



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

News Letter

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Attend Your Sectional Meetings!

President's Column

March 1, 1959

Welcome! to all those new members whose names have been added to our growing membership list . . . and thank you! to all those who are responsible for these new members. With so much correspondence and detail work, a real sting from the "flu" bug and the weather, I have absolutely had no time for my airplane this month. With the many letters I have received, I feel that I have visited almost every Chapter, however. I am so pleased with all the nice plans for the Section meetings, and I do so much, want to urge all of you to attend YOUR Section meeting. There is no better way to repay the hostess Chapter for all their efforts, than for you to be present to enjoy all the nice activities that have been arranged for you. Do make a special effort to go, you'll have a wonderful time, because Section meetings **are** fun for all!

Ninety-Nines have been invited to participate in the World Congress of Flight, in Las Vegas through the week of April 12. I am pleased to have been invited as guest of honor, and shall attend in behalf of Ninety-Nines. I hope to see many of you there to represent us also, it surely promises to be interesting and educational.

Please remember to send your contributions to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund and to the All Woman Transcontinental Air Race Fund, now is the time!

Our International Secretary, Louise Smith, has invited the Executive Board to meet with her in High Point, N. C., on April 5, 6, and 7. We will be pleased to consider at that time, any suggestions or ideas from any member, for the improvement and advancement of Ninety-Nines.

With Spring just around the corner, bringing wonderful flying weather, and a big increase in air traffic, do let us all be ever on the alert!

Happy flying, everyone!

Sincerely,

Bronie Davis Evans

Friend Of 99's



COUNTESS LILY with the Honorary Plaque bestowed by England.

Countess Lily Coudenhove-Kalergi, affectionately known to her many 99 friends as Countess Lily, is considered to be Europe's oldest living woman pilot. Her remarkable flying career started in 1911 in Hungary and Italy, though not now an active pilot, her interest in aviation remains as keen as ever. Through her love of flying and women pilots, she has been most generous in giving exquisite pieces of heirloom jewelry as awards in many of the 99 competitive flying events. Recently Countess Lily was honored by Sir Winston Churchill of England and Charles de Gaulle of France for her outstanding contribution to the field of aviation, both as an early pilot and as an international friend of aviation.

Countess Lily resides frequently in Paris, the Riviera, Italy and Switzerland, which gives her an opportunity to meet and enjoy all the leading pilots of the Continent. On her recent visit to the United States, many of the 99's were fortunate to meet this outstanding Ambassador of Goodwill. Our best wishes to you, Countess Lily, and sincerest thanks from all the 99's.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The time has come for all good little 99's to start sending in their contributions for the 1960 AWTAR. You should have received your letters to all the chapters by now and probably have thought of a lot of ways to raise your contribution. Just in case you missed your meeting and didn't get to read my letter, this is a prod along the right direction. The money must be in before the 1st of July. Thanks.

Alice Roberts,
Ways and Means
Chairman

Coming Events

April 18

Middle East Sectional Meeting, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, Pa.

April 24 - 26

Southwestern Sectional Meeting, Encino, Calif.

April 24 - 26

North Central Sectional Meeting, St. Louis, Mo.

May 1 - 3

South Central Sectional Meeting, Omaha, Neb.

June 6 - 7

Southeastern Sectional Meeting, Panama City, Fla.

June

SKY LADY DERBY. 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 Ninety-Nine Convention, Spokane, Wash.

No Dates

International Air Race, write Barbara Erickson, 5617 Riveria Dr., Coral Gables, Fla., for dates and details.

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International AIR RACE

After four years of heading the IAR and taking a clue from our neighbors to the south, we have decided to abdicate! The new IAR Chairman is Barbara Erickson, 5617 Riveria Drive, Coral Gables, Fla. All inquiries should be directed to Barbara. Irma and I are now going to try to participate and enjoy the activities. We wish to thank one and all for all the friendship and cooperation you have given us over the years and know you will extend the same to Barbara. It's been fun!

Dorothy M. B. Vermorel
Irma Price

Pilot's Briefing

NO NEWS LETTER IN JULY.

I say again—please, please double space all reports and articles for the News Letter.

Remember to send all changes of names and addresses to Headquarters as soon as possible.

Plan to attend your Sectional meetings and, of course, the International Convention.

This Is Your Life— ZADDIE BUNKER

Hope all of you 99's had the pleasure of seeing Zaddie featured on TV in the "This Is Your Life" series. Fran Bera, you were wonderful, too. But, then, how could a program miss with these two fine people on it. Congratulations to the both of you from all the 99's.

Help Wanted!

According to statistics recently released, there are approximately 20,000 licensed women pilots in the United States! Is it too much, then, to aim for a membership of 1,500 for 1959?

Thirty-six states have an aviation agency. Many of these 36 register pilots or keep records of licenses as they are issued, and we need reliable volunteers to check with these agencies, scan their rosters regularly and give us leads on women pilots in their respective states. If you live in a capitol city and can devote some time to our 30th anniversary membership drive, won't you please send me your name so I can advise you the agency representative to contact? From then on, chapter and section membership chairmen can keep up to date on their recruiting efforts.

A bouquet goes to Leah Warren, Central Illinois membership chairman, who journeys from her home in Champaign to Springfield and regularly comes up with a steady stream of names from the Illinois Department of Aeronautics.

We need volunteers for the following states: Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North and South Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont,

Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Oh, if you should live near a regional FAA office and are on good terms with them, perhaps arrangements can be made to visit their office monthly to check their records of licenses issued in that region. In my own Greater St. Louis Chapter, another bouquet goes to Loretta Slavick who has worked out just such an arrangement and furnishes our chapter membership chairman with those names each month.

If you can help, won't you send me your name and address real, real soon?

Laura Sellinger,
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Don't forget your chapter's donation to the Scholarship Fund!
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FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER

By Roz Robinson

It appears that the gals in First Canadian Chapter have not yet been able to come out of hibernation. This has been one of the worst winters Ontario has experienced in many a long year and spring will be welcome in more ways than one.

Susan Koch and I were the only 99's able to attend the Flying Clubs Convention in Montreal but we worked hard while we were there and received enthusiastic support from the delegates representing all the Flying Clubs in Canada—40 of them from coast to coast. We pooled our supply of pink sheets advertising the race in July and distributed these to clubs from Vancouver to Moncton. This may mean some entries from Canada and some potential 99's. We spoke to as many club managers as we could and found that most had women pilots at their clubs. They were all very co-operative and promised us lists of names and some "hard selling" of our organization on their respective parts. Even though 99's aren't very strong in Canada, our organization is well known to people in the aviation industry and we have high hopes for our future. Susan hopes to follow up this recruiting campaign with a trip to western Canada this summer where she will try to contact as many girls as she can.

We are delighted to add Hetty Hutchison and Shelia Mann to our membership roster and know that we can count on them to give us a hand on the airmarking program we have planned for next summer.



By Anne Baddour

Down at East Taunton Airport, Mass., Ora Stevens and her husband, Roy, are busy with the enlarging and improvement of the airport. There will be one runway 3,500 feet long and 100 feet wide, black top, with lights and taxiways. There will be no city buildings for the first few years. They are due to break ground the last of March or the first of April, 1959. If you're planning a flight to the Taunton Airport, it will be a good idea to call them on Unicom to check the field conditions.

While we're on airport improvement, I hope the Lawrence Airport has completed its runway changes by AWTAR time in July. I flew up there

the other day and no excavating or construction work had been started yet.

Those of you who are planning to participate in the AWTAR and are looking in this column for activities that are being planned for you at the race start, here's a goodie: Sara Hayden is having a swim party and cook-out at her home on the lake at Metheun, Mass., on July 1, 1959 for all the contestants. There are books of tickets to be printed up for each girl, covering all of the activities. Those of you who participated last year will remember that this was very successful.

The February meeting at Hotel 128 saw a grand turnout of 99's, Alice Mansfield, Chris Seaver, Isobel Blodgett, Usbeck Peterson, Anne Baddour, Charlotte Kelley, Sally Driver, Jerry Gardiner, Sara Hayden, Barbara Kierman, Ora Stevens, Teddy Kenyon, June Douglas, Eleanor Horn, Janet Bolles and Mary Ann Lippitt; new 99 Peg Cowing; prospective member Carol Haller; and our faithful guests, Leonard Kelley, Frank Kiernan, Bill Seaver, George Perry and Jim Beekman. Cocktails were followed by dinner and a business meeting. Then two color sound movies loaned to me by the Air Force. One about their jet acrobatic team, "The Thunderbirds," and the other about the Air Force's Matarador Missile and the men who are trained in its operation.

News items are few and far between, I'd like to hear from all of you. I know you're busy with all sorts of things. I just wish I could grow a pair of antennae that would twang like guitar strings every time one of you did something I could write about. But, since I can't—send me a post card.



