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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

NEWS LETTER

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AIR TERMINAL BUILDING — WILL ROGERS FIELD — APRIL, 1959

Attend Your Sectional Meetings!

President's Column

April 1, 1959

Margaret Sweet has resigned her position with our organization, as International Headquarters Secretary. We regret the loss of Margaret's excellent services and we will miss so much, the pleasant relationship with her. Margaret wants everyone to know that her reason for resigning are personal and certainly had nothing to do with her relationship with Ninety-Nines in any way. She has decided to devote full time to being a housewife and to improving her golf. I know that everyone joins me in wishing her happiness in her retirement.

We are most fortunate in securing the service of Ruth Conboy, who has come to us well qualified in every way. I am certain that you will find her very pleasant, cooperative and anxious to have you visit Headquarters at all times. Effective as of April 1, our Headquarters office will be open five days each week, from nine to five o'clock. I feel sure that you will be pleased to learn of our full time office arrangements. It not only will be more convenient for those who come to visit Headquarters, but will enable us to concentrate more of our Ninety-Nine business in one office.

Our International Representative, Nancy Bird Walton, is reporting in this issue of the News Letter, and you will find her report very interesting. Nancy's efforts have produced several additional Members at Large, many inquiries from foreign countries, and much interest in our Air Races from these women pilots of other lands. Thank you very much, Nancy!

Texas has two more new chapters in the making, we have added twenty-five more members to our growing membership list this month, and plans for our International Convention are well under way. More details will be ready for next month's News Letter concerning the activities and convention in Spokane, do be sure to watch for them.

This month brings the Executive Board meeting, the World Congress (Continued on Page 2)

Your International Representative Reports

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Dear 99's,

After leaving America and its warm hospitality and friendship, I crossed the Atlantic to the Old World and London. Here I met Mrs. R. G. Casey, a 99 from Australia and wife of our Foreign Minister.

I was already in touch with the British Women Pilots and they gave a reception for Mrs. Casey and myself at the Royal Aeronautical Society in Hamilton Place. Here, we met many of the women who are flying in Britain today, outstanding of whom are Janet Ferguson who is instructing at the Denham Flying Club and Brenda Horsefield who is with the BBC. I most sincerely hope that one of these girls will be able to take part in some of the air races held in the States this year, as both have since become members of the 99's.

In Paris I met Dr. Valerie Andre and the Countess de Castet. Dr. Andre was the surgeon who was parachuted into Indo-China during the war between the French and the Nationalists there. Her job was to take medical aid to the soldiers and she decided that a helicopter was an easier way, so returned to France and learned to fly one, taking it back to Indo-China. She has written a most interesting book on her experiences there; if it has not been translated into English, it should be. The Countess de Castet is a wonderful French woman who was sent to America to represent the women of her country at a Festival in Texas. She is a friend of Marjorie David, who so kindly introduced me to her. I also met Anne Marie Imbreg, a 99. She asked me to point out that the currency position makes it almost

impossible to retain one's 99 membership.

Once again let me plea for nominal membership dues for members-at-large. If we are to bring the senior women pilots of the world under one umbrella and to have the benefit of having them in the 99's then we will have to have a nominal membership dues, which I suggest shall be no more than two dollars. Actually, unless they come to the States, they have more to give than we. There is not much advantage outside the United States in being a 99 as yet, the advantage is in making the organization truly international.

In Germany, I stayed with Elly Bienhorn whose flights to Africa and from Europe to Australia were world news in the 1930's. Elly is flying again and taking an active part in sports

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Coming Events

April 18-25

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

April 24 - 26

North Central Sectional Meeting, St. Louis, Mo.

April 24 - 26

Southwestern Sectional Meeting, Encino, Calif.

May 1 - 3

South Central Sectional Meeting, Omaha, Neb.

June 6 - 7

Southeastern Sectional Meeting, Panama City, Fla.

June 11

Sky Lady Derby

July 1 - 8

All Womens Transcontinental Air Race.

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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Again We . . .

wish to thank those of you who have sent in your AWTAR contributions. The time is getting shorter . . . and hope to hear from more of you before the first of July. It would be better if you could send in your money before the 15th of June and then your name will be sure to be in the report to National. If you give, you want to be sure and be recognized. Thanks again to those who have already contributed, I'm waiting to hear from the rest of you.

Alice Roberts,
Ways and Means
Chairman

Pilot's Briefing

NO NEWS LETTER IN JULY.

If you are not receiving your News Letter, please notify Headquarters.

Our 99 membership is growing and our goal of 1500 members this year is in reach, if each of us becomes a Membership Committee of One to bring a prospective member to our next meeting.

ATTEND your Sectional meetings and, of course, the International Convention in Spokane, Wash., this July 9 through 11.

Headquarters office will be open Monday through Friday henceforth from 9 to 5.



ONE OF OUR MEMBERS-AT-LARGE
ISABEL RILVAS OF PORTUGAL

Dear 99's,

It must be wonderful to fly so far in the USA and in such good planes. We are always doing very little air raids because Portugal is a small country and our little airports have few flying movements.

Now, we have at the Air Club of Portugal, a new member and imagine, a 99, a Canadian miss called Shirley Golding, who is employed at the Embassy. Of course, she is very nice and we often meet and fly together.

My flights, studies and jumps take up most of my time. I hold a Second Degree Parachutist License—jumping from 6,000-10,000 feet at least once a week. Also an acrobatic license, including precision, etc., and have initiated the First Womens Paramedic Corps in the world.

In the above picture, I won these cups last November, being first out of 21 pilots, all men, at the Portuguese Autumn Air Cup Meet. I was really happy, because they had to recognize a woman can fly as well as a man, but in Portugal they are slow in accepting this fact. One cup was for "General Classification" and the other from the "First Classification at Precision Landings."

Sincerely yours,
Isabel

WANTED

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

All Woman

Transcontinental Air Race

REMEMBER—Opening date for entry in the 1959 All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race is April 20, 1959. Entries will be received until the closing date of June 15, 1959. Get your entry in early.

AWARDS—The overall 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 highest score made between each of the "designated" airports.

Cash awards will be made for the highest score made by each category of aircraft in which there are at least three in competition.

AC Spark Plug Awards: Cash awards will be made for the first five placing aircraft if they are using AC Spark Plugs. Awards are: \$300, first place; \$200, second place; \$100, third place; \$50, fourth place; \$25, fifth place. These are donated by the AC Spark Plug Division, General Motors, Flint, Mich.

Cash award of \$50 for the highest placing aircraft flying their first TAR. Donated by a "friend" of the Michigan Chapter.

Other big awards are coming up. Be sure and watch this column for additional information on special prizes and awards.

The Jeppesen & Co. of Denver, Colo. are again going to provide all crews with complete navigation kits. These kits will have all the very latest navigation information and is a great aid to planning and flying the race.

The Simplex Time Recorder Co. of Gardner, Mass. is again going to provide the time clocks for the race. These time clocks will be placed at all of the "designated airports" for use in timing the race.

All information regarding the 1959 AWTAR, including rules and regulations, handicaps and entry forms may be obtained by writing AWTAR Headquarters, 2611 East Spring St., Long Beach 6, Calif.

President's Column

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of Flight and one Section meeting for me, I'm bribing the weather man now, for lots of good flying weather in April. Wishing for the very best for each and every one of you!

Sincerely,

Broneta Davis Evans

Do You Know . . .

After July 1 general aviation plane radio transmitters are under strict Federal Communications Commission regulations? New rules require transmitters manufactured after July 1, 1959 to comply with specifications or they cannot be used in this country. If you buy a new type transmitter after July 1 be sure it is listed on official FCC type-accepted list.

Transmitters licensed by FCC before July 1 can be used to January 1, 1965, even though not type-accepted.

Receivers also have minimum standards in Part 15 of FCC regulations. They must not only quality but carry prominent compliance notice on the set. Check before you buy a new receiver because you will be liable to prosecution if your set does not comply with the regulations.

If you have an old instructor's rating and didn't get in under the wire by July 1, 1958, CAB now gives you until April 1, 1959; hope you made it.

CAB also says that you can now get a medical equal to flying use, so long as the medical class is equal to or lower than basic pilot certificate. Holder of an ATR can have a third class medical and fly privately.

ADIZ changes:

New ADIZ is entire Gulf of Mexico.

Atlantic ADIZ now goes south along Florida coast to Gulf of Mexico ADIZ.

Peggy Borek

Chairman, Flying
Activities Committee

Annual Skylady Derby Scheduled June 11

The Eighth Annual Skylady Derby, sponsored by the Women's National Aeronautical Association, is scheduled for June 11, 1959. It is a one day efficiency race for women pilots flying stock model aircraft of 300 horsepower and under.

The race course is from Shreveport, La., to Dallas, Texas, via Little Rock, Ark., and Tulsa, Okla., a total of 648 statute miles.

The Skylady Derby is sanctioned by the National Aeronautical Association and conducted under the rules and regulations of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale.

Prizes are: First place, \$300; second place, \$200; third place, \$100, plus trophies and other prizes.

Deadline for entry May 25, 1959.

Entry fee is \$15 per plane. Applications and additional information may be obtained from Mrs. Martha Ann Reading, 2704 Milton Ave., Dallas 5, Texas, National Chairman, Skylady Derby Committee.

