



The Ninety-Nines, Inc.
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

News Letter

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AIR TERMINAL BUILDING — WILL ROGERS FIELD — APRIL, 1960

President's Column

Our membership has now passed the 1400 mark and we are still growing. Let each of us appoint herself a committee of one to find a new prospective 99. Several chapters have written saying that they are finding many new pilots in their areas. To prevent delays in processing, will all membership chairmen please double check to be sure that applications are completed before sending in to headquarters. There have been several inquiries lately as to whether glider pilots are eligible as 99's. The answer is definitely "YES". In requirements for membership the Constitution states that "She holds certificate of private or higher for heavier or lighter than aircraft, or a corresponding certificate issued by the country of which she is a citizen." An engine is not required (it does help at times though).

Welcome to the North Louisiana Chapter which has just been re-activated, and within the next few months we expect to have two new chapters ready for Charters.

To date, we have received only about a third of the questionnaires, which were sent out in September. The information is so interesting, we want to get a complete picture of the 99's as a whole. This will be impossible unless we hear from each of you, so won't you please send them in.

For the next few months the calendar will be well marked with activities—Spring Sections, Air Races and Derbies—culminating with our Annual Convention in Wilmington, Del., in July. Attend as many as you can—be an active Ninety-Nine.

I have received a letter from Mr. Murray Snyder, Assistant Secretary of Defense, requesting our support and cooperation in the observance of Armed Forces Day running through May 14-22. The 1960 observance will emphasize the role of our Armed Forces in the Free World POWER FOR PEACE. Information may be obtained from local Armed Forces offices.

Happy Flying—Safe Flying.
As ever,

Eugenia Heise

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President



99's PLAN 1960 TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE, Powder Puff Derby finish line at Wilmington, Del. (Left to right, seated): Carolyn Currens, Kitty Stepler, Adelaide Tinker, Chairman, Eslee McBride. Standing: Velta Benn, Virginia Thompson, Kate Macario, Gloria Durham, Hazel Duggins, Dorothy Mitchell, Ada Mitchell.

Ninety-Nines munched through heavy snow to attend the general planning meeting of 99 committee members, airport officials, Wilmington Businessmen's Civic Association and Atlantic Aviation representatives. As a result, plans are well established for the finish of the AWTAR and the 99 Convention.

A full and exciting program is being planned with entertainment for all the race pilots and Convention members. It is hoped that many who are planning to attend the Convention will spend the full race week with us in Wilmington.

Our plans, not settled as yet, include a possible swimming party at Glory Hill, a visit to the famous Longwood Gardens, a hangar party, a trip to the Delaware Park Race Track for lunch and the races, a cocktail party and banquet and many other wonderful activities.

We hope to see you all in Wilmington. Do plan to join us.

PR BMOA DL PD
Bozeman, Mont.

AWTAR 1961 receiving donations from some chapters loud and clear.

These we acknowledge with thanks.

AWTAR 1961 now calling all unreported chapters. Please check position and distance to deadline July 1st for this voluntary contribution.

Switch from LF to VHF and transmit \$\$\$ either to me or the AWTAR office, 2611 E. Spring St., Long Beach, Calif.

Winifred Lovelace,
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Deadline For News

The 25th Of Each Month

Coming Events**April 22-24**

Southwest Sectional Meeting
Phoenix, Ariz.

April 23

Middle East Sectional Meeting
Walber's on the Delaware
Essington, Pa.

April 30 - May 4

Proposed International Air Race
Miami, Fla. to
San Salvador, El Salvador

April 29 - May 1

North Central Sectional Meeting
Dearborn, Mich.

May 13

Ft. Worth to Houston, Tex. Air Race
See Ft. Worth Chapter Reports
For Details

May 13-15

Joint Sectional Meeting of The
Southeast Section and South Central
Section, Houston, Texas

July 9-13

AWTAR
Torrance, Calif., to Wilmington, Del.

July 14-16

INTERNATIONAL 99 CONVENTION
Wilmington, Delaware

**All Woman
Transcontinental
Air Race**

ENTRIES OPEN on April 20, 1960.
Write immediately for your entry
forms and all information necessary
for entry in the 14th Annual AWTAR.
Send requests to:

All-Woman Transcontinental

Air Race, Inc.

2611 East Spring St.

Long Beach 6, Calif.

ENTRIES CLOSE on June 20, 1960
so get organized and get your entry
in early.

THE DATES — Impound deadline,
1700 PST, July 6, 1960; Take-Off, 0800
PST, July 9, 1960; Finish (Wilmington),
1200 EST, July 13, 1960.

THE ROUTE — 2509.13 statute miles
(2180.37 nautical miles. Torrance,
Needles, Prescott, Winslow, Albuquerque,
Amarillo, Oklahoma City, Ft.
Smith, Memphis, Chattanooga, John-
son, Roanoke and Wilmington.

AWARDS — The overall purse of
\$2500 will be divided between the first
five places: \$800 first place; \$600 sec-
ond place; \$500 third place; \$400 fourth
place; \$200 fifth place. AWTAR tro-
phies will be awarded to these five
places.

"Leg Prizes" will be awarded for
the highest score made between each
of the "designated" airports.

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

AC Spark Plug Awards: Awards of
cash will be made by the AC Spark
Plug Div., General Motors, for the
first five placing airplanes IF they are
using AC Spark Plugs. Awards are:
\$300 first place; \$200 second place;
\$100 third place; \$50 fourth place; \$25
fifth place.

Flying Magazine Award: \$100 cash
will be awarded to the crew with the
highest score whose combined total
solo time is 500 hours or less.

Cash award of \$50 for the highest
placing aircraft flying their first TAR,
donated by a "friend" of the Michi-
gan Chapter, Ninety-Nines, Inc.

The ZEP AERO Company of El
Segundo is offering a "hostess deluxe"
model portable oxygen unit as an
award and also a discount on the pur-
chase of oxygen equipment.

Other additional awards will be an-
nounced later.

The Jeppesen and Co. of Denver,
Colo., will again provide all crews
with complete Avigation kits for the
route. These kits contain the very
latest information and are a great aid
in planning and flying the race.

The Simplex Time Recorder Co. of
Gardner, Mass., will again provide the
time stamps for the race. These time
stamps will be located at all of the

"designated" airports on the route for
use in timing the race.

For all information on the 1960 AW-
TAR write to AWTAR Headquarters
immediately.

Betty H. Gillies,
Board of Directors

**Air Age
Education**

We wish to commend the members
of our International Aviation Educa-
tion Committee for the intelligent work
they are doing in all phases of avia-
tion education.

We have received excellent reports
from you, which we intend to duplicate
in numbers and send the supply to
International Headquarters, from
where they will be available.

In the very near future, we shall
notify your governors and chapter
chairmen who the Air Age Commit-
tee members are in their areas, so
that you will be able to contact them
personally for assistance and infor-
mation.

Those members who are not on the
committee, but are working in air age
education, are requested that they also
send us their reports on their pro-
jects, in order that we may compile
a more complete report on this Ninety-
Nine activity in the United States and
Canada.

In order to glean a world-wide pic-
ture of what is being done in this edu-
cational project, we should like to get
reports from MEMBERS-AT-LARGE.
It matters not what foreign language
is used. Use your mother tongue to
express yourselves—just let us know
what you are doing to educate youth
in education.

Please do this very soon.

Air educationally yours,
Mary Fecser, Int. Chm.,
Aviation Education Com.
Arlene Davis, Co-Chm.

Pilots Briefing

All contributions to AWTAR
should be sent to Winifred Love-
lace, 1001 South Grand Ave.,
Bozeman, Mont. Make checks
payable to All-Woman Trans-
continental Air Race, Inc. **Do
not** send to headquarters.

Extra copies of the Anniver-
sary Booklet may be obtained
from headquarters for \$1.00 to
cover cost of handling and mail-
ing.

**Please cash refund checks
promptly.**

If you have not returned your
99 Questionnaire, please take a
few minutes and do it now.

Reservations Made For The 99 European Tour

Adela Adamec, Berwyn, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Baney, Minot, N. D.; Mrs. C. J. Bensing, Waukesha, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bristol, Douglas-ton, N. Y.; Mrs. Adelbert Brown, River Forest, Ill.; Selma Cronin, Leonia, N. J.; Mrs. Keats Dunnam, Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Faust, Milwaukee; Esther Gardiner, Waterford, Conn.; Frances Goodwin, San Diego; Laurien Griffin, Merriam, Kan.; Marguerette Hart, San Rafael, Calif.; Mrs. Herman Heise, Milwaukee; Raymond Hemmersmeir, St. Louis; Joan Hrubec, Cleveland; Kyung O. Kim, N. Y., N. Y.;

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kohn, Jennings, Mo.; Mrs. O. E. Kuhlman, Kansas City, Mo.; Anesia P. Machado, Rio de Janeiro; Mrs. John Maxson, Denver; Georgiana McConnell, Nashville; Mrs. F. H. Mitchell, Alexandria, La.; Ann Pappas, Wichita; Charlotte Peters, Milwaukee; Mrs. Cleo Pike, Webster Grove, Mo.; Stella Priest, San Antonio; Ruby Sadtler, N. Y., N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Drexel Scott, Poland, Ohio; Loretta Slavick, St. Louis; Dorothy Stackhouse, Denver; Randy Stafford, Raytown, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Trinder, Denver; Mary Wenzholz, Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wiggs, Dallas; Pat Arnold, West Hartford, Conn.; Mrs. Elmer Bay, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bradshaw, Pinehurst, N. J.; Eileen Bristol, N. Y., N. Y.; Mrs. J. H. Coulter, Muncie, Ind.; Mrs. B. C. DeWitt, Palos Heights, Ill.; Dorothy Faulkner, Montchanin, Del.; Elizabeth Fisher, Arlington, Va.; Gertrude Gelderman, Tucson; Sarah Gorelick, Kansas City, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond, Grosse Pointe, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Haupt, St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. William Hammersmeir, St. Louis; Leah Higgins, Highland Park, Mich.; Teresa James, Wilkensburg, Pa.; Ione Kiplinger, Sylvania, Ohio; Janice Kuechenmeister, Cincinnati; Mary Lowry, Cambridge, Mass.; Hazel Matz, Ash Grove, Mo.; Loma May, Ferndale, Mich.; Gerry Mickelson, Sacramento; Mrs. William Morris, Kansas City, Mo.; Elsie Peters, Milwaukee; Clara Peters, Milwaukee; Pauline Pranga, Coloma, Mich.

Virginia Rabung, Northbrook, Ill.; Mary Scheafer, Medina, Ohio; Laura Sellinger, St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, Kalamazoo; Ruth Stafford, Raytown, Mo.; Mrs. J. E. Stafford, Raytown, Mo.; Doris Weller, Dallas; and Edna Gardner Whyte, Ft. Worth.

There are still a few places left, if you still want to go.



