew their 310 to Rapid City, S. D. but returned in time to be on hand for their son, Jerry's, wedding on Nov. 1. The Chouns joined the Teppers for a flight to Casper. Grace James is really working hard on her private . . . we're pulling for you Grace and we have the membership blank all ready. Mary Frenzel's 140 has a fresh annual so she's back in the air when the weather permits. Alice



and I have delivered Forney Air-coupees this last month . . . Alice's going to Cincinnati and mine to Dallas. Incidentally, I understand the Capt. Gray on my Braniff flight back to Denver is Darlene's brother-in-law.

Happy flying gals . . . hope you didn't forget the allowed pay load when eating all that Thanksgiving and Christmas turkey!

Our Christmas party was held Dec. 13 at Swede and Jane Nettleblad's most beautifully decorated home in Arvada. Jo and Jessie Dennis were the first assistants for the wonderful affair. A scrumptuous buffet dinner was served and then all found gifts under the Christmas tree. Those present and accounted for were Bob and Mary Frenzel, Joe and Helen Choun, Verna Christopher, Les and Grace Longbrook, Pat Moss, Ed and Ruth Mugele, the Colletts, John and Donna Myers, Harold and Marilyn Nordstrom, Jim and Peg Ong, Betty Stackhouse, Ed and Frances Tepper, Thelma Thomas and guest, Pat Urling, Bob and Mary Wenholz, and the hostesses and hosts. The Mayfields and the Savilles were guests of the group. Although we had a wonderful turnout . . . we missed those of you who were unable to make it.



#### EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Mary Drinkwater

Our November meeting in Pasco at the Sage'n Sun Motel was attended by only four, therefore a formal meeting was not held. However, Lygie Hagan had lots of interesting things to tell us. Jean Carson of Spokane, who came with Lygie, is the proud owner of a brand new Private License and we are all very happy for her and our chapter welcomes her into the fold.

Officials of the AWTAR were in Spokane Nov. 4 and 5 making preliminary plans for the ending of the 1959 AWTAR at Felts Field. The Spokane Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee entertained Mrs. Betty H. Gillies, Chairman; Mrs. Barbara London, Race Treasurer and Mrs. Iris Critchell, Director of Operations at Lunch. Lygie Hagan, Minnie Boyd and Ardith Sherman of our chapter also attended.

We wish to welcome new member

Nancy Heath of Spokane and Barbara Thisted, formerly of the Long Beach Chapter, now of Blanchard, Idaho.

We were sorry to hear that Margaret Clarke of Lewiston had the misfortune of having her plane badly damaged in a terrific wind storm at the Lewiston Airport.

Marion Owen of the Western Washington who was in Spokane on business had a nice visit with Lygie Hagan as well as Pud Lovelace of Bozeman, Montana, who had attended the opera in Spokane.

There will be no meeting in December or January. We hope to have one in February.

Happy Holidays to each and every 99.

#### WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Ruby Mathis

Our October meeting was held at Mildred Pearson's lovely home in Everett. It was to have been a night flight but the weather didn't cooperate. Mildred has been so faithful about attending our meetings at Seattle that we decided to do the driving for a change and visit her. The following attended: Maxine Fancher, Terry Kellogg, Vanecia Adderson, Marion Owen, Louise Smith, Mickey Gilman,



**HELEN APPEL**, Western Washington, Northwest Section. Photo taken after recent T-33 ride.

Marty Spaulding, Helen Appel, Pete Anderson and three prospective members—Ruth Schoenbacher, Winnie Blyth and Irene Shervinton. Sounds like they had a wonderful time.

The November meeting was held at the Seattle-Tacoma Airport. Snow and rain kept most of us from attending

but the few hardy ones were Mildred Pearson, Terry Kellogg, Vanecia Adderson, Helen Appel, Pete Anderson, Louise Smith, Donna Ezzell and the three prospects. Dinner was at the Skyway, followed by a visit to the airport facilities such as Air Traffic Control, Control Tower, GCA, etc.

Helen Appel spent a week at Elgin Air Force Base, Florida, as guest of Air Force along with 37 newspapermen and dignitaries viewing the various missiles and their firing. She flew the C-47 several hours on the trip, and seems as though there is a story about why she couldn't keep the trim tab set. Wouldn't the passengers stay in place? Best of all, she says, is that after she returned she was taken for a ride in a Jet T-33 and got to log time in it. Guess they really wrung it out!!!!