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Your International Representative Reports

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flying. I suggested to her that she think about the air races in America, which she thought was impossible, but a few days ago I received a letter urgently asking me for more details on cost, co-pilots, radio, etc. . . . how thrilled I would be if this most distinguished woman pilot could be in the 13th annual AWTAR.

In Frankfurt, I delivered to Hanna Reitsch a Whirly Girls handkerchief given to me by Jean Ross Howard from the girls in America. Hanna was deeply touched by their remembrances of her and their invitation to attend the annual meeting in Washington, D. C. Still one of the top glider pilots and test pilots of the world and holding that distinction after twenty years flying.

It was through Jean Ross Howard that I met Max Stampfli in Zurich, who had been a leader of two missions to the United States. Max Stampfli turned on Swiss hospitality at its best and I was able to show the AWTAR film over the Swiss television one evening, when everything was translated into German as I spoke. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and I was unable to go "glacier flying." This seems to have become a popular sport at the Zurich Club, landing as high as 10 and 12 thousand feet up on the glaciers. I was heartbroken at missing it. In Rome I met Silvia Scotoni of Switzerland and here a potential entrant for an air race. Mrs. Scotoni expressed a great desire to take part in one and was enthusiastically encouraged by her flying husband. I do hope the red and white Swiss flag can be hoisted this year at the terminus.

It was not until Africa that I met women pilots again. I can honestly say one has to dig them out . . . our connection throughout the world is much too loose and at times nonexistent and much can be done to strengthen the link to our mutual advantages and pleasure. Belle Hetzel had endeavored to gather many of these girls into the 99's, but she too has found the same financial barrier. I met five women pilots in Kenya and I'm sure they didn't know they had five until I went there. They were: June Wright, who is a commercial pilot actively employed on charter flying and who I would like to see in an air race. Joan Harrison, Frances Payne, Pansy Alazraki, who could also tell us what goes on in Tel Aviv regarding flying women, and Mollie Riley.

I could get no reply from repeated

letters to our 99 in Rhodesia but after I left received a letter from Eileen Lephne of Livingston, Rhodesia, who is most anxious to join the International Organization of Women Pilots.

South Africa is probably more active as some of these girls flew as ferry pilots during the war. Among these was Rosemund King Everard, who was killed in a Spitfire at the end of the war. Rosemund and I had flown together all over England in 1938 in a Hornet Moth. I met her friend, a fellow co-pilot Rhenia Blake, whose job as a co-pilot on Lockheeds from the Cape to Cairo during the war would warm the hearts of many a WASP. With her was Mable Glass and other women pilots from Johannesburg. It is my firm conviction that we must do more to cement the bonds between these girls and ourselves. I suggest that an American liaison be appointed to the International Membership Committee, who could follow up my contacts and write a summary of the American picture, answer inquiries for them and give them news other than received in the News Letter.

There are many other women pilots in France and in Italy that we just don't know about and its really necessary for someone to make the initial contact, however, I feel very satisfied with the amount I was able to do in helping make the 99's a truly International Organization of Women Pilots.

I have just re-read this letter and realize I had said nothing of the safari in Africa—oh dear!

In the heart of Mau Mau country, I was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davies, who have lived in this district some thirty years. They decided to take me on safari and with their experience knew how close one could go to wild game and still be safe. They also knew of a safari camp off the beaten track up in the northern frontier province of Keyna and after getting permission we headed for the vastness of Darkest Africa. For days we stalked game, with a camera, getting dangerously close to elephant and buffalo, remaining motionless while elephants went through our camp at midnight. We did lots of shooting, with a camera of course, as the residents of Kenya love their wild life and only shoot in self defense. This was an unforgettable experience, the film of which I have added to the collection of the 1958 AWTAR and helicopter flying in New York, true high-light of the 52,000 miles of air travel.

Much love,
Nancy Bird Walton



By "AJ" Starr

Last month Barbara Evans, Kay Brick and Selma Cronan motored down to Delaware upon invitation extended by Col. C. B. Shaffer, director of the Delaware State Development Dept., concerning the possibility of having our 1960 race terminate in Wilmington. Adelaide Tinker, governor of the Middle East Section, joined them for the meeting.

Skydiving was the topic of our March 10 meeting. Joe Crane came to



(Left to right): Selma Cronan, Kay Brick, Colonel Shaeffer, Adelaide Tinker and Barbara Evans discussing the AWTAR Terminus possibilities in Delaware.

the rescue as speaker when it was learned at the last minute that Jacques Andre Istel had come down with the flu. Joe Crane is, of course, very well known in aviation circles and Jacques Istel has become very prominent as an instigator of skydiving in this country. In 1956 he got a U.S. team together and instructed them so they were able to participate in the Olympics in Moscow. Thrilling films were shown of the jumps in Moscow—it was amazing to see the jumpers soar like birds in complete control and even do a figure 8 or two before opening their chutes and landing in or very close to the target circle. All sorts of exasperating snags were encountered with the Russians regarding the rules, etc. but thanks to the tenacity of Joe Crane and the others, fair solutions were reached. This new sport has really caught on and many college clubs have been formed throughout the country. Just get in touch with the PCA (Parachute Club of America), Box 212, Mount Kisco, N. Y., for more information.

Sixty people attended the skydiving meeting—just to mention a few: Marilyn Link, Col. Morton Cronk, Cecile

Hamilton, Flo Knight, Barbara Evans, Louise Hyde, Almbard and Eileen Bristol, Herb Fisher, Jim Crane, "Slim" Hennicke, Selma and Walter Cronan, William Schurlie, Lindy Boyes, Helen Minnitto, Mary Urban, Armelia Nuessle, Phyllis Sproul, Arlene Walker, Roy Ryder, "Pebbles" Stone, Avanel Pinkley and Dr. S. Foxe.

Eleven paintings by Marion Andrews Lopez decorated the walls of Ferdi's Restaurant where the meeting was held. They were all beautiful water colors (sea and landscape) executed in masterful technique. Don't know how many she has sold to date but, if the interest shown is any indication, they must be going like "hot cakes."

A very important event is coming up in May (the 19th). It is the panel discussion sponsored by this section concerning "The Effect of the Jet Age on General Aviation." Key figures in aviation have been asked to participate. The Wings Club (Hotel Biltmore) is the location—don't miss it if you can be in town! If you want more information you can check with Peggy Norris. Gloria Heath will represent the Flight Safety Foundation at this discussion.

Miriam B. Crocker piloted herself aloft in celebration of her 70th birthday recently. Forgot to mention last time that Kay Brick had a flight in the MS 760 (French four-place jet) at Teterboro. Kay has been attending the Space Age Workshop in Paramus, N. J., and in a few days she and Bunny are off to Florida.

WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER by Terri Pirrung

Our get-together for last month was cancelled because of flooded cellars and impassable roads. On Feb. 26 our first meeting of the year was small in number but very delightful.

We met at the Nurses Home, Jamestown General Hospital, for cocktails and appetizers; and to meet "Connie" of Station WJTN for a tape recorded round table discussion to be played back later, on her afternoon radio program. The subject, of course, was women in aviation and the 99's.

Being women we talked right thru the dinner hour and had to settle for a steak sandwich and salad at Kays Restaurant. It turned out to be very good. Our big point of business discussed was the Zonta Club luncheon March 17 with Jacqueline Cochran as guest of honor. After a couple more hours of hanger flying, being women again, the talk got around to having babies; and with that it was time to start for home.

Members present were Floroe Andeer, Ruth Olson, Abbie Haddaway, and Terri Pirrung. Attending as a

guest was Jeanne Skelton of Jamestown. She is a private pilot and we would be happy to have her as a member.

None of the Rochester girls were able to join us tonight. Jean Nellson and husband, Bob, are seeing Nassau and surrounding islands in their Apache and Ethel Fedders is vacationing in Florida. Lucky Girls!

On March 17 the Zonta Club of Buffalo Associates Day honored Jacqueline Cochran as a tribute to women in aviation. Our chapter was invited to the luncheon in the Golden Ballroom at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. After the mayor presented Miss Cochran with the keys to the city she gave a very thought provoking speech on the Space Age and the part women will play in it.

Following the luncheon a meeting was held in the lounge. Business discussed was the coming AWTAR and ways that we could publicize it in this area.

Jean Nellson told us that during her stay at Grand Cayman, BWI, she met a 99 member-at-large named Juanita Bigler. Juanita has a beautiful collection of over 100 different varieties of orchids and will be happy to show them to any 99 who visit there. Her husband, Bill, is manager of LASCA (a Central American airline).

Abbie Haddaway brought up the interesting point that seven airplanes were represented at our meeting, which is over 50 percent of those attending owning their own planes.

Members present were Floroe Andeer, Abbie Haddaway, Jean Nellson, Ruth Olson, Lois Rinck and Terri Pirrung. We were pleased to have two members from Canada visit with us—Dot Rungeling and Hetty Hutchinson. Guests were Grace Bull, Toni Guay, Marge McAdam and Mary Winkle.

In answer to Louise Sacchi's (Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter) question, "How many members work in aviation?" We have one—Abbie Haddaway who is a saleswoman for Buffalo Aeronautical Corp., selling Aero Commanders.



WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER By Virginia Thompson

"Um, isn't this delicious?" "Mitzie is certainly a good cook." These were some of the remarks made after sampling "Mitzie" Moore's good buffet dinner.

Dorothy Mitchell then conducted the business meeting. All private pilots are invited to see FAA's new facilities

at Atlantic City on May 9 and 10. The World Congress of Flight will be held April 12-19 in Las Vegas, Nev. Here the major emphasis will be placed on civil aviation and the impact of modern flight on world trade and world understanding. On the local level, our Sectional meeting will be held in Philadelphia on April 18 or 25. Pearl Robinson was appointed Section Air Education chairman; Laura Zerner, Sectional Air Marking chairman.

We were delighted to welcome Helen Murphy, her 49½er, Bill, and little three-month-old Kay, who really stole the show. Helen is a transfer from the Santa Clara Valley Chapter in California and from what we hear, a very active member. Present too was one of our members, Pearl Robinson, a charter Washington, D. C. member, who has not been able to be with us for several years. Pearl is a real flying enthusiast and one of the first women to introduce aviation in the schools. Another enthusiast and prospective member is Mrs. Arno Leuhman, a member of the Mats Flying Club. Our hats are off to her since she does her flying in and out of busy Washington National Airport, a place most of us would prefer viewing from the air only.

Thus ended a very delightful evening.

Our congratulations to Jacqueline and James Geiger, who had the nicest Valentine present—a wee 24½er.

On February 27, "Mitzie" Moore received the Safety Award from the Aeronautics Commission of the State of Maryland. It was given in recognition of her 1900 hours of reportable accident free miles in the safe operation of her aircraft. It speaks well of her proficiency and skill. To date, she has been the only woman so honored in the state of Maryland.

Barbara Jenison of the Central Illinois Chapter is in town renewing old acquaintances. Jean Howard, "Mitzie" Moore and Barbara attended the monthly meeting of the Aero Club of Washington at the Press Club where they were honored as "99" members. Later on in the week, Barbara will be the guest of Blanche Noyes.

Irene Keith, past governor of the N. Y.-N. J. Section, breezed in to convey a personal word of thanks to Byron Rogers, Democrat of Colorado, for his interest in regulations governing airline dispatchers of whom she is one for Pan American Airways. While here, she was interviewed both on the radio and by the press. Her picture and an article appeared in The Washington Post and The Alexandria Gazette newspapers. Between times, she and Ada Mitchell had a good time comparing notes.



CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Rose S. Andrew

The March meeting was held Sunday, the 22nd, at the home of Leah Warren in Champaign. The following gathered to enjoy a potluck dinner and hold a business meeting as well as just a chance to hangar-fly.

Included in the group were Marjorie Kelly and 49½er Fred, Mary Hendrix and Joe, Helen McBride and Jim and little Janet, all from Mattoon; Babs Wilford, a new member, Rose and Frank Andrew with their sons, Terry and Paul, and Leah and Sam Warren and young David.

Going to Sectional in St. Louis was discussed for April plans. We expect to have a regular meeting again early in May.

Sue Hassler left on Sunday for a trip to Marietta, Ga. She will be with Arden Hubbard who is living in that area now. Arden's husband is an instructor at Georgia Tech.

We extend our sincerest wishes for a complete recovery from his back injury to Ralph Farley, husband of our new member, Evelyn Marley of Princeton. We understand that it was due to a fall in a barn.

We tried to have a February meeting but only four of us were able to meet at the Wing and Wheel Restaurant for supper.

The Frank Andrews are planning to spend most of the month of June in Fort Collins, Colo., where Frank will be studying at CSU. During their spare time Rose and Frank will probably be looking longingly at the new planes coming out of the Forney factory. They are longtime owners of an Ercoupe that Frank uses for Extension travel at U. of Ill.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Elaine Morris

Our March meeting was held at the Municipal Airport restaurant on March 13. Those present: Katherine Peck, Marjory Farrell, Sarah Gorelick, Marie Kuhlman, Ruth and 49½er Sheldon Stafford, Elaine Morris. A short business meeting was held. After dinner we visited the pilots advisory weather service at the airport. We had planned to study the radar scope but it turned out to be a beautiful night without cloud one. The executive board met the evening of March 16 to complete the business of the nomination correspondence and the future activities of our chapter.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES: Sara Gorelick is doing her good deed with the Kansas City, Kan. Camp Fire Girls Council. She is helping the girls with

their study of aviation for their Torch Bearer rank.

The Staffords, Ruth and Shelton, who fly a Beech Bonanza out of the Grain Valley Airport, have a unique way of enjoying their flights. They have covered a dinette wall with air charts. Each has different colored pins. At airports where they land, the pilot in command adds a pin to the chart. Days they have the urge to fly and no where to go, they "collect" airports. Sounds like a great deal of fun and a very nice way to meet and make friends in the area.

I must apologize to our good neighbors of San Francisco for using the old and out-dated nickname. I agree it was rude, I meant no disrespect to your beautiful city but I promise never to make the mistake again.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Virginia Caspersen

We are all sorry this month to report that our chairman, Shirley Iverson, had a recurrence of her illness and was unable to attend this month's meeting. Jean Shrively, our vice-chairman, had the meeting and showed a film on "Man's Reaction to Space," which she was able to obtain through the Mayo Clinic. Our meeting was rather a small one this month but certainly not uneventful. First of all Jean Shrively lost her car keys then found them at the police department where they had picked up a man who had stolen several sets of car keys. Then the screen for our film presentation had miscellaneous parts missing and after a valiant try we have that up. Also we had to struggle through a wild attempt at squeezing the projector back into the same case that it came in. Besides many hilarious moments we did manage to have a very interesting meeting and started our plans for our chapter's 10th anniversary meeting next month.

I wish to state that your truly is working at Flying Cloud Field in the capacity of flight dispatcher and I am enjoying it very much.

Sorry to say this month we have no new members, due to the fact that we have not had enough of the members attending the meetings to produce a quorum in order to transact such business. We hope to have a bigger and better active membership now that spring is here and we have such beautiful days for flying.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Mary J. Fescer

The Ohio 99's are unusually proud of two of their members. Norma Morton and Gene Sims, who enjoy the distinction of being air traffic control specialists of the FAA at the Air Traffic Communications Station, Cleveland Hopkins Airport. Norma's 1,000 hours of private, commercial and instrument flying served as a solid foundation upon which to base her

subsequent exams and training for the field of ATCS. Previously, she served as flight instructor for a number of years at Chagrin Falls Airport. Norma also served as chairman of the Ohio Chapter's air age education committee. Her activity in this field produced a lively interest in aviation among the student of the Chagrin Falls area.

Gene received her training as specialist in the U. S. Marine Corps, where she was put through the paces of duty in the control tower, aviation physics, aviation fire-fighting, parachute rigging, navigation, radar, air route, etc. Gene is the first woman Marine to hold the FAA certificate senior control tower operator. Upon expiration of her enlistment in the USMC, she was employed as ATC specialist, and has been working in that capacity for the past three years. Gene rounded out her aeronautical skills by receiving her private pilot's license in August.

At the February meeting, Gene spoke to us about "Air Traffic Control and Flight Assistance." She urged us to utilize pre-flight assistance in the filing of our flight plans and use radio in flight under any and all circumstances, whether it be to report change of course, mechanical and weather difficulties, checking winds aloft, or requesting assistance when off course. Too many pilots are loath to radio in flight for fear of not using radio vernacular.

Twenty-four members and their guests met in the Pilot's Lounge at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. Again it was a day when even the spatxies were walking, although Ione Kiplinger did start to fly from Toledo, only to return to base, heeding her pilot's instinct, despite previous favorable weather reports. The others, who also autoed in, were Joan Hrubec, Jean Hixson, Rosalie Bracht, Lee Best, Virginia Schumacher, Martha Wilcox, Edythe Maxim, Martha Walter, resplendent in a veritable flower garden spring chapeau, Mary Scheafer and daughter, Sandra, who will begin flight instruction this spring, Marilyn Collette, Helen and Jim Sammon, Winnie Caughey, who brought prospective member Iva Heick and guest Bill Burrows who is interested in the Cessna dealership at Springfield Municipal Airport, Evelyn Dethloff, Miriam Gundlach, prospective member and daughter, Carol, who has already begun taking flying lessons, Sue Griffing and daughter, Melodie, who has soloed, and your reporter, Mary Fescer.

Comings and goings of Ohio 99's:

Helen and Elmer Wiedwald Nacioned south on a vacation to Texas and Mexico. . . Martha Wilcox vacationed for a week in Lake Wales, Fla. She and her 49½er flew the 195.

They also spent a week in New Orleans, attending the United Cooperatives' board of directors' meeting, where she was elected assistant secretary of United Co-Operatives. . . . Jean Bonar and her mother motored to Florida, where they met Marjorie Gorman who 707'ed into Miami from New York. Their husbands joined them later. . . . Marion Betzler recently returned from a two-week's vacation in New Orleans.

