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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

# News Letter

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## It's Not Too Late To Reinstate!

### President's Column

October, 1960

Home again after a never-to-be-forgotten trip and the opportunities it offered to become better acquainted with our sister pilots across the ocean and a better understanding of their flying problems. Due to regulations, salary scales, etc., private flying and individual ownership of planes as we know them here in America are far less common on the Continent. The hospitality, however, could not be surpassed anywhere and I feel a rosy glow whenever I think of the many lovely things that were arranged for us.

You will see that we are listing two new International Committees this year, and I feel that an explanation of each is in order.

Upon motion duly passed by our delegates last July, I am appointing a committee to study the suggestion made by the National Aeronautic Association that we become affiliated with them. Each chapter will, in due time, be contacted by this committee with the details. It is important that these be studied thoroughly within the individual chapters to enable your delegates to make a wise decision and one truly expressing the thinking of our members at the San Diego Convention next July.

The second special committee will be made up of women who were on the European tour and others who have traveled extensively, and is being formed to give further study to the dues paid by our members overseas. To be truly international, we should have mode representation outside the United States. Women in France or Japan or Turkey, for instance, are not able to participate as fully or reap full benefit from membership, and when one considers the rates of monetary exchange and salary scales our present dues may be a deterrent to new members wishing to join. The committee will also investigate possibilities whereby they

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99's touring Europe stopped long enough for a group picture in Rome.

### The Lighter Side Of The 99 European Tour By Loma May

In one of those giddy, irrepressible moments one often experiences at, or near, the end of a "Cloud 9" vacation, Deedo Heise suggested that some of the funny incidents we ran into on the European tour trail this summer might be of interest to the 99's who read our News Letter. The following is the result.

You should have seen more than 50 99's and friends, led by a militant English female tour guide, Miss Hulme, with umbrella held aloft, scrambling pell-mell through the streets of London in search of a "Penny Stop." The public comfort stations in London are often under the center sections of busy streets—and they DO require one of those large copper pennies before one gains the privacy required. So it was sometimes quite a spectacle for staid Britishers to see half a hundred Americans wildly viewing the street signs for OTHER signs as they waited impatiently for a traffic light to change so they could,

with pennies clutched in their hands, race for the long-sought "Entrance."

At Londonderry House, we enjoyed the delightful hospitality of the Royal Aero Club.

A very UNfunny incident occurred the day we traveled to Stratford-on-Avon, via the university town of Oxford. Ruth Stafford, Kansas City, was so narrowly missed by oncoming traffic that she was literally thrown to the pavement—to the horror of all of us. Fortunately she was not hurt, but we DID do better after that about remembering to look the OPPOSITE way, first right and THEN left, when crossing English highways.

In Amsterdam, the shower looked very much like a French telephone, placed on a hook above the bath tub. We understand that some unprepared "telephoners" got the word damp quick.

At Mannheim, our luggage was slow getting to our rooms after arrival. The

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**DEADLINE FOR NEWS**  
**The 25th Of Each Month**

## **CHATTER** **From Headquarters**

By Carol Craig

On August 30 Headquarters was graced by two lovely visitors. Merle Dunnam of Corpus Christi stopped by for a brief visit. Later that day, Dot Warren from Dallas came in both business and pleasure. Seems she was interested in looking at some planes at the Aeronautical Center here on Will Rogers Field. It is always a pleasure to have Dot drop by.

On September 8 one of our new members, Jewel Y. vom Saal, made Oklahoma City her RON stop when transporting her daughter to Albuquerque for enrollment at the University of New Mexico. Jewel lives in Yonkers, N. Y.

On their way to the meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter on September 18, Wally Funk and her guest, Pat Conner, took a few minutes to come into Headquarters and browse a bit.

To all 99's, whenever possible, please do make an effort to visit Headquarters and spend as much time as possible looking through the scrapbooks, etc. We would be delighted to have you.

## **Coming Events**

October 22

Fourth Annual Dallas Doll Derby. For applications write Dot Warren, 3511 Ridgeoak Way, Dallas 34, Texas. Deadline for entries: October 15.

## **ATTENTION** **NEWS LETTER REPORTERS** **DEADLINE**

By the 25th of each month, to 99 Headquarters, except October and June, no News Letter in November or July.

**HEADING**

Please head each page of report as to section, chapter, reporter and page number. This prevents mix-ups at printer's shop with news from other chapters.

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**PICTURES**

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By following the above procedure, you will make assembling and printing of the 99 News Letter easier.

Thanks a million.

99 Headquarters

## **Pilots Briefing**

DON'T BE A NOSHOW . . .  
RENEW . . . RENEW . . . RE-  
NEW—NOW!

Peggy Coulter of the Indiana Chapter has consented to make up a scrapbook of the European tour. Will you send her snapshots, clippings, etc., for same. We will eventually place it in Headquarters.

NEW GOVERNORS . . . Please send glossy prints immediately to Headquarters for use in Roster.

SECTIONS AND CHAPTERS . . . Please send lists of officers to Headquarters, Deedo Heise and Barbara Evans (New York Section). We can't function smoothly if we don't know to whom to write.

Let's bring that membership total up to 1600.

When requesting transfer . . . check "D" Section 3, Page 101 of Roster. Forms may be obtained from Headquarters.

Remember NAA Convention—Indio, Calif., November 14-16. Ninety-Nines will be represented on panel.

There will be no News Letter in November due to Roster publication. No October deadline.

## **The Lighter Side Of** **99 European Tour**

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reception scheduled by the German Aero Club for that evening was set to begin almost upon our arrival. Hazel Matz decided to shower immediately and be ready to dress as soon as the luggage arrived. She did exactly that, but when she came out of the shower, wrapped in a towel about six feet long and four feet wide . . . no luggage!

Jan Kuechenmeister of Cincy got a real bang out of watching Elaine Morris, Kansas City, nearly knocked down Peter Ustinoff when she had failed to recognize!

In Switzerland, Ruth Armor and Ruby Sadler shelled out all their German, French, Italian, Liechtenstein and Swiss coins only to find that they didn't have enough between them to buy ONE Swiss airmail stamp.

Of course, there were great times understanding the names of various shops. For example, restaurants ran from "Trattoria" to "Tabac" to "Ristorante" and "Brasserie." You can see what might happen to THIS?

It was at Fontainebleau that Dorothy Faulkner, Delaware, walked a country mile to one of the two tour busses only to find that HER tour bus was a country mile in the other direction!

And then there was the luncheon at Maxim's in Páree when Henri, the maitre de, modeled our Tyrolean hat which was much tooo big for his "kup."

It was a hotel elevator in Rome that almost proved the undoing of Judy Scott, Ohio. She was in an elevator (which was made up of a platform with lovely ironwork scrolls in a VERY open pattern) with only the Italian speaking elevator operator when the elevator stuck three or four feet from destination. The solution was reached when the elevator man "boosted" Jody up through the opened elevator door and her friends pulled her the rest of the way to destination. The Italian elevator man's expression indicated that he was really enjoying his work.

Laura Sellinger either got lost in the Olympic Stadium in Rome one day or couldn't stop taking pictures of those handsome swimming stars doing their practice work from the high boards. She'll have to tell us which. Something like the day that Jackie Bender from Sacramento was abandoned on an island in Holland!

There were several fun-filled moments in Digni, France, when Merle Dunham, Texas, stopped in to get her Coca-Cola lighter refilled. The clerk was so enamored with it that he grabbed the lighter and offered Merle all the money he had in his pockets. He thought Merle was a stranded



tourist who was trying to recoup funds for traveling by selling the lighter! Interesting how they call drug stores "Alimentari" in some parts of the world!

There was both fun and consternation afoot the night Jackie and Jan invited Cleo to sleep on the cot at Bernkastel. It seems that Cleo and Jan, searched until 3 a.m. for Cleo's room and finally, deciding that it had simply disappeared from the banks of the Moselle, they gave up the search and called it a day . . . and a night!

Laurie Griffin, the horse trader from Kansas, spotted a cameo she liked on a street vendor's stand in Florence. It was marked \$12. Laurie had heard about these situations. She went into a haggling session which would make the negotiations at a union contract meeting look pale and feeble. Result: She bought the lovely cameo for \$6. All very happy. She floated around the corner with that self-satisfied smile that comes from a job well done. "Mission accomplished," Laurie thought . . . until she found herself looking at an exact duplicate of her cameo . . . priced at \$1. Ah me.

Edna Gardner Whyte walked into a Florence shoe store and toured the place examining the shoes. Suddenly she saw a pair exactly like a pair she had. Her eyes followed upward a bit and, lo and behold, the lady was wearing a skirt exactly like one Edna owned. By this time Edna's glance had reached the top and found herself looking in a lovely Italian mirror!

Bottled water could cost 100 lire or 480, depending on the mood of the waiter. Of course, on the Continent, waiters were aghast when one ordered water. They called it, and so did we eventually "American Champaign." The really sophisticated travelers ordered wine . . . and what wine it was. Magnifique!

Fun, too, were the words "left" and "right" and "south." These became "lefta," "righta" and "souse." We go souse. Oh oh.

John Hammond reportedly spotted our satellite "Echo" as we enjoyed the gondola ride in Venice.