By Mary A. Lowry

Started out with a "sick list" but like Topsy it just grew until it began to read like the Roster. So, get well and glad you're feeling better to all who were and are indisposed.

Better news comes from Betsy Fox who did herself proud on her first semester marks. Her weekends are spent away from Norwood in her 170 building up time for her commercial.

Loafer-of-the-Month Award goes to Lois Wartman who's promotion puts her in charge of the credit department for Davol plus all her old numerous duties. The ONLY other jobs she has are with National Secretary's Association, Professional Secretary's licensing, working for her master's degree at Northeastern (quite a ride from home), skiing in Vermont where she has a house, badminton tournaments, and feeding pills to a sick cat. Oh, yes, she types "a thesis or two" in her spare time. So who sleeps?

AOPA's March issue of PILOT has a good article on Charlotte Kelley as Bay State's Mrs. Commissioner. Charlotte has been busy flying the state plane around on weekends to the various airports in the state. She gave us the commission's new publication that she helped to compile. It's "Mass. Air Holidays," a directory of the airports in the state and the facilities available at each. Handy booklet for anyone wondering what kind of gas and do they have a lunch counter.

More New England publicity: Frances Bowman had an article published in the New Hampshire papers on our tour of the M.I.T. wind tunnels. Good work, Fran. Do you have an extra copy for the scrapbook?

Incidentally, anyone with 20 cents to spare can get a copy of "Pioneer Wind Tunnels" from the Smithsonian Institute. Mail address: Publications Distribution Section, Smithsonian Institute, Washington 25, D. C. Also ask for their list of publications on aeronautics. Several of the bulletins sound interesting.

Who's confused? Not Isobel Blodgett or June Douglas, but we can't say the same for LaGuardia approach control—they had a few bad minutes when Isobel reported IFR over Wilton and June reported VFR over Westchester, within seconds of each other. Isobel had quite a time convincing the controller that she had not cancelled IFR. The poor man finally made a general announcement that there were two Cessna's, 5969A and 6969A, in the area and they were

both piloted by women. Lucky he didn't have TV since they have identical paint jobs. Isobel laughed so hard she didn't remember to be nervous on her first solo IFR flight into LaGuardia! So please take note: LGA is equipped to handle two women at once.

Lois Dobbin and Mary Lowry have signed up for an evening course on Africa. Nope, we're not planning on traveling, but spring does funny things to people.

Thanks to Anne Baddour and Pat Arnold for sending along clippings for the scrapbook. Anyone else?

Have been hearing a few rumbles (yes, we watch all the jazz detectives) like "don't say anything yet BUT I may have a sponsor for the AWTAR." Good luck and generous sponsors to all.



By Jeanne Spielberg

Our meeting for March was a business meeting and much ground was covered. Our three newest members attended, Chris Winzer, Amelia Nuessle and Lynn Joseph. Amelia received her commercial license SESSEL and celebrated by buying a new Cessna 172. Happy flying. Allie Cullo, another of our new members, and her 49½er are tripping down to Miami and then on to Veradero Beach, Cuba. Yes, all cleared with Castro for the flight.

Kay Hilbrandt and Selma Cronan are brushing up on everything they might have forgotten preparatory to the Air Race. Doris Renninger and Peggy Norris had a demonstration ride and then flew the new two-seater Hughes helicopter. What a thrill! Doris, our secretary, checked out in a Piper Aztec at Teterboro.

Eleanor Loja introduced a bright idea for keeping track of the number of diners who are served. A playing card is given to each person who is served at dinner. The one who receives the "joker" is our guest for that evening. The "joker" idea is just an added attraction. The real purpose is to collect the cards at the end of the meal to keep all accounts straight. (What happens Eleanor if someone stashes an ace up his sleeve?)

Our next meeting promises to be very exciting. We are gathering all of our past governors together and hope to have a very pleasant and nostalgic evening. That will be on April 18, subject to change.

A luncheon will be given at the Wings Club on April 27. Joe Doolittle will be the guest of honor.



WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Ada R. Mitchell

This pea-pickin' snow has us all grounded. Never in all of my whole put-together have I ever fallen so much. It is a good thing that it went out to sea as we would all be pushing up daisies instead of the poor little crocus peeking up at you.

Virginia Thompson, Dorothy Mitchell, Hazel Dwiggins, Velta Benn, and me, myself, Ada, and I put snow skids on Virginia's car and motored to Wilmington to attend the meeting called by the Philadelphia Chapter in regards to making plans for the terminus of the AWTAR and the big Convention. All of Wilmington's big shots were there, and I had a ball. I have high hopes even if I didn't find out until we had left that there was a bachelor in the crowd.

Our gal Helen Murphy has been very ill, but is now up and as spry as a peacock strutting past a new 1960 aircraft.

Blanche Noyes has done it again. Yep, she is now the vice president of the District Wing of OX-5. Just hope there aren't any bachelors in the group as she is the only woman on the board, and I know he couldn't resist falling for a Ninety-Nine.

Well, we have another gal that gets around. Mitzie Moore, as you know, operates the Mary M. Moore and Associates Aerial Photography. Mitzie has just returned from a vacation at St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. Said that was the most fun she has had since she attended the greased hog race at a county fair. Speaking of hogs, you know Mitzie and I landed or had a forced landing in a hog pen during one of the International Air Races. We had a stinking good time also.

If I don't get a tin-can tied to me I'll see all of you next month.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Kate Macario

Such a crazy, mixed-up March we have had: snow, snow and more snow which greatly interfered with this month's activities, individually and collectively. On March 5 a special meeting was held at the New Castle Airport to make further arrangements for the Race and Convention. Despite the foul weather it was decided to go on with the meeting as it would have been far more complicated to have postponed it. Twenty people in all turned up that blustery, cold Saturday, the gamest of all were the five girls who drove the long distance from Washington. Quite a bit was

accomplished and the minutes which were taken at the meeting were sent to those who were unable to attend.

Snow interfered again with the March 20 meeting which was to be a combined fly-in and air marking venture with the Washington Chapter, to paint Betty MacGlashan's barn roof. Since the roof never had a chance to dry out and her air-strip was temporarily out of commission due to snow and soft turf, it was thought best to postpone the whole project until Saturday, May 7, when conditions should be improved. Thanks to Secretary Gert Dennis for such quick action in getting a second notice out, changing the date.

Congratulations go to Peggy Borek for successfully acquiring her commercial license. She took her flight test on a rough, windy day in a J-3 with FAA agent McCarthy. We will need many members with commercial licenses to take up passengers at our Ladies Day event in May, so Peggy is one more we can count on.

Ann Piggott is another one to be congratulated for passing all the requirements necessary for an instructors rating. We are all pleased that Ann is our section candidate for the Amelia Earhart award and a most deserving one.

Beth and Clyde Sturtevant returned from their 12 day jaunt to Florida in a Tri-Pacer. They were delayed two days in Richmond because of severe snow storms. They also met my 49½er Tom at the Charleston, S. C., Airport. He was enroute from Florida in the company DC-3, a day late, detained by the same snow storm, and Beth and Clyde were still on their way south.

Marie and Tony D'Alterio came back to us after two delightful weeks vacation in Puerto Rico. They were astounded at the amount of snow facing them upon their return and which had also greatly complicated their trip home. Sounds like this whole column has been one snow story after another.

It was nice to hear from Marie Miller of Laureldale, Pa., who hasn't been able to participate in many 99 affairs the past few years but is still very much interested, and hopes to be able to do more with our group in the future.



CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Myrtle Thompson Cagle

The husbands of the 99's call their Group the 49½ers. Walt, my husband, joined them Sunday in Charlotte,

while we, the 99's, held our separate, secret meeting. The men's auxiliary accomplished very little in the way of flying promotion at their meeting, for most of them are non-pilots . . . passengers (and financiers) for their flying wives. Tall stories were their main topic of their discussion.

However, the Carolina's Chapter of the Ninety-Nines turned a few pages for aviation while in secret session. International Secretary Louise Smith, High Point, consented to have her name placed before the nominating committee for international vice president. Our group has hoped for years that she will successfully climb the ladder to presidency.

Louise owns a Beechcraft Bonanza and has raced it five times in the Transcontinental Air Race, called the Powder Puff Derby, and twice in the International Air Race. She pilots her husband, Herman, who is in the hosiery manufacturing business, on numerous business trips. She uses her plane in scouting work, too.

Her 14 year old daughter, Linda, is a member of her Wing Scout troop. They are busy now airmarking High Point. The big yellow letters are going on top the Chevrolet building there.

Mary Maxwell, Florence, does scouting work, too. Both she and Louise are flying to Alabama soon for a Girl Scout meeting—Louise in her Bonanza and Mary in her Cessna. Mary and her husband would tag along in another airplane. She follows me every where I go. He thinks I'll get lost. We went to Charleston one day and I went off and left him. I could see him down below, but I didn't let him see me. I beat him back (to Florence) too. He usually gets back first, because he makes me circle and he lands straight in, Mary quarreled.

Jeanne Harley, of Spartanburg, brought along her flight instructor, although she has 270 hours. "It would be so easy to get lost in this snow. Nothing looks right under this white camouflage. Besides, he thinks I'd get lost and when he thinks so, I do. So I LET him come with me," Jeanne explained, climbing into the left hand, pilot seat, of her Cessna 140.

Nita Hudman, Charlotte, who was hostess for the luncheon in the Dogwood Room of the terminal building, extended an invitation to all pilots and aviation enthusiasts to come to Charlotte for the big Aviation Day, Sunday, April 9. The Thunderbirds will be there, so it will be free—they never perform at a paid admission show—and Jerrie Cobb will deliver an Aero Commander. She plans to pick up Governor Hodges and his party in Raleigh and fly them to Charlotte for the event. He plan will be identical to the one she recently flew to a world's

altitude and speed record. She is a 99 member.

The Carolinas Chapter accepted my husband's and my invitation to meet with us at our new hometown, Greenwood, S. C., for our next meeting Sunday, May 8, at 11 a.m. Lunch will be at the Roseland Restaurant, a cute place. Walt Cagle and I were married at my home in Selma, N. C., Feb. 14. We went to the Islands of Okracoke, Bodie and Hatteras, off the coast of N. C. on our one week honeymoon. The scene of the first flight, Kitty Hawk, is on Bodie Island. We visited the Wright Memorial, the reconstructed living quarters and hangars, and the new museum now under construction by Project 66. Walt is a civil engineer and student pilot. He came to the Goldsboro airport last fall where I was working as chief pilot to look me up after reading my column in the Raleigh News and Observer for some time, Tar Heel Air Currents. He got me to teach him to fly, and after solo, I learned he had previous time in service. No wonder he was such a good student!

