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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

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## President's Column

January, 1960

By the time you read this it will be a little late to be saying Happy New Year, but not too late to wish each of you many happy hours of flying and a goodly quota of CAVU weather. (Personally, if I could arrange to have it all CAVU I think I'd do it.)

This month all Chapter Chairmen and Governors will receive requests from the Nominating Committee for your selections for officers for next year, and from the Resolutions Committee for amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. It will greatly facilitate the work of both committees if you bring these requests to the attention of your members promptly for discussion and decision; and be sure to advise the committee chairmen before the March deadline.

During the month I will have the pleasure of representing you at the "Air Capital Banquet" of the Zonta Club in Wichita, honoring Amelia Earhart January 16th, and on January 27th at the Milwauyee Zonta Club annual Amelia Earhart dinner.

Orchids are due Blanche Noyes who was recently awarded the Lady Hay Drummond trophy in New York, and Jerrie Cobb who, on January 26th, will be presented the Women's National Aeronautic Association award, when she will be honored by the Aero Club of Washington. All of us I'm sure, are delighted to see women receiving honors in the field of aviation and may be pardoned for an extra feeling of pride when the women in question are Ninety-Nines.

There have been several instances lately of traveling 99's wanting to contact members in other cities and remembering just who lived where. We publish the Roster in its present size just so it will slip easily into your handbag. Take it with you when you go journeying.

Several of the chapters which have been inactive now have five members, and will be returned to active status and receive chapter mailings if they will elect officers and advise headquarters of their names.

Beginning with the March News Letter we are requesting that copy

## Pilot's Briefing

ADVANCE NOTICE: As of February 25th—all material to be published in the News Letter should be sent to Headquarters and not to the editor. Material for February issue with deadline of January 25th is to be sent to the editor as you have been doing.

SECTION GOVERNORS — Let us know the dates of your spring meetings to list in "Coming Events".

be sent to headquarters rather than to the editor. This will not go into effect until the February 25th deadline.

I have recently received word that there is a question as to the legality of "March of Dimes" flights by private pilots so would suggest that any chapters planning charity flights check with local FFA officials as to the exact ruling.

You know, I don't care if it is late. I'm still going to say Happy New Year!

As ever,

*Deedo*

Eugenia Heise

## From Ways And Means

The President of the United States presents his budget to Congress the first month of this bright New Year, and 99 Chapters everywhere budget and come forth with interesting ideas for raising money. Remember, Chapters, when you do this, include plans for your contribution to the 1961 AWTAR.

If adequate funds are donated by local Chapters, the race for that year can be assured, the start and terminus selected at an early date.

Individual contributions are welcome, too!

Please send your checks to me, and avoid a mad rush before July 1.

Winifred S. Lovelace,  
Ways and Means Chairman  
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## All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race

The All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race will take off from Torrance Municipal Airport July 9th and deadline for finishing at New Castle County Airport, Wilmington, Delaware is July 13th. Deadline for impounding airplanes at Wilmington will be July 6th.

Entries for the 1960 AWTAR will open April 20, 1960 and will close June 20, 1960. Sequence of numbers for all entries with the postmark of April 20th will be determined by drawing and all subsequent Air Race numbers will be assigned by individual post mark.

The race course of 2,516 statute miles follows a route via Needles, Calif., Prescott and Winslow, Ariz., Albuquerque, N. M., Amarillo, Tex., Oklahoma City, Okla., Ft. Smith, Ark., Memphis, Chattanooga and Johnson City, Tenn., Roanoke, Va., and MUST STOPS at Chattanooga and Roanoke.

Airplanes to be eligible for the 1960 AWTAR must have a date of manufacture after January 1, 1950 and be not less than 85 horsepower and not more than 350 horsepower. Two-way VHF radio is mandatory for all airplanes.

All information, rules and regulations, application for entry, airplane "par speeds" and other information for prospective contestants will be ready for mailing February 1, 1960. Send your requests for information to AWTAR, Inc. Headquarters, 2611 East Spring St., Long Beach 6, Calif.

AWTAR Board  
of Director

## Coming Events

### High Sky Derby

See Midland Chapter Report  
for Details

April 29, 30, May 1

North Central Sectional Meeting  
Dearborn Inn  
Dearborn, Mich.

May 13-15

South Central Sectional Meeting  
Shamrock-Hilton Hotel  
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**Deadline For News**  
The 25th Of Each Month

**From Africa****We Present . . .**

**YVONNE LOURENE**

c/o Operations, Sabena,  
Leopoldville, Congo Belge

In 1949 I obtained my "A" then private pilots license. Within 18 months I had a commercial license, and later a Senior Commercial license which I have unfortunately lost due to financial difficulty in keeping up an Instrument Rating. (Here I.F. ratings must be renewed every six months and this involves a lot of money.) In South Africa I won a couple of trophies for general flying, and in Rhodesia I held the not very wonderful record for altitude (light aircraft, women only) of 19,300 ft. in a very old Tiger Moth. The altitude was not so much, but at

least the only man to beat this, reached 20,000 feet, also in a Tiger, 20 years ago.

My first commercial job was carried out in Basutoland, South Africa's Switzerland. I enjoyed this thoroughly. I learned a lot and flew hard, but got no pay at all, which made life a bit difficult. I joined South African Airways as hostess until I married a pilot. I scrounged a bit of commercial flying (again unpaid) in Bechuanaland where we then lived. In Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, I later flew for a charter company (one that paid, for a change) spraying tsetse flies at Kariba Dam Site, in a Tiger Moth, and later flying passengers in a 10 seater Gore 19 (like the old Auson, only the 19 has a VP prop, metal covering, and does not have the undercart wound up with 149 strokes).

Now, in the Congo, flying is limited, as costs are terribly high, and I just manage to keep up my Commercial license. Flying as a job is not possible for me in the Congo, due to a surplus of men pilots, and of course the usual prejudice, but maybe one day they will change their minds about women pilots.

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### By Mary Lowry

We regret to start a report with bad news, but that is what Alice Mansfield's resignation is to the Section. We'll miss her and can only hope that when things in the sign towing business get less busy she'll be able to come visit with us if not rejoin.

Marcia Brody arrived from Illinois only to land in the hospital. She's better now and has started to work at Brandeis Univ. Hope to see her at the next meeting.

**SIGHTS WE WISH WE HAD SEEN:**  
Jerry Gardiner and 49½'er as a show girl and a Texan respectively in a far off Broadway production in New London. . . . Eleanor Horn and her 49½'er playing Santa to shut-ins at a pre-Christmas party.

**NEW ENGLANDERS AT LARGE:**  
Isobel Blodgett with many stories to

daughter and son-in-law. She even got to climb a small mountain in Sweden. . . . Dru Rowell vacationed in Paraguay and met 99 member-at-large Anesia Machado in Rio De Janeiro. Anesia was about to leave for four months in Japan where she would be working with the government in the interests of aviation. . . . Anne Baddour hostessing the Raytheon Fairchild out to California and back via Las Vegas. Lucky Anne got to fly it to Chicago.

Pat Arnold did it again. She set out for the last meeting in her new Skylane and had to turn back because of a bad mag. Then her car broke down on the Conn. turnpike and she never did get out of Conn. Pat swears that the next meetin' will have to be within walking distance or she won't come.

Those who did make it to Worcester for some of that delicious smorgasbord they serve were: Jerry Gardiner, Lois Wartman, June Douglas, Chris Seaver, Anne Baddour, Charlotte Kelley, Carol Haller and guest Jean Wylie, Marie Lepore, Isobel Blodgett, and Mary Lowry.

Charlotte told us about the exciting time she and Barbara Kiernan had as guests of Sikorsky who treated the Whirly Girls to a check ride in the S-55. Also the New York Port Authority entertained them in New York. They were quite chagrined when they had to take a train from New York to Conn. where the Sikorsky people picked them up.

Marie Lepore was busy switching hats again. Marie handles the Air Education program for the 99's CAP, and Mass. Aviation Education Commission. She's now setting up teacher workshops in the area and we were happy to offer her any and all the help we can give.

Patience of the month award goes to June Douglas' student who waited around for three hours while we dined and meted before continuing his X-country. June's building up her time fast and is looking around for ground schools for her Instrument and ATR writtens.

Next month—a very windy story. Come to meeting and find out all about it. If you can't come, write and we'll see that your news gets passed out at the meeting for you. If you don't we might be forced to make something up just to fill in the spaces so it might be best to get your licks in first!



### By Jeanne Spielberg

Our Governor, Peggy Norris, was a very charming contestant on the television quiz program "To Tell the



Truth." Altho she was not the person the panel was supposed to identify, she answered all the questions so convincingly and cleverly she had them fooled. Three of the four panelists voted Peggy the helicopter pilot, which will show you how well she had them stumped. However she confessed she had good reason to know the answers without having to bone up.

On December 12th we had a wonderful Christmas party at the home of Henry and Doris Renninger at East Norwich, Long Island. A record breaking crowd of 70 people attended on the stormiest night of the year, which is a tribute to a grand host and hostess. Their home was beautifully and tastefully decorated for the season. Our Christmas presents for the hospitalized kiddies, were deposited beneath the branches of the decorated Christmas tree and everything looked so festive. When all the guests were aboard, dinner was served on TWA serving trays with full flight accouterments, but the Chicken Tetrizzini was a la Renninger. What a wonderful idea that was. Sid Nesbitt entertained with song and ukelele accompaniment. Some of the songs were his own compositions. He is a fine entertainer and we all enjoyed his company.

