



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

# News Letter

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## 99 CONVENTION JULY 14-16 WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

### President's Column

To date 468, or roughly one-third, of the questionnaires sent each of you last fall have been completed and returned to headquarters. In summarizing the information thus far received, we have learned that 32 per cent of you have commercial ratings, 16 per cent are instructors, 13 per cent may legally "fly the gauges," 13 per cent are qualified for multi-engine operation, 11 per cent have seaplane ratings. Eleven Ninety-Nines have achieved the lofty pinnacle of an Air Transport Ratings, four are Whirly Girls, four are glider pilots and we have one parachutist.

Planes owned by members, husbands, business or clubs amount to 1.2 per Ninety-Nine and represent 55 makes and/or models. Among the more uncommon are five Chipmunks, one Tri-traveler, one Auster, one F27, a sailplane, a Lodestar, a monocoque, an 8K Bird, a Helio Courier, Gruman Widgeon, Curtis Pusher, Waco 9 OX 5, B-25.

What do you do when not flying? Thirty-six of you teach, 23 write professionally, nine deal in real estate, 38 are secretaries, eight are students, 10 are ranchers, six are in engineering, 25 in various segments of medicine, three are listed in the legal field, and 20 are executives. You are traffic controllers, communicators, an airline dispatcher. Many of you are airport operators.

These are but a few of the facts we have learned and only a third of the real picture of a composite 99. We would like to be able to compile the whole picture but we need a larger percentage of returns. So—will the 948 who filed the questionnaire away in a desk drawer or convenient cubbyhole bring it to light and take a few minutes to fill it in and mail it to headquarters. It's lost? We have more, just ask and we'll be glad to send you another.

One of the rewards of holding office is going visiting and the Chicago Area  
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### Program Schedule

#### Ninety-Nines International Convention And End Of AWTAR 1960

##### HEADQUARTERS — HOTEL DU PONT

Registration — Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Hotel Lobby — \$15.00  
Contestants, 99's, 49½'s, and guests are welcome to attend all activities on the program.

#### MONDAY, JULY 11

2:00-4:30 p.m. Swimming Party — Glory Hill

#### TUESDAY, JULY 12

2:00 p.m. Hagley Museum (Industrial History of the United States)  
8:00 p.m. Guests of the Du Pont Employees Aero Club at their special meeting to honor women in aviation, Nemours Auditorium.  
Tickets may be available to the Brandywine Music Circus (prices later)

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

12:00 noon Official End of AWTAR  
2:00 p.m. Longwood Gardens  
6:30 p.m. Hangar Party, New Castle County Airport, Cocktail Hour, Sponsored by Local Pilots  
Buffet Dinner \$4.00  
Entertainment: "The Electric Heart Blocks" (Dixieland Band)

#### THURSDAY, JULY, 14

8:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting, President's Suite  
9:00 a.m. Race Pilots Meeting, Foyer of Hotel  
Race results announced after meeting  
10:30 a.m. Governors' Meeting with Executive Committee, President's Suite  
12:00 noon Delaware Park Race Track, \$5.50, includes admission to club house, program, luncheon, seat in reserved area  
7:30 p.m. Dinner to honor WASPS stationed at New Castle Air Base during World War II, Gold Ballroom  
Speaker: Col. Emma J. Riley, Dir. of Women, Air Force  
Entertainment: To be announced

#### FRIDAY, JULY 15

8:00 a.m. Delegates are checked in, Nemours Auditorium  
8:30 a.m. Convention Business Session, Nemours Auditorium  
Lunch, Du Barry Room  
2:00 p.m. Convention Business Session Reconvenes  
6:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour, Du Barry Room, sponsored by Wilmington Businessmen's Civic Association  
7:30 p.m. Awards and Convention Banquet, Gold Ballroom  
Transportation will be provided between New Castle County Airport and the Hotel du Pont, and for all scheduled events.  
Cottons and sports clothes will be appropriate for all daytime occasions.  
Evening affairs are dressier.  
Sufficient beauty salon appointments have been reserved to satisfy the needs of the lady visitors.

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The 25th Of Each Month

**President's Column**

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Awards Dinner is an example. It was a privilege to "pin" several new members, personally congratulate the winners and hear Capt. Milton Stein, Safety Officer of Chanute Air Force Base, the guest speaker, assure us that the facilities of the base are always available to any pilot in real need of help. He also stressed the importance of extreme caution when landing or taking off under light wind conditions in close proximity to jets or large propeller aircraft. Shortly after this, coming into Oklahoma City late in the afternoon—much haze—no wind, I was cleared to land behind a DC-8. Remembering the warning, I did a 360 above his flight path, followed by some S turns and satisfied that there was more than ample separation, and not wanting the tower to send out a search party, started down on final — Wham! Without warning "Flighty Lady" and pilot were thrown around in rather vicious turbulence and the DC-8 was almost out of sight.

Ninety-Nine congratulations to the Ozark Chapter, North Central Section. Governor Joan Hrubec and I presented their charter this month in Springfield, Mo., with Arlene Davis as guest speaker and nearby 99's on hand to help celebrate the occasion.

As ever,

*Deedo*

Eugenia Heise  
President

**Pilot's Briefing**

Ballots for the election of International Officers will be in the mail shortly. Don't neglect to vote.

Committee Chairmen and Governors — If you are unable to present your report in person at the Convention July 15th, be sure that three copies are mailed to Secretary Lolise Smith, 421 Edgedale Drive, High Point, N. C., at least two weeks prior to meeting date or delegate someone to present your report for you and advise Louise. Reports should be typed.

The National Aeronautic Association has requested that all contestants in NAA sanctioned races or sporting events be advised that in addition to obtaining a "sporting license" contestants must be members of NAA.

Kay Brick, Brickaero, Norwood, N. J., has received a request to contribute articles on women flyers to an aviation publication and would like you to submit to her stories of interesting flying activities accompanied by 4x5 black and white glossy prints.

**Please cash refund checks immediately.**

PLEASE return your questionnaires, so our records will be more complete.

As of April 27 our total 99 membership was 1420, let's make it 1500 for the year.

Hope everyone can attend their Sectional and the International Convention.

**AWTAR NEWS****All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race  
Torrance, Calif. to Wilmington, Del.**

ENTRIES ARE OPEN: If you have not already done so, write immediately for your copy of the Rules and Regulations, your Application for Entry and other pertinent material. Address all inquiries to:

All-Woman Transcontinental  
Air Race, Inc.  
2611 East Spring St.  
Long Beach 6, Calif.

ENTRIES WILL CLOSE on the 20th day of June. Time is getting short so **act now!**

THE DATES: Impound deadline (Torrance), 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, Fort

Smith, Memphis, Chattanooga, Johnson City, Roanoke and Wilmington.

THE AWARDS: The overall purse of \$2500 will be divided between the first five (5) places: \$800 first place, \$600 second place, \$500 third place, \$400 fourth place, \$200 fifth place.

"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.

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.

Michigan Chapter award: \$50 will be awarded for the highest placing airplane with a crew flying their first AWTAR.

Zep Aero award: A "Hostess De-Luxe" model portable oxygen unit will be an additional award for first place.

AC Spark Plug award: Cash awards will be made by the AC Spark Plug Division, General Motors, for the first five (5) placing airplanes if they are using AC plugs. \$300, first place; \$200, second place; \$100, third place; \$50, fourth place; \$25, fifth place.

The Amateur Radio Net will be operating for the race again this year. "Ham" operators will be on duty at the start and terminus and at each of the "designated" stops on the route. The net will be operating their schedules on the following frequencies: 40 meters—7.205 and 75 meters—3.950. Mrs. Carolyn Currens, W3GTC of Norristown, Pa., is chairman of the net again this year.

The Long Beach Chapter and the City of Torrance, as well as the Middle East Section of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., and the City of Wilmington, Del., are making great plans for the contestants. The race is great fun for all and a wonderful experience so make your plans and get your entry in now.

Board of Directors  
AWTAR, Inc.

**Coming  
Events**

July 9-13

AWTAR

Torrance, Calif. to  
Wilmington, Del.

July 14-16

International 99 Convention  
Wilmington, Del.

Sept. 2-4

Northwest Sectional  
Idaho Falls, Idaho





**From Australia . . .  
We Present  
Nancy Ellis Leebold**

Written by Her 49½er: Arthur Leebold

It was one of those miserable winter mornings when the fog hangs over the airport and the flying outlook is so grim that the birds all tuck their wings in and sit along the steel rafters in the roof. Intending to participate in my usual private category form of weekend flying of an Areo Club Auster (British wartime version of the Piper Cub) I filled in the long wait by puttering about the various hangars. My first introduction to Nancy Ellis was when I asked who was the person who flew the Lockheed Lodestar that was occupying its fair share of an otherwise light plane hangar. They told me it was a girl who was flying bails of wool out of flood-bound homesteads. "She's also feeding a whole lot of cattle from the air. They're stranded on pieces of high ground all over western New South Wales."