By "AJ" Starr

Barbara Evans won the \$50 out of the \$179 profit from our dinner-dance. This money is to be used for flying! Little Craig Evans is just out of the hospital after having a tonsilectomy.

The first English broadcast of a TV station in San Juan, Puerto Rico featured our retired governor, Irene Keith, as a flight dispatcher in an interview with Newscaster Otero. Irene, as of January, 1959, is the first and only woman to dispatch a prop jet Britannia and the Boeing 707-121!

The New York-New Jersey OX-5 Clubs invited the 99's to join them at an air defense scramble of F-102's at Suffolk Air Force Base on February 7. Cocktails and dinner were served at the Officers Club.

Our Section welcomes Ruth Gwinn,

transferring from Chicago, and Nancy Moore from Washington.

Helen Wetherill from the Michigan Chapter visited Marge Davis over New Years. Marge also reports that Florence Cates Van Blarcom stopped here after a wedding trip to Bermuda and leaves in June for Switzerland. Manila Talley flew to Charleston, W. Va., in January. Thea Rasche of Germany offered her gold cigarette case with autographs of early pilots for sale. Anesia Pinheiro Machado of Brazil is trying to get permission to fly her plane to the South Pole. If permission is granted she will be the first woman to make such a flight. Margaret Bonnea, former 99'er from Rochester is being married in April and will live in Arizona.

The February business meeting was held at the 71st Regiment Armory's Oak Room here in New York City. Kay Brick told us about the National Pilots' Association and its unique functions. It is an organization of active pilots which has representation in Washington at all times to attend meetings concerning military, airlines, business and civilian flying. Recently a regulation to prevent flying over Long Island and force the flights to go over the Sound instead was defeated due to the intervention of the NPA when it was explained how very many civilian flights occur in that area. A very worthwhile organization for our members to join!

Next meeting will be March 10 and we expect Jacques Andre Istel as speaker!



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Louise Sacchi

First, and most important, we extend our deepest sympathy to Ann Piggott, whose husband, Tom, was killed on Feb. 19, testing Piper's new Aztec. He told the Piper tower what he was doing and that the tail had come off, which not only gives them the clue, but makes him a hero in my book!

Kay Macario is in Florida for the weekend. 49½'er Tom had a trip for PRR, so she went along.

Jane Morris is starting for Florida for a week tomorrow.

Tastykake is making a quick trip to Florida March 1.

Last week I was charmed to meet Sylvia Roth at LaGuardia, and to discover another female corporation. She flies for Encyclopedia Britannica. How many are there? How many girl charter pilots? Aircraft salesman? I, for one (and Sylvia agreed with me), that it would make a very interesting

newsletter, if each chapter would tell who is earning their living in aviation, and how, and why. People are always asking. How about it, some month soon

Our February meeting was held in Jean Rutledge's father's apartment. Beth Sturtevant brought two very interesting guests, members of Zonta, whom she met when she was guest speaker for their Amelia Earhart dinner. The business meeting was lively; among other decisions—the Spring Sectional date is April 18, place Philadelphia International Airport—anybody in this area at that time, please come.

March meeting is the 20th at President's apartment dining room; the guest speaker will be Fred Larson of General Electric Co. He is also a glider enthusiast.

Everybody was glad to see Lois Cutler who has been absent for a long time.

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

Hazel Dwiggins was hostess at our January meeting where plans were further formulated for our participation in the Civil Defense program.

For our February meeting, 16 members and three guests helped make Valentine napkin holders for the D. C. General Hospital. This has become an annual project for our group, one we thoroughly enjoy doing. Betty Fisher was our hostess and art director. We were delighted that our Governor, Adeliade Tinker, could be present.

Although misfortune tapped two of our members and a former member, the good Lord must have decided we needed good pilots here more than He just then. Velta Benn and children were involved in an automobile accident on Jan. 31. Their car was completely demolished but fortunately all escaped serious injury. Joan Alford was quite ill for several months but has now recovered sufficiently to accept a position with an aircraft company on the west coast. This intelligent and charming member will be greatly missed. Claire Callahan miraculously escaped death when her apartment was completely destroyed by fire on February 1. She was found unconscious on the floor under her bedroom window. Her presence of mind in smashing a casement window and the yowling of her cat when the firemen stepped on it's tail and broke it saved her life. The latter led to further investigation after the firemen thought all had been evacuated from the scene. She cannot talk yet above a whisper but otherwise she is improving nicely.

Blanche Noyes has just returned from the South where she dedicated the new 49'er Skyway from Miami,

Fla., to Fairbanks, Alaska. The beautiful Skyway plaque, presented at the opening ceremony, was made of Alaskan marble and Florida coral. The dedication was in connection with Miami's Aviation Week celebration. The closing ceremony was given by His Excellency, Dr. Arturo Frondizi, President of Argentina.

Soon you will be hearing details of the 49½'er Skyway cruise which will leave Miami on June 19 and terminate at Fairbanks on June 29. This is being planned as a joint affair with Canada who will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. So get your airplane engines tuned up if you would like to enjoy the hospitality of our kind neighbor, Canada, and view our newest state. It is not a race and anyone can enter. Registrations will be limited so get your name in early.

It was off to Paris, France the latter part of January for Fran Nolde who attended the Federal Aeronautique Internationale. She has also been appointed Commerce Liaison Officer for the Air Coordinating Committee in addition to her present position as Director of the General Aviation Division of the Defense Air Transportation Administration.

Mrs. Donald Quarles accompanied her husband, Deputy Secretary of Defense, on a recent visit to the NATO countries.

There was a very nice writeup in the Wilmington Morning News entitled, "Chemist, Wife and Son Form Unusual Flying Family." Adelaide Tinker and her husband feel quite proud of their 17-year-old son who has logged approximately 40 hours of flying time. This flying family has enjoyed many vacation trips by plane.

We were delighted to learn of Helene Oliver's engagement to Hubert D'ertois a French teacher in Washington. As soon as permission is granted by the French Army, the wedding bells will peal the glad tidings.

Jean Howard proved herself such an excellent "workhorse" last year that she has again been chosen Chairman of the American Helicopter Society Forum to be held May 7, 8 and 9 at the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington.



TENNESSEE CHAPTER **By Evelyn Bryan**

Our Chairman, Mary Jane Quarles, and her husband, Paul, have recently purchased a Registered Tennessee Walking Horse. Guess they will be

taking in all the horse shows come time for them again.

Jane and Louis Hilbert have returned from a trip to Mexico. Haven't seen them since their return, but know they must have had lots of fun. Understand they drove this time. Since they have flown several times imagine they wanted an opportunity to visit some of the spots they had only seen from the air on those other occasions.

Flying weather has been fairly good this winter. We have rarely ever had more than three bad days consecutively, and then a few good ones, so in all we cannot complain too much.

Heard Betty McNabb of the Georgia Chapter on Unicom recently as she flew near our airport here at Morris-town. For some reason she was unable to pick my call to her, but perhaps she was too far away or not up very high. Wish she had landed—we would like for everyone to see our nice paved runway that was completed last summer. Our meetings have been practically nil all winter, but come spring we plan on getting in one in Chattanooga.

SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Vera M. Bratz

Too many outside activities kept this reporter from sending a letter the last time the News Letter went to Closing out first semester reports and moving into a new house left little time for anything else. It seems everyone else was busy too. Verna Burke didn't want to be the fair weather pilot that one becomes here in Miami so she took off for the frozen—and she did get frozen—North. She surely was glad to get back to sunny Miami.

We held the January meeting at the School of Aviation building of the Dade County school system and it proved to be quite a central location.

We were escorted through the shops where our young boys are learning aviation mechanics. It is surprising what an amount can be accomplished by youngsters.

The February meeting was held at the home of Marion Burke and we were pleasantly greeted by the unexpected visit of Kitty Nix, the Southeast Section Governor. Plans for the coming Air Race this summer were discussed and Barbara Erickson is busy trying to make it a huge success. secret to a wonderful time at the race Barbara is going to be the one who will come out with flying colors. She is putting a lot of effort into preparations. She has a willing helper in the person of Virginia Britt, a new comer to the chapter.

Lona France is becoming quite a fan of Cary Grant in a new picture being made in Key West. Adriana Jackson is looking forward to a trip through Texas and Mexico. Irma Price is nursing a bad back and a

sore ankle she acquired in a fall a few days before the last meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held at the home of Dorothea Vermorel on the third Monday of the month. By the way, all you 99's who come to Miami, we have our meetings every third Monday at 7:45. We enjoy visits from members from other chapters so if you are in town give us a call and join us for the meetings. We'd love to have you.



GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Maxine Loeffler

Our February meeting was held at the home of Loretta Slavick, with Loretta and Laura Sellinger as hostesses. They had invited the Aeronautical Chart Plant to put on the program for the evening and did a wonderful job. A movie was shown describing how different charts are made. After the program and business meeting a delicious luncheon of biscuits with tuna and ham salad were served, followed by cakes and coffee. A very nice sized group of students again were in attendance.

Cards are being received from Virginia and Burton Duenke who are vacationing in Jamaica. Ginny reports they are having a wonderful time.

Teddi and Merle Inman have returned to their home in Batchtown, Ill., after a vacation in Florida and Washington, D. C.

Sorry to hear that Dorothy Wheeler, our Wing Scout Chairman, is on the sick list and wish her a very speedy recovery.

In general most of us are being kept quite busy in our various duties of getting ready for our Spring Sectional in April, but we would like to take a little time out to wish all of you a Very Happy Easter.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Elaine Morris

Our February meeting was held at the home of Betty Siggs. The combination of a good attendance, a fine pot-luck dinner and a very gracious hostess added up to a most enjoyable evening. Members attending were Katherine Peck, Marjory Farrell, Grace Harris, Joan Cayot, Sarah Gorchich, Laurien Griffin, Dee Southard, Betty Siggs and Elaine Morris. Guest of honor Belle Hetzel and guests Lucia Jolliff, Christine Williams, Margaret (?), Stan Siggs, Bill Morris and Bill Williams. A business meeting was held after dinner and the sale of a white elephant for the benefit of our bank account. The meeting was turned over to Belle Hetzel from Omaha who

gave us a very interesting account of her trip across Africa. She told us of flying in DC-3's and DC-7's to Cape-town, a 2600 mile safari, on across the Atlantic to Nice, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Honolulu, and back to Frisco. Thank you, Belle, please come again.

Our favorite "jet pilot" Marie Kuhlman has had her share of illness this winter with one more trip to the hospital.

Dee Southard is thrilled with her new GM sports car and has joined the Sports Car Club here in Kansas City. She assures me however that her first love is still flying and hopes to add to her ratings.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Elsie Ferich

Bernice Trimble was hostess to the 99 meeting in Flint, February 8. There was an excellent turn-out for the business packed meeting, and many dimes were collected for the AE Fund.

We only had three planes fly in. Pat Russell from Detroit, Janey Hart from Lansing, and our newest member, Rose Anna Veach, from Spring Arbor, and guest Mary Jacobs (a student pilot) from Jackson.

Pat Russell, our Chapter Chairman, presented a silver tray to Bernice Trimble with the 99 emblem on it, a wedding gift from the Michigan Chapter. Incidentally, "Bee" did a terrific job promoting the Polio Airlift in Flint. It was held two days, and grossed \$1,830 to help augment the March of Dimes Fund.

Sammy McKay brought Packard Pontiac's company Mallard in to help with the airlife, and with nine passengers at one time, it helped cut down the waiting line.

What terrific enthusiasm Bod Steadman (Bernice Trimble's 49½'er) has! He worked out at the airport all day helping load passengers and checking the crowds. Even Bob's senior law partner, Louis D. McGregor, came out and weighed in the passengers. This is the kind of spirit that can "lick anything."

The Michigan Chapter 99's were grieved over the death of Bob Kirk, 49½'er. Bob and Fay Kirk have always been the staunchest of supporters of the Michigan 99's. We all feel the loss deeply.

An Aviation Workshop Scholarship at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, for this summer, is being sponsored by the Michigan Chapter 99's. Bette Crook is chairman of the Scholarship Committee. Men and women teachers in Michigan are eligible. To apply, they simply write a letter stating their background, qualifications, what their interest is, and how they plan to use it, and its future use, also what county they live in. The winner will be determined by the letters, and receive the scholarship of \$175 for the six-

weeks summer course at Miami University. This includes tuition, room and board and books. Opening date will be February 23, 1959, and all letters are to be addressed to Becky Thatcher, Stanton, Mich. The scholarship is a wonderful opportunity for any teacher, and it is a step forward towards integrating aviation into the education program.

Helen Wetherill spent some time in Jamaica over the holidays, winding up in New York City for New Year's Eve with Marjorie Davis. This Helen is a much traveled girl.

Bette Crook is proudly wearing a new pin with her 99 pin. It is her membership in Aviation Writers Association.

Bernice Trimble's wedding took place February 18 to Robert Steadham, an attorney in Flint. We wish them both much happiness.

It was nice to see Ruth Woods and Diane Ritt again, and meet their 49½ers Wayne and Lou. Hope to see them at a lot more meetings.

Sammy McKay told me she took time off from her job as manager at Flint Aeronautical Corp. to fly her husband, George, to Chicago to the National Auto Dealers Association. Looks like he is going to have another pilot in the house, too, George Jr. soloed on his 17th birthday, and is working for the private license.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER **By June Basile**

Our February fly-in meeting at Midway Airport was crammed full of activity. The business meeting was held in the Executive Lounge at Butler Aviation. Our co-hostesses, Alice Kudrna, Erlyne Conel, Alice DeWitt and Dorothy Vachout, did such a perfect job of planning the day for us. They served a buffet lunch after the meeting that was more than the "light lunch" they announced in the meeting notice. We wonder if their planning went so far as to arrange with Midway that the active runway for the morning would be right outside the windows of the lounge. The big birds were just over the fence on final as they went by the windows. What a terrific floorshow while we were having lunch!

In the afternoon we were taken on conducted tours of Midway tower and approach control, air traffic control center and the weather bureau. We found all the personnel in each department ready to explain and answer all the questions we put to them in spite of the fact that the tower radar went out just as the field closed down to IFR. All of us at one time or another have read or been aware of the fine work done at these centers, but Ray Kokesch, a new 49½er, put it into

words. He remarked that he never realized how many people jumped into action when he pressed down on that little mike button.

Our chapter welcomed seven new members at this meeting. They are: Vi Howard, Louise Kokesch, Dorothy Miner, June Lore, Lois Miller, Evelyn Jerman, and Sally Stremple.

It was nice to see Sylvia Roth again. She has been 310ing to the West Coast, to New York, and to Phoenix twice. Dallas and Don Sutton came back from their Florida trip and had to wait until a snow plow could clear the way to open their hangar doors.

Verne and Bee Siemon just returned from California. They made the trip out and back in six days with a stop at Palm Desert, Calif. and Tucson. Happy flying to our new plane owners, Eve and Al Chilcoat with their Cessna 182 and Elsie and Wally Wahrer with their F model Bonanza. We are happy that Erlyne Conel could be with us before she and her husband take off for a Phoenix and California trip. Hope to see everyone at the Achievement Award Dinner on March 14.

INDIANA CHAPTER **By Ethel Knuth**

Attendance is good at our meetings, but to those who missed our February get-together we want you to know we missed YOU, and we are sorry you did not get to share the cordial hospitality shown to us by Nellie Alger and her 49½er Evan, who graciously entertained us at their home. (Preparing and serving a delicious dinner to 24 members and guests is an indication that Nellie had a busy day.) The Algers have several hobbies, music and photography included, and we all enjoyed our visit with them.

We toured the Alger Pattern Works after which we took a trip, via colored slides, to South America. Two years ago Betty Nicholas and 49½er Ted went down one coast and back the other and the slides are excellent. They traveled by airlines and have some truly magnificent shots of clouds over water, snow-capped mountains, and the many historical points of interest. Betty is a very good narrator.

Congratulations to Barry Smith and her 49½er, Les, on the arrival of their new baby boy! Our former secretary now has two daughters and two sons.

Enthusiasm is running high with both pupils and teachers alike as Tannie Schlundt and 49½er Paul teach meteorology to the Wing Scouts; Delia Sander's subject is navigation and she reports that the interest is tremendous.

AWTAR ENTRANTS—Please take note! AWTAR plans are published now and KOKOMO, IND., is a MUST stop. The Kokomo Chamber of Commerce

and the airport manager, John Maher, have promised to give the 99's support in all ways possible. Flora Mae Newman of Muncie will be coordinator of all the Kokomo details. She will be assisted by Jane Ackors, Virginia Maggart and Verona Ruizeka, and of course all the rest of us will lend helping hands. (Verona is returning to the active list this month and we are so very happy to have her back with us.)

We will be looking for you then at Kokomo. If you need any information just write Flora Mae. She is very cooperative.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER **By Mary J. Fecser**

At the time this goes to press, most of us will be deeply conscious of the rigors which the Lenten Season imposed upon us. For some, just as at Christmas, it is a time to remember others, less fortunate than ourselves. There is one member of our Ohio Chapter (life) for whom there are no special seasons of giving or helping. The life of Marie Ambus revolves about thinking of those who need help.