Maxine Walker is now working in the Richmond control tower—look her up. We sent \$25 to the Amelia Earhart Fund from our chapter and we missed all of you that were absent. Do come to Greenwood May 8 . . . or sooner.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Dorothea M. B. Vermorel

The March meeting was held at the home of Vera Bratz and of course the entire evening was spent talking about the International Air Race, which by the time this is printed, will no doubt be over. April 30 take-off from Miami to San Salvador, capital city of El Salvador, Central America. Neola Murdoch, a prospective 99, whom we hoped to have in our chapter, is moving to Washington, D. C., and we trust she and the Washington 99's will get together.

Had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Heise, our president's 49½, while he was in Miami at a recent medico-legal meeting.

ALABAMA CHAPTER

By Gertrude C. Luther

It was a windy but clear day March 6 as we gathered at Selfield Airport, Selma, Ala., for our monthly meeting. The two Minnie Wades flew in from Clanton, Grace Bailey flew in from Birmingham, Juanita Halstead and her daughter, Foy Ann Waldrip, drove over from Montgomery, Florence Fintak flew up from Elgin AFB with Mrs. Wanda Jackett and Jean Williams, both from the Oklahoma Chapter. Your editor, late as usual, flew her Cessna 175. Marie Carastro, as our hostess, showed us a wonderful and most interesting time. As you

know, her husband is stationed at the Craig AFB in Selma, and after we all had eaten well in the most attractive officer's open mess hall, he took us on a short tour of the base. We saw a RAPCON (radar approach control) unit in operation, and it was most fascinating for those of us who had never seen it to see how the plane was "talked" into a satisfactory landing. We also saw the T-33 that he flies. We all were grateful for the opportunity of attending this meeting and seeing Craig AFB.

Plans are being made by all of us individually to attend the meeting in Houston in May. I hope my own materialize!

We have set the date for the Penny-a-Pound Ride afternoon for Sunday, May 22, from 1 to 6 p.m. The CAP group in Anniston is behind us and will arrange the whole affair. The airport will be the Talladega Airport in Eastaboga right next to the Anniston VOR station. It should be fun—hope for a good day!

We plan to meet on April 3 at 10:30 a.m. or so at the Dannelly Airport in Montgomery, Ala.



INDIANA CHAPTER

By Billie Smith

While most everyone in this part of the country has been grounded due to the blizzards, now, etc., one of our members kept right on working hard and emerged from under the hood with an instrument rating. That member is Nellie Alger. We can't even attempt to tell you how proud we are of Nellie.

Our meeting for March found us at Weir Cook Airport. Our speaker, Mr. Cooper, recently transferred here from Los Angeles to our traffic control center. He gave us a birds-eye view of ATC here, one of six automation centers in these United States. After our dinner and meeting, we all visited the control center. Everyone asked questions and stayed, looked, talked, etc., until 4:40—no doubt they were glad to see us leave. Anyone landing at Weir Cook (better during week) can see this center in operation.

Despite bad weather, our girls have been busy. Nellie Alger went to Mexico again. Virginia Maggart was voted Flying Farmer Woman of the Year. Peggy Coulter is going to Europe in July with the 99's. Estell Adkins just returned from Washington, D. C. Flora Mae Newman moved a sewing machine and injured her back and Betty Nicholas fell on the ice and

sprained her ankle. Looks like we had all better stick to flying, especially to the Sectional in Michigan next month.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By June Basile

Midway airport may have been closed to all air traffic on the morning of our February meeting, but that didn't keep the Chicago Area 99's from getting together. Many of our members had to plough their way through 40 miles of this "winter wonderland" but they did get to the meeting. Hostess Chairman Alice Kudrna and her committee, Mary Beritich,



TOP 10 WOMEN PILOTS in Chicago Area. Shown above are nine of the top 10 women pilots in the Chicago Area Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, who were awarded trophies at the annual awards banquet in the Tally-Ho Restaurant last Saturday evening. Left to right: Mrs. Harold White, Naperville, first place for outstanding achievement in aviation; Virginia Rabung, Northbrook, 10th place; Mrs. Ray Kokesh, Cicero, 4th; Mrs. L. J. Seketa, Chicago, 7th; Sylvia Roth, Glencoe, 6th; Mrs. A. R. Basile, Berwyn, 2nd; Alice Kudrna, Berwyn, 5th; Mrs. L. E. Siemon, Wayne, 3rd; and Mrs. Adelbert Brown, River Forest, 8th. Not present for the picture was Helen Sailer, Glencoe, 9th place.

Gean Burson, Erlyne Conel, June Lore and Gladys Muter, arranged a very interesting day. After the meeting, we heard a very informative talk presented by Jacob W. Morgan, supervisory aviation forecaster for the Chicago Area Weather Bureau. We had an opportunity to visit with Mr. Morgan and our two new members, Bernice Malmanger and Alice Stoltzner, while we were enjoying the delicious luncheon served by our hostesses.

When Junaita Fineman wasn't under the hood in her Tri-Pacer she was meeting with her committees, planning the party and counting points to determine this year's Achievement Award winner. We're so proud to announce that the Chicago Area Chapter members have been so active that the committee honored 10 women at the Tally Ho Inn. One of the many things that helped to make the evening just a little more festive was having Deedo Heise and Joan Hrubec with us as our special guests. The

dinner was good and the entertainment was very interesting and fast moving. Capt. Milton Stein, United States Air Force, gave an information packed talk on air traffic and safety. Little did Eva White realize that after she showed her color slides of the 1959 AWTAR, she would again be brought before the group to accept the first place Achievement Award. Congratulations to Eva and all the 99's who received awards. The other 99's who received lovely trophies were June Basile, second; Beatrice Siemon, third; Louise Kokesh, fourth; Alice Kudrna, fifth; Sylvia Roth, sixth; Lois Seketa, seventh; Nell Brown, eighth; Helen, Sailer, ninth; and Virginia Ra-bung, tenth.

The awards dinner may be over for another year, but the things to be done are just beginning. Bee Siemon tells me that her committee is getting ready to make the September air meet the biggest and best.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER **By Marilyn Collette**

The first day of spring found the All-Ohio Chapter converging on Lambertville, Mich., at the lovely Early American home of Ruth and Allen Theis for our March meeting. In attendance were Virginia Schumacher, Mary Scheafer, Helen and Jim Sammon, Winifred Caughey, Mary Fecser, Dottie Anderson, Juantia Heminger, Joan Hrubec, Edy Maxim, Harriet Wladyka, Rosalie Bracht, Jean Hixson, Ione Kiplinger, Beverly Mather, new member Martha Finton and family, and your reporter, Marilyn Collette. Also we were very pleased to have prospective member Bonnie Rich with us. Martha Finton and her husband are flying a new Debonair these days. Thanks to you, Ruth and Allen, for your wonderful hospitality and for inviting us to see your lovely new home. Our speaker at the meeting was Don Coleman, chief weather forecaster for Toledo. Don gave us some excellent tips on checking the weather before our local and cross-country flights. We were also very pleased to have Court Chapman from Ohio State University who so ably suggested ways and means of our helping out with the NIFA meet in May.

SOME NEWS ALONG THE WAY:

Dottie Anderson and Lavina Stolte getting the new Comanche ready for the TAR. Margaret Callaway getting ready for the IAR. Martha Walter, Dayton, now Mrs. Earl W. Riber as of February 26, in a surprise (to All-Ohio) ceremony. Congratulations Martha and Earl, many years of happiness to you. Martha and Earl are planning an around the world trip in the near future. The Weidwalds and Rasors meeting in strange places

like Dallas waiting out weather. The Weidwalds Navioning to California, and the Rasors on the way to the Flying Farmers convention in Ft. Worth. Alice Puller and sister report having a fabulous trip to South America and the Caribbean.

IMPORTANT! The All-Ohio Chapter 99's is providing a \$60 scholarship for a teacher to attend the Miami University Aviation Education Workshop at Oxford, Ohio. The amount provided will cover the cost of the tuition. Any 99 teacher who is interested please contact Winifred Caughey, 3733 Warrensville Center Road, Cleveland 22, Ohio.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Helen Sammon on the death of her father, who was taken suddenly with a heart attack, February 13.

News from the Michigan Chapter who will join us in a joint meeting at the Bluffton fly-in breakfast in June. We are all looking forward to it.

Dottie Anderson, our gal who seems to achieve so much, came up with her instrument flight instructor rating. Congratulations, Dottie. Our very capable secretary, Janice Keuchenmeister, is getting ready to take exams for her master degree in business administration. This gal has a great deal on the ball, and we all look for great things from her. Good luck, Janice.

Jerri Parker's new work in real estate sales has been keeping her from attending meetings, but she still active in the chapter, and a wonder-willing worker. We miss you, Jerri. Better take one day off and come to a meeting.

Bernita Nickell recently was awarded a trophy for "most hours" flown given by W. T. Piper through the Flying Farmers Ass'n. Nellie Rasor received the second most trophy. This is the third trophy for Bernita, two first and one second for the "most hours" award.

Also someone asks, "Do we have a future 24% down around Indian Lake?" Well, do we?

Well, we are looking forward to our next meeting at the Tri-City Airport, Coshocton, Ohio. Anyone in the neighborhood you-all come. April 24.

The NIFA meet at Columbus May 12, 13 and 14. Anyone interested in attending make your reservation direct to the Ft. Hayes Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. The All-Ohio Chapter will hostess visiting 99's. Special guests will be Gill Robb Wilson, J. J. Hartkranft. Awards banquet will be Saturday evening, May 14. Please check desk for room number of hospitality suite of the 99's.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Adele Binsfield

Trials and tribulations of a cub reporter! Perhaps I will have more

news and events to write about now that spring has arrived (?) and we all will be flying and attending more activities. Our March 13 meeting at Jackson was attended by 15 members and eight gusts. Pat Russell's two children have been flying with her to the last few meetings and are going to call that 180 their second home. Alice and John Hammond arrived in their 180, which is sporting a beautifully designed paint job of rocket red daglo and white. We were also very happy to see Barbara Cradit Stowell again.

A few highlights on the business meeting included plans for an Amelia Earhart airlift to be held the middle of May, to be arranged by Eloise Smith. Nominations for both National and Sectional officers were discussed and voted on. More plans were divulged on our North Central Section meeting, April 29, 30 and May 1, at the Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, Mich. Sounds like we should have a most enjoyable time, and we want you all to come. Looking as far ahead as October, the ground work is all made made for the SMALL Race start and/or terminus.

We hear the Valley Aero Club, Bay City, March of Dimes airlift collected and donated \$766 to the local Polio Foundation on February 27 and 28. Marians Elbinger and Hoffman supervised.

The Windfuhrs are ready for jet take-off to Europe on March 30. We shall be waiting to hear about the trip and see Eric's good movies on it when they return.

This weekend Lois Wilson's Senior Wing Scout Troop 1018, composed of 12 girls, is going on a tour of the Midwest Parachute Packing and Service Co., then to visit the Willow Run control tower and radio communication center, and then a private air school. One of the requirements for the scouts technician rating is to be able to answer questions on these phases of aviation.