Ziggy Hunter and her limitless curiosity, for example. Ziggy pushed all the buttons, tripped all the levers and pulled all the chains in one bathroom without accomplishing her purpose. In disgust she yanked open the bathroom door—and immediately the apparatus went into action.

It's almost impossible to be delicate about these riotous situations, but ask Georgia McConnell about the day at Lake Garda when she asked for the "powder room" and the deck clerk didn't understand. The clerk called two or three other hotel attaches over for

help. In rapid succession, the Italians heard words such as "ladies lounge?" "rest room?" "little girl's room?" "bathroom?" But still there was no one in the gathering crowd of hotel employees who "got the idea." Finally, and in extreme urgency, the word "toilet" was hit upon and a great light dawned. There was great happiness. All the hotel people smiled with relief and understanding. "Oh toilette!" they cried with glee . . . and the problem was promptly solved.

Of course, Leah Higgins made the mistake of pulling the "light cord" in her hotel bathroom one day and a maid showed up in short order. It seems this particular "light cord" meant "maid service . . . fast! On the double!" Which wasn't as startling as Doris Weller's experience when she rang for the elevator (many European elevators, as you probably know, are entered by opening a door which is much like the doors to hotel rooms here). It was a gentlemen's bathroom, instead. Joan Hrubec had a traumatic experience when she was locked in a bathroom with the bus due to leave!

Ruby Sadtler, when returning from the famous Five Flies, boarded a street car and went on and on while she was trying to pay her fare. At any rate, she finished the trip by getting off and finding herself right back where she had boarded the car! Tired, too!

Let's wrap it up with a little report on the day we climbed the Leaning Tower of Pisa. And it DOES lean. We had finally gained the platform of the bell tower and unhappily it was just five o'clock. This didn't mean anything to Sara Gorelick and me until the big bells pealed the hour. And this did mean something! The great big bells can be heard for miles and when they peal, they PEAL. And you can't get away from them short of jumping off the tower which is high altitude stuff, sans parachute.

## My Flying Career

We Present  
**UTA RENATE KIENLE**  
Karlsruhe-Durlach  
Lamprecht str 11, Germany

After the second world war flying was forbidden in Germany. In 1950 when I was just 13 years old, I began to work in a special compartment of our club in Karlsruhe, where the little models of airplanes are built.

In 1951 the gliding have been allowed again and now I became an active member of our gliding club. We possessed nothing more of machines than instruments, and so we had all to make ourselves. At that time I was still going to school and had time enough in the afternoon. Therefore I

could get a great experience in building of gliders.

Instead of airplace (strip) we used some meadows. Only in 1954 we received a real airplace in Karlsruhe. Because our airplace was occupied by the American Army. These helped us and planned a new one at Forchheim. There I made first examination and received the license first class for gliding and one year later second class.

In the meantime we had bought two other gliders. In 1955 I had gathered such an experience in building of gliders that I could be sent to a course for leaders of workshops in Hornberg. In Hornberg has been the first school for gliding after the war. Having finished this course, I was the first female leader of a workshop of our country.

On the 5th of May, 1955, the motor flying has been permitted. We were able to buy a Bucker 181 and a Piper L-4.

I could not realise my wish to fly with motor planes for I had not money enough. But so much more did go ahead with gliding. We had been visitors of a French school for pilots. There I had seen that we were ten years behind the position of the modern European flying. But we fetched up the projection. I acquired the first condition for the so-called Silver C and a certificate for the radio. I learned how to drive a winch and became a teacher for gliding.

In 1959 the insignia for the Silver C was given me. Finally I was able to begin flying with motor planes. On account of my activity in our club I received the permission to make the license for the half price. I have the license for private pilot Nr. 156, and the permission to slip avions. In 1959 I took care for our participant on the Deutschen Meisterschaften. This September I shall first time fly in a rally with a motor plane. As a co-pilot I have flown Cessna 170B, 180, Bucker 181, RW3, Zlin 126, Sperling PA18, Emerald, Jodel, Klemm.

My aims: In gliding to receive the Gold C with diamonds; in motorflying, to become a teacher for motor, and to get the licence for professional pilots.

But now I am very glad to have become a member of such a club, and I hope that we will contain a good reverence.

## TAKE-OFF AND LANDING AREA

—Never take-off or land except at a designated airport, and then only provided runway lengths allow a 50 per cent margin for contingencies over and above those minimum requirements shown in the manufacturer's operations manual and then add 200 feet when using a sod runway.



## Letters . . . .

Federacion Aeronautica del Uruguay  
September 12, 1960  
The Ninety-Nines, Inc.  
International Organization  
of Women Pilots  
P. O. Box 144, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Will Rogers Field  
U.S.A.

As suggested by Mrs. Anesia Pinheiro, of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, we have much pleasure in advising you that during the second fortnight of January, 1961, the first meeting of women pilots will be held at the sea-side resort of Punta del Este, Uruguay. This meeting, sponsored by this federation, will be under the auspices of national authorities.

This federation would be both gratified and honored by the attendance of a 99 delegation at this meeting, which will also count on the presence of women pilots, including Mrs. Pinheiro Machado, from other American countries.

You will be advised as to the exact date and other details of organization of the said meeting, as soon as we are in receipt of your answer confirming whether a squadron of your organization will be likely to come.

Initially, the meeting will cover three days, during which the official participants will be accommodated at Punta del Este. The organizers will specially see to it that the guest participants are fully entertained and really made themselves at home.

If your answer is affirmative, we should be particularly interested to know just how many planes and crew members would come. Your attention is drawn to the fact, however, that in order to provide adequate accommodation for all guest participants, and wishing to secure a successful organization, we deemed it convenient to limit to ten the number of coming planes with two occupants per unit. Nevertheless, we should have special regard, should your distinguished organization decide to slightly exceed that number.

Looking forward to your prompt reply, we wish to remain

Yours sincerely,  
Jose M. Pena  
Presidente

## President's Column

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may actually take a more active part in our organization.

Both committees will be making recommendations to you next July.

We, on the Executive Committee, always welcome any ideas which will enable The Ninety-Nines to continue to grow and be recognized outside our

own organization as a group of intelligent women with the knowledge and deep interest in aviation and its progress both here and abroad.

CONGRATULATIONS from each of us to our newly chartered chapters—Oregon, in the Northwestern Section, and Rockford, Ill., in the North Central Section.

It is my personal wish to see as many of you as possible this year and to each of you a "must" invitation to visit me whenever you are in Milwaukee.

As ever,

*Deedo*

Eugenia Heise,  
President

P.S. As you know we have hit our goal of 1500 members. Let's have no "noshows" on renewals and aim now for 1600.



By Mary A. Lowry

We noticed last week that the foliage in the north is already beginning to change and a new season brings a change in officers to this section. Many thanks to Jerry Gardiner, Lois Wartman, June Douglas, and Sara Hayden. Our new officers, Charlotte Kelley, governor; Anne Baddour, vice governor; Mary Lowry, secretary; and Rae Tober, treasurer, will be installed at our September meeting.

Isobell Blodgett was ferrying her daughter and son-in-law around this summer and was delighted that her son-in-law "took to it" and soloed her Cessna before they reached the West Coast. After making their various must stops, they took a holiday trip to Alaska that included Fairbanks and Anchorage. Isobell enjoyed meeting the local 99's at Provo, Utah. Holland is her next stop and she doesn't expect to be back in the states until after the Christmas season.

We missed a chance to be a drama critic when Charlotte Kelley's TV appearance was scheduled locally during working hours. Charlotte flew to California to make a film.

Ora Stevens dropped us a note during Operation Cleanup from Hurricane Donna. Fortunately, damages were light at Taunton.

NEW RATINGS DEPARTMENT . . . Estelle Gross, commercial, and Mary Lowry, instrument.

We heard that Eleanor Horn had a great opportunity to become the owner of a skunk—descended, natch. Did you, Eleanor? Don't know if everyone knows, but Eleanor does a lot of work

with the local police in combatting juvenile delinquency.

We ran into Ruth and Johnny Bolten at Tewmac Airport searching for thermals. Enjoyed our second glider flight as much as the first and hope to get a lot more in the future. Between flights we had a chance to "remember when" with Ruth about the AWTAR start. Ruth told us that Barbara Kiernan and family have a lovely apartment in Boston now and will use their New Hampshire house for weekends and summers. Hope that Ruth will come along to some of our meetings this year. We still remember gratefully the help she gave us at Lawrence.

Just ran out of news. Hope to see you all this year.



By Jeanne Spielberg

Our fall season started with a "bang" on September 9 when our newly elected officers were ushered in by our retiring governor, Peggy



Herbert O. Fisher, internationally known pilot, was presented a Scroll of Honor by Mrs. Peggy Norris of Irvington, retiring governor of the New York-New Jersey Section of Ninety-Nines, in recognition of his contribution to aviation in general and his "devoted interest in and contribution to the Ninety-Nines" in particular, at the group's inaugural dinner-dance at Sleepy Hollow Country Club, Scarborough-on-Hudson, Friday, Sept. 9, 1960. Left to right are: Miss Kathleen A. Hilbrandt, treasurer of the Ninety-Nines; Mrs. Marion Lopez, vice governor; Herbert O. Fisher, veteran test pilot and chief of the Aviation Development Division, Port of New York Authority; Mrs. Peggy Norris, governor of the New York-New Jersey Section of Ninety-Nines; and Mrs. Doris Renninger, secretary.