"Well," I said, "she'd need to know what she's doing with a kite the size of a Lodestar on that sort of detail."

They assured me that she did. It was an introduction in name only at that time. Later the sun burnt a hole through the overcast and I went off down the coast and enjoyed the trip over the South Pacific beaches and surf.

Enters now another Ninety-Nine—Eileen Bristol of the New York Chapter. In 1943 the wonderful Bristol family had taken under their wing a gaggle of six Australian Air Force bodies who were on their way to serve in Bomber Command in Britian. Eileen had even entrusted her Studebaker roadster to these wild Australians who had a natural tendency to drive on the wrong side of the road.

Much later, in 1953, Eileen traveled to Australia and word spread quickly throughout the land. Many Australians had been guests of the Bristol family in New York during the war years and now it was as if it was a gathering of one of the great Scottish clans. They arrived in Sidney by air, land and sea to welcome Eileen at a big mansion house on the north shore of Sydney Harbor. It was here that I at last met Nancy Ellis, who as a 99, was on hand to also welcome Eileen. I remember that we got into a corner and talked aircraft all night and discussed Nancy's rather unusual job as Chief Flying Instructor of the Dubbo Areo Club. I had always visualized chief instructors, up to that time, to be rather profane occupants of the front cockpit with the elbows out of their flying suits. In 1955 Nancy and I pre-arranged a meeting in London, married at St. Paul's, South Kensington and honeymooned in Oslo and Stockholm. She had then just arrived from the USA where she was thrilled to have been awarded the Amelia Earhart Scholarship which later enabled her to do special studies in Australia and to join the aeronautical engineering staff of Rolls Royce (Australia) on the Dart turbo prop Vickers Viscount engines.

It was two months later that we finally arrived back in Australia, not by any orthodox means, but per medium of a little single engined Miles Messenger aircraft which Nancy piloted the 14,000 miles home to Australia from Britain. Its range was so limited that we landed 47 times on the way. I never forgot the insurance company in London that examined both our log books then suggested that Nancy should be the only one to command the aircraft and that I should be classified as passenger and stick to the category. Anyway that's the sort of log Nancy has. The last time I took a peek she had 33 types endorsed and a first class radio ticket thrown in whilst my own local areo club advises me that if I continue to show the present rate of improvement they might let me graduate off the biplanes.

Well, it's great to be a 49½er anyway. Last November my company took Nancy on as an executive pilot for their twin DeHavilland and this is a very unusual opportunity to have your wife along on business trips. Of course she still sneaks off and engages in unusual flying occupations not the least of which was recently getting experience making rain in Cu Nb clouds over drought-stricken areas. Actually she's probably pining for another flood so that she can fly the Lodestar again and feed those stranded cattle.

## Air Race Programs

As in the past, the board of the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race will publish the official air race program but because of increasing costs and the continuing problem of raising funds for the operation of the AWTAR, the board feels it can no longer distribute these programs free of charge.

We do wish, however, to make these programs available to the entire membership of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., at our cost, 50 cents per copy.

The program is a souvenir type program containing stories on the race, the Ninety-Nines, Inc., as well as a complete section of stories and pictures of all the race contestants.

If you would like to have one please order it through your chapter chairman or section as soon as possible. If outside the United States \$1 per copy to cover additional postage. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, Inc.

Marian Jepsen (Mrs.)

Editor, Official Program  
AWTAR, Inc.

## To All News Letter Reporters

**Deadline**—In editor's hands by the 25th of each month.

**Heading**—Please head each page of report as to **Section, Chapter and Reporter**. This prevents mixups with news from other chapters.

**Contents**—Type double spaced, full width of regular sized paper, if reports exceed one type written page, please number paragraphs in order of importance. Unless numbered the last paragraph is usually the one deleted, if the occasion arises. Do not write on backs.

**Pictures**—Color prints will not reproduce, glossy black and whites preferable. Do not write on the backs, but attach the names and occasion to the bottom of the picture with Scotch Tape for removal in printing.

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

Editor





By Mary A. Lowry

Congratulations to Marie Lepore who received the "Woman of Achievement" award from the Soroptomist Club International of Worcester for her work with young people. We're all proud of Marie and the work she does with the CAP and the Mass. Aviation Education Council.

The Boston Globe devoted a section of their Sunday rotogravure to Charlotte Kelly's work with the Mass. Aeronautics Commission. 'Twas a nice layout. You photograph well, Charlotte.

Raytheon is doing a successful job of keeping Lois Dobbin out of circulation. All we seem to hear from her is "I've got to work tonight." Hope she joins the ranks of the sociables soon.

Your reporter is a candidate for the "the most frustrated passenger of the month award" since listening to friends try to get into Bridgeport and finally declaring a missed approach. We had to get routed home via the railroad. On the credit side was a demonstration in the new Aztec. My, did we enjoy that!

Had a wild dream the other night in which we were deluged with mail from all the 99's in New England. They sent in such tidbits as: Pat Arnold painting all her sheep in day-glow on the theory that if you must count 'em, see 'em. Jerry Gardiner opening on Broadway with a new act—juggling her four sons; June Douglas throwing things at her students—'cause instructors get that way every once in a while. Anne Baddour tying up the pilots and flying the Fairchild to Tenn. herself. Shirley Mahn creating a radical new design for hangars. Lois Wartman startling the experts by wining badminton tournaments with golf clubs and vice versa. Eleanor Horn draining "that lake" beside her airport to make longer runways. So, if you don't like fiction, try sending in the facts, ma'am.

We're all looking forward to the meeting at Orange Airport where the Sky Divers make their summer home. Arrangements had been made to tour the school and, if the weather is right, have a demonstration by the experts. Hope the door prize isn't a chance to jump—would be our luck to win that one.



WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER  
By Ada R. Mitchell

Besides Ninety-Nines flying, I have noticed that time has also been flying. Not much to report but what I have might be of some interest.

I am so unhappy because Lucille Hoffer from Dallas did not call me when she was visiting here in the nation's capital. I get lonesome for my home state and I know she and I would have had a big time. Please come back again.

Here is some hot scoop: Just have to let you all in on a secret. Velta Benn and Hazel Dwiggin went to a fortune teller and she told them that they would travel over water, mind you not over a bridge but water. Sure enough that pea-pickin' prediction came true as Velta and Hazel flew to Wilmington, Del., to attend a committee meeting of the AWTAR terminus group. Of course they had to fly over Chesapeake Bay.

I was told that one of the Thunderbird pilots was instructing at a local airport. I didn't lose any time getting out there as he is an eligible bachelor. He seemed so interested in the 99 organization, and I thought I was doing all the good, when all of a sudden he asked me if I knew whether or not Joan Ann Merriam was still active in the Florida Chapter. I just about flipped my lid and right then and there, and if she calls or writes for his name I ain't giving it to her.

Talk about selling aviation to the public—Pearl May Robinson has been doing just that. She spoke to Congress and told them just how the cow ate the fodder. Pearl deserves a lot of credit as she sold them a bill of goods. If any of you have aviation in the schools of your area it was through the endless efforts of Pearl Robinson's work.

Was going to hitch up the mule to the wagon and attend the Middle East Sectional meeting tomorrow in Philadelphia, Pa., but can't catch the mule so will drive up with Virginia Thompson, Dorothy Mitchell, Laura Zerener, Mitzi Moore and Josie Cook. In the meantime be sure to visit your local airports, as you never know what big wheel you might find that belongs to a plane, especially if you are single.

## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Kate Macario

On Saturday, April 23, the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter was hostess for the Spring Sectional meeting. We started at Walber's on the Delaware Restaurant, with a drawing of three names for a free sea plane ride. We then walked through several boat yards to the sea plane base, where the three winners flew in a 180 on floats. Kitty Stepler, Muriel Chalow, and Nancy Diemand were the names drawn by Nancy's son, Andy. Muriel, a new member from Vineland, N. J., who was accompanied by her charming husband, Rudy, and 15 year old daughter, Merle, offered her seat to her daughter, and Nancy Diemand, who already has a sea plane rating, gave her place up to our guest, Miss Kyung O. Kim. Three more groups went up in the 180 before we returned to Walber's and had lunch, which was served on the patio overlooking the river. We adjourned to a more private room upstairs, where our Governor Adelaide Tinker conducted the meeting. A total of five door prizes were also drawn for, an attractive wall plaque, made and contributed by Ada Mitchell, an instrument rating book, earrings, cuff links, and flight hat. Miss Kim, our international member, concluded our affair with a delightful talk. She is in this country to learn English and our American ways. She seems to be doing very well with both. Arlene Feldman met her at the station on her arrival from New York, and drove her back to the station. Several members flew in to the meeting and were met at Philadelphia International Airport by Marie D'Alterio and Elsie McBride. The Chalows came in their 170, Nancy Diemand and her son in their 175 and Betty MacGlashan arrived in her 140 from Church Hill, Md. Four other Washington members, Virginia Thompson, Dorothy Mitchell, Laura Zerener, and Ada Mitchell, drove from Washington. Anne Shields made it by finding one kind fellow-worker to trade days off with her. Dr. Margaret Densmore attended, accompanied by her frequent co-pilot and fellow-practitioner, Dr. Constance Volk. Joyce Roggio was responsible for the colorful twin Beech identification tags, and Gert Dennis for the attractive notices sent out. Adelaide Tinker, Gloria Durham, Barbara Bonnett and Kitty Stepler were the representatives from Wilmington. Weather played a major part in the success of the affair, and though it was a record breaking 91 degrees, it was clear enough for all the local flying done.