Our December meeting will be a Christmas party at the New Washington Hotel with a small gift exchange.

Two of our prospective members have now solo'd—Winnie Blyth in a 172 and Ruth Schoenbach in her new Skylane.

Pete Anderson was a busy gal for a little while when she had a blowout on landing her Aircoupe at Renton.

Marty Spaulding plans to be active again now that she is recovering from major surgery.

Ginny Andrews has been flying back and forth to Portland each week as her brother is ill.

My apologies for not getting out the chapter news last month. Decided to go to Wichita for two weeks vacation. Attended the Kansas 99 meeting at Phila and Fritz Knitig's ranch in Rexford. Certainly was wonderful to see the gang again.

Returned via a new 1959 Cessna 172 being ferried by Maxine Fancher's 49½er, Hugh. Especially enjoyed meeting and spending the night with John and Doris Eacret at Elko, Nev. Doris is the governor of the Southwest Section.

#### ALASKA CHAPTER By Ann Pollom

The regular meeting of the Alaska Chapter was a lovely pot luck supper at the home of Lois Wise. After we ate mounds of fried chicken with all the trimmings, including Peggy's famous pies, we settled down to the business at hand. Present were: Pat Gilda, Doll Booth, Marian Zaegel, Lois Wise, Ann Pollom, Pat McGee, Ruth O'Buck and our member from Chitna, Jo Wilson.

Jo Wilson has moved to Anchorage for the winter season, and is working for Safeway Airways.

We all have been working to get



everything done for Christmas, but as usual, it will be a last minute rush to finish all the details. And, speaking of Christmas, we all hope that your holiday season has been the best ever.

Now that our days are so short most of us aren't doing much if any flying. We are waiting for the longer daylight hours next month, and will begin making some plans for the first fly-ins in the spring. At least we have lots of snow, and those of us who are skaters and skiers are thoroughly enjoying the winter.

### MONTANA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Sabo

On a windy Saturday morning our Montana 99s gathered in Helena for a meeting at which preliminary plans for the 1959 convention in Spokane were discussed. As Montana will have two designated stops in the Air Race, Helena and Miles City, there will be plenty of work for all of us. Marge Rolle flew in the day before with her 49½er Ken for another meeting and represented the eastern part of the state. Jimmy Kuhn and Elsie Hartley drove from Missoula as there was a heavy rain storm there. Our hostess, Elsie Childs had three prospective members as guests. A delightful lunch at the new Holiday Inn followed the business meeting. Chairman P u d Lovelace and Dorothy Sabo bucked strong winds and turbulence coming and going in Pud's 175 but made the trip without any incidents.

Jimmy Kuhn's Dachshund, Peggy, was recently featured in a national Kennel magazine as having logged over 500 hours with Jimmy in her 140. Peggy takes the bumps with equanimity landing on the floor only occasionally.

The Billings girls and Vivienne Schrank of Jordan joined more than 150 friends of Safety Agent John Doster and his wife Kathryn at a farewell dinner honoring them. They are being transferred to Pennsylvania after 12 years in Montana. We all hate to see them leave.

A week ago, Vivienne with the aid of UNICOM helped a pilot who was off course due to high winds and an approaching storm and running short on daylight. She was able to locate his position and assist him in plotting a new course for his destination Malta and very grateful to Vivienne.

We are all proud of Inez Riedesl who received her multi-engine rating when she checked out in the company Apache. She is looking forward to many hours of flying with 49½er Russ.



### TUCSON CHAPTER

By Mary A. Martin

At the November meeting one new member was gained, Nina Price, formerly of Chicago, and a visitor from California, Virginia Hall, was entertained. Plans were made for the coming Penny-a-Pound Day on December 7, which promises to be one of the major aviation events in the Old Pueblo for 1958.

November 15 saw several members champing at the bit for the fly-in to George A.F.B., which was cancelled at the last minute because of weather. After working up steam to go somewhere, the girls decided not to waste it, so—Dorothy Jenkins, Gertrude Gelderman, Lorraine Chandler, and prospective member Delores Fisher left in the Jenkins' Pacer, and Shirley and Art Marshall and Donna and Leo Johnston in the Marshall's Pacer. Destination: San Diego, which was the only way the weather allowed.

