



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

News Letter

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President's Column

February 1, 1959

It was nice to get the dust "blown" off my trusty little plane once again, and how it can collect on airplanes!

The weather finally cooperated and made it possible for me to attend the Zonta banquet in Wichita, honoring Amelia Earhart. Since Kansas was Amelia's birthplace, Governor Docking proclaimed January 11 Amelia Earhart Day. The Kansas Chapter lent their assistance and it was a lovely and enjoyable affair.

Governor Martha Ann Reading went along to help deliver the charter to the new Houston Chapter. Pauline Glasson came up from Corpus Christi to attend the lovely presentation banquet, another most enjoyable meeting with another wonderful and enthusiastic group of Ninety-Nines.

We have added seventeen new members and two reinstatements to our growing organization this past month, how many were from your chapter? We welcome all these members, and let's keep it growing!

The resolutions and nominations forms went out from headquarters this week, to all Section Governors and Chapter Chairmen. You all are well aware of the importance of taking care of this business of Ninety-Nines, and please get the completed forms back to the Committee Chairmen by the deadline dates shown on the forms. March 15 on resolutions and March 25 on nominations.

I find that there are many Chapter refund checks still out, won't you please, please deposit these checks so they will clear this month? Failure to do so will cost your Chapter, it is standard policy to stop payment on any check out over six months.

Committees have already been appointed and plans are well under way for our National Convention in Spokane this year. More information on this will be forthcoming.

Over and out 'til next month.

Sincerely,

Broneta Davis Evans

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Watching as Governor George Docking of Kansas signs a document proclaiming January as "Amelia Earhart Month" are, from left to right: Mrs. Thomas E. Joyce, president of the Kansas City, Kan., Chapter of Zonta; the governor; and Mrs. Ruth Nickell and Mrs. Becky Morgan, both of Topeka, representing the Ninety-Nines.

New Award Account Plan Adopted By Earhart Scholarship Trustees

Following a proposal first suggested by Marian Carver and Betty Gillies of the San Diego Chapter, the Trustees of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund wish to announce the adoption of a new method of operation in connection with the annual award. This has been done in response to the feeling among many members that the award did not properly reflect the amount of their donations each year, and also because of the universal desire among both members and Trustees for a means to increase the amount of the award to a point where we could be properly proud of it.

The new procedure is as follows: In addition to the Scholarship Fund as it has always been, a separate account has been set up, known as

the Amelia Earhart Award Account, and the Treasurer Trustee will deposit in this new account 50 percent of all donations to the Scholarship Fund. The money in this account will be used in full each year to supplement and increase the amount of the award over and above the earnings from the principal of the regular Scholarship Fund. (As the Scholarship Fund was originally set up, the principal cannot be used towards the award; only its earnings may be used.)

This procedure means that our principal will continue to grow from donations, and at the same time the account of the award each year will be increased by 50 percent of all dona-

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Deadline For News

The 25th Of Each Month

Pilots Briefing

Don't Forget nominations for the International Officers for the coming year to the Nominations Committee Chairman, Jean Ross Howard (Washington, D. C. Chapter) by March 25.

Also, Resolutions to the Resolutions Committee Chairman, Patricia Gladney (Santa Clara Valley Chapter) by March 15.

News Letter Reporters: Color photos do not reproduce, a glossy black and white gets the best results for reprinting. **Please double space all reports and articles for the News Letter.**

Make Plans Now to attend your Spring Sectionals and the International Convention in Spokane this July.

Remember to notify headquarters of all **changes in names and addresses.**

Please fill in the number of **pilot command hours** on applications, so there will be a full record of the member.

Please cash refund checks immediately, Section and Chapter Treasurers.

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Coming Events

April 24-26—North Central Sectional meeting, St. Louis, Mo.

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

May 1-3—South Central Sectional meeting, Omaha, Neb.

Southeast Sectional meeting, Panama City, Fla., dates and details later.

Sky Lady Derby, June, 1959, write Martha Ann Reading, 2704 Milton, Dallas 5, Texas for details and dates.

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

July 9-11—International 99 Convention, Spokane, Wash.

WANTED

Stenotypist for International 99 Convention, July 9, 10, 11, 1959, Spokane, Wash. Contact Minnie Boyd, RFD No. 1, Pullman, Wash.

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1959 AWTAR

The 1959 All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race will start in Lawrence, Mass., and will terminate in Spokane, Wash. The important dates to remember are:

Opening date
for entries April 20, 1959
Closing date
for entries June 15, 1959
Impound
deadline 1700 EST July 1, 1959
Take-off 0800 EST July 4, 1959
Finish
deadline 1200 PST July 8, 1959

All entries postmarked with the date of April 20, 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, entry forms, handicap lists and all other information for entry in the 1959 AWTAR may be obtained by writing the AWTAR Headquarters, 2611 East Spring St., Long Beach 6, Calif.

Remember the important changes in the 1959 rules and regulations:

1. Aircraft must be powered with an engine of not less than 85 horsepower and not exceeding 350 horsepower.
2. Aircraft must have a manufacturer's date of January 1, 1948 or later.
3. VHF transmitter and receiver are mandatory. The transmitter must have the following crystals installed: 122.1, 122.5, 121.5, 122.8, and any other primary crystals that may be required for air to ground contact with the control towers at designated airports on the route.
4. All contestants must be on the ground at a designated airport by official sunset each day (not one-half hour after sunset as before).

Scrap Book

This time of year some of us will be curtailing our active flying, and drawing our main pleasure from recalling last summer's experiences. It is a good time to make sure that some memento of each Ninety-Nine activity of the past year has been sent to your scrap book chairmen. If not, do buy extra copies of that newspaper, make extra prints of those snapshots, and dig up extra programs, announcements, etc., of your chapter's doings before you forget them. There should be at least one item in both your sectional and national scrap books for each special event, flying or otherwise, as well as the Ninety-Nine activities of individual members.

Even if there aren't any newspaper clippings, do send snapshots. With the excellent, low-cost flash cameras on the market today, each chapter should have several photographers within its membership. Put them to work. And don't forget to send copies of posters, notices and printed programs. Those also belong in the scrap books. Only one urgent request: Please include the name of the paper and the date of the issue with all newspaper clippings.

If your chapter has not started a scrap book, now is a good time to do so. The chapter scrap book should contain everything that can be mounted. Even such frivolous items as paper napkins or match folders from a get-together restaurant will provide happy memories in later years.

Since scrap books are, after all, created to be looked at, they should be kept at an airport where they can be seen by visiting Ninety-Nines. Also, each of you should make a point of stopping to look at other scrap books as you travel around the country. You will receive inspiration and many good ideas from seeing what others have been doing. The national scrap books are maintained at your national headquarters in Oklahoma City, and the North Central Section keeps theirs at DuPage County Airport, St. Charles, Ill. If other sectional scrap book chairmen will notify me where theirs are located, I'll list this in the News Letter.

A vote of thanks is due the retiring chairman, Barbara Hornback, who, with the assistance of Doris Atkinson, has done a wonderful job these past two years. Barbara asked me to thank the Ninety-Nines who had sent in contributions. If there were a trophy for scrap book contributions, it would have been won by Virginia Schumacher of the All-Ohio Chapter. Let's have more contributions this year—something from every chapter.

Alice Kudrna,
Scrap Book Chairman

OPEN LETTER

To All 99's

Re: Air Age Education

Dear Ninety-Nines:

As we launch our Aviation Education Program upon another new year, I should like to commend the great number of you who have been working consistently in chapter groups or individually as advisers of Wing Scouts, Cub Scouts, Junior Aviators, CAP, Canadian Air Rangers, and other activities. Some of you have organized teacher workshops; many have been instrumental in planning private airplane and airline flights for educational groups. Others, again, like Arlene Davis, aim at providing numerous and varied college aviation scholarships. Marie Lepore has been in the aviation education program for 17 years. Eunice Naylor is CAP co-chairman for women, besides working on a school committee to revise the sixth grade Science Study Guide with emphasis on Aviation Education. Jan Martin, a teacher, is director of Aviation Education, Southwest Region, CAP.

Jean Hixson organized the first Akron Aviation Workshop for Teachers and a workshop on the IGY and Space Satellite. She directed and organized an aviation workshop at the University of Wyoming. Joan Hrubec has worked with Wing Scouts since 1953. Yours truly has worked with Wing Scouts and Junior Aviators.

There are many of you who give of yourselves. Write me about your programs, as I wish to have a detailed report about Aviation Education activities for the National Convention. We know that there are no remunerations or rewards for these efforts beyond the satisfaction of spreading understanding and appreciation of aviation.