Oh yes, I had almost forgotten, but how could I. One of the highlights of the evening was the roasted grasshoppers served as a delicacy with the cocktails. Of course I had one. Yummy!



#### WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER By Jan Tyler

December 12 was a special day for the 99'ers in our Chapter. Virginia and Don Thompson graciously offered their lovely home for our annual Christmas party. 99'ers were invited to bring along their 49½'ers and friends, and believe me a good time was had by all. Each person brought canned goods which was given to a blind recipient. The party started with a "hat creation" contest and the best imagination and ingenuity won the prize. Our unusual "gift exchange" was one of the high points of the evening. Capt. Charles Beatley, Million-Miler of Capital Airlines, gave a very informative talk regarding his experiences as an airline pilot, and an enthusiastic general discussion followed. A delicious desert was later served—and the party ended with us singing "Silent Night." Thanks, Virginia and Don, for a well planned party.

We missed Josie Cook at our Christmas party. Due to her father-in-law's

recent death she was unable to attend.

Barbara Lazarsky and her family will be moving soon to New Delhi, India. They are being transferred there for a two year stay and Barbara is really busy making all the necessary arrangements. We will certainly miss her cheerful smile and look forward to her return.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 10, at Doris Powers' home. General Kelsey will be there to speak on "Aviation—Then and Now." This should be an interesting meeting—so girls be sure not to miss it.

#### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Kate Macario

On Sunday, Nov. 15, our chapter held a dinner at the Silver Lake Inn. Clementon, N. J., and had for a guest speaker, Steve Snyder, a young but very experienced Sky Diver. He is currently jumping at the Valley Forge Airport where instruction in Sky Diving may be obtained. Steve has made over 200 jumps, is National Safety Officer of the Parachute Club of America and is first in the U. S. for baton-passing in mid-air. He is a "super salesman," out to "sell" his audience on Sky Diving and after listening to his vivid account, many of us were "sold" on it. Sixty-six persons attended this affair (which included smorgasbord and cocktails prior to the dinner) with Gert Dennis and Beth Sturtevant being our biggest promoters.

At the annual dinner, show and dance sponsored by the Delaware Valley Soaring and Power Pilots Association which was held at the Casa Conti Restaurant in Glenside, Pa., almost every aviation organization in this area was represented. Those from the 99's included Connie Wolf, who received a big hand from the audience for her recent ballooning feats, Jean Rutledge, Elsie McBride, Peggy Borek and myself. It was a good opportunity to see and talk to a great many flying friends, as more than 300 aviation enthusiasts attended.

Our most recent affair was our Christmas party on December 11th, which we held at the Silver Lake Inn since it is such an attractive place and they serve the most delicious smorgasbord. The party was a great success due to the interest and efforts contributed to it by many of the 99's. Appreciated is—Beth Sturtevant's decorating and bring so many guests, quite a few of whom are prospective members, Gert Dennis' novel name tags, Jean Rutledge's old reliable job of gift wrapping the door prizes and the auctioned off items, and Marie D'Alterio for handling the money. The entertainment included emcee Don Nattress from our Phila. Flying Association, a humorous soliloquy by

Beth Sturtevant, and a fascinating hypnotist, brought by Peggy Borek, who successfully hypnotized two out of six volunteers, providing many a good laugh at their innocent expense.

As a special treat we had a visit from Paul Parker of radio station WIP who plugs aviation at every opportunity. With the Christmas party as a background he interviewed several of the girls and the tape which recorded was aired on the following Monday. He claims this is his first introduction to the 99 organization and now that we have him interested he can be of great help to us publicity-wise. Elsie McBride had invited him to attend the party and we are very pleased that he took the time out from another date to spend with us.



#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER By Anne Roethke

Our first "drive in" winter meeting was held in November at Dora Fritzke's Whitefish Bay home and featured apple pie. During the spirited business meeting a plan was evolved to stimulate our sagging sisterhood. Vice Chairman Mary Landis was appointed to investigate various possible projects and will report at the January meeting. Your reporter was commissioned to make arrangements for publication of a regular column on Ninety-Nine activities in the Badger Airway Beacon, a small but informative magazine published monthly at Plymouth, Wis. Through activity and publicity, we hope to acquire a larger and more active membership.

Following the business meeting, there were games of skill (in talking, of course) and prizes for all. Useful things, too, like a sectional chart of Birmingham, vintage 1945 (for that lost feeling) and a jar full of pure Wisconsin atmosphere (what every pilot wants).

That peripatetic Air Force nurse, Florence Fintak, was in Milwaukee in November and met with her "old" friends at Dora Fritzke's the day before Thanksgiving. Now that Florence is a lieutenant colonel, I understand that General Vandenberg is getting nervous about his job.

Isabel Kress' Christmas party on December 20 was a huge success, drawing ten members, five 49½'ers and sixty cents from members not wearing pins. The turkey, prepared with tender loving care by Fred Kress, was out of this world. So was our International President when she and several other uninhibited members had a game of miniature croquet on the rug. Needless to say, the business



meeting was postponed and I hope everyone found the way home.

#### GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

We planned our fly-in with the Kansas Chapter for October 11, a dinner at the Golden Ox and a conducted tour of Kansas City, then prayed for good weather for the date.

Ole man weather really cooperated and on Sunday morning, the sun was shining bright and there was not a cloud to be seen. About 10 a.m. the



Seated, left to right: Katherine Peck, Ruth Stafford, Sonia Coldern (Iquique, Chile), Mary Jane McKillip (Kansas chairman), Hazel Guy and Laurien Griffin. Standing, left to right: Partly obscured is Bennie Powers, Lorena Smith, Becky Morgan, Helen Chandler, Marge Paris, Ann Pappas, Marge Farrell, Margaret Ann Yoder, Sara Gorelick and Elaine Morris (Greater Kansas City chairman).

girls began to arrive and by 10:30 all were here. All 11 of them. Some had driven and some had flown. After a short bull session and a few cups of coffee and assorted rolls the visitors settled down for a short business meeting and then we were off to the Golden Ox for a chuck wagon dinner. All of the visitors seemed to enjoy the art fair we visited during our tour of the city.

The annual Christmas party dinner meeting was held at the home of Laurien Griffen with a gift exchange. Miss Mary Kay Flynn with the NEA was the guest speaker and she showed us some of her very interesting slides, included among which were some fabulous shots of a Vanguard firing at Cape Canaveral which she was fortunate enough to have witnessed some few months ago! She also circulated among us a feature article she had written about Jerrie Cobb receiving the Woman of the Year in Aviation award given by the Women's National Aero Association.

The most exciting thing during the evening was talk about Elaine Morris' trip to Europe on the 707 the next mornin! We marveled at Elaine's calmness with such a trip just hours before her. She is going to Germany

to be with her daughter and husband for the holidays who are stationed there with the Air Force.

All aviation groups are looking forward here in Kansas City to the first annual Wright Memorial Dinner to be given jointly this coming December 17. Both Air Force and civilians are participating and it will prove to be a wonderful evening, we know. Max Conrad is to receive an award that night, too. So far 11 of our 99 girls have reservations to attend the event.

It was a joy to have Marge Farrell with us at the party since her recent trip to the hospital. Marge was on her first "solo" since her return home and she got around quite well. Sure was good to have her with us. Modern medicine—she never missed a meeting!

Santa was good to all of us in the gift exchange, you could tell by the "ohs" and "ahs" heard 'round the room as the paper fell away disclosing in the contents. Here's wishing everyone a Happy New Year and much good flyin' in '60.

#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Margaret (Gourmet) Manuel hosted our October 18 meeting at Stanton Airport which she and her 49½, Malcolm, operate. Autumn and Minnesota had conspired to produce a perfect day for our last fly-in of this season, and utilizing the airways were Marian Champlin and 49½, Keith; Marilyn Williams, 49½, Frank, with their family; Chuck Scheifly with Steve and Charlie. Jean Scheifly arrived overland with Susie. Also enjoying scenic autumn highways were Rita and Burt Orr with their family.

This reporter and 49½ were all set to Mooney down but while parked on a ramp were victim of brake failure on the part of a high wing aircraft, which spun around, leaving a gaping hole in the spruce plywood tail! Although we arrived late, we were just in time for Margaret's marvelous dinner. Thanksgiving would pale in comparison. We all really enjoyed ourselves.

Business was concerned with laying this year's program, including preliminary plans for an airlift at the Rochester Airport dedication next July 30-31.

The November 11 meeting found us in the airport manager's office, Wold-Chamberlain Field, a sign l'hiver has closed in. This was indeed a good thing, as winter's first blasts brought us, via the airways, Juanita Leach with 49½ Marvis, and Laura Drayton with her father, all from St. Cloud, whom we haven't seen all summer. Laura, a sophomore at St. Cloud Teachers College, we're happy to say, joined commercial pilot ranks September 29 (after some misadventure). We also welcomed back Ginny Casper-

sen, whose Sunday duties as flight dispatcher have kept her away this Summer. Surprise! Ginny received her commercial rating September 23. And to complete the magic circle of threes, October 29 was Marilyn Williams' day to come of age as a commercial pilot. Don't think we're not proud! Congratulations to you three!

We were happy to see Patty Mankin from Rochester, who has been away this summer. Minneapolitans arriving on surface were Avis Larson (delayed by a flat), Marian and Keith Champlin and Dorothy Ryan.

