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Amelia Earhart

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**By following** the above procedure you will make my task and the printers a little easier, so thanks a million.

Editor

**President's Column**

November, 1959

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!** We are the recipients of two most appropriate anniversary gifts. From Ruth Mugele of the Colorado Chapter came the portrait of Amelia Earhart which she painted, to be hung in Headquarters. We have reproduced it on the first page. From the Zontians, we have received two priceless scrap books. These date back to 1928 and the next time you visit Headquarters you will want to allow a couple of extra hours to browse through them and relive aviation as they have preserved it for us. (Did we really ever wear such hats?) Each of you will shortly receive your personal anniversary gift, the booklet which has been in process for several years edited by Kay Brick with art work by Marion Lopez.

The latter part of September and first of October, I had the good fortune to visit with four Sections, and greatly appreciate the courtesy of the members who arranged the meetings making it possible to see so many in so short a time. First to Toronto and the Canadian Section where we met in the Flying Club and had a wonderful chance to become better acquainted. Since their group is small, they would like to be invited to nearby Chapter and Section meetings and I assured them that you will be delighted to appraise them of your meeting dates and sites. On to New England and Boston where we relived the TAR and the weather became too much for Flighty Lady's pilot and she was abandoned for more prosaic transportation. In New York, the thrill of a helicopter ride over Manhattan through the courtesy of Mr. Herb Fisher of the New York Port Authority and a dinner at which Kyung O Kim, member at large from Korea, was an honored guest. To Wilmington to discuss the 1960 Convention plans (being on the inside track, I can assure you that you had better mark the dates July 14-17 right now so nothing interferes with your attendance). In Washington with the Middle East Section we heard reports of committees and discussed some of the projects we are planning. Throughout the trip I became more and more convinced that nowhere are there any women quite as special as the Ninety-Nines. I only wish each of you could have been with me.

Since we do not publish the News Letter in December, may I wish you now a wonderful holiday season and to the Charter Members who are still active and whose help and guidance we have all enjoyed a very special **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

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Eugenia R. Heise.

**Public Relations**

Have you filled out and returned the questionnaire? We have frequently been asked questions about ratings of members and number of aircraft owned or available to members and this information, when tabulated, will give us accurate information to use. We also hope to obtain information which will be the basis for some news stories. As stated, no information on individual members will be used in any way, without her consent. All information is kept at national headquarters and only statistics will be generally used. So please send in your questionnaire as soon as possible.

Want to go to Europe? The Howard-Davis Travel Agency is setting up a tour of Europe for Ninety-Nines only. Of course, you can take your husband and if there is enough space, you can include friends. A brochure, outlining the itinerary and giving costs and other information, will be sent to you shortly. This is not just a tour of Europe—they have contacted Aero Clubs in a number of cities and they are all having receptions for us. So we will have the added advantage of meeting aviation people in all the cities. We will travel by jet from New York each way and will be escorted through Europe. In fact, after the replies from the Aero Clubs started coming in and all very enthusiastic about greeting the women pilots, Mr. Howard of the travel agency has decided to go along, just to make sure everything goes according to schedule, he says. Actually, I think he realizes what an excellent opportunity to actually get acquainted with the people in other countries and he is going for the fun. He said it is a trip that he couldn't possibly set up for regular tourists. We plan to contact women pilots in the countries we will visit and invite them to join us so we can get acquainted with them.

This trip has been mentioned at some of the Section meetings and interest is so great that it may be necessary to limit the reservations

**Coming Events**

May 13 - 15, 1960

South Central Sectional Meeting  
Houston, Texas



to 99's and 49½ers. But if you have friends who want to go, send in their reservations, but it should be with the understanding that they might not be accepted. We do not want to disappoint any 99's.

This is strictly a travel agency deal—the 99's are involved only to the extent that the Executive Board has authorized the mailing of brochures to all members and authorized the agency to call it a 99 Tour.

But they have planned a trip with our special interests in mind and it is one which I believe will be especially enjoyable.

I am especially interested in knowing who is going so if you plan to go, try to get your reservation in early, as I would like to send publicity material on the women who will be on the trip to European newspapers and aviation periodicals.

Loretta Slavick,  
Chairman  
Public Relations

## ATTENTION All Section Governors

If you have not already done so, will you please **appoint your Section Scholarship Chairman** at the earliest possible moment, and advise your Chapter Chairmen her name and address.

All Section Scholarship Chairmen will be obliged to select their committees very soon, as applications from their Chapters will be coming in within the next thirty days. All Scholarship applications **must be in the hands of the respective Section Scholarship Chairmen by January 15, 1960**, for processing; and the selections of the Section Scholarship Committees, on the basis of one application for each 100 members or major fraction thereof in their Section, must be forwarded on to me by February 15, 1960.

Thank you all for your cooperation in observing these deadlines.

Marjorie E. Fauth, Chm.,  
Board of Trustees  
Amelia Earhart Memorial  
Scholarship

## WANTED

A female pilot with enough broad experience to be an instrument pilot on an Aero Commander. We fly about 400 hours a year and would require someone who could do other work besides fly. Contact: J. L. Heinl, Heinl's Greenhouses, 4401 La-grange St., Toledo 12, Ohio. Phone Greenwood 4-5473.

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## Pilots Briefing

Please note procedure for transfer which we have reproduced from Constitution. Many transfers have been delayed due to incomplete applications. RE: TRANSFERS—On pages 94 and 95 of the Roster is the proper procedure for applying for a Transfer to another Chapter. An official Transfer must be made before you will be considered a member of another Chapter and be on file in Headquarters.





By Nancy Walton

We are thrilled to think we are the first overseas Section. Our office bearers are as stated: myself as Governor, Peggy Kelman as Secretary-Treasurer, and Helen Blackburn as Vice-Governor.

At the moment we are very small and closely linked with the Australian Women Pilot's Association.

On the 15th of October I am flying to Perth in the Australian Women Pilot's Reliability Trial. It is 2,000 odd miles mostly over desert. I will send you a letter about it as there should be three or four Ninety-Nines in it. It's our first Transcontinental and may be the forerunner of bigger things.

Nancy Walton has just been elected Federal President of the Australian Women Pilot's Association for the coming year.

Maie Casey, patron of the Australian Women Pilot's Association, has lately returned from an official visit to Japan and Korea with her husband, Foreign Minister R. G. Casey. Extract from Korea daily newspaper:

**Far From The Luxury,  
Like A Theologist**



MAIE CASEY

"Costumes of Mrs. Casey, who has arrived here accompanying her husband, Min. Casey, yesterday morning, was so humble that just to prove a theory of psychoanalysts as 'Extravaganze' is a shriek that comes from an inferior complex'. A brown mink

coat, black handbag in hand and wearing a low heel that is favored only with female theological students in this country, we can hardly see any luxurious thing from Mrs. Casey. However her high cultures behind the simplicity are bright in her sensible eyes and thus she assists Mr. Casey who is a influent anti-communistic diplomat in Australia."

The Casey's fly a Cessna 180 and a Miles Messenger from Berwick Airfield on their property in Victoria.

Freda Thompson, another Victorian who was one of the earliest women pilots to fly from England to Australia (in a DeHavilland Moth), now owns a Hornet Moth which she has flown through every state in Australia.

Gertrude McKenzie, affectionately known as Mac, became Mayor of Mordiallac last year. It has not affected her enthusiasm for the McKenzie Flying School which operates from Moorabbin and from Benalla in Victoria. Mac has four aircraft, moths named Faith, Hope and Charity, and an Auster. Many of her students have graduated as Commercial Pilots, Private Pilots and Parachutists.

Helen Blackburn of South Australia who learned to fly at Little Rock in 1944-45 has recently passed all her written exams for her Commercial ticket. She first had a Commercial license in the U. S. Helen is a friend of Sara Shonk and Jacqueline Geiger. Helen won the Royal Aero Club of South Australia's Forced Landing and Circuits without instruments competitions lately. Congratulations, Helen. Helen's husband, Richard Blackburn, who was a professor at the Adelaide University has now gone into private practice, so with two young children a Commercial license under way and the Vice-Presidency of the about to be formed Australian 99 Chapter, Helen has her hands full. She's flying Chipmunks, Tri-Pacers and Champions.

Peggy Kelman of Queensland, who has lived back of beyond for years where its 48 miles to the nearest post office and 900 miles to the capital where the children are at school, has decided to move into civilization and is looking for a property closer to Brisbane. Peggy has used an areoplane for years like most of us use a car, collecting store, posting letters, dropping in to tea with a friends, etc. They have a "vintage model" stagger wing Beechcraft, and Auster and recently acquired a Cessna 182. Peggy is planning a landing strip as high priority on the new ranch.

Nancy Leebold of N.S.W. has sent you her news direct so that leaves only me. My book started in the Air Race last year, has now turned into an autobiography and is nearing completion. It includes my early days,

yes, quarter of a century ago, flying in the inland of Australia in ambulance and baby clinic and charter flying. It looks like real pioneering stuff now, well, I've just been back, i.e., west of the sunset, to gather some atmosphere and refresh my memory and to meet some of the courageous people who flew with me. We covered 1500 miles mostly in a Tri-Pacer and its good to see the light areoplane catching on here as it has in the States. We have a long way to go to compete with your Flying Farmers but more American light aircraft is the answer to our vast distances and transport problems in the country. After all, this country is only 40 square miles smaller than the United States.

Cessna and Piper aircraft are becoming more common on the Australian horizon and we still have a few vintage model Beechcrafts and Fairchild 24's—still going strong. We are looking forward to becoming the first foreign chapter—Little Sisters "Down Under."



By Mary Lowry

We were delighted to greet "Deedo" Heise when she flew into Norwood Airport on September 27. She and Dora Fritzke came in from Toronto after visiting with our Canadian 99's. Made our September meeting a real occasion. It was interesting to get first hand information on the proposed European tour, the units being made for displays and what the Canadian Chapters are doing. The highlights of the meeting was the movie Hollywood wished that it had made, "The Flighty Lady," starring you-know-who.

The members lucky enough to see this hilarious documentary were: Jerry Gardiner, Lois Wartman, Sara Hayden, June Douglas (our officers for the coming year), Anne Baddour, Lois Dobbin, Mary Lowry (hostesses for the meeting), Ora Stevens, Chris Sever, Carol Haller, Kay Griswold, Rae Tober, Barbara Kiernan, Elinor Horn, and Shirley Mahn. Our guests were: Ruth Castendyk, who is renewing her membership, Lenore Fredrickson, Charlotte Page, Jane Brown, Virginia Cogswell, Ruth Bender, Virginia Bender, Ruth Bolten, Millie Doremus, Fran Porter, Janet Warner, and Estelle Gross, who just passed her Private and already has her application in for membership. Thanks to Rae Tober for this prompt recruiting job. Judging from the sound of the laughter, 49½ers Frank Hayden, Mer-



win Tober, Ralph Horn and Dr. Howard Cross heartily enjoyed the antics in the J-3. We certainly thank Deedo for bringing the film with her for our pleasure. How we did enjoy it! Wish we could have our Prexy along at every meeting.

Pat Arnold gets credit for trying—she started out for the meeting but turned west on Rt. 128 instead of east. Weil, Pat, see you the next time?

Thanks to Barbara Kiernan for showing her films of the AWTAR. We stay-at-homes got a good view of the rugged country along the race route. Her co-pilot, Ruth Bolten (hard to realize that Ruth isn't a member after all the work she has done for us), was gifted with a Comanche 180 to finish off her time for her Private license. Good luck!

Dusy Charlotte Kelley has yet another job. Director of the Stewardess training for the John Roberts Powers School in Boston. Best wishes, Charlotte.

Hope you have seen the latest issue of "Flying" magazine with the article on Raytheon's Fairchild. The pretty hostess in the picture is Anne Badour.

Our sympathies to the members who couldn't come to meet Deedo. You missed a wonderful time. Thanks, Deedo, for coming and please come back again whenever you get the time.

How about some of the not-mentioned-above coming along to the next meeting? We'd like to see you and hear what's going on in the rest of the New England area.



By Jeanne Spielberg

On October 18 we had the distinguished pleasure of being the guests of the W.I.A.A. for tea at the Officers Mess at Floyd Bennett Field, the site of many 99 events in years past. This celebration was for the presentation of the Lady Drummond Hay annual award to be presented to the woman of the year who had achieved the most in the field of aviation. This year the award was given to our own Blanche Noyes, of whom we are so terribly proud. Our Governor, Peggy Norris, spoke in behalf of the 99's to say just how proud we are. Dear Ma Chamberlain, whom we all love, presided at this occasion. She called each of us forward by name. Peggy Norris, Dorothy Gray, Marjorie Davis, Doris Renninger, Manila Talley and 49½, Alma Harwood and Irene Keith and introduced us to her guests. Which of

course made us feel pretty special. We all enjoyed being there at this very important occasion and wish to thank Ma Chamberlain for being so very good to us.