As your newly appointed International Chairman of Aviation Education, I am happy to say that, thanks to your Section Governors, 1959 will see an actively operating aviation committee, to whom you may confidently turn for guidance and suggestions—and who will also welcome ideas and suggestions from all of you. If you are dallying with the thought of starting as adviser to any of the aforementioned organizations and have doubts about the procedure, feel free to call upon the committee for help.

The members of the committee are:

Arlene Davis, All-Ohio (Life), co-chairman, Aviation Scholarships.

Kathleen G. Harvey, First Canadian Chapter, Air Rangers.

Ruth Hill, New York-New Jersey Section, Wing Scouts.

Olivia Bell, Michigan Chapter, Wing Scouts, Junior Aviators.

Jan Martin, Dallas Chapter, CAP.

Jane Andreason, Utah Chapter, CAP.

Marie Lepore, New England Section, Teacher Education, Teachers' Seminars.

Jean Hixson, All-Ohio Chapter, Teachers' Seminars and Workshops.

Joan L. Hrubec, All-Ohio Chapter, Wing Scouts.

Marilyn Collette, All-Ohio Chapter, Wing Scouts.

Tannie Schlundt, Indiana Chapter, North Central Section.

Juanita Leach, Minnesota Chapter, North Central Section.

Verna Burke, Florida Chapter, Southeast Section.

Isabelle Connett, Florida Chapter, Southeast Section.

Mary Fecser, All-Ohio Chapter, Wing Scouts, Junior Aviators.

Please send me copies of your working efforts, notices of forthcoming workshops, run-downs of your aviation education programs. I'd like to hear from all of you. **Important reminder!** Are you a member of the National Aviation Education Council? They will help immeasurably with your programs.

Sincerely yours,
Mary J. Fecser

NEW AWARD ACCOUNT PLAN ADOPTED BY EARHART SCHOLARSHIP TRUSTEES

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tions received during the preceding fiscal year. In other words, the award will comprise the total of earnings from the principal plus one-half the amount of all donations during the years immediately preceding.

This means that the amount of the award in 1960 will be determined by the amount of your donations to the Scholarship Fund NOW. I hope each Chapter will discuss at its next meeting the amount of its donation to the Scholarship Fund. Now that one-half of every dollar goes directly into the amount of the award, let's see if we can have a banner year in 1960 and set a proud new figure for the Scholarship Award. Donations may be sent to me or directly to the Fund Treasurer, Alice Hammond, and should be sent in as soon as possible, and in any event before June 20 in order that an accounting may be made and the amount of the 1960 award announced at this year's convention at Spokane in July.

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



FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER

By Roz Robinson

Congratulations to First Canadian Chapter girls for reporting so promptly to my first of the month round robin letter. Just for fun we figured out how far each would have to fly to deliver news in person: Audrey (Stonehouse) Peck, 36 miles from Kitchener; Shelia Mann, 40 miles from Mount Hope Airport near Dundas; Dot Rungeling, 68 miles from Welland; Kay Harvey, 112 miles from the Royal Canadian Air Force Base at Trenton; and Audrey Trotter, 228 miles from our capital city, Ottawa. No wonder we have such a time getting together, especially in the winter.

'Nuff moaning! Dot reports signing a new member, Hettie Hutchinson of Welland, and by now Shelia Mann should be officially a member. The rest of us are working on our membership drive and each one reports at least one prospective in her city or town.

As far as traveling goes, Shelia had a most terrific Christmas holiday—in Hawaii, from whence she sent postcards with sandy beaches and palm trees to the rest of us digging ourselves out from under all the snow! Dot, Charlie, son Barry, and their boxer, Mickey, spent the Christmas holidays in Florida via the Bonanza.

Audrey Trotter has been seeing the bright lights of Ottawa at night from the air, working hard on her night endorsement, while Dot is plugging away at a helicopter rating. The latter soloed the helicopter after four hours and thirty minutes and now has a total of five hours. She has also obtained her airline transport rating. This happened last fall and she didn't tell us until just lately!

Dorothy has been the busiest one of us all. In addition to all the above, she is writing four articles on helicopters for a Canadian aviation magazine. We congratulate her for winning second prize for aviation writing in 1958. She flew up to Ottawa to receive this prize at a luncheon meeting and flew home again in the dark, which, she says, "can be mighty lonesome."

Audrey Peck is trying at the moment to get a group of girls at the YWCA in Kitchener interested in flying, while Audrey Trotter spends some of her spare time planning a trip to Europe this summer. Both Audreys would like to join me at the Royal Canadian Flying Clubs Association convention in Montreal on February 16, and we're keeping our fingers crossed for good weather.

We have received (via Dot) an in-

vation to attend a future meeting of Western New York Chapter in Buffalo and we hope to take the girls up on this at the first opportunity. We are looking forward to meeting them.



By Anne Baddour

Alice Mansfield (North Reading, Mass.), her husband and two boys took a two weeks "busman's holiday" down in sunny Florida. They headed down the East Coast and then up the west side. This was to have been a complete change; a "get away from it all" trip before plunging in for the next season. But when a banner two plane came buzzing down the beach at Pompano, the bells started clanging and they were off to the airport. They visited with all the aerial advertising outfits, exchanging news, methods of sales, layouts, pickups, displays—the works. Then for a slight change of pace, they looked up all the antique and experimental aircraft they could find and Alice says they really found some odd ones.

Lois Wartman (Providence, R. I.) spent Christmas at Mt. Tremblant in the Laurentians. The skiing was good, deep powder but 23 below zero. She says it was kind of chilly around the edges. Twenty-three below zero! I'm cold through and through just thinking about it. They don't call me "frozen bones" for nothing!

Flew up to Worcester for lunch the other day and they have a tower in operation now. They were in the process of getting it organized and the frequency they were using was 120.7 in case anyone's interested.

That's all the news I have on my desk, so—see you next month.



By "AJ" Starr

December 6 found the 99's, their 49½ers and friends gathered in the "99" Room at the John Norris beautiful home in Irvington-on-Hudson. The large, high ceilinged room is ideal for parties. Peggy has her collection of model airplanes displayed in a cabinet behind one of the bars. In one corner is a rock garden with water trickling into a little pool complete with goldfish—the huge doors open right out into the garden which is very handy for better weather parties. A delicious buffet supper was served after which Sidney Nesbit sang and played the piano. We had a hula hoop contest later and thought we

had some extremely able contestants until Kay Brick took the floor. She would be going yet if the hoop hadn't worn out! Once again this year gifts were brought for the children in Bellevue Hospital. The party continued till the wee hours with everybody having a great time.

The WIAA joined us to hear Ansel E. Talbert, prominent aviation writer and vice president of Flight Safety Foundation, speak to us at the January 20 meeting held in the Beaux Arts Hotel. His talk was very timely and most interesting as was indicated by the active question and answer session after. Mr. Talbert, the recent father of a baby girl, was presented with a sweater for the baby with "99" knitted across the back. Guests at the meeting included Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Lederer, Vern Taylor of Seaboard and Western Airlines, Herb Fisher and Sidney Nesbit.

We had a Christmas exchange table at the meeting and made \$32 for the treasury.

News Flash! Kay Brick was re-elected secretary of the National Pilots' Association. Kay recently gave a talk on the Air Race before the Haworth, N. J., Men's Club at their annual Father-Daughter Dinner.



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Louise Sacchi

Eastern Penn. Chapter is full of news this time.

Elsie McBride has left the airport and is now working for Decker Aviation, who sponsored her and Mgt. Calloway in the TAR.

Anne Shields has left Wings and is a trainee in FAA communications at Philadelphia Northeast Airport.

Nancy Diemand has gone to England on business for her company (she is a designer of lingerie).

Your reporter is flying a beautiful Aero Commander for the Tasty Baking Co.

Judy Rich is now working for Delaware Aviation, who took over the operation at North Phila. Airport from Ross Aviation. She says things are really going to happen out there.

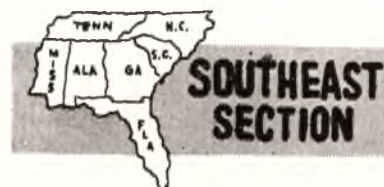
Anne Shields and Kate Macario were guests at the Zonta International annual Amelia Earhart dinner, which they say was attended by a very impressive group of brilliant women.

Marie D'Alterio and family drove to Florida for the holidays, since they had sold their Tri-Pacer.

We have several new and quite active members in our chapters, so we are hoping for great things in 1959.

The November meeting was held at Beck's and well attended. After

dinner there was a short meeting, and the showing of so many interesting films and slides of air races and 99 activities, that the meeting did not break up until midnight. The Christmas party at the Officers Club at the Navy Yard was the most successful ever—44 present—cocktails, buffet supper, song pantomimes by Elsie McBride, a pilot-copilot skit by Beth Sturtevant and Judy Rich, which were most entertaining. And we even made a few dollars for the treasury.