We are looking forward to the joint Indiana, Ohio and Michigan meeting at Bluffton, Ohio in June.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER **By Rose S. Andrew**

Sue Hassler is back in Illinois now and living at 1710 South Vine St., Urbana. She is doing commercial flying for a local business.

On March 12 Leah Warren entertained in the afternoon at her home, for our two new members, Ann Corkill and Joe Charnoff, and several new prospects. The prospects are either students at the university or residents of the town. Rose Andrew came in later in the afternoon to meet them too. The three new prospects are De-lores Adamson, clerk at Illini Airport;

Teri Gruner and Mrs. Jean Gruber.

Marilyn Jackson has checked out in the Comanche now. Needless to say she is pretty thrilled.

Marjorie Kelley flew up from Mattoon a couple of weeks ago and talked "business" with Leah Warren and Rose Andrew out at the University Airport for a couple of hours.

A number of us living in the area of the University of Illinois Airport attended an "open house" for the new tower and the operators on the evening of March 15.

We are to meet with Barbara Jenison at Paris, Ill., on March 25, at 6:30 p.m.

One of our favorite people, Florence Musser, a former Central Illinois 99's chairman, is ill in Passavant Hospital near her home in Jacksonville, Ill. We are all earnestly hoping that she has a complete recovery.

Helen McBride has been on a combination business-pleasure trip to the East with her husband.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Adela Scharr

Heading our list of the local chapter's outstanding women of achievement for the past year is Mickey Clark, who is therefore our nomination for the Missouri Pilots Ass'n. award for the pilot contributing the most for aviation in our state this year. Mickey has had some illness lately but she should be out coordinating again before very long.

Other achieving members who received awards in etched crystal were Ruth Lake, Golly Miner, Hilda Hemmerseier and Maxine Loeffler.

The March meeting was held at the home of Connie Matter. The 22 members in attendance had an unforeseen disappointment. On the docket was a look-see at the TWA 707 out at Lambert, but the plane didn't even leave New York and couldn't have landed in St. Louis because of the snow at the edges of the runways. Snow—we've had it.

Plans for our Lindy Hop and the installation of a new Missouri Chapter are firming up well. There's one good thing about the 707 fiasco. Ginny Duenke, chairman, was able to clean up a lot of routine business. You know the kind. And so this is a routine report, with the promise that next time we'll find something more exciting.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Ryan

Braving icy streets to attend our meeting March 9 at Wold-Chamberlain were Helen Masterton, Pat Sullivan, Avis Larson, Ginny Caspersen (just back from a New York vacation), Marian Champlin and 49½, Keith, and ye olde reporter. Also in tow, from across the river, were Bruce Johns-

ton and Dick Smith of the St. Paul Jaycees. Jean Scheifley and prospective member Pat Osman started out from Rochester but had to turn back. They next tried Northwest Airlines, only to find Northwest grounded! Gives you some idea of our flying weather most of this winter, especially on weekends.

Dick and Bruce made a progress report on the June 25 335 mile Holman Air Derby, a three-leg efficiency air competition sponsored by the St. Paul Jaycees, with our cooperation. Should prove an interesting "learning situation" for us all. This event will be noted in the national publication AOPA PILOT, FLYING and AMERICAN AIRMAN.

Let no one say aught against 13: On Sunday, March 13, Helen Masterton's 49½er, George, soloed! Helen, who operates a seaplane flying service at Rice Lake every year from May 1 until September, has long encouraged George to try his wings. And so, on Sunday, March 13, he was airborne, solo, in a J-3. With wheels, Helen said! When asked how George felt, Helen replied: "He's walking on air!" Congratulations!

Congratulations are also in order to Jane and Walter White, whom, we hear, have a beautiful new Cessna 180 on floats. In spite of these long, cold winters, in summer Minnesota lakes are matchless.

Marilyn and Keith are presently enjoying a nine day quarter-break in Ft. Myers, Fla. They made a point of planning a vacation flight between quarters at the University of Minnesota, where Keith instructs in electrical engineering.

Last weekend, at St. Paul Fleming Field's static display of Beech and Cessna aircraft, Bob Oestreicker of Beechcraft (whom Avis met last year at Lawrence, Mass., at the AWTAR) gave Avis a complete ground check in the new Queen Aire. Avis, who has been spending a lot of time in her Bonanza G, says the Queen is peachy!

Here's a real first! Only gal on the roster of the newly formed 13 member volunteer air patrol operating under the direction of Ramsey County Sheriff's Office in St. Paul, is our Pat Sullivan. Brainchild of the Ramsey County sheriff, Pat says the air patrol will aid in search for lost persons, aid in traffic control, and co-operate with the Ramsey County water patrol. Operating on a call basis, each group of four members is responsible for 10 days of each month. The St. Paul papers featured pictures of Pat receiving her jacket and insignia.

In April Avis has arranged to have George Holley, safety commissioner for the Department of Aeronautics,

show his films on general aviation accidents. These films, with commentary, are said to be extremely strong inducements to safety.



ABILENE CHAPTER

By Beverly Tarpley

The poor flying weather we have had all winter lifted just long enough for us to make a trip to Fort Worth in February. Our hostess, Ann Nell



ABILENE, TEXAS 99's listen closely to the explanation given by J. T. Baldrige, test pilot for Convair about the B-58 "Hustler" shown in the background. Members shown are: first row: Ruby Caldwell, Mary Beth Crutchfield; second row: Joy Ann Jones, Jo Ann Hamil, Maxine Elam, Beverly Tarpley, Marie Ramsey; third row: Marilyn Schulz, Jerry Ramsey; fourth row: Ann Nell Hooks.

Hooks, had arranged for us to be guests of Convair and to tour their tremendous Fort Worth plant. We were certainly given the red carpet treatment by the public relations department. Upon arriving at the plant we were shown a film of a low altitude mission by the B-58 "Hustler" from Fort Worth to California. It was a little hard for us to imagine flying that big an airplane for that distance at an altitude from 200 to 600 feet above the terrain at speeds in excess of 700 miles per hour. Most of us decided that our navigation just wouldn't stand such a strain. We were then taken on a tour of the assembly line of the plant and shown the various steps in the manufacture and assembly of the B-58 which has just been

released from the test status and become operational. This assembly line is located in a building which is said to be one mile long and those of us who had left our low heel shoes in the planes were sure it was at least that long. Our schedule called for us to be on the flight line at the time of landing of one of the B-58's, and we were eagerly looking forward to this so that we could see with our own eyes the peculiar landing attitude of the Delta winged bomber but, as luck would have it, the plane came in early and we were not able to see the actual landing. We did thoroughly inspect the plane on the ground and asked all of the normal questions and a few unusual ones. One of the test pilots for Convair was extremely patient with us. We ended our tour with a very pleasant lunch in the plant cafeteria and then flew back to Abilene.

In March we had a much needed business meeting and it's just as well that we did because the weather would have prevented our going anywhere outside the hangar. We have finally set our air marking project for April and we are certainly looking forward to having Jauline Glasson here with us from Corpus Christi to

see that the air marking is properly done. We also began talking about a race for chapter members only to be held in lieu of our June meeting. We are looking forward to seeing all our friends from other chapters at the sectional meeting in Houston May 13, 14 and 15.

We are currently beaming with pride on two of our members, Marilyn Schulz and Gloria Puckett. These two gals came in 9th in a field of 19 in the recent Midland area race. This race was held by the Midland 99's in conjunction with the dedication of the new terminal building at the airport midway between Midland and Odessa. Marilyn Schulz piloted her 170 and Gloria was her co-pilot. Both these girls have been flying less than two years and this was the first race for either of them. They had such fun that we are planning a mystery course race just for our own chapter members in June of this year.

FORT WORTH CHAPTER

By Edna Gardner Whyte

There is nothing like an active 99 Chapter to find more women pilots in the area. We have 17 in our chapter and since we have been working on this "Fort Worth to Houston Air

Race" project, we have found that we have over 38 women pilots with private grade or higher. We are meeting every two weeks for the Fort Worth to Houston Air Race committees to report on all progress and findings, and work can be fun. We are trying to make this a very unusual and interesting Western evening in Fort Worth, Texas, "Where the West Begins." The next morning we will take off on a little competitive cruise to Houston. Not to forget this ties in with the "big twin sectional meeting" in Houston, Texas. You will be competing for fun, new friends, flying experience, trophies, and cash prizes. Deadline for entries is May 5, write early; Delphine Bohn, P. O. Box 4037, Fort Worth, Texas. Deadline for impounding: 4 p.m. May 12, 1960.

The Midland, Texas "Sky High Air Race" was last weekend. Tony Page in her pretty Cessna 140, Anita Reilly in her Cessna 120, and Donna Beggs as my co-pilot in the Cessna 120, enjoyed the hospitality of the Midland Chapter. It was fun—do it again. Pat Jetton in 250 Comanche and Dorothy Warren in 1960 Cessna 175 took first and second place so Dallas took all

OFFICIAL RESULTS — HIGH SKY DERBY

MIDLAND, TEXAS — MARCH 19, 1960

1.	Pat Jetton	PA-24 - 250	.572	165	12.0	156.1	7.2	1.117
2.	Dorothy Jean Warren	Cessna 175	.706	127	9.7			
	Sally Brown	175				142.9	9.0	1.075
3.	Edna Gardner Whyte	Cessna 120	.545	111	5.6			
	Donna Beggs	90				120.3	5.0	1.0675
4.	Netta Adcock							
	Mary Erwin	PA-24 - 180	.572	150	10.0	159.4	8.7	1.0635
5.	Ruth Deerman	Cessna 140-A	.545	111	5.6			
	Yvonne Thompson	90				107.3	4.3	1.055
6.	Joyce Wright	Cessna 180	.720	152	11.8			
	Sue Connally	225				163.8	12.3	1.034
7.	Mary Ann Bynum							
	Mae Hughes	PA-24 - 180	.572	150	10.0	145.6	8.2	1.032
* 8.	Jerry Sloan	Cessna 175	.706	127	9.7			
	Martha A. Reading	175				126.9	8.1	1.028
9.	Marilyn Schulz	Cessna 170-B	.720	121	7.8			
	Gloria Puckett	145				118.7	6.5	1.0195
10.	Pat Anderson							
	Ruth Goss	PA-22 - 160	.753	123	9.0	125.1	8.5	1.0155
11.	Nancy Brumlow	Cessna 172	.706	118	7.8			
	Hilda Blair Ray	145				121.6	7.9	1.014
12.	Mary Jane McKillip							
	Mildred Early	PA-22 - 150	.753	121	9.0	120.1	8.8	.999
13.	Joan Huckleba	Ercoupe CD	.448	100	4.9			
	Marge Bunch	75				99.3	4.9	.997
14.	Billie Callaghan	Cessna 152	.706	154	12.5			
	Lydie Weaver	230				136.6	9.5	.990
15.	Tony Page	Cessna 140 - 85	.545	108	4.8	106.3	4.9	.986
16.	Anita Reilly	Cessna 120	.545	103	4.8			
	Jo Allison	85				104.5	4.8	.9835
17.	Pat Barbee	PA-22 - 125	.753	117	7.6	98.4	5.2	.9765
18.	Lucille Cheatham	Stinson Voyager	.750	115	9.5			
	Ona Payne	105				107.9	10.3	.9595
*19.	Velma Lee Copeland	Bonanza-35	.668	156	7.6			
	Barbara Speed	185				151.0	11.2	.931

* Had Fuel Siphoning From Right Wing Tank During Race.