Ruth Theis' husband has been transferred to Toledo by Standard Oil and the move will be completed as soon as Ruth and her 49½'er find a place to live. . . . Nancy Parker was named director of information services, Ohio Wing, CAP. . . . Helen Ann Tee is leaving Ohio for Oslando, Fla., where she has been transferred to the new office by the Grange Mutual Casualty Co. . . . Meg Berning is heralding the Cincinnati Airmen Trophy Race, which is being planned for the Labor Day weekend. This will give them three days and enable them to have a banquet award dinner. . . . Martha Foley, chairman of the achievement award committee, requests that members send in suggestions and recommendations for the improvement and changes in the achievement award form.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By June Basile

Over 70 Chicago member and their guests attended our Achievement



WINNERS OF TROPHIES for contributing the most to aviation during 1958 are shown above, at the annual award banquet of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., international organization of women pilots. The Chicago Area Chapter's dinner was held in Chicago on Saturday evening. Left to right: Joan Hrubec of Cleveland, Ohio, governor of the North Central Section; Sylvia Roth of Glencoe, third place winner; Eva (Mrs. Harold) White of Naperville, first place winner; DuPage County Airport Manager William R. Donahue, who presented the awards; Nell (Mrs. Adelbert) Brown of River Forest, second place winner; and Beatrice (Mrs. Verne) Siemon of Wayne, chairman of the awards committee.

Award dinner at Ray Foley's Club on March 14. After a very social cock-

tail hour and leisurely dinner, things really began to happen! Joan Hrubec flew in from Cleveland to wish us a happy 25th anniversary and pinned our new members. Lois Cassidy reintroduced two charter members of the Chicago Area Chapter, Helen Budwash and Doris Langher. Nell Brown was presented with a past chairman's pin.

Bea Siemon and her committee arranged a very interesting program. Harold N. Brown, M.D., spoke on "The Problems of Instrument Flight Without Instrument Training," and Lloyd M. Cooke showed beautiful colored slides of our 49th state, entitled "Honeymoon Trip to Alaska via Cessna 180." Bill Donahue, manager-operator of Du Page County Airport presented the 1958 Achievement Awards.

Congratulations to: Eva White, first place; Nell Brown, second place; and Sylvia Roth, third. All members who had over 400 points were presented with Achievement charms donated by Siemon Mfg. Co. Winners of the charms were Alice Kudrna, Frances Okerlund, Lois Cassidy, Dorothy Vachout and Elsie Wahrer. Elsie also received an additional award for earning her instrument ticket in May, 1958. Now that we have toasted this year's winners, let's all get back to work on our 1959 Achievement Awards.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Ethel Knuth

Indiana Chapter had a meeting scheduled for March 15 and neither rain nor sleet nor snow could halt our 99's when to Muncie they promised to go! The wind howled at 65 mph and your reporter saw a sample of slow flight by a (I'm sure) chagrined crow, which had to make a forced landing after much wobbling and wavering to maintain altitude and stability! In spite of the overcast, poor visibility and the above mentioned assortment of plausible excuses for staying home we had a turnout of 20 members, four loyal 49½'ers and four guests, all arriving via four wheels.

Flora Mae Newman arranged for a fine dinner and we congratulate the operator of the tiny restaurant there at the field for the speedy and efficient service. The girls at Muncie had a most complete program lined up and we thank all who took part.

We welcome Wilma Gunderson who was initiated as a new member. Betty Nicholas had charge of the ceremonial part and she always does it so graciously. Wilma was presented with a corsage of white carnations which carried our 99 blue ribbon. Wilma and 49½'er "Gunnie" own a Cessna 180. She is currently preparing for the written instrument test. Good luck, Wilma!

We had a tiny visitor, Janet Sue

Ozbun, prospective 99'er in 1975, to whom we presented a silver cup. In the absence of David Vincent Smith a similar cup was entrusted to Barry Smith for her new son. These cups were appropriately engraved and both mothers expressed delight and appreciation.

Recently it was decided that we should honor our past chairmen by a tiny but highly regarded gold gavel—to be attached to their 99 pin as a guard. Nellie Jackson very ably made the presentations to the six past chairmen who were present, Dorothea Hendricks, Charlotte Foland, Jane Ackers, Mildred Hurt, Betty Nicholas and Delia Sanders (1958). Tannie Schlundt and Virginia Eberhart were not present.

Flora Mae Newman helped record a simulated instrument flight from Muncie to Chicago and we found it very informative. We had a delightful bit of drama staged by cleverly costumed Rae Cawdell and Sophia Payton. We also enjoyed the film "Cleared for Take-off".

Rae Cawdell flew to the coast visiting San Francisco, Los Angeles and enjoyed attending San Diego Chapter meeting with Lois Bartling at the home of Maxine Smith. Coming back Rae stopped off at Phoenix. (We all love that place!) Incidentally that was Billie Smith's picture in the recent issue of Hotel Management—taken at the Sky Riders Hotel in Phoenix. Dorothea Hendricks has completed another hobby course! This time it is called "On Target" and she has become very proficient in the use of the rifle. We missed Olive McCormick—not yet back from Mexico. Mary Frances Abel reports she and family had great fun skiing 80 miles north of Montreal, St. Jovite, Mt. Tremblant.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Maxine Loeffler

Our March meeting was held at the home of Ruth Lake with Ruth and Evelyn Neise as hostesses. It was decided that we would not have a program at this meeting since we would be busy with last minute details for the Sectional. After our business meeting we all stuffed envelopes to be sent out to all our North Central members telling about the Sectional to be held in St. Louis on April 24, 25 and 26, 1959. We are all most pleased with the exceptionally nice door prizes we have gotten. After the meeting Ruth and Evelyn served a delicious luncheon of cake and coffee.

Mickey Clark reports having had a very enjoyable weekend recently when she ferried a Tripacer back from Lockhaven to St. Louis. Mickey had to lay over in Terre Haute do to bad weather, however.

Erma Jaco and 49½'er Garrett, enjoyed a trip to New York recently.

Dorothy Rumsey is back home again after a trip to Florida.

Amy Sommers and her 49½er are enjoying a lovely trip to Europe this month. Amy is our Jefferson City member.

Now that you have all had time to read all about the Sectional, I am sure that you will "Meet Me In St. Louis" on April 24, 25 and 26. See you then!

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Elsie Ferich

Spring anyone? There has been a hint of it off and on in Michigan this last month, but it was "off" come the day of our 99 meeting in Jackson, so practically everybody drove in and deposited their dimes for the AE Fund.

Fortunately, Janey Hart (who had promised helicopter rides) had arrived early before the snow storms broke, and was just as good as her word. We all loved the ride and say "Three Cheers for Janey."

Pat Russell, our chapter chairman, tried to fly in, but had to turn back. She arrived in the Jackson area when the flurries were much more than flurries.

Jean Reynolds, chapter vice-chairman, was hostess of the meeting at the Arbor Hills Country Club. Tables were decorated in honor of St. Patrick's Day, and "be-gorra, if it wasn't a light touch with the bright green ribbons and derby hat, en-all, en-all." Shur-en, the brunch was a mighty tasty touch too, it was.

We missed Mary Clark at the meeting though. Her mother had taken a bad fall and is comined to bed. Mary has been nursing her. Our best wishes for her speedy recovery.

Diane and Louis Ritt will be opening the Antrim County Airport shortly. Louis is a test pilot at the Willow Run Airport for the University of Michigan. Diane and Louis are full of excitement and plans for their airport opening, which may possibly be in April. The airport will be listed with the FAA and written up in national flying magazines with all the data on it.

The airport is located near Torch Lake and since this is a year-around playground area, Diane and Louis say transportation is available to lakes, fishing, swimming, golfing . . . and well, you name it, it's there! Oh, for the first private plane to land when the airport opens, there is a free tank of gas, 80-87-100-130 octane, take your pick, but be first.

IOWA CHAPTER

By Helene Holton

Our dinner meeting was held at the Cloud Room, Municipal Airport, Des Moines, Iowa, on March 8. Nine of our members were present plus some of their families.

Kitty Hach flew down from Ames in her 170. Maggie Adkins, who is teach-

ing flying and ground school, left her students long enough to attend our meeting. Tina and Paul Healy and children drove from Newton; Louise Swift, her husband, son and daughter flew in from Maquoketa in their Beechcraft. From Des Moines were Irene and Lloyd Dalbey, Alice and George Pfantz and Penny, Evelyn Grandquist and Joann Fortier. Helene and Don Holton and Dan drove up from Chariton. They reported snow piled high in front of their hangar. This Iowa winter — you know!

Of course we were anxious to hear about Alice's trip to Mexico and Honduras. Her daughter, Penny, and husband, George, were along. They showed us passports, etc., and told of their exciting adventure in their 250 Comanche. While in Brownsville, Texas, Alice happened to run into Marley Ashby and Hildreth Penick of Chariton who were flying with Harmon Wells on a trip to Mexico. How wonderful to be able to bask in the sun while the rest of us dig out of the snow drifts!

Joann Fortier explained the use of the flight information manual and the airman's guide.

Many of our members plan to go to the spring Sectional.



EL PASO CHAPTER

By Evelyn Wasser

In spite of gusty, dusty and hazy weather we have had lots of good flying hours in March, started off by Ruth Deerman and Juanita Burdick flying up to Albuquerque for breakfast on the first. They certainly enjoyed the hospitality extended to them and want to thank everyone who made them feel so at home.