Judy Rich took a wise step by marrying a pilot and an owner of a



Tri-Pacer on April 3. We wish you lots of happiness flying together through the years.

Met Kate Ornsen the other day at West Chester Airport, where she'd been flying a Cruiser. Prospective member Erma Keyes, who owns an Ercoupe, was also there so introduced the two girls. Both fly out of West Chester, but had never met. Kate recently returned from a vacation in Costa Rica visiting her brother, who is employed there. She was accompanied by her father who stayed after Kate left. Even when working Kate travels a great deal for Sun Oil Co. as she has many meetings and conventions she must attend and naturally, it is by air.

Nancy Diemand and her daughter, Debbie, have definitely made up their minds to participate in the AWTAR. So far they are our lone representatives in the race from our chapter.

Our next big event is our Ladies Day on May 15 at Wings Field, and we hope this will be twice as successful as last year.



#### ALABAMA CHAPTER

By Gertrude C. Luther

Weather was off and on all day on Sunday, April 3, which made for a poor attendance at the meeting in Montgomery. And those who came, I believe, arrived by car! Jaunita Halstead was our host and members attending were Marie Carastro, Grace Bailey, Minnie Wade, and Florence Fintak. Wanda Jackett, who is transferring from the Oklahoma Chapter, came up with Flo Fintak. Mrs. Louise Pollard who is a physician working with the regional office of the Veterans Administration in Montgomery, is planning to join our group.

May promises to be a busy one for the Alabama Chapter. First of all we have been invited on Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1, to the fly-in at Elgin AFB. The 99's and 49½'s can compete with each other on spot landings and bomb drops.

There will be a glider demonstration and a precision parachute jump. There is a possibility that Jacqueline Cochran and Jerry Cobb may be present. The weekend is fostered by the Elgin Aero Club.

Because of this wonderful invitation, the regular meeting has been set for

Sunday, May 8, at 10:30 a.m. at Talladega Airport, located 20 miles west of Anniston. This airport is right at the Omni station so nobody should have difficulty finding it. We plan to make final plans for "Penny a Pound" flight which we are holding at this airport on Sunday, May 22, beginning about 1 p.m.

And then there is the sectional meeting at Houston, May 13, 14 and 15. And I'm sure some of us will go—and I hope I'll be among those present there too!



#### IOWA CHAPTER

By Louise Swift

Although weather was marginal, several members and guests attended the March 13 meeting at Burlington, and enjoyed a delicious smorgasbord at the Burlington Hotel, with Jane, Dick and daughter, Cathleen Delaney, hosting. Alice Pfantz, guest Dannie Rosenfield, and Joann Fortier flew from Des Moines in Dannie new Tri-Pacer. Another Des Moines guest, Marilyn Williams, flew her Bonanza with Evey Risdon as co-pilot. The Hunt's, Len and Ward, with one of their sons and a friend flew the family Cessna from Fairfield. Burlington guests were Dorothy Thompson and Gertrude Saar.

Though expecting a new grandchild at any moment, Carla and Bill Logan had the April meeting at the Keokuk Country Club, situated high above the raging flood waters in the area.

Our president, Alice Pfantz, had flown to Chicago on business that morning and hadn't as yet arrived in Keokuk. So Vice Chairman Kitty Hach conducted the meeting and urged all committee chairmen to send reports to section chairmen in time for the sectional meeting at Dearborn, Mich., April 29. She also announced that Louise Swift will have the next meeting in Davenport on May 15.

A delectable swiss steak dinner was enjoyed by the following: Carla and Bill Logan, Kitty Hach, Joann and Guy Fortier, Len, Ward, and Leonard Hunt, Evey Risdon, and Louise, Jim, Nancy and Fred Swift.

When we arrived at the airport to fly home, a woman's voice was heard on unicom. Better late than never, it was Alice arriving from Chicago.

#### GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Adela Scharr

Larry De Dousse, an engineer at McDonnell Aircraft, has, since Easter, become very important to us. That Sunday he made his bid to become a 49½'er in October. And Maxine Loeffler has the diamond ring to prove it. All of which means that we think they're a charming couple and we're just as happy as they.

When spring entices the birds northward, our flyers head south. Chairman Virginia Duenke's family went to Old Mexico, Golly Miner and 49½'er Jack chose Guatemala, and Dorothy Rumsey and 49½'er Mike zipped down to Santa Fe.

So Vice-Chairman Ruth Lake conducted the April meeting at Weiss Airport on the 13th. Hostesses were Sylvia Bloom and Laura Sellinger.

Fly-away schedules include the Springfield dinner inaugurating the Ozark Chapter of seven 99's, April 24. Charter members are: Alice Godwin, Jean Raby, Dr. Hazel Matz, Mary Catherine Elders, Barbara Howard, Mary Morrisset, and Beneva Butcher. Hilda Hemmersmeier reported this.

Laura Sellinger announced a plan for a Kentucky Lake fly-in for us to meet with Kentucky members sometime this summer. Anybody interested? We love company.

Mickey Clark relayed Erma Jaco's invitation of a weekend at Harlan, Iowa on May 28. That's a long way to a picnic supper, but more than worth it!

The Lindy Hop at Arrowhead on May 21 has developed into a New York-Paris arrangement evenly divided across the hangar, the food and the entertainment. From Charleston to Can-Can in one Lindy Hop! The May meeting should find us decorating interesting items, such as flossy type garters for the men to wear on their sleeves as souvenirs.

Every member present in April—Ruth Lake, Sylvia Bloom, Laura Sellinger, Maxine Loeffler, Dolores Whelan, Mickey Clark, Dorothy Haupt, Connie Matter, Marilyn Stoneburg, Dorothy Wheeler, June Evers, Hilda Hemmersmeier, Golly Miner, Edith Olovitch, and Pat O'Connell.

Airfacts has published two articles by Barbara Raithmeier, a quiet, busy mother of two who, with her 49½'er, runs the DeWees Instrument Flight Training School on Labert.

A blinding, hurrican-type rain could not keep the 19 Wing Scouts and their sponsors from O'Fallon, Mo., and Ferguson from the April 20 lesson on airplane engines, carburetors and



heating, lubrication, and propellers given by Del Scharr, who drove 60 miles to help the girls to pass the unit. Maxine Loeffler is the O'Fallon sponsor.

We welcome Dottie Haupt and Joyce Sigrest as new members.

Of interest to Oklahoma 99's and especially to the WAFS and WASP of Ferry Command days in ATC, AAF, is the plan of Lt. Gen. Wm. H. Tunner to retire as CO of MATS in May. Mrs. Tunner (M. Ann Hamilton of Romulus AAFB in W.W.II) and their daughter have already moved to their Virginia home. She was one of the organizers of 99's in Oklahoma.

#### CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By June Basile

Good flying weather has been so scarce around the Chicago Area that many of our members have taken off for fairer skies and more compatible winds. Bee Siemon and her family climbed into the 195, found some favorable tail winds and by now have probably covered more miles in the pool at Marathon, Fla., than they did getting down there. Bee tells us that Barbara Kiernan, New Hampshire 99, has added her two little boys to the swimming party. Eva and Harold White are sunning themselves in Clearwater. They had a good flight down except for some snow just before they reached Danville, so they detoured over to Crawfordsville, then south to Marietta, Ga., where they refueled and had a chance to visit with 99 Kitty Nix and her husband who run the Marietta Airport. Mary Zurndorfer and her 49½er aimed their 182 for Mexico. Mary suggested that we all wish her "happy tower talk" because her Spanish is non-existent and her husband's is a bit fractured. Leda Misiewicz and her husband mixed pleasure with pleasure on their trip. They flew down to Kerrville, Texas to pick up their new Mooney and then proceeded to put 28 hours on the new bird. Their trip included stops at Los Angeles, Long Beach, Phoenix, New Mexico, Memphis, Knoxville, then home. Leda is very happy with the new plane except that she is considering Mr. Atlas lessons. It seems that she finds it a little difficult to work the manual gear up or down. Dorothy Vachout and her family are spending Easter in Jamaica. When you know all these 99's have left the Chicago Area and suspect that there are a good many more out of town, you can readily find an answer for the desolate appearance of some of our local airports. And then, of course, you have Sylvia Roth. She wrote us from Minneapolis to say that she saw Frances Miller in Columbia, S. C., last week and that she will be in Den-

ver on Sunday and then back to Chicago for a few days before she takes off for New York.