ALABAMA CHAPTER

By Jan Warrick

Alabama Chapter, with seven members present, met at Municipal Airport, Birmingham, on January 11. Having missed the last meeting (and the Christmas party also) I really had some catching up to do on the news. After business was disposed of, chapter dues collected, and vote to give \$25 to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship was agreed upon we went to the Dobbs House for lunch during which I overheard the following interesting tid-bits.

Grace Bailey is patiently awaiting that brand-new Caribbean she has on order for her very own use . . . seems every time she wants to fly one of her rental planes, one of the students has it up and that leaves Grace out . . . expect she'll name that plane "Hands-Off" or something like that.

From all accounts, the Christmas party at Minnie Wade's was lots of fun in spite of the fact that snow and icy weather kept attendance down.

Everybody is really going after that trophy . . . hear there's a tie in flying time so far between Grace Bailey and Lil Min Wade. But Estelle Moon is checking out in the 170 and I've a feeling she's going to make it a real race for us . . . there's a gleam in her eye.

We really got a bang out of Juanita's account of their "Operation Boots" trip back to McAllen, Texas just before Christmas. Foy (49½) Halstead had worn out the Mexican boots he bought across the border during the '57 convention and he just had to have another pair so off they went to McAllen to buy another pair (or so Juanita thought). They came back with the back end of the 180 loaded with boots. Foy claims he gave them away at Christmas but we still wonder if he doesn't think it's a mighty long way to that shoe store and is just stocking up. Anyway they had fun and

Foy has a new pair of shoes so it was worth it.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Evelyn Bryan

Constance Ohlinger, who now resides in Vasselboro, Maine, spent part of her Christmas vacation visiting historic spots in Boston, Mass. She writes that she enjoyed her visit there very much. Don't know if the New England 99's have gotten in touch with Constance, but if not they are overlooking a very delightful lady.

It was a shock to us all to learn of the death of Georgiana McConnell's "Auntie." Our sympathy goes out to Georgia who has lost her uncle, her mother and her aunt within the past one and one-half years. Georgia had been living with her aunt ever since her mother passed away.

Ruth and Ferris Thomas spent New Year's Day in Nassau. Lucky couple to have been able to visit this lovely island playground during the holidays.

Sarah Duke has been very busy with CAP activities as usual. Being regional ISO keeps her pretty well tied up. She is doing an excellent job in this capacity.

Evelyn Bryan has soloed as prospective 99. She is Janet Bailey of Knoxville. Janet is very enthusiastic about aviation and we predict that she will have her private license in no time flat.



WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Elsie V. Peteres

The January meeting of the Wisconsin Chapter was held in Madison on Sunday, Jan. 18, with Bernie Voelker as hostess. Members present were Dora Fritzke, Jean Molholt, Dorothy Gossfeld, Judy Olson, Mary Seymour and Bernie Voelker. We were very happy to meet two prospective members, Lorraine Custis and Mary Landis, and we hope that they liked us also.

Isabelle Myrland and the Colonel are in Apache Junction, Ariz., for the duration of our cold weather and Frances Strong is wintering in Florida. Leave it to our two northern members to go south. Have a wonderful, you two "gals."

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 15. See you all then.

IOWA CHAPTER

By Helene Holton

This reporter has been out of circulation for awhile—strep throat infection. Therefore, the December party with Jane Delaney at Burlington was not reported.

Joann Fortier, our chapter secretary, gave me a run-down of the January meeting and some of the flying activities of our members.

Our meeting date is the second Sunday of the month. On January 11 the group met at the Cloud Room, Municipal Airport, Des Moines, Iowa. Those present were Maggie Adkins, Irene and Lloyd Dalbey, Kitty Hach and her two sons, Alice Pfantz, George and daughter, Pennee, Louise Swift and her son, Joann and Guy Fortier, and one guest, Evey Risdon, a brand new private pilot who learned to fly in her husbands 172. Those who were not from Des Moines, flew in—Kitty from Ames in her 170 and Louise from Maquoketa in a Tri-Pacer.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Elsie Ferich

Michigan has been caught in a frigid blast of snow and ice, but the "99 spirit" is warm and alive with activity.

The Michigan Chapter was invited to an Amelia Earhart commemorative breakfast at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Detroit on January 11 by the Zonta Club of Detroit. "Salute to Space" was the topic chosen by Loma Mae, guest speaker, Zonta and 99 member. When she disclosed the statistics on the rate of progress of man's travel over the years, and you realized the tremendous accomplishments during the last fifty years, you became acutely aware that "this is the space age, here and now"! You know too that we are the pioneers of space travel, and its endless horizons. We must change our way of thinking, our way of living, Loma said. We cannot be small and petty. We must enlarge our concept of all things, and be great of mind as we pierce the barriers, long believed binding us to this universe. It is truly an awe-inspiring era we live in.

The Small Race board met at Janey Hart's home in Lansing one evening to go over the rules and regulations of the race and discuss tentative dates and places for this year's event. More data will be forthcoming on it later.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Elaine Morris

Our December meeting was a dinner meeting held at one of our Copper Kettle restaurants and followed with a trip through the SAGE operation at Grandview Air Base. I am not qualified to describe this gigantic electric brain, I can only recommend your taking advantage of such a trip if possible. I came away, however, with the conviction that our air force is capable of spotting and tracking any and all unfriendly aircraft to enter the United States and my confidence in "the boys of the blue" to look out for us grows to immense proportions with each visit to any one of our bases. A total number of 24 mem-

bers, 49½ers and friends were present.

The January meeting was held at Sarah Gorlich's apartment Jan. 13. Those attending were Katherine Peck, Marjory Farrell, Betty Siggs, Joan Cayot and Elaine Morris. Being few in number our pot luck dinner lacked variety but we had plenty of good, filling food. Our activities for the coming year were discussed with plans for some interesting flight trips beginning to take shape.

NEWS ITEM: Our Vice Chairman, Marjory Farrell, was guest speaker at the Swinney PTA meeting in November and was the guest of honor at a tea following. Betty Siggs is teaching a general ground school course for one of the smaller airline hostess schools here in Kansas City.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Rose S. Andrew

January, 1959 will certainly be remembered weather-wise for a good long time around here. On the 20th we began to have freezing rain and by the next day, because of broken power connections and almost impassable roads, we, in Central Illinois, were declared to be in a state of emergency.

Our January meeting was in the form of a potluck dinner at the home of the Frank Andrews on Bloomington Road near Champaign, Jan. 18. Florence and Bob Musser were here from Jacksonville and the rest of us were all residents of Champaign County, Leah Warren, 49½er and little Davy, Marilyn Jackson, Sue Hassler, Marcia Brodie, and three guests, Babs Wilford, who received her pilot's license last summer from the Univ. of Ill. Institute of Aviation, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nichols. Mrs. Nichols has not yet completed her pilots training but is quite enthusiastic and is working hard at it when she has time. The Andrew four completed the group.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Maxine Loeffler

Although the weather outside was frightful and the fire was so delightful about the largest group we ever had attending a meeting gathered at the home of Mickey Clark for our January meeting. Mickey and Teddi Inman were hostesses for the evening. Major Sterling Kennedy of the CAP was guest speaker. I'm sure we all have a much better understanding of the CAP and the wonderful job everyone is doing. To climax the evening the girls served a delicious luncheon of homemade cake and cookies along with good, hot coffee.

It was especially nice to receive greetings from several of our members living out of town at Christmas time. Jay Lawrence and Lt. Pat Tulley of the USAF were the senders of their sincere wishes for a happy season.

Bits of conversations overhead at meeting: Hilda Hemmersmeier, chapter membership chairman, quite pleased with results of membership campaign (six prospective members attended January meeting). Teddi Inman enthused over new air strip which she and her 49½er, Merle, have under construction. Mickey Clark being congratulated on new instrument rating. June Evers inviting 99's to attend tour of TWA to be given Wing Scouts. Dolores Whelan is busy helping 49½er, Harold, study for his new job in the tower at Lambert Field. Erma Jaco and 49er, Garrett, down from home in Harlan, Iowa, and inviting all of us to spend a weekend in May with them. Maxine Desper has taken a course in millinery, just for a hobby. Our hats off to you, Maxine.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Ethel Knuth

First, you take a typical midwestern Saturday night in December, with clear, fresh air and a trace of snow on the ground. Rendezvous 36 titled persons (99's, 49½ers, and guests) at a cozy, beautifully decorated restaurant appropriately named Pine Manor at Anderson, In. Let Dorothea Hendricks, Charlotte Foland and Flora Mae Newman present you with a Christmas corsage (with miniature plane in center), then you enjoy the fabulous dinner and participate in an unrehearsed "take-off" of a current TV show, "The Price is Right." Truly a good recipe for fun. White elephants prizes pertaining to aviation are hard to find but our gals dream up some dandy items.