Our March meeting found a friendly assembly of our chapter and our guests from Albuquerque at the Sky Chef in El Paso. The weather had cooperated to make this one of the fairest flying days of the month. We wish to thank Jeanne Cryor, Mary Morgan, Betty Burritt and Meg Guggolz for accepting our invitation. Not to be overlooked, we also enjoyed meeting 49½ers Dr. Hank Cryor and Roland Burritt. Hurry back!

Flying down from Las Cruces came Lela Carwardine, looking so pretty in her spring dress. In fact, all of our girls looked like a spring bouquet.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

By Cornelia Davis

The San Antonio Chapter of the 99's met at the Dobbs House at the San Antonio International Airport for the

regular business meeting and luncheon. Our three previous meetings were cancelled due to weather. Our rain dates had even been rained out. So this was our first meeting since November.

One bit of news is that shortly before Gertrude Smith left for Europe, she received her instrument ticket. We are all very proud of Gertrude's achievement and gives those of us without our ticket the encouragement to really go to work on it.

We are very proud of some excellent publicity our chairman, Marian Burke, arranged for recently. On Sunday, Feb. 15, the San Antonio Chapter was given a full page coverage in The San Antonio Express. It was prominently displayed on the front page of the woman's section and gave the flying history of the women in the San Antonio area who are pilots. Pictures were shown along with the stories of the lady pilots.

Our next meeting will be held at the San Antonio International Airport on April 5. We are to meet at Burke Aviation at 12:00 and are inviting 99's from all over the state to meet us. It will just be a dutch treat affair but we would love to get a large group of the girls together. Any of you girls flying down in this vicinity at that time do drop in and visit us. We would love having you.

ABILENE CHAPTER

By June Renny

In January the Ninety-Nines of Abilene stayed at home and held a business meeting and luncheon at our local country club.

We were once more in the blue in March. A well planned afternoon by hostesses Margaret Childs and Patty Taliaferro took us to Kerrville, Texas. The red carpet was unrolled and we were met by Norman Hoffman, vice-president of the Mooney Aircraft Corporation. Mr. Hoffman guided us through the Mooney plant showing our group how an airplane is built from the select raw materials to the finished smooth product, which incidently gave us a fair idea why an aircraft must necessarily be an expensive item.

Our husbands were invited to accompany us on this trip, but unfortunately most of the men were busy and my husband, Jim, and Speck Childs were the only two who were along.

We enjoyed a fine lunch at the Kerrville Airport, then were escorted through the experimental section of the Mooney Corp. and back to Abilene.

TULSA CHAPTER

By Agnes Hellman

Our March meeting was held to the tune of the "Dance of Venus and the Moon" on Wednesday, the 11th. We hope you all saw that breathtaking phenomenon that we were so fortunate

to have the ringside seat for, here in the Tulsa area. After our regular business meeting we were treated to a vacation in Panama, via the excellent 35mm color slides that our Dorothy Rice took while she was there in January.

And when Broneta Evans and Eves Tunes arrived in Tulsa on March 19 for the Flying Farmers convention we got all prettied up to visit and dine at the Harvard Club where Peggy Snyder was a gracious and efficient hostess. Imogene Arnot and Cheryl Johnson of the Oklahoma Chapter joined us for a delightful evening.

FORT WORTH CHAPTER

By Frances Pyland

Our monthly business meeting was held at the home of Edna Gardner Whyte with Margorie Gray assisting Edna as hostess. The main order of business: nominations for national officers. We warmly welcome two new members to our chapter, Dora Dougherty who has transferred from Central Illinois Chapter and Nita Reilly. It's such a pleasure having you, girls.

Dropped by Tony Page's office at Meacham Field yesterday—her desk was stacked high with correspondence and all those papers that make a newspaper woman's desk look interesting (but intricate). Her two secretaries looked equally busy. I felt almost guilty taking a few minutes of her time; as I left her office I could not help but feel that Tony's life is not all flying excitement, meeting new people and glamorous trips as one might be led to believe.

From the believe it or not department: Edna Gardner Whyte has been in bed the past few days suffering from a virus. I telephoned her home last night to check on her activities before mailing in this report. She usually makes news while I only write it. I talked with her mother who is playing nursemaid. We wish you a speedy recovery, Edna.

More news next time.

HOUSTON CHAPTER

By Alice Seaborn

So many nice things have happened! We've been airmarking. We have five markers to our credit and more coming up. Pauline Glasson even graduated us last session and now we're doing it on our own.

Barbara Danburg has a—smack! drool—new Comanche. Also a new red Jaguar.

The movie that we were looking forward to in our last news letter was a huge success. Among the 200 or more attending, were many out-of-town guests. 99'er Mildred Carney was here from Shreveport and Edna Gardner Whyte flew in from Fort Worth (via Brownsville and San Antonio). We had guests from Lake Charles and Galveston and other places not definitely ascertained by me. Between

reels, L. L. Walker told us something of his early flying activities and of his experiences with some of the notables included in the film.

Bobbie Prenzler and her 49½er drove to California March 6 to March 10 for the stock car races. Doesn't this sound slightly disloyal?

And Rhea Hurtle is now an instrument flight instructor. See how our girls work!

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

By Meg Guggolz

Being somewhat of a "shift worker" I seem to miss many of our good meetings but Betty Burritt keeps me posted and I try to make up for it by writing my impressions of what I missed.

The St. Patrick's Day meeting went off without a hitch—no riots, no head-cracking, not too much blarney, but a good, interesting, informative, social meeting with five 49½ers holding forth. The Sutherlands showed movies of their latest trip to La Paz, Mexico and there was also a fine film showing the fourth annual Race for Fun or the John Long Trophy Race from LaVerne, Calif., to Phoenix, Ariz. I sure hate to miss all these good films too.

The 99's of the group were Betty Burritt, Jean Cryer, Nancy Gallivan (new member from Santa Fe who flies a Cessna 170), Mary Morgan, Wanda Sawyer and Randa Sutherland. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. John Kay, our old reliables who keep thinking of a private license for Shirley (Mrs.).

Mary Turney and Mary Morgan "gave it a go" with the Wing Scouts the early part of the month with a trip to the hangar at West Mesa Airport with demonstrations and first hand information about Mary's Stinson Voyager. The gals were delighted and will be back for more just as soon as it can be arranged—no flying yet. This should turn out to be a good step in the right direction toward service to "Women in Aviation." There is nothing like an early start.

A lot of our gals have really been doing some traveling. In March, Velma Woodward flew to both Chicago and St. Louis and she reports that the weather just wasn't very cooperative on either trip. Nema and Mase Masonhall have been vacationing in New Orleans and Fern Yount has been dodging thunderstorms on flying trips all around the state. Wally Funk made a flying trip up to Columbia, Mo., to visit her old alma mater, Stephens College.

Delores and Taylor Scott flew their 172 down to Old Mexico and had a wonderful trip. While there, Delores caught the second largest sailfish ever caught at Acapulco and now has it mounted in her living room. After our business meeting at Stillwater, we all dropped by her house to admire her

catch. Jean and Bruce Williams have really kept their little Tri-Pacer hopping on trips to Tulsa, Wichita and Oklahoma City and Rita and Leonard Eaves have been proudly flying their home-built Cougar everywhere they can.

After all her many flying trips, our International President, Broneta, gave her plane a rest and (pardon the nasty word) "drove" to our Stillwater meeting.

Billy Tune and Sally Broyles were part of a group of 28 that flew in seven airplanes on a student training flight from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater to Monterrey, Mexico. The trip included tours of local industry and the university campus at Monterrey. Just before our meeting Sunday Emily Frost piloted a 182 in a search for an airplane missing as a result of a bad wind storm the day before. The missing plane was found and the pilot we are glad to say was okay.

It looks like activity is really picking up with the "spring" weather and we are looking forward to a good turnout at our April 19 meeting at Catlin hangar on Will Rogers Field in Oklahoma City.

We would also like to welcome Jerrie Cobb back to the Oklahoma fold. Jerrie is now employed by Aero Design as their executive pilot and during the World Congress of Flight in Las Vegas will attempt to establish another record for those wonderful Aero Commanders. Glad to have you back and the best of luck.

KANSAS CHAPTER

By Helen Chandler

We finally hit weather that enabled us to have a meeting. With two different weekends in February to shoot for—weather still kept us on the ground and with no meeting. We had planned to visit our chairman, Marie Engleman in Hill City, but we sat it out at home.

In March we were a little more fortunate. March 6 and 7 found us selling rummage to anyone who held out a nickel. Our yearly rummage sale was again a big success and loads of fun. Hazel Guy, Phila Knitig, Marjorie Brightup, Margaret Yourdon, Marie Engleman, Doris Hichey, Helen Chandler, Mary McKillip, Dorothy Speer, Betty Parks, Marge Paris and Lorene Rockefeller were all present with the bright smiles and some of the best rummage this side of the Mississippi. T'was a busy two days!

Saturday evening 99's and 49½ers joined together at the home of Dick and Mary McKillip to celebrate the finish of the rummage sale and the birthday of the Kansas Chapter. We are now nine years old.