However, over Gila Bend, the Jenkins Pacer ran into extreme turbulence and freezing rain, and all concerned decided a 180 to Tucson was the best procedure.

Marshall's Pacer having a little better luck, missed the worst of the weather and got as far as Yuma, where it landed in a 40-knot wind. Deciding to make the best of the situation, the party rented a car and made a day of it, visiting the museum, driving to Mexico, and generally painting the town. After an overnight stay, they found the weather too bad to return to Tucson, so they drove the rented car back, and after the weather cleared, Betty Tank of Spain Flying Service flew the Pacer home and collected the car.

All in all, we can only say we wish this weather would dry up and blow away!

### SAGUARA CHAPTER

By Alice Roberts

You can now call us the "Romantic Chapter of the Southwest." Melba Beard and her husband of 25 years "eloped" to Yuma, Arizona, to re-enact their actual marriage. They hoped in Melba's "Bird" and flew away on a second honeymoon. Melba said she had more fun this trip than the first time. ?????

Anniversaries seem to be paying off this year . . . Pat Runyon, prospective member, received a pretty little Tri-Pacer for her Third Anniversary, thanks to Bill Runyon.

I'm not sure what occasion prompted it . . . but Jimmie Shelton, our new Chairman, has a beautiful new Black Hammond Spinnet organ in her living room. I think the whole family is taking lessons.

June Keyser would certainly like to find herself a good, inexpensive airplane to fly around in . . . got any for sale?

Thelma Biegert entertained the Saguaro Chapter in her home with a pot luck supper. Max (her 49½er) hosted the husbands and a good time was had by all. Makes me think we should do things like that more often. Thelma is our new Treasurer.

Doris Glina and Betty Slater presented their husbands with daughters. I haven't seen them yet . . . but those that have say they are both "dolls."

Doris and John Glina are being transferred from Luke Field the first of the year and we are already missing them.

Virginia Hash, our Vice-Chairman and a local attorney, (which might come in handy) has been battling the Flu bug for the last few weeks. Hope she is now well on the way to recovery.

Alice Roberts flew to L.A. Area three weeks ago and visited with Iris Critchell of the Long Beach Chapter . . . then two weeks ago flew to Dallas.

After the big snow storms here last weekend . . . I just know our members Lucile Crosby in Eager, and Helen Vancourt and Beth Wright in Flagstaff are freezing. I'll bet they don't thaw out 'til next May . . .

I hope you all had a very happy Holiday Season.

### SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Genevieve Hall

Our November meeting found us flying to the famous Nut Tree Restaurant. The miniature train rolled out to Airport Station and picked up the following members: Gerry Mickelson, Betty Boyd, Jo Eddleman, who arrived in Gerry's Bellanca; Claire Raley, Ruth Lummis, arriving in Claire's Tri-Pacer; Hialeah Reilich brought Ruth Wagner and Genevieve Hall in her 170; Helen Mace brought guest Esther Graves in her Clipper; Margaret Farkas and Thelma Syrek arrived in their 120; Doreen Brandley flew in her 172; and guests Jo Roddy and Betty Bogess. After a delicious



lunch we held our meeting out on the lawn and enjoyed the wonderful sunshine while attending to business. Jo Eddleman's resignation was regretfully accepted as News Letter Reporter and Genevieve Hall elected to replace her. Hialeah Reilich and Ruth Wagner have an invitation for a Jet ride at McClellan Field. We're expecting a full report girls! Doreen Brandley informed us that she and 49½er leave next week on an extended trip to Guatamala — lucky girl!

The nice weather has really been luring our girls skyward. Claire Raley and her husband flew to Mendocino County to look over the beautiful country.

Upon returning Claire kept her Tri-Pacer warmed up and flew her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. James Teel to Palm Springs. She then took a cross-country flight to Oakland, Palo Alto, and San Jose with Gerry Mickelson, who acted as navigator. While in San Jose they visited with De Thurman.

Betty and Joe Haynes and Harry and Hialeah Relich recently combined night flying practice with a trip to Napa for those delicious steak sandwiches.

Ruth Osier has been flying fire patrol. Enjoys combining work with pleasure.

Gerry Hall is very busy at Oroville Airport. You will find her managing, instructing and even pumping gas.