Several years ago, after an auto accident, in which she hovered between life and death, Marie was told by her doctor that she would never walk again. Marie made a vow, that beginning with the day she could walk, she would devote her life to the assistance of crippled children. Her prayers were answered, and today her walk gives no indication of the ordeal which she went through. Besides living up to that vow, Marie is also subsidizing a corena bank for children.

Recently, The Sandusky Register gave an accounting of the Marie Ambus Crippled Children Fund over the past two years. An amount of \$3,239 built up through the redemption of used state tax stamps, was used to help adults as well as children. The diversified channeling of the fund went into: a wheel chair, hospital care, Christmas and Easter food baskets, an electric typewriter, circus tickets for children, a radio for a 65-year-old blind man, sending several orphans to camp for two weeks, a \$125 French fryer, a freezer, and too many other pieces of equipment to mention.

When Marie learned that the orphans desired French fries, but that the state wouldn't buy the equipment, she bought it for them. One night, while she was supper guest of the orphans, she learned that it took eight to 10 boys to mash potatoes. What did Marie do? You guessed it. She bought them the largest size masher avail-

able. Now they can make rolls and fried cakes, too.

Marie is asked to give many talks about these unfortunate tots. Whenever she is in such a group, she manages to speak of the help which blind children can get from the corena bank, and she urges her listeners to think about giving their eyes to such a bank when they die.

There's a lot more that Marie does, which space does not allow; however do not picture Marie as running into one welfare organization and out the other. Marie finds time to fly her 182 and, as far as I know, she has worked out her instrument rating. She pilots a cabin cruiser with equal dexterity, and she is very proud of the fact that she is the first fem member of the Cleveland Flotilla of the U. S. Coast Guard. She is already looking forward to the lovely weather when she will have the members at her summer home, "The Ambuscade," in Cedar Point, a summer resort on Lake Erie. She enjoys cruising the waters of Lake Erie with her friends, her daughter, Maxine, son, Joe and his family, when she is not off to some far-flung place like South America.

DOTS AND DASHES: The Cleveland 99's were recently guests of Melba Oliver at the Zonta Club luncheon commemorating Amelia Earhart. Those attending were Arlene Davis (a Zonta member), Winnie Caughey, Mary Fecser, Helen Hansen, Joan Hrubec, Jeanne Naatz, Edythe Maxim, Helen Sammon, and Helen Wiedwald.

It is certainly a surprise to learn that Blanche O'Brien's daughter, Peggy, is now a full-fledged teacher. She teaches a class of 48 first grade youngsters in Dayton. Jack, Blanche's son, is a sophomore at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, where is majoring in social science and biology.

Margaret Callaway has flown to San Antonio, Tex., to visit her mother. She is also planning to attend the Sectional. Sandra Callaway spent a week skiing at Lake Placid with the University of Rochester Outing Club.

Christine Fernyak's father, Carlton S. Fernyak, informs your reporter that Christine has been in Florida during February to soak up the sunshine. It seems she picked up a virus a few months ago and couldn't get rid of it—hence, Ole Florida Sol. Christine is a sophomore at Denison U., Granville, Ohio, and gets in a bit of flying on weekends and between classes, usually in a 140 or 172.

We extend our deep sympathy to Norma Morton on the death of her mother.

Virginia Schumacher has been appointed TAR stop (Youngstown) chairman.



HOUSTON CHAPTER

By Alice Seaborn

This weather is fried shoes! Every week we plan to go air marking on Saturday and every week it clobbers up. And us with 16 gallons of paint and some eager-beaver painters just standing by!

We are growing. We have a new member—Virginia Williams. And we expect to have more in the near future.

Our girls are doing things depart-



WELCOMING COMMITTEE from the Houston Chapter greets Broneta Davis Evans and Martha Ann Reading. Left to right: Sally Gauss, Alice Seaborn, Broneta Davis Evans, Martha Ann Reading, and Marceline Todd.

ment: Joyce Brooks has her instrument rating since our last letter and she is now working on her Link and ground instructor rating. Rhea Hurrle has her seaplane rating.

Merle Boitnott was guest speaker at the Zonta Club's annual Amelia Earhart dinner. Her subject was "Women in Aviation." She described some present activities of women pilots such as Edna Gardner Whyte and others and told about their various Air Races. Attending the dinner were Marceline Todd and Rhea Hurrle.

We have a big deal coming up March 13. L. L. Walker Sr., an early bird flyer and proprietor of the L. L. Walker Propeller Co., is going to show his movie, "I Was There," and he has invited our chapter to hostess the event. The movie concerns early aviation starting with the Wright Brothers

and your reporter is looking forward to this interesting film.

Thanks again, Broneta and Martha Ann.

EL PASO CHAPTER By Evelyne Wasser

A big welcoming hello and congratulations to Brooky Bozart who has recently achieved her private license and has now jointed us officially.

Everyone will be glad to hear that Ann Duthie's husband, Jim, is well on the road to recovery after his recent operation. Our last meeting was at Ann's house and lots of plans for the future of our chapter were formulated.

February has been a quiet month for us as a group and even for the Sunday fliers because of the high, gusty winds. It causes a great deal of consternation to have perfect weather all week while office bound and then have the wind kick up on Sunday.

We are planning to have a breakfast flight on Sunday, March 1, to Santa Fe where we will be joined by the Albuquerque 99's. Promises to be lots of fun and I hope we have a large turnout.

Perhaps March will prove to be an interesting month after all with further plans to meet the Corpus Christie 99's in Alpine, Texas for the purpose of discussing air marking.

TIP OF TEXAS CHAPTER By Elaine Needham

We've been spotting stripes being painted rather mysteriously across our skies; they seem to be pointing south of the border for some unknown reason. Hey, you gals flying to Mexico, could this be you? Next time take a gander under your left wing, you may be surprised to see a big airport, called Cuddihy Field (in Corpus Christi). Now, you just put those wheels on the ground and taxi up for a little chit-chat.

One terrific rummage sale held at McAllen, Texas last month to raise more funds for air marking!

Also, down McAllen way, Merle Dunnam and Veta Tennett dropped in from Corpus Christi (in Merle's 170) for lunch with Ardath McCreery. All the world records were broken in information exchanged computed in words per second.

Two brand new fledglings soon will be skimming the skies and trimming the trees—Wing Scouts Pat Ingle and Sherry Dickson will soon sign away earth-bound ways to join the lofty spiraling of the eagles (and a few buzzards).

Pauline Glasson is trading in her airplane for a boat. More profitable.

THE DATES:	Opening Dates for Entries								April 20, 1959
	Closing Dates 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

THE PURSE: A purse of \$2500 will be divided between the first five places: \$800, First Place; \$600, Second Place; \$500, Third Place; \$400, Fourth Place; \$200, Fifth Place. AWTAR Trophies will be awarded to these first five places.

Leg Prizes will be awarded for the best time between the “designated stops” and cash awards will be given for the best scores made by each make and/or model aircraft in which there are at least three in competition. There are also special awards for special categories.

R E M E M B E R :

1. Aircraft must be powered by at least 85 horsepower and not exceeding 350 horsepower.
2. All aircraft must be manufactured later than January 1, 1948.
3. All racing aircraft must carry VHF transmitter and receiver.
4. All flying must be done between the hours of official sunrise and official sunset.

The New England Section of the Ninety-Nines and the City of Lawrence, Mass., as well as the Eastern Washington Chapter of the Ninety-Nines and the City of Spokane, Wash., are making great plans for all contestants. Make your plans and get yourself organized, this will be a wonderful race again this year.

Betty H. Gillies, Chairman
AWTAR Board of Directors

Everyone down here in water-logged Texas who has ever heard of Noah and the Ark is doing the same.

Ahoy there! All ship captains will cease looking at the sky and concentrate on those oars!

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Sally Broyles

After many days of very cold, dreary weather we were happy to see sunny skies greet us for our February meeting at Will Rogers Field in Oklahoma City. Seventeen members and two guests were present. In addition to the usual gang, our guests were Gene Nora Stumbough, who is a member of the Colorado Chapter and is in her last semester at Oklahoma University, majoring in aviation; and Wanda Jackett from Stillwater, who is a student pilot and prospective 99.

We had a very nice meeting and were especially happy to have Marie Ketchum back with us after a spinal operation and long disability. We all bowed three times to the East when we found out that Dorothy Morgan had been elected vice president of this wing of OX-5 and that Mary Lester passed her instrument written. Congratulations, girls! If this weather keeps up it looks like Mary will find a use for an instrument rating.

Billy Tunes has been flying all over the country in her Tri-Pacer making final arrangements for the regional convention of the National Flying Farmers. Billy is president of the Oklahoma Chapter of Flying Farmers and is surely doing a nice job promoting aviation.