We are very proud of Nellie Alger who has only been flying for the past two years. Nellie was awarded the Dee Nicholas trophy by the Indianapolis Aero Club. This is a handsome trophy presented each year to the woman pilot who has contributed the most to private aviation. The actual presentation was filmed by a TV cameraman and shown on television the following day. Nellie placed 35th in the 1958 AWTAR, has 40 hours under the hood and has already passed her written instrument test. She is a former school teacher, a grandmother and a delightful speaker. Congratulations, Nellie, and good luck on the flight test!

During the holidays some of our members headed south. Tannie Schlundt is partial to Athens, Ga., while Jill McCormick flew that Bonanza to Atlanta. Margaret Ball Petty with her son and family flew to Delray Beach, Fla., in her new Comanche. Olive McCormick had a merry twinkle in her eyes brought there by recalling her exciting tour of a Boeing 707 jet airliner in New York. Olive flew daughter, Audrey (also a pilot), in their 195 to New York for Audrey's

wedding and subsequent honeymoon to Europe on the 707.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Mary J. Feeser

Your reporter is on a single wave length this month—namely aviation education. All-Ohio girls have long interested themselves in this 99 activity.

Take Marilyn Collette, for instance, who is advising Wing Scout Troop 130 comprised of 14 girls who have qualified and received their wings. Each girl had a flight in a 180. Only one member had ever flown, so, of course, it was a big thrill. They built all kinds of model airplanes, mostly sport models and jets. They visited facilities at Cleveland Hopkins Airport, concentrating upon the weather bureau, where they were given maps, which they learned to read. They visited Akron Airport control tower, observing and hearing a plane brought in on D. F. radar. Then they planned a hypothetical trip around the world. (Now this project could be planned in a jet 707.) After completing the requirements, the girls had the Wings presentation program at the Sieberling Scout House, with parents and friends. Marilyn says, "I felt very honored to be asked to pin them. They had worked so hard." You deserved the honor, Marilyn!

Jane Howell writes, "The subject which I teach is home economics. However, I became involved with CAP when Marge Hammon and I were invited to talk to their only all-girl unit about our flying the IAR. Since then I've been teaching a course in navigation at Wright-Patterson."

Joan Hrubec says, "I have served as advisor of the Claude King Wing Scout Troop 137 since 1953 and last December I received my five-year pin from the Girl Scout Council. We follow the official Wing Scout manual to fulfill the requirements for Wing Scout Analyst, Traveler, Navigator, Technician, and Pilot. We have built model airplanes, toured all the facilities at Cleveland Hopkins Airport, examined aircraft, practicing aviation safety. We have visited an airline reservation office center, and have had air force personnel talk to us. Flight 137 plans a trip every second year. Once they were flown in private aircraft to a resort island where they and their leaders stayed a week in a cottage. They also returned by private airplane. In 1955 they flew via Capital Airlines to Washington, D. C., and in 1957, they flew via United to New York City. At present I have 16 members. Working with Wing Scouts is fun."

Winnie Caughey, 1959 Onio Air Age Committee chairman, and Chairman Edythe Maxim spend considerable time at indoor and outdoor air meets,

timing events and helping in other ways.

Meg Berning is advising Cub Scouts on various phases of aviation and took them for an orientation flight this summer in her 170 and planes belonging to other pilots of the Cincinnati Airmen's Club.

Arlene Davis flew to Paris in January as Aviation Education delegate to the FAI. She recently sponsored three scholarships at Parks College of Aeronautical Technology, St. Louis University.

Helen Sammon was advisor to the Amelia Earhart Wing Scout Troop of Cleveland. She and her 49½er worked enthusiastically with the group until the girls graduated.

Jean Hixson, Ohio Air Air chairman for 1958, besides the accomplishments in my national letter to all 99's, has been speaker at the NAEC convention. Jean and your reporter were winners of the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight Contest for Teachers Who Worked in Aviation Education.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By June Basile

Hot coffee and doughnuts, a cheery, crackling fire, and a warm greeting from your hostess can help anyone forget the hour you spent at your home airport trying to get your plane started in the below zero weather. All the feelings of anxiety we experienced while the cooperative line boy coaxed an uncooperative heater to start vanished when Hazel Peterson, one of our four hostesses, greeted us at Priester Aviation Service, Palwaukee Airport for our January fly-in meeting. Esther Noffke, Florence Pickering and Helen Sailer, the other three hostesses for the meeting, were equally as busy greeting the cold and shivering 99's as they came in.

This is a personal endorsement for our chairman's newly instituted meeting-hostess plan. Lois announced at our October meeting that all 1959 business meetings would be sponsored by a hostess committee. She appointed Dorothy Vachout as coordinator for this plan. The entire Chicago Area Chapter membership was sifted thru and sorted so that each hostess committee shared a common geographic location. It was then arranged so that each month the meeting could be held in different parts of the city. This month's meeting was held on the North Side, next month we go to the South Side. How exciting, a fly-in at Midway! One of the nicest features about jumping around the city is it makes it a little easier for some of our very busy members to attend the meetings.

The hostess committee will be made up of four or five members. They will be responsible for choosing the location, refreshments, entertainment.

buying a raffle gift and providing transportation to and from the airports when necessary.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Virginia Caspersen

Our Christmas party was a gala affair, hosted by Margaret Campbell and her husband, 49½er Gordon. It was held at Lillydale Pool and Yacht Club, which had the most magnificent white tree I had ever seen.

The meeting consisted of a talk on "Accident Prevention" by George Holey of the Minnesota State Department of Aeronautics. We were all very pleased to have Mrs. Holey also in attendance.

We were all sorry our chairman, Shirley Iverson, was ill for our January meeting and we missed her very much. Jean Shrively, our vice chairman, took over for a very interesting meeting. After viewing the "180 Degree Turn" film, Kay McEnroe, chief pilot from Nelson-Ryan at Flying Cloud Airport, former Ninety-Nine and our state's first instructor of the "180 Degree Course," gave a talk elaborating on the film and answering our many questions.

Minnesota 99's are very pleased and excited about the "TAR" coming through Rochester, Minn., and beginning to organize our plans for the great event.

Mrs. Debbie Proffit, a brand new private pilot attended our January meeting as a prospective member along with Marianne Champlin, attending her second meeting as a prospective member.



KANSAS CHAPTER

By Helen Chandler

Our January meeting was another big event for all of us. On the evening of January 10 the Kansas 99's held a banquet at the Broadview Hotel in Wichita, in conjunction with the Wichita Zonta Club in commemoration of Amelia Earhart's memorable Hawaiian flight. Governor Docking proclaimed January 11 as Amelia Earhart Day in Kansas and Mayor Gardner proclaimed the week preceding January 11 as Amelia Earhart Week in Wichita. Our International President, Broneta Evans, was with us and brought Velma Woodward with her for this event.

On Sunday, Jan. 11, we met at the Municipal Airport in the airflite office for our monthly meeting. Our chairman, Marie Engleman, bought coffee all around for those attending. Ninety-Nines present were: International

President Broneta Davis Evans, Velma Woodward, Hazel Guy, Mary McKillip, Betty Parks, Dorothy Speer, Helen Chandler, Margaret Yourdon, Doris Richey, Becky Morgan. After our meeting we viewed with much interest the AOPA 180 Degree film. We had some interesting pilots drop in for the film viewing as well as some very welcome guests.

All in all it was a very good meeting and for once we had beautiful flying weather in January. After our meeting and film, everyone drove to the Branding Iron for lunch and then either took to the air or to four wheels. We really enjoyed having Broneta and Velma with us and hope they can make it this way again very soon. The welcome mat is always out in Kansas to all 99's.

ABILENE CHAPTER

By June Renny

On November 17 three Cessnas each carrying four Abilene 99's flew to Plainview, Texas. We were met there by the very charming Margaret Mitchell and two of her lovely friends, Doris Harvis and Elvie Miller.

Mrs. Mitchell is a member of the Abilene Chapter, but very few of our members had ever met her before. She hosted us to a delightful luncheon. We enjoyed our visit so much with these three ladies that we just barely beat the sun down on our return to Abilene.

We didn't hold a regular meeting in December but had a Christmas party at the home of Mary (Amber) Cree. Husbands were invited, it was a wonderful party starting with cocktails, then dinner and topped off with the fifty cent tour of Amber's enchanting home. It's truly an architectural triumph from suspended stairway to triangular fire place.