IMPORTANT ITEM: St. Paul Jaycees invited the 99's to a November 18 meeting for all organizations interest in promoting aviation in this area, tentatively to include a Sunday husband-wife racing event next summer, with other completion. A good start. Also of interest—The St. Paul Pioneer Press is considering a weekly aviation column.

#### CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Rose S. Andrew

Happy Holidays to all the friends who will be reading their News Letter.

Helen Greinke took part in the recent Dallas Doll Derby. By the way, have you seen the recently published works that Helen has put out on planning a cross country trip? Be sure to ask your favorite instructor if he has his copies yet? They are published by "Hangar Flying, Inc." at Bloomington, Ill.

Three cheers for our busy Barbara Jenison from Paris, Ill. She now has her instrument rating. We are so glad she has too, for she is one busy lady and really gets lots of flying done.

Our Chapter is selling Christmas cards that were given to us to sell by a former member, Dora Dougherty. There are cards on display at Mattoon Airport and at the Alton Airport.

Our Chairman, Marjorie Kelly, Mattoon, has completed the "180 course" and hopes to take some instrument time too. She gets lots of good use from her Cessna and enjoys trips to Alabama, when the weather is good, to see her little granddaughters.

Marjorie recently attended a meeting of the National Pilots' Association.

How many of you can claim the honor of having a 49½er who went flying in the early morning hours in p-j's and slippers? Early this fall a policeman on the front door. I tumbled down the stairs to find that within 100 yards of our driveway a car had been abandoned and that there were some young thieves in the neighborhood. Another policeman drove in and asked Frank, my husband, if he would take our plane up and see if they could spot the young culprits from the air. It was still early enough that Frank had to use lights for taking off, but we all felt just as if we were taking part in some episode of "Sky



King's." We have been teasing Frank ever since about "going after his men" in slippers and robe. I wanted to take my turn at the search, too, but there were places in the neighborhood that had to be taken care of as far as letting people know was concerned. P.S. The boys were caught about four miles away, and while we were never sure that Frank saw them, he received a nice note from the state police thanking him for helping in the activities and probably having hindered their escape.

Marilyn Jackson is busy with her teaching duties (physical education) at Monticello, but stays near an "aviation environment" as much as she can.

"Deed" Holcomb, Princeton, writes that they are enjoying the Fairchild they have. Says it is loaded with moth balls to discourage the mice.

She and Max, her 49½er, are leaving the latter part of the month for a commercial flight to the West Coast, and home to O'Hare by passenger jet-plane.

Evelyn Farley and her husband are working up a skit for the Illinois-Indiana Flying Farmers' clinic to be held at Peoria the two days following Thanksgiving.

## INDIANA CHAPTER

By Billie Smith

We selected beautiful Weir Cook Airport for our November meeting. Mr. Petro, superintendent of the airport, was our speaker and among many interesting things gave us figures on incoming and outgoing aircraft for this year and last. The percentage of increase is almost unbelievable.

Delia Sanders, our last years chairman, presented Joe Clark with a



Winners of the Points Program, Indiana Chapter are (left to right): Delia Sanders, first; Rae Caudell, second; Sophia Payton, chairman of Points Program; and Mildred Hurt, third.

beautiful plaque from our chapter in appreciation of his time and a "smooth" job as master of ceremonies at our fall sectional.

Rae Caudell was activities coordinator for Lake Central Airlines at the quarterly fall meeting of the Association of Local Transport Air Lines here in Indianapolis. She is also chairman for North Central Section of Air Education and on a committee of International Air Education.

Nellie Alger just returned from Mexico. Of course, she flew her 175. Gloria Richards has been elected secretary of the Indianapolis Aero Club and Peggy Coulter and family are going to spend Christmas vacation at beautiful Pompino Beach in Florida. Wilma Gunderson fell and broke her ankle and we hear she will be in a cast for about two months. Estell Adkins' sons is now in the Army.

Sophia Payton presented beautiful trophies to the winners of our Points Program. These awards are given once a year to three of our 99's who have earned the highest number of points during the past year. First place went to Delia Sanders for attending all chapter meetings as well as Sectional and National Conventions. She furnished transportation for some members to meetings, participated in Air Education, flew over 30 hours and was responsible for signing a new member for us. Delia was also on the welcoming committee for trail blazers at Kokomo, served on the ground crew for the Kokomo stop of AWTAR and was our last years chairman. Second place was won by Rae Caudell and third place by Mildred Hurt. Space won't permit me to tell of their activities, but they were "on the step" all the way (see picture).

Plans for our Christmas party are afoot—watch for announcement soon.

## CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By June Basile

A very wise person once told me that if you keep your ears open you can learn a great deal without extending very much effort. I tried it and do you know what? It works! Now, let me tell you what I learned by putting this bit of advice to the test.

Alice DeWitt, the Chicago Chapter's only helicopter pilot, met with Barbara Kienan, International Ninety-Nine Treasurer, and eight other helicopter lady pilots in New York City and Connecticut the early part of this month. They were the guests of the New York Port Authority and enjoyed flights in the New York area. They all took turns as co-pilots on S-55 Sikorskys and had a personal visit with Mr. Igor Sikorsky at the factory. Sylvia (with a twinkle in her eye) Roth has designed a new hat. It has a static wick installed so one's hair stays down while flying thru St. Elmo's fire. That may be a clever little joke, but the beautiful new Goodrich de-icer boots she has on the 310

are for real. Now I know why I can never reach Sylvia on the telephone. In just one short month, she got weathered in at South Bend and saw Deedo Heise, same weather; she spent a day in New York with Kay Brick and Barbara Evans, saw Alice Roberts in Phoenix, visited with Nina Price in Tucson and had time for lunch with Nita Fineman and Eve Chilcoat at Pal-Waukee. Speaking of Deedo, she and Nell Brown spent a day at Rockford with a group of lady pilots who are interested in starting a 99 chapter in their area. On the same day, Nell dashed over to O'Hare International to have lunch with Edna Stennet, The Flying Realtor, and a Long Beach Chapter 99. Juanita Fineman's husband gave her a nice "little" gift. A Tri-Pacer of her very own. Our guess is that it won't take long until their family car becomes just a means of getting to the airport. Congratulations to Kay Buckley, we hear that she passed her instrument written. Regina Devine has been seen out at Chicago-Hammond piloting a Cub-Cruiser on the weekends. Marge Raglin had some encouraging news for us. There are about ten future women pilots attending the Illinois Ground School Refresher Course at Crystal Lake. Maybe we will top our new member record of last year. Bee and Verne Siemon took two plane loads of Boy Scouts on a field trip to O'Hare Airport. The boys are working for their Aviation Merit Badges. An added thrill for the boys came when Bee had each of them take turns at the controls of the 195. Heard from Esther Noffke that Sally Stempel is back at Pal-Waukee Airport after a long illness. Welcome back, Sally, we hear that you're looking lovier than ever. Helen Sailer came back from a vacation "down home" to be with us when we visited United Airlines Jetarama. We'd like to extend our very best wishes to Dr. Sue Willems, she is now Mrs. Garth Roscoe.

If keeping one's ears open can bring in all this news, just imagine what we'll learn when we see all the members at our November meeting at Glenview Air Station next week.

## IGWA CHAPTER

By Louise Swift

Another twenty-five dollar check was added to the 1959 Amelia Earhart fund on vote of the chapter at our November meeting. Pauline Reece was hostess at the Cloud Room of the Des Moines Municipal Airport, where a buffet dinner was served. Pauline awarded prizes to three lucky winners.

Something new has been added—a multi-engine rating to prexy Alice Pfantz's long list of achievements. Spurred each of us on to add to our own ratings—we'll keep you posted.

An invitation was extended to Eliza-



beth Utsler of Indianola to join our ranks. Also, Helen Flaherty of Ft. Dodge and Virginia Koestner of Duncombe have transferred from Upper Iowa to our chapter—welcome to the fold!

The following chairmen were appointed: Evelyn Grandquist, Publicity and Scrapbook; Helene Holton, Air Education; Helen Flaherty, Air Marking; Tina Healy, Amelia Earhart Scholarship; Lenelle Hunt, Civil Defense; and your reporter, News Letter and Membership.

During our business meeting, Guy Fortier guided the teenagers thru the National Guard hangar where military jets are based at the Des Moines Airport.

Our 198's explored the Dalbey's establishment where Lloyd's wizardry in commercial art creates displays for department store windows across the nation.

Attending were Paulie Reece, Irene and Lloyd Dalbey, Lenelle and Ward Hunt, Helene, Don and Dan Holton, Joann and Guy Fortier, Alice, George, Pennie and Bill Pfantz, Kitty, Cliff Mary and Paul Hach, Louise, Jim and Fred Swift and friend, Tom Tubbs.

#### **GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER** By Adele Scharr

What greater blessing is there than to get a friendly note at Christmas from an old-time flying buddy? Only the News Letter, bringing the chapter chatter ten time a year. How we miss those silent belles who remain untold!

Proudly we announce the 1959 Achievement Award winners in alphabetical order: Mickey Clark, Hilda Hemmersmeier, Ruth Lake, Maxine Loeffler, and Golly Miner. Awards will be made at the point 99-Aero Club January meeting. Dolores Whelan tabulates the points, checking each contestant, and deserves praise. Re-evaluation of 1959 values changed the scoring of activities for 1960. Dot Rumsey, Laura Sellinger, Connie Matter, and Del Scharr served as the committee.