The Stillwater girls have been pretty busy with their meetings in between our regular meetings. Their last project is painting signs for the Stillwater Airport indicating the way to the taxi strips for the various runways. We hope it will help any of you landing there. Arlene Walkup and Sally Broyles plus 49½ers Hoyt and Charlie are part owners of a sailplane and in addition to getting glider ratings are really looking forward to some fun with soaring when it warms up a little.

Our March meeting will be in Stillwater and we plan to really get underway with our air marking. If any of you are down this way on March 15, stop in at Stillwater and we'll find a brush for you.

DALLAS CHAPTER

By Dorothy Warren

Dallas chapter is most grateful to Dal-Tex Aviation at Addison Airport for giving us the use of their lounge for a permanent meeting place. We have hung our charter along with pictures of our members and put in our desk and are looking forward to our first meeting there this month.

Martha Ann Reading flew to Albu-

querque on C.A.P. business and returns to tackle the big job of race chairman for the Sky Lady Derby.

You 99's down sunny Florida way can be expecting a visit from Jo Allison and Doris Weller. They flew a Tri Pacer down that way this week with membership directory in hand and plan to spend about ten days.

Speaking of Jo, did any of you get to read the wonderful article in the Houston Chronicle entitled "Baby Sitter in the Sky"? It was written by Frankie Waits, formerly of this chapter and now residing in Denver, and featured Jo and her grandchildren complete with picture.

Pat Jetton and Jerry Sloan, lucky girls, flew to Wichita, Kansas, this week and ferried back two new Cessnas for Dal-Tex Aviation. Joan Huckeba is anxiously awaiting them to make another trip and bring back the new 150, as Zeke Evans has promised to check her out in it when it arrives.

Interesting the women of Dallas in aviation is the goal of a new project we are entering into along with our W.N.A.A. unit here. Southwest Air-motive and Dal-Tex Aviation are co-operating with us in this venture and plans are being made to form a panel to appear before various women's groups and clubs to discuss aviation. A door prize of a tour of various aviation facilities in this area ending with a plane ride piloted by one of the 99's in a new Cessna will be offered at each of the panels appearances.

Not having a meeting this month before News Letter deadline makes the news a little scarce, so will call it "thirty" for this month.

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Peg Ong

Helen Maxson welcomed us in her home for our Feb. meeting. She, as chairman, presided at the business meeting. We found that the rummage sale has been postponed for the time being. Alice told us of the Jeppesen's search for a gal with secretarial background and aviation knowledge . . . it's apparently a wonderful opportunity for one combining those attributes . . . any takers? Grace Longbrook gave us a brief run-down on commonly used drugs and their effects on our flying abilities . . . a good thing to know and heed! Helen reported on their flying trip to the Yucatan area in conjunction with the "Flying" article of the flying missionary in that same location. The possibility of a soaring group forming in the Boulder area was also discussed and Alice gave us some firsthand info on the differences of "sailing" and "powered" flight. Those at-

tending besides the hostess were Marilyn Nordstrom, Mary Frenzel, Jo Dennie, Pat Urling, Alice Fuchs, Grace Longbrook, Pat Moss, Peg Ong and guests Grace "Molly" Mayfield, Emily Hanrahan and Marilyn Pfleeger. Molly was re-instated and Emily and Marilyn still are students.

Tid bits from here and there . . . Gene Nora's address is 1105 College Ave., Norman, Okla. . . the Longbrooks, James, Wenholzs and Muggles have been skiing. Teppers and Chouns both flew their planes to the Cotton Bowl in Dallas . . . Thelma Thomas has been on a trip including Virgin Islands, Jamaica, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, etc. . . Jo Trinder and 49½er flew to Oakland for Christmas . . . they spent New Year's Eve with the Grays . . . also had lunch at the Desert Air (a fly-in motel south of Palm Springs) . . . Betty Stackhouse also flew to Oakland recently due to her brother's illness . . . Donna and John have been soaking up the Phoenix sunshine . . . the Dennises have a 195 and Jo's getting checked out in it . . . Teppers flew to Las Vegas for the weekend . . . Jane's teaching an accelerated 5th grade . . . I got some co-pilot experience in the Forney twin-beech on the way to Sioux City . . . then flew an Aircoupe back with my 49½'er in another Coupe . . . much chatter on Unicom of course . . . Bar None is torn down . . . another airport is proposed due west of it's present location . . . no details as yet as to what facilities will be available . . . Ft. Collins has a new airport operator and the enthusiasm is beginning to mount . . . I got in another Aircoupe trip . . . this one to Dayton, Ohio . . . and I guess that's enough for one long continued sentence. Happy Flyin!

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

By Meg Guggolz

Albuquerque is back in the news. After several monthly socials we are getting to the 'more members', 'more flying' stage. Looks like spring is in the air.

17 February a very interesting and stimulating meeting was held at the home of Virginia Cutter, our only OX-5 member. The Piece de resistance was the showing of several short films supplied by the Air Force through the good efforts of Mr. Harry Crosby, president of the OX-5 club in this area. The films depicted exercises and air work by jet pilots and members of the Strategic Air Command, Scrap book of the Air Force, showing the first aircraft flown by the military and progressing through intermediate stages to the present operational planes in the jet classes. The last reel showed progress toward space travel, but, unfortunately, did

not ask for volunteers for first flights. (There should be at least 100 spaces reserved for deserving 99's.)

Members present with their 49½ers were Betty Burritt, Betty Morgan, Irene Kay and Mary Turney, Virginia Cutter as hostess and Jan Evans, from 7 Bar Flying Field, as guest.

We are edging toward Wing Scout participation. Mary Turney has taken the first step with a discussion of opportunities for women in aviation and a dissertation on her own experiences in line of duty as an instructor-pilot. We hope to take turns with the Scouts in an effort to speed them on their way toward their flying badges. Scout leader is Mrs. George Scleppey, ex-99.

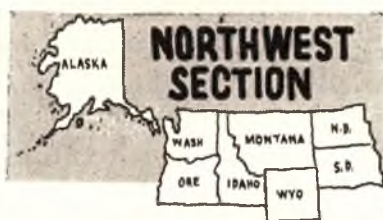
FORT WORTH CHAPTER

By Frances Pyland

As I type this report snow is falling outside my window, and in this part of Texas, particularly, snow is something to write about. I got up this A.M. at 5:30 for 8:00 o'clock take-off from Meacham Field; after getting dressed and making the dangerous drive to the airport, gassing our Comanche and checking the oil, I decided to make a quick check on the weather, after which, I quickly cancelled my flight and am now back on the inside looking out. As the old saying goes, I'd rather be on the ground wishing I were flying, as to be flying and wishing I were back on the ground!

Talked to Tony Page yesterday; she tells me she is planning a trip to Paris, France in June to attend a convention of the International Society of Aviation Writers. An International Air Show will be held in connection with the Convention. She leaves New York June 10th.

Verna Stubbs is home in bed suffering from a virus. Remember, Verna, you are not alone — most everyone I know has had it. Verna and husband, Johnny, are restoring an old two story stone home on their ranch. The home has not been occupied for many years and their plans are to modernize and restore this beautiful building and call it home. It is a most interesting and charming place, and I am sure, with Verna's good taste and imagination, it will turn into something fabulous.



MONTANA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Sabo

Because of the adverse weather conditions in our area in January, the Montana Chapter has postponed

meeting till late in February. As a consequence we have very little to report this month. Our most ardent correspondent, Vivienne Schrank, is recovering nicely from surgery but is not yet flying again. She is busy getting arrangements in order for the stop at Miles City for the Air Race this summer. She is counting on the cooperation of the girls who live in the Eastern part of the state.

We are hearing rumors that there may be several entries from Montana in the Race but until the question of sponsors, etc., can be settled, we can't divulge any names. It would be nice to have adequate representation especially as the race is coming through our state. Good luck girls.

Our Chairman, Pud Lovelace, took off last week alone in her 175 for San Diego to inspect her first grandchild, a boy, born to her son, Lt. Jackson Lovelace. No doubt she will have lots to tell of her adventures or her return.

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Ruby Mathis

Our host for the February meeting at the Seattle-Tacoma Airport was Mr. Edward C. Meredith, aviation weather forecaster, who conducted a tour of the tower, air traffic control, radar and weather bureau facilities. This tour was most interesting and informative. The following members attended: Terry Kellogg, Vanecia Adderson, Louise Smith, Donna Ezzell, Ginny Andrews, Helen Appel and Ruby Mathis. We were pleased to have three prospective members as guests — Alma Sackett of Bothell, Adeline Kreiger of Edmonds and Winnie Blythe of Renton. Our Governor, Minnie Boyd, has offered a trophy to the chapter that gets the most new members, on a percentage basis, so we are really going to work towards winning it.