DALLAS CHAPTER

By Dorothy Warren

Eleven members and one guest enjoyed cocktails and dinner at Glen Lakes Country Club for our January meeting. Members present were Pat Jetton, Jerry Sloan, Virginia Holmes, Martha Ann Reading, Doris Weller, Jo Allison, Jan Martin, Margie Barr, Mary Gauss, Ramona Upfield and myself. Our guest was Ruth Altman, wife of Dallas surgeon, Dr. William Altman. Ruth is learning to fly in their Bonanza and is a very enthusiastic future pilot.

We were happy to have Ramona Upfield back with us from Los Angeles. She and 49½er Jim are all moved and settled in their beautiful new home at 3055 Selma Lane and are awaiting their first visit from the stork in June.

It seems everyone is getting the new year off to a good start with lots of flying activity. Pat Jetton flew a charter trip to Kileen early this month and also checked out in a Bo-

nanza. Air Haven is now a fine reality and had a big grand opening to which we were all invited.

Jerry Sloan, sporting lovely blond hair, is starting on her instrument rating at Dal-Tex Aviation in their Cessna Skylane. She reports that it is very hard work!

Each Saturday and Sunday finds Joan Huckeba out at Red Bird Airport either flying her Ercoupe or riding with someone else. This gal just loves the wide blue yonder, and has a great ambition to own a sport plane and become proficient at aerobatics.

Virginia Holmes and husband have returned from a Bonanza trip to New Mexico. They managed to get some skiing in before the weather threatened to make them snowbound and necessitated them starting back to Dallas before schedule.

Due to the fact that her boss underwent surgery earlier this month, Mildred Bishop hasn't even had time to get her pretty pink Tri-Pacer out of the hanger to run it up! Busy as she is though, she still manages to take time to hold ground school for two girls from her office who are learning to fly. Pat, Jerry, Joan, Jo and I have also taken turns at teaching and after classes have had many enjoyable "hanger flying" sessions over cups of Mildred's good coffee.

International President Broneta Davis Evans flew her Cessna into Dallas on the 17th to pick up South Central Section's Governor Martha Ann Reading and depart for Houston. We were sorry she could not stay and visit, but knew how anxiously the Houston Chapter was awaiting the brand new charter that was presented to them that evening.

HOUSTON CHAPTER

By Alice Seaborn

Now we are official! We have our charter and all like that.

Our biggest January news is our charter presentation which occurred January 17 at a dinner in the Cloud Room at Houston International Airport. Broneta Davis Evans and Martha Ann Reading flew in Saturday afternoon and stayed overnight with Merle Boitnott. Because it is a trip in itself to go over to Merle's and it was getting late and traffic was heavy, Sally Gauss flew them over to Merle's private strip at Cypress. They were back at the Cloud Room at 7:30 p.m. which must have been some hurrying.

Your reporter has heard many a complimentary remark about the dinner. In attendance were, of course, our chapter group: Marceline Todd, Gertrude Howard, Sally Gauss, Merle Boitnott, Rhea Hurtle, Bobbie Prenzler, Frances Castleberry, and Alice Seaborn. Then there were assorted 49½ers, prospective 99's and Petti-coat Pilots and even Corpus Christi

guests Pauline Glasson and Patti Bird. May I say in passing that the Corpus girls have been wonderful in helping us get started and sharing their tremendous knowhow on airmarking. In all, we had 28 at the dinner—a goodly turnout for the launching of our infant organization.

FORT WORTH CHAPTER

By Frances Pyland

Our group recently voted that each month two member should act as hostesses for our meetings—planning the date, entertainment, place, etc. We feel, with this plan in effect, that each meeting will be a little different; also the responsibility for the meetings will be equally divided among our members. Hostesses for the first of these meetings were Verna Stubbs and Frances Pyland who entertained with a party at Verna's ranch. Horseback riding, horseshoe pitching and hangar flying comprised the afternoon's entertainment after which supper was served and a short business meeting held. Verna's ranch is quite the envy of all—so near and yet so far from the city! As an added attraction to the picturesque setting of her home a lake is practically at the back door, and it seems as though the landing strip was planned by mother nature herself. 49½ers and guests were invited.

Bits of interesting information about our members:

Edna Whyte is scheduled as guest speaker for the Zonta Club luncheon at the college in Stephenville, Texas, on January 27. Her talk will be on "The First Women to Fly."

New members in our group: Dianne Carter and Hazel Nealey.

Delphine Bohn led the Beechcraft dealer sales in '58. Her offices are located in Fort Worth at our own Meacham Field. We are proud of her outstanding achievements in aviation. Congratulations, Delphine!

Mary Kahac and Frances Pyland have passed the written examination for their instrument ratings.

Tony Page and Edna Whyte are listed in the newly published book, "Who's Who in Women of the World." A real honor, girls, and congratulations!

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Peg Ong

Our January meeting found us at Marilyn Nordstrom's home with Donna Myers as co-hostess. No formal business meeting was held but plenty of hangar-flying was carried on. Those making the get-together were Mary Frenzel, Jo Dennis, Gene Nora Stumbough, Alice Fuchs, Peg Ong and the hostesses. A prospective member, Terry McAlpine, was our guest as was "Ozzie" the Nordstrom's pet guinea pig. Terry came to the Denver area from Los Angeles in 1953 and is sold

on the Rocky Mt. country-side. She's passed her private written but still hasn't quite enough flight time to take her flight test. She and her husband are learning to fly together and have their eye on a 172 — with hopes of finishing up the private requirements. Main point of the evening was to gather up our rummage for the sale in February.

Gene Nora is leaving us for a while . . . going back to Oklahoma U. to finish her last semester. She's taking an aviation course and hopes to have her commercial and instructor's rating when she's finished.

Alice told us about her flight to Pittsburgh in the Warner's Bonanza right before the holidays. It seems the radio boys wouldn't give her a chance to answer their questions . . . and they talk about gal pilots getting flustered! Alice also got in on some publicity pictures for the new Forinaire (formerly Aircoupe) at Stapleton early in January. The Fuchs' still have hopes of moving to the Air Academy housing one of these days.

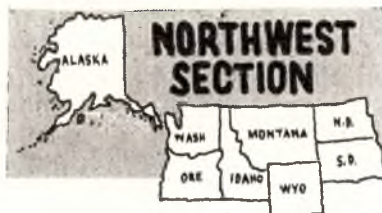
EL PASO CHAPTER

By Evelyn Wasser

Just getting back from a buying expedition in Chicago and telling myself how grateful I should be to live in sunny and warm El Paso when a new low and cold front meet right overhead and we have all types of weather within five hours. Temperature dropped from 69 to 29.

Still got lots of tailend Christmas news to pass around. Ruby Tatman's son home for Christmas. Lela Carwardine visiting her children in Las Vegas. We hope to hear all the details of how enchanting the trip was at our next meeting which is coming up this Saturday.

Doesn't seem that all us flying people are doing much in the air these days. Ruth and Charlie Deerman motored to California for their Christmas, and Juanita and Tex Burdick are off on a two month tour through Mexico. They have rented a trailer and plan to take things very easy and see all the sights along the way.



IDAHO CHAPTER

By Lucille Taylor

Our Christmas meeting was a lovely spaghetti dinner served in the home of Joyce Morcom with Doris Atkinson and Barbara Hornback as co-host-

esses. A gift exchange followed the dinner.

The January meeting was held in the home of Georgia Martin with 49/ers and guests invited. Colored films of H a w a i i recaptured memories for the Hettingers, since Edna, Lawrence and son, Larry, spent from December 19 to January 3 in the islands. This trip was in celebration of their silver wedding anniversary.

The Eastern Idaho chapter invited the Idaho 99's to their meeting in Pocatello on Sunday, Jan. 7. Millie Shinn and myself flew in our Luscombe to enjoy a delightful ham lunch in the home of Mary and Grant Kilbourne.

On January 8-9-10-11 the Idaho pilots flew a 100,000 mile search for a missing Piper Pacer with two men aboard. The search did not locate this miss-

ALASKA CHAPTER

By Ann Pollom

We finally dug ourselves out of various snowbanks, and had our regular monthly meeting only 24 hours late. We were delayed by one of the worst wind storms in many years. All 99's reported that their aircraft were in good condition. There were a great many planes tied down at Lake Hood and Merrill Field that received extensive damage. The weather bureau announced winds of up to 86 miles per hour were recorded during the storm. We met at the home of Ann Pollom and those present were: Helen Stoddard, Ruth O'Buck, Lois Wise, Pat Gilda, Marian Zaegel and Ann Pollom.

Shortly before Christmas we were able to attend a luncheon with Jimmy Kuhn of the Montana Chapter. We were happy to have had you visit us, Jimmy, and hope that you and many others will come up before too long again.