Thelma Syrek and Margaret Farkas got in a camping trip by air to Quincy. Report a fine time. The Relich's and Dave and Lillian Grey (future "99") flew into camp in the early fall. Very lovely — very cold at night.

Patty and Alan Johnson have their wings clipped. The Bellanca is being recovered. Likewise Coral Bloom's plane is getting a major overhaul.

#### LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Fran Bera

Our November meeting was held at the lovely home of Hilda Raefsnider in Garden Grove. Our guest speaker was Ray Parker who stands among the world's great sailplane pilots. We were all fascinated by his exploits in Europe while attending the International Soaring Meet.

Jackie Sepulveda, Ruth Gay and Fran Bera flew to Desert Air to join the Los Angeles chapters fly in. Cleo Morrison's son added another trophy to his shelf after winning a midget auto race. We saw him on TV, when the race was televised. The drivers are from about 5 to 12 years old and the racers go up to 35 mph. Cleo has two sons who are race drivers. Cleo, you might take a few tips on winning

racers from them. Our gadabout Barbara London has covered most of the country this past month. Barbara flew to Elgin Field Florida to observe the fire power demonstration. She flew a Convair T-29 as guest of the Air Force. Then on a trip to Spokane with Betty Gillies and Iris Critchell in Betty's Apache, with many weather stops enroute, then on a short trip to Phoenix, Tucson and El Paso. She finally had to return for a change of laundry, and is busily engaged getting that 1959 AWTAR organized.

Claire Walters is going to Wichita to take delivery on a new 150 Cessna for Santa Monica Flyers. Be sure and get back for our Christmas party, Claire. Incidentally, Merry Christmas to all.

#### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Christie Warren

It is with great sadness that we say "adieu" to a very brave little person who has been dear to our chapter for the past six years — Paulette D'Avril, who passed away November 8th at Edgemont Hospital here. For 12 years she had been grounded by the cruelcrippler, rheumatoid arthritis, and her greatest joys were her 99's affiliation and memories of days when she had her wings and was known as the world's smallest flyer. She kept her 99's membership with N.Y. - N.J. Chapter where she joined many years ago before moving here for her health. Her suffering has ceased. She has her wings again.

Our November 2nd Fly-in at Desert Air Park was a success from all angles. Weather perfect and a fine



Paulette D'Avril, tiniest pilot

turn-out. Bob Cummings of TV and movie fame was there in his Aero-Commander and Chairman Marijane Brown introduced him to the gang.

November meeting at our permanent meeting place (Claire Walter's rumpus room) gave us 3 new members: Jan Vawter, a medical secretary; Virginia Showers, Insurance agent; and Teckla (Tillie) Kaufman, who with her husband operates a plumbing shop in Pacific Palisades. Two guests from Long Beach Chapter, Annette Castle and Fran Bera. Fran spoke for the new members, explaining all about the AWTAR.

Our December meeting will be a joint meeting with Long Beach Chapter Dec. 5th which will include dinner at Allen Center, Terminal Island, with Lt. Pinkney, USN, as host.

Marijane Brown is the proud owner of an Ercoupe.

Bette Glaser just received a letter from former L.A. 99, Jane Morales, who has taken to the sea and is one of the few women in the world with full Captain's papers. She is currently signed on as navigator on an American Liberty Freighter from Turkey to Karachi.

#### SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER

By Katherine Wagner

Polly Stoehr reports that she participated in the Texas Air Tour again this year. Also she and 49½er Fred, flew to Kalispell, Montana, and Boise, Idaho. Now they are planning to fly to Sun Valley for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Virginia Graham won 2nd place in local El Monte to Las Vegas race flying her Cessna 182.

Norma Wilcox and 49½er Nat, are grandparents again. Norma is also temporarily grounded with a broken leg suffered in a fall.

At the November meeting our Chapter welcomed our new prospective member Bobbie Collins who flies out of Brackett Field near Pomona.

Barbara Stewart has returned from Europe and has a lot of wonderful things to tell us about.

Penny Swope and Katherine Wagner flew to Furnace Creek Ranch in Penney's Piper Clipper to see the annual Death Valley 49er Days celebration. Prospective new member Boots Seymour and husband also flew in for the weekend and all had a wonderful time sleeping under the planes in sleeping bags (weather was perfect) and cooking dinner and breakfast over canned heat while surrounded by some of the most beautiful desert scenery in the country.



## SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jeanne Strahl

Our Christmas get-together this year will be held in the Skyroom at Lockheed Air Terminal on December 12. Our guest speaker will be Tony Levere, Chief Engineering Test Pilot for Lockheed Aircraft. Sharing the limelight for this holiday dinner will be our own chairman, Lola Ricci, who just received her instrument and instructor's ratings. Needless to say this is quite an achievement and we are all very proud of her shiney new tickets.

Always the reporter and always on hand for news (aviation — that it) Trixie Ann Schubert attended the Aviation Press luncheon at International Airport Wednesday for a progress report on the world's largest global jet airport soon to get underway in Los Angeles. The airport will encompass an area of 360 acres complete with satellite buildings. Trixie said she could sum up the entire project in one word — fabulous.

Virginia Hall likes to keep current and she is always on hand to fly new aircraft. Last week Ginnie checked out in the Comanche. She describes it as a real going machine with lots of performance.

Our San Fernando Valley Chapter will be the Hostess Chapter on April 24, 25 and 26 for the Spring Sectional. Already committees have been appointed and plans are underway to make this a real bang-up affair.

Liz Crowley, our chapter secretary, exemplifies the true spirit of the 99's. Always on hand for meetings and always in the air when time and weather permit. Liz covers the territory on weekends. Pismo Beach and Santa Barbara were her last stops.

The new play "The Sorcerer" currently playing in Burbank has taken up most of Joan Ferguson's time. Joan has a lovely voice and has been putting it to use for the choral arrangements heard throughout the production.

May our chapter pay final tribute to Paulette D'Avril. A woman who suffered much but remained dedicated to the very end to those things she held most dear — her God, her friends and her love for aviation.

## BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

By Irmyl Fitzgearl

Yes, something definitely has happened here. Our Chapter, which has had such rough sledding lately trying

to continue active, is now going full steam ahead.

Yours truly (live in Porterville) formerly with the San Francisco Chapter, has transferred to the Bakersfield Chapter in order to keep it active — just one more member was needed to achieve this. Sure hated to sever connections with the Modesto group, since it is such a live one and have enjoyed associations with the girls up there so much, but since husband sold plane distance has prevented attending meetings and also felt would do more for 99s if this chapter could be kept active. Then Nancy McMahan, also of Porterville, who recently received her license, agreed to become a member (she was aided and abetted by 49½er Wendell who had run into some of the Powder Puff Derby gals a couple of years ago on one of his x-country jaunts).

Our September meeting (election) was at the home of Edna Long at Delano. Attending were hostess Edna, Florence Moody, Priscilla Spencer, Nancy McMahan and Irmyl Fitzgearl. Officers elected were — Chairman, Florence Moody; Secretary-Treasurer, Priscilla Spencer. Committee chairmen — Membership, Nancy McMahan; News Reporter, Irmyl Fitzgearl. After the meeting some very beautiful slides taken in Hawaii, where Edna attended a CAP workshop were shown.

In October our meeting was held in Porterville at the Luau. In the meantime Jennie Burbeck had set up operations at the Porterville airport. It was learned that she was formerly a member of the 99s — flew with some of them during the war ferrying planes for the military—was then Jennie Brown. She was invited to attend this meeting and get acquainted with us. She has since renewed her membership and is one of us.

The November meeting, held at Priscilla's home in Bakersfield, was attended by Edna, Priscilla, Florence, Nancy, Irmyl, Jennie and her 49½er Jim, who drives up from Los Angeles, where he is working, every weekend. The program was furnished by Edna — without the 3-way plug. (Anyone wishing further info. re- this may have same upon request).

On Nov. 15th Jennie, Nancy, Priscilla and Irmyl joined the George AFB flight sponsored by the San Diego Chapter — except that there was not a flight to be joined. Wondered why there were no light planes in evidence — were greeted with, "My God! I wonder how many more will be in?" —but had wonderful time in spite of mix-up. Got weathered in, stayed over night on the base, were royally hosted

and invited back the next week which was the date of the flight.

(To be continued in next issue)

## REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

By Hazel Bertagna

The Redwood Empire Chapter met the 2nd Sunday in October at Napa County Airport. "Little Sister" Betty Locken drove to Santa Rosa from Ukiah and flew over to Napa with Anna Brenner and Nellie Palmer in Anna's Blanch.