It is with personal sadness to each of us to bid farewell to our dear friend and 99, Julie Snowhill. March 18 Julie

passed away after a short illness. She will always be remembered and missed by every 99 who ever met her or knew her personally. Each of us Kansas 99's would like to express our sympathy to Justin Snowhill, who is always so good to us 99's, and to Dorothy, Joe and Drew Speer for this great loss in their family vircle.

IN MEMORIAM
JULIE SNOWHILL
March 18, 1959

DALLAS CHAPTER
By Dorothy Warren

Seven members and two guests were present at our February meeting held in the lounge of Dal-Tex Aviation at Addison Airport. Martha Robinson and Joyce Wright were our guests and we were happy to accept Martha's application for membership. She is a new private pilot having gotten her license in their Bonanza. Joyce at the time of the meeting was a student pilot learning in their Cessna 180, but heard she now has her license, so hope she will be joining us soon.

After our business meeting Chuck Warren, Link and instrument flight instructor for Precision Flight Navigation Co., spoke to us concerning the changes to take place in the Dallas area. We learned that the Omni will be moved ten miles north of it's present position on or about April 9. This will change the Victor Airways considerably and make some new intersections and deplete some of the old ones. He also dwelt lightly on our high density area and use of our radios and then answered all of our questions while we were being served coffee and a delicious variety of cookies by Pat Jetton.

Jo Allison and Doris Weller are back from their Florida vacation. They visited the Cypress Gardens, took tours through Rainbo Springs and Silver Springs and also Weeki Wachee (the spring of the mermaids). After a most enjoyable evening viewing the Passion Play presented in the outdoor gardens at night Jo became very ill with an absessed ear which necessitated visiting a doctor the next morning. He drained it and declared her grounded, so she returned to Dallas by train and Doris went on to Miami to visit friends and then returned in the Tri-Pacer on schedule. Jo is feeling much better now and her hearing is back to normal and she hopes her doctor will say it is all right for her to fly with us all to San Antonio on April 4 to join all the Texas chapters forward to going and just hope the

weather man comes up with a sunny forecast for that day, but in case of bad weather they have set the rain date as the following Sunday.

We were delighted to note in the Army, Navy, Air Force Journal, 14 March, that Jerrie Cobb made the news with a photograph (a good one, too) and a fine write-up on her accomplishments and her latest appointment to Aero Design and Engineering Co. at Bethany, Okla., as an executive pilot. Congratulations, Jerrie, and best wishes in your new job.

We were delighted to see Ruth Deerman and Juanita Burdick from El Paso in Santa Fe for our fly-in breakfast 1 March and, just to show how much we like the social events, Betty and Rollie Burritt, Dr. and Jean Cryer, Mary Morgan and I flew down to El Paso Saturday, 21 March, in the Burritt Bonanza and the Cryer Bonanza and really "had it" with a delightful meeting with the El Paso Chapter. Since I am sure that that chapter will mention all the 99's and 49½ers present I will omit a listing and just say "thank you very much, El Paso, for a wonderful time and a hearty invitation to all who were present and those who were unable to make it that day, to visit us in Albuquerque as soon and as often as you can."

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPTER
By Elaine Needham

Texas seems to be showing strides and mighty steps toward the abolition of aviation! Some brilliant thinkers have seen a way to save the state some money by abolishing the Texas Aeronautics Commission. A few dedicated and thoroughly underpaid workers in the commission are again threatened with extinction for all their labors.

The Texas Aeronautics Commission, you know, does a great amount of coordinating work in all areas of aviation.

Tony Page and Pauline Glasson both are on the advisory board of TAC, and they recently appeared before the House of Representatives in defense of TAC.

Wouldn't you know it would take us women to put in a voice of protest, and knowing Tony and Pauline, it must have been pretty loud and to the point. No timidity with them where a wrong is in evidence. There must have been some real desk pounding, floor stamping and brain-washing. We shall hope the observers in favor of abolishing TAC may wonder if they don't quite have all the facts.

We had a fine meeting this month with old faithfuls Adarth McCreery and Neva Jasperson flying up from the Volley for the meeting.

Bad, bad weather has forced a virtual standstill in the airmarking department. We stand poised with buck-

ets and brushes just in case 'ol man sun should happen to peep through those weepy, drippy clouds.

Bye now, don't forget—keep your nose dry and your wings high!

COLORADO CHAPTER
By Peg Ong

Jo Trinder welcomed us in her lovely home for our March meeting. Chairman Helen Maxson called the meeting to order with the help of the special 99 bell. Those there and accounted for besides the hostess and Helen were Ruth Muguete, Thelma Thomas, Pat Urling, Donna Myers, Mary Wenholz, Grace Mayfield, Jo Dennis, Mary Frenzel and Peg Ong. Contributions were decided upon for the AWTAR and Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. Incidentally, Donna told of seeing the Amelia Earhart scrapbook at national headquarters—it sounds absolutely fabulous . . . certainly wish we could all have the opportunity of thumbing through it personally. The dates were announced for the Sectional in Omaha and for the World Congress of Flight in Las Vegas—both dates should be put on your calendars. The meeting concluded with delicious refreshments served by the hostess and much hangar flying done by all.

We hear that several of our gals have been chased by the flu bugs—Betty Stackhouse and Grace Longbrook in particular. Ruth Saville has been unable to obtain her medical due to a broken arm . . . hope it's mending! We missed Frances Tepper the night of the get-together—understand that she was in "Lost Wages" for the weekend. Incidentally we've missed quite a few of our other "tried and true" members recently . . . hurry back ya all! Our portrait artist, Ruth Mugele has a showing at the YWCA currently . . . right across from the May D&F . . . when you're shopping take a look see. Ruth is doing some additional portrait study so who's ready for a sitting?

Pat Moss has been our public relations gal these days. She's been speaking at some of the service clubs in Ft. Collins promoting the advantages of flying. Mary Collett should be settled in her new home by now. My 49½er and I flew to Chadron, Neb., recently but it was far from the pleasant trip that we had hoped for . . . plenty bumpy! Mary Frenzel has moved her 140 to the Sky Ranch but understand that it hasn't completely solved her problems. Oh well, it will dry up one of these days and the wind will quit blowing!

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
By Sally Broyles

There was a very nice turnout for our March meeting in Stillwater. The day started out around 10 a.m. with most of us on a hangar roof doing our airmarking. We can now proudly say

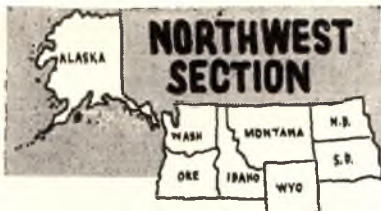
that Stillwater is really airmarked and we plan to do some more Oklahoma cities while we're in the mood. After roof-top climb, 43 of us enjoyed a buffet lunch at the airport which was followed by some demonstration rides in the new Cessna 150. Then, we saw the weather bureau film "Flight Decision" and had a short business meeting. It was really great to see so many members, guests and 49½ers at our meeting! We are glad to hear that Beth Smith is now home from the hospital. We surely missed her at our last meeting and hope she is feeling better very soon.

Pat Jetton and Jerry Sloan are becoming familiar faces around the Cessna plant in Wichita, Kan., making two more trips to pick up new planes for Dal-Tex and Southwest Airmotive.

Miami is Martha Ann Reading's destination when she leaves here to attend the CAP national conference on April 4. We will miss her at our fly-out to San Antonio.

Joan Huckeba now has added the Bonanza to her growing list of planes that she has checked out in. Now she is getting her Erco coupe all equipped with new radio and ready to fly the Sky Lady Derby in June.

Spring Sectional time is growing near and we are all getting anxious to be on our way to Omaha. Hope we have good flying weather both here and there!



EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER **By Mary Drinkwater**

Our first meeting of '59 was held in Pasco with eight in attendance. Helen Wheeler of Moses Lake became our 22nd member. Welcome to the clan, Helen! Helen is a flight instructor at Moses Lake.

With convention date drawing nearer and nearer, we were really busy during our meeting ironing out details. Lygie Hagan, convention chairman, is doing a superb job, along with others too numerous to mention.

Winter vacations were revealed. Lygie spent a month in Mexico and said she had found paradise in Zihautanejo (you pronounce it). While in Mexico City, she unexpectedly met Gini Richardson at the airport. Ardith Sherman and Minnie Boyd vacationed in California. Betty Seavey has been flying high on the ski tows and doing her S-turns (snow type) via slalom. Our overnight meetings are such fun and we enjoy them and get lots of work done.

We will have several extra meetings in the next few months in order to complete all the work necessary for the convention. A May Sectional workshop is planned, to be held in Spokane, convention city.

See you at the convention in July.

MONTANA CHAPTER **By Dorothy Sabo**

Late February and early March found several of our 99's on the move. California beckoned to Inza Riedesell who spent some time in La Jolla with her 49½er, Russ, visiting relatives. While they were there they spent considerable time at the Torrey Pines Gliderport and were fascinated by the activities. Unfortunately they had to leave fore home before the Mid-Winter Soaring Meet there.

Chairman Pud Lovelace flew to San Diego by way of Las Vegas, Palm Springs and inspected her new grandson there. On her return, she visited 99's in Salt Lake and gathered information from them about the trials of a race stop. She spent a pleasant afternoon with Esther Stone at Pocatello while waiting out a squall line.