## SMALL RACE

Sept. 24, 1960

Muskegon, Mich.  
FINAL SCORE

188 Miles

Race Pos.	Names	Speed Pos.	Fuel Pos.	Comb. P.S.	Fuel Diff.	Plane No.
1.	Margaret J. Ringenberg Solo	3	1	4	.0187	32
2.	Margaret Callaway Mary Jane Ford	1	3	4	.1292	30
3.	Eloise Smith Toni Kent	5	4	9	.1660	22
4.	Nell H. Brown Adelbert Brown	9	2	11	.0953	5
5.	Agnes H. Gallatin Joyce Keyser	6	5	11	.1744	4
6.	Frances M. Myers Dale Myers	2	9	11	.2701	24
7.	Ione L. Kiplinger Edy Maxim	4	11	15	.4500	9
8.	Anne E. Roehke Eugenia Heise	10	7	17	.2043	20
9.	Marian M. Elbinger Marian Hoffman	17	6	23	.1753	28
10.	Dorothy Julich Solo	16	8	24	.2403	29
11.	Sophia M. Payton Neal Payton	14	10	24	.3785	7
12.	Patricia L. Edge William Wheeler	11	15	26	.8318	16
13.	Bernice T. Steadman Lucile Quamby	8	20	28	1.3474	18
14.	Dorothy J. Anderson Solo	13	17	30	1.2686	3
15.	Babe W. Ruth Joan Olowach	15	16	31	.9975	10
16.	Mary Creason Pauline Jones	12	19	31	1.3036	21
17.	Jean Reynolds Bob Steadman	7	24	31	2.2667	27
18.	Mary S. West Emlie McDonald	20	13	33	.5488	2
19.	Bette J. Crook Adele Bensfield	24	12	36	.5179	13
20.	Alice M. DeWitt B. G. DeWitt	24	12	36	.5179	13
21.	Beatrice C. Siemon L. E. Siemon	23	14	37	.6845	8
22.	Helen R. Wiedwald Elmer Wiedwald	19	23	42	2.0587	31
23.	Sammy McKay Solo	22	21	43	1.3528	25
24.	Helen P. Bytwerk Ruth Jensen	21	22	43	1.3882	6

aviation writer for the Otsego County Herald Times. Her daughter, Suzanne, 17, soloed in their Tri-Pacer at the Otsego County Airport. Sounds like a future race team.

MIDLAND, TEXAS CHAPTER  
By Velma Lee Copeland

Our congratulations to Tony Page our "1960 Woman of the Year in Aviation," and to Jerrie Cobb, the first woman to undergo and pass the exhaustive tests and examinations for space exploration. Two great women in aviation and our best to them.

Midland's new officers for the com-

ing year are as follows: Ann Bynum, chairman; Mary Erwin, vice-chairman; Bettie Powell, secretary-treasurer; Pat Barbee, membership chairman; Velma Lee Copeland, News Letter reporter and publicity; and Ann Bynum, parliamentarian.

Our August meeting was planned for Eagle Pass with dinner at the "Moderna" in Old Mexico, but due to the sudden illness of Ardith Cutts, our hostess, our plans were cancelled.

In September, members and guests met in Cosden hangar at the Howard County Airport, Big Springs, to see two Texas Aeronautical Commission films.

The films were "Flight Decision" and "To Save A Life," the latter illustrated the 180 degree turn procedure. A special guest was Mrs. Cris Watson of Big Springs, a Women's Air Force pilot during World War II.

The Bynums served as host couple for a sandwich luncheon.

On to a few activities of our members. . . . Our student pilot, Hilda Blair Ray soloed before leaving for her summer home in Minnesota.

Mimi Muldrow and her mother have been vacationing in Colorado. Mimi plans to enter the University of Colorado this fall, so you Colorado gals take good care of her, will ya?

Joy Butts is expecting another little one in November so doctor's orders are to "slow down a bit."

Pat Barbee and children of Ozona flew with friends to Denver, Colo. They made the trip at night IFR in an Apache.

Ann Bynum of Big Springs checked out in Cessna 150 and flew to Lubbock.

Mary Erwin is working for Cap Rock Electric in Stanton. We do miss her News Letter every month. She was just the best.

Nancy Brumlow of Wink flew charter to Fort Worth. (One of her many flights.)

This reporter has taken every opportunity between homework and office work with University Lands to fly the Model 33 Debonair. In August I enjoyed my first sail plane meet during the 27th National Soaring Championship contest in Odessa, Tex. Must try this art some day in some of my "rare" free moments.

## FORT WORTH CHAPTER

We were all wet—a swimming party on August 27 produced these logical consequences. A beautiful day was ordered up by Ann Atkeison to go along with the most delightful party of the year. Our membership, knowing the wonderful hospitality provided by Ann and her dear friend Francis Withers, converged on the lovely garden pool site and proceeded to eat, drink and indulge in the usual merry pilot talk—this time with pontoons. We were delighted to have Jimmie Kolp with us (she was in town to see an old friend, USAF Gen. LeMay). The Fosters drove part way in and flew part way in from Wichita Falls. The Jewells, the Stubbs, the Pylands, Delphine Bohn (and her good right arm, Eva Prichart), Tony Page, Dora and Mrs. Dougherty were among the merry makers. We missed Edna who was still touring Europe and the various foreign aero clubs. We are glad to report she is now safely home and we anxiously await stories of her adventures.

Other news of our area: Delphine Bohn has just added to her long list of interpid undertakings and is now the Cessna dealer in Wichita Falls. We wish her all kinds of success. Anita Reilly and husband are in the process of recovering wing of their 140; your writer has just purchased a one-quarter intertest in a glider—a Pratt & Read. Texas is certainly THE



place for gliding and soaring. Imagine, yesterday I released at 2300 feet and inside of 10 minutes was at 7000 feet! This is truly defying the laws of gravity . . . but fun! I can't possibly tell you.

### DALLAS CHAPTER

By Mary Gauss

LAST REMINDER — Dallas Doll Derby, October 22 — 300 mile round-robin mystery course from Red Bird Airport. Entries are still being accepted by the race committee, if your plane is handicapped. You should see that first place trophy . . . a 42 inch rotating job . . . donated by Addison Airport!

Our August meeting was held at the home of Rowena Burns where we elected the following officers for the coming year: Chairman, Jerry Sloan; vice-chairman, Hazel Corry; secretary, Joan Huckleba; treasurer, Dorothy Colbath; membership, Pat Jetton; and reporter, Mary Gauss.

Shades of outer space! Pat Jetton and Jerry Sloan have just been select-physicals for candidates as female astronauts. They and 24 other potential space queens are scheduled to meet in Albuquerque early in October.

Now back to the troposphere! Jo Allison and Martha Ann Reading attended the South Central Sectional at Garden City, Kan. Jo also plans to fly the Texas Air Tour, starting in Temple, Tex., October 8. Hazel and Bert Corry and Dorothy and Chuck Warren plan to fly a partial tour. Sounds like fun . . . with barbecues and such.

Other August happenings: Frances Wiggs is busy baby sitting with her new grandson. Doris Weller returned from the 99 Air Tour of Europe. She had some fascinating tales of being entertained by royalty, etc. . . . and then nearly being left behind in some remote spot. What experiences, and we haven't heard but just a few so far!

Dot and Chuck have just finished moving into new offices at Addison Airport, Northeast Airmotive Building.

### SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

By Marian Burke

The September meeting was held Sunday, the 18th, at Marian Burke's ranch. Some of the group flew in—some drove in. After an enjoyable meeting and luncheon everyone was entertained with movies shown of the June 12 "99 fly-in" at Burke ranch. Chief operator on the film projector was Marian's son, Johnny.

The San Antonio Chapter was honored by having several new prospective members present at the meeting. We are going to try to double our membership this year . . . quite a goal . . . but it will be fun.

October 2 is the date for the open house at International Airport at San

Antonio. Our chapter hopes to have a 99 display at the airport.

No October meeting will be held—everyone's going on the air tour. They call it the "All Texas Air Tour" but we really have a good turnout from other states . . . so gas up your flyin' machine, grab the family, load within limits and come join us for a week of fun and flyin'.

### HOUSTON CHAPTER

By Alice Seaborn

Next month we will have a new News Letter reporter. She will be Nancy Jameson and I'm sure you will enjoy her columns.

We had our annual shake-up and here is the new list of officers: Alice Seaborn, chairman; Frances Castleberry, vice chairman; Gertrude Howard, membership chairman; Virginia Anderson, secretary; Celia Parrish, treasurer; and Judy Simpson, scrapbook.

Our next project will be a joint one with petticoat pilots. It will be a Christmas dance and our members will all be working on it for the next couple of months. And that's all the news I can think of for now.

### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By June Crosby

Our September meeting found us at Tulakes Airport. The weather was perfect and the turnout was good. Members in attendance were: Ida Carter, Rita Eaves, Broneta Evans, Emily Frost, Wally Funk, Ruth Jones, Mary Lester, Mema Masonhall, Beth Smith, Regina Pannell, Gene Nora Stumbough, Arlene Walkup, Jean Williams, Dorothy Fox and June Crosby. There were three 49½ers and one guest. Wally Funk brought Pat Connor from Stillwater. Pat is very interested in learning to fly and wanted to take a ride with a real pro. Wally has now passed her instructors ratings.