Plane No. 8 — Cessna 175 — Siphoning Caused By Stopped Up Fuel Line.
 Plane No. 19 — Bonanza-35 — Siphoning Started By Suction Under Unlocked Gas Cap.
 Gas Used From Left Tank During First 120 Miles—7.4 Gal.
 Gas Used From Right Tank During Last 40 Miles—9.4 Gal.

the honors. We congratulate you both and keep up the good work, girls.

We are proud and happy to welcome to our chapter Mrs. Martha Wright and Mrs. LaVonja Jewell and both are up to their ears with work for the Air Race. Our next meeting will be April 5 at the home of LaVonja Jewell.

Dora Dougherty, Delphine Bohn, Tony Page and myself are meeting at Meacham Field at 1 p.m. the 26th to proof read for the last time the program, rules and regulations so they may go to press in the morning.

Martha Wright's husband has just about completed building an antique plane and hopes to have it ready for the cruise. It is an American Eaglet powered with a 65 hp Continental. It is a two place and blue and white—very pretty.

I plan to fly the pace plane at the time of the race which will determine the wind error correction on the formula we are using. This will bring all aircraft speeds back to a no wind condition. This will equal chances for the very slow and very fast planes. With such a large range of aircraft we felt it necessary to equalize the time each plane was exposed to a strong tail or headwind. It seems a fair solution and hope it works well, at least we have tried to give all the same chance. We are happy to announce the Air Race terminus chairman is the very able Merle Boitnott from Cypress, Texas.

Fly safe and have fun. Encourage others to enjoy flyin!

MIDLAND CHAPTER

By Mary L. Erwin

Well, it's hats off to those "Dallas Dolls" . . . they went home with the money, trophies, and all, from our Midland High Sky Derby. But we had fun, experience and good fellowship out of it, and we were so proud of our weather! As we had so fervently hoped, our "country" out here demonstrated exactly how it came to be called "The Land of the High Sky" with CAUV, balmy, mild weather all weekend. We thought it all went off rather well, considering that it was our first attempt to sponsor a race. Our thanks for this go chiefly to our chairman, Velma Lee, who practically whipped the whole thing together single-handed, and to the officials, aircraft dealers, and 49½ers who gave us such good ground support. We'd like to make it an annual affair, and undoubtedly would, if we could somehow insure that we'd have such perfect weather each time. For the official results, see elsewhere in the News Letter.

Congratulations and welcome to Mildred Goodson, Ozona, Texas, who got her ticket March 4 in Del Rio. Fred MacMichael, designee, who, together with R. C. Robinson, has a full

flight service and Piper dealership in Del Rio, gave her the test in her own Taylorcraft, said she passed with flying colors. She sez, "Had to, my written was about to expire." Mildred has been a faithful follower as a student pilot, and we're happy to have her as a full-fledged member now. She was weather in, in Del Rio, for three days, getting the test, and enjoyed the exceptionally fine, unstinting hospitality offered by the MacMichaels and the Robinsons. The writer knows whereof she speaks. It so happened that she, her husband, and two student pilots they had flown to Del Rio for their check rides (just ahead of that March 16 deadline) by Mr. MacMichaels, had an overnight taste of this hospitality. We were supplied with transportation, taken to Ciudad Acuna (across the border in Mexico), wine, dined, and, in general, treated more like old friends than marooned flyers. Fine place to be weathered in, let us tell you.

That's about it for this time, I guess. We've all been pretty occupied with the race, and now that it is just (we hope for all) a pleasant memory, we'll get back to "plain flying" in the next issue. Just want to say that we enjoyed having all who attended, and hope you'll come back soon.

KANSAS CHAPTER

By Mary McKillip

We have been busy little people up this way—have neglected the national news but was most kindly reminded by a member in Mass. that I have been neglecting my duties.

Anyway, we're late and will try to catch up. Flying weather has been all but nil around these parts. Marie Engleman flew her plane into Wichita some time ago and what a colorful bird that is—all white with red trim and fire flashes back from the engine. You can spot her a mile away.

Ann Waddell has made several trips into Wichita but via the automobile. Ann has a new job out in Garden City and seems to be real enthused about it. Wouldn't even take time out to fly an air race.

We held our annual rummage sale and had a good turn-out for that although most of our regulars from out of town couldn't make it in. Made a little bit of money and after the sale was all over, we had a party at the "Gaslite Club" here in Wichita. Ann Pappas had a cocktail party first where the meeting was held. Those attending were Ann Pappas, Hazel Guy, Margaret Yourdon, Sonia Calderon, Dorothy Speer, Helen Chandler and Mary McKillip.

The Kansas Chapter is proud to announce a new member—Mrs. Mildred Early (Mrs. Port) of Wichita. Mildred flies a 150 Tri-Pacer that is a little

dream and have had the honor of flying it several hundred miles.

On March 17 Mildred and I left Wichita to fly in the first "High Sky Derby" at Midland, Texas. Stayed with Randy Hapgood in Wichita Falls the first night and then on to Midland Friday. The race was held Saturday over a short 221 mile course. Pat Anderson and Ruth Gas of Hutchison, Kan., also left Thursday but went via Lubbock and Amarillo which was the smart way to go. Pat and Ruth placed 10th in the derby and Mildred and myself placed 12th. The thing that got me the most was that Pat Anderson got the prize for coming the furthest—she lives in Hutchison but if the truth were only known, Mildred should have gotten it. By the way of the crowd, our course was shorter but after we had played hopscotch and patty-cake with a few dozen snow storms and flying the long way around Oklahoma, am sure we must have gone a hundred miles further than they. Oh, well, guess that's the way the cookie crumbles.

The Kansas Chapter has several members planning to fly down to Houston for the sectional. Heard from Lois Dobbin and if she can work things out, she may even go down. Hazel Guy, Sonia Calderon, Lucile Dienst, Ann Pappas, and Mary McKillip are making plans to go. Personally, I've checked with the nice people at TWA to see how fast I can get down there with them—am firmly convinced that the weather man is against us, but here's hoping he will be kind and give us all a good sunny, no wind (or at least a tail wind) day.

Hope to see all of you in Houston!

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Peg Ong

On March 4 we went around the world in less than 80 minutes! Thelma Thomas was our most able guide and such a trip it was! Thelma had such wonderful slides, souvenirs, and many stories . . . some humorous and some not so funny—like the Indian Airline plane that she had reservations on and cancelled out at the last minute only to learn later that it had crashed with no survivors! And then there were the two days that she spent detained by the custom officials in Ceylon—she had written a personal check without obtaining the proper permission. Her account of going into the best hotel in Venice with an extremely limited wardrobe (she had lost most of her things either from using them for bartering and tips or to various people who had "borrowed" them) was terrific! Methinks she should write a book. As you know she was gone approximately six months and was on her own—no guided group tours for her. Betty Stackhouse and

Pat Urling assisted her host the get-together at Grace Longbrook's home. During the business meeting Eleanor Millett was voted into membership along with Gisele Goetsche, both private pilots. Eleanor started flying in '46 winning a scholarship at the age of 15. She obtained her private in '48 and has been associated with her husband in several airport operations in Nebraska and Iowa. Her husband is a flight instructor but is with the Martin Co. in Denver at the present time. Eleanor is the mother of three small boys, a draftswoman by trade and is currently employed with an engineering service firm in Denver. She flies the company Tri-Pacer (which she convinced them they needed) and has made numerous trips for the firm. Those attending this very fine meeting besides the hostesses were Helen and Joe Choun, Frances and Bob Warner, Helen Maxson, Mary Wenholz, Marilyn Nordstrom, Ruth Mugele, Grace Mayfield, Lynn Pfleeger, Jo Trinder, Mary Frenzel, Jo Dennis, Alice Fuchs, Grace and Les Longbrook, Mary Collett, Eleanor Millett, Jane and Swede Nettleblad, and Peg Ong.

CHATTER — Heard from Joyce Lyon up Selma, Ore., way and she already has a list of some 42 gal pilots in the area and hopes to get an active chapter going as soon as the weather cooperates. Ruth Mugele is now a Zonta and has another portrait showing going at the moment. Alice and Bill Fuchs have an instrument school, both ground and flight, in operation down at Peterson Field in Colorado Springs. It really keeps them hopping but they have invited the group down to the Academy in May for dinner at the Officers Club and a tour through the Planetarium. Bill has also received his orders to report to Ottawa, Canada, as an exchange officer the first of July so we will be losing probably our most professional flying member, much to our dismay! Mary Collett told us a few choice tid-bits about their overseas trip. Bob did a lot of research on retarded children and they toured every hospital they could get into. Mary's being an R.N. undoubtedly made this part of the trip interesting to her too. Several of our gals are making definite plans to join the 99 European tour—namely Betty Stackhouse, Helen Maxson and Jo Trinder. At least that's all I heard of, hope I didn't miss anyone. I just wish I could hide in their luggage 'er sumpin! The Longbrooks have hopped over to Durango recently. They must have picked one of the few good flying days that we've had lately . . . here's hoping for an improvement in the flyin' weather . . . at least it can't get much worse. Besides we gotta pack our bags for Houston and the

sectional. Looks like there will be a good representation from the Colorado Chapter. See ya there!

TULSA CHAPTER

By Agnes Hellman

Old Man Winter has kept our flying to a minimum this month; but some of the hardier souls keep fighting it. Like Jean Thomas; she experienced her first landing in the snow after a trip to Ponca City. When she got home it was there and it was land in it or else. Paul and Agnes Hellman slipped out after one of the storms and dashed down to Galveston, Corpus Christi and Monterrey, and then slipped back in just before the next batch of snow. Tissie and W. R. Heath lolled in the Florida sunshine for a few days we hear. But the thing that made Tissie the happiest was the fact that she sold her first Aztec that was sold in Oklahoma; we say congratulations!

Lois and Virgil Martin traded their Aeronca for a Bellanca, and they are taking advantage of the bad weather to get it in tip-top shape.

Jean Thomas and Pat Bauer are contemplating entering the Sky Lady Derby.

Seems we never see our Fort Smith member, so we take this opportunity to say "hello" to Aline Davis, and anytime you can make our meetings, we'd just love to have you.