On October 31 we are planning a fly-in at Stormville which is about 65 miles up-state New York. Box lunch is the order of the day and they had better be good cause we're going to bid for them sight unseen. They have 16 planes available at this airport and the girls hope to get plenty of flying under their belts before the weekend is over.

Deedo Heise was our dinner guest at Ferdi's on September 28. We loved having her in New York and hope she too had a wonderful time while she was here. How was that helicopter flight around New York hosted by Herb Fischer of Port Authority?

Marion Lopez, our artist member, is off to Mexico this month for a painting tour. Lots of luck and bring back some good ones.



#### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Kate Macario

October has brought us a round of activities. On the first, Elsie McBride and I had the pleasure of spending the day with our International President, "Deedo" Heise. We joined Adelaide Tinker, Gloria Durham and the men whom we will be working with on the Convention and Race, for lunch at the Wilmington Country Club. "Deedo" was shown the DuPont Hotel which will be headquarters for the Convention and Race and the New Castle Airport where the Race will terminate. We are laying the groundwork now for July, 1960.

Two days later, Saturday, Oct. 3, Marie D'Alterio, Elsie McBride and I flew to Washington for the Fall Sectional meeting. Adelaide Tinker, Kitty Stepler, Barbara Bonnet and Gloria Durham arrived, via Tri-Pacer, from Wilmington. The luncheon was a lovely affair at the Army-Navy Country Club and honored by the presence of "Deedo" Heise and Barbara Keirnan, our Interantional Treasurer. I will leave the rest of the details to be written up by the Washington reporter.

On Sunday, Oct. 18, we had our fly-in to Elmira, N. Y., the glider capital of America. Planned for us was a tour of the Schweizer Aircraft Corp. and a flight in the gliders for those who wanted it. There were ten planes as the day before, expecting to go. Sunday, five airplanes arrived at Elmira,

one turned back before landing and, apparently, four cancelled, due to weather conditions at Elmira. Louise Sacchi, "Buzz" Diemand and Nancy Diemand in her Cessna 175, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Manning with Adelaide and John Tinker in a Bonanza, remained for the tour and glider ride. The other three planes, including yours truly flying a Bonanza and accompanied by Elsie McBride and Dr. "Pat" Viola, prospective member Joyce Roggio flying her own 175 with Marie and Tony D'Alterio as passengers, and a 170 with three members of our Philadelphia Flying Association, decided against staying because the weather was at that time overcast with rain showers and with a discouraging forecast. What an advantage an Instrument rating would be at a time like this! Louise and Adelaide thoroughly enjoyed the soaring and I agree with them whole heartedly, having been up twice. We appreciate the time and courtesy. Mr. Schweizer himself took the group through the plant where now only 10 percent of it is devoted to building gliders, the rest of the work is sub-contract jobs for the Grumman Gulfstream, etc.

On September 30, when Augusta Roberts died, we lost a very active and lively member of the 99's. Though a member of the Washington Chapter, she participated in many of our affairs and was ever ready with her Cessna 140 for a fly-in somewhere. We shall miss her quick tongue and marvelous energy that only failed her at the very end. I hope that all of us will be as able a pilot as "Gussie" at 70 years of age.

As a result of a questionnaire sent out to our Chapter members, we received information from some we have not otherwise heard from for quite a while, one of whom, Ruth (Shafer) Fleisher, formerly of Philadelphia and a control tower operator at North Philadelphia Airport, is now residing at England Air Force Base, Alexandria, La. Ruth is married to an Air Force major who also flies. She is a captain in the Air Force Reserve (as a result of being a WASP) and works in Air and Airway Communications Service, in other words, in the tower, and with Radar Approach Control and GCA. She keeps her flying time up by instructing members of the base's Aero Club in Cessna 140's, 170's, and T-34's, also getting Link time through this connection. Golf is another of Ruth's activities and she belongs to women's golf organizations both at the base and the country club.

Thank you, Ruth, for enabling me to write this; I know there are many of us "back home" who have wondered what you were now doing. Next month I will give a resume on another



of our girls, so please don't hesitate to fill out that questionnaire and mail it to me.

#### WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Virginia Thompson

We felt very highly honored to have with us "Deedo" Heise, International President, and Barbara Keirnan, International Treasurer, at our Middle East Sectional meeting on October 3. The weather tried its best to thwart their plans, but rain or shine these girls never give up. "Deedo" had to resort to the "rattler" (train) while Barbara and Ruth Bolton from Mass. thought it a wonderful opportunity to fly in the "707's." The Pennsylvania girls had better luck with their flying.

The Army-Navy Country Club was such a beautiful setting for our meeting, thanks to our hostess, Connie Leuhman. After the "welcoming address," our Governor, Adelaide Tinker introduced our distinguished guests and visitors and presented the newly elected officers for the coming year. They are: Vice-Governor, Elsie McBride; Secretary, Ruth Alley (absent), and Treasurer, Gloria Durham. The following gave their various reports: Membership Chairman, Dorothy Mitchell; Air Age Education, Pearl Robinson; Amelia Earhart, Elizabeth MacGlashan; Air Marking and Civil Defense, Ada Mitchell; Past Chapter Chairmen, Kate Macario and Dorthy Mitchell; Present Chapter Chairmen, Elsie McBride and Virginia Thompson; Race Terminus Chairman, Kate Macario; and Convention Chairman, Elsie McBride. Our President had many interesting things to relate regarding plans for the coming year. The Convention and the trip to Europe sound very exciting. How we all yearn to go.

Besides the out-of-town girls all ready mentioned, present were: Dora Frietzke from Wisconsin, Marie D'Alterio from Pennsylvania, and Barbara Bonnett and Katherine Steppeler from Delaware. Barbara was especially delighted when she received one of the two lovely door prizes—a beautiful model airplane donated by Republic Aviation. Lamona Cervenka also was a happy recipient of the Northrop Aviation model.

They are a symbol of man's indomitable spirit of achievement and his desire to learn what lies beyond. One of our beloved members, Augusta Roberts of Delaware, had this same indomitable spirit which has inspired many to aviation greatness. Despite her years, she was one of our most enthusiastic flyers and an inspiration to us all. We like to feel that she has winged her way to a more glorious life.

Thus continues life's unending cycle

—some depart—others arrive. Future pilots, in fact twins, Florence and Julia, have arrived at their destination—the Dick Collins' home in Lake Minchumina, Alaska. Although Florence and Dick are reporting the radio frequency a bit noisy, they are delighted with their new arrivals.

Another very happy bit of news from our geologist members in Alaska was the marriage of Florence Robinson to Al Weber on August 23 in Fairbanks. Our warmest congratulations and best wishes to you both.

Congratulations also go to Blanche Noyes who just recently was presented the Lady Drummond Hay award. Receiving this English award is indeed an honor.

Maie Casey is in town with her husband, the Foreign Minister from Australia. He is one of the representatives of the 12 Nation Demilitarization Parley on Antarctic.

Fran Nolde and Jean Howard attended a special demonstration and luncheon of the Aviation Writers Association at the Patuxent Naval Air Station. Also present was Lindy Boyes from California and Helen Murphy and daughter from the Solomons who came to hear Helen's husband, Bill, as master of ceremonies.

Fran will be the guest speaker at the Air Force Officers Wives Club on November 12. Prior to this engagement, she plans to spend a week with her daughter in England.

Jean Howard also attended the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences and American Helicopter Society joint meeting on October 13. Before the meeting, Army Aviation presented interesting demonstrations of their latest aviation developments which included the Doak VZ-4 VTOL airplane, pictures of which appeared in the October 26 issue of "Life" magazine.

We are happy to report that Laura Zerener is out again after a long battle with pneumonia.

Nona Quarles is planning to leave soon for Oklahoma City to attend the two week Air Traffic Control course.

Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford, Conn. is going to entertain the Whirly Girls on October 27. Prior to their departure from the 30th St. Heliport in two S-55 helicopters, the Port of N. Y. Authority is planning to give the girls an aerial inspection of the New York harbor. At the Sikorsky factory, the girls will be welcomed by Dr. Sikorsky. After lunch, they will have the thrill of flying in their latest model, the S-62. The girls coming the greatest distance will be Clara Livingston from Puerto Rico and Winnie Gronvold from California.

"Mitzie" Moore and Gilbert Keller recently flew in a Cessna 180 to visit friends in Hartford, Conn.



#### FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Dorothea M. B. Vermorel

The following were elected officers for the Chapter's new year: Marion King, chairman; Lona Frame, Vice-



Lee Averman

Winner of Class II, Tri-Pacer



Irma Price

Winner of Class I, Ercoupe

Chairman; and Vera Bratz, Secretary-Treasurer. Marion appointed Irma Price as Membership Chairman and Dorothea M. B. Vermorel as News Letter Reporter.

Dorothea has moved her residence



to Hollywood (Fla.—that is) and will move her law office there in November.

The Florida Air Pilots Association recently held an air race around the state and the only two women who completed, namely Irma Price and Lee Averman, both won the first prize in their respective classes! Shows that the 99's know what to do! Incidentally some of the competition were air line pilots.

We are still working on an International Air Race, but plans are still vague.

Not too much news as most of us are busy trying to earn a living. Just a reminder that our meetings are held on the third Monday of each month and we welcome visitors.

### TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Evelyn Bryan

Congratulations to a former member of our Chapter who is now a member of the Alabama 99's. Cora McDonald is now Mrs. Fraser and is honeymooning in Canada. She and Bill should soon be back in Biloxi, Miss., where they will both be working at Keessler Field.

Jane Hilbert is already making plans for the AWTAR stop that is being scheduled at Tri-City Airport. Jane and her husband, Louis, operate the Appalachian Flying Service on the Tri-City Airport and the airport manager has turned all the responsibility, for the stop, over to Jane. We know it is in good hands.

Constance Ohlinger is over in London, Ky., this year working. That is much nearer home and we should be able to see Connie now and then. Sure glad she is moving back closer to us.

Georgiana McConnell and Sarah Duke are working like beavers in the Civil Air Patrol. Both hold region officer and are doing a marvelous job with CAP.

Irene Flewellyn, who is our Chapter Chairman for this year, flew over to Nashville recently and she and Georgiana got together and made plans for our November meeting to be in Nashville.

Looks like we are getting some of our former members back and are we glad! Eddie Lee Griffin is coming back into the 99's and we are almost sure that Betty Anderson will do the same. We will be so happy to have them back with us.

This reporter spent three days in Atlanta, Ga., this week getting ten hours in a Link. Was a very interesting experience. Mary Sawyer, one of my students, went along with me and when I was not flying the Link we went shopping—perhaps it would be more appropriate to say window shopping for that is about all we did. Mary will soon be ready to take her flight test, and I am sure she will join our

Chapter as soon as she becomes eligible.

Would sure be nice to hear from some of you other Tennessee girls now and then so I could write something about your activities. I know you have friends who would enjoy reading about you—how about it?

### ALABAMA CHAPTER

By Gertrude C. Luther

The Alabama Chapter met in Clanton on Sunday, Oct. 4. Juanita Halstead and Florence Fintak represented Montgomery. Jan Warrick came in from Decatur, Grace Bailey flew in from Birmingham, and little Minnie Wade came in from Troy. A really good attendance when we remember we are only 11 in all.

Little Minnie Wade is now going to State College in Troy, where we will meet on November 1 at 10:30 a.m.

Cora McDonald, our member who now lives in Biloxi, Miss., and who was the winner of the 1959 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship, got married and is presently honeymooning in Canada. Our best wishes for many happy years of wedded bliss, Mrs. William Fraser.

Lu Luther reports being in Milwaukee on October 4 but forgot the roster and neglected to call our new president. Her Cessna 175 is put back together again and flies better than ever, and she is back in the swing again. The plane was not ready for her trip so she went commercial. Following the Milwaukee visit, several days in Chicago at a medical meeting. Chicago's Midway is fabulous!



### IOWA CHAPTER

By Louise Swift

That special feminine touch was given the Ames Municipal Airport dedication on October 10 by the 99's.

Kitty Hach hosted the meeting with a pot luck dinner in her lovely new home. Members brought the trimmings for Kitty's delectable stuffed turkeys. While seated around an L shaped table, beautifully set with fall appointments, a short business meeting was held. Plans were made to attend a dinner-dance at the Fort Dodge Country Club on October 31 by invitation of Helen Flaherty of the Upper Iowa Chapter.

Since Kitty and Alice Pfantz were the bright spots in the airport dedication, scheduled for 2 p.m., a mad dash was made back to the field by all 99's and guests. On arrival, Alice was confronted with the delightful surprise—about which Kitty tried to warn

her. She was asked to make a speech explaining the 99's. This she did both adequately and entertainingly—sans notes.