Terry and Dave Kellogg are back from their long cross-country demonstration tour with the "Goose". Understood Dave's leave was over before they finished their tour so they hopped an airliner home. Terry was fortunate to visit our International Headquarters at Oklahoma City and brought back an inspiring description of what we are missing in not seeing it. Made us realize that we should send in scrap book material to Headquarters.

Our chapter is well represented with new 24-½ers — all boys. Mead and Mickey Gilman's son, David William, arrived on January 23, weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces. Roger Curtis Fancher arrived February 3, weighing in at 8 pounds, 6½ ounces. Nancy and Arthur Nordoff announce that Charles Gilbert arrived on February 5, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Van and Gordon Adderson are the

proud owners of a '59 Skylane. Now, if the weather will start cooperating a little better, they will be off in the Wild Blue Yonder!

Helen Appel and Marion Owen are looking for a sponsor for the AWTAR. Here's luck you two! Hope our chapter can be represented.

We are sponsoring a Noel Coward play, "Nude With Violin", at the Penthouse on March 25.

Terry Kellogg and Vanecia Adderson met Mrs. Lucile Wright from Jamestown, N. Y., for a tour of the Boeing - Renton Plant, where they watched the KC-135's and 707's being made, saw a movie of the 707's progress during 1958 and had luncheon in the Executive Dining Room as guests of Boeing. Mrs. Wright came out on the American Airline's Inaugural flight from Idlewild, N. Y., to Los Angeles.

Louise and Bob Smith just returned from a vacation in Missouri. Haven't heard the details yet so don't know where all they gadded.

IDAHO CHAPTER

By Lucille Taylor

January necessitated two air searches for downed aircraft and the 99's assisted in both. Flying in the searches were Joyce Morcom in the Stinson, Millie Shinn in a Piper Cub, and Laura Conner in her Cub. 99's who worked at the airport serving coffee, sandwiches, etc., to all pilots were Helen Higby, Edna Hettinger, Georgia Martin, Cleone Berry, Barbara Hornback and Claire Justad.

Business of our January meeting included plans for our annual (and well attended) "Hangar" dance planned for March 13 at the Miramar ballroom. Laura Conner and Barbara Hornback are co-chairmen and Millie Shinn is in charge of decorations. Note: our ticket price is 99 cents. Laura Conner has been named our candidate for the Amelia Earhart scholarship award. We also report a new member, Alida Sverdsten from Cataldo, Idaho. Our newest prospective member is Karen Lund, a Nampa high school student, who recently received her license. Karen attended our January meeting.

Gayle Evans of McCall has recently been in the hospital and Doris Atkinson is still hospitalized. Doris had back surgery in early January and will be in the V.A. hospital until mid-March. Eula Logsdon and 49½er Dick have flown to Wichita to pick up a new Beech Bonanza and extended their trip to Florida for a vacation. Their plans are looking toward a tour in Mexico now. Edna and Lawrence Hettinger have just completed a new hangar at Bradley field and 49½er Cecil and myself are busy at building our portion of a 5 unit hangar at Gem Helicopter Service. (I only go to the airport to fly while he does the

construction). Hilda Elliott will be in the air again as the Cessna 170 has just completed repairs.

EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER

By Esther Stone

Our Chapter was one year old on February 9. We had much to celebrate: new members: Betty Storrs of Idaho Falls and Virginia Huidekoper of Wilson, Wyoming. A joyous welcome to you both.

We celebrated our Chapter's Anniversary at Rainbow Ranch, Onita & Mark Hoff were our very gracious hostess and host. With a blizzard blowing, and icy roads, not many of us were able to make the meeting. 99's present were: Onita Hoff, Betty Brown and Esther Stone. Mary Kilbourne a "Little Sister" 49½'s Mark Hoff & Galyn Stone, 24¾ Jim Hoff a brand new pilot, Bob Hoff working on a license, and Dick and Johnny Hoff. Mr. and Mrs. Aupperly joined in the fun. The setting was beautiful, a roaring fire in the fireplace, and soft candle light (the blizzard knocked out the electricity). We ate high, wide and handsome. While eating "Codfish A Gomez De Sa" our host told us he cooked it, thinking of you Isabel, all the time. For those of you who might like to try it, see Northwest 99 Stove Pilot Cookbook, Isabel Rilvas sent us the recipe from Portugal. In recognition of their aid, support and encouragement, we honored our 49½ers, and presented them with their 49½ Cards. Paper gifts were given to all 99s present.

ALASKA CHAPTER

By Pat Gilda

Well, our News Letter reporter is slightly under the weather and I will try to take over this time. Hope Ann will be fine by the next meeting.

The meeting was held at the home of Doll Booth and we all enjoyed that famous cherry pie. Present were Ruth O'Buck, Helen Stoddard, Marion Zaegel, Pat McGee, Pat Gilda and Doll. Plans were made for typically Alaskan luncheon favors for the 1959 Convention. We also made plans to install six plasticized fluorescent wind socks that we ordered at strips where they are badly needed.

A fly-in breakfast for March was discussed and put off until the next meeting to see what the snow will do and how the weather shares up.

Lois Wise has gone to Tok Junction to finish out the school year as a teacher. Hope that we can some of us make it up there to see her. By plane of course.

Jo Wilson is working at Safeway Airways and going to school two nights a week, studying for her commercial written.

Pat McGee is finishing up her Red Cross Lifesaving course at the Spa.

Yours truly has an Aviation Column

in the Daily News every Saturday.

I'm making sure that the Ninety Nine's get their share of the publicity.

The annual Anchorage Fur Rendezvous is now in full swing and there are parades, dog sled races, exhibits, trade fairs, and a queen contest and at least two dances, and a wrestling match for the Alaska championship, with well known wrestlers from outside. Aunt Jemima is even here. So every one is pretty busy.



LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Christie Warren

Turn out for meetings has been very good since we changed meeting date to the second Tuesdays and have a permanent meeting place, namely, Claire Walter's rumpus room. Each month, refreshments are furnished by a volunteer hostess. Elsie Smith served luscious french donuts at January meet, Marijane Brown did the honors in February, and Dru Benefiel will in March.

February attendance included five of our new members: Mary Ann Craig, Tillie Klements, Teckla Kaufman, Virginia Showers, and Jan Vawter, all former students of Claire's. Also present was another of Claire's students who will soon be eligible for membership, Dr. Gloria M. Allen, a practicing physician in Santa Monica. Dorothy Beachler is able to attend regularly now because hubby can be with the children Tuesday nights.

As special guest, we were delighted to have a most charming visitor from Hamburg, Germany, Hanna Mueller-Kunath, who looks so much like Ingrid Bergman that we're certain autograph hounds must pursue her. Hanna started flying in Germany in 1933, then during the ensuing years, due to shortage of aircraft only men were permitted to fly on priorities and Hanna finally took to gliders just to be in the air. She became one of Germany's ace glider pilots and made the Silver C (and international honor) in gliding and her articles on gliding appear in several German publications. Interesting note: the German Aero Club with which Hanna works and flies, not only has all popular German planes, but also a Cessna 170.

Dru and Bob Benefiel, Ruth and John Nitzen, and Elsie and Norman Smith joined the San Diego 99's in a fly-in to Ramona Airport. Everyone brought picnic lunches and had a grand get together in spite of threatening weather.

Attention, ex-WASPS! Many former

WASPS are now 99's, but there are many who are not, and it would be nice to once again get together. Our former EO at Sweetwater, Hally Stires, will be a guest at the Southwest Spring Sectional which will be hosted by San Fernando Valley Chapter April 24, 25 and 26 at the Travelodge Motel, 16117 Ventura Blvd., Encino, Calif. The luncheon-business meeting will be held across the street at the lovely Pucci's restaurant on the 25th, also the banquet that evening. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any WASP who may not be 99's, please ask them to join us for the weekend or for a few hours at least. Or if some can't join us, please drop a note telling about themselves so we can at least stay in touch.

Claire, who has not had a vacation in four years, is planning to fly to Shannon, Ireland with a ski club group in May in a charter DC-6. While the group go on to Switzerland to ski, Claire will take a boat trip down the Rhine to Cologne, Hamburg, then to Paris, London and back to Shannon to join the group for the return flight home. Some of her students have relatives in these countries who will entertain her, and we know she will have a ball!

See you ALL at the Sectional.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

February 17 found the Long Beach Chapter gathered at the beautiful new home of Jackie Sepulveda, in Whittier. We were intrigued with the huge three-way stone fireplace, especially after learning Jackie had collected all the rocks herself over a period of years from various places in California and Nevada.