Ida Carter and Ruth Jones are now home from their vacation and report that they had a wonderful time. Glad to have you girls back.

Gene Nora Stumbough is back from Cascade, Colo., and has resumed her schooling and teachings at the University of Oklahoma. She has now qualified for her "Certified Flight Instructors Rating."

Donna Shirley has also returned to the University of Oklahoma. She brought back her multi-engine rating from the University of Illinois Aeronautical Institute.

Beth Smith is now the proud grandmother of a seven pound baby boy, born September 17. After a week of waiting the good word finally came through. Congratulations, Beth.

Nema Masonhall is back in the air. She soloed a Cessna 172 in one hour and 20 minutes. This was her first solo flight in almost 12 years. Pretty good, huh! Tell us, Nema, was it just as

thrilling the second time as it was the first?

Arlene Walkup has invited us to attend the Oklahoma State University homecoming activities on October 23 at Stillwater, Okla. This will be in combination with our October meeting. The Thunderbirds are to fly, also Howl Cryer and many others. This promises to be a most interesting event. Everybody try to come.

### TULSA CHAPTER

By Agnes Hellman

Our chapter is proud to present to you it's new officers for the coming fiscal year. Pat Bauer is the chairman; Peggy Snyder, vice chairman; Agnes Hellman, secretary; Jan Mauritson, treasurer; and Lois Martin, membership co-chairman.

We also wish to make this statement of sincere gratitude to Lois Martin who piloted us through the past two years with such gracious tact and proficiency and also to Dorothy Rice, our treasurer, who opens the door of her lovely home for most of our meetings.

Now to go back a way — Lois Martin and Virgil, her 49½er, really enjoyed the antique air show at Osca-loosa, Iowa on Labor Day. They make nearly all of the local fly-ins, including the one at Coffeerville, Kan., on September 18.

When the Flying Physicians were at Western Hills, Deedo Heise invited us all to brunch with her and the 99's attending the convention. It was delightful, the highlight being the fact that Mrs. Heise made us all feel so "together." She insisted that our Jeannie Thomas really did all the work on the menu and the decorations. Freda Guild (her doctor husband was attending the convention) did us proud by holding classes for the wives in map reading, radio navigation, communications, and weather. Freda also braved a tempermental off-again, on-again weather situation to attend a meeting with the Oklahoma Chapter at Tulakes Airport in August.

Pat Bauer and Cecil cut their vacation short in Tampa, Fla., to make way for Hurricane Donna. Their trip home was plagued with thunderstorms all the way. Like the man says, "Every flight has it's lesson to teach."

All you nice people in our vicinity (or out of it) are invited to a hangar dance at Harvey Young Airport in Tulsa on October 14 . . . operation "money bag" for our flat bank account.

Now last, but not least, we have two new members, bringing the total to 15.

### COLORADO CHAPTER

By Peg Ong

Must get this in the typewriter and off in spite of the busy, busy preparations to go to the sectional in Garden City, Kan. At the moment Jo



our past and able secretary, Janice Keuchenmeister, who received word the day she left for the European tour that she had passed and will receive her masters degree this spring. Aren't these gals fabulous.

If I may add a word I would like to say it has indeed been a pleasure for me to act as your News Letter reporter from the Ohio Chapter, and I would like to extend my thanks in print to a gal who has for long done a wonderful job as News Letter editor, Nema Masonhall, who has been more than generous in giving her time and cooperation with me and I'm sure with all the reporters everywhere. Thank you, Nema, and good luck and happy flying to all everywhere.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER

By Sophia M. Payton

There was no September meeting in Indiana as we had high hopes of a good attendance at the Fall Sectional, Cleveland, Ohio, but "ole man weather" had other ideas. However, the following attended: Delia Sanders, Billie Smith, Tannie Schlundt, Rae Cawdell, Peggy Coulter and 49½'er, Gloria Richards and 49½'er, and Sophia M. Payton. A good time was had by all and our hats are off to the All-Ohio Chapter for a job well done.

Congratulations, Wilma Gunderson, for winning the 1960 Brendonwood Recreation Group golf tournament. Our gal, Peggy Coulter, gets around. Just back from Europe on the 99 tour. Had a wonderful time. Now, she has organized a CAP cadet squadron at Muncie, Ind., and is acting commander. Barbara Drinkwater just back from her vacation — roughed it all the way by camping out . . . sounds like fun. Now that Barb has had her fun, it is down to serious business. She will be working on her PhD at Purdue University. Gloria Richards and 49½'er celebrated their 10th anniversary. Estelle Adkins and 49½'er just back from Florida in their Apache. Jill McCormack vacationed in the East. Billie Smith and Delia Sanders out flying with their spouses dropped in at the Maggart's strip to pay them a visit.

**AIR ACTIVITIES:** Josephine Richardson placed second in a spot landing contest at the Chicago Air Meet. From all reports she had a good time and the girls not attending don't know what they are missing. She hopes to be able to attend again next year. I'm sure Indiana will have more members attending next year after talking to Josephine. Also, the writer will vouch for the Chicago Air Meet. Fun! Michigan SMALL Race entrants from Indiana: Margaret Ringenberg and Sophia Payton and 49½'er. Both were surprised to receive their AWTAR numbers.

Travel has it laughs. Rae Cawdell

who does most of her traveling on passes, had to buy a ticket in order to assure herself on getting home in time for work on Monday morning. It appears the Knuths or shall I say Plane No. 7 likes Fantasyland, Gettysburg, Pa., so well it would rather be based there than in Indianapolis where Ethel and Rusty live. Ethel and Rusty flew over for the Labor Day weekend, spruced a Cadillac back, again, the following weekend tried to return the Cadillac, but in vain. So again this weekend did return the Cadillac, but made the trip back by train. That's one airplane—still advertising for its sponsor.

Our October meeting . . . Sheridan Airport, Sheridan, Ind. Rae Cawdell is working real hard for a day of flying, so gals, let's get those planes ready and talk to "ole man weather"—pour it on and who knows maybe the weather will be just what we ordered.

#### CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By June Basile

There just isn't anything that I'd rather do at this moment than sit down and write about the Ninety-Nines. My little flight bag is prudently packed, the cats have all received final instructions on how to behave while I am away and I have my ears hopefully glued to the sequence report while I say silent prayers that the stationary front gives up the ghost. No doubt you have guessed that it is almost zero hour for the Cleveland Sectional. Our going to Cleveland party includes pilot of the Aero Commander, Sylvia Roth, Helen Sailer, Elzabe Yocum, Doris Langher, Marorie Raglin and me, with a stop over in Jackson, Mich., to pick up Mary Clark. The last report I had this morning was that Sylvia is still out on a trip but she expects to be back in time to take off for Cleveland. Who knows, there may still be a way.

I remember promising a long time ago that this trusty typewriter would be boasting about the accomplishments of the Chicago Area members. Its latest reason for popping its keys are two new ratings. Our very biggest congratulations to Helen Sailer for winning her multi-engine rating. She was a little tired but happy and her leg was a bit stiff from holding left rudder, but Sylvia Roth and I decided this occasion had to be properly celebrated at a special dinner that evening. Other big congratulations go to Juanita Fineman for winning her instrument rating. We hear from unnamed sources that her husband, Sid, was so confident that she would get the rating that he came home with a beautiful bouquet of roses for her.

I couldn't possibly write this News Letter without giving you some quick glimpses of a very heartwarming story. To do justice to "Operation Dog Lift" I'd need the whole column so

I'll try to condense it. Sylvia Roth and her passengers got weathered in at Bloomington, finally found accommodations in a small out-of-the-way motel and met a six month old collie dog who had been dropped from a car. The dog stole Sylvia's heart; she relieved him of a much too light collar, found scissors to debur him and even left money with the motel people to feed him. A day or two later, she and I were drinking coffee on the patio of Eve Chilcoat's beautiful new home when she began telling us about the dog. She didn't get any farther than to tell us that she had befriended the unwanted dog when Eve said that she and Gil would love to have him. A quick long distance call to the motel confirmed that the dog was still there and arrangements were made to pick him up on Sunday. I was at the airport when Operation Dog Lift returned. The dog had been a cooperative passenger and sat on the blanket provided for him, in fact, he was so cooperative that he obligingly held his head over the newspapers provided for him when the ride got a bit rough. Sylvia, Helen Sailer and I stopped in to see Eve and Chil later in the day and found a very happy threesome. The Chilcoat's had shown Commander Plato to his special dog house off the kitchen, he sniffed it and filed that information away for further reference and elected to stay close to his new family. We found them on the patio with the dog cuddled up against Chil's foot.

Now that my last News Letter is written, I'm beginning to wonder who I'll share all of my inner-most thoughts with about what nice people all the 99's are. Thanks for being such a swell audience and for the nice notes of encouragement thru the past two years. P.S. If the new reporter is wanting for copy—we did get to the Cleveland Sectional. If she has a couple of days with nothing to do, I'll be glad to relate the unorthodox way we did it and all the wonderful and zany things that happened to us.