When Young Aviation invited the chapter to use its lounge (old National Guard hangar) for the December 9th meeting, Barbara Reithmeier and Hilda Hemmersmeier used this attractive, homey setting beautifully. They were hostesses. (Barbara and her 49½er have the DeWeese Aviation instrument school on the second floor.) The 1957 TAR and the 1959 Aero Club race movies were shown after the meeting. Delicious refreshments followed.

On December 18th, the chapter and the Aero Club held a joint Christmas party at the Prime Rib. The food was out of this world, orchestra quite versatile, and 108 aviation enthusiasts really had a ball.

#### **MICHIGAN CHAPTER** By Adele Binsfield

The December meeting was a Christmas dinner party at the Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club on 12 December 1959. There were 25 members and a dozen guests present, enjoying cocktails, dinner and a very short, short meeting. Bob Steadman made a very witty and jovial Santa, ably assisted by Garth Wilson. The lounge soon became gay with scattered ribbons, paper wrappings and happy guests comparing their odd gifts (under 50 cents). The ambitious guests then tried some toe tapping to good records. Jessie Wolke, our newest member, and husband Homer were really cutting a rug, while Harry and Eloise Smith led the rumba line. The rest of the people enjoyed the fireplace, stories, Christmas songs and cheer. Our Christmas donations are going to Mrs. Helen Dingman of Flint, Mich., for her amazing Girl Scout Troop, composed of handicapped girls. (It's not too late, if you missed it; send checks to Helen Wetherill.)

We heard that Margaret Windfuhr and Pauline Jones are good huntresses. They both got their deer during our last hunting season. Pauline has been checked out in a 171, hopes to build up some good practical experience to apply on a Powder Puff Race.

Here's a far sighted Santa Claus—he ordered a Cessna 180 for his wife, Pat Russell, for Christmas, so she could start practicing for the AWTAR.

Bernice Steadman has a new 250 Comanche that we will see flying from Flint.

Eloise Smith advised us not to fly in Canada after the ice starts to form. She had some rough experience with frozen rudders. It seems that Austin Lake had a call from a pilot up there who had slipped off his icy floats and pulled his arm from its socket. He wanted his 180 delivered back to Fort Wayne. The Soo had a week of 10 below zero weather but Eloise had luckily chosen the first and only warm day—33 above to go up there and accomplish the mission.

A couple of Christmas vacationers are Leah Higgins who will spend her holidays in Cleveland, while Olivia Belle hopes to get down to Florida. Velma and Tom Del Giorno are planning a fishing trip to Acapulco, Mexico, next month.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to ALL.

#### **ALL-OHIO CHAPTER** By Marilyn Collette

November 14th, Ohio Aviation Board Office, University Airport, Columbus, Ohio was the time and place of our November meeting where we all learned who the lucky gal was to receive the Achievement Award for 1959. Those present at the meeting

were Virginia Schumacher, Mary Fecser, Helen Sammon and 49½ Jim, Marion Betzler, Martha Foley and 49½ Jim, Jane Howell and her guest Gena Rodda, Beverly Mather, Dottie Anderson, Lavina Stolte and her guest Kate Kohler, Janice Keuchenmeister, Edna Calbeck and 49½ John, Marge Gor-



Miss Dottie Anderson, Bluffton, Ohio, 1959 winner of the Achievement Award for All-Ohio Chapter. Here posed with the Floating Trophy that is hers to keep until next fall, when she will receive an Amelia Earhart Medal in its place.

man and 49½ Jim, Edythe Maxim and 49½ John, Jean Bonar and 49½ Pete, Bernita Nickell, Martha Wilcox, Alice Schlott, Nellie Rasor, Rosalie Bracht, Jean Hixson, Jody Scott, Joan Hrubec, Margaret Callaway, Margaret Hammon, Martha Walters, a prospective 99 Vera Everett, your reporter Marilyn Collette, and a special 99 guest Loretta Slavick from St. Louis.

We were all so pleased to see and have an opportunity to hear more details on the proposed trip abroad and just old fashioned visit with Loretta. Our thanks to Norman Crabtree of the Ohio Aviation Board for his fine job as host and making us feel welcome.

After a fine box lunch of fried chicken we all eagerly awaited the naming of the achievement winner which turned out to be Dottie Anderson of Bluffton, Ohio. The runner-ups this year were Marion Betzler, Virginia Schumacher and Jane Howell. Dottie is a very active gal in aviation, she holds a Commercial Flight Instructor rating with SEL and MEL, and an instrument rating. She is currently employed by the Bluffton Flying Service at the Bluffton Airport. She has a total of 5,300 hours in the air with 4,200 of them as instructor. She has flown in several efficiency



racers, and flew the past SMALL race in Michigan this past October. Besides her flying activities Dottie's hobby is amateur radio and she owns and operates her own station W80VV at the Bluffton Airport. Congratulations, Dottie, from all of us in the Ohio Chapter.

Arlene Davis, All-Ohio's record smasher, has chalked up another "first" in a long line of flying exploits. Arlene recently completed a 13 day junket, which made her the first pilot to fly the North and South Atlantic in one trip in a private plane.

Armed with chewing gum, candy bars, and determination, she piloted a twin engine Travel Air over a 20,000 mile course, which took her to Newfoundland, Iceland, Scotland, France, Switzerland, Spain, North Africa, Miami and Cleveland from where the flight originated.

Arlene spoke enthusiastically about her trip, saying that it was positively wonderful, although she went through some bad fronts. In Brazil, they wouldn't release the plane at first, although all clearance had been arranged before the flight. Much to Arlene's happy surprise, she found help in a high-ranking Brazilian officer, who remembered her as being one of the Powder-Puffers a few years back, while he was stationed as an exchange officer at an air base in Texas. As for the airplane itself, it performed admirably, with nary a bad moment mechanically.

Arlene was aviation's "Woman of the Year" in 1952, won her first air race in 1934, and has piled up honors ever since.

Congratulations and felicitations, Arlene, we're all very proud of you.

During the lull of the winter, we of the Ohio Chapter would like to present to you some of our outstanding members. The first 99 we would like you to meet is Alice Puller of Cleveland, Ohio.



#### MIDLAND CHAPTER

By Mary L. Erwin

"We believe the highlight of this month's report should be . . ." Since this absent-minded reporter has started the last two reports in that fashion, why not this one? At any rate, the meeting December 6 in Ozona certainly was a "highlight." Netta and Dee Adcock flew from Lamesa with their two sons, Terry and Danny; Mimi Muldrow and guest Les Hutchins flew in from Midland; Velma Lee Copeland, her son, Craig, and guest,

Barbara Speed, flew to Pecos, picked up Betty Powell, and flew to Ozona; Ann and Doyle Bynum and son, Don, flew from Big Spring in a 250 Comanche which Ann had soloed the day before; and Mary and Curtis Erwin and a couple of friends flew from Stanton to Eldorado, where they left the couple and then flew over to Ozona. Mildred Goodson and Pat Barbee met us at the airport in Ozona, took us downtown for luncheon, then to Pat's house for our meeting, plus snacks and coffee. Pat's mother, Mrs. Cochran, Bobbie Morgan and Sally Anne Posey, student pilots, assisted with the fine welcome at the Barbee home. We ran out of time before we got to have the spot landing contest we'd planned, but considering the strong, gusty crosswind we had that afternoon, this writer, for one, thought it was "contest" enough just getting the plane down in one piece, much less on one spot. Nancy Brumlow missed the meeting, for the very good reason that she was putting her recently acquired Commercial Rating to some commercial use: she had a charter trip that Sunday. We feel that we made an excellent choice in nominating Nancy at that meeting as our candidate for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award. We also received with approval Nancy's good work in making up for us our achievement rating sheets, which will cover the period from December 1 to June 1. If any other chapter is interested in our particular achievement award plan, contact us and we'll give you the poop.

The main topic of this meeting was the air race we're planning to have in February. Yep, 'sho nuff, we're going to take the plunge and sponsor an efficiency race. We hope we can carry it off with something approaching the efficiency of the races the other chapters have had, and we're starting to cross our fingers now, hoping we'll have the CAVU weather we have 80 percent of the time in this area. As a matter of fact, a book has been published recently about Midland and environs, called "Land of the High Sky," by John Howard Griffin, and from this we've taken the name for our race, "High Sky Derby." The Midland Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee, headed by Ted Lowe, is backing us to the tune of \$200 cash prize money. The aviation services and dealers of Midland Air Terminal are donating the trophies for the winning pilots; Amelia Earhart medals will go to co-pilots. The race is to be in conjunction with the formal opening of the splendid new air terminal building, and building completion dates being the slippery things they are, we'll have to wait a bit to learn the exact date of the

opening and likewise the race. We are assured that the opening will be sometime between the first and 15th of February, so the race probably will be on Saturday, the 6th, or 13th, with rain dates the following Sundays. The race committee hasn't fixed the course, but we know it will be approximately 350 miles, probably with an intermediate stop. Our next chapter meeting will be at our clubroom in Midland, January 10th, and we expect to have everything firmed up by then. You'll get the complete details when you write or call Mimi Muldrow (Miss), 411 South "M" St., Midland, phone MU 4-8773, for your application and rules sheet. Anyway, y'all come fly in the "High Sky Derby"—we plan some fun afterwards.