But the climax was yet to come. Flying the Apache, owned jointly by the Pfantz's and Dalbeys', Alice, with Kitty as co-pilot, dramatically severed the ribbon across the newly surfaced runway.

Still more plans were in store for Alice. In the air lift which concluded the dedication, she piloted Kitty's Cessna 175.

Meanwhile, back at the hangar, Kitty's 49½'er, Clifford, organized a conducted tour through their Hach Chemical Plant for the male members of the party.

So, as we leave the Iowa 99's, rest assured that a grand (and busy) time was had by all who attended: Irene Dalbey and 49½'er Lloyd, Joann Fortier, Alice Pfantz and 49½'er George and daughter Penney and friend, Jane Peterson, all of Des Moines, Tina Healy of Newton, Helene Holton and 49½'er Dan and son, Danny, of Chariton, Lenelle Hunt and 49½'er Ward and guest, Mr. Castle, from Fairfield, Louise Swift and 49½'er Jim and children, Nancy and Fred, and friend, Roger Lord, of Maquoketa. Attending from Indianola were guests Elizabeth and Cecil Utsler. And from Ames, our most gracious hosts, Kitty Hach and 49½'er Clifford and children, Mary, Bruce and Paul.

### CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Rose Andrew

The Central Illinois Ninety-Nines met at the home of the Frank Andrews at Champaign, Sunday, Oct. 18, at 1 p.m. for a covered dish luncheon.

Following the meeting a business session was held and a couple of movies from our State Department of Aeronautics were shown.

The following members, guests and 49½'ers and children were present: Marjorie Kelly and husband, Fred, Helen McBride and daughter, Janet, from Mattoon, Helen Greinke from Bloomington, Marilyn Jackson from Mahomet, Barbara and Ed Jenison from Paris (on their way to Chicago), Leah and Sam Warren with young David from Champaign, Kathleen Hudson and husband, Dean, from Decatur brought a college friend of Kathleen's along as a guest and potential member. Her name is Jo Chernoff and they knew each other at Stephens College. Leah Warren brought Ann Corkill, an active member of the Illini Flying Club and also a potential member.

Frank Andrew pulled the Ercoupe outside the hangar and tried to decoy a few flyers in for the day, but Sunday was so lovely that no one wanted to stay on the ground.



The boys, Frank and I always enjoy having the Ninety-Nines come to see us.

Helen Greinke says that she and Adelaide O'Brian of Springfield are the only two charter members of our Chapter left on the Roll.

Helen won the cross country trophy in the Chicago Air Show at Dupage Airport. Her trophy was for cross country efficiency.

Marilyn Jackson told us about her summer's trip to the northern states and Canada. She plans to do more touring next summer.

We are not planning to have a meeting during the bad winter months, but hope to meet at Jenison's in March.

We hope that our Ninety-Nines organization will continue to grow and that when the 62th anniversary arrives that no one anywhere will have to ask "What are the 99's and for what does it stand?" May we all continue to be proud of its accomplishments by being good representatives of women in aviation, no matter where we fly, or the job we hold.

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Adele Binsfield

The Michigan Chapter proudly announces the completion of the Fourth Annual Southern Michigan All Ladies Lark, or more popularly known as the Michigan SMALL Race.

Thirty planes had arrived by Friday, Oct. 2, at Bay City, and were being impounded and inspected, while we were refreshing ourselves with doughnuts, coffee and Michigan apples.

The Navy escorted us on a tour of the Defoe Boat Works, showing us the latest guided missile destroyers in different stages of their development, explaining the purposes they would serve.

Back at the hotel, we warmed up with cocktails, chatter and a delicious buffet dinner, courtesy of the very kind people of Bay City. We inadvertently handicapped Jean Tough (South Dakota) and Mildred Barrett, who came the greatest distance and arrived first, with a beautiful table lamp and 15 pound ham, as prizes. Then it was time for Mr. Fred Waite and his co-capable assistants of the Michigan Department of Aeronautics to divulge the mystery route. There were two in case of "weather"; and predictions seemed very "cloudy" that evening. It was fun to see the pilot teams scurry off to their rooms to chart courses, figure formulas and dream perfect flights.

The SMALL Race Board must lead a charmed life, or they stayed up all night holding back that big, bad weather, because exactly at 10 a.m. Saturday morning, the officials started take-offs and we were on our way,

with just some head winds to play with. We flew the southern route with the Fowlerville Race Track as our check pylon (race horses were a little surprised, as were their trainers). The buzz job over the finish line, with audience cheering; landing and being greeted by Pauline Jones and Mr. Gilmore, her co-chairman; horsemen in attractive western attire, directing us; radio and TV interviews, were all included in the exciting terminus at Benton Harbor.

Then came the tense moments at the pilots meeting. Guess who won the race? Marian Elbinger and Marian Hoffman, our Bay City hostesses. It pays to be proficient in all fields. Marian had been TET a couple of years ago. She maintains we all have a chance. Second was Frances Myers, Lansing; third, Sammy McKay, Flint; fourth, Sylvia Bloom, St. Louis, Mo.; and fifth was Beatrice Siemon, Wayne, Ill.

The party and awards dinner at the Whitcomb Hotel's attractive dining room was highlighted by Jim V. Votta's presentation of the Michigan Aviation Foundation pilot and co-pilot trophies to the first five teams, along with the other prizes and gifts.

Almost a dozen of the co-pilots were males, and they wish to go on record as stating they had a good time and are ready, willing and able to go again next year.

The Michigan Chapter wishes to thank all their good friends who helped to contribute to the success of the race. Without them it couldn't be done.

Now to get down to ordinary business. Our September meeting was held at the Naval Air Station, Grosse Ile. We had a tour of the base, saw the Blue Angels movie and had lunch at the BOQ. The demonstration of the Ground Control Approach System and the actual participation in it was most interesting. Many thanks to our Navy Public Information Officers.

Alice Hammond, CAP executive officer, flew a T-34 to the Civil Air Patrol annual Great Lakes Regional Conference at Cincinnati, Ohio, last weekend in September. Capt. Betty Crook, acting information services officer, was there also. That same weekend, Jean Pearson, Detroit Free Press reporter, attended the re-naming ceremonies of the Kinross AFB. It will now be the Kincheloe Air Force Base.

Next meeting will be at Plymouth, Mich., on November 3.

Plan to come to Michigan for the 1960 Spring Sectional!

#### CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By June Basile

After two years of being a 99, I've come to the conclusion that there may be weary 99's, but there can't be any bored 99's. While the Chicago Area

Chapter was rehashing the Air Meet, they were getting ready for the Indianapolis Sectional, filling in entry forms for the SMALL Race, looking forward to the monthly fly-in meeting and in their spare time taking flying vacations. The whole weekend in Indianapolis was packed full of activity and we're still talking about the auto trip around the famous "500". The fly-ins from Chicago included Dallas and Don Sutton, Mary Beritich, Louise and Ray Kokesh, Eva and Harold White, Bea and Verne Siemon, Alice Kudrna, Sylvia Roth, Helen Sailer, Marge (congratulations on winning her masters degree) Raglin, and June and Tony Basile. We want to thank our hostesses for the terrific weekend and thank them again for the lovely door prizes.

Bea and Verne Siemon have some beautiful new trophies to remind them of the Michigan SMALL Race. Congratulations on bringing home those big fifth place trophies and the money too. I was sure that I deserved forty lashes for apparently neglecting my duties, to peek over the side of the Fornaire to be sure that the lettering "June Basile, Co-Pilot" didn't rub off, by my pilot, Nell Brown convinced me that the Tail-End Trophy was just the right size to balance her large collection of winning trophies. The other Chicago teams that helped make the competition great were Fran and Pete Akerlund, Dallas and Don Sutton, and Alice and Bernard DeWitt.

The October meeting was a fly-in meeting in the new administration building at Crystal Lake Airport. Hostess-chairman Sylvia Roth had to take off from Phoenix on Saturday and couldn't be with us. The new administration building was tastefully decorated with large funny face pumpkins and lovely fall flower and fruit arrangements. The room was so cozy and inviting, it was almost hard to believe that just the night before, Marge and her crew were busy cleaning away the usual debris left by the building construction men. After the meeting, Marge, Fran Akerlund, Kay Buckley and Bea Siemon served tangy barbecue sandwiches with all the trimmings and refilled our coffee cups so many times I was beginning to think I was in the Navy. The social time lasted longer than usual because we all wanted the opportunity to visit with the members of the Wisconsin Chapter who flew in to be with us. The Wisconsin guests included International President Deedo Heise, Justine Mills, Elsie V. Peters, Dot Faust, Ruth Lembke, Dora Fritzke and Anne Roethke. The day ended with a good laugh and a touch of chargin for the Basiles. My 49½er, Tony, was the judge for the spot landing contest and guess who won! Thank heaven, Don Sutton was out there when the trusty



175 came in. The prize was just what my husband wanted, "As the Pro Flies" by John R. Hoyt.

Hazel Peterson may be giving us another number to call when we are out West. Hazel and Grover have gone to California and are thinking of house hunting while they are out there. Louise and Ray Kokesh took a flying vacation to Houston, Texas to attend a wedding. The weather wasn't too good, but the vacation was great. Lloyd and Leta Misiowiec purchased a share in a Mooney Mark 20A. Now they won't have to flip a coin to see who uses the Tri-Pacer.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER

By Billie Smith

October 18 was the date of an exceptionally fine joint meeting of the Ohio and Indiana Chapter. The meeting was held at Richmond, Ind., Airport at Sky Tech Flying Service, operated by Joe Smith, with over 60 present.

This reporter being in Florida on a quick trip, has reports of one of the finest meetings yet. After the meeting, all were treated to a free glider ride and some sharpie even had door prizes donated for this unusual meeting.

Our new officers for the year are. Ethyl Knuth, Chairman; Peggy Coulter, Secretary; Dorothy Hendricks, Treasurer; Billie Smith, News Letter Reporter. A new member, Barbara Drinkwater, was initiated at this meeting. We all welcome her.

Jane Ackors is a brand new proud grandmother! Ethyl and Russ Knuth flew to Harrisburg, Pa., recently and Soph and Neal Payton entered the SMALL Race and came in 10th. Nellie Alger is flying a new 175. Nellie Jackson's husband had his picture in Pilot Magazine recently announcing his new position in aviation in Washington, D. C.

#### GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Adela Scharr

We're pleased to report the unanimous election of these officers for the coming year. Virginia Duenke, Chairman; Ruth Lake, Vice-Chairman; Maxine Loeffler, Secretary; and Frances Merrill, Treasurer, at the September meeting held in the superbly beautiful Duenke home.

Connie Mather's family paddled a slow canoe through Superior-Quexico wilderness, initiating the youngsters in portage, forestry, and closeness to awesome hail and lightning. Hilda Memmersmeier flew a 170 onto La Cross Airport, Wis., slightly ahead of a MATS Medical Aero-Evacuation Convair, to the usual fire-engine and ambulance racing accompaniment of a MATS landing. For a moment Hilda surmised that someone was aware that she'd just checked out in the 170 and was much too apprehensive. Pa-

tently ignored, she returned home from this anti-climax to an unexpected Nueve Laredo flight with 49½er and son and remained there a week.

Fran Merrill and Edith Olovitch's whim took them to Columbia one hot day in J-3's, loose formation, just to get a swim and a tanning. While Amy Summers isn't certain which she tackled more—the washer, the ironer, or the flying machine. Her son, Bill, attended the Philippines World Boy Scout Jamboree and daughter, Dottie, got to Colorado World Girl Scout Roundup. Laundry chores followed scout meetings throughout the summer in rapid succession, but in between, Amy flew furiously to Kansas City or Topeka, consulting with decorators about her new home. For diversion, a flight to see big time rodeo at Fort Madison was sandwiched in someplace.

Proudly we report that Teddi Inman won first prize, a blue ribbon and \$255 for an educational display depicting how the Illinois Home Bureau promotes commone welfare. This Springfield, Ill., State Fair idea germinated on her 49½er's Illinois River tugboat and Teddi's talent made it grow.

Golly Miner, with children in camp, flew most of the summer with her 49½er. She covered too much territory to tell briefly. Her AWTAR companion, Mickey Clark, and Paul also bored their way through hundreds of miles of air. Other holes in the sky were made by Del Scharr to Dallas, Fran Merrill to Iowa, and Delores Whelan and Maxine Loeffler around town.

Dorothy Wheeler spent August in Mississippi, while Dot and Mike Rumsey made a big swing through the East by auto for a change.

Virginia Duenke had let the stork do her flying for her. June Evers, also on the non-airbourne list, attended the meeting and looked greatly improved after a long seige of illness.

On October 11, uncertain autumn weather finally cleared our members for take-off to the Jefferson City smorgasbord and meeting for likely future 99's to whom Hilda had spent invitations. Amy, hospitable chauffeur, transported the girls from the airport to town. This groundwork may lead to another Missouri chapter.