HOUSTON CHAPTER

Spring has finally sprung here and it is about time. It's around six weeks late for us. The rain, snow, and winter winds up to now have clobbered our airmarking. But it looks like we might anticipate some nice weekend from now on.

Rhea Hurrle has just received her Link instructor rating.

With it looking like good weather again and the extension of that deadline on the instrument time requirement for private licenses, we hope we will soon have some new 99's. Rhea is urging on several girl students and she reports they are progressing nicely.

And after so much winter inactivity, those various races and cruises are certainly tempting. Several of our members are trying to "think of something" to get on the international to El Salvador. But it's awfully close to the South Central-South East Sectionals and Festival of Flight here May 13, 14 and 15—or have we mentioned that previously? It should be nice for everyone returning from El Salvador though. They will probably be hitting here just right to take in our shindig. And they can tell us all about that Central American hospitality.

Members attending our March

strictly-business meeting at Rhea's office were Rhea Hurrle, Merle Boitnott, Joyce Brooks, Frances Castleberry, Marceline Todd, Gertrude Howard, Celia Parrish, Jean King, and Alice Seaborn. And prospective members Judy Simpson and Helen Booker also attended.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

By Marian Burke

Members of the San Antonio Chapter were pleasantly surprised Sunday, Feb. 21, when they were honored by a visit by our News Letter editor, Wynema Masonhall. She was going to be in San Antonio until Wednesday so a cocktail party was given Tuesday evening, Feb. 23, by Marian Burke and a group of the San Antonio "gals" had a grand time hangar flying and visiting. That evening the group was joined by Edna Whyte of Fort Worth who flew Capt. Muriel Guggles' little Culver in from Fort Sill, Okla. Edna had a good trip to San Antonio but "old man weather" seemed to keep nipping at her heels. "Meg" is happy to have her little Culver in San Antonio. She has recently been assigned to Brook Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. Hope Uncle Sam will let her be with our group for a long time.

I hope the weather has been treating other chapters with more respect than our chapter. When Anne Ash moved here she understood that San Antonio was where the "sunshine spends the winter." She's still looking for that sunshine. We have it on order, Anne! Honest we do! By the way, did you ever hear of a gal flying real safe and then breaking her toe while she was working on one of those "do it yourself" projects at home? Anne did. Thought at first we were going to be forced to donate our chapter funds toward buying her a crutch but she is almost as good as new again because while attending our March 13 meeting at her lovely home we noticed she was able to walk real well on that foot and she prepared and served a delicious luncheon for our group.

We are all anxious for our next meeting so we can hear all about Ama Lee Jamison's recent vacation in Hawaii and Gertrude Smith may be back by that time also so we can hear all about her latest trip to Italy. Hope Stella Priest can be there too as she has been quite ill for some time. Sure hope you get to feeling better, Stella.

That's all the news 'till next time.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Delores Scott

Oklahoma Chapter held a "Jerrie Cobb" day at the home of Velma Woodward, Broneta Davis Evans was co-hostess. Jerrie received an inscribed Amelia Earhart medal as a

special honor for outstanding contribution as a woman to aviation. She was also presented a modernistic 99 pin.

Guests included members of the Soon-Airs, an organization of women aviation enthusiasts; Civil Air Patrol; the Daily Oklahoman; Aero Design and Engineering; Jerrie's mother, Mrs. Harvey Cobb of Ponca City; and 99's from Stillwater, Norman, Duncan and Minco.

Fern Yount has been flying CAP cadets and also tied for 6th place in the Duncan Singles Bowling Tourney.

At the Flying Farmer meeting at Western Hill Lodge, Marie Ketchum was elected secretary-treasurer; Arlene Walkup 49½er, Hoyt, was elected president; Arlene is newsletter editor; Bill Tune, past president of the OFF, is a national delegate. Other 99's there were Regina Pannell and Fern Yount with their 49½ers.

Jean and Bruce Williams played it smart and left Oklahoma and its snow behind for a visit with the Packetts at Eglin Field. Wanda is a former Oklahoma Chapter member.

Wally Funk to Taos for a little skiing.

Most of the Oklahoma Chapter 99's turned out for the fly-in at OSU Sunday. Sally Broyles came down from Columbia, Mo., with two prospective members from Stephens College and our President Deedo Heise was there. Several of the Tulsa girls were there, too.

NORTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER **By Hazle Nealey**

Through the cold and rain all six of our members drove to the home of Helen Hewitt's on Poleman Road for our first official meeting. We were greeted at the door by Helen and her four handsome sons, Jeff, Clark, Chris and David; Helen's fifth "boy" showed later, her 49½er. With all these air-minded youngsters I am sure Helen and Whitie will soon have their own crew.

Our guest speakers for the evening were Tony Lemos and Charlie Hicks from the Sky Divers Club. After Tony and Charlie explained the art, grace and thrill there is in sky diving we were convinced that it was as easy as stepping from a coffee table to the floor. Well, at least, that was the picture.

Our thanks to Charlie and Tony for being our guests. We presented our secretary, Pat Ward, with a secretary's book all done up in white paper with red ribbons and roses; Pat was celebrating her 21st birthday. Helen served delicious home-made pecan pie and lots of hot coffee, this making

us feel that we had a very successful meeting.

Dorothy King and 49½er flew to San Antonio, Texas over the weekend to visit her sister who is in the hospital down there.

Mildred Carney had a pleasant surprise visit from her daughter, Mildred and four little granddaughters, over the weekend. They live in Houston, Texas.

Helen Hewitt and family flew over to Jackson, Miss., Saturday to visit 49½er brother. She reported perfect flying weather. Helen passed her instrument written with honors and has recently been elected captain of her bowling team.

Dottie Ports is quite a gal around Downtown Airport. You never know what kind of an airplane you will see her in next. Now she is dreaming of a new Cessna Skylark. Dottie flew to Camden, Ark., over the weekend for a visit with her twin sister.

Pat Ward will soon have an instructors instrument rating. Pat's patience never seems to tire with her students and I hear that her students think they have the best instructor on the field. Pat's first love is flying and her second is her Triumph sport car.

Your reporter's flying has been around home base just trying to get in a little time. Drove to Baton Rouge for a couple of days with my 49½er while he attended a meeting at the capitol building. I went on a real shopping spree. Had a phone call from my sister who lives in Honolulu, Hawaii, saying she was entering a hospital for surgery on the 23rd.

As you know the Skylady Derby terminates in Shreveport on May 26. Carmela Stallings, convention chairman, and Betty Lyons, national Skylady Derby committee member, have put us gals to work, everyone has a job, as all the 99's here belong to the WNAA we are having lots of fun along with hard work. Carmela and Betty are to be commended for the beautiful plans they have for you, so let's don't let them down, make plans to fly the Skylady Derby and attend the convention.

EL PASO, TEXAS CHAPTER **By Brookie Bozarth**

Several members of our El Paso Chapter flew to Midland to fly in the High Sky Derby. Lydia Weaver and Billy Callaghan flew together and Ruth Deerman flew with Yvonne Thompson as her co-pilot. Ruby and Dick Tatman flew down to see the race, but Ruby did not participate in it. They have gone to Las Vegas, Nev. on a vacation.

Evelyn and Norman Wasser like the

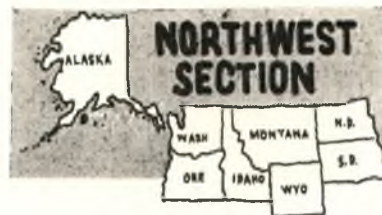
apple pie so well at the new airport in Alamogordo, N. M., that they flew up just to eat pie!

We are happy to report that Luella Gilderbloom will soon be a member of the 99's.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 26, at the Pancake Room of the Ramada Inn.

I saw Betty MacGuire's picture in the paper with the Texas governor at the ribbon cutting for the formal opening of the Fabens Airport. I'm sure Alice and Jim Strickland were quite busy at the opening, since Jim is manager of the new airport.

Good flying to you all.



WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Ruby Mathis

Louise Smith and Ginny Andrews were hostesses for our March meeting held at Galvin's Flying Service. It was well attended with the following members: Helen Appel, Ginny Andrews, Pat McGee, Terry Kellogg, Louise Smith, Marion Owen, Vanecia Adderson, Maxine Fancher, Winnie Blythe, Ruby Mathis and guest, Bertine Pigott.

Louise sported a beautiful sunburn from skiing at Stephens Pass last weekend. She and Bob spent their vacation at Sun Valley in December.

Terry Kellogg was appointed chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. She has passed her instructor instrument written test. Congratulations, Terry!

Marion says she has detoured from 99 activities until the Society of Women Engineers sectional convention is held in Seattle this June.

Pat has designed some beautiful new 99 stationery for our chapter's use which shows a streamlined airplane streaking through a cloud-filled 99. We are anxious to get it printed and in use.

Our chapter is going into the candy selling business to help as our contribution toward the AWTAR. Looks like we will be wearing out the shoe leather.

Helen flew to Walla Walla Penitentiary to do a story on their vocational training program for women inmates which involved proper telephone usage. Are you sure that warden told

you it was okay for you to leave, Helen?

Hugh and Maxine flew to Wichita this month to pick up a 210. She says their weather is for the birds, as they were snowed in and a snow plow had to be used to clear off the runways in order for them to take off. From there they went to Phoenix for three days and on down to Los Angeles.

Our next project is to help the Washington State Aeronautical Commission fill survival cans to be dropped to downed planes. Sounds like quite an elaborate kit and an interesting job.

Twenty-four crash maps were presented to William A. Gebenini, director of the Washington State Aeronautical Commission. They were mounted and acetate covered and are to aid in search and rescue whenever an aircraft is reported missing. Markers on the map show the location of 216 downed or missing planes, with red indicating military crashes, white showing civilian wreckage and black denoting the last known position of missing aircraft. Maps will be distributed to Air Force, Coast Guard, CAP, state search and rescue coordinators and sheriff's officers. Nearly four months work was involved in completing the maps.

Van and Gordon left Seattle January 28 for a few days in San Francisco and Los Angeles on business, then sailed to Hawaii for 15 days vacation where they toured the islands of Aahu, Hawaii and Maui. They had a chance to visit with a Hawaiian priest who helped show them the true Hawaiian life. They rented cars and visited the volcano in eruption, the prison on Hawaii, a monkey pod factory, coffee mills, attended a luau and took the Pearl Harbor tour. After they returned they had a Hawaiian dinner for 10 of their friends complete with flowers, movies of their trip and taped Hawaiian music.

March 21 at 10:00 the Northwest Section will have member flying in at the Troutdale, Ore., airport to try to reactivate the Oregon Chapter. Hope the weather cooperates!

Van flew to Port Angeles March 12 to locate some future 99's. She found out there are four at Port Angeles and one at Port Townsend.