Pat Gilda was recently elected Secretary-Treasurer of the newly re-organized Alaska Airmen's Association. All 99's were automatically given membership. We are greatly honored to have Pat elected one of the officers. They are busy working at present on the search and rescue operations, hoping to perfect the technique shortly.

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Ruby Mathis

Terry and Dave Kellogg are winging their way across the country in a four-engine "Goose" which Dave has been testing at Portland for Mr. McKinnon. They expect to see Los Angeles, Tucson, Phoenix, Ft. Worth, Houston, New Orleans, Florida, New York and Chicago before returning. Sounds like fun and hope you meet a lot of 99's, Terry.

Our Christmas party was a buffet

dinner at the New Washington hotel with dancing till the wee hours. Twenty-three attended.

January meeting was held at Galvin's Flying School with Mildred Pearson conducting the meeting. Louise Smith, Vanecia Adderson, Donna Ezzell, Helen Appel, Ginny Andrews, Mildred Pearson, Mary Moore and your reporter attended. Mary Moore brought as her guest, Marlene Braun. Our next meeting will be held at Galvin's with a talk on Weather.

Mickey Gilman and Maxine Fancher are expecting 24 - ¾ers this month. Good luck to you both.

Ginny Andrews, Gordon and Vanecia Adderson and Hugh Fancher are a few of our 99's and 49½ers who are going to fly passengers on January 25 for the March of Dimes campaign.



SOUTHWEST SECTION

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Aileen Sanders

Our January meeting was held in the home of Thelma Bishop. It was a delayed Christmas party since Thelma was away in Mexico at the time of regular meeting. We had pot luck dinner and exchanged gifts. After a few cups of Thelma's delicious punch the business meeting was very short. We were honored with the presence of Doris Eacret who had flown in from Elko the day before to attend the Zonta dinner. Doris was the house guest of Dotty Sanders while in San Diego.

The George Air Force Base visit November 15th was cancelled due to bad weather. On the eve of Nov. 14th what a ball we had notifying some 102 girls from the Southwest Section of the cancellation. Our apologies to those few hardy ones we couldn't reach and arrived in spite of the weather — perhaps we shouldn't, because the Air Force treated them royally. Just imagine 4 women marooned among 4000 men, it certainly couldn't be called the lost week-end. The rain date Nov. 21 found CAVU weather and some 54 girls on hand at George Air Force Base. Upon arriving we were briefed by Major Risner on Tactical Air Command operation as they apply to George. We were then taken on a tour of the base and introduced to the F-1000 flight simulator which a few lucky 99s were able to try to fly. The Air Force then put on an air show of 4 F-100s and 2 F-104s. During lunch we were addressed by Col. George Laven Jr. the C.O. of the base on Air Defense Command operations. After



A group of girls inspecting the F-102 at George Air Force Base

lunch the Air Force put on a "scramble" of 2 F-102s. From the time of the alert to air born was only 2 min. 52 sec. The visit was so well received by the 99s that we plan to have another visit in the not too distant future.

I had the pleasurable experience of going thru high altitude indoctrination at March Air Force Base. The course included a full day of classroom instruction in operation of equipment and pressure breathing. Actual altitude simulation to 43,000 ft. and rapid decompression.

Gertrude and John Lochwood are spending a month in Palm Springs. Marian Craver flew over to spend the weekend and to celebrate her birthday. Happy Birthday Marian. Marian and Lois Bartling flew to Yuma to attend a luncheon and thought they had arrived 15 min. early until they were told Yuma is one hour ahead of Calif. time. But the girls enjoyed the flight over. Lois and Harry have been spending a lot of time flying their Bonanza to Tucson to relax in the sun. Thelma Bishop and husband have just returned from Guaymas, Mex., and off again to Arizona.

With all the traveling our gals are doing we still have time for 99 work. We recently helped the March of Dimes on a Penny a Pound flight at all the local airports. We collected \$1,029 and had to turn people away due to the shortage of planes. Lois Bartling and Lin Briggs are due a special salute because they collected

\$90 with only Lois flying and Lin collecting the money at the Romana Airport.

Betty Lambert has been doing an excellent job working with the Wing Scouts. Several of the 99s are helping in teaching them theory of flight navigation and survival and etc.

From our recent rummage sale we made a profit of \$165 which, with the profit from the White Elephant sale of \$71.95, was donated to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship fund.

All who knew Noble Craver were saddened by his passing December 11th. We extend to Marian and her family our most heartfelt sympathy.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Margaret Gerhardt

Our January meeting was at Doris Phillips home in Alameda. Members present were Miriam Brugh, Marge Fauth, Mary Fields, Margaret Gerhardt, Rita Hart, Geri Hill, Helen Kelton, Gail Lane, Doris Phillips and Ruth Rueckert, plus visiting 99 Gerry Mickelsen, and prospectives Dixie Lusk and Anne Partch. Gail Lane appointed Mary Fields as our new treasurer.

Jean Kaye has applied for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award from our chapter and we wish her luck. Some discussion was held on the air race. Geri Hill told about her trip to Guaymas via Mooney Mark 20 and Anne Partch told about flying to La Paz in their Bonanza. It was interesting to hear that you must file a

flight plan (cost about 75c), but it is forwarded manana. After hearing about fishing, skin diving, the delicious food, the rough runways and Mexican customs (at the border), I was ready to go. February meeting the 20th at Ann Rambo's in Los Altos.

Our Christmas party at Margaret and John Gerhardt's was fun. Present were Miriam Brugh with guests Lee Bunker and Bonnie Cross, Maxine and Ed Carlson, Marge Fauth, Mary and Rafel Fields, Geri Hill, Rita and Al Hart, Helen and Don Kelton, Gail and Fielding Lane, Gerry Mickelson, Doris and Douglas Phillips, Ruth and Fred Rueckert, Evelyn and Leo Esser, Dixie and Ed Lusk, Ces and Adrian Rose and Glenn and Eleanor Wilson. In the gift exchange the present most people wanted to have was the flashlight that would shine with either green, red or white light. Snacks and drinks and conversation and apple strudel and coffee and more conversation completed the evening.

Missed the Kitty Hawk dinner Dec. 5th, but hear a good time was had by those who went. Ruth Rueckert was there with Fred, Marsha and date, and Miriam Brugh, Helen and Don Kelton, Jean Kaye, Rita Hart, Gerry Mickelson, Mary Fields, and Hazel Bretagna and Pat Stauffer from Redwood Empire and Zona King of Santa Clara Valley Chapter.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jeanne Strahl

Our January meeting was held at Donna Fisher's home on a rainy, rainy nite. Most of the evening was taken up with our plans for the Spring Sectional — after that we enjoyed some of Donna's home-made pizza.

Renee and Del Brown only had a few minutes to chat before taking off for the Salton Sea last week. This is a weekly jaunt for them as Del is busy selling property in that area.

Minnie Lee Morgan (Audrey Stuttee's co-pilot in last year's TAR) won the Polaroid camera which was the prize for one of our fund raising projects. We hope to see Minnie Lee's name on our San Fernando Valley Chapter roster soon.

Mentioning new members, Valda May Verba, who just transferred from the Sacramento Chapter, was in an auto accident shortly after the holidays. All is well now and we hope to see her at Trixie Ann Schubert's home February 2 for our next business meeting which Trixie has combined every year with a Valentine's Day party.

Received a Christmas card from Babe Story post-marked New York. It was a business/pleasure trip to the land of snow and ice for Babe. Under-

stand she flew both ways — commercial! This is quite a twist for Babe who likes to captain her own plane.

Great plans are underway for our Spring Sectional. Louise Robertson has been appointed as our "liaison officer" with the Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce who has promised us their utmost cooperation. Clara Davis will take care of all our banquet arrangements at the Chase House Hotel on Sepulveda which, by the way, will be our headquarters for the Spring meeting.

Virginia Hall received a letter from Navajo Mission for Children in Arizona. They are most grateful for the gym set we sent as our Christmas project this year. Our thanks go to Virginia Hall and Shirley Robinson who made this project possible.

SANTA CLARA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Monahan

November 23rd a beautiful Indian summer day was celebrated with a Fly-in to Salinas Airport and lunch at the new airport restaurant. Salinas members Ardell Hauk and baby Gale Champlin, Clara Lou Cathey, with Karen and Alvin Cathey and guest Bob Ratten, greeted the Fly-ins. Mabel and Ott Zehr, Mayetta Behringer and daughter, with Ruby Fielding. Pat Gladney, Margaret Standish, Vivian Esler, Jeanne McElhatten, Jackie Petty and Dorothy Monahan, Anne and Bob Gardyne, Margaret and Bill Boente.

Belle Hetzel, Mo Valley Chapter and Former National President stopped briefly in San Francisco on a leg of her Round the World Trip in 70 Days. Belle had many interesting experiences, including meeting 99 members in South Africa and Japan.