The October 14 meeting at St. Charles Airport with Maxine Loeffler as hostess, featured the Avi-ettes Wing Scouts of O'Fallon, Mo., presenting a series of short skits about women in aviation. Other Girl Wing Scouts and our 49½ers attended the performance. Our chapter has donated \$10 to each group for its work this season.

We missed Virginia Duenke and Dot Wheeler, both ill, and Fran Merrill, whose father is ill. Ruth Lake presided ably.

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Anne Roethke

At the August meeting in Beaver Dam, interpid members who had braved the low ceilings and drizzle (in automobiles), sat under a tree at the edge of the lake and elected officers for the coming term. The results. Chairman, Mary Seymour; Vice Chairman, Mary Landis; Secretary, Anne Roethke; Treasurer, Dora Fritzke.

September brought with it the North Central Sectional meeting in Indianapolis, at which Wisconsin placed third in attendance with five of its 21 members present. Deedo (The Chief) Heise flew down alone in her 180 but returned home with considerable "loot." Mary Landis and her 49½er flew their Bonanza and Elsie Peters drove, on the spur of the moment. Your reporter and her co-pilot Justine Mills, managed to get there in an old Chief, in spite of headwinds. The program was excellent and everything was beautifully organized.

On October 18, the Wisconsin 99's enjoyed the hospitality of the Chicago Area Chapter at a fly-in at Crystal Lake, Ill. Eight members and two 49½ers flew down, arriving late because nobody remembered that Illinois is still on daylight saving time. The day was CAUV and everyone had a wonderful time. Many thanks to Marge Raglin and the rest of the committee for inviting us and for making it a memorable occasion.

Mary Landis, fresh from the SMALL Race, is looking for more flying contests to compete in. Anyone planning a race can be assured of at least one enthusiastic participant, complete with Bonanza. And I can guarantee that she'll have a co-pilot!

#### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Marilyn Collette

Our annual meeting was held September 20 in the spacious colonial home of Marge and Jim Gorman. Marge had prepared the delightful feast for us comprised of chicken-almond casserole, tossed salad, and date and nut cake for desert. I get hungry all over again just thinking about it. Those who attended are as follows. Meg Berning, her 49½ Howard and her two sons; Helen Sammon and her 49½ Jim; Mary Fecser, Virginia Schumacher, Rosalie Bracht, Joan Hrubec, Mary Schaefer, Marilyn Collette, Winifred Caughey, prospective 99 Tessa Plummer, Jean Hixson, Martha Wilcox, Helen Ailes, Alice Schlott, Martha Foley, Edna Calbeck and 49½ John, Edythe Maxim, prospective 99 Marilyn Homan, Janice Keuchenmeister, Penny Cramer who brought prospective 99 Laurine Kaylor, Ione Kiplinger, Jean Bonar and 49½ "Pete", Marion Betzler and 49½



Charles, Pauli Hurlbut, Harriet Wladka, Bonnie Miller and 49½ Lee, and former 99 Mary Louise Oetzel and her 49½. We'd like to see more of Mary Louise and get her back active in our chapter. We want to say thanks to our past officers for the wonderful job you have done to outgoing Chairman Edythe Maxim, Vice Chairman Marion Betzler, Secretary Janice Keuchenmeister, and Acting Treasurer Helen Sammon. To our new officers we say welcome, and we are all looking forward to an excellent year of activities under the direction of Chairman Mary Fecser, Vice Chairman Marge Gorman, Secretary Janice Keuchenmeister, and Treasurer Jody Scott.

September 30, 1959, Hotel Carter, Cleveland, Ohio, was the time and place of the flight seminar of the 21st Ohio State Safety Conference banquet which your reporter attended. Our 99's were well represented with Governor Joan Hrubec, Mary Fecser and her guest Mrs. Gladys Cella, Virginia Schumacher, Mary Schaefer, Edythe Maxim, Rosalie Bracht, Winifred Caughey, Ohio Chapter member Ann Burrelle, Bonnie Miller and 49½ Lee was on the panel of experts discussing aviation safety, Martha Wilcox and 49½ Jim, and the prospective 99's Marilyn Homan, Tessa Plummer and Pat Schultz who I understand at this writing is a new 99. Also in evidence, since she won a prize, Mary Louise Oetzel and her 49½.

Out of the many faces at the banquet, I was happy to see so many of our new friends from the Youngstown TAR stop. Bob Bacalek, manager of the Youngstown Municipal Airport, Jack Smith our FFA safety man, Mark Savage, formerly of the Ohio Aviation Board now with Bates and Co., and Russ Miller of Alliance all of whom contributed much to making our Youngstown stop successful.

Despite the less than IFR conditions the attendance was excellent. I would estimate well over 300 people attended the banquet, and I'm sure this interest indicates that safety is of prime importance to all of us, and especially how we can increase our accident free flying hours.

October 2 and 3. Hitchhiking in the sky is one of the delightful things that seem to happen only to 99's. I'm sure that most of you at one time or another have had this experience. Well, your reporter had that pleasure on the Michigan SMALL Race. I snagged a co-pilot seat with Laurien Griffin of Merriman, Kan., in her 180, and the problem seemed to be how to get to the race start without taking Crazy Legs (my Ercoupe) and have the problem of getting her down to the race finish. So I started out from home by hitching a ride to Cleveland in a

Cessna 180. When I arrived at Cleveland I was met by Joan Hrubec and Edythe Maxim with Pee Wee race plane No. 9 bound for Bay City and the start of the race. I eagerly climbed aboard for a very scenic back seat ride over fleecy white clouds to Bay City.

What a hub of excitement we found as we arrived. The black and gold diamond vests worn by the officials could be seen from any point on the airport. What fun to get flagged in by old and new friends, Bob and Bernice Steadman, Ken Draper, and Jany Hart ably directing us to the gas pits and parking spaces. Contestants and officials were going in all directions at once. Upon arrival I started inquiring about my pilot and found she had not come in yet. As time flew by with the chit chat of hangar flying and darkness approaching, I had several anxious moments with my pilot not arriving. I had just about decided that I would have no alternative except to make arrangements for transportation back home, when Dottie Anderson of Bluffton, Ohio, came to my rescue by offering me a co-pilot seat with her as she was flying the race solo. So after consultation with race officials, I was transferred to Race plane No. 5, a beautiful new Comanche. We all settled in the Hotel Wenonah at Bay City that evening for a night of fun and surprises. We first were allowed to tour the Defoe Ship Building Co. and climbed all over one of the large missile craft which was nearing completion. Then back to the hotel for cocktails and dinner with gifts for everyone. We finished off the evening with group singing led by that popular artist, Bernice Steadman. Our thanks to the wonderful folks at Bay City for a memorable night.

Breakfast the next morning supplied us with the word that the ole weather man was cooperating and the race would get off on schedule. A final briefing gave us a complete route with our dog leg being a sleepy little town called Fowlerville with the only large identifiable point being a race track that we were to cross at 200 feet above the ground so the spotter could read our race number on the plane. Needless to say, Fowlerville will never be the same again. Our arrival at Benton Harbor was met with a flurry of excitement and Pauline Jones right on the ball keeping everything moving and a lunch fit for a king which 40 or so hungry pilots devoured. We were then taken to the very impressive Whitcomb Hotel in St. Joseph with time for shopping and or simply relaxing before the evening activities began. Our hats are off to the winners Marion Elbinger and Marion Hoffman who flew an almost

perfect race. Nice going Marions. Also we salute our own Ohio girls, Margaret Hammon, Helen and Elmer Weidwald, Joan Hrubec and Edythe Maxim, Ione Kiplinger, Marion Betzler and Kay Wood, and Dottie Anderson for their participation in the race. Also our thanks to all the Michigan 99's for their efforts for a very well planned race from start to the last departure. Also our thanks to the people of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph for their encouragement to our efforts in aviation.

October 18 (with the weather man again cooperating), Richmond, Ind., was invaded by the Indiana and Ohio 99's for a joint meeting. I mean literally invaded with a total of 33 99's attending. I'm afraid I can't give you a complete list of the girls who attended, but will list the Ohio representation as follows: Mary Fecser, Marge Gorman and 49½ Jim and family, Janice Keuchenmeister, Jody Scott, Virginia Schumacher, Margaret Callaway, Joan Hrubec, Erna Calbeck and 49½ John, Edythe Maxim, Jean Bonar and 49½ "Pete", Alice Schlott, Alice Puller, Marion Betzler, Kak Wood, Rhea Gilmore, and your reporter, Marilyn Collette. An old friend of the Ohio girls, Joe Smith, is now manager of the Richmond Municipal Airport as much as miss Joe in the Ohio area we're happy for the Indiana girls to get such a staunch supporter in their midst. Mayor Cutler and his wife were on hand to greet us and we certainly were made to feel welcome and at home. We highly recommend joint meetings as a fine way to know your neighbor.

Some of the news we picked up along the way at Richmond, Margaret Callaway and her 49½ had just returned from the Texas Air Tour and were very enthusiastic about it and recommends it as an interesting way to spend a vacation for just plain fun and flying. Margaret thinks she even converted her bomber pilot husband to finally accepting light planes. Margaret won a trophy for being the only woman to fly the complete tour as pilot in command. She also had a chance to visit with many Texas 99's along the way.



#### ABILENE CHAPTER

By Beverly Tarpley

We closed out a very pleasant summer by a luncheon meeting at the Petroleum Club in July with Audrey



October 3, 1959**S. M. A. L. L.**187 Miles**Efficiency Race From Bay City To Benton Harbor**

| Place | Race No. | Pilot                 | Co-Pilot              | Race Speed MPH | Race Fuel Gal. | Final Score |
|-------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1     | 28       | Marian M. Elbinger    | Marian I. Hoffman     | 87.9           | 16.1           | .9965       |
| 2     | 18       | Francis Muriel Myers  | Dale V. Myers         | 93.4           | 10.4           | .9540       |
| 3     | 2        | Sammy McKay           |                       | 111.6          | 15.6           | .9424       |
| 4     | 25       | Sylvia E. Bloom       | Mickey Clark          | 99.8           | 14.6           | .9423       |
| 5     | 44       | Beatrice Siemon       | L. E. Siemon          | 118.3          | 22.0           | .9327*      |
| 6     | 5        | Dottie J. Anderson    |                       | 125.6          | 14.5           | .9141       |
| 7     | 27       | Margaret M. Hammon    |                       | 104.8          | 14.6           | .9040*      |
| 8     | 24       | Eloise M. Smith       | Mary Creason          | 80.7           | 10.4           | .9034       |
| 9     | 13       | Alice H. Hammond      | Adele E. Binsfield    | 135.2          | 17.9           | .8953       |
| 10    | 30       | Sophia M. Payton      | Neal D. Payton        | 83.0           | 14.5           | .8949*      |
| 11    | 22       | Helen R. Wiedwald     | Elmer H. Wiedwald     | 127.5          | 21.4           | .8942       |
| 12    | 15       | Olivia Bell           | Dr. Ford Sutherland   | 94.0           | 15.6           | .8848       |
| 13    | 9        | Joan L. Hrubec        | Edythe Maxim          | 94.0           | 14.8           | .8757       |
| 14    | 4        | Mary Clark            | Jean Reynolds         | 96.4           | 16.4           | .8295       |
| 15    | 6        | Pat Russell           | Alice Verna Davis     | 88.1           | 10.9           | .8268       |
| 16    | 14       | Alice A. DeWitt       | Bernard G. DeWitt     | 101.2          | 17.2           | .8150       |
| 17    | 11       | Mary S. West          | Theda Wright          | 87.0           | 13.4           | .8045       |
| 18    | 7        | Nancy L. Brandon      | Melvin C. Reed        | 102.5          | 16.8           | .7960       |
| 19    | 8        | Faye D. Kirk          | Helen Wetherill       | 88.6           | 12.1           | .7912       |
| 20    | 23       | Mary S. Landis        | Dr. Charles W. Landis | 131.9          | 17.3           | .7874       |
| 21    | 20       | Dallas Sutton         | Donald Sutton         | 96.6           | 17.2           | .7796       |
| 22    | 3        | Ione L. Kiplinger     | Moody Larson          | 86.0           | 12.0           | .7675       |
| 23    | 1        | Ruth Woods            | Mayne Woods           | 83.7           | 11.7           | .7662       |
| 24    | 26       | Marion Schorr Betzler | Kathleen Wood         | 98.6           | 17.5           | .7617       |
| 25    | 17       | Helen Greinke         |                       | 95.2           | 17.6           | .7564       |
| 26    | 12       | Leah Higgins          | Margaret Crane        | 94.3           | 14.5           | .7370*      |
| 27    | 19       | Babe Weyant Ruth      | Mae Riley             | 82.5           | 19.1           | .7193       |
| 28    | 16       | E. Jean Tough         | Mildred Barrett       | 84.5           | 12.7           | .6924       |
| 29    | 21       | Frances J. Akerlund   | A. P. Akerlund        | 122.5          | 23.2           | .6795       |
| 30    | 32       | Nell H. Brown         | June C. Basile        | 68.5           | 13.9           | .6695       |

\* Denotes Score Over 1



**Official Results****Dallas Doll Derby - November 1, 1959**

Back Row (left to right): Mary Gauss, Jo Allison, Martha Ann Reading, Thelma Clement, Doris Weller, (3) Joan Huckeba, Helen Greinke, Ann Grimm, Sue Connally, and (1) Jerry Sloan.