We understand that Vera Throssel had a wonderful time at the Mardis Gras in New Orleans.

Your correspondent had a thrilling ride with the Fish and Game Department head on an elk count in the mountains just north of Yellowstone Park. We flew in a Super Cub and the pilot didn't hesitate to put his passenger in the right spot for picture taking, usually about 20 feet above the animals, in draws, sides of the mountains or any inconvenient place. It was a real thrill.

As the January Montana news did not get into print I would like to repeat some of its contents. During the Christmas holiday, Jimmie Kuhn had a delightful trip by commercial plane to Alaska. She was allowed to ride in the cockpit for a time and enjoyed the view from there while the crew very politely answered her questions. In Anchorage, she had the pleasure of lunching with a number of 99's. We all hope some of them will be able to attend the convention so that Jimmie can renew acquaintances.

Our March meeting in Billings again necessitated a drive by several members due to unsettled weather. After a pleasant lunch in the new dining room of the administration building, a long and fruitful meeting followed where many of the details of the forth coming race and convention were decided on. Montana is going to be well represented in the race by Mary Jo Janey and Vivienne Schrank for certain and probably Elsie Childs. We will be anxiously awaiting them at our stops.

ALASKA CHAPTER **By Pat Gilda**

Our news letter reporter Ann wasn't at the March meeting so I will try to

get this in for her. We met at Pat McGee's home and our new plasticised wind socks that we ordered for some of the small strips which are used often, have arrived, and we now wait for some of the snow to dissipate so that we can get them up and flying. They are fluorescent and will really be seen.

We have had more than our share of snow already this year and I for one am ready to call a halt to the white stuff. We now have 89 inches, 'nuff said?

Our plans for a fly-in breakfast have been put off 'till April, maybe even May, depends on the weather.

Our plans to Day-Glo the tetrahedron at Merrill Field have been cancelled because they are going to replace it with a wind "T". Too bad, I had some real affection for the battered, torn old tet.

Flying has been practically at a standstill around here the last month. Every place I look there is more snow. The day's are getting longer though.

Due to the snow activity and the flu bug only five members were at this meeting, Helen Stoddard, Pat McGee, Ruth O'Buck, Jo Wilson and Pat Gilda. We did some hangar flying and had a good time.

Ann Pollom is teaching now at the junior high until the end of the term.

We have a plane finally and I am really going to get in the air as soon as possible. A dandy PA12 Super Cruiser, happy flying.

EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER **By Esther Stone**

Sunday, March 8, our meeting day, showed Pocatello weather "scattered clouds, winds on surface 38 K, gusts to 45 K." The phone rang, it was Elaine Loening of Salmon, reporting a line squall in Salmon, but if it passed in time, she and Mike would be down. Virginia Huidekoper phoned from Wilson, Wyo., saying she would try to get through, but from the ground it looked like the Tetons (10,000 to 13,700 foot mountains) where obscured. The weather, our cross, this time of year, prevented either from making it. Betty and Dr. Storrs flew in in their Bonanza, bringing their son, who was the undeclared passenger while Betty got her license (he was born a week after she got her license). Mark and Onita Hoff drove in, as the engine of their Cessna is getting a major. Betty Brown and Esther Stone filled out the members. We have a new "little sister" Marcella Rislove of Idaho Falls, who attended while her husband babysat. We toured the tower at PIH.

Pocatello has a combined tower-communications station. The tower operates eight hours a day. During the time the tower is operating they receive on 16 frequencies, and transmit on 17. When the tower is not oper-

ating the communications receives on eight frequencies and transmits on 10. In a matter of self-interest alone, this indicates to us the importance of notifying the radio facility on our initial call which frequency we are guarding. PIH is a relatively small station, and larger facilities can double or triple the frequencies on which they transmit. It has always been a source of wonder to this writer how a tower controller can sift out the various messages that come in simultaneously. After the complete tour of the tower, we descended a few flights of stairs and held our meeting on the second floor of the tower.

Selma Misczuk, who is attending Idaho State College this year, and working at St. Anthony's Hospital, joined us after her working hours. She was given an inscribed Amelia Earhart medal as our first chapter chairman. Refreshments were served by Betty Brown and Esther Stone, as co-hostesses. Both Judge Brown and Galyn Stone were unable to attend, as both were fighting the flu, which has been sweeping this area lately.

The Flying Fraternity of Idaho looks forward to the Idaho 99's annual dance at Boise. It was held at the Miramar this year on Friday, March 13. Eastern Idaho Chapter members attending were Elaine Loening and her 49½er, Mike, Selma Misczuk and two gals (didn't find out from where, and have forgotten the names), and Esther Stone and 49½er, Galyn. In spite of snow storms, winds, and low ceilings, all flew there.

Because it is a sparkling, clear day, can see the mountains 100 miles north and the wind is light, won't go into detail about the wonderful visit from Pud Lovelace from Montana; Gert-rude Breeding, Idaho Flying Farmers' first woman president, visit; nor the news about the Hoff hangar and the fact the wires are down at the end of their runway—for as the ad says "I'd rather be flying"—so goodbye.



UTAH CHAPTER

By Alberta Hunt Nicholson

February reporting time found me in California for a week of recreation conventions, and subsequently, this was my first chance to report on our most interesting January meeting held at June Raybould's house. Dr. Swigart brought us up to date on the latest in rockets and missiles. He also reported on his assignment at St. Churchill in the Arctic region where representatives from all the major powers met to demonstrate their latest developments in outer space. Most interest-

ing were his productions on what's to come.

We were happy to have Doris Eacret and Leah Liersch from Elko with us. Also from out of town was Ruth Hillman and Clair DeRykie from Ely and Micky Harding from American Fork. We were honored to have Beth's 49½er Howard Evans. He couldn't miss an outstanding program like this, and also a prospective member, Jo Wattums.

Our February meeting was held at the home of our most faithful "little sister" Ethel McDermott. Nominations for the International officers was the business of the evening. We learned that Eunice Naylor was planning a short "vacation" in the hospital and are glad to report that she is now in the pink again. Those present were Margaret Loy, Cora Grote, Alberta Nicholson, Bobby McDonald and Jo Wattums.

SANTA CLARA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Monahan

Mayetta Behringer was hostess for the March business meeting at her new home in Sunnyvale. We had many things to discuss, including National nominations, Sectional meeting, fund raising projects, and also voted a donation to the Air Age Education program being held this year at Hamilton Air Force Base April 4. Bill Behringer showed films on "Sea Power of Security—Sixth Fleet," giving us a closer look at the Navy air power and a desire to travel. Delicious refreshments of cake and coffee were served by the hostess. Those attending were Amelia Carman, Pat Gladney, Mabel Zehr, Natalie Bossie, Jackie Petty, Barbara Hector, Marion Barnick, Margaret Standish, Ruby Fielding, Pat Sherwood, and Dorothy Monahan.

We are happy to hear that Ralph Fielding (Ruby's 49½er) is on the mend. Ralph was the first pilot to test the new Martin-Baker injection seat, but not from choice. Ralph was on an instrument check ride making a GCA approach at Moffet Field when the seat was accidentally injected. Ralph was thrown 70 feet in the air and was only 110 feet high at the time. Results: a broken leg.

Our round robin was grounded this month—hence a shortage of news. Last heard from he was flying around the lower Peninsula.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Margaret C. Gerhardt

We combined with the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the NAA for our March anniversary meeting. Cocktails and dinner were at the Carriage House in Millbrae. Speaker was Cal Ferris, chief pilot of the U. S. Forestry Service. He showed a colored sound movie of the Malibu Beach fire of December, 1958, and spoke on aids for fire fighting that would be used in the future.

Ninety-Nines and their guests included Jerrie Cobb of the Oklahoma Chapter, Margaret and John Gerhardt, Rita Hart, Geri Hill, Jean Kaye with Bob O'Keefe, Gerry Mickelson of Sacramento Valley, Hazel Miles (nice to see her at a meeting), Ces Rose, and Ruth and Marsha Rueckert.

We were interested to hear of Jerrie Cobb's plans to try to break a world speed record now held by the Russians. She expects to fly a 2000 kilometer closed course, Las Vegas and return via Reno, Pescadero and San Diego on April 13. We have several members who plan to be in Las Vegas for the World Congress of Flight that week. Ruth Rueckert is going with Gerry Mickelson in her Bellanca, and Gail Lane with Geri Hill in her Mooney. (We had a majority of Jerrys present at this meeting.) We were sorry to hear Miriam Brugh has been sick abed. Hope she is up now.

Next meeting will be at Gail Lanes in San Francisco Friday, April 10.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Fran Bera

The March meeting of our chapter was held on St. Patrick's Day at the home of Fran Bera. After the business meeting we were entertained with films shown by Robert and Virginia Kahse of their flight to Guatemala. Mr. Kahse gave a very interesting talk on the pleasures and problems encountered on a flight below the border.

We now have television celebrities in our chapter. We enjoyed watching Jan Dietrich on "What's My Line." She looked so nice, and Zaddie Bunker was wonderful on "This Is Your Life." Your reporter was thrilled to take part in the story of Zaddie's life.