Pat and Jack Gladney and daughter, Gale, with Patty Sherwood spent a two week vacation flying to Florida in their Cessna 180. (Jack is a Captain on Pacific Airlines) with a stopover in Phoenix, four interesting days in New Orleans, water skiing, deep sea fishing, (catching dolphin) visiting the Cypress Gardens. Also met 99er Eleanor Wasser in El Paso.

Mayetta Behringer is busy promoting private aviation with the Navy wives at Moffet Field (Surprising how many people are reluctant to fly in one engine planes.) flying them to the famous Fly-In Restaurant, the Nut Tree. Mabel Zehr, recent transfer from Bay Cities Chapter keeps flying around the area with 49½er Otto Zehr, and Skeeter, in their Funk.

Ruby Fielding transferring in from Washington Chapter. Husband is stationed at Moffet Field.

The McElhattons finding commuting on Bayshore Freeway more hazard-

ous than Flying. Moved from San Carlos to San Francisco where Dave is busy with radio programs—KCDS—740 on the dial.

Business meeting was held Jan. 22 at Barbara Hector's new home in San Jose. Plans were made for fund raising, and future flying activities. Marian Barnick brought material for the Air Age Education program. Home made apple pie and cheese with coffee was served by the hostess. Delicious! Guests were Neoloe Fierling, Pauline Berti and Doris Fosbeck. Also prospective members. Members attending were Margaret Standish, Mabel Zehr, Mayetta Behringer, Ruby Fielding, Marion Barnick, Natale Bossio, Pat Gladney, Ardell Hauk, Jeannie McElhatten, Dorothy Monahan, Patty Sherwood, Jackie Petty, Barbara Hector, who also played a few selections on her Irish harp by request.

Natalie Bossio participated in a CAP Air Search for an army helicopter with four men aboard—down in the Pacheco Pass.

UTAH CHAPTER

By Alberta Hunt Nicholson

December 29 found the Utah 99's off to Eunice Naylor's house for a sumptuous Christmas supper — an annual event we all look forward to, and what a cook, that Eunice!

In addition to Beth Evans, Cora Grote, Alberta Nicholson, June Raybould, Ethel McDermott and Margaret Loy, Niki Harding braved the winter night and drove up solo from American Fork, Utah.

If you were in Salt Lake for the Section meeting three years ago you will remember Dr. Swigart and his report on the Aero-B Rocket. He is reporting on the latest in rockets and missiles at our January meeting at June Raybould's house. We are hoping for a report on his latest rocket assignment at the North Pole.

Doris Eacret was guest at a dinner given by the San Diego Ninety-Nines and the Zonta Club to pay tribute to Amelia Earhart and to present a \$2500 Aeronautical Engineering Scholarship to a young French girl studying at the California Institute of Technology. While in San Diego, she attended a party given by Thelma Bishop where she enjoyed lots of "race" talk and good food along with 30 other Ninety-Nines. While down that way, she saw part of the Tijuana Open Golf tournament and the Dog Races at Caliente. Sounds like fun. She had a perfect flight down except for the "usual" at Tonopa and came back with a whopper of a tailwind (it seems if there's a tailwind around Doris will find it). And listen to this from her letter, "Ducked under a little 'fuzz'

up Monitor Valley which gave me a chance to 'make like a tourist' in investigating all the animals, hot holes, rock formations, old mines, etc." I'd love to make like a tourist with Doris.

We have just heard that Fran Dias was recently married! Congratulations and best wishes for a world of happiness to you, Fran, and the lucky man.

I am going to be in San Fernando at the V.A. Hospital for meetings from Feb. 18 thru 21 and in Santa Monica to the California Recreation Society Convention Feb. 15 to 18. Would surely like to see some of the 99s and attend one of their meetings.

TUCSON CHAPTER

By Mary Martin

We dood it! Yep, even though Pearl Harbor day almost sunk us. The Tucson chapter's Penny-a-pound Airlift flew all day Dec. 7th. The idea was



Tucson Chapter commercial pilots who flew "Penny-a-Pound" Day: Shirley Marshall in airplane, Lorraine Chandler on wing and Dorothy Jenkins in front.

conceived to promote air-age education, and, incidentally, give the treasury a boost.

A tremendous publicity campaign was carried on via radio and television under public service time, and a number of newspaper articles preceded the event. Dealers were persuaded to show their new aircraft and the C.A.A. was alerted and standing by.

Outcome? We wuz mobbed! Starting with three airplanes and building up to seven ere the day was through, all our commercial pilots were flying and commercially-licensed husbands were

also flying, doing relief flying, or helping with the crowd. Freeway airport personnel were pressed into flying service, and their Apache, flying for 2c per pound, was called back repeatedly to meet a large demand.

Flying 99's were Lorraine Chandler, Dorothy Jenkins, and Shirley Marshall, and flying husbands were Charles Jenkins, Leo Johnston, and Reid Martin. Weighing in, collecting money and writing tickets were Donna Johnston and Mary Martin and Dorothy's 16-year-old, Chuck; while keeping flights in order and escorting groups to the planes were Bea Edgerly and Gertrude Gelderman. Unfailing assistance was given by prospective member Delores Fisher and a former member whom we'd love to have back, Maggie Shock. Nina Price lent a helping hand whenever office duties allowed, and Shirley Marshall's husband, Art, very ably manned the Unicom. Also helping on the ground were husbands Bill Chandler, Leonard Price, and Ray Shock, and prospective members Betty Gegenheimer, Rita Mikula, and Betty Milburn. Darrell Kight also helped by pitching in with his Luscombe when the going got rough.

In spite of continuous flying and (we like to think) efficient ground handling, the crowd grew like Topsy, and we were forced to stop selling tickets about 3:00 due to the backlog to be flown off by dark. Upon being informed, a great many people left; however, some people had been waiting to be weighed for several hours, so out of fairness, we began taking names and addresses to reserve another Sunday for them. Over 150 reservations were finally made, in addition to over 130 plane loads taken up that Sunday. It was a tremendous showing of flying interest on the part of Tucson; of endurance on the part of the 99's and our pals; and of the amazing influence of advertising.

Our hero for December is Lorraine Chandler, who buckled down and came up with her Commercial license on December 4. That's worth a handshake any time, but especially when under pressure of a job, plus homemaking, and trying to meet a deadline.

Our regular meeting on Dec. 2 was held at Bea Edgerly's and combined business with a pleasurable party at which gifts were exchanged.

December 15 saw us all at the 49'ers ranch at the annual Christmas dinner with husbands and guests. Everyone who had helped with the success of Penny-a-pound day was invited, and everyone who came had a walloping good time. Featured were cocktails and an excellent steak dinner, and

our prexy, Dottie Jenkins, was awarded a beautiful corsage for general good behavior.

Our next regular meeting, at Dorothy's, was set ahead one week to Dec. 29. Working like a bevy of beavers, we mailed out reservation cards for our follow-up Airlift, Jan. 4.

A total of five airplanes were flying all day the Fourth, and although there were no idle moments, the crowd never got too large. Flying were Lorraine Chandler, Dorothy Jenkins, Shirley Marshall, Leo Johnston and Reid Martin. Also helping on the flying was Lee Green, an ex-Wisconsinite and prospective 99, who is currently instructing at Freeway.

Working on the ground were Bea Edgerly, Gertrude Gelderman, Donna Johnston, Mary Martin and Maggie Shock and Delores Fisher, as well as Chuck Jenkins. Nina Price, although busy in the office, helped keep an eye on the spare change, and Art Marshall, as usual, efficiently applied himself to the radio.

This humble reporter would like to insert here a most heartfelt thank-you to all the Tucson Chapter. Due to the lovely new condition of the treasury and to the spritely generosity of all the members, a scholarship was set up guaranteeing me a Commercial license after a nine-year struggle with medicals and family problems. Now I believe in Santa Claus. I hope in the next issue to tell you the final good news; in the meantime, thanks again, gals.

A special business meeting was held on January 19 at Donna Johnston's, with a mile-long agenda to be discussed. Items included plans for a Commercial ground school and our next Airlift, set for March 1.

And I guess that's finally ALL! See — didn't I tell you to watch Tucson go? See y'all next month!

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER

The January meeting was held at the lovely home of Virginia Graham. (By the way — our chapter meets the last Thursday of each month.) Virginia reports that she received her multi-engine rating in December in an Apache.

Penny Swope told us about the new airport she flew out to see at Twenty-Nine Palms. She is also helping friends rebuild a Tri-Pacer. This is the second ship Penny has helped with in addition to her own Piper Clipper — and teaching school again too! Please Penny, what brand of vitamins do you take?

Bobbie Collins will be our next new member by the time this is printed. Welcome Bobbie.