Front Row (left to right): Rowena Burns, Tote Walters, (2) Pat Jetton, Mildred Bishop, Lucille Hoffer, and Joyce Wright. ( ) Denotes order of finish for the first three places.



| Place | Pilot & Co-Pilot                        | Aircraft & HP     | K Factor | Hdcp Speed | Hdcp Fuel | Race Speed | Race Fuel | Score |
|-------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------|
| 1.    | Geraldine Sloan<br>Lucille Hoffer       | Cessna 175<br>175 | .706     | 127        | 9.7       | 128.6      | 8.5       | 1.026 |
| 2.    | Pat Jetton<br>Rowena Burns              | PA-24<br>180      | .572     | 150        | 10.0      | 131.6      | 7.6       | 1.004 |
| 3.    | Joan Huckeba<br>Tote Walters            | Ercoupe<br>75     | .448     | 100        | 4.9       | 100.2      | 4.8       | 1.001 |
| 4.    | Jean Williams<br>Arlene Walkup          | PA-22<br>150      | .753     | 121        | 9.0       | 113.8      | 7.8       | .988  |
| 5.    | Joyce Wright<br>Josephine Allison       | Cessna 180<br>225 | .720     | 152        | 11.8      | 142.8      | 10.6      | .984  |
| 6.    | Helen Greinke<br>Ann Grimm              | Cessna 172<br>145 | .706     | 118        | 7.8       | 112.7      | 7.6       | .980  |
| 7.    | Virginia Holmes<br>Sue Connally         | Cessna 172<br>145 | .706     | 118        | 7.8       | 114.7      | 8.2       | .978  |
| 8.    | Mildred Bishop<br>Thelma Clement        | PA-22<br>150      | .753     | 121        | 9.0       | 113.5      | 8.9       | .970  |
| 9.    | Martha Ann Reading<br>Lynda Ann Reading | PA-22<br>135      | .753     | 119        | 7.8       | 108.6      | 7.9       | .954  |
| 10.   | Dorothy Warren<br>Sally Brown           | Cessna 182<br>230 | .706     | 151        | 12.5      | 134.1      | 12.4      | .944  |

### DALLAS DOLL DERBY COMMENTS

**By Doris Weller**

The Dallas Doll Derby which had been scheduled for October 31, was called on account of rain, drizzle, low ceilings and fog. It was re-scheduled for November 1, and by noon on the first the weather had cleared enough to start out. The course was picked where the flying weather was forecast to be best, and two weather planes were sent out to confirm VFR conditions. They reported back that there would be no sweat on a course from Addison Airport to Paris, Texas

to Gainesville and back to Addison. Ten planes took off and flew the circuit, identifying markers laid out on the airports at Paris and Gainesville. After the scores were computed it was found that Jerry Sloan won first place with co-pilot Lucille Hoffer, in a Cessna 175. Pat Jetton and co-pilot Rowena Burns were second in a Comanche. Joan Huckeba and co-pilot Tote Walters came in third in Joan's Ercoupe. Dorothy Warren was the lucky pilot who became eligible for the TET Club. Helen Greinke and Ann Grimm from Bloomington, Ill., received Amelia Earhart Medals for being the pilot and co-pilot coming

from the farthest distance. The Derby was preceded the night before by a Hallowe'en party and dinner at Addison Airport. Much fun and frolic ensued. We were disappointed that ten planes had to cancel on account of the bad flying weather and couldn't make it to Dallas for the Race. We were also disappointed that we couldn't accept Jimmie Kolp's wonderful invitation to land at her airport at Electra, Texas, and partake of a chuck-wagon steak lunch. The night before the Race it rained several inches at Electra which made the airport too wet. This was the third Dallas Doll Derby. We hope to make it an annual event.



Anders as our hostess. Our members all seemed to outdo each other to make our monthly meetings something that none of us want to miss.

In August we "hit the road." We went to Fort Worth for lunch at the famed Cattleman's Steak House. I wouldn't be surprised if some of us didn't do some shopping, too, while we were there. The steals were so good in Fort Worth that we decided to try another famous steak house in September. Jo Ann Elliott took us to the Lowake Inn. Some of us had a little difficulty in finding the dirt strip just across the road from the Inn, we all managed to get there safely at last.

A surprise member present at our last two meetings has been Mary Beth Crutchfield, who has just presented husband John with a prospective 99 by the name of Mary Diane. We are all glad that Mary Beth is ready to do some flying again.

With summer now behind us and our new officers ready to take over in October, the Abilene Chapter is looking forward to an active year and we hope that any 99's who are in our part of the world will look us up.

#### MIDLAND CHAPTER

Mary L. Erwin

We believe the highlight of this month's report should be our meeting on the 18th, in our nice clubroom at Air Park in Midland. Members present were Ann Bynum of Big Springs, Nancy Brumlow of Kermit, Netta Adcock of Lamesa, Joy Butts of Midland, Velma Lee Copeland of Midland, Mary Erwin of Midland County, and Pat Barbee of Ozona, who flew up for the meeting in her Tri-Pacer, bringing with her Mildred Goodson, Bobbie Morgan, and Sally Anne Posey, all student pilots from Ozona. Student pilots visiting with us from Midland were Sue Mullins and Barbara Speed. Aside from the fact that this was a good turnout for a meeting, considering the long stretches of Texas some of the girls have to cover to make a meeting in Midland, it was noteworthy because of the enthusiasm shown for our primary aim, besides fellowship, that of becoming better pilots. One way the girls demonstrated this enthusiasm was in their planning to adopt an "achievement rating sheet" on which they would receive a score for all their activities toward improving flying proficiency, the highest score at the end of six months to receive an Amelia Earhart medal. We also voted a contribution to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship.

Another item in the "enthusiasm" column is the interest shown in the Doll Derby, an efficiency race to be held in Dallas October 31. So far, Velma Lee Copeland, Netta Adcock,

Mimi Muldrow and Mary Erwin have applied to enter, and it's possible that two or three more girls from the chapter may make it. We know it will be good experience for those of us who never have flown in any sort of competition before, and it should be fun for all.

At a reception for the Trans-Texas Air Tour held October 6 at the Cosden Club in Big Spring, 99'er Ann Bynum spotted old friends Marge and Gene Mitchell, who were members of the tour, promptly "crashed" the reception, enjoyed meeting fellow 99'ers, and had a good visit all around. She also got for our chapter an invitation from the Mitchells, of Plainview, Texas, to fly in for luncheon, which we plan to do for our November meeting. Nice work, Ann.

The next morning the Air Tour landed at Midland Air Terminal, where a delegation of friends, airport officials, Southwest Air Rangers, and Midland Chapter 99's met them. We were pleased to serve them coffee and doughnuts, and to visit with such 99 notables as Edna Whyte, Fort Worth, past Interantional President; Doris Weller, Dallas, who is chairman of the Doll Derby there; Josephine Allison, Dallas, who calls herself "the flying grandmother," and offered to "baby sit" with our husbands if we bring them to Dallas for the race; Helen Simmons from Abilene, Kan., and many others. We enjoyed meeting them all, and look forward to seeing them on the next tour.

We also have a flying grandmother now. Nancy Brumlow has a new granddaughter in El Paso. She has a new Cessna 172, as well, which she recently flew out there to see the new baby. Think she's pretty proud of both "additions."

Mary Erwin flew to El Paso the same weekend with her 49½'er and another couple, but for quite a different purpose. Nancy landed at the new Sunland Airport, which is only a stone's throw from the beautiful new "Pride of New Mexico," the Sunland Race Track. Nancy landed there because it was convenient to the part of El Paso in which her daughter lives. As we said, Mary was there for a different purpose. 'Nuf said!

Our newest (and youngest, 17) member, Mimi Muldrow, flew her mother in their Cessna 172 on a cross-country trip of several days to Canada, before re-entering high school in Midland as a senior.

Student Mildred Goodson of Ozona, who is not many hours from being a 99'er, reported flying to Del Rio in a Taylorcraft for some checkride practice with instructor 49½'er Fred McMichael. In the course of their practice, she said they sort of wandered

over the river into Old Mexico. Upon discovery of this, she needed only a nod from her instructor to execute a 180 degree turn—the fastest one she's ever made—and beat it back to her side of the fence to complete her work.

Illness has had Pat Barbee grounded for quite a spell, but we're glad to report that she's both "back on her feet" and "up in the air" now.

Netta Adcock seems to be developing a sort of ailment—"Comanche fever" it could be called. We believe it may be serious; she gets a definite gleam in her eye when the word is mentioned. Careful, Netta, flying one may bring on delirium!

Velma Lee says she's been letting her Tri-Pacer rest this month, so it will be ready for the race the 31st.

Guess what? Joy Butts didn't sell her Supercruiser after all. She got a little weather experience the other day while flying it to Snyder to have the wings recovered. One of those crazy, mixed-up "northers" we have in Texas met her on the way, and she spent some hectic minutes dodging clouds that weren't where they were supposed to be. She got where she was supposed to be going, however.

Time to bring this little ramble to a halt. Until next time—good flying!

#### HOUSTON CHAPTER

By Alice Seaborn

Marceline Todd has just returned from her vacation. They went to Denver, Colo., Noab, Utah, and Topeka, Kan. And Marceline reports that they enjoyed it very much, especially one highlight of the trip for her—she had her first ride in a Viscount.

On October 10 we had a flight to Corpus Christi to meet the All-Texas Air Tour on their lunch stop. Joyce Brooks flew a 170 and took Rhea Hurtle, Frances Castleberry and me and we had a most enjoyable flight. Merle Boitnott flew her plane down and took Thelma Beal, Virginia Anderson and Flo Wood—our good petticoat pilot friends—whom we hope will soon get their licenses and join the Ninety-Nines. Another petticoat pilot, Dee Morris, flew her Luscombe down for her solo cross country flight. And Ellie Childs and her 49½'er made the flight. So we had a good showing there.

Because Pauline Glasson helped us so much to get our chapter started and worked with us on air marking until we could tackle it on our own, we have been trying to show her our appreciation in some way. So petticoat pilots and Ninety-Nines got a silver cup for her but things interfered with our presenting it until the October 10 flight. However that was a good occasion and it has now been presented.

Celia Parrish has had her plane



down for an overhaul but it is now back in the air. Gertrude Howard is continuing her instructing at Guinn Flying Service.

We met October 13 at the Shamrock to go over arrangements for the Spring Sectional. But stormy weather kept many from attending. However we are making progress. It is now going to be a two sectional meeting, the Southeast Section is going to join us. And exhibit plans are shaping up. So plan to be here May 13, 14 and 15, 1960.

### **SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER**

**By Marian Burke**

The October meeting of the San Antonio Chapter was held Sunday, Oct. 11, at the "Golden Derrick" where a combination luncheon and business meeting was enjoyed by all.

Everyone met at the San Antonio International Airport at one o'clock and was transported by auto the short distance to the "Golden Derrick." The group left the airport about 15 minutes late because one member didn't land until 1.15. After Marian Burke taxied up at "Powder Puff Derby" speed knowing she was late everyone was on their way.

Marian was just getting back from the "All-Texas Air Tour." Quite a group of our 99's flew the tour this year. We hope to see more participate next year. Some of the 99's who flew portions of the tour were Jo Allison, Tony Page, and Margaret Callaway and several others. We are looking forward to our next meeting which will be at the Jameson Ranch near Bracketville. Ama Lee has a real good 1800 foot strip so we can land right at the ranch. That's just a small taste of the fine hospitality always offered by Mom and Pop Jameson and Ama Lee.

New officers for San Antonio Chapter for '59-'60 are Betsy Hogan, Chairman; Gertrude Smith, Vice Chairman; Stella Priest, Secretary-Treasurer; Cornelia Davis, Membership Chairman; and Marian Burke, News Letter Reporter. We are really going all out for a membership drive—more reports on that in the next News Letter.

### **COLORADO CHAPTER**

**By Peg Ong**

We're most happy to announce that all 99's may now see the lovely portrait of Amelia Earhart that our Ruth Mugele painted for national headquarters. It was shipped early in October so do take note. We think that this is a wonderful likeness (and I doubt that we're too prejudiced).