The day of the air meet turned out to be one of the only days this month that we had good visibility and nice weather. The 35 women who participated had a lot of fun. International President Deedo Heise presented the trophies to the deserving winners. The winners were: first place, cross country, Claire Hallgren and her copilot Terry Gruner; second place, cross country, Mary Haltigan and copilot Betsy Jerome; first place, spot landing, Alice Stolzner; second place, spot landing, Josephine Richardson, Decatur, Ind.; first place, bomb dropping, Eva White; second place, prospect Tracy Pilurs; first place, obstacle course, Eva White; second place, Claire Hallgren. Claire Hallgren was awarded the Pilot of the Day



trophy and the floating trophy for having the highest score. 49½ers Al Rold White and Ted Hallgren won the men's spot landing contest. Congratulations to all the winners and Bea Siemon, air meet chairman. To those who didn't win a trophy, I hope you had as good a time as I did.

Our European traveler Alice DeWitt was back in time to enter the air meet, but we were all so busy with the events of the day, I'll just have to save the post cards she sent me because I would like to hear the full story behind each one. Sounds like everyone had a wonderful time. Alice Kudrna went to New York for her vacation and had a lovely impromptu visit with Margaret Potts on Montauk Point and Viola Gentry at East Hampton. Alice had planned to attend the N. Y. - N. J. Chapter dinner-dance, but the weatherman's gloomy words about thunderstorms scared her into starting for home on the afternoon of the dance.

#### CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Rose S. Andrew

The August meeting of our chapter was held in an office at the Mattoon, Ill., Airport with the members and guests meeting at 12 noon August 21.

Mr. C. Beatty, Coles County Airport operator, gave an interesting talk on the importance of the airspeed indicator.

The business meeting following was mainly concerned with a fund raising problem. Marorie Kelly, chairman, presided.

Barbara Jenison gave a short report on airmarking.

Helen Greinke reported on the convention just held in Wilmington, Del.

The group then gathered in the luncheon room at the airport.

Members present with 49½ers were Bonnie Ferrell, Leah Warren, Mary Hendrix, Kathleen Hudson, Helen McBride. Other members were Marorie Kelly and Helen Greinke. Guests were Jean Graber, Roberta Kesterson, Delores Adamson, Sue Hassler and Janet McBride.

The September meeting was held on the 17th at the Decatur Airport with Kathleen Hudson as hostess. Her charming mother, Mrs. Krebs, and Dean, her 49½er, served the best food at noon in the office of their flying club. Not very many of us were able to attend, as some had gone to Cleveland to the sectional. There were other conflicts, too. However, Helen McBride and Mary Hendrix came over from Mattoon, the Andrews from Champaign, and Jean Graber and Dick, her 49½er, came from there too, flying in on the "clearing up side" of a stormy night. Jean is in the process of becoming a new member and we are happy to announce that Virginia Meyer of Onarga and Delores Adamson of Illini Airport, Urbana, are also

on our list of members added this year. We are mighty proud to have all of them.

Kathleen had asked a gentleman who is an officer in the CAP to talk to us about how the CAP helps locate downed planes. It is wonderful how they and the Air Force work together, (but don't let yourself become careless about filing a flight plan). We appreciated everything he had to say.

Bonnie Ferrell, wife of our flying physician, reported on their interesting trip to Wagoner, Okla., to attend a Flying Physicians convention. Our 99 president was there and about 10 other 99's.

We are all looking forward to flying to Eldorado, Ill., in October to meet with Bonnie and Dr. Ferrell. The date is October 16.

The November meeting will be set for the 19th, probably in Champaign.

Rose Andrew and her family enjoyed an interesting trip to Massachusetts in August.

A most welcome guest on Labor Day weekend at the Andrew house was Dora Dougherty of Fort Worth. She was attending a meeting in Chicago and came down to say hello to all of us. Leah Warren and her family came out to the Andrew's to see Dora too.

At the moment the Central Illinois Chapter is planning to hold its Spring Sectional of the North Central group the third weekend in May, probably in the Champaign area.

#### GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Constance S. Matter

Our September meeting was held in the lovely home of Evelyn Neise. We elected officers for the coming year: Ruth Lake, chairman; Maxine Loeffler, vice chairman; Marilyn Stoneberg, secretary; and Golly Miner, treasurer. We certainly appreciate the magnificent job Ginny Duenke, our outgoing chairman, did much more than any applause we could give her could indicate. We know she will be glad to get off the telephone!

After the business meeting we had a chance to visit while gaining pounds with the delicious refreshments. We talked with Maxine Loeffler about her wedding in early October—she is not excited . . . much! Lucky Marian Kirtz plans to go to Las Vegas for the AOPA convention. (We have it from a reliable source that if she doesn't stop "getting ready" for the trip, there will be nothing left with which to make the trip!)

Erma Jaco, Sylvia Bloom, Dorothy Haupt, Ruth Lake, Mickey Clark, and Edith Olovitch flew in the St. Louis Aero Club Air Race. June Evers and Dorothy Rumsey with co-pilot Del Scharr came in second and fourth, respectively—that will show the men-folk the gals are really with it! Congratulations to them all!

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Adele Binsfield

The Michigan Chapter 99's were overjoyed with the reception they received at the Muskegon Airport and were very happy with the contestants who braved the elements to participate in the fifth annual Michigan SMALL Race. Of the 32 entrants, 24 planes were able to get through minimum visibilities, fronts, etc., to join us in the race. Betty Crook and I did it thanks to an instrument pilot friend who delivered us and our plane from Detroit Metro Airport. A few of the girls came by car and commercially, hoping the extension of impound time would give someone a chance to bring their planes in.

The weather forecast sounded very gloomy at the pilot's briefing on Friday night, but our wonderful Michigan Department of Aeronautics officials kept right on with their briefing of race routes, alternate courses, flying conditions, rules and regulations, meanwhile displaying a most optimistic viewpoint on the weather for Saturday.

On the 24th, a motorcade paraded to the airport. The state officials flew the race route and decided to make it the northern instead of the southern route. With the usual excitement of take-offs, we went off into the blue (and grey). The race was fun, the dog-leg positions most interesting, and the finish buzzes the best.

At the pilots meeting we received the results: First, Margaret Ringenberg; second, Margaret Callaway and Mary Jane Ford; third, Eloise Smith and Toni Kent; fourth, Nell Brown and Adelbert Brown; and fifth, Agnes H. Gallatin and Joyce Keyser. This is the second year our handsome Paul Bunyon trophy has left the state, and the Michigan Aeronautics and Space Association's beautiful first five trophies are spread around in five states.

Our Michigan Chapter would like to thank the city of Muskegon and all their friends for their assistance in making our race a success. We have had such wonderful cooperation from the chamber of commerce that it is going to be hard to be elsewhere. Of course, we shall always have a warm spot in our hearts for the grand people from the Michigan Department of Aeronautics.

Four of our members attended the North Central meeting at Cleveland last week. They were Mary Clark, Alice Hammond, Leah Higgins and yours truly. We enjoyed ourselves at the luncheon and meeting at Thompson Museum; and were fascinated by Mr. Pickney of the NASA, who was guest speaker at dinner.

Would like to report that Miriam Gilles had a baby boy in August. Congratulations. Betty Crook is now an



Norris. The celebrated evening took place on the beautiful Star Light Terrace of the Sleepy Hollow Country Club at Scarborough-on-Hudson, N. Y. There were more than one hundred members and guests dining at the tastefully decorated tables, dancing to Lester Lanin's orchestra, popping streamers and making merry. We were sipping our coffee when the rains came. However this did not dampen our spirits. We all retreated to the Mansion (known as the "Club House") where the remainder of the evening was spent in entertainment and dancing.

Peggy introduced our new officers with her usual charm, Marion Lopez, governor; Doris Renninger, vice governor; Kay Hilbrandt, secretary; and Willie Hanzlik, treasurer. An Amelia Earhart Medal was presented to Peggy for her devotion and splendid work as 99 governor during her term of office. Mr. Herb Fischer of the New York Port Authority was honored with a beautifully executed scroll, made by our talented new governor, Marion, for his help and interest in our behalf, which we deeply appreciate.

Our Korean member in native dress, Kueng O Kim, was introduced and her guest, Col. Lim, Ambassador from Korea to the UN Assembly. I would very much like to mention the names of all the members and their friends who attended, but there were so many it would be difficult to list this galaxy of wonderful aviation people without leaving someone out and I would not want to do that. We wish to thank our members from out-of-town who joined us at this lovely celebration. Hope you had as wonderful a time as we had.

And do you know what happened the following day? Doris and Henry Renninger became grandparents.

If you missed seeing Lynn Joseph at our party, well that's because she is busy planning her wedding to Bill Berge in November.

#### WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

By Lois Le May Rinck

After a period of inactivity we have once more gathered a small group together. On September 3 a luncheon and meeting was held at the Clinton-Aire Hotel, Buffalo Municipal Airport.

Those attending were Abby Haddaway, Terri Pirrung, Grace Bull and Lois Rinck. Phoned in attendance were Jean Nellson and Bertha Meana who is a past member of the Miami Chapter.

First order of business was election of officers. Our new chairman is Abby Haddaway; vice chairman, Bertha Meana; secretary, Terri Pirrung; treasurer, Ruth Olson; and News Letter reporter and publicity chairman, Lois Rinck. We want to thank Jean

Nellson for her past efforts as chairman.

We discussed the possibility of getting Girl Scouts in this area interested in aviation education with familiarization similar to that given CAP cadets.