Our chapter bid for the start of the 1960 AWTAR at Torrance was accepted, much to our delight. After the business meeting we were entertained with films on the history of the helicopter, shown by Rita Gibson, then while stuffing ourselves with some home-made pies and sauce Jean Clark whipped up, we caught up on our hangar flying.

We were happy to see our "farthest away" member, Sandra Killion from Santa Barbara, who journeyed down by auto because of the rain. Cleo Morrison and Dudley Greer were missed at the meeting, they were on their way home from Loch Haven with a new Comanche and 49½er Bob Morrison also delivering an Apache for a local aircraft dealer. Jackie Sepulveda sold her 140 and is in the market for another plane.

Claire Walters has become the owner of a Stinson, which she might trade for a Bonanza. Claire is presenting our Headquarters with a wonderful painting of Amelia Earhart that she has had for many years. This is our generous Claire. Annette Castle and 49½er John are Bonanza shopping.

Mae Sharp has promised to show her slides, taken on her trip to Europe. The San Gabriel Chapter has invited us to a fly-in at Hesperia Sunday. Ruth Gay and Rita Gibson are flying out in Ruth's 140.

Rose Finley has been busy getting her new business underway. Rose is now part owner of Torbet Aircraft, Inc., at the Santa Ana Airport. They are Bellanca dealers. We wish you much success Rose and hope to see you at the meetings more often.

That's all for now, see you next month.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Aileen Saunders

February started slow for the San Diego Chapter, but gathered momentum as the month progressed, and it appears from things to come that we will be quite active for some time.

A pot-luck picnic at Ramona Airport Feb. 15 was attended by 27 99's and 49½ers. Elsie and Norm Smith, Dru Benefiel and Ruth Nitson from LA joined us. Although the rain cut festivities a bit short, delicious food and hangar flying was enjoyed by all.

The San Diego Chapter donated \$250 to the AWTAR Board. As time for the race draws closer I note increasing activity among the girls, their teaming up with one another, discussing the aircraft they intend to fly, proposed stops and the quests for sponsors.

Our meeting was held in the Con-vair Auditorium Feb. 20, program chairman, Terry Vasques, presented three excellent films, "To Save a Life," "Flight Decision" and "Interpreting Weather." The AOPA 180 degree film, "To Save a Life" was especially interesting to me since I had just received my 180 degree rating that afternoon from 99'er Carol (Mac) Huntington. The meeting was attended by 49½ers and also Wing Scouts who sold cookies after the program to help raise funds for their trip to Mexico City this summer.

Thelma Bishop has been kept quite busy making arrangements for the air marking and dedication of the new Palomar Airport, the Wing Scouts will assist. The letters are to be 27 feet high.

On Feb. 24 a group of S. D. 99's are flying to Desert Air Park for lunch. They will be met by Gertrude Lockwood, local 99 now wintering in Palm Springs, Zaddie Bunker and Minnie Boyd, Governor of NW Section.

Our annual picture hunt is scheduled for April 5. Those wishing to participate kindly contact Ruth Gamber. Also planned is an Easter egg hunt. This event will include most of the S. D. County Airports and will be held on March 29. For details call or write Lois Bartling or Marian Craver.

Congratulations are in order for Clare Aldrich who recently passed her

instrument written exam with an 89 percent the first time she took it.

I understand Ann Bledsoe entered a Los Angeles hospital for surgery. Jackie Trenfelis is recovering from a serious auto accident. She is now home, however, Jackie is returning to Sharps Hospital soon for surgery on a knee cap. We are very happy that Dotty Davis suffered no injury when she recently damaged her 180 on an approach at La Mesa Airport. She plans to have it back flying shortly.

Plutocrats Dotty and Bob Sanders have moved their Cessna 140 into their new hangar which is located on an acre joining Gillespie Field.

Ruby and Jack Keaveny recently celebrated their wedding anniversary at Las Vegas, Nev. Edna Penners is keeping busy with organ lessons, memory course and a modeling course. On March 5 Betty and Bud Gillies are flying to Miami, Fla., where they will hop off for the Bahama Islands in their Apache to relax and enjoy a real vacation.

I had the pleasure of visting the "Steve Canyon" movie set in Hollywood recently, and watched them shoot scenes for the TV series. It was quite interesting and educational, but made me realize being a movie star is a lot of hard work in front of the cameras.

Marian Craver flew her 182 in Duns-mir for the weekend. She reported Mt. Shasta was beautiful, but the weather going up so bad she wants to forget that part of the trip.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jeanne Strahl

'Midst the mad plans for a merry Spring Sectional some local and cross country flying still prevails.

Virginia Kahse and her husband recently returned from a trip to Seattle in their Apache. CAUV weather on the way up but Virginia never wants to again experience their return trip. One pleasant memory from their trip was the dinner at the Nut Tree Inn which we understand is between Sacramento and San Francisco. Virginia said the food was delicious—from the moment one boards the tiny train that greets the fly-ins until the after diner cordial every minute is a delight. Robert Kahse controls the 13 western states for the Nelson, Inc. Advertising Agency. We understand Jean Nelson, wife of the president of the company, was recently elected chairman of the New York chapter. A natural marriage of advertising and aviation . . . two of the most aggressive and stimulating occupations in the field today.

Trixie Ann Schubert was a very excited hostess at our February meeting. The Schubert family en masse will leave after school is out for a

year's tour of Europe. One month in Switzerland, one month in Italy, one month in Vienna (during the opera season no less) and on through the continent. Trixie and Dr. Schubert are ideal ambassadors and we have the feeling all of Europe will know the purpose and functions of the 99's before the 12 months are over.

Lola Ricci and Virginia Hall started out for Palm Springs last week in their Cessna 172 but it was such a beautiful day they decided to continue their flight to Yuma, Ariz. After a quick lunch at the Stardust they headed north and home.

Audrey Shutte was a guest speaker at the Lockheed Pilot's Club meeting. She spoke on her experience while flying in the last TAR. Those who heard the talk were more than complimentary in their comments. Others went so far as to say it was one of the best programs they have had to date.

Jean Parker Rose has changed affiliations and is now free-lancing. Still the dawn to dusk routine . . . one really has to love flying to keep up that pace.

Our guests at the February meeting were Cathy Culver, Lois Zdenek (who is working on her commercial) and Minnie Morgan.

In spite of all of the hours flown recently every other available hour is being taken up with plans for our Spring Sectional. Shirley Robinson no sooner finishes up with her Wing Scout class then she is off to culminate transactions with the Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce. Clara Davis and Louise Robertson are giving their all to assure our guests of a full and interesting schedule when they arrive. Pappy Boyington has been contacted to be one of our guest speakers at the banquet. The Travel Lodge Motel on Ventura Blvd. in Encino has been chosen as our headquarters so get your reservations in early.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER

By Billie Wyatt

The eighth anniversary of our chapter was celebrated on January 24 with a cocktail party and dinner at Alberti's in Modesto. Four chapter members were present. The speaker for the evening was Sgt. Kinnery of the survival school at Castle Air Force Base. The sergeant had just returned from a lengthy training period on survival in the Sierras. Equipment necessary for survival and that you should carry with you in your plane was displayed—it could all be held in the palm of your hand. The first 30 seconds on the ground will determine whether you survive, don't PANIC. We are grateful to have the opportunity or such an instructive and worthwhile talk. The evening was full of romance, too, as we presented Fran Dias with a wedding gift. Fran pulled a fasty on everybody and was

married to Mervin Gustavson on December 26 in Carson City, Nev. They are now at home in Fallon, Nev. I understand that this romance started to bloom when Fran, Lucille and Laura May were weathered in at Fallon last fall on their way home from the Sectional at Elko. Just goes to show that when you leave home you never know.

A wedding gift was also presented to our charter 49½er member, Alvin Zimmerman, who had just returned with bride Recca from a honeymoon on the Caribbean. Recca is learning to fly the 170 and we are looking forward to having her as a member. We wish all the newlyweds happiness. Members attending were Laura May Crawford, Fran Dias, Ev Hendly, Ethel Hieland, Dorothy Koebel, Norma Norton, Loucele Freeman, Elva Victorino and Lillie Wyatt. Fifty aviation minded guests attended.

Norma Norton was hostess to the February meeting which was held at the Hotel Covell in Modesto. Plans were made for future activities including flights, air marking and new members.

SANTA CLARA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Monahan

A most interesting guest speaker for our February dinner meeting at the Jamaica Inn at Sunnyvale was Peter Gluckman of San Francisco, who told us of his trip and showed us his movies of flying a light plane, Beech Bonanza 225 hp with wing tanks, through South America across the South Atlantic to Dakar, through Europe and across the North Atlantic in the early spring. The trip took two months and 200 hours flying time. He gave us tips on weather, airports and how to break the language barrier.