Other news in brief: 10-11-59, we had Grace Harris of Kansas City visit our clubroom and sign our guest book. She drove in the recent sports car race held here in Midland. 11-17-59, Frances S. Bera of Long Beach, Calif., passed through and signed in, "R.O.N." Mimi and Velma Lee have been working with the Texas Department of Public Safety and Aviation Director Erle Taylor in collecting a file of cards from pilots and plane owners with all information necessary for use by Civil Defense Search and Rescue. Midland is headquarters for Civil Air Patrol for 21 counties. Betty Powell got a taste of twin-engine flying, co-piloting a Cessna 310 from Pecos to El Paso and back, recently. This had better be all for now!

#### ABILENE CHAPTER

By Beverly Tarpley

The elements kept us grounded in November, but it only served to increase our enjoyment of the Christmas party held December 19th. The Abilene Petroleum Club was the scene of the Christmas party and the membership committee with Tolly Petty as chairman were hostesses. We entertained our husbands at a cocktail party and dinner before everyone rushed off to other Christmas parties.

The committee had attended to every detail necessary for an enjoyable evening right down to place cards complete with model airplanes. The evening was brighter because we had with us our newest member, Gloria Puckett, officially Mrs. Bruce Puckett, 1525 Elmwood Drive, Abilene, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Frost of Eastland were also guests. Nancy Frost is now a student pilot and almost ready to take her check ride. Here's hoping that we encouraged her in getting her license rather than frightening her with our "hangar flying."

The Abilene Chapter has enjoyed a very successful year and we are looking forward to another successful year in 1960. We send our best wishes for



the holiday season and a bright new year to all Ninety-Nines everywhere.

### COLORADO CHAPTER

By Peg Ong

With all of the holiday rush, I almost forgot to get these notes written up . . . but my Christmas card list containing "99" names made me start thinking about the wonderful time that we had on Dec. 4th at Mary and Bob Collett's. Their fabulous home simply radiated the Christmas spirit and if you didn't get lost finding your way from one end to the other all was well. And what could have been more perfect than to have been entertained by Mary's own trained TV star poochies. "Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus" complete in costumes (made by Mary of course). Joining in the festivities were the Mugeles, Ongs, Maxsons, Frenzels, Dennises, Longbrooks, Nordstroms, Mayfields, Wenholzes, Nettleblads, Donna Myers, Verna Christopher, Emily Hanrahan, Lynn Pfleeger, Pat Urling, Thelma Thomas, Betty Stackhouse, and guests Bess Coleman, a Denver beautician ready for her private, Gisele Goetsche, who has her private after much trouble keeping an active medical, Jackie Mattis, a Western Airline hostess with a new private as of Nov., and Alton Lund. Our usual gift exchange followed the terrific buffet dinner and the evening was spent socially.

CHATTER: The entire chapter was pleased as punch to open the Nov. News Letter to find Ruth Mugele's Amelia Earhart portrait on the cover . . . now the rest of you will just have to see it for real to most fully appreciate it. Anyway, our artist is at it again—has a "one gal show" at the Industrial Federal Center . . . can't help but admire that gal considering how much trouble I had doing a "numbered" oil portrait . . . have decided it simply takes artistic ability and I just don't have it . . . some's got it . . . and Ruth certainly has! Donna is back working at Frontier again after a trip to Okla. City and a visit with Dottie Young. The Dennises took their Skyland to Calif. and then Jess decided to live dangerously and got involved in a car accident. The night of the Christmas party you didn't dare slap him on the back to vigorously or you ended up with a sprained wrist (he's wearing a real iron maiden). Big congrats to Helen Choun . . . she has a brand new multi-engine rating we hear . . . guess she finally decided to show their Travel Air who was boss. Mary Wenholz has also been sneaking in some flying time in between ski trips . . . got checked out in a 172 recently. Understand the Lyons have left the Denver area for Salem, Ore. . . . hate to lose you Joyce! Jim and I had planned a Fournaire flight (yes, the Bellanca is still in the shop) last weekend to Las Vegas but I guess we

didn't pay the weatherman well enough . . . ended up driving to Albuquerque and then hoping on TWA for the rest of the way . . . MUCHO fun . . . need I say more? Tail winds and NO icing to ya!

### TULSA CHAPTER

By Agnes Hellman

At our November meeting we welcomed Jan Mauritson and Freda Guild into our fold. That was only hours before Freda was to be checked out for her Instrument Rating. She passed that hurdle with flying colors and we all are so happy and proud for her. Now she is going to get acquainted with the new Comanche she and her doctor husband just bought. Pat Bauer and 49½er Cecil are stacking up the hours on their new Comanche too; they want to be all ready to leave for California for the holidays on the 18th. Tissie Heath and Pat Bauer planned and made all the arrangements for our December meeting dinner party. Naturally the 49½ers were the guests of honor and it was a real pleasure to have our menfolk get acquainted.

Thanks for all the Christmas and New Year greetings from so many of our friends and though it is a little late we send greetings for the New Year to all of our sister 99's.

### EL PASO, TEXAS CHAPTER

By BZrookie Bozarth

The weather has been so unpredictable this month that there has been very little flying.

Ruby and Dick Tatman flew to Florida on vacation and joined the Florida Aero Club's flight to Nassau. There were 25 planes made the over-water flight. It was a wonderful trip. They were lucky in missing all the bad weather.

Ruth Deerman met Lindy Boyes at the airport for a short visit between planes. Lindy was on her way home from a trip to Europe. Blanche Noyes came through El Paso and spent the night with Ruth.

We are happy to have Lydia Weaver for our newest member.

Tony Page flew in from Ft. Worth for the formal opening of Cristo Rey Airport on Saturday. We had a fine program with air show, formation flying, balloon busting and skydiving. After the air show we were guests of Sunland Park Race Assn. for lunch and the races. The races featured "Cristo Rey" Handicap and also "Tony Page" Handicap. We had our 99's meeting in the lounge of Cristo Rey Airport, planned our Christmas party, which will be at the Tatman's again this year.

On Sunday we had a fly-in breakfast at Cristo Rey Airport and another air show, completing the formal opening of the airport. It was two days of fun for the flyers. Lela Carwardine was all smiles as she told us she had just been made a member of the Fly-

ing Farmers of Alaska. She was here with her Cessna 120 with the Alaska sticker on the window.

Juanita Burdick's rifle practice paid off—she got her deer on their hunting trip to Colorado.

Good flying and Happy Thanksgiving to U-all.

### HOUSTON CHAPTER

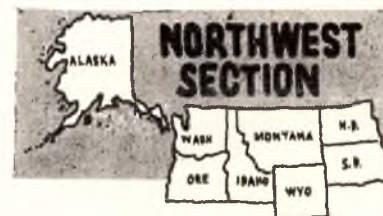
By Alice Seaborn

Our November meeting was held Nov. 10th at the home of Joyce Brooks. Those present were Rhea Hurrell, Merle Boitnott, Frances Castleberry, Virginia Williams, Joyce Brooks, Celia Parrish, and Alice Seaborn. Plans were made for a Christmas party to be given Dec. 12th.

Though our intentions have been good as far as air-marking is concerned, we have run into complications primarily weather. We have had expeditions all organized several times only to have it come a raging blizzard or a storm. Now it's getting mighty close to Christmas so no one will have any spare time.

Barbara Danburg has a new Apache.

That's all I can think of right now. We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Sectional May, 1960. Ya'll come.



### EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER

By Onita Hoff

The October meeting was held on the 4th at the lovely home of Selma Vandercreek in Blackfoot. Member attending were Virginia Huidekoper of Jackson, Wyo., Betty Brown of Pocatello, Onita Hoff of Idaho Falls, and hostess, Selma. Little Sisters and guests were Ginny Bernhardt of Rosenberg, Texas, Sharon Hultz, Mitzie Eutchinson, and Ada Jane Miller, all of Blackfoot. It was voted to present an Amelia Earhart medal to Esther Stone. Treasurer sent for the medal. Dues were collected. Onita gave a report on how the project of decorating for the Awards Banquet was carried out. Seventy-two guilDED rockets were made and flown to Spokane where Betty Storrs and Onita Hoff, with the aid of West 99's decorated for the big event. It was voted to have a "Chili Sale" at Blackfoot Airport Jan. 4th—all members to bring chili and help with the sale of chili and beverages. Onita was appointed to make the advertising posters for it. Another project was suggested—showing films on aviation at both State Fairs by both Chapters—and short talks on civil aviation and flying organizations.



The November meeting, a pot-luck, turned out to be a very delicious dinner. Those present were: the C. L. Storrs, the Galyn Stones, the Vandercreeks of Blackfoot, Onita Hoff, Ginnie Bernhardt, Mary Kilbourne, Carol Gillispie, Joe Calich and, of course, the host and hostess Betty and Darwin Brown. After consuming our limit of wonderful food, a short business meeting was held. Esther Stone was presented the Amelia Earhart Award Medal for her devoted efforts in behalf of this flying organization. Her recovery from an almost fatal accident is due to this same unexplainably, indomitable spirit and to a most attentive 49½er (I'd say 100 percent) husband.

There's two kinds of finish for an airplane—laquer and liquor!

Engine cold these days? The Hoff boys use Mom's hair-drier to warm 'er up!

Two 16 year olds took to the air recently. Marion Breeding, daughter of Gilbert and Gertrude, soloed. Marion won second place in the National Flying Farmer Essay Contest this year, and is a prospective 99. Watch her progress.