ALASKA CHAPTER

By Pat Gilda

We haven't done much around here lately. Marion Zoegel and her husband flew their Super Cub outside before Christmas and the last we heard from them was from Pompano Beach, Fla. They were swimming it up and having a ball, we expect them back

for the next meeting in April. Jo Edwards went outside before Christmas too and is going to school in Texas to get her commercial and instructors ratings. Helen Stoddard and Wes Apached 48-side this week for a couple of weeks. However to offset this temporary loss we have added four new members, Margo Decker, who files her J-3 at the drop of a windsock; Monica Dow, who has a Cessna 172; Lois Stark with her Tri-Pacer; and Ruth Hurst, who instructs at Alaska Aeronautical Industries and is a concert violinist.

The Alaska Airmen's Association, to which we all belong, is having an air meet this weekend at Big Lake and we are all going to try to help out.

At our March meeting we had an interesting speaker from the Fish and Wildlife Department who gave a talk on survival and showed us his emergency packs which differ in winter and summer and whether he will be flying up around the Brooks Range and Arctic Slopes or in the flat or wooded part of the country. He also showed us slides of his trip last July on the Arctic Slopes, looking for a plane that had disappeared the year before and had never been found. Gordon Watson was flying a 180 and had along one passenger. He was caught in a series of downdrafts and in trying to make a 180 turn hit the side of the mountain and sheared off the floats then folded one wing under and ended up a total loss. Neither of the men was badly hurt and they were picked up five days later. It was an interesting meeting and we had a lot of prospective 99's present in the form of student pilots.

Present were Pat McGee, Ruth O'Buck, Lois Wise, Lois Stark and Pat Gilda. Our guests were Nettie Abel, Katherine Holland, Shirley Henery who should have her license by now, Liz Krakau, Betty McGuire, Sharon Parker, Jessie Lippencott of the weather bureau, Margo Cook, Vi Sandell a controller at Merrill Tower, Alvida Nordling, Vuub Sijn a stewardess with KLM the Royal Dutch Airlines who flew in the AWTAR last year as co-pilot with Kay Palmer of New York. She is a charming person and we all hope that she will be able to make it to another meeting soon, if it comes between flights, and our speaker, Gordon Watson.

Our next meeting will be a potluck at Margo Decker's house. We have had wonderful sunny weather here for the last month with temperatures up as far as 47 degrees. Better than the southern 48 most of the time.

We are all pulling for our candidate for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship, Ruth O'Buck. See you all next month.

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Marie L. Reynnells

There's no longer ice in the isobars, spring as we like it best is here. Birds are returning, daffodils opening, and tractors humming in the fields. Wind-socks swing gently instead of gyrating wildly in gusts.

Betty Seavey, Lygie Hagan, Jean Carbon and Barbara Thisted attended the winter meeting in Pasco. These faithful members made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in numbers. Dinner at the Elks Club, a meeting filled with good ideas for future gatherings, and a late Sunday morning breakfast at the Pancake House completed the overnight meeting.

Mary Drinkwater's 16 year old son, Ben, soloed recently at Yakima airport. His instructor is our own Helen Ernsdorff. Helen received her multi-engine rating recently.

Sunday, March 13, our chapter had a fly-in to Richardson's Aero-Spray Service at Yakima. We were taken to Gini's for the meeting and a luscious buffet luncheon. Gini served authentic Brazilian after-dinner coffee in beautiful demitasse cups she bought on her recent trip to Brazil. Weather was foul in much of the area and our Spokane girls were grounded. Yakima and Wenatchee were fairly good and we had 10 women present. We welcomed Ethel Wikstrom of Yakima as our newest member. Several guests, all about ready for check rides, assure us of many new members soon.

Minnie Boyd's day was a varied one but she made it to Yakima and home again. Pullman was enveloped in fog and snow so she was taken from Pullman to Lewiston, Idaho in the airport limousine. Northwest Airline brought her to Yakima. The Reynnells brought her within about five miles of Pullman then had to return to our ridge-top strip because of snow. Down our ridge we came via four-wheel drive pickup to the ranch. This is getting better, girls, now we can get into a car and drive to Colfax where co-operative husband Carl meets us about 7 p.m. and we all have a good visit and dinner, courtesy of Carl.

Gini Richardson has started a new series of instrument training classes geared to the new license requirements. She will offer both hood time and Link time plus a complete ground school course. Wish you all might read the interesting diary she wrote of their trip to Brazil. The diary was really for daughter Jill, as were most of the purchases. Here is an idea: charms for an international bracelet.

The winter months found many members heading south for vacations in the sun. Snow shoveling beats one

down. The Hagan's Comanchero to Mexico with Lygie doing most of the flying. They spent most of their time in their favorite paradise of Zihuatanejo basking in the sun and swimming. Jean and Pete Carbon Tri-Pacered in and joined them in a tour of Mazatlan and Mexico City. Sounds like time and pesos well spent. The Carl Boyd's and the Reynnells found they were enjoying our own Southwest about the same time but our paths never crossed.

Marie Reynnells joined husband Al in a flying trip to the Piper factory at Loch Haven where they picked up a PA-18 and brought it back to the ranch. This was a great experience for me coming across that snow-filled wintry country in mid-winter without a radio. I now appreciate our good visibility after those smoke-choked cities. Had a spray tank put on the Cub in Worthington, Minn.

We were all saddened by the death of Nate Sherman, husband of former member, Ardeth. Ardie is now living in Moses Lake. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family, Ardeth.

In the pattern: April meeting on Sunday, the 24th, in Menatchee, with Marilyn Knowles in charge. That is apple blossom land you know, so join us for a great day. Area forecast: a May meeting in Troutdale on Saturday, the 21st. This is for all our Oregon women who might be interested in a new chapter of the 99's. Our Western Washington friends are invited to join us. See you in Wenatchee.



SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER By Eleanor Wortz

The main business settled at our regular business meeting at Patti Sherwood's was that there would be another "bingo soiree" to add to our treasury. However, it has been delayed until May. As soon as we have official word from Natalie Bossio as to which of the Palo Alto Airport facilities we may use for our party we will send out notices of date and time.

We would be happy to have participation from any nearby chapter members and their friends, and it is always a "gay" evening. The prizes are nice, and when you "win" it's really a good deal. Plan to join us an early Saturday night in May, and we'll keep you posted.

The fly-in to Sacramento was a real success. I decided the "theme" prepared by the Sacramento girls must

have been "Camellias and Cordiality." Anyway it seemed that way. Little airplanes had been prepared for name tags. Yellow for Sacramento, purple for us and blue for the Redwood Empire. The scheme was great, but so many pilots showed up that we were obligated to mix up colors after awhile. At last count I checked 39 persons. The luncheon was in a corner of the airport restaurant where we could see all the commercial and private plane activity. Pat Gladney, Patti Sherwood, Marge Standish and Natalie Bossio went in one plane. Mayetta Behringer took Ruby Fielding and your reporter. Marilyn Anderson and her husband flew in from San Carlos—so Santa Clara was fairly well represented.

No location was chosen for the next fly-in, but having them "joint" with other chapters sure adds to the fun and gives a chance to get acquainted with more girls.

Some plans were being made that day to attend the sectional, but more on that next time.

PHOENIX CHAPTER

By Alice Roberts

Sorry I didn't get a letter in last month. Flu bugs, stiff neck, and etc. seem to have a way of slowing me down.

Our meeting in February was held Jimmie Lou's house. Ruth Reinhold was to have been our hostess, but she had a charter and we decided best not go to her house with her out of town. We had a great time discussing all the plans for our spring section to be held in April. We are looking forward very much to this event.

Juanita Newell, who never misses a meeting, has been missing a few lately and we found out why. She took a Dale Carnegie Course and was so good that they have recruited her for a teacher. Nice, huh?

Our March meeting was at the home of Pat Runyon. She has a Conn organ in her home which she allowed me to play (until the guests came) and I certainly liked that. We had a nice turnout for our meeting, with all the committees reporting on what they had done toward the sectional. Seems everything is in "ship-shape" so better be getting ready to visit with us.

Our March flight was quite a success. Alice Roberts was in charge and it was a treasure hunt. We all met at Sky Harbor at 10:00 and picked up clues in an Easter basket. The clue took them all to Falcon Field where they were met and given another clue which was attached to a little chicken. Then on to Air Haven. There were Easter eggs awaiting them there with the clue to fly to Thunderbird Field. Then they were

given a real Eastery (?) balloon with a clue to fly to Deer Valley. When we all arrived at Deer Valley we went on the roof and had a delightful luncheon. There were prizes given and "a good time was had by all." There were 26 people participating in this and without their help it could not have been the success that I think it was. Thanks, kids.

Alice Roberts flew to Sacramento and visited with some of the chapter members there. Had a wonderful flight, weatherwise, and enjoyed "hangar flying" with the 99's.

It was nice having Vivian and Jack Bedell and Betty and Walt Ewenson visit with our chapter. They were guests of our chairman, Jimmie, friends from Canada, and joined us on our flight.

Some of us got a short visit with Lynn Briggs and Lois Bartling from the San Diego Chapter.

I had better get busy doing something so there will be more news next month. See you then.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Fran Bera

The March meeting of our chapter was held at the Community Savings and Loan building in Long Beach. We had as our guest speaker Cornelius Bowman, environmental systems engineer for North American Aviation. Mr. Bowman gave a most interesting talk on the X-15. We also saw movies of the X-15 flights. The problems encountered on this project were fantastic, and we left with a feeling of awe and the deepest admiration for the test pilots who have the ability and fortitude to undertake these projects. It was a very educational evening and we had a wonderful turnout with many guests, among them Alice Roberts, our governor, from Phoenix. Also Faye Gilstrap from Tulsa. We were happy to see Irene Leverton, who is flying a Bonanza for a company, her job sounds very interesting. We also had many prospective 99's present.

Congratulations to Cleo Morrison for getting her commercial license.

Claire Walter, Betty Hicks, Betty Faux, Jackie Sepuveda and a guest of Claire's whose name I have forgotten (except she did have a cast on her leg, after suffering a bad landing while sky diving) came by ye olde reporters house after the meeting for a cup of tea, and we talked race talk until the wee hours of the morning. It was a most enjoyable evening.

Fran Bera flew to La Paz and then down to San Jose Del Cabo in the Aero Commander and had a wonderful time deep sea fishing.

Our chapter is very busy with all sorts of plans for the start of the air

race in Torrance. This is one time you won't want to miss, because we have many surprises for you.

Members, please give me your news at the meetings, because it is so hard to write a News Letter with no news. Don't be so modest!

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER **By "Polly" Stoehr**

Under Penny Swope's leadership our little San Gabriel Valley Chapter is becoming very active.

Thirty-five were present at the meeting March 10 in beautifully appointed Pilot's Lounge, Brackett Field. Paula Phelps and Dorothy Brooks were hostesses.