Thirty-two people were present, members, 49½ers, and guests, including Gerry Mickelson of Sacramento, Don Kelton of San Mateo, Ruth Ruckert of Bay Cities, Betty Murphy of United Airlines. (Sorry I don't have the rest of the names.)

Fly-in to Monterey on the bay—is always a guess (is it going to be foggy or isn't it). However, February 1 was a beautiful day with 27 flying in for lunch. Jackie and Lloyd Petty, Otto and Mabel Zehr, Helen and Don Kelton, Dell Hauk, Pat Gladney, Patty Sherwood, Marg Standish, Barbara Hector, Clara Lou Cathey, Mayetta Behringer, Eleanor Wortz, Ruby Fielding, Evelyn Eggnik, Amelia Carmen Reid, Lynne Heard and Rita, Gerry Mickelson, Mildred and Gordon Wither, Janet and Susan, Lillian Fairchild, Mollie Lyon, and Alvin Cathey.

Those spending their weekend flying down the ski slopes were Jeannie and Dave McElhatten at Dodge Ridge and Dorothy and Pat Monahan at Squaw Valley.

The growing activities of the De Thurmond Flight Service have kept De and Mary Ann busy at San Jose's Municipal Airport. Recently they flew to the Grand Canyon (in a little 1958 90 hp Piper 18) for a few days rest, thoroughly impressed with the ever-changing colors of the canyon. Their stay at the Bright Angel Lodge, the brilliantly clear desert weather, and the flight over and return, they highly recommended. When any of you are on the field, be sure to drop by for a visit.

Marilyn Anderson, a recent transfer from Bay Cities Chapter, and Fran Grant of Bay Cities participated in a Girl Scout parade with a Wing Scout float. Yours truly's daughter, Pat, was color bearer. Object—to help raise money for Scout camps.

Patty Sherwood took a flying trip to Burbank to spend the weekend with her brother and family.

Margaret Standish who keeps her nose to the grindstone at Lockheed's new missile plant, took time off for the fly-in.

January 24 Del Hauk and friend from Salinas made a weekend flight with Lloyd and Jackie Petty to Fresno County in their Cessna.

Mabel Zehr and Skeeter made a flying trip to Long Beach and Ontario via Bakersfield to visit her sister, nephew and friends. She states on a clear day you can even see Los Angeles.

Amelia Carmen Reid of San Jose, our newest member. Although Amelia has been flying some time with the Moffett Club she has just joined the ranks of the Ninety-Nines.

Jackie and Lloyd Petty flew to Fresno for the long weekend (George's birthday).

Eleanor Wortz, who has been busy, busy with other club affairs, is back flying again.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER **By Genevieve Hall**

February 14 found us gathered at the Chuck Wagon, where a delicious buffet luncheon was enjoyed by Ruth Wagner, Hialeah Relich, Helen Mace, Gerry Michelson, Claire Raley, Genevieve Hall, Thelma Syrek, Margaret Farkas, Florence Breen (new member), and prospective members Ruth Lummis, Lillian Gray, Faye Love and Wilma Gross (who does a beautiful job of writing the "aviation" column for the Iodi newspaper).

A call from Coral Bloom informed us she was "weathered out" for this meeting. She had just returned from a tour of SAC Underground Control Center at Omaha which included flying a "gooneybird" (C-47). They hit the edge of weather that caused tornado at St. Louis with winds of 100 knots per hour with gas running low, no place to land, and parachutes

adjusted for hasty exit if necessary. We agree with Coral, that it was almost too exciting!

Betty and Joe Haynes are back in Lockhaven to pick up their new Comanche. The Brandleys left our rainy coast this week to back in sun at Waikiki Beach. The Relich family flew their Cessna (accompanied by friends in their Tri-Pacer) to Duns-muir over the weekend and really enjoyed the snow. Claire Raley flew Ruth Lummis around northern California touching down at Napa, Petaluma, Santa Rosa, Healdsburg, and Lincoln in her Tri-Pacer. Gerry Michelson's Bellanca, with Rita Hart and Betty Boy aboard, landed at San Simieon this month where all enjoyed a tour of the local interests. Gerry was also at Monterrey for a visit with the Santa Clara Chapter.

The famous Wagner Navion is undergoing a stripping job in preparation for a lovely new paint job which will include the new fluorescent colors. Ruth was the happy recipient of a ride in the "Alouette" jet helicopter given at the Sky Ranch in connection with the agricultural duster show. This gal has a knack of being in the right place at the right time.

Thelma Syrek is in Orlando, Fla., this week and hopes to contact some of the girls there, if the air force doesn't keep her too busy. Jo Eddleman is looking forward to a visit from Meg Guggolz of Albuquerque. Hurry up, Meg! Jo is all set for a big party in your honor.

Plan to attend your Southwest Sectional, April 24, 25 and 26 at Van Nuys, Calif.

SAGUARO CHAPTER

By Alice Roberts

Our February meeting was held at the home of our chairman, Jimmie Shelton. The meeting was a most interesting one. Our guest speaker was Mr. Church of Air Traffic Control. He gave a most informative talk. Since we thought it would be interesting for our 49½ers too, we invited them with the following results; Jimmie and Frank, of course, Thelma Biegert and Max, Melba Beard and Bill, Wilma Bland, Marjie Crowl, June Kaiser and Dick, Jaunita Newell, Ruth Reinhold, Alice Roberts and Chas., Betty Slater, Frances Wood and 2 guests, Pat Runyon and Bill, Ruth Jacquot and her 49½er, Tig Rye, Betty Siler, Elaine?, and my apologies if I missed anyone.

June Kaiser met me at the door with the exciting news that she and Dick had made a parachute jump last Sunday . . . just for the fun(?) of it.

Thelma Biegert and Max took a flying trip last week to Orange, Texas and Shreveport, La. in their "195".

Virginia Hash and Margie Crowl spent Sunday afternoon flying for the

March of Dimes. Ruth Reinhold caught a MARLIN!!!

Juanita flew to the coast on some business and while there landed at Hawthorne and had a visit with Jean Parker Rose. Juanita also did such a fine job with the Wing Scouts and Flights for our chapter last year, that we had a surprise party for her at Sky Harbor Airport. She was called to the airport thinking she had a Charter to take somewhere and ended up as Honored Guest for the day. Good Gal!! Juanita was also nominated for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship from our chapter.

Alice Roberts Bananza has a new paint job. Looks like a brand new plane. Also had a major on the engine. Juanita's 195 had a major.

Melba Beard and Juanita Newell saw an exhibit on the Atomic Bomb that was sponsored by our Civil Defense. Said it was certainly interesting and worth while.

June Kaiser has a PT 19 in her back yard.

Frances Wood has a new 3100 says it is m-m-m-good.

See you next month.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Margaret C. Gerhardt

Our February meeting at Anne Rambo's home in Los Altos on the 20th. From what Ruth Rueckert reports, I missed a very interesting meeting by going skiing at Mount Shasta. Present were members Mary Fields, Miriam Brugh, Rita Hart, Helen Kelton, Gail Lane, Doris Phillips, Anne Rambo, Ruth Rueckert and Annette Anderson, member-at-large, and Marian Barnick from the Santa Clara Valley Chapter. Anne gave a fascinating talk on missiles, known as "birds." She has seen about 15 various launchings, including the launching of the Atlas at Cape Canaveral through her work at Lockheed. We are proud to hear that she is included in "Who's Who in Women" for 1958. Helen Kelton, who works at Ames Research Center as a math aid, also had her name in print. She was featured as the "Ames Close Up" in January. Congratulations to the Carlsons who welcomed Elaine on Jan. 31, and also to the Roberts (Margaret Topping), their little girl, Jeanette, was born Jan. 24.

Traveling members include Mar-

jorie Fauth on vacation, destination not known; Jean Kaye, who is visiting her brother in the Dominican Republic; and Geri Hill, who airlined to Los Angeles over Washington's birthday. Also at Mount Shasta was Rosemarie Gehling Blake, who is living on the Peninsula now. Reports from members away from home include Lillian Anderson, who says it's been a mean winter in Minnesota; Ena Ayers says the same about New York, but she has been doing some seaplane flying; Lindy Boyes has been flying a Tri-Pacer and doing some instructing and taking Spanish lessons; Ruth Jacquot reports beautiful weather in Phoenix. She is just out of the hospital after minor surgery. She had a flight in a Navy P2V. This is a twin engine jet, I am told.

Mary Fields reports her Swift has a new steel prop and flies good. The Fields hope to fly it to Costa Rica. Gail Lane has a new Lark and Rita Hart is running the only Boatel in existence, the Dolphin, in San Rafael. Our sympathy to new member, Dixie Lusk, who lost her husband the first part of February.

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