The October meeting was held at Donna Myers' home with Marilyn Nordstrom as co-hostess. I understand that 12 brave gals fought with the ele-

ments to arrive, Helen Maxson, Jo Dennis, Lynn Pfleeger, Emily Hanrahan, Mary Frenzel, Grace Mayfield, Grace Longbrook, Betty Stackhouse, Mary Wenholz, Fran Warner, Helen Choun, and Alice Fuchs from the Air Academy. Helen Maxson appointed Jo Dennis the Flying Activities Chairman . . . and let's do have more flying, Jo! Emily Hanrahan reported that she has contacted about 15 gals at Loretta Heights College who have flying time. Sounds like some good prospects. Marilyn Nordstrom is chairman for the November 4 rummage sale. Hope it brings in lots of you-know-what for future activities. The rummage sale will take the place of the regular November meeting, and plans are forming for the annual Christmas party. Mary Wenholz, true to her promise, entertained the group with her recent Alaskan trip pictures.

CHATTER: Mary Wenholz now has her land rating after having a sea rating for some time, congrats! Betty Pfister had seen Alice Fuchs recently. Phyl Johnson hopes to come down from Wyoming for a meeting soon (wanta come via Ft. Collins and go with me, Peg?). Gene Nora is working on an English degree as well as instructing flying at Oklahoma Univ. Ann Comfort has a new Mercedes Benz that is flying low these days. Jane and Swede's son, Bob, was married recently. The Myers are heading for Phoenix and a champion auto race. I took a Fournier to Rockford, Ill, in October. Tail wind ALL the way with 60 knots part of the time. Returned by 707 and WOW! you don't have time for champaign, dinner and that second cup of coffee between Chi and Denver, no foolin'! We flew at 28,000 and I swear I could see St. Louis . . . well, almost, I'm sure.

Tail winds to ya!

### **EL PASO, TEXAS CHAPTER**

**By Brookie Bozarth**

The girls of our chapter have been doing a lot of flying with the fly-ins of the El Paso Aviation Association. There were 38 of us who flew to Scottsdale, Ariz., for a weekend. The 99's were well represented there.

We stayed in the beautiful Mountain Shadows Lodge. Everything was lovely, including the food and service.

Then last Sunday we had the fly-in breakfast at Van Horn, Texas. Everyone reported a nice trip.

Juanita and Tex Burdick are still doing a lot of flying between here and their cabin in Colorado. They left this week on a hunting trip up there. I'm sure Juanita will bring in the game as she has been practicing shooting every day. Good luck to them both.

Ruby and Dick Tatman have gone to Florida to the AOPA plantation party. They plan on flying to Nassau

while they are down there. We hope they have good flying weather.

We had a lovely going away party for Anne and Jim Duthie. It was a barbecue given in the home of Ruth and Charlie Deerman. There was a lot of hangar flying on their beautiful patio.

Congratulations to Lydia Weaver on receiving her license. We hope she will soon be one of us.

Our September meeting was held in the Pancake Room of the Ramada Inn. Due to the conflicting dates of Scottsdale, Ariz., fly-in, there were very few present.

Fancy Ellis from Australia spent the night with Ruth Deerman on her way home from Europe. We showed her the sights of our city while she was here.

We are happy to have Billy Callahan as a new member. Billy and Lydia Weaver are sporting a new Cessna Skylane, wouldn't that be a thrill?

Good flying to all!

### **TULSA CHAPTER**

**By Agnes Hellman**

The best news from over Tulsa way is the wonderful turn-out we had at our October meeting. Peggy Snyder was still out of commission, but she's recovering nicely now. Our guest list included Jan Mauritson, Shirley Heller, Catherine Craddock, Betty Carter, Mary Krutch, Louise White, Ada Sample, Jeanne Sheehan and Jo Corona. We hope to get some new members out of this impressive list. Pat Bauer arranged for the cleverly decorated tea cakes and Dorothy Rice was our most gracious hostess.

Now that the water is going out of Fort Gibson Reservoir, Agnes Hellman and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er Paul are anxiously waiting to estimate the damage the flood waters did to their little landing strip over there. Just to give you an idea of the scope of the flood control on that lake—even the wind-sock was inundated.

Jean Thomas and Mr. Thomas have gone to Colorado for some elk hunting and plan to go on to California to complete their vacation; all this in the new Cessna 172 they just purchased. Faye Gilstrap is instructing out at Brown's Airport now, and Pat Bauer has given notice for everyone to clear the runways because she is going to start her instrument work pronto.

The November meeting should bring some real interesting reports on the activities of these ambitious women fliers here in Tulsa.

### **DALLAS CHAPTER**

**By Dorothy Warren**

Our October meeting was held in Dal-Tex Aviation's lounge at Addison Airport. We were happy to have back with us Rowena Burns who has been



in California for several months. Membership applications were accepted from Lucille Hoffer and Francis Wiggs and we are pleased to welcome them into our chapter. Lucille received her private license on August 13 and now has almost 100 hours, the last 30 of which have been in the Hoffer's pretty new green and white Skylane. Francis is a flying grandmother with five grandchildren! She flies her Navion which she keeps at Dallas Garland Airport.

Doris Weller and Jo Allison came back from the All-Texas Air Tour with much enthusiasm making us all wish we'd have gone too. They flew 3500 miles and made over 40 stops at Texas airports. Several out-of-state 99's also attended and a good time was had by all.

All the talk here is Dallas Doll Derby and we are going to be well represented with nine plans entered from Dallas. Perhaps the most unusual entry is Mildred Bishop who is taking as co-pilot her 62 year old mother who has never before flown! Mildred's sister is going as co-pilot for Joan Huckleba in Joan's Ercoupe. Jerry Sloan is flying Dal-Tex's Cessna 175 with Lucille Hoffer lighting the cigarettes and pouring the coffee (this is extra standard duty for Jerry's co-pilots each race). Martha Ann Reading is flying her Tri-Pacer solo this year. Francis Wiggs is flying her Navion with Rowena Burns as co-pilot. Joyce Wright will be flying her 180 with the new "Lone Star Aviation" sign all polished up and with Jo Allison in the right seat. Virginia Holmes is flying "The Old Scotchman," the plane that set the endurance record last year. Virginia is kept quite busy with her Singing Hills Dance School, but still finds time to put her instructors license to good use. Her newest student is Shirley Van Huss, a prospective 99 who has a Tri-Pacer. Back to the race—Pat Jetton is flying, but as I write this she is not sure what in or with whom! I'm flying Barnes Iumber Co.'s Cessna 182 with Sally Brown, a brand new student pilot, as co-pilot, and Precision Flight the sponsor.

Due to our November meeting falling on Thanksgiving, our next meeting will be the 19th instead, at the La Tunisia and we WELCOME VICTOR

#### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Delores Scott

The new officers held their first meeting Sunday, Oct. 18, in the home of Broneta Davis Evans at Minco. The girls handled the controls expertly.

Our out-going officers were presented Amelia Earhart medals for

their outstanding work. Those receiving medals were Former Chairman, Ida Carter; Vice Chairman, Beth Smith; Secretary, Ruth Jones; and Treasurer, Rita Eaves.

Minco is now air marked—thanks to the following members and guests: Broneta, Gene Nora Stumbaugh, Meg Guggolz, Donna Shirley, Arlene Walk-up, Jean Williams, Nema Masonhall, Fern Yount, Wally Funk, Marie Ketchum, Betty Black, Ruth Jones, Susie Sewell, Beth Smith, Ida Carter, June Crosby, Regina Pannell, Velma Woodward, 49½er Cecil Yount, guest Marcella Guyer, and prospective member Sarah Johnson. If Sarah makes us as good a member as she is a paint stirrer-upper, we will be well satisfied. The next time any of you all are in the vicinity of Minco, fly over low and look at the new air marker.

Saturday, Oct. 17, a fly-in for the Flying Farmers was held at Stillwater, with three of our 99's attending: Arlene, Marie and Billy Tune.

June Crosby of Oklahoma City and Marie Ketchum of Duncan will be helping me round up the news. Anyone with news, PLEASE write, wire, call or send up smoke signals. We will be ever looking and listening.

Mark your calendar for the following events: Sunday, Nov. 15, 10:30 a.m. at Blackwell; and Saturday, Dec. 12, Christmas party, either in Stillwater or Oklahoma City.

Well, Jerrie did it again flying a TF-102A Delta Dagger this time. Big Red and the Cowboys aren't doing so well this year, but Oklahoma has Jerrie Cobb to brag about anyway. Congratulations to our Stillwater gals, Jean and Arlene, for winning fourth in the Dallas Doll Derby.

Good flying!

#### KANSAS CHAPTER

By Mary J. McKillip

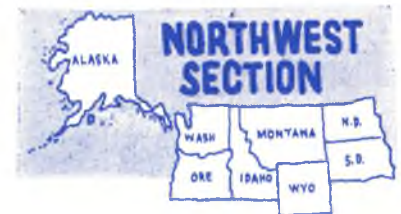
When it rains, it pours—that is how we girls feel here in Kansas, and we are speaking of activities rather than weather. During the month of October we journeyed to Kansas City for a joint meeting and what a wonderful time the K. C. gals showed us. Lunch at the Golden Ox, a tour of the city, which was most interesting and down to the plaza where attended an art show. Those attending from Wichita were Hazel Guy, Helen Chandler, Ann Pappas, Margaret Yourdon, Mary McKillip, and two guests, Mrs. Bennie Powers and Sonja Calderon. Becky Morgan and guest flew in from Topeka, while Marge Paris drove over from Atchison. It was decided at the meeting to make this an annual affair and are looking forward to having the Kansas City Chapter down to Wichita again soon.

Arrived home just in time to get ready to move out again. this time to

Atchison for the awarding of the Bobbe Slade Flight Scholarship. Marge Paris was in charge of the tea and did a real bang up job with several distinguished guests in attendance. Guest speaker for the day was Miss Belle Hetzel of Omaha and Belle kept the audience spell bound and in laughter with her talk. Again, those attending were Margaret Yourdon, Mary McKillip, Marge Paris, Dorothy Speer, Becky Morgan, Ruth Nickell, Sonja Calderon. Two past winners of the Bobbe Slade Scholarship attended, Miss Norma Peterson of Wichita and Miss Jean Seitz of Wichita. Four contestants of the BSWS were in attendance: Miss Virginia Moyer of Wichita, second place winner; Miss Charlotte Purdum of Atchison, first place winner; Miss Barbara Hege of Wichita, and Miss Susan Jones of Topeka.

And still yet to go for we gals are assisting with the IAS Convention and that will be no small chore. Nevertheless, we are anxious to help.

The Kansas Chapter boasts of one new member, Miss Sonja Calderon. Sonja is a pilot from Chile, working and planning to attend Wichita University. She works for the Maize Flying Service at Maize, Kan., and shows a very active interest in the 99's. We are proud to welcome Sonja to the 99's.



#### WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Ruby Mathis

Announcement of the October meeting stated that we were to work on the air crash maps, so 13 turned out. Regular members attending were Winnie Blythe, Helen Appel, Maxine Fancher, Vanecia Adderson, Ginny Andrews, Marion Owen, Terry Kellogg, Louise Smith, Mildred Pearson, "Pete" Anderson and Ruby Mathis. We had two guests, Pat McGee of Snohomish and Nancy Muller, a Spokane 99. Spokane—here's our notice that we are trying to talk her into transferring to our chapter!

Mildred said she is grounded as her Super Cruiser is being relicensed.

Maxine was fortunate in getting a ride in a Cessna 210 demonstrator from the factory. Said she flew a 172 to Astoria last week to pick up Hugh.

Need a new place to fly? Understand from Maxine, who attended the open house, that at Bellevue Airport there is a brand new fly-in motel. The Bel Air, with a restaurant, cock-



tail lounge, etc., which is only 20 minutes from downtown Seattle. They offer swimming, golf and tennis—sounds like fun! Will fly my Chevy over for a peek one of these days.

Nice to have "Pete" back with us again. She took two weeks off and went over to her sisters' at Billings, Mont., and Lovell, Wyo., for a rest. Nice tan!

We want to welcome our new member at Bellingham, Lynne Hahlberg. Van is hoping to get a chapter started there this year.

Van and Gordon are sporting a new copper and beige Impala Chevrolet. Says it rides like a dream!

Galvin's Flying Service finished converting a 120 to a tricycle gear. Will be interesting to see.

Marty Spaulding's new address is 1103 11th N.E., Auburn, phone TE 3-1234.

Helen is flying to San Francisco and Los Angeles for a three-day conference as a result of her telephone company magazine, news topics, winning second place in the Pacific Coast Industrial Editors Awards Contest. Congratulations, Helen!