Dick (Richard) Hoff, sixth member to take to the air, in his family, soloed Nov. 28, on his brother, John's, 13th birthday. Was so happy, he did 720's all the way home 'til his Mom chewed her nails and he said, "What's the matter, don't ya like to fly?"

The Mike Loenings flew East for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Carol Gillispie anticipates a Christmas in Portland, Ore.

Little Sister Mitzie Hutchinson has made her second parachute jump at Blackfoot—loves it. To date, seven youth have jumped. Well! Whatcha' waitin' for?

The Storrs are in the air as much as on the ground, it seems—just back from a trip to Mobile, D. C., etc., and now they are flying to Detroit for Christmas—getting a new A.D.F. and dual wheel to practice instrument flying—up there so much.

The Idaho Flying Farmers are inviting all Idaho 99's and 49½ers to their Christmas New State Queen's Dinner Dance at Pickerings December 11th, 7:30 p.m., one-half mile south of Pocatello on Main St. It is to honor their new State Queen, LaVaun Gardner, wife of Jack Gardner of Idaho Falls. Do join us—birds of a feather—and make merry.

P. S. Let's have a "round-up party" in 1960—special for "Little Sisters."

#### ALASKA CHAPTER

By Jo Edwards

The Alaska Chapter members had their monthly meeting at the Airport Cafe (owned by our member "Doll" Booth). Twelve members were present, three were newcomers to the

99's, Ruth Hurst, Instructor; Monica Dow, Private Pilot; and Lois Starke, Private Pilot. After a luscious steak dinner topped off with the famous Airport Cafe pie, things settled down to business. Pat McGee, Chairman, had much new business to discuss. Among this was the election for the lucky gal to compete for our Chapter for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship. The runners-up were Ruth O'Buck and yours truly, Jo Edwards. Ruth won the honor by a landslide. We are all real proud of Ruth and her accomplishments as a pilot. She was in the WAF's for three years, '52 to '55. She received her private in 1955, commercial in 1956 at which time she became a members of 99's. In 1957 she and her husband (who is in the Air Force) came to Alaska. By '58 Ruth had her instructor's rating and has been instructing mostly on floats. She owns her own Supercub and wants to get her instrument and instrument instructors rating.

The latest project in the "mill" for our Chapter is the possible rebuilding of old type aircraft (lots of these laying around in Alaska) for the Old Aircraft Museum in Fairbanks.

Liz Kreikaw (one of our new members) is going to "pinch-hit" for this writer as News Letter editor for the next few months while I am in Fort Worth, Texas obtaining my commercial and instructors ratings.

This Chapter is preparing for an appearance of the members on the Buck Harris show and if we keep getting new members it looks as though it may be hard to squeeze them all on.

The gals from the Alaska Chapter extend New Years greetings to all the other Chapters and extend a royal invitation to any of them who would care to visit our 49th state.

#### EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Marie L. Reynnells

We may be winter-weary and snow-bound at the moment but dreaming of the AWTAR route through the sunny south next July makes it easier. Fire-side flying it may be but it's nice to hear the train whistle even if you aren't going any place.

Our flying governor, Minnie Boyd, took her favorite fall flight to scenic Grangeville, Idaho, recently. "Just a coffee stop," she says. She also flew to Yakima and had a visit with Helen Ernsdorff, a 99, and instructor at Schweitzer's. Helen does office work and is the Link operator. About the only time we see Helen and Mary Drinkwater is when we meet in Yakima and the red carpet is rolled out for us at the Schweitzer hangar.

Gini Richardson had a charter flight to West Plains, Mo., in October. She took a family of brothers and sisters to attend their parents 50th wedding

anniversary. She has sold two Bel-lancas the past two months and has the owners checked out. A week of golfing and swimming in Las Vegas is due this month. Gini and husband, Ralph, have invested in land in Brazil and plan to fly there in January to start an aerial photography business. This new venture plus their flying operations in Yakima and Vancouver will leave few free moments.

Spotted: Lygie Hagan, Jean Carbon and Marie, all in Spokane at Lambs Flying Service. Shades of AWTAR—except this time we were doing the flying. (Yes, Alice Roberts, I feel just as guilty as you do every time I mention my name.)

October 25 found warm sunshine streaming over the Palouse hills when we took a heading for Minnie's. Carl gathered all the 99's and their families up at the Pul-Mos Airport and took us to their country home. Members brought salad and dessert; Minnie furnished the rest. And you should have seen "the rest." A buffet groaning with luscious food. Dessert turned out to be all cakes. Yes, you can "eat your cake and have it too." We had a good attendance of members, plus husbands, children and grandchildren. That big home has a place for everyone. Barbara Thisted and family drove from Blanchard, Idaho. The Seaveys, Hagans, Carbons, Reynnells and Gini Richardson flew in. Guests were Miss Alberta Olsen of Yakima who soloed recently, and Minnie's daughter, Betty Eggers and family.

After our business meeting we read "Rudder Flutter" put out by the Idaho Aeronautical Dept. We think it is great, and it's yours for \$1.00 a year.

Our terminal forecast: Eastern Washington 99's to RON at Pasco November 21. Meeting to follow at 6 p.m. dinner. Area forecast: A spring meeting somewhere in the Portland, Oregon area. Several ladies flying in that vicinity and no chapter.

A recent Sunday afternoon found Lygie Hagan, Margaret Clarke and Marie Reynnells at the Lewiston Airport. All flying—but in different directions. Sundown was coming so we just had time to wave X-field and be grateful for the friendships fostered by the Ninety-Nines.

Happy Holidays. And like Nancy says, "Hope you have tail winds all the way every day."



#### SOUTHWEST SECTION

#### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Shirley Robinson

We hope all 99's are enjoying and making good use of their Christmas



presents—feminine things like ignition shielding for their airplanes, a box of new spark plugs, extra lucky recipients of more expensive things like new radios. Ray and Audrey Schutte even came up with a whole Cessna 170.

Nice having Christmas greetings from new Section Governor Alice Roberts, also AWTAR pal Pauline Glasson ("When she goes, I go!"—Jean Rose.)

Our Christmas party was fun, with friendly Whiteman Airpark's Hank Coffin as guest speaker for the 40-or-so SFV members. Long Beach, San Gabriel, and Los Angeles guests.

A lot of holiday flying going on—Clara Davis and Walter flew to central Utah for Christmas. Lo Zdenek flew her sons to Lodi via "Rhubarb" for a visit with her father. Lo really lucks out with passengers—last summer at AWTAR time she brought Steve Canyon back to Burbank in her Skylane—last week she flew to Las Vegas for dinner with Wagon Train's Bob Horton and friend in a Comanche. We are glad Lo's hospital stay was for four days only for a check-up.

Helen Mace (Sacramento 99) was in this area with her family, telling all (?) about her flight in the "Maceerschmidt," a small racing plane designed and built by crop duster Harvey Mace. Evidently it is a real fun airplane and a real handful.

We received another card from our mystery woman—signed this time (Virginia Kahse). It reads like an all points bulletin—she had been everywhere from Albuquerque to New York, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Las Vegas, and every other major city in between. There is only one way you can cover all that territory in 20 days—the Apache'd.

New members are always good for a chapter, especially enthusiastic ones like Wynnie McLean—telling about scaring her boss on his first flight with her; Bonnie Meacham tell about a thrill of a mother's life, watching her daughter pin Air Force wings on her son at Lubbock, Texas. Bonnie had magnifying glass, phone dialers and new frequency cards for all present at our last meeting. Irene Leverton just moved into the area and rejoined 99's through our chapter. She has a new job most of us dream about after a hard day at the airport. She was instructor for a Beech dealer when her future boss bought a lovely new Bonanza, didn't have time to learn to fly it, so he hired her as company pilot.

We wish you a Happy New Year—have a nice 1960. As Fran Bera says, it isn't too early to start your AWTAR plans, and as Zaddie Bunker says, "Go ahead and enter, not everyone can lose!"

## **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER** **By Norma Wilcox**

At the October meeting at Ruth Downie's the San Gabriel Valley Chapter voted to sponsor the Glendora Wing Scouts, 10 sharp, enthusiastic girls comprising Troop 8.

The Chapter was invited to the Glendora Scout house for a joint meeting in November so the girls could meet chapter members.

Since then the girls have been up in the air. Nate Wilcox, Norma's 49½ers, took Pam Cullen and her father for an air view of their menage on October 24th, when they came to meet Penny Swope and Norma, just back from a flight to Oregon in the Wilcox Tri-Pacer.

December 12's early hours saw Jane Haag and Penny Swope at the Glendora Scout house together with the Wing Scouts and their leaders. All visited Ontario Airport tower and the weather bureau. Roy Haag, Jane's 49½er, flew three girls in his 170 to Cable Airport, where Polly Phelps in her Tri-Pacer met us and flew three other girls back to her home port of Brackett Field. The girls were thrilled with Polly's flying and her lucid explanation of some of the instruments. One was heard to remark as she walked away from the plan with her friend, "That's for me. Now I've decided, I'm going to fly."

The San Gabriels did so enjoy the lovely Christmas party which the San Fernando Valley Chapter hosted for all of us southern California 99's in Pasadena. Those San Fernando 99's are the mostest.

## **PHOENIX CHAPTER** **Alice Roberts**

With the holidays so near . . . who can think? There is such a festive air about everything that is going on. Our chapter had its Christmas party at the home of Frances Woods. Had an exchange of gifts, all sorts of goodies to munch on and a lot of gabbing in general.