Nell Brown may have sold Skylark II last year, but she hasn't put flying on the side. Nell frequently talks to women's groups on the safety in flying, promoting air age education in our schools and doing a very convincing job of getting young people interested in aviation. When she isn't selling flying, Nell spends her spare time giving puppet shows for crippled and retarded children. Our flying puppeteer just entertained 500 people for a benefit for crippled children. By the way, have you ever seen any of the lovely jeweled eggs she makes? Dorothy Miner took time from her busy schedule to sell aviation. She had a lovely exhibit on aviation in the hobby center at the University of Illinois Research and Educational Hospital open house. Evelyn Jerman is another 99 who believes in getting the young fry interested in flying. Her eight year old nephew has been "co-piloting" for her for over a year.

Last week when I was flying safety for Alice Kudrna I had a chance to see one of the many ways in which she has contributed to flying safety. She shot an approach at Joliet, Chicago Weather, and as long as that big beautiful runway was right in front of us, she suggested going up to see the Weather Station. While I was on a very interesting tour of the facilities. Alice took one of the weathermen out for what I thought was just an airplane ride. Actually, they were out picking up good visual checkpoints and calling into the station for a fix. The men at the state make a record of this and then use it to help pilots who are lost orientate themselves.

Just one more happy thought: be sure to come to the Chicago Air Meet in September.

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Anne Roethke

If two swallows make a summer, then maybe one airplane makes a fly-in. Anyhow, that's the way our March meeting turned out. Else Peters and Justine Mills ventured out to Middleton with me in my almost-new Caribbean, while everyone else drove. We had a delicious lunch at Dobby's, following which Mary Seymour entertained us with colored slides of her recent European tour. On the way home we dodged a few snow showers and made plans to attend the North Central Section meeting in April.

Helen Koern, Dora Fritzke and I spent a recent sunny Sunday airport hopping in order to find places for future fly-in meetings. The day was a success. Not only did we find two

very nice airport restaurants, but Helen had a taste of Omni and I did takeoffs and landings to last until Christmas. And on the way home, Dora paid me the supreme compliment of falling asleep in the back seat. I guess I've arrived!

Now that the weather is improving, our enthusiasm for flying is blossoming, and we look forward to an active summer.

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Adele Binsfield

Ah Spring! It was an ideal day for our April 10 meeting at Pontiac, Mich. Five ships flew in and with the drive-ins, we totaled 30 people, enjoying breakfast and business meeting at the Hangar Inn. We were most pleased to see Mary Von Mach, charter member of the 99's. Mary told us that she was comparing flying in the old OX days, with the ride she had in Lillian Snyder's sleek Bonanza on the way to the meeting. "My flying time was ever so slow and one always had to keep an eye open for a good field to land in."

We also welcomed Miriam Gillis, who passed her flight test on March 10. Miriam's husband, Joseph, is a Michigan State Representative, and they are going to be a flying team. Right now Miriam is planning a trip to Washington in May for a couple of days and would love company, if anyone is interested.

Jessie and Homer Wolke participated in a tour of the Naval Air Station, Grosse Ile, with the Flying Farmers on April 3. About 30 planes and their crews enjoyed the tours, Link trainer, parachute packing, ILS demonstrations, then dinner with the Navy.

Becky Thatcher told us that the Radio Amateur Handbooks we donated to the Radio Operators Convention, held in Saginaw in March, were very much appreciated.

Pat Russell squeezed in a trip to New York and Massachusetts the first of the month. It was a job getting through all the snowstorms. We hear the reason Pauline Jones was absent from the meeting was because she left New York on the 6th to ferry a sea-plane home and due to high winds and snow storms was unable to get back in time. Eloise and Harry Smith are going to Europe with the 99's (not doing the flying, Eloise?).

Mary Clark is baby sitting for her nieces and nephews every weekend while her brother and wife are in Europe, so she can take time off in July to enter the TAR. Many hopefuls are planning the Race. Would you all like to know where the Mystery Stop



will be for the Michigan Racess on their way to the coast?

We found out what members have been doing all winter when unable to fly. Faith McPeak won two bowling trophies. She came in first in the Midland City tournament singles and all events. Had her first 600 series. Addie Binsfield also hit her first 600 series in league competition this year. Lucille Quamby (and partner) won the Free Press mixed doubles (one of our biggest Michigan tournaments). Congratulations, girls.

At last, our Chairman arrived! Jean Reynolds was stranded with a broken fuel pump on her way to the meeting. Claims that next time she is going to fly. Let's all do that!

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

Our Chapter gathered on the evening of March 25 at the home of Barbara and Ed Jenison of Paris, Ill., for a combined business and social meeting.

The following members and guests gathered to enjoy the Jenisons' hospitality. All of us drove since the weather was very marginal. Coming from Mattoon were Margorie Kelly, Mary Hendrix and Helen McBride. All were accompanied by their 49½-ers. Kathleen Hudson and Dean came from Decatur. Leah Warren brought a carload of us in her new Plymouth from Champaign; namely: Frank and Rose Andrew, Ann Corkhill, Jo Charnoff, and guests Jean Graber and Terry Gruner, Dr. and Mrs. Farrell of Eldorado were also present and told of their trip to Alaska.

We had a delicious potluck supper, a lively business meeting and some instructive and entertaining films following that. I would like to see the latter over again as they were almost like a refresher course in meteorology.

Leah Warren spent a day recently with Florence Musser of Jacksonville. She has been considerably under the weather this winter, but with a change of doctors, medications and prayers of her friends we are happy to report that she is beginning to gain on the "headwind" that has held her back for a number of months.

Our chapter chairman, Marjorie Kelly, Leah Warren and Jo Charnoff plan to fly in the Michigan Sectional next week.

Just this month we learned of the death of Kay Hall of Springfield, who was a member several years ago. Our sincere sympathy to her family.



#### **TULSA CHAPTER** By Agnes Hellman

We in Tulsa have really been happy to see the sunshine again. It isn't the accepted norm here to be grounded by the weather very often. However, Lois Martin and Jan Mauritsen and their husbands were in Wichita, Kan., last Sunday; just daring the wind to get any worse, and it did; but they had a wonderful time anyway.

The Martins and the Bauers flew to Stillwater on March 27 for the big fly-in breakfast there. They were happy to get to visit with all you nice people.

Pat and Cecil Bauer also took a quick but "much fun" cruise down to El Paso.

So far we've got four planes from Tulsa lined up for the Sky Lady Derby. Also, we expect to have a good delegation at the Sectional in Houston, so until then.

#### **ABILENE CHAPTER** By Beverly Tarpley

Topic of conversation around the Abilene Chapter is our aching muscles. Pauline Glasson spent Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 19-21, with us and got us started on our much talked about air marking program. Under her very capable supervision and direction, we marked six towns in the Abilene area. She certainly is an excellent teacher as well as inspiring a great deal of enthusiasm for this very worthwhile project. However, we found that we had a long way to go before we could manage to keep up with Pauline's energy. All of us discovered some muscles that had been long unused. The aches and pains were well worth it, though, when we considered the accomplishment.

Vacations are already in the air in Abilene as our president, Patty Taliaferro, left for a tour of Europe this month and several of us are looking forward to attending the spring sectional in Houston next month. Be seeing you then.

#### **COLORADO CHAPTER** By Peg Ong

On April 1 . . . no April fool . . . our chapter had a wonderful turnout for the meeting at the home of Francie Warner, ably assisted by Helen Choun. We viewed the fabulous Piper film

about the Spirit of Pretoria, an Apache that was flown from the factory at Lockhaven to Pretoria, South Africa. Two Piper brothers flew the ship via Florida, eastern South America, and across the Atlantic to the western side of Africa and hence inland to their destination. The color film gave wonderful panorama of the country and animals, particularly of Africa . . . very interesting! Those witnessing were Thelma Thomas, Grace Mayfield, Gisela Goetsche, Jo Dennis, Mary Wenholz, Alice Fuchs, Mary Frenzel, Donna Myers, Grace and Less Longbrook, Helen Maxson, Emily Hanrahan, Lynn Pfleeger, Elinor Millet, Peg Ong and guest Doris Walker. A business meeting followed the film after which delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

NOTAMS . . . Emily has her commercial now and is putting it to good use by flying for the traffic reporter of radio station KICN. Pat Urling's eight year old son is grounded due to a heavy cast on his broken leg, a result of a skiing accident. Francie Warner is keeping proficient on IFR flying in their Bonanza—had a recent trip to Dallas. Elinor has flown to Albuquerque and Bartlesville, Okla., on company business. Lynn and Grace Longbrook have found out what vertigo is on instruments—(something that we all should appreciate while under the hood instead of for real, huh?). Donna has been riding commercial again—this time to Phoenix. Jo Dennis flew to Augusta, Ga., and then she and Mary Frenzel have been checking out the Comanche in some local hops—namely to Greeley—going to write a check-pilot report gals? Gisela has checked out in a 172—she's leaving us for San Francisco very shortly—sorry to lose her before we really got to know her well! Had a letter from Gene Nora and is that gal ever logging the hours. She advises that we just musn't miss the sectional at Houston—many surprises, etc.—and I for one certainly hope I don't miss it! Lynn is working on her instrument time with her able instructor, Grace Mayfield. That instrument time is my stumbling block at the moment—am 2/3rds of the way to a commercial but am having trouble getting an instructor, baby sitter, plane, and weather all to cooperate at the same time. Anyone got any suggestions? Tail winds to all—especially those headed for Houston in May!