We are so sorry to hear that Sandra Killion broke her leg. We wish you a speedy recovery, Sandra.

Cleo Morrison got a check out in the new Mooney Mark 20A. Rumors are she might be flying it in the TAR.

Fran Bera has been busily burning up the highways, practicing for the Mobilgas Economy Run, which she is entering with Myra Buchanan next month. They are driving a DeSoto from Los Angeles to Kansas City, competing against 47 other cars. Myra placed second in the event last year. She is now learning to fly their 170 and is attempting to teach Fran economy driving.

Ruth Gay is planning to attend the World Congress of Flight in Las Vegas in April. We hope all of our members will attend the spring Sectional hosted by the San Fernando Valley Chapter next month.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER

By Katherine Wagner

Our March meeting was held at the home of our chairman, Dorothy Dancer. After business and refreshments, 49½er Don Dancer showed color slides

taken on the recent fly-in to Hesperia. He also showed scenes taken along the Colorado River at Site 6, a favorite fishing spot for the Dancers.

Polly Stoeher and 49½er Fred are off to Sun Valley, Idaho, for some skiing. Via Navion of course!

Not content with a multi-engine rating, Virginia Graham is now working toward her instrument rating. She also reports recent flights to San Francisco and Reno, not to mention frequent hops to Santa Catalina Island.

Bobbie Collins and 49½er were in a recent air race for Navions only.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER **By Billie Wyatt**

A pot luck luncheon was enjoyed by everybody at our March 7 meeting in the home of Elva Victorino located on the Escalon highway nine miles from Modesto. The main feature of the day was a tour of Elva's new home and must say what a truly delightful home it is with the beautiful gardens, guest house, swimming pool, tennis court, etc. We are looking forward to a repeat visit. A brief business meeting was held and it was announced that we have an airmarking job ready to go as soon as enough of us can get together to do the work. Members present were Ev Hendley, Laura May Crawford, Lou Freeman, Norma Norton, Elva Victorino, Billie Wyatt and goest Margaret Andrews who is a prospective member.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

By Hazel Bertagna

Sonoma County Airport was the setting for our March 8 meeting. Pat Stouffer and our new member June O'Donnell flew over in a 140 and "Little Sister" Anita Conoly and Betty Smith went in a 172 with Hazel Bertagna. June hasn't received her permanent license yet so all that's holding up her membership card is her number.

We had two disappointments at our meeting. 1. Shirley Blocher, our chairman, is resigning from office because she has had to give up flying temporarily and doesn't think she'll be able to make many meetings, and 2. Gerry Schick and Nellie Palmer were absent. We had a very nice large group even at that. Anna Brenner was on hand and Betty Locken gave us a brief report on her Hawaiian vacation over the holidays.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Aileen Saunders

The San Diego Chapter is planning a flight to Alaska. The flight will depart from Spokane at the conclusion of the AWTAR and convention. Now that we have turned to serious planning our attention is drawn to the fact that every aviation news publication tells of this and that group who are planning an Alaskan flight this summer. The Northwest Staging Route will be swarming with activity,



San Diego area members of the Ninety-Nines, international organization of women pilots, recently flew to Desert Airpark, Palm Desert, near Palm Springs, for luncheon at the Desert Air Hotel's Compassroom and for a conference with Mrs. Carl Boyd of Pullman, Wash., to discuss the 1959 Powder Puff Derby terminus as program and the international convention which will follow it. It will take place in the Davenport Hotel, July 9-11. The 1959 Derby will start in Lawrence, Mass., and Spokane, Wash., will be the termination.

On the plane wing (left to right): Mrs. B. Allison Gillies, San Diego, chairman of race board, AWTAR, charter member of 99's; Mrs. Jack Keaveny, San Diego; Mrs. Marian Craver, San Diego, chapter chairman.

Second row (seated on wing): Mrs. Harold Bishop, La Jolla; Mrs. Ben Penners, San Diego; Mrs. Carl Boyd, Pullman, Wash., governor of Northwest Section.

Third row: Mrs. Waldo Buckler, Portland, Ore., hostess to Mrs. Carl Boyd; Mrs. John Lockwood, La Jolla; and Mrs. Harry Bartling, San Diego, chapter member of race committee.

should be heaps of fun. All interested 99's, 49½ers and their friends contact Gertrude Lockwood, 533 Fern Glen, La Jolla, Calif.

Plans are completed for our first Easter egg hunt from the air. It promises to be great fun. The hunt will cover most all of the San Diego county airports, clues will be found at various airports and they will also be broadcast over unicom intermittently. Will give results in the next issue.

TUCSON CHAPTER

By Mary Martin

The chapter got together with Tucson Airport Authority March 16 and spent a profitable evening touring the new tower, weather, communications and other facilities. Being an open affair, a good number of people turned out, and three new members lined up. More on them later.

Coming up April 2 will be a barbe-

cue with several fly-in chapters invited. Guess we all just got tired working so hard and decided to spend an evening around Shirley's pool with some good food.

Our sympathy goes to Gertrude Gelderman on the loss of her husband. Doctor's death at 82 after being bedridden for 35 years is a testimonial to Gertrude's courage, patience and love. Instead of flowers, members donated to a scholarship fund set up for a medical student in Dr. Gelderman's name.

SAGUARA CHAPTER

By Alice Roberts

Our last meeting was a "potluck" held at the home of Alice and Chas. Roberts. It was well attended. It is always fun to go to potlucks . . . you get such a variety of foods. Those attending were our chairman Jimmie and her 49½er Frank Shelton, Melba and Bill Beard, Wilma and Bill and Lyle Jacquot, Margy Crowl, Juanita Newell, Bill and Pat Runyon. We had a short business meeting afterwards.

Melba Beard tells us she is working on her "A" rating. She keeps her "Bird" going herself. Betty Slater and her 49½er Jack have been going quail hunting . . . also says her baby is growing sweeter and happier every day. It is fun to watch them grow. Doris Rowe says she has been doing "nothing" then goes on to tell about her trap shooting. I think it quite an accomplishment to shoot that well.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER **Genevieve Hall**

March meeting at Gerry Michelson's home included a wonderful lunch complete with pink champagne. I missed the luncheon due to attendance of the morning session of the secretaries seminar sponsored by the National Secretaries Association, but arrived in time to attend the business meeting. Members and guests attending were Betty Haynes, who brought guest Racheal Betti, Joe Eddleman, Ruth Wagner, Doreen Brandley, Hialeach Relich, Helen Mace, Claire Raley, Nelysne Jones who brought guests Mary Ann Fleharty and Lee Vawter, and our newest members Ruth Lummis and Florence Breen.

I was met at the door with the exciting news that Ruth Lummis had just received her private license that week. Congratulations were heartily given to our new member and a huge cardboard plaque depicting in cartoon form the trials and tribulations of the "private ticket ride" was autographed for Ruth by all members at the meeting.

Florence Breen, our other new member, comes from quite a flying family. Her husband, son and daughter are all pilots. Florence has had her private license two years and in be-

tween her job as office manager for J. P. Breen Paving Contractors, she flies one of the family's two planes—Piper Tri-Pacer and Piper Apache.

Betty Haynes reports that she and Joe encountered bad weather from Lockhaven, Pa., to Amarillo, Texas, while returning home with their new Comanche. Weather was beautiful from there on.

Our new address is 3052 Portsmouth Drive, Rancho Cordova, Calif., telephone EMpire 3-1420. Love to have visit from fellow Ninety-Nines.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jeanne Strahl

Plans for the Southwest Sectional and plans for the air race have taken precedence over all other activities this month. Lola Ricci and Virginia Hall are planning on entering Howard Riley's Comanche in the air race and Audrey Shutte and Lois Zdenek will fly in a Cessna 182. Last year Audrey flew her own plane but bad weather prevented her from finishing — this year should find them well out front.

Our March meeting was held in Virginia Hall's beautiful home in La



In the picture are (left to right): Gordon B. Carey, president of the Encino Chamber of Commerce; Louise Robertson, San Fernando Valley Chapter 99; George Gobel; Jeanne Strahl (same as Louise); Harry Von Zell, TV and motion picture star (who hopes to be on hand to greet the girls).

Canada. After the usual business the remainder of the evening was taken up with our plans for the spring Sectional. Clara Davis is spending all of her spare time completing banquet

arrangements and she promises a wonderful evening. A prospective 99, Joan Humphries, was Liz Crowley's guest. Joan is an enthusiastic booster for aviation and will be a welcome member.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Christie Warren

We're all looking forward to the spring Sectional in San Fernando Valley, and indications at our last meeting were that we will have a big turn-out. We hope that everyone has alerted any Ex-WASP who can attend as this occasion gives them a chance for reunion. They need not be 99's or even active pilots to join the "WASP Corner" at the Sectional. Contact Lola Ricci at headquarters which will be Travelodge, 16117 Ventura Blvd. Encino.

Good News Dept.: Our treasury is \$70 richer due to a very fine new manager of Hawthorne Airport, Richard (Dick) Kessler, who obtained a refund for us on the paint we had to pay for when we did the Hawthorne airmarker in Nov., 1957. City manager Joey West and Dick are going all out to make Hawthorne Airport one of the nicest in the area.

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