#### **EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER**

**By Marie L. Reynnells**

Bells rang recently for Nancy Heathe of Spokane—wedding bells, that is. Nancy became the bride of Mr. Marr Mullen in a lovely September Wedding. They are now making their home in Seattle. Congratulations and best wishes, Nancy and Marr.

Special greetings to Esther Stone of neighboring Idaho. Welcome home! We are happy to hear of your progress and hope to have you with us at meetings soon.

The flyingest husband-wife team we know is Lygie and "Cornie" Hagan. September 12 they took off for a medical meeting in Seattle, October 10 that much-flown Comanche headed for Chicago with another medical convention there. Planned stops were Rockford, Ill., Lincoln, Neb., and Colorado Springs.

The Reynnells just acquired a '59 Tri-Pacer. What with a new ADF and Autoflyte I'm going to be gadget happy for some time to come.

Eastern Washington is again playing host to bird and deer hunters. Wonder if that is why we now have a dearth of news? Have our flying gals taken to the hills and fields on foot? Do—please get airborne, drop me a card each month telling of activities. Let's fly, and share our fun.

#### **EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER**

**By Onita Hoff**

We held a well attended meeting October 4 at the lovely home of Selma Vander creek in Blackfoot. Those pres-

ent were Virginia Huiderkoper of Wilson, Wyo., Betty Brown of Pocatello, Onita Hoff of Idaho Falls, and hostess, Selma. "Little Sister" guests were Ginnie Berhardt of Rosenberg, Texas, and Sharon Hultz, Mitzie Hutchinson and Ada Miller, all of Blackfoot.

Since the members lived so far apart, it was decided at an earlier meeting that dues of \$6.00 would be more feasible than to carry out projects to raise money for the chapter and will continue to support the Idaho Chapter with its annual spring dance. Though most times the weather turns bad and we have to drive.

However, a project was brought up for consideration, a combined one, to show aviation films and give short talks on flying at the west and east Idaho State Fair.

Our next meeting will be at 5 p.m., a pot luck supper, at Betty Brown's in Pocatello—49½ers to join us—at which time we plan to present a surprise gift to our valient Chairman, Esther Stone, who crashed in Wyoming. Esther is now able to be about in a wheel chair for short periods.

#### **IDAHO CHAPTER**

**By Lucille Taylor  
for Barbara Hornback**

This report finds our news reporter hospitalized with pneumonia. We wish Barbara a speedy recovery!

Officers for the 1959-60 year are: Lucille Taylor, Chairman; Helen Higby, Vice Chairman; Eula Logsdon, Secretary; and Mildred Shinn, Treasurer. News reporter is Barbara Hornback, membership chairman is Edna Hettinger, and annual 99's "Hangar Dance" co-chairmen are Laura Conner and Helen Higby.

The September no-host dinner meeting was held at the Hill House with a wonderful attendance. Our past Chairman, Edna Hettinger, gave a complete report on all properties and complete files for the Idaho 99's. A



Idaho Ninety-Nines pictured with the "Search and Rescue Kit" presented to the Idaho State Department of Aeronautics. Seated, left to right, Georgia Martin, Mildred

Shinn, Helen Higby, Lucille Taylor, and Edna Hettinger. Standing, left to right, Lorraine Johnson, Eula Logsdon, Laura Conner, Doris Helsley, Joyce Morcom, and Margaret Gigray.

Contents of the kit are as follows: 50 sandwich bags, 2 spreading knives, 1 butcher knife, 1 fork, 1 cutting board, 1 sponge, 1 dish towel, 1 hand towel, 1 jar mustard, 3 foil plates, 1 pkg. plastic spoons, 1 can opener, 1 large jar of Pream, 1 12-cup perculator, 1 extension cord, 1 sugar dispenser, 1 stapler, 1 pound coffee, 100 hot cups, 1 pound sugar, 1 unopened jar of pickles, 1 pkg. of plastic bags, 2 cans of meat, and napkins. These items being non-perishable are in the Kit at all times, and replaced after each use.

In the lid of the Kit is a list of perishable supplies which are to be purchased whenever a "Search and Rescue" is served. The fifty cup perculator is traveled separately and serves the volume needed, but the smaller pot is necessary at the beginning when the large pot is being brewed, and also at the end of a day when a large quantity is not desired.

Idaho Ninety-Nines are on call for all Idaho search and rescue missions. They serve coffee, refreshments and lunches to all volunteer pilots and also fly in the searches or go as observers for other pilots.

big thanks and words of praise for all out-going officers who served so well last year.

The chapter has received a new transfer member, Joanne Nelson, formerly with the Eastern Washington Chapter. We are happy to have Joanne with us.

We are all congratulating both of our 1959 AWTAR entrants as new mothers! Claire and Bob Justad have adopted a baby daughter and Laura and Clarence Conner have welcomed a son, Chris Lynn, born in late September. We think Laura will be back in the club very soon. She gave up her instructing only when at the end of seven months with Chris, she could not renew her physical! We also take "hats off" to Laura for placing second in the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship.

The October meeting was held in the home of Varian Kimbro and the members discussed the coming year's activities and projects. Final decisions will be made at the November meeting, Nov. 18, at the home of Edna Hettinger. Our November program will be a class on wind drift problems. On our agenda for the coming year is a challenge with our 49½ers in a spot bombing contest and the losers will host the dinner for all.



### MONTANA CHAPTER

#### Jeanie Brink

Before landing at the Bozeman Air Field to see the water follies one Saturday a few weeks ago, Ken and Marge Rolle of Billings flew over the earthquake area near Yellowstone Park. It was one of those balmy fall days—the kind we have out here in the west when the air sparkles with clarity and is smooth as glass. In the distance Old Faithful spouted lazily into the still air. Marge says that it was hard to realize that one recent summer night the thoughtless earth shrugged her sleeping body and sent a mountain roaring down, entombed luckless campers and created a news story which traveled around the world almost as fast as the tremors themselves. And then as their plane neared Hebgen Lake the raw scar of rubble showed the bitter evidence of the quake.

It was one such a day as this that Inza Riedesel and husband, John, flew to Cheyenne and back to Billings in one day. Inza did the piloting and says with the unbelievable visibility they could clearly see Laramie Peak, though a hundred miles away, etched against the sky.

Pud Lovelace flew to Portland for the International Northwest Aviation Council's 23rd Convention on October 1 and 2. However, Pud lucked out on weather and spent a snowy night in Spokane with Lygie Hagan. The two went over the July race and convention while the weather cleared. In Portland Pud particularly enjoyed the final banquet talk by Gill Robb Wilson: "The Next Twenty Years of Flying." He is the publisher and editor of "Flying Magazine." She feels that the panels on general aviation problems were most worthwhile.

Some of the recent air race contestants will be interested to know that almost all their landings or departures were recorded on film at the Helena stop and will be edited and ready for showing soon.

Norma Wingfield is anxious to get up there and try out her VHF which she and her husband are having installed in their Cessna 140.

Three new members have joined our Montana Chapter. One of them is Eileen Gray, who, with 49½er Woody, fly a Cessna 180 out of their home field at Great Falls. Laulette Hansen and her husband are ranchers at Ft. Benton and ride herd with two Cessnas—a 182 and a 150. Their teenage daughter, Lottie, is well on her way toward being one of the youngest licensed pilots in the state. Barbara Messinger and her doctor husband cruise the big sky above Plentywood in their Piper Tri-Pacer. Dr. Messinger has his practice in Plentywood.

### ALASKA CHAPTER

#### By Jo Edwards

Since this writer failed to make the News Letter report for the last month (and is royally "in dutch" with the rest of the 99 crew in Alaska, it was decided, after much meditation, of course) that this month had better be reported providing this writer values her "hide."

The election of officers for this chapter was duly and officially held at the September meeting, the newly elected officers are as follows: Pat McGee, Chairman; Helen Stoddard, Vice Chairman; Pat Gilda, Secretary-Treasurer; Jo Edwards (yours truly), News Letter Reporter and Membership Chairman. It was agreed at this meeting to place two wind socks, one



"Deedo" Heise, International 99 President (third from left, top row) and Mary Landis, Wisconsin Chapter (second from left, bottom row), visit with the Alaskan Chapter during the Flying Physicians Tour of Alaska.

at Willow and one at Big Lake. These have been constructed, installed and erected since that meeting.

The October meeting was held at Marion Zaegel's lovely home on Muldoon Road, where everyone enjoyed a lively weiner roast before the meeting. It was decided at this meeting that the future meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month instead of the first one thus making a time lapse between these meetings and those of the Alaska Airman's Association meetings of which all the 99's are members. The next meeting will be held at Stoddard Aero Service hangar and is to be a social gathering with each member to bring a guest (potential members maybe). It is planned to show movies during the evening.

Several of our members have been participating in the air search for the plane which was lost on October 10 with three people aboard. So far this plane has not been located.

All the 99's of the Alaska Chapter send their hearty hello's to Carol Gillespie, and we think she is in Montana, also we would like to hear a word from her.

One of the highlights of the summer, which has not been heretofore mentioned (mostly due to bad reporting, that is) was the visit to Alaska of the Flying Doctors to our 49th state. We all felt very lucky to get to meet the new president of the 99's, "Deedo" Heise, and also lovely Mary Landis. The picture shown was taken at the home of Marion Zaegel, at a coffee given in their honor.

One of our members, Ruth O'Buck (we are real proud of her) is buying a Supercub and plans to fly it up from the states later. She has put through a lot of students this past summer and we hear they think she is a superb instructor.



### SANTA CLARA CHAPTER

#### By Eleanor Wortz

Our Chapter was invited to the Jetarama by United Air Lines at San Francisco International Airport on October 8. The occasion was the introduction of the DC-8 jet. Hostess Dorothy Monahan greeted the twenty members and guests at the new Hilton Inn's Vienna Coffee House at the airport. Immediately after dinner the members enjoyed the tour of the jet and the many exhibits. These included a cut-away of the jet engine, new check-in procedure and instamatic reservations. Ralph Fielding, Ruby's 49½er, was so interested he managed to make the whole tour even though his leg is still in a cast.

The fly-in that wasn't there. Sacramento gals have invited us to join them in a fly-in to Monterrey Sept. 19. Mayetta Behringer, our new Chairman, Jeanne McElhatton and Ruby Fielding flew down to join the gang. Time marched on and no others arrived. The alternate chosen had been Salinas—so they finally flew over there. Still no Sacramento pilots, but they spent a pleasant afternoon with Ardell Hauk who had just finished instructing a student and took them for a ride in a Piper Comanche.

Marian Barnick and Ruby Fielding attended the October Bay Area Aviation meeting luncheon at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco.

Marilyn Anderson writes that due to a vacation tour of the British Isles via New York and Iceland she regretted that she would miss our meeting. Competition for holding our members' interest is pretty rugged!

### REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

#### By Hazel Bertagna

Our new News Letter writer, June O'Donnell, had to work, and was unable to be present at our October meeting so you'll have to suffer through one more issue with me.



Sunday, Oct. 11, Nellie Palmer and Anna Brenner drove to Napa, picked up Pat Stouffer and Hazel Bertagna, and flew from Napa County Airport to the Nut Tree for our meeting. A nice long flight of 10 minutes.

When we arrived we found Jane Harah and 49'er Bob already at a table waiting for us. They were on their way back home to Willits after visiting their daughter, a student at College of the Pacific, at Stockton. This was Jane's first meeting since joining the 99's and we were all so happy to see her again and meet her charming husband. Hope to see them regularly from now on.

Next month our meeting will take place at Napa County Airport. Anna Brenner has invited us to her home again for our December meeting, which we all look eagerly forward to.

#### **BAY CITIES CHAPTER**

**By Gail Lane**

September 27 marked the chapter picnic at Dutra's Park near Half Moon Bay. Twenty-two assorted 99's, spouses and children were on hand, with Maxine Carlson providing barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs for all.

Our October meeting was held at the home of Ruth Rueckert in San Francisco, where the main subject of dis-



Jean Kaye and Geri Hill, chairmen of our very successful "Penny-a-Pound" air ride, making advance preparations.

cussion was the "Penny-a-Pound" air ride, which took place on the following Sunday, Oct. 18.

The air ride was held simultaneously at Hayward and San Carlos airports. Jean Kaye and Geri Hill chaired the affair, which was a huge success.

More than 40 plans participated at the two airports, making about 475 flights and affording rides to more than 1000 persons, many for the first time. Airplanes plus the services of pilots and ground crews all were donated by 99's and their friends. The total "weight" flown exceeded 130,000 pounds, which made possible a sizeable donation to Enchanted Hills Camp for the Blind.

The event received excellent newspaper, radio and television coverage.

#### **SAN DIEGO CHAPTER**

**By Terry Vasques**

I have just returned from our annual white elephant sale. A huge success it was, with each of us auctioning off our own white elephants. We all managed to get rid of our unwanted items and no doubt purchased some to replace them. They'll reappear at next year's sale to be sure. In any case the chapter does well financially and we all have fun outbidding one another.