#### **OKLAHOMA CHAPTER** By June Crosby

The Executive Board Committee had their meeting in Oklahoma City on March 28. Later that evening a cocktail party was held at Velma Woodward's home. Those of the committee present were Eugenia R. Heise,



Ruth Deerman, Louise Smith, Barbara Kiernan, Broneta Davis Evans, Barbara J. Evans and Barbara London. Members of the Oklahoma Chapter present were Susie Sewell, Mary Lester, Rita Eaves, Velma Woodward, Ida Carter, Ruth Jones and Dottie Young. Dinner was at Sussy's Steak House where delicious food and a delightful gab session was held.

Yours truly missed this get together because her youngest co-pilot (George age 2½) broke his landing gear March 18. He had to be put in the hangar for three weeks for repairs. We hope he will be air-worthy sometime after May 5.

Donna Shirley is doing some unusual flying. She has joined the Glider Club at Stillwater and is getting in flying time on Sundays.

The Mid-America Air Fair was held at Wichita, Kan., on April 9 and 10. Arlene Walkup and Rita Eaves were among those attending. Rita's experimental plane won its fifth trophy for outstanding workmanship. However, on April 24, Leonard and Rita had engine failure on take-off from a local airport, resulting in the loss of their prized plane. Fortunately, they fared much better than the plane and we all hope to see them back in the air soon.

The sun was shining and the wind was blowing for our April meeting. Those members present were Betty Black, Ida Carter, June Crosby, Ruth Jones, Broneta Evans, Marie Ketchum, Mary Lester, Wynema Masonhall, Dorothy Morgan, Susie Sewell, Donna Shirley, Beth Smith, Arlene Walkup, Jean Williams and Fern Yount. We had one guest, my daughter, Carolyn Crosby. The main topic of the day was the preparations for the forthcoming AWTAR. There are great plans in the making and the "leg prizes" are shaping up nicely. The committee girls are really working to make the stop as pleasant as possible.

Fern Yount reports that her 49½er, Cecil, is in the hospital with an ulcer. He is now on the mend and will be home soon.

Regina and Pete Pannell are off on a well deserved vacation. They are driving and flying to many different places and will bring back some pictures for us.

Emily Frost sent word that she had to remain home to baby-sit with her beautiful new Palomino horse, Danny. It seems that Danny was offered for sale and Emily just couldn't say neigh.

Our May meeting will be at Tulakes Airport. It will be a "joint" meeting

with the Tulsa Chapter. Everybody come and we will all get acquainted.

Here's hoping for good flying weather for the Spring Sectional.

#### **FORT WORTH CHAPTER** **By Frances Pyland**

All the girls in the Fort Worth Chapter have been busy working on the Fort Worth to Houston Air Race, scheduled for Friday, May 13. We are most pleased with the response and interest shown in this race, and again extend to you all an invitation to land at Meacham Field on May 12 and participate in the race the following morning.

Since working on the race we have found 38 women in Fort Worth with pilots license. New members are Martha Wright, LaVonia Jewell, Lee Wallis and Lou Ellen Foster.

Edna Gardner Whyte with co-pilot Joan Mondier left April 25 for Miami to fly the 10th All-Women's International Air Race, April 27 to May 8, from Miami, Fla., to San Salvador, Central America. Our very best wishes go with you, Edna and Joan.

Looking forward to welcoming you to Cowtown, "Where the West Begins."

#### **DALLAS CHAPTER** **By Dorothy Warren**

It has been a windy month in BIG D, but seems like activity has continued as usual. Congratulations to Joan Huckeba on her brand new instrument rating. Also to Marge Bunch for passing the written for both instrument and commercial. Martha Robinson and Lucille Hoffer have their instrument writtens all passed and are close to check ride time. Pat Jetton has her written for flight instructor passed and working hard on those maneuvers and also is going to instrument ground school. Gene and Mary Gauss are about due to finish instrument ground school and tackle those writtens, and Jerry Sloan received the glad news that she had passed hers with flying colors.

Joyce and Gene Wright's Cessna 180 is in the shop getting a brand new white, black and yellow paint job. We will miss the day glow paint, but I know the new one will be real pretty and probably faster too. She will be trying it out on the Houston Race. Other plans for who is flying the race haven't come in yet, but Jerry Sloan and Martha Robinson will take 49½ers Lou and Frank to the sectional in the Robinson Bonanza and Lucille and Temple Hoffer will fly down in their Skylane with Doris Weller as passenger. Gene and Mary Gauss hope to make it but are very busy working

and making plans for their new home which will be under construction soon.

At our last meeting we were happy to accept membership applications from Marge Bunch, Lorainne Harden and Sue Connally and we welcome them into our chapter. Also had Helen Wilkie, a brand new private pilot, as guest and hope she will join us soon.

Due to the Sectional and the Sky Lady Derby both coming in May we decided to meet next on the 23rd of June at the Pancake Cottage of the new Ramada Inn for a dinner meeting.

#### **NORTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER** **By Helen Hewitt**

Our regular news reporter, Hazel Nealey, is unable to contribute any news this month so I'll pinch hit for her. Her 49½er is hospitalized, we're sorry to say, and we all join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

On April 18 we met in the home of Dottie Ports and served a spaghetti supper to our 49½ers and several invited guests. Besides having lots of fun, we swelled our treasury considerably.

Dottie Ports has lots of reason to celebrate. Her fabulous birthday gift from husband Bud was a beautiful new Cessna Skylark which she is planning to fly in the Skylady Derby.

We are happy to say that we are now eight in number. Betty Lyons and Anne Hagens have reactivated their memberships.

Yours truly is temporarily grounded—my nosewheel collapsed on takeoff—but am hoping repairs will be completed in time to fly down to the sectional in Houston. See you there?

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

We had our last meeting in the Pancake Room of the Ramada Inn. There were 17 members present.

Ruth Deerman went to Oklahoma City to a committee meeting of the executive board. She didn't fly her own plane on this trip because of weather conditions—she went commercial.

Evelyn Wasser and her husband flew their plane to Las Vegas, Nev., over the Easter holidays. Hope they had a lot of luck.

Eunice Dickey and her husband flew their plane to Las Vegas, Nev., to a Chevrolet meeting. I'm sure they will have a big time, however, we missed Eunice this morning on our fly-in to Alamogordo. Nine of us flew up to



Alamogordo for breakfast. We had a very nice trip.

We also missed Ruby Tatman for the fly-in. Ruby and Dick flew their brand new Beech Bonanza to Albuquerque to get checked out. Ruby is real thrilled over her new plane—can you blame her?

On April 30, the 99's and 49½ers will have a fly-in breakfast at the Cornudas Gas Station at Salt Flat, Texas. Frances Sape and Tillie Perkins will be the hostesses. There will be a spot landing contest. I hope we have a good turnout—it will be a lot of fun.

We are happy that Delo Wilson has sent her application in to join our chapter.

We are looking forward to our sectional meeting in Houston. There are several who are planning on flying the race on May 13 from Fort Worth to Houston. I'm sure we will have a big time—let's all go!

Good flying to you all.

#### **HOUSTON CHAPTER** By Alice Seaborn

By the time this News Letter is published, our "Festival of Flight" will be history. But right now we are up to our necks working on it. If we weren't keeping the store, more than likely some of us—like me—would be on that International Air Race to El Salvador. But then you never can get all the coons up one tree.

We have some more newly licensed women pilots and we hope they will be coming into our chapter soon. Our good petticoat pilots Dee Morris and Nancy Jameson have just taken their flight tests and we hope they will soon join our ranks.

Our April meeting was held in Rhea Hurrle's office. Those attending were Rhea Hurrle, Merle Boitnott, Celia Parrish, Ellie Childs, Jean King, Judy Simpson, Frances Castleberry, Helen Booker, Virginia Williams, and Alice Seaborn. New pilot Virginia Anderson was present and will be our newest member at the sectional.

Anybody wanna buy a book? The title is "Lambie Pie" and it is about cats. And I'm the author. Save your pennies. I'll be promoting it to all of you.

We had a letter from Jerrie Cobb. She'll be in South Africa during our 99 sectional here. Otherwise, she said she would like to have attended it. It must be nice to be Jerrie Cobb. I believe if I could trade places with anyone I wanted to, I'd pick her.

#### **SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER** By Marian Burke

Gee! Looks like spring has sprung around San Antonio . . . at least everyone has spring fever.

Cornelia Davis from Del Rio and 49½er E. A. are putting their spring thoughts toward building a new home. Betsy Hogan is busy building a flower garden in the courtyard of the new Hogan home.