Penny had obtained two films from the Sacramento office, "Flight Decision" and "To Save a Life." Boyd Phelps and Roy Haag were projectionists.

Among those present were Forrest Ferris, leader of the CAP Old Baldy Squadron, his staff and cadets, six Wing Scouts with their leaders. Others included Anita and Louis Catalano, Phyllis and Fred Fechner (Fred, a flight instructor), Betty Humble, Boots and Carl Seymour, Lois and John Hutchison and Jane Haag.

Jane and Roy flew to San Diego recently in their Cessna 170B for his company, and Lois and John H. in their Comanche—the same day—same place on business, coincidence!

Saturday, March 19, 1 p.m., Penny arranged for a news reporter and photographer from San Gabriel Valley Times, to meet 99's at El Monte Airport. Several responded.

The next morning "Polly" and Fred Stoehr flew their Navion to Santa Cruz, returning on Monday evening, combining business and pleasure. The Sunday before, March 13, they were one of 14 planes who descended on Santa Barbara from El Monte.

Everyone is looking forward to the Southwest Sectional at Phoenix, April 22, 23 and 24. Headquarters—Sky Riders Hotel. We'll see you there, weather permitting.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER **By Genevieve Hall**

Our lucky News Letter reporter, Claire Raley, has been basking in the sun of Hawaii this past month, so yours truly will try to write the news for her. We all envy you, Claire!

Our March meeting was a joint one with Redwood Empire Chapter, Santa Clara Valley Chapter at the International Room at the Municipal Airport in Sacramento. Sacramento girls attending were Genevieve Hall, Ruth Lummis, Ruth Wagner, Mary Moore (who drove over from Concord), June Devine, Florence Breen, Helen Mace and guests Marianne McDonnell, Lil Whiteman, Joyce Evans,

Edith Hammer and Nan Giroux. Nan flew her Cessna 210 down from Reno and will be a prospective new member. Glad to have you with us, Nan! Redwood Empire Chapter was well represented, the list included Dorothy Banzhof and 49½'er, Robert (just returned from Turkey after three years absence), Hazel Bertagna, Myrtle Wright, Thelma Camden, Hilda Casey, Bette Smith, John Adams, Anita Conley, Pat Stouffer, Gladys Haney and 49½'er, Clarence, Jayne Harrah and 49½'er, Robert. Santa Clara Valley people attending were Eleanor Wortz, Marilyn Anderson and 49½'er, Chuck, Mayetta Behringer, Ruby Fielding, Patty Sherwood, Natalie Bossio, Margaret Standish, Pat Gladney and Charlotte Groft. The weather was beautiful and we had a wonderful "fly-in" joint meeting, with most of the talk centering about the sectional at Phoenix. Seems like almost everybody is going!

Congratulations to Edith Hammer who received her private ticket last Friday. Edith will soon be a member now and go off the "guest" list. We are all very happy for you, Edith.

Gerry Mickelson was in Monterrey so missed our fine meeting. You were missed by all your friends, Gerry!

Doreen and Reinard Brandley flew the new son and heir down to southern California to be admired by his grandparents, so were absent from this meeting.

The Reilich family just got back from a tour of Arizona and southern California via their 175. Hi reports they had a wonderful time! She was also at our March meeting—hope I didn't forget to mention anyone else!

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Shirley Robinson

Our March meeting brought out several of our members we hadn't seen for a while—what more could one ask? Jan Wood, high school teacher, round the world flyer, incipient parachutist, 1960 AWTAR entrant. After the race she plans to take "Little White Cloud", her Cessna 170, on an extended tour of Canada. Lauretta Foy Savory, 1949 AWTAR winner, stock broker with Mitchum, Jones and Templeton in Studio City. Always active in fellow aviation organizations, she is now in California Aviation Ass'n., which will fight to retain California aviation gas tax refund. Ginny Hall, who had an AT-6 ride and said it flies beautifully but lands like an apartment house. Penny Swope, visiting from San Gabriel Chapter with news of their Wing Scouts.

We were hoping a meeting closer to her home would lure Jeanne Strahl

back also, but her dream job with (Howard) Hughes Aircraft precludes much outside activity. She is now studying Swedish and German to more graciously deal with the multitude of foreign and military visitors to Hughes. She is in visitor services, their official hostess, making hotel, airline, and entertainment reservations for them. We did have many prospective 99's at our meeting—most of them brought by instructor Jean Rose, who, with so many fledglings in tow, felt like a mother hen. In one week, Jean had five students receive their private pilot's license, and one an instructor's rating. She has enough graduate students to start her own Hawthorne Airport 99 Chapter. Thanks to Bonnie Meacham, we were guests at Norm Larson's million dollar Beechcraft installation at Van Nuys Airport; we had a tour of the huge hangar with all those beautiful new Beeches, an air taxi film, "Flight Decision" and "To Save a Life." Most of us had seen these last two so often we felt like logging the time, but, like spot landing contests, we learn something new every time!

SAN JOAQUIN CHAPTER **By Billie Wyatt**

Our chapter celebrated its ninth anniversary on January 30 with a cocktail and dinner party in the Fable Room of the Hotel Covell in Modesto. Anne Rambo of Bay Cities Chapter was the guest speaker for the evening. Anne's topic was "The Space—of Things to Come" and a film "Teamwork Into Space." I don't believe that I have ever witnessed a more appreciative audience than the 100 Ninety-Nines and guests present as Anne took us into the fantastic realm of space. We only wish that Anne could hear the many, many enthusiastic and nice comments made on her program. Thanks again, Anne, for a most delightful evening. Chapter members present were Estelle Stacy of Orosi and new member Jerry Watkins of Fresno who did some night flying to Modesto and home again; Dorothy Koebel, Louciel Freeman, Laura May Crawford, Elva Victorino, Margaret Andrews, Ev Hendley, Billie Wyatt and respective 49½'ers. Former chapter members present were Dottie Houghton, Betty Robinson, Norma Norton and Kay Dray.

A business meeting was held in March at the home of Ev Hendley. Ev announced that we had been asked to sponsor the Explorer Scouts. Plans were discussed for attending the Spring Sectional meeting in Phoenix. If all plans materialize our chapter will be well represented at Phoenix. Present at the March meeting were Pauline Christensen, Merced; Laura May Crawford, Hughson; Elva Victorino, Escalon; Dorothy Koebel, Gus-

time; Louciel Freeman, Newman; Margaret Andrews, Ev and Billie Wyatt, Modesto.

UTAH CHAPTER By Alberta Nicholson

Our March meeting was held at Jo Waddoup's house with Vern Carter, Jessie's husband, instructor for the evening on the E-6B computer. We were all rusty and glad to have an academic-type meeting for a change. The girls from down Provo way were there 100 percent—Ruth Walker, Nicky Harding and Lucile Christopherson. In addition to our hostess, those present were Eunice Naylor, June Raybould and Alberta Nicholson.

We were all sorry about the accident Helen Stoddard and her husband had on the mountain peak outside of Ely, Nev., but glad to report that Helen is in Holy Cross Hospital here

in Salt Lake City and doing great. She has to have some surgery and will probably be here a month but has been assured of a successful recovery. Helen is a member of the Alaska Chapter. By the way, they were en route from Fairbanks to Phoenix for a vacation.

Eunice Naylor has retired from teaching professionally and is putting her time to good use in aviation education. This week she is in Denver for the National Aviation Education Council convention and also for a meeting with aviation education personnel in the Civil Air Patrol. Her trip includes an all-day visit at the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs. While there she hopes to visit with Lt. Col. Wharton, a member of the Utah 99's recently transferred to the academy.

Alberta Nicholson has been honored by being appointed to assist the

Governor's Committee on Aging as chairman of the sub-committee on recreation. The committee will make a survey of recreation for the aging in Utah and their findings reported at the White House Conference on Aging in 1961. This is in line with Alberta's work as geriatric recreation coordinator at the VA hospital.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER By Gail Lane

On March 18, the Bay Cities Chapter held its annual Founder's Day dinner celebrating the 30th anniversary of the 99's and the 28th anniversary of the Bay Cities Chapter. We were the guests of Cmdr. and Mrs. Douglas Phillips for cocktails and dinner at the Officers' Club of the Alameda Naval Air Station. Speakers were Ruth Rueckert and Cmdr. Margaret McGroarity of the WAVES.

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Ruth, who received her license on November 2, 1929, the day of the first 99 meeting at Valley Stream, L. I., reminisced about some early flyers in our chapter. Cmdr. GcGroarity, a Navy meteorologist, gave a fascinating talk on weather problems including possible uses of satellites in weather prediction.

New member Blue Brown and her husband, Leo, flew their Bonanza to Seattle in January with their two children and made a trip to Reno in February.

Mary and Harold Messersmith flew to Reno on February 27 in their Cessna 140 and took some aerial pictures of the Squaw Valley Olympic site en route. They had a side trip over pyramid Lake in Nevada before returning home to the San Carlos Airport. They have now sold the 140 and have joined a flying club that has four planes.

Mary Fields is planning a trip to Costa Rica in July.

In February, Ruth Rueckert, Mary Messersmith and Gail Lane toured the United Airlines turbine engine overhaul shop, in connection with a meet-

ing of the Bay Area Aviation Committee.

Lindy Boyes gave a visiting professor from the University of Munich, Germany, an aerial tour of the Bay area during his recent visit here.

SAN DEIGO CHAPTER

By Terry Vasques

That trip to Zihuatanejo was one of those "get away from it all" types, from a vacationer's viewpoint, and an eye-opener from a pilot's viewpoint. Mexico has made such progress replacing short unpaved strips with beautiful long, paved runways, that our charts, though current, were obsolete. So, if you're flying in Mexico, and that airstrip which your chart says is in town looks deserted, take a good look around and you might find a more desirable spot for landing—about five to ten miles out of town. Ciudad Obregon, Culiacan and Puerto Vallarta are three such cases.

Elsie Watson tells me she and 49½er Ed were snowed in on their trip to the Northeast. Eight days of their 23 day trip were weather stops. In Marquette, Mich., the drifts along the edges of the runway were eight

feet high and three snowplows were needed to keep the new-falling snow off the runway.

Little wonder that attendance at meetings is sparse. More gad-about's—Betty and Bud Gillies are vacationing in the West Indies via Apache.

Martha Mullen and John have finally found just one of the airplanes they've been wanting to own . . . a "spiffy" Ryan PT-22—dark blue with a gay red and white striped rudder. Martha will solo as soon as her built-in check pilot, none other than 49½er John decides to get out of that front seat. A wonderful feeling she says, to sit right on the roll axis—like being an integral part of the plane.

Mac Huntington is now with Air Oasis at Lindbergh Field—charter and instruction.

Our March meeting, hostessed by Harriet Allen, was followed with one of our famous white elephant sales. Dottie Davis did a fine job hawking the wares. You can see we're determined to make money for supporting air-type activities. Anyone have any good ideas? For making money, that is.

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