We also had "Little Sister's" June O'Donnell, Myrtle Wright (who owns her own Cessna 170), and Anita Conley, who has about 20 flying hours. Pat Stouffer and Hazel Bertagna made up the quorum. We had a good lunch at "Jonsey's" and a nice flying gab-fess.

A short time ago we had a very interesting chat with Onita Hoff of Idaho, who happened to have her little blue book handy when she and some friends made a flying stop at Napa County Airport. I only wish she had had more time so we could have gotten together. Pat was so disappointed she wasn't home so she could have seen or talked to her too. She remembered Onita fondly from the race some years back. It's a wonderful idea, taking your blue book and using it on your trips. More of us should do it.

Our November meeting was postponed to the 3rd Sunday because of low clouds. It was a shame because Betty Locken had a wonderful day planned for us at her house, and much publicity lined up for us.

Anna Brenner and Nellie Palmer flew up in Anna's Blanca. Pat Stouffer, "Little Sister's" Barbara Wilkerson, and Anita Conley, and Hazel Bertagna flew up to Ukiah in Bridgeford Flying Service's Cessna 172. On hand to greet us and entertain us with a lovely lunch was Shirley Blocher, our Chairman, with guests Vivian Crawford of Ukiah and Jane Harrah and Ernestine Godwin of Willits. Ernestine and her husband have recently taken over the management of the Willits' Airport. They haven't had time to do much flying yet — but hope to acquire a plane soon. Both Vivian Crawford and Jayne Harrah are good prospective members for the 99s. Their husbands have planes and they have chalked up quite a bit of time and like to fly—besides they're very, very nice, a credit to any organization.

To get better acquainted Shirley had each of us give interesting facts about ourselves and our flying. We found that the majority of us had been interested in learning to fly since



about 1929 or 30. Anna Brenner was the only one who did anything about it though. Anna has had an invitation to join a new organization for pilots of at least 25 years standing, which we all consider a great honor.

We had a beautiful day for the flight. T. O. at Napa County Airport was in a North wind at about 25 to 40 k., which made the visibility exceptionally good, to a calm landing at Ukiah. Thank you Shirley for a lovely day.

Most of us are going to be able to make the Kitty Hawk dinner at San Francisco, and are looking forward to a good time with old and new friends.

Just heard that "Little Sister" Myrtle Wright passed her private written and flight test. Hope we can welcome her as a big sister and member soon.

#### UTAH CHAPTER By Alberta Nicholson

If you have missed us lately it is because somehow we neglected to appoint a reporter so here is a brief

resume of what's news. We just celebrated our eighth birthday Saturday with a luncheon at the Ambassador Club. Doris Eacret flew over from Elko and brought with her Leah Liersch, a member of the Sacramento Valley Chapter who is with the CAA in Elko. A dense smog which almost forced Doris to return to Elko, prevented the Provo members from flying in — somehow Doris always finds a way. Others attending were June Raybould, Margaret Loy, Eunice Naylor, Alberta Nicholson, Beth Evans and Cora Grote.

Our last meeting was held at the home of Cora Grote where we met her new son, Peter. Bobby MacDonald was there and plans to become active again after a long absence.

We have word that the City of Ogden has appropriated paint for us to airmark the Ogden airport, providing we will also repaint the runway directions. We couldn't be more pleased.

Alberta Nicholson has been busy working for UNESCO, in their campaign to raise money for the underprivileged children of the world. Doris Eacret is moving this week to the

Ranchinn in Elko, since the Crosby Ranch at North Fork has been sold. Hope you won't move too far away, Doris.

#### SANTA CLARA CHAPTER By Dorothy Monahan

In spite of smog visibility 22 members and small-fry gathered at the Nut Tree Fly - In Restaurant Dec. 6th to dine and present the Air Age Trophy to the Sacramento Chapter. The Tree has its own landing strip and the Pilots and crew are met at the port and transported to the dining area by small train. Santa Claus was also present.

Tom and Jerry party at the Pettys Mt. view on the 18th was attended by 26 members and guests (including 49½ers). Exchanged gifts and a grand time was had by all.

A new year and a new set of officers headed by Chairman Jackie Petty. Vice Chairman Barbara Hector, Secretary Jeannie McElhatten, Treasurer Clara Lou Cathey, Membership chairman Natalie Bossio, Reporter Dorothy Monahan.

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