Marian Burke had to settle for a new room on the old house on her ranch instead of a new home, but that new runway is growing by leaps and bounds! Marian's spring gardening duties consist of planting runway grass and with the help of son Johnny, running a mower to help kill out the stubborn weeds.

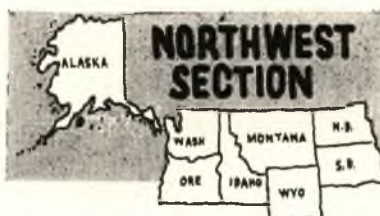
Stella Priest was our only San Antonio member who was going to be able to go on the 99 tour to Europe but recently she had to cancel that "long dreamed of" trip. Stella has been under the doctor's care for several months and was told she should not go on the trip. Gee! Stella, we're so sorry. Sure wish something would turn up so you could still go! We were really looking forward to a complete story from you about Europe after your trip.

Ama Lee Jamison is working at the Ft. Clark guest ranch at Bracketville. She recently completed her job assignment with the John Wayne movie "The Alamo." She also just returned from an interesting vacation in Hawaii. That gal really gets around!

Marian Burke just returned from the Fairchild Aircraft factory in Hagerstown, Md., where she attended a ten day school on the F-27 turbo-prop aircraft. She says it's really a dream of an aircraft and besides that—it sure beats riding in her Super Cub!

Haven't heard from Anne Ash—guess she's still on one of those "do-it-yourself" projects.

Everyone has been real busy so that's about all the news for now. Oh well, our meeting tomorrow will surely bring in plenty of news for the next News Letter.



#### **EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER** By Betty Storrs

New officers of the Eastern Idaho

Chapter this year are: Onita Hoff, Chairman; Betty Brown, Vice Chairman; Selma Van Dercreek, Secretary; Esther Stone, Treasurer; Elaine Loening, Scrap Book Chairman; Carole Gillespie, New Membership Chairman; Betty Storrs, News Letter Reporter; Virginia Huidekoper, Air Marking Chairman; and Mitzi Hutchinson, Air Education Chairman. So once again every member has an important job—even Mitzi, who just received her license in the late winter.

The April meeting was held jointly with the Idaho Chapter in Twin Falls, April 10. We had a good time, a good lunch, and a good discussion of plans for Idaho Chapter's Air Race and for Eastern Idaho's Fall Sectional meeting. But since neither chapter could call a quorum, business was curtailed. A weather front across SE Idaho produced 20 to 30 knot winds (guests to 40) and seriously hampered fly-ins.

From Eastern Idaho, only Esther Stone and Betty Storrs were present, and we were two hours late! 49½er Chuck Storrs piloted the Bonanza (oh, that instrument rating!) and little Charlie went along for the ride.

Eastern Idaho Chapter will host the Northwest Sectional meeting in Idaho Falls on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-5. Plans for the weekend are really rolling along, and it sounds like lots of fun for visiting 49½ers as well as members.

Elaine Loening is studying for her ground instructor rating. She and Mike have been in California for a prolonged visit this year.

Virginia and James Huidekoper were at Squaw Valley for the Winter Olympics. The Stones traveled to Boise for the annual hangar dance on March 25.

Betty and Darwin Brown drove to Washington the last of March to visit relatives. They decided that three adults, two dogs and baggage just wouldn't fit into their Ercole.

#### **MONTANA CHAPTER** By Jeanie Brink

During the recent floods due to ice jamming of the Yellowstone River, Mary Jo Janey flew a Stinson up and down the valley near Glendive searching for ice jams so that residents in her hometown could be warned of impending danger.

Myrna Taft, also of Glendive and a guest at our March meeting, flew to Dickinson, N. D. on March 12 and passed the private flight test.

Bobby Kramer, from Jordan, has just started flying lessons from Viv-





Front row, left to right: Marge Rolle, Helen Dunlap, Mora Kuhn, and Dorothy Sabo. Back row: Elsie Childs, Mary Ja Janey and Pud Lovelace.

ienne Schrank. In spite of the muddy Jordan runway, Vivienne churned off and made the meeting in Billings bringing Billy as her guest. (I suggest a rocket-powered tail assembly for vertical take-off, and recreational water skis for landing.)

Lola and Laulette Hansen with instrument instructor Dale Upinghouse in January flew to the University of Illinois to the flight school there. Most of the flying time in the Cessna 182 was actual instrument and hood.

Jimmy Kuhn (Mora Kuhn to some) of Missoula has been assisting with ground schools sponsored by Missoula Hangar during the long, snowy winter months.

Inza Riedesel and Russ have just returned from a two month vacation in Southern California. An exciting part of the trip was to Torrey Pines near La Jolla, Calif., to watch the gliders soaring there.

Pud Lovelace is becoming an "I was there" correspondent for the Northwest Flyer magazine. She did a fine bit of journalism for the Flyer on the recent private plane incident. The pilot was forced down in the rugged Helena Mountains and made a belly landing in six feet of snow. In the blizzard the lucky pilot made the only landing place in the miles of rocky peaks. He and three passengers lived to tell the tale and Pud got a story and some good pictures.

Elsie Childs worked with the ground search. She was equipped with gear enough to stay out a week. Low ceiling and snow prevented their getting high enough to do any good.

Elsie Hartley was a stewardess on a recent DC-3 trip to Denver and Albuquerque with the Grizzlies who were playing a basketball game in each place. She says the trip was wonderful, but it snowed both places while

they were there. She has been taking Link instruction for several months, which will be useful if she decides to get her commercial. Besides that, she's going to navigation ground school which her MPA hangar sponsors.

## IDAHO CHAPTER

By Laura Conner

Meet our chapter chairman, Lucille Taylor. If you were to attend our 99 meetings, you would be certain our chairman was a college coed, with the poise and grace of a model. Conducting our business is as simple and effortless for her as crossing a room. Lucille began her flying career four years ago in her own red Aeronca Champion. Encouraged after every flight was her 49½, he is a private pilot. Flying has been a saving of time and money for Lucille; as she is an interior decorator and can scamper across the skys of Idaho quickly for her appointments. She has logged 120 hours and now owns a Luscombe. An enthusiastic 99, she has flown to Renton, Wash., for a sectional meeting and to Spokane for the 99 Convention. She had the luck to fly a helicopter, courtesy of a local airport operator and she was thrilled to death. Needless to say one of these days she'll be hovering over our doorsteps telling us where the next meeting will be.

For the first time, the Idaho Chapter plans a miniature "Powder Puff Race" June 11. Claire Justad, our race chairman, reports the route is from Boise to Idaho Falls with "must stops" at Gooding and Pocatello. The distance is short and navigation is simple so student and private pilots may participate. As nearly as possible the race will follow the FAR rules and the past handicap of the TAR will be used for the Aeroncas and Piper Cubs. A takeoff breakfast sponsored by the Boise Chamber of Commerce will be culminated by a banquet at Idaho Falls in the evening. April 30 will be a luncheon at the local municipal airport for contestants to be briefed on tech race rules.

The sixth annual hangar dance was a great success. Lucille decorated wind socks with large glittering 99's across the front. Advanced dance tickets for 99 cents insures a large crowd each year. Carol Gillespie of Idaho Falls and Esther Stone and her 49½er of Pocatello were among the out-of-town pilots to fly in for the dance.

April 10 the local 99's met the Eastern Idaho Chapter for a fly-in breakfast at Twin Falls. Pilots attending were Betty Storrs and her 49½ of Idaho Falls, Esther Stone of Pocatello, Lucille Taylor, Helen Higby,

Millie Shinn, Caroline Chandler, Betty Carstens, Laura Conner and Vera Sparks (our parachute jumper) of Boise, and Virginia Crain of Homedale.

Flights by local 99's . . . Eula Logsdon and 49½ flew to Las Vegas and attended the all-Japanese floor show. Millie Shinn and family visited Great Falls, Mont. Joyce Morcom flies her children to their ranch every weekend. An hour by air and six hours by road is proof of why Joyce is a pilot. Claire Justad just back from a flight to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, reports baby Julie has logged 13:40 minutes as a passenger in her mother's Beech Bonanza.

A recent letter from one of my former flying students, Annette Kimbro, reveals she is an airline stewardess for United Airlines at San Francisco. Flights have been to Salt Lake City, Chicago, and New York and you guessed it . . . she loves every minute of it.

## WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Ruby Mathis

Spring has arrived in Seattle and three of our long-absent members came out of hibernation. Nice to see Pete Anderson, Donna Ezzell and Mildred Pearson again. Thought you'd forgotten us.

Mildred and Ab toured the U. S. in 20 days. They flew to Washington, D. C., where they were privileged to see the president and vice president's offices, senate in session, special tour of the White House, supreme court, lunch with senators, etc. Sure pays to know someone, eh? Bought a new Thunderbird in Miami and traveled through Houston, Phoenix, San Francisco, etc. At least you waited till you reached home to take the flu, Mildred.