SAGUARO CHAPTER**By Alice Roberts**

Greetings from the Saguaro Chapter! Have we all recovered from the holidays? I have been having a four week bout with the Flu bug . . . but seem to be on the road to recovery now. At least I have my voice back. So I feel in contact with the outside world again.

Who goes more than Jimmie Shelton, our chairman? She and her 49½'er "Comanché" to San Francisco a few days back . . . the last I heard they were on their way to Nassau! Pat Runyon, prospective member, entertained at a Christmas party for the gals and their guys . . . everyone had a ball. Thanks, Pat.

Did I ever get a surprise the other night at the meeting we had (Held at Wilma Bland's). A guest came in and we were introduced and I thought she looked familiar . . . but I couldn't place her . . . then I asked her to spell her name so I could put it in the news letter . . . and it was Ruth Jacquot. Then the bells rang and a whistle blew and it dawned on me that I had met her in Lawrence, Mass., at the start of the 7th AWTAR. Small world, isn't it. She is now making her home in Phoenix.

Our January meeting was a very nice meeting attended by Jimmie Shelton, Virginia Hash, Betty Slater, Marjy Crowl, Wilma Bland, Doris Rowe, Ruth Jacquot, Alice Roberts, and Pat Runyon.

Sylvia Roth, Chicago Chapter, was in town for a few days . . . and I had a very happy visit with her. Nice seein' ya, Syl!

Think this about covers it 'till next time . . . Happy flying to you all.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER**By Frances Bera**

It's a little late, but I do want to catch up on a bit of the holiday news. Our annual Christmas party was held at Allens Center on Terminal Island. A gala time was had as guests of Lt. Pinkney and Mary. Claire Walters got weathered in at Amarillo and couldn't make it back in time for the party. She was flying a new 150 Cessna from the factory, for delivery to Santa Monica Flyers.

Our January meeting was held at the home of Fran Bera, with a wonderful turnout of 32 members and guests. The nickle Jitney sale was a huge success, lots of fun and we added thirty dollars to our treasury. Helen Albani made delicious Hungarian pastries for our refreshments. Helen has had a book written about her experience as an army nurse, by author Jean Sebring. Negotiations are underway to make this story into a movie.

Helen was the first woman to be awarded the Bronze Star for bravery during World War II.

Our chapter is submitting a bid for the start of the 1960 AWTAR, with starting point at Torrance. If this is accepted it should keep us all very busy. Your reporter flew a T-33 Jet at Palmdale. It was lots of fun doing touch and goes.

Iris Critchell spent a week in the snow at Squaw Valley, where the 1960 winter Olympics will be held.

We all extend our deepest sympathy to Hilda Reafsnnyder, due to the death of her husband.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER**By Hazel Bertagna**

Anna Brenner entertained the Redwood Empire Chapter of 99's at our Christmas party on our regular meeting date at her home just off the Santa Rosa Highway. 49½'er, Art, and her lovely mother assisted and we had an outstanding luncheon consisting of a variety of salads, nuts, olives and home made biscuits, that really hit the spot. We ate on the side porch in the sunshine, that's a good example of our "unusual" California weather—the second Sunday in December and warm enough to sit in the sun in a summer dress.

The visibility wasn't too good for flying (hazy) but Pat Stouffer, "Little Sister" June O'Donnell, and Hazel Bertagna flew to Santa Rosa in a 172 and the trip was short and sweet. Shirley Blocher and her 49½'er, Duane, drove down from Ukiah. "Little Sister" Betty Lochen was enjoying the Hawaiian sunshine then, and we have yet to hear how completely wonderful the whole trip was.

Nellie Palmer picked us up at the airport and took us to Anna's but had to go back home to entertain unexpected guests. We missed her and she missed a delicious lunch.

Anna had her home tastefully decorated with Christmas pretties, and we noted added flowers and trees and furniture to the grounds and house. The place is becoming a regular estate.

We planned to have our January meeting at the Nut Tree, then the Blochers dropped us off at the airport on their way home.

Thank you Anna, from all of us for everything, food and gifts. That Jacqueline Cochran Cosmetic special is really something.

Actually we could have flown over to the Nut Tree for our January meeting. It doesn't take any longer to drive over than it does to fly, and we wanted to make a day of it and our conscience bothers us when we take a plane for ½ hr. flying time and stay

4 or 5 hrs. so we used the Merc. station wagon.

Nellie Palmer phoned and reported both their planes were unflyable. We thought it was set up for them to drive over and meet us. Don't know yet what happened. We can't call it a meeting as only two members were present, but it was a nice day off. We had a super "Tropical" lunch and before we finished "Little Sister" Anita Conly stopped at the table to chat awhile. She and her family were on their way home from the snow country, having driven up for the day.

June O'Donnell is about 2 hrs. away from her private. She should be one of us soon. "Little Sister" Ruth Rees was the first gal to get her private ticket at Napa County Airport (1946) but hasn't done any flying since. She wants to become active and join us when she feels financially able. We all hope that will be soon.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER**By Genevieve Hall**

Recently presidents of various local women's organizations were invited to spend the day at McClellan Air Force Base for a briefing on the mission of the Sacramento Air Materiel Area. Hialeah was invited as our Chapter Chairman and Ruth represented the Kiwanis Anns. The invita-



Left to right: Hialeah Reilich, Major Rene Boyd (husband of member Betty), and Ruth Wagner before recent T-33 jet ride. Photographed at McClellan Air Force Base.

tion also said "if they cared to" they could have a ride in a T-33. It is interesting to note that out of 35 invitations extended, only 13 were accepted. The girls agreed that "technically" a recent article in Air Facts covered the flight better than they could. The thrilling hour plus ride seemed to each about 5 minutes long.

December 6 found us gathering at the Nut Tree with the Santa Clara Chapter for purpose of receiving the lovely Air Age Education trophy. Two of our biggest contributors for the award, Thelma Syrek and Margaret

Farkas flew down from Lincoln; Betty Haynes and Nelsyne Jones flew Arbuckle; and Ruth Wagner and Hialeah Reilich drove from Sacramento, $\frac{3}{4}$ visibility at airport.

Twenty people attended our wonderful Christmas party held in the Officers Club at McClellan Airforce Base. Yours truly missed out, having left Sacramento the day before via commercial airlines for Shreveport, Louisiana, to spend the holidays.

Our January luncheon-meeting was held in the International Room at Municipal Airport. Those attending were Doreen Brandley, Genevieve Hall, Betty Haynes, Helen Mace, Gerry Michelson, Claire Raley, Hialeah Reilich, Ruth Wagner, and guests Ruth Loomis; Ruth Glaser Wright (Wasp 44-10) visiting us from Los Angeles; and Rita Hart (she and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er are house guests of Gerry Michelson.)

Word from Jan Kapus stationed at Prestwick Airport, Scotland, informs us that she is "head-over-heels" in work as Personal Services Officer; is proud owner of a Vauxhall Victor and plans to tour the Highlands and the Continent with it this year; finds the

cold, damp, bone-chilling climate offset by the warm, hospitable Scots!

Our loss will be a gain for the Santa Clara Valley Chapter. Our wandering Johnson's, Patty and Alan are going to make their home permanently (honest!) in San Jose.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Christie Warren

For our January meeting, we had planned a white elephant sale which proved to be fun as well as profitable. A wide assortment of articles were on display, and everything went at auction to highest bidder, resulting in a neat sum of around \$75.00 for the treasury to go toward our contribution to AWTAR. Members are starting to collect more white elephants for another sale and invite friends to participate, making it even bigger and better than this one.

We welcomed another new member, Tillie Klements, who recently got her private. Tillie was bitten by the flying bug over ten years ago, got as far as soloing, and for personal reasons could not continue flying then. Last year she took to the air again, starting from scratch and kept at it dili-

gently until she got her ticket. She is single, and is employed as head bookkeeper for a large furniture manufacturer in Los Angeles.

Good news from Carolyn West! First, daughter Jackie is ready for her private license and will be a candidate for 99's membership. She has been taking flight and ground instruction in Las Vegas at Alamo Airways, flying a Cessna 150 and occasionally gets multi-engine time on the Hacienda's Champagne Flight. Any 99's flying into Vegas can find Jackie at the desk of Alamo Airways where she works when not in the air, and she would love to meet you. We hope she will follow in the footsteps of her mother who was a very active and valuable member of 99's before she took to the sea, bought Monsoon II, and moved to San Pedro. Second bit of good news, our chapter has been invited for a day trip aboard Monsoon II for a get-together this spring. Thanks, Carolyn. It will be good seeing you and Jack again.

Chairman Marijane Brown just purchased a Narco radio and Super-Homer for her Ercoque.

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