Frank Shelton was singing the praises of his new contact lenses. Says he learned to wear them in about five hours . . . unusual, I hear. Jimmye Shelton is sporting a brand new Chrysler convertible. Margie Crowl just flew in from Venezuela. Haven't even heard the details yet . . . she was here one day . . . gone the next and back again before you can say "Jack Robinson." Have to keep my eye on that girl.

Our Chapter had elected to adopt a family again this Christmas. We have done this about four years in a row . . . and derive much pleasure from it. Most of the families are so grateful for the attention and gifts.

We were so happy to be able to have lunch with Carol Kennedy the other day when she was flying through on a charter. About eight of us met her

at the Sky Cove and had a "hangar fly" with her. Those present were Jimmye Shelton, Juanita Newell, Pat Runyon, Frances Woods, Thelma Biebert, Melba Beard, Margie Crowl and Alice Roberts.

Our fly-in this month was planned by Ruth Jacquot. We flew in to Deer Valley Airport, Phoenix's newest private field and had a wonderful time. Art Linkletter was there along with Miss Arizona and a host of others. There was an air show with displays furnished by the different distributors and dealers. If you get an opportunity to be in our neighborhood, drop in (figuratively) to Deer Valley.

You just never know when Syl Roth, Chicago Chapter, is going to be flying over. She was here for two days last week. We are always so happy to see her. Her job with Brittanica Films really gets her around.

We wish all of you a Very Merry Holiday Season—happy flying.

## **SAN JOAQUIN CHAPTER** **By Billie Wyatt**

Our November meeting was held at the Modesto Airport on a Sunday afternoon and a most enjoyable time was had by everybody attending. We sat around a table on the lawn and sunned ourselves in the warm sunshine while the business meeting was held. Estelle Stacy flew in from Orosi in her 170, Ethel Heiland flew her 140 in from Merced and Lou Freeman and Dorothy Koebel flew over from Gustine in Lou's Stinson. Pauline Christensen, a prospective member from Merced flew in from Merced in her 180, and she promises to show us her pictures of her flight to Alaska that she took last summer. Pauline has been named the Flying Farmer Queen. Billie Wyatt served refreshments to those attending. Laura May and Ev were also present.

Elva Victorino entertained us in her lovely home on Saturday evening December 12, for the annual Christmas party. A mistletoe ring was the main attraction of a very gay cocktail party followed by a buffet supper. A gift exchange was held and some very amusing gifts were received. Attending were Pauline Christensen and 49½er, Laura May and Gene Crawford, Ev and Walt Hendley, Margaret and Don Andrews, Lou Freeman, Billie Wyatt and Elva and Eddy Victorino.

## **SANTA CLARA CHAPTER** **By Eleanor Wortz**

Apologies to all for not getting the news in last time. Your reporter had just taken a part-time job and acquired two extra children (sister's who was welcoming her husband home from a year in Iran) for Thanksgiving — so in the resulting confusion, the deadline passed unnoticed.



The October meeting at Jeannie McElhatton's in San Francisco — almost our northernmost member—was well attended. Members arrived in groups from Berkeley, Sausalito, Santa Clara and Los Altos, Sunnyvale, Palo Alto and San Jose. Our money making project, selling cans of candy, was explained and the candy distributed. Regular meetings and Fly-in's for the year were scheduled. We all admired Jeannie's new house and lovely furniture, while enjoying a delicious dessert. Note: The candy project is a great success so far, we've even had to re-order. Anyone for "Katy-dids"? Great for "stocking stuffers" and Valentines at \$1.50 per can.

The perfect weather helped make the December Fly-in to the Nut Tree a great success. Four planes gathered for the little train ride, Christmas Shopping and lunch. Mayetta Behringer took Ruby Fielding and stopped at San Carlos to pick up Jeannie McElhatton and Carol Veris. Marian and Herm Barnick took their three children. Pat Gladney filled her plane with Marg Standish, a neighbor who often attends our Fly-ins — Vivian Essler and Pat's mother, Mrs. Thomas. Natalie Bossio arrived in the Club plane with her friend, Jo Wilrodt. Amelia Reid and her husband had attended a Santa Clara Airman's Ass'n. meeting that morning and forgot the Fly-in. Mabel Zehr's husband injured his arm in a machine shop accident and they were unable to attend at last minute.

The Christmas Champagne Dinner Party was held at Chairman Mayetta's house in Sunnyvale. Nineteen guests attended. The gala group included Natalie Bossio, Dorothy Monahan, Pat Gladney, Patty Sherwood, Marg Shandish, Helen and Harry Nelson, Ruby and Ralph Fielding, Jackie and Lloyd Petty, Marion and Herm Barnick, Amelia and Bod Reid, Carol and Pete Veris and the Behringers. Presents were exchanged and a delicious ham supper was served. It is rumored that Herm Barnick and Lloyd Petty finally did identify all ingredients in the champagne — it took quite an hilarious while.

The January meeting is scheduled at Marion Barnick's in San Jose, Jan. 14. The January Fly-in will be to Napa for lunch on the 10th. All 99's welcome.

#### **SAN DIEGO CHAPTER**

**By Terry Vasques**

We've had nothing but parties these two months. In November we celebrated 99's 30th Anniversary at the Sand's Fireside Restaurant. The Flame Room was filled to overflowing—and in fact did overflow into the main dining room. Tables and chairs

were moved around after dinner so that the overflow could join us when our guest speaker, Peter Gluckman, told of his round-the-world record flight in a Myers 200. Vicariously we enjoyed 200 hours of thrilling flight covering 22,800 miles from San Francisco—flying in an easterly direction. Pete also shared with us his films of his European Flight in a Bonanza. We thank Pete for inspiring us, Elsie and Ed Watson for inviting Pete down and Martha Mullen for arranging a delightful party. Southwest Governor Alice Roberts and husband Chas. came to help us celebrate and so did Terry Kellogg and husband Dave from Western Washington.

Thelma Bishop was our gracious hostess for the December meeting. Thelma's hors d'oeuvres and champagne punch were stupendous and dinner was delicious. Three prospective members, Julie Hamann, Jackie Brooks and Sandra Burnworth joined the fun. We were glad to welcome back Ruby Keaveny. After a 6-month extended vacation in Scotland and the European mainland, she and husband Jack are glad to be home. Europe, she said is so intricately interlaced with little stone fences she wonders where a flying body might land in an emergency. Helen Dick came to the party — hobbling. Having soared to a Silver C, she decided to try parachute jumps. Thrilling, she said. She mustn't have followed all the rules and landed hard. This won't deter her, she assures us. I talked to Maixne Smith also. She's just 1½ years from a degree in law and anxious to complete her studies so she can take greater part in 99's type activity. Aileen Saunders continues gaining recognition for achievement in aviation. The Coast Guard Auxiliary, aware of her success in the 1959 AWTAR presented her with a trophy at their Convention Banquet in Las Vegas last week. Caryl Stortz came down from Escondido. It was fun Thelma and we all thank you. Incidentally, Thelma is a member in good standing even if her name doesn't appear in the 1960 roster. Printer Goofed??? Anyway, her address is: THELMA BISHOP, 6232 La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla, Calif. GL 4-1492.

We're flying Polio Airlift again this year. Lois Bartling got a corrected reading on that AOPA Newsbulletin—misleading when it printed "a new 100 hour inspection." The word "new" should have read "current." So, on January 10th, San Diegans will fly for The March of Dimes.

Gertrude Lockwood will make the necessary arrangements so that we can have our January meeting in the desert. She and husband John will

be spending a month in Blue Skys and would be glad to have us fly-in for a meeting.

Ruth Propsner is doing a lot of desert flying. Bet she'll have enough cross-country hours so she can enter the AWTAR come July.

#### **LOS ANGELES CHAPTER**

**By Christie Warren**

At the October meeting, Sally LaFarge gave a very informative talk on helicopters — hoy they fly and he rexperience at the controls, as well as her 'on the spot' research at altitude up near Bishop. Pictures were used to illustrate the talk. Sally was also featured in the Los Angeles Times on Monday, October 12, as the only woman engineer in Hughes Aircraft's Department of Helicopter Research.

Mary Ann Craig was late to the meeting — had a good excuse as she was giving a talk on flying to a group of Boy Scouts.

The Fall Sectional was attended by Mary Ann Craig, Elsie Smith, Tillie Klements and Teckla Kaufman.

Highlighting the November meeting was a well received discussion by Mr. Eugene Kropf, Assistant to the Regional Administrator on the subject of the Federal Aviation Agency.

Sally LaFarge participated in an air rescue search with Civil Air Patrol for a missing pilot on Sunday, Nov. 8.

Elsie Smith's Wing Scout Group, "Spirit of Inglewood" had as special speaker at last meeting Miss Betty Matthews on "Understanding the Space Age."

Mary Ann Craig and Teckla Kaufman, joint sponsors of the "Blue Angel" Wing Scout troop, took them on a tour of Hawthorne Airport and tower.

#### **REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER**

**By June O'Donnell**

The Redwood Chapter is growing in new members and future plans. Our small number has never lacked enthusiasm in flying and 99 activities but with all the new women flyers around Napa County Airport we hope to increase our Chapter membership.