Donna and Bob are the proud co-owners of a Stinson. Now, for some decent weather. Donna is taking swimming lessons in her spare time.

Helen Appel flew the club Comanche to Idaho two weeks ago. Said she had a nice visit with Lygie in Spokane. She's off to San Francisco on biz in a couple of weeks.

Helen reported that Fran Bera was here in an Aero Commander for a few days but we missed her.

Understand there is a new swimming pool across the road from the Shelton Airport. Hugh and Maxine have purchased season swim tickets. Sounds like fun.

During our April meeting we worked on survival kits with a regular assembly line. Who says women can't conduct a meeting and work at the same



time. Also, Van showed some of her slides from her recent trip to Hawaii. Our candy sale is off to a flying start. The following were present: Helen Appel, Vanecia Adderson, Maxine Fancher, Louise Smith, Ginny Andrews, Terry Kellogg, Winnie Blythe, Pete Adderson, Donna Ezzell, Mildred Pearson, Ruby Mathis and new member Bert Pigott.

Hope the weather cooperates in May for some of our flying activities. We have hopes of flying to Snohomish May 15 to watch the Sky Divers. Also, May 21 we want to meet some of the other NW 99's at Troutdale, Ore., to help reactivate the Oregon Chapter. In June we hope to fly to Bellingham to meet some new 99's and organize a new unit.

Your reporter had plans of visiting the South Central Sectional at Houston May 13, but due to a change of jobs at Boeing in May, this will be impossible. The vacation cancellation is quite a disappointment, but am looking forward to the new job.

#### **EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER** By Marie L. Reynnells

Something new has been added. Barbara Thisted of Blanchard, Idaho sent a clever note stating, "We've had it." Baby Ellen Margaret arrived April 3. We send congratulations and hope to see our future derby entry of say about 1977 soon. Barbara was co-pilot with Iris Critchell in the '59 race. Barbara is serving on the Amelia Earhart Scholarship selection board.

Jean Carbon of Spokane reports that Fran Bera made a Spokane stop April 2. Fran was headed for Seattle but couldn't get through. Jean had Fran to dinner. Lygie Hagan joined them later and the three had a pleasant evening visiting.

Cleared to land: Jean Carbon left April 12 for Honolulu. The first grandchild in the Carbon family is due to arrive soon and Jean will be there to keep the household running smoothly and get the first chance to "spoil" the baby. We'll look for Jean at our May meeting. She promises to be in Troutdale if she has to walk.

A seminar on weather was held in Spokane March 25, courtesy of the businessmen's pilots association. Jean Carbon, Lygie Hagan and Helen Wheeler attended from our chapter. They thought the meeting was extra special and were sorry more didn't attend.

The Spokane Flying Service at Felts Field held open house April 2 and 3. It provided an "old home week" atmosphere for many 99's. Minnie Boyd, Lygie, Jean and Marie were there Sunday afternoon along with a host

of aviation enthusiasts touring the completely modernized establishment. What's in a name? Well—two of the pilots employed here are Gene Wing and Mark A. Star!

We are about ready for take-off for the April 24 meeting in Wenatchee. Hope the weather is just right for that "appleblossom land" is one of our state's loveliest spots. The appleblossom festival held each year in early May is world famous. A big day is promised by Marilyn Knowels and her committee. Marilyn recently passed her commercial written.

Want some good spring reading? Read, or re-read, Gill Robb Wilson's "The Airman's World." This I especially like. "A heart for the unknown, a courage for the unexpected, and a will to see over the next hill—these are essential equipment of the airman."



#### **SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER** By Claire Raley

First of all I would like to thank our chairman, Genevieve Hall, for writing the last News Letter for me while I was acquiring a nice sun tan in Honolulu. Many thanks Genevieve, maybe I can do a favor for you some time. I had a most wonderful vacation and hope to do a repeat on it next year.

We enjoyed a very good turnout at our April meeting which was held in Florence Breen's beautiful new home. Florence served a delicious buffet luncheon complete with Easter decorations. Thank you, Florence. Those attending the meeting were June Devine, Ruth Wagner, Genevieve Hall, Gerry Mickelson, Ruth Lummis, Lil Whitman, Helen Mace, Claire Raley, Hialeah Reilich and Florence Breen. Visitors were Edith Hammer, Edith Brewer, Wilma Gross Boland, Mary Ann McDonald and Elaine Lancaster. Edith Hammer and Mary Ann McDonald are new pilots now so we hope to have them as 99's by next News Letter time. We have been anxiously waiting for Wilma Gross to get her pilots license but she surprised us all with a marriage license instead, changing her name to Boland. Our very best wishes to you, Wilma, here's hoping the pilots license won't be far behind.

June Devine and her 49½ flew their Bonanza to the Flying E Ranch in Wickenburg, Ariz., for a vacation.

Ruth and Al Wagner are about to purchase a 180.

Genevieve Hall took some of her

neighbors for their first plane ride, flying them to The Nut Tree for dinner.

Helen Mace flew her Piper Clipper to Manteca for a visit with her brother.

I was attending a party in Doreen Brandley's neighborhood recently so stopped in to see how little Dirk was progressing. He's cute as can be and Doreen told me they had just returned from a trip to Salt Lake City in their 210. Little Dirk has turned out to be a real flyer already, taking the bad with the good with never a whimper.

#### **SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER**

By Shirley Robinson

This group, so obviously living it up, shows that our fly-ins at Double J Ranch was a success. Although the ranch is clearly located half-way between Apple Valley and Giant Rock, it wasn't that easy for some of us.

We are lucky to have professional photographer Lola Ricci in our chapter to get these memorable times down for posterity, our scrapbook, and the News Letter. Fifteen airplanes and over 35 guests (count, not age!). Several members and guests from Los Angeles and San Gabriel Chapters enjoying with us the ranch food, swimming pool, etc., but mostly just lounging around. We just checked the chart to make sure JJ was off airways, so we could safely mention Ray Schutte's professional type areobatics in an L-19.

Our appreciation to fly-in chairman Lois Zdenek, who also has been keeping busy flying Rhubarb back and forth to Pismo Beach and Fresno, checking out in a T-6, and a Comanche for the Big Race. Sorry Louise Robertson had to be in Las Vegas and couldn't make the fly-in. Lola Ricci and Virginia Hall 172'd to Apple Valley for lunch last week.

A quote from an FFA man who sees

#### **A Reminder**

Spring is here, and it is high time to prepare for the RACE. We appreciate the donations to support the AWTAR that many chapters have sent in. For those of you who haven't been heard from yet, please make your checks payable to **All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, Inc.**, and send them either to the Race Office in Long Beach, or to me, your Ways and Means Chairman.

Winifred (Pud) Lovelace  
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San Fernando Valley 99's relax during outing. —Photo by Lola Ricci

a lot of mechanics, "The purtiest mechanic in six states," Audrey Schutte (with badminton racket in above picture) still working full time at Van Nuys Airport Valley Pilots. She is doing preliminary work for her A&E or A&P or whatever they call it now. Most 49½ers grouching at us, "Why don't YOU like to work on airplanes?"

Commuting via Apache from Hollywood to San Francisco for dental appointments may be a routine thing for our chairman, Virginia Kahse, but I'll simply never get used to the idea.

Harried housewife's dream: a weekend at Sky Harbor for the Phoenix Spring Southwest Section convention via Norman and Elsie Smith's Bonanza . . . more than this, the wonderful pick-me-up of Elsie's sunny philosophy of life. She says, "It is no a philosophy—it's truth!"

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

Troop No. 8, Glendora Wing Scouts has four new members, making 14 active, enthusiastic girls from Glendora High School student body in this troop. Penny Swope is meeting extra sessions with the new ones so they can get analyst rating with the others at awards ceremony in June. Jane Haag and 49½ are helping the girls make balsa gliders with moveable controls which is one requirement for the rating.

Great talk about the AWTAR at last chapter meeting at the hospitable home of Bobbie Collins. Some are planning to enter the race. Virginia Graham elucidated on weather in Montana during last year's race. She is hoping to fly the family Apache again this year. Three new prospects who fly from Cable Airport joined in the lively discussion: Gertrude Barnes who has a new private; Audrey Crowell, with three solos, who navigates for husband Jack many hours in their Navion; and Mae Virginia Sharpe whose dentist husband is also a pilot.

Norma Wilcox and Penny Swope soloed out in the new Fournaire at Brackett Field last week. Dorothy Brooks piloted each over the valley, demonstrating the fine features of this new two-seater. Flight instructor husband Chuck did the flight checking.

Our parent chapter, San Fernando Valley Chapter, welcomed some of us to a fly-in Sunday at Circle J Ranch, Lucerne. Following this happy occasion, our member Jane Haag has been appointed San Gabriel Valley fly-in chairman. One of the highlights of the month was a full page of pictures and a long feature article on the "Versatile Women Flyers of the San Gabriel Valley" in the Sunday Tribune. The staff of this enterprising daily did itself proud. "Polly" Stoehr and friends flew to Sedona, Oak Creek, Ariz., with the Lockheed pilots recently.