Yours truly and 49½er, Carl, traveled to Wilmington for the convention and had a delightful time talking with old acquaintances.

Plans were made for meeting next month to be held at Buffalo Air Park on October 8.



#### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Kate Macario

For our September meeting we had planned to join the Washington Chapter for a fly-in to the Naval Air Station, Patuxent River Md. What a disappointment for us when conditions that day were strictly VFR and five planes had been expected to participate. The fly-in ended in a drive-in and one of our members, Ema Keyes, and her friend, Kay Wilhemy, did venture the trip. We understand it was quite interesting and we can read the details in the Washington column.

A few of us, Marie D'Alterio, Elsie McBride, Arlene Feldman and her 49½er Arnold, and yours truly got together that day for dinner at Walbers. Arnold is always completely at ease in a group of 99's and is such good company. A recent graduate of the School of Podiatry at Temple University, he is specializing in foot disorders and orthopedic surgery and has opened his own office in the King of Prussia shopping district — patients welcome. Arlene, a comparatively new but very active member, is expecting her "first" in March. Arnold and the chapter are waiting this one out.

During dinner, Elsie, who was the only one from our group to attend the New York-New Jersey Section's gala affair at a country club in New York on September 9, told us about the event. More of us had hoped to go, but getting there became too complicated.

Connie and Abby Wolf recently returned from a fabulous expedition directed by Edwin Link, inventor of the Link pilot trainer. They went from 630 feet below sea level at Lake Tiberias to 6000 feet above in Kabul, capital city of Afghanistan. They participated in dives for ancient treasure in the Link family's floating power plant, "The Sea Diver," a 91 foot motor yacht. Hearing Connie relate these experiences herself would be a real treat.

Another pair of travelers were Jean

and Jack Rutledge who had a delightful vacation in Bermuda, going over by boat and returning by plane the day "Donna" hit New York.

May I mention that I am very proud of my 49½er Tom, who, having flown as co-pilot for almost five years for the P.R.R., will be, starting October 1, captain of Levitt and Sons DC-3 based at North Philadelphia Airport.

Our new chapter treasurer, Joyce Roggio, is currently pursuing her instrument rating; so also is her husband, Victor, alternately using their family Cessna 175.

I would like to write something about each member, so please send me any information about you and your activities, particularly some new members with whom I'm not too familiar.

#### WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Mitzi Keller

Thanks to Helen Murphy, Nancy Lynam and to their Lt. Cdmr. 49½ers, Bill and Don, the 99's were given a wonderful day at the Patuxent Naval Air Station on Sunday, Sept. 18. In spite of the weather which didn't cooperate, a group of 24 arrived on wheels. We were welcomed at the beautiful Officers' Club by Nancy and Helen. Then we adjourned for a delicious buffet. The table decorations were models of the aircraft we would see on the tour. These were loaned for the occasion by Bill Murphy. Chairman Virginia Thompson expressed the appreciation of all of us to the commandant of the Air Station, to Lt.



**Ninety-Nines Day** at the Patuxent Naval Air Station, September 18, 1960. Left to right, front row: Betty MacGlashan, Nancy Lynam, Velta Benn, Virginia Thompson, chairman, Ada Mitchell, Marty LeLoatche, Mitzi Keller, Kay Wilkeling Erma Keyes, Mollie Eaton, Adele Cotton. Back row: Helen Davis, Frances Symonds, Hazel Dwiggin, Betty Fisher, Frank Cervenka, Larry Hook, LaMona Cervenka, Gil Keller, Don Thompson, Lt. Cdmr. Don Lynam, Lawrence Callahan, Jean Ross Howard, Eva Migonia, Lt. Cdmr. Wm. R. Murphy, and Helen Murphy.



Cmdr. Don Lynam of the Test Pilot School, to Lt. Cmdr. Bill Murphy, test pilot attached to Weapons System Test and to Lt. Cmdr. Joe Entricken Jr., Service Information Officer for arranging this special visit to Patuxent for the 99's.

Before we boarded the bus for the tour, Bill Murphy, Don Lynam and Joe Entricken briefed us on the work of the Naval Air Test Station and their own particular assignments. As the name implies, all types of naval equipment—from pilot's clothing to armament to aircraft are tested and evaluated at Patuxent. In addition, the Test Pilot School is one of three in the free world. The others are at Edwards Air Force Base and Farnborough, England.

Among the highlights, we inspected the radar equipped Constellation, the new fighters, fighter-bombers, helicopters being tested for the Navy, visited the aero medical center and examined the complicated gear that is a must for high altitude jet flying. It was truly one of the most interesting tours I've ever been privileged to make.

Those who weathered the weather were: Chairman Virginia Thompson and her husband, Don, Betty and Sandy MacGlashan, their guest, Lawrence Callahan, Ada Mitchell and her guest, Helen Davis, Mitzi and Gil Keller, Velta Benn, Hazel Dwiggin, Lamona and Frank Cervenka, Laura Zerener and Larry Hook, Betty Fisher, Eva Migonis, Marty DeLoetche, Jean Ross Howard, new member Adele Cotton and potential members Mollie Eaton and Frances Symonds. We were particularly pleased that Erma Keyes and Kay Kilkeling of Eastern Pennsylvania joined for the day.

Frances Nolde, as vice president of the Air Touring Commission of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, leaves for Barcelona, Spain October 1 where she will serve as a U. S. delegate to the Air Touring Commission Conference. Fran has just been named membership chairman of the Aero Club of Washington.

Virginia Thompson was unanimously and enthusiastically re-elected as chapter chairman. Other officers are: vice chairman, Velta Benn; treasurer, Laura Zerener; secretary, Josie Cook; and membership chairman, Ada Mitchell.

Once again Blanche Noyes is flying around the country. First stop—Dallas where she attended the OX-5 Club convention. In Corpus Christi, she presented a scroll to Pauline Glassman on behalf of the Federal Aviation Agency in recognition of the outstanding work Pauline has done in installing more than 200 air markers! In Jackson Hole, Wyo., Blanche met with the National Association of State Avia-

tion Officials, then on to Walla Walla, Wash., where she planned to meet with the 99's. She is due back in Washington October 7, then maybe we'll get a chance to see her!

Janey Hart is back in town and with her instrument rating! She took her training with 99 Bernice Steadman at Flint, Mich.

Nona Quarles will attend the FAA fly-in October 1 at Atlantic City, N. J. Nona is with the Aviation Education Division of the FAA.

Eva Migonis is now operating her own "Secretarial Service" at 1028 Connecticut Ave., Sterling 3-7274, so if you need some fast typing or mimeographing, call Eva.

The Fall Sectional of the Middle East will be held Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Old Club Restaurant in Alexandria, Va. You'll get more detailed word—but mark your calendar now and come!



#### IOWA CHAPTER

By Tina Healy

Our September meeting was held at the Hotel Maytag in Newton under beautiful skies. Flying in from Des Moines were Alice Pfantz, her daughter, Penny, and a guest, Janice Benjamin, Kitty Hach from Ames, Helen Flaherty and Madelaine Johnson from Fort Dodge, Louise Swift flew from Maquoketa with her son, Fred, daughter, Nancy, and their young exchange student from Uruguay, Carlos Meyer. Also flying were Edith Jensen and Virginia Koestner with her daughter, Vicky. Driving were Lenelle Hunt, our new secretary-treasurer, with her son, Leonard, and daughter, Marilyn, from Fairfield, Helene Holton and her son, Dan, from Chariton, and the Healys, Paul, Tina, sons Bryan and Chris, dropping in late to meet the gang, a potential member, our nine month old daughter, Paula.

Helene made some of us quite envious with the brand new commercial license she acquired in August. It was a thrill for your reporter to touch it! As Kitty remarked, and well put I think, "It takes a lot of blood, sweat, tears and green-stuff to come by one!" So, many congratulations, Helene.

Among recent personal firsts were rides in a glider by the entire Swift family and a helicopter ride for the Healys. It's always a little sad to see the vacation season coming to an end. Everyone is always so full of interesting things they have done and the places they have been. But fall is such a beautiful season and winter such a busy one, that "Suddenly It's

Spring" and time to start planning for another exhausting vacation.

Our new chairman, Kitty Hach, presided over the meeting. It was voted to send \$175 to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. A letter was read from Joann Fortier, our vice chairman, who was unable to attend, with some excellent suggestions for an interesting program schedule in the coming year. Incidentally, Joann's husband, Guy, was Helene's instructor while she was working for her commercial license. Aren't we lucky to have such qualified people in our own little 99 family?

The next meeting will be with Esther Niederhauser in Waterloo, Sunday, Oct. 9. See you all then.

#### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Marilyn Collette

Back home again from the Fall Sectional meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, and reflecting on the wonderful time had by all at the superbly done meeting. Many thanks to Helen Sammon, general chairman, and her committees for a very fine meeting. We were happy to see so many of you show up, and many thanks from all of us in Ohio for coming despite the lack of cooperation from the weatherman. We do hope you had a good time, and will all come back and see us again. Also congratulations to the Chicago Area Chapter for going home with the attendance trophy. The added spice of being able to hear details of the trip to Europe helped to make the weekend even more so for me.