We had our luncheon meeting at the airport with Pat Stouffer, Hazel Bertagna, June O'Donnell, Betty Smith (who is not yet a 99 but working hard on her solo hours), from Napa, Nellie Palmer and Anna Brenner from Santa Rosa. Also, our brand new member, Myrtle Wright of El Sobrante. We were very fortunate to catch Myrtle on the ground because she takes off in her Cessna 170 at the drop of the hat.

Hilda Casey, who has almost 10 hours now came bubbling in after a lesson to join us. Hilda's husband had a hard time convincing her that fly-



ing was great but now he is warming the coffee stand stool while she flies. I'm sure it won't be long before Hilda joins our "little sister" group.

Betty Locken, who is still without wings drove all the way down from Ukiah. She brought her friend Flora Elliott to keep her company on the long drive.

Ann Brenner again invited us to her lovely hillside home in Santa Rosa for our Christmas party. Plans were made to fill the gap between 99 conventions and Sectionals to have some of our monthly meetings as a "fly-in" to one of the many resort airports we have in California.

Looks like a great year coming up. here's to lots of flying.

#### UTAH CHAPTER

By Jo Waddoups

The Utah Chapter 99 Anniversary Luncheon was held November 21, 1959 at the Ambassador Club in Salt Lake City. Sixteen members, little sisters, and guests were present including Cora Grote, Eunice Naylor, Ruth Walker, Margaret Loy, Nicky Harding, Darlene Garbraith, Louise Rice, Peggy Wharton, Ethel McDermott, Louise Fisher, Linda Raybould, June Raybould, Jo Waddoups, Bernice Galbraith, Lucile Christopherson and Valetta McGill. Alberta Nicholson, with a friend, Nellie Wagoner, stopped in to say "hello."

After the luncheon, complete with birthday cake and song, the regular business meeting was held, conducted by Cora Grote. She expressed appreciation for having had the opportunity of serving as Chairman during 1959 along with Eunice Naylor as Vice-Chairman and Margaret Loy as Secretary-Treasurer. At this time she turned the responsibility of the Utah Chapter over to Eunice Naylor as Chairman, Ruth Walker, Vice-Chairman and Jo Waddoups, Secretary-Treasurer. Cora was given a large 99 pin as a remembrance for her service to the Utah Chapter.

The 99 meetings for 1960 are scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month. These will include regular business along with aeronautical training in the form of lectures, tours, or fly-ins. Plans are now being made for a fly-in to the Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah, sponsored by Lt. Col. Peggy Wharton. This event will include a tour of the base and luncheon at the Officers Club. Peggy will be transferred to Colorado Springs by the time we have the fly-in but she has promised to join the 99's before leaving Utah.

We are happy to welcome Louise Rice to Utah from New York State. She also is joining the 99 Organization along with working for her Commercial License, being active in the Civil

Air Patrol, and working as a Secretary for the Salt Lake Municipal Airport Manager.

Nicky Harding's husband has been working for many months, along with other CAP members getting an L16 in the air. Nicky is happy to report that the plane has been flight tested and inasmuch as she is a member of her husband's Squadron, and will use the plane, she can almost forgive him for all the time he has been away from home working on the airplane.

#### TUCSON CHAPTER

By Mary A. Martin

The big talk in Tucson now is Penny-a-Pound day which we have decided to make an annual event, thanks to the co-operation and response received last year. P-Day has been set for December 6 with 10 donated aircraft, and 5 of our own Commercial pilots flying. 49½'ers will make up the remainder of the needed Commercials. On the ground will be our 7 private pilots and 5 fledglings doing yeoman service handling the vast crowd expected. We will be able to report more complete details next month.

The November meeting was held at Chairman Dorothy Jenkins home in honor of our new member, Delores Fisher. Suffice to say that the lovely cake provided by Shirley Marshall brought a delighted grin to the guest of honor's face. We are glad to formally welcome Delores and her new private license, though she's no stranger, having lent a hand on former occasions.

While passing out bouquets, send a large one, please, to Mary Johnston. Determination finally won a long struggle on Sept. 23, when Mary received her flight instructor's rating. She is currently instructor and co-manager at H.E.M. Inc. at San Diego's Montgomery field. To which we can only add, hip, hip, hooray!

#### SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Claire Raley

Coral Bloom entertained our members and guests at her home in Concord for our November meeting. Members flying in from Sacramento were Helen Mace, Ruth Wagner, Hialeah Reilich, Ruth Lummis, Genevieve Hall and Gerry Mickelsen. Mary Dunson, our newest member, flew in from Reno in her Cessna and brought Margaret Newman as a guest. Guests from Sacramento were Mary Ann McDonald, and June Devine, we hope to have June as a new member very soon. June and her hubby have just returned from a three week trip in the East in their Bonanza. Mary Moore was present and Dorothy Duke flew in from Livermore. We welcome each one of

our guests and hope to have all of them as members soon.

It was voted to send the membership trophy to the deserving chapter and also to enter Nelsyne Jones name again as a candidate for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship. Good luck Nelsyne.

I'm sorry to report Ruth Wagner and her 49½'er are without a plane at this time, having sold their Navion.

Our chairman Genevieve Hall has been quite ill. She spent 10 days in the hospital for diagnostic purposes. She is much better now but must remain on a very strict diet indefinitely. Poor gal, she just loves coffee and it is restricted entirely, not a drop. Oh well, it could have been a lot worse Genevieve, so stick to it.

LOST . . . Vicinity of Sacramento, one treasurer and good 99, reason . . . football season . . . Hurry back Florence, we miss you.

Claire Raley and Ruth Lummis Tri-Pacered to Paso Robles recently for a visit to San Simeon, however the trip was not too exciting. We were unable to even get a glimpse of the Castle from the air due to a heavy coastal fog which was still there all the next day and so heavy it made picture taking almost impossible. Then our return trip home had to be considerably re-routed because of high density smog in both valleys. Oh well, that's flying, I guess.

Doreen and Reinard Brandly have their order in for and hope to take delivery on one of the fabulous new Cessna 210's. How lucky can you get, anyhow? A new plane and a new baby all in the same year.

#### LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Fran Bera

The November meeting was held at the home of Fran Bera. Business for the evening was deciding on our Christmas party. Mary Pinkney very graciously offered her home for the occasion. We had a film of the air race for our program but somehow the projector was missing, so we had an enjoyable evening hangar flying while relishing the delicious Greek and Sicilian pastry that Helen Albani baked. Helen was unable to attend the meeting but we do love those goodies she fixes.

Jean Clark flew a Tri-140 so San Diego. Ruth Nitzen flew to Las Vegas in her Boannza, also Ruth had Carol Kennedy and 49½'er as house guests for a week.

Ruth Phillips brought prospective 99'er Florence Tracy to the meeting.

Fran Bera flew to Oklahoma City to pick up the Aero Commander she will be piloting for a local firm and while there had the pleasure of getting acquainted with Jerrie Cobb. Jerrie is a wonderful gal and we had



a great time. I hope I can ron in Oke City once in a while.

Juanita Newell was in town flying the Cessna 310 and your reporter spent an enjoyable evening visiting and having Juanita over for dinner.

Sandra Killion is in the hospital with extensive surgery and will be grounded till after the first of the year. This is the second time she has been grounded this year. Remember she broke her leg earlier this year. We hope this will be the last of your bad luck and you will be up and flying again soon, Sandra.

We were happy to see Cleo Morrison at the meeting. She has recovered from her flying mishap and is getting around again.

The Christmas party at Mary Pinkney's house was a great success with 50 members and guests attending. I wish I could have been there to enjoy the fun. The decorations were unique. There was a pink airplane with a little doll as Santa Claus and this was flying over a Christmas tree decorated with powder puffs. There were guests from the FAA, and Joe Dawson and Slim Kidwell represent-

ing the race committee from Torrence. This was also our celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Ninety-Nines.

I had a very nice visit with Virginia Richardson, while being weathered in at Yakima for a week. Gini went all out to make my stay enjoyable.

The take off dinner for the 1960 air race will be held at the Polynesian room. This affair will be a complete luau with all the Hawaiian trimmings. We hope to show our western hospitality at its best. Ah la Hawaii! So pack up those grass skirts and sarongs and practice up on the hula and swing that airplane towards Torrence for the biggest and best race of all, the 1960 AWTAR.

#### BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Gail Lane

Our November meeting was enlivened by a pot luck supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bigelow in Castro Valley. Thirty 99's, 49½ers and guests attended. Carl, a news photographer for the Oakland Tribune and a veteran pilot, helped us with much valuable publicity in connection with our ercent highly suc-

cessful "Penny-a-Pound" air rides. He and Mrs. Bigelow kindly provided the fresh cracked crab as well as the hospitality for the meeting. New members Blue Brown and Mary Messersmith joined us at this session, and Lindy Boyes returned to the fold after an extended trip to Europe.

Dixie Lusk recently had an exciting flight to Denver in her Cessna 140A, being grounded by weather both going and returning. Dixie visited 99er Emily Hanrahan while in Denver.

December saw our annual Christmas party complete with exchange of humorous gifts and other seasonal hilarity. This year we were the guests of Mary and Harold Messersmith at their home in San Carlos. Harold (who is the assistant manager of San Francisco International Airport) and Mary certainly know how to put on a party!

Jean Kaye flew in 707 and DC-8 to the Dominican Republic to see her brother, Alan Kaye, who is stationed there with the Naval Mission. She went skin diving and speared a 250 pound turtle.

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