#### SANTA CLARA CHAPTER By Eleanor Wortz

The biggest and nicest news of this month is that Mayetta Behringer, our chairman, and her husband have a new baby boy. Scott William was born April 19 at the Palo Alto Stanford Hospital, and both mother and son are doing fine and now home. Scott joins three older sisters.

Ruby and Ralph Fielding are on stand-by for orders to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for three years. We'll be so sorry to see them leave and will miss our faithful Ruby—but they and we are delighted that it is to be Hawaii instead of the Philippines. Ralph is back flying now, and now that they are all "shipshape" again, we will all go to visit them during their Hawaiian tour. Ruby just had a very pleasant two and a half week vacation back East by commercial plane to visit her family in Florida.

Marion & Harm Barnick and Ruby Fielding attended the Bay Area aviation meeting in March and made an interesting arrangement there. They met the demonstrator of the new Turbin Aikorsky S-62 (who was demonstrating in the Bay Area) and they were given a ride. Anne Gardyne also attended the meeting and had a ride. They were all impressed greatly—and especially with the lack of noise. Jeanne McElhatton attended the meeting but couldn't make the ride.

Pat Gladney, Marg Standish, Patti Sherwood and Vivian Essler, neighbor of Pat's) flew to the sectional in Phoenix amid sand and wind storms. The meeting was fun but the weather was "not so hot"—in fact too cold to swim in the lovely pool. As consolation for that, though, Marg won a door prize at the luncheon.

Don't forget to "come one, come all,

with your friends and neighbors" to the bingo party Saturday night, May 14, at 8 o'clock at the Palo Alto Airport. See you there!

#### SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER

By Louciel Freeman

Our April meeting was held in Orosi, Calif., at the home our good hearted member, Estelle Stacey. It was wonderful to be able to fly to our hostess' ranch home, by landing at the Alta-Dinuba Airport, Estelle's home sets right along side the north end of the runway. In front of their lovely home is the swimming pool and a very large pond with fish. Every time yours truly flies down to spend the day, the fishing is always good. So remember girls, any time you're flying around that territory and you feel like fishing or going swimming you know what to do. Estelle and her 49½er would really like that. Margaret Andrews landed at Visalia to visit her son and new granddaughter and then flew on to Orosi. She sure is a proud grandmother. Dorothy Koebel's 49½er was wonderful, he flew Dorothy and your truly to Orosi, but first landed at Fresno and treated us to a wonderful luncheon. Members present at our April meeting were Margaret Andrews, Pauline Christensen, Laura May Crawford, Dorothy Koebel and Louciel Freeman and believe it or not we all flew in—escorted by the 49½ers. We all had a delightful time.

Spring is here—and everyone is doing a lot of flying. Pauline and her 49½er belong to the Flying Farmers, they flew to Arizona and spent two days at Lake Pleasant and one day in Las Vegas, now they are planning a trip to Mexico, some people are lucky. Laura May and Dorothy and their 49½ers took time out from flying to have their airplane engines maored. Now they are purring around like kittens. I imagine it's a wonderful feeling to fly around with a quiet engine. Fran Gustavson and her Gussy have formed a flying service in Fallon, Nev.

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**SAN DIEGO CHAPTER****By Terry Vasques**

At this time of year, flowers aren't the only things blooming. Springing to life are plans for the AWTAR. Thelma Bishop has just returned from Dallas with her sister as passenger in her spanking clean 1959 Skylane. Thelma with Lynn Briggs as co-pilot will be racing the Skylane come July 9. Dottie Sanders and Marian Jepsen are planning to better their last year's score of seventh place. Aileen Saunders will be defending her position. I too have succumbed to the lure. How can one resist! San Diego certainly has more aspirants. I promise to dig out the information and report them in the next issue.

Also springing to bloom last week was a seven pound, four and one-half ounce boy for Joan Bishop, named John Jr. Joan is chairman for Air Marking—says she has plans for us to touch up the almost eradicated, weather sign on top of Lemon House in Escondido.

We've blossomed out with some new houses also. I'll pass on the changes of address: Anna (Boo) Christensen, 9184 Lavell St., La Mesa; Dottie Davis,

2210 Debco St., Lemon Grove; Marian Jepsen, 616 Stratford St., Encinitas (P. O. Box 547); Martha Lundy, 5058 February St., San Diego 10; Nancy Lynam, c/o Lt. D. M. Lynam, U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, Naval Air Test Center, Potuxent River, Md.; Dottie Sanders, Rt. 1, Box 39, Santee; Helen Westling, 8742 Hurlbut St., San Diego 11 (send mail to 336 C St. San Diego 1.) The only structures at Dottie Sanders' new address are a mail box and a hangar on the edge of the runway at Gillespie Field. Dottie says she and Bob will be putting a house up soon. You can see from the order in which the structures are going up, that the airplane is mighty important in this family.

Our last meeting was at the lovely new home of Dottie Davis. Mr. Jim Becker from Radar Air Traffic Control Center, Miramar Naval Air Station, spoke and showed films. His topics were "Altitude Separation and How ATC Spaces Traffic" and "Military Omni-Range Equipment." Mr. Becker extended an invitation to the members to visit the RATCC installation at Miramar.

Away from home are Lois and Harry Bartling, vacationing in Florida, via Bonanza; Aileen Saunders, racing in the International via Cessna 172; and Betty and Bud Gillies, on business via airlines to New York.

**UTAH CHAPTER****By Alberta Nicholson**

We had a most interesting meeting at the home of Ethel McDermott at which Major Cannon talked about the Berlin Airlift, Air Traffic Rules and Turbulence. Major John Cannon is the Air Force Liaison Officer for the Civil Air Patrol.

In attendance was Eunice Naylor, Cora Grote, June Raybould, Jo Waddoups, Jesse Carter, and Louise Rice. Louise, by the way, told about her "air" accident caused by extreme turbulence while riding in an FFA plane from Salt Lake to the coast. They really got bruised up a bit.

Eunice Naylor attended the National Aviation Education Council convention at Denver March 24. Nine other 99's were in attendance. The convention included a tour of the Martin Missile Plant, United Airlines Training Cen-

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ter at Staple and an entire day at the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs.

Plans are completed for the tour of Dugway Proving Grounds on May 7. Our member, Peggy Wharton (Lt. Col.) made arrangements for the tour prior to her transfer to Colorado Springs. The base has gone "all out" to make the event extremely interesting and we expect to have about 25 attend.

We hope to have a good representation at the spring meeting in Phoenix. Ruth Walker from Provo is driving down with some friends, Eunice is going down on Bonanza's jet and Jo Waddoups hopes to fly their 172 with husband and another couple. Wish I were there but office responsibilities have me grounded this weekend.

#### LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Fran Bera

The April meeting of our chapter was held at the beautiful home of Ruth Nitzen, in Palos Verdes Hills, Torrance. The business of the evening was of course the forthcoming AWTAR. We enjoyed movies from last year's race, and these gave everyone the urge to fly this year's TAR. We

already have about six crews definitely planning on entering.

We had many prospective members and guests, among them Dr. Doris Rowe of the Phoenix Chapter, who has moved to this area and is with the veterans hospital. Phoenix's loss is our gain and we hope Dr. Rowe will be transferring to our chapter.

Jean Clark has been burning the night oil. She has been flying at night, doing test work on the new Met-Co-Lite.

Edna Stennett says she has been so busy on tax forms in her office she hasn't had time to fly, but is hoping to buy a Tri-Pacer soon and get back in the air.

Ruth Nitzen and 49½er, John, Bonanzaed to Lubbock, Texas and also to Fresno.

Fran Bera flew to Spokane, Seattle and Vancouver, Canada in Aero Commander for two weeks. Had a very nice visit with Spokane 99's Jean Carbon and Lydiellen Hagan. Jean cooked a wonderful steak and 49½er John mixed a delicious beverage and we had a wonderful time reflying last year's air race. While in Seattle met and spent the day with prospec-

tive 99 Bertine Piggott.

The Southwest Section is coming up this weekend in Phoenix and members planning to attend are Barbara London, Mary Pinkey, Iris Critchell in Navion, Ruth Gay and Rita Gibson in 140, Hilda Raefsnnyder and Dr. Doris Rowe, Bonanza Airlines, Jackie Sepulveda and family in Cessna 170 (finally got the wings back on). Jean Clark and Lucy Calla in 140. Annette Castle and 49er John are leaving for three days at Tucson in their 180. Betty Miller is making plans to enter the AWTAR. The new location of Betty and Chuck's Santa Monica Flyers is very attractive, with new furnishing and powder blue telephones (I like those telephones, the only flight school I've ever seen with powder blue telephones). Betty is kept very busy with school management and flying and has very little time left over.

Entries for the AWTAR close June 20, so don't delay, send in your entry NOW! Just think of the blue Pacific, Hollywood, Disneyland, Marineland, breathtaking mountains and sandy beaches. They are all right here for you to enjoy when you come to Torrance!

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