Our chapter meeting was held on Sunday morning at the hotel, and we were especially pleased to have so many of the girls visit with us. Our election of officers was held, and our new officers for this year are: chairman, Mary Fecser; vice chairman, Marjorie Gorman; secretary, Winifred Caghey; and treasurer, Rosalie Bracht. Congratulations and good luck in the coming year. To our outgoing officers, many thanks for a job well done. We have had a very full year with a lot of activity, and several special projects which has been my pleasure to report to you in the past months.

Welcome to our newest member, Autrie Lehr of Xenia, Ohio, who joined us for all the Sectional fun.

OVERHEARD ON UNICOM: Those Callaway girls, mother and daughters are mighty busy people. Margo has graduated from college in three years by obtaining credits in summer school at the University of Mexico. She is taking pre-med and it helps to cut some of the years off. How proud we all are of you, Margo, keep up the good work. Her sister, Sandra, has sailed for Europe and France on the Liberte September 8 to attend the University of Grenoble.

Congratulations are also in line for



Dennis, Mary Wenholz, Helen Choun, Mary Frenzel, Marian Tankersley and I plan to hop over to the festivities—more of that next month.

The September get-together must have been just out of this world . . . and I certainly hated missing it. Thanks to Donna, I have an account to give. Donna and Mary Wenholz flew with Helen and Joe Choun in the Travel Air and were met at Peterson Field by Lydiellen Hagan of the Eastern Washington Chapter who has spent most of the summer at their cabin in Cascade, Colo. Others converging at Gene Nora Stumbough's home were Mary and Bob Frenzel, Helen and John Maxson, Jo and Jess Dennis, Marian Tankersley, Marge Dunn, Pauline Meighan, Elinor Millet, Verna Christopher and guests Tom Meighan, Chuck Cronnenwett, Carol Gosney, and Lydiellen's mother, Mrs. Munsell.

Verna and Gene Nora were co-hostesses for the affair so ably assisted by Gene Nora's family. A scrumptious picnic was served at a shelter house on the top of a mountain that had a fabulous view. Understand that even home made ice cream was included in the menu thanks to much extra effort of the hostesses! After lunch the group hurried down in the valley for the afternoon performance of a "mellerdramer" which was exceedingly humorous and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The flying members were rushed across town to make it back to Denver by dark, thanks to Verna. During the meeting Marian Tankersley, Marge Dunn and Pauline Meighan were voted into membership. Looks like we have almost enough for a Colorado Springs Chapter. Glad to have you with us, gals!

NOTAMS . . . The Myers made a quick trip to Milwaukee for an auto race between a busy schedule of house guests and plans for Donna's parents 50th wedding anniversary celebration. I had a couple of charter trips, one of which led me to Garden City, Kan., Hobart, Okla., Wichita Falls, Tex., (and I did try to call you, Mrs. Foster!) and the other up to Casper, Wyo. One of the passengers was so sick and of course the afternoon bumps didn't make him feel a bit better. After the sic-sack broke he said, "Mam, if ya don't mind, I think I'll take the bus the rest of the way!" . . . needless to say I didn't mind too much. At the moment, it appears that our Bellanca has been sold so guess we'll be on foot for the time being anyway. See ya all at the Sectional this weekend. CAVU I hope!

#### ABILENE CHAPTER

By Beverly Tarpley

Everybody knows that summer is over except the weatherman and we are still suffering through those hot, bumpy days of mid-summer. Despite

the uncomfortable flying weather, however, we have managed to get our fall activities for the chapter off to a fine start. In September we met at the airport and were taken on the grand tour of the new Abilene control tower by Jim Bearden, chief air traffic controller. This certainly is a fine new tower and Jim and his staff expect to be in and fully settled by December 1. These hard working boys from the tower and the personnel from Abilene radio deserve every bit of the fine new quarters and equipment that they are getting.

The most exciting news to come out of our September meeting was that our own member, Tollie Petty, had been invited by the Lovelace Foundation to come to Albuquerque, N. M., for a week's tests in connection with their "Women in Space" program. It looks like not only the first woman into outer space will be a 99'er, but also those who come after her. Our congratulations to Tollie and we are all envying her the trip up there.

We plan to start our air marking project again in October and will spend October 11 and 12 marking at least four towns in the Abilene area. If any of you happen to be in the neighborhood on those dates, drop by and we will give you a paint brush.

On the personal side, Anna Lee Henson has just had twins, a boy and a girl, and since this makes four preschoolers for Anna Lee, we are afraid that her flying time will be rather short in the immediate future, but we are all hoping that Anna Lee will be able to join us as much as possible.

Our new officers take over in October and this column will henceforth be filled by our new reporter, Peggy Hawes, and I am sure you will all enjoy reading her notes.

#### NORTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

By Hazle Nealey

We were so pleased with the fine job the officers have done in our chapter since we organized, so we elected them all over again. They are: Helen Hewitt, chairman; Dottie Ports, vice chairman; and Dorothy King, secretary-treasurer. The rest of us didn't lose our jobs either—Mildred Carney, membership; yours truly, membership; and we named Pat Ward, Miss Aviation Education. We feel this is a fine title for Pat as she is always helping us, as well as others, to learn more about flying.

For our September meeting we took advantage of what we thought would be the last chance for a cookout before cold weather. We invited prospective members, our 49½ers and away we went to Dottie Ports to trample down her beautiful back lawn (am still sorry I didn't swipe one of those luscious pears from that tree). Bud, Dottie's 49½er, did the weiners, were slightly dark, but oh so good, and

there were all the other goodies that go with hot dogs. The tables were gaily covered and centered with dried arrangements, candles and model airplanes bearing the number 99. After the meal we all gathered around to view a film of the 1959-60 Skylady Derby Race shown by Pat Ward. Was so nice seeing all the girls again on the screen we decided to get Pat to run the film backward so the winners would have to give the trophies back, but when we saw Joyce Wright handing her's back with her prettiest smile, we decided they should keep them.

We are so proud to add the name of Dorothy Wilson to our membership, and husband, Bill, to our 49½er list. Our thanks to Dorothy for making arrangements that we might view a film on weather at Centenary College October 3.

Mildred and Bob Carney have been busy building a new road to their camp house, sounds like a lot of work involved.

Dorothy and Clark King flew to their wheat farm in Kansas. They left their plane tied down at a nearby airport. The next morning they turned on the radio and heard an announcement for Capt. Clark King to call the airport; the news was that a storm had come during the night and heavily damaged their plane. Dorothy and Clark caught an airliner home.

We have been missing Betty Lyons during the summer months; seems she is always out of town. We hope the fall and winter will keep her home more.

Dottie Ports is working hard on her instrument, has 20 hours. Pat Ward is her instructor. I held down the back seat for the past two days as an observer. Surprising what you can learn by just listening and looking.

#### EL PASO CHAPTER

By Louella Gilderbloom

Our August 27 meeting was a fly-in coffee at the Demning, N. M., Airport with Juanita Burdick and Frances Slape as co-hostesses. Of our regular members attending there were Lois Hailey, Ruby Tatman, Catherine Magruder, Juanita Burdick, Lela Carwardine, Ruth Deerman, Evelyne Wasser, Mary Fran Seidl, Frances Slape, Alice Strickland, Phyllis Sutton, and your reporter, Louella Gilderbloom. Our three visitors were Ruth Newborn, Florence Chaney and Elizabeth Gillett.

There was some shuffling of records as the outgoing officers passed notebooks and lists to the newly elected. I was asked to report the news from the El Paso Chapter and find myself grounded with a broken knee from a fall while fishing at Elephant Butte.

Approximately 250 members and guests of the El Paso Aviation Asso-



ciation thoroughly enjoyed the cocktail dinner and dance at the Skyriders Lounge hosted by Champ's Aviation.

Billy and Murray Callahan and Lydia and Campbell Weaver are the proud owners of a new Comanche 250. We will all be watching for 71P.

Ruth Deerman and Alice Strickland will fly to Garden City, Kan., to attend the South Central Sectional meeting.

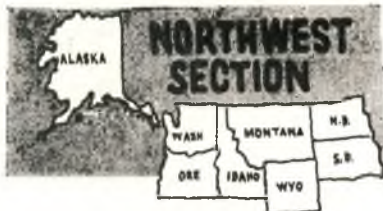
Congratulations to Peggy Evans who recently soloed at Champs. May she soon be a 99.

Mary Fran Seidl, Phyllis Sutton, Catherine Magruder, Evelyne Wasser and their husbands were in the group that made the trip to Mountain Shadows at Phoenix. Gee, I'm sorry to have missed that trip—but understand that it was real nice weekend with beautiful rooms, good food, and the kindest hospitality extended by everyone at Sky Harbor Airport.

Myself and 49½er, John, Skylanded to Spokane, Wash. We have lived in and motored the Northwest. Real fun to fly over it.

The September 17 meeting was a luncheon at the International Club with Billy Callahan as hostess. There was a business meeting following the lunch and I will have the details of the discussion next time.

We are always proud to be able to pass along the news of the activities and accomplishments of our members but as every News Letter reporter will tell you: Ninety-Nines are modest ladies. If I may, I would like to request that every member in every chapter pass along any news she may have about herself or any other 99. Just learning what our friends are doing can be an incentive to take a step forward for another member.



#### **EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER**

**By Marie L. Reynnells**

One word that sums up our chapter, **PROGRESS!** Everyone is learning and doing. Our chapter won the \$15 award for the largest membership increase during the past fiscal year. We started just five years ago with five members—now just look in the directory. With 13 prospective members at our meeting we are going places.