The sale and meeting, held at the home of Joanne Kloepper, was well attended. Plans for celebrating the 99's 30th anniversary were discussed. The new Fireside Restaurant at the Sands Motel on Kearny Mesa was chosen as the place to have dinner and listen to our guest speaker (to be announced). November 21 is the date, at 8 p.m. We'll welcome any of you 99's and your friends who might be in the San Diego area at the time. Just contact co-chairmen Lois Bartling or Martha Mullen.

We have a fresh set of committee chairmen: Historian, Anne Hanrahan; Membership, Marian Jepsen; Assistant Secretary, "Boo" Christensen; Publicity and Public Relations, Aileen Saunders; Civil Defense, "Mac" Huntington; Board Member-at-Large, Dottie Sanders; Wing Scout Coordinator, Harriet Allen; Flight Activities, Clara Aldrich; Air Marking, Joan Bishop; and Program, Ruth Propsner.

I learned that Anne Bledsoe is back after adding Bangkok and Hong Kong to her endless list of places visited while accompanying her husband, pilot with Flying Tigers. Marian Jepsen is a full time student, carrying 15 credits at San Diego State College. Aileen Saunders is recuperating from surgery. Aileen just doesn't do things half way. Four operations all rolled into one. Dottie Shultz is teaching in Germany. She's speech correctionist with the U. S. Army. Her address is Stuttgart Elem. & Jr. High School, APO 154, New York, N. Y. Dottie is a glider pilot—received her Silver "C" recently. Those of us who lingered longest after the meeting had the pleasure of meeting a new 49½'er. Gina Chatfield Pournelle introduced her husband George who is curator at our famed San Diego Zoo.

#### **UTAH CHAPTER**

**By Alberta Nicholson**

Those of you who were here to the Fall Sectional several years ago at Brighton, will remember how lovely the canyons are in the fall, and this year they were more beautiful than they have been. Therefore, we held our October meeting up Millcreek Canyon last Sunday morning and enjoyed a "tremendous" breakfast at Log Haven Inn. Ruth Walker drove up from Provo and Louise

Fisher (who soloed last week) brought another aviation enthusiast, Beverly Laird. I had flown up to Oregon the day before and just barely got back in time for the breakfast. The weather was so beautiful and "still" that it hardly seemed like we were flying.

This is the 30th anniversary of the 99's and in reminiscing we recall receiving our charter in September 1, 1950 with five members of whom Doris Eacret, Lucile Christopherson and June Raybould are still active. We now have 15 members. We have hosted two Sections. We were fortunate in having the Powder Puff Derby routed through Salt Lake City in 1957, and have had four of our members participate in most of the races since our chapter was organized. We have had the Section Air Age Education trophy for two years and the Section Air Marking trophy for three years. One of our members has been Section Governor. Others of our members have served on the Section and National Nominating Committees and as Chairman of the Section Air Age Education and Air Marking Committees. Two of our members have won National recognition for their contributions in various fields of aviation.

Although our chapter is young and few in numbers we are proud to be a part of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., and hope we will grow and progress for another 30 years.

#### **LONG BEACH CHAPTER**

**By Fran Bera**

We were entertained at the lovely home of Dudley Greer in Belmont Shore for our October meeting. The program for the evening was provided by Claire Walters. She showed the color slides of her trip to Europe. Claire covered a lot of territory in her short stay and visited with Elly Beinhorn, her partner in the air race. We had many guests and prospective members, among them Sylvia Hamilton formerly of the New England Section. Sylvia came with Sandra Killion of Santa Barbara. Pat Collins from San Mateo, a private pilot and sister of Jackie Sepulveda, also a guest.

Flight Activities: Jean Clark flew to Modesto in the Met-Co-Aire 141. Jackie Sepulveda flew her 170 to Modesto, Merced and San Mateo. Judy Wagner and her Bellanca went to Dallas, New Orleans, Memphis, Cleveland, and visited the Beech plant in Wichita on their way home. Fran Bera Navioned to Seattle, Boise and Las Vegas on the way home.

Cleo Morrison is still recuperating from her accident. She is doing much better but still has to spend some time in bed each day.

Rita Gibson is our race chairman, and incidentally keep tuned to this column each month for news of the most fabulous plans yet for the start



of the 1960 AWTAR. The people of Torrence are going all out to make this the most successful race in the history of the AWTAR. They are planning a big scale operation. So gals start getting those plans and sponsors lined up because this will be one race you won't want to miss!

### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Shirley Robinson

Half of the Chapter is out with non-flying injuries: Renee Brown crushed her hand in a car door, Louise Robertson is on the crutch-cast kick after mopping the floor the hard way, Donna Fisher is not really off the ground yet, not to mention several cases of after-the-Powder-Puff-Derby-doldrums.

The currently healthy half managed



Left to right — Virginia Kahse, Jean Rose, Shirley Robinson. New San Fernando Valley Chm. Virginia Kahse presents engraved Amelia Earhart Medal to Jean Rose, winner of the Santa Paula Spot Landing Contest; Shirley Robinson assisting.

Jean and Shirley, 1959 AWTAR No. 58, were interviewed by Jack Linkletter on his national television show, "On the Go." Jean represented professional women pilots, as instructor with Rose Aviation, Hawthorne, Calif. Shirley and children as flying family. The program may be re-run shortly.

to fly a little. Prospective 99 Jean Kraus finally wangled enough time in the family Tri-Pacer to solo it, then hubby sold it before she could get her license. Sounds like the story of my life. She will try again in a Cessna 175 with instructor Lola Ricci. New member (via Jean Rose instruction) Lee Sachnoff 707'd to New York. Lee

has a master's degree in mathematics —sounds like a good prospect for chapter treasurer!

Nice to see Polly Stoehr and Jan Wood at Lockheed Pilots Club meeting to hear Sammy Mason, Lockheed test pilot and ex-aerobatic ace, and to see film of 1957 Jim Long Race in which Polly set the record for number of landing per one approach. We know Polly is a good sport, or we would never have had the nerve to print that!

Our chapter is negotiating to sponsor Flight No. 80, Burbank Wing Scout group, with S. Robinson as leader. First thing we have to do is impress them a little—at their first meeting they decided to fly to Hawaii, and "When do we get to do the flying?"

At our October meeting, we handed out postcards to be mailed to the NL reporter each month to facilitate reporting of member's flying activities. Although we pre-addressed them, even showed the deadline date, and figured it was a fail-proof system, the inevitable happened. We received one UNSIGNED.

"Went on a fly-in to Sedona and Oak Creek Canyon, Ariz., the weekend of the 10th. Saw the territory by car on Saturday and by horse Sunday. Stopped at JJ Ranch for dinner on the way home. Forty-two people on fly-in and it was so wonderful we all want to go again. Left on a rush trip to the Northwest the 13th. Stopped first at San Francisco. We suffered as the weather crossed us up and the temperature was 94. On to Portland that evening. The 15th was a straight instrument flight to Seattle plus the same back to Portland later that day. On Thursday we flew in for a late diner at the Nut Tree outside of Sacramento and back to Burbank by 12 that evening." Who is the mystery woman? See next month's column.

### TUCSON CHAPTER

By Mary A. Martin

First and foremost, we wish to extend congratulations to our Secretary, Shirley Marshall, who is also the new Secretary of the Southwest Section. We know she will attack the new duties with the same inexhaustible energy and enthusiasm she has shown in chapter affairs.

Gertrude Gelderman, delegate to the Southwest Sectional, reports that Tucson is due for further honors by winning both the membership and attendance trophies. We think the new members and staunch old members who attend meetings have a nice pat on the back.

New officers for the coming year are: Dorothy Jenkins, second-term prexy; Shirley Marshall, secretary, also a two-timer (I don't really mean it); Bea Edgerly, our new treasurer;

Lorraine Chandler, publicity; Jane Greis, program chairman; and Mary Martin, your delinquent News Letter reporter.

A large number of guests attended the October meeting, when we sponsored a talk by Jim Versallino, head of the Arizona Aviation Authority. In addition to presenting some amazing and enlightening facts about the state of aviation in Arizona, we enjoyed a Walt Disney film on aviation history.

October 21 saw several regular members and guests at a radio clinic at Tucson Municipal Airport. We feel we learned some things and would like to thank Tucson Airport Authority and FFA personnel for a constructive evening.

### SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER By Billie Wyatt

This chapter has been out of the news for some time and I will attempt a brief rundown on activities of recent months. Margaret Andrews, a new member, was hostess to the August meeting in her beautiful home on the Tuolumne River. A business meeting and election of officers was held and the new officers are: Eve Hendley, Chairman; Dorothy Koebel, Vice Chairman; Margaret Andrews, Secretary-Treasurer; Lou Freeman, Membership; Laura May Crawford, Air Marking; and Billie Wyatt, News Letter Reporter. Ev and Laura May reported on their trip to Spokane and the convention. Seems the trip via airlines was quite an experience. Following the meeting we adjourned downstairs to the rumpus room for a pot luck luncheon. Margaret had the tables set out on the terrace and we ate our food out there and looked longingly at the swimming pool but nobody could get up the energy to take a swim. Members attending were Lou Freeman, Laura May Crawford, Dorothy Koebel and Dac, Ev Hendley, Margaret and Don Andrews, Elva Victorino and Billie and Ed Wyatt.

Ev served a Swedish smorgasbord at the October meeting held in her home. Ev spent considerable time preparing some of her native dishes and I think those going back for seconds were the best testimonials for the deliciousness of the food. Plans were made for completion of the Ceres air-marker, the rummage sale to be held on December 7 (proceeds from the rummage sale go to the AWTAR), and the Christmas party on December 12. Margaret, Lou and Elva were appointed to the committee for our chapter's ninth anniversary party to be held in January.

During the meeting we were all raised out of our seats and out the door for an impromptu air show put on for us by one of Ev's neighbors—a Waco, a Fleet and a Night Twister really came in close and all but rolled



their wheels across the roof—guess the TV wires stopped that—some pretty fancy rolls at low altitude, too, I'd say. Mariam Brugh and Gerri Hill of Bay Cities were guests for the day. Members present were Ethel Heiland, Dorothy Koebel, Lou Freeman, Laura May Crawford, Ev, Elva Victorino and Billie Wyatt.

Ethel Heiland and Billie Wyatt joined a fly-in to Hammer Field in Fresno for a visit to the new National Guard installation on the field. R. H. Taft of Atherton, Calif., an attorney specializing in aviation problems addressed the group. Highlight of the day was a checkout in the F-86 simulator. Alma Hinds of Redding was being checked out as we departed.

Billie Wyatt attended a recent meeting of the California Aeronautics Commission held in Sacramento. There is important legislation pending in California which will affect everybody in aviation. Be alert and take an active interest in the law making in your state.

#### SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Claire Bailey

Our October meeting was a fly-in to

Dalton Airport at Williams. Vivian Dalton served a delicious luncheon which was enjoyed by Gerry Michelsen who flew Ruth Wagner and Jo Eddleman in her Bellanca, Nelsyne Jones arrived in Joe Hayne's new Skylane with Lila Wightman as a guest, Mary Dunson flew a 175 from Reno, her own Skylane at this writing is snow bound in Flagstaff, Ariz. Mary was presented with a membership application by Helen Mace so we hope she will be one of us by next meeting. Ruth Lummis came with Helen Mace in her Piper Clipper, Carol Bloom, Mary Moore and guest Dorothy Duke arrived in Coral's Cessna 170, Dorothy is a glider pilot. Hialeah Reilich came in her new Cessna 175 with Genevieve Hall and baby Reilich as her passengers. Hialeah and 49½er Harry are co-owners with Dave and Lillian Gray in the new plane. Congratulations!

Mary McFarland has left the Reno area and is now living in her home in Eureka, flying fire control under contract to the state of California. We hope Mary will be able to fly in and meet with us once in a while.

Nelsyne Jones flew to Sacramento last Friday for a visit with Hialeah. Nelsyne is getting time in Joe Hayne's Skylane preparatory to flying it in the 1960 AWTAR. She will be sponsored by Joe Haynes.

Hialeah Reilich and baby son flew to San Jose last week for a visit with Patty Johnson.

I am very happy to report that Ruth Wagner is making a splendid recovery from her recent surgery.

Vivian Dalton very graciously offered us her beautiful rumpus room for our Christmas party. We will meet at Dalton Airport on December 12 at 4 p.m. for cocktails. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Barbecued chicken will be prepared by our hostess while each member attending is to bring her favorite hot dish. This sounds like a real bang-up party.

Your reporter played hookey from this meeting in favor of a weekend of fun and frivolity in Reno with 49½er Tom. We didn't win any money but we had a lot of fun. I am grateful to Genevieve Hall for collecting the news for me.

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