Minnie Boyd, Jean Carbon, Elaine Moe and Barbara Thisted attended the sectional in Idaho Falls. Laura Conner is our new governor and Winifred (Pud) Lovelace the vice governor. There were 22 delegates from six Northwest chapters in attendance.



**Photo Taken Of Blanche Noyes** when she arrived at Betty Seavey's ranch airstrip for our Eastern Washington Chapter meeting and luncheon on Sunday, Sept. 18. Blanche flew in from Rock Springs, Wyo., that morning for our chapter meeting. Present for Blanche's reception were 13 chapter members, three women guests and three women student pilots. There were also 25 husbands and children there making a total of 45 to greet Blanche.

After a short business meeting, Blanche discussed airmarking with the chapter. She answered questions and made suggestions to us for our forthcoming airmarking program. Blanche remained in Walla Walla until Tuesday, Sept. 20. She had an evening meeting with FAA staff members, the two local fixed base operators, the head of the local Civil Air Patrol, Flying Farmers, local pilots, and Ninety-Nines. The Eastern Washington Chapter already has a job of painting Walla Walla on the city-county airport and is looking forward to having some airmarking projects in the coming spring.

It was a real pleasure to have Blanche visit us, and we loved having her. It was her first visit to Walla Walla and to our Eastern Washington Chapter, but we plan to invite her again next year to inspect our finished airmarkers.

It was decided to give \$100 a year to the governor to cover convention travel expenses. The chapter who entertains the sectional meeting will receive \$50 to help on expenses. Minnie Boyd presented the guest speaker, Max Conrad. And what a speaker.

The "girls" report they were held spellbound for two hours and 30 minutes. Not a person coughed or moved, everyone was so intent on hearing every word said. An unforgettable evening and one we wish all of us shared.

Margaret Miquelon reported briefly on the AWTAR. She will "tell all" along with Minnie Boyd and Gini Richardson at our November 5 meeting in Pasco. We will have a film on the Spokane AWTAR treminus and also a film "Cleared For Takeoff." We will RON in Pasco. Put this one down as a "can't miss" event.



#### **TUCSON CHAPTER**

**By Dorothy Jenkins**

Elections are over and everything set for another year—and the members decided that I should do the News Letter this year. I'll do my best.

We start with three new regular members, all of whom are doing lots of flying . . . Pat Nolen, Virginia Edwards and Maggie Schock, Maggie's returning after an inactive period of several years and we're so glad to have her back.

Shirley Marshall and I flew up to Sacramento with Bea Edgerly to attend the Southwest Sectional. An extra attraction was the fact that Bea's son and his lovely family live there, and we spent some time with them.

A high point of my visit to Sacramento was rediscovering an old friend from the Bay Cities Chapter, Rita Gerry Hart, whom I hadn't seen for a very long time. It was good to find her again.

Shirley and Art Harshall flew over to San Diego a few weeks ago and reported a good visit with Mary Johnston, Tucson member, who now lives and works in San Diego. Mary is a partner in a flying service at Montomary Field.

#### **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER**

**By Jane Haag**

Eighty-seven pilots and friends of pilots enjoyed a party at the hospitable home of Audrey and Jack Crowell in lieu of a meeting this month. Audrey, a student pilot, has been attending chapter meetings as a guest and has appreciated it so much that she wanted to reciprocate. Husband Jack declares she has been a first-class navigator on their many cross-countries in the family Navion. Because of this memorable party, the chapter's treasury is in fine fettle for fall.

Penny Swope was back seat navigator in the gross weight Long Trophy Race with Irene Leverton as pilot and



Betty Hicks as co-pilot in Betty's 172. Penny says there is "non-such" as these two in the flying sisterhood.

The Sacramento Sectional had representatives from every chapter in the Southwest Section. Norma Wilcox and Penny Swope were proud to be delegates from SGV Chapter. The Wilcox Tri-Pacer has been flying the skyways a lot this month, including the aforementioned jaunt. 49½er Nathan and Norma had a flying vacation this month, principally in western U. S.

Polly Stoehr will join the Texas Tour after return from a trip to St. Louis with 49½er, Fred. Year after year the Texas Tour is a must for Polly. In her absence, she has alerted her alternate, Polly Phelps, to attend the Pasadena Council of Women's Clubs luncheon on October 13 as a representative from SGV Chapter 99's, which holds a membership in the council.

### BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Ruth Rueckert

Our chapter meeting was held a week late, with Helen Kelton as hostess to Miriam Brugh, Debbie Byram, Maxine Carlson, Marilyn Jane Carlson (who, being only ten weeks old, slept through the meeting), Jean Kaye, Dixie Lusk, Mary Messersmith, Hazel Miles, Doris Phillips and Ruth Rueckert.

Chairman Jean Kaye reported on the fall section meeting at Sacramento held the week before, and announced our bid for the spring section meeting had been accepted. So, the main business of the evening was planning to try to equal the wonderful events we had enjoyed at Sacramento. To the 13 Bay Cities Chapter members (including Ruth Jacquot . . . welcome home!) who attended the fall section, this aim is a high one. But we'll try—you all plan to attend, and be the judges. High praise and sincere thanks to the members of the Sacramento Valley Chapter for a job well done.

Flying News: Dixie Lusk piling up the hours in her Cessna training for an instrument rating. Lindy Boyes even taking to the airlines to keep her many bylines above news releases; and the publishing date is Nov. 11 on the novel she and Lt. Col. David McCallister have co-authored—watch for and pick up your copy of "Sabres Over Brandywine." Debbie Byram, filling her club plane with delegates, and Virginia Fahey, solo, were introduced as our newest members at the section meeting.

### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Shirley Robinson

Thanks to Norman and Elsie Smith, your reporter Bonanzaed to the Southwest Sectional, and thanks to the hostessing Sacramento 99's, everyone had a most pleasant weekend. In addition to Norm Smith, who should get an award for being the most enthusi-

astic 49½er, others helping out included Alice's big Charlie Roberts, Ruth's Alfred Wagner, Genevieve's Gilbert Hall, and Helen's Harvey Mace. Harvey and his "Mace-erschmidt," a little experimental airplane which he designed and built himself, escorted our Bonanza out of town Sunday morning with a breath-taking aerobatic show (off airways, of course!) Nice talking to SW Section gals—Pat Lambart, Ruth Rueckert, Lindy Boyes, Bea Edgerly McPherson, Doris Eacret, Alice Roberts, Alberta Nickelson, Zaddie Bunker, Ruth Gay, Ethel Kerley—first time on record that all chapters were represented at a sectional.

Our chapter won the flying time trophy again . . . presented by Boo Christensen, contest chairman. Lois Miles gave our chapter report at the business meeting; Audrey Schutte was commended for the three trophies she won in the Jim Long Race—3rd place, best Cessna score, and best score for a woman pilot.

Nothing but favorable comments on the Cessna 210 from Bonnie Meacham. She and her 49½er flew one to San Diego for the Labor Day weekend, but had to return home at 1 a.m. because of no accommodations.

### SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Helen Mace

The El Dorado proved a lovely setting for our Southwest Section meeting here in Sacramento September 16, 17 and 18, which turned out successfully. The weather cooperated well enough. Fog in the Bay Area made some fly-ins a little late for luncheon Saturday but they made it and we had representatives from all chapters in our section—very unusual, they say!

The success justified the work—lots of teamwork—but special mention must be made for the responsibility and organization shown by our chairman, Genevieve Hall; program chairman, Ruth Wagner; and transportation co-chairmen, Florence Breen and June Devine. Florence held enough work-plan meetings preceding our big weekend that we can now all find her lovely new home in the dark. These were fun too—had time to hear about Jacqui Bender's 99 European tour and its interesting highlights.

Back at the sectional, who were those busy gals registering but Carol Bloom and Ruth Lummis. You would have felt rewarded for your signs, Claire, if you had seen Jean Kaye arrive late Friday night in her Trojan—as she taxied towards the gas pit sans radio and a "Welcome 99" sign was held up, she smiled and waved a sign of relief.

### REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

By June O'Donnell

We had our business meeting at the Santa Rosa Airport this month. The general business being the re-election

of all officers for one more year. News of interest was a letter from Dorothy Banzhof (former chapter member) who is now in Turkey. Hilda Casey, one of our fledglings, soloed this month. Myrtle Wright is already planning for next year's race and is doing her part to interest local organizations. She was guest speaker at the El Sobrante Lion's Club in Richmond and has been invited next to the American Legion and Lion's Club of Vallejo.

Anna Brenner and Nellie Palmer met at the airport for lunch. Coming from Napa was Myrtle Wright with Hazel Bertagna in Myrtle's Cessna 170 with her No. 27 still painted on. June O'Donnell flew a Cessna 172 with Pat Stouffer and Med Hischer as passengers. This was quite an accomplishment for me (June) to get Med (my young aunt), in an airplane. Actually, she was only giving in to keep me quiet and to prove that she really was afraid and wouldn't like it. No one was more surprised than she, that she loved it and had a wonderful time. I wonder how many of our 99's started out in their flying careers just this way?

### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Elsie G. Watson

July, August and September meetings: The first a potluck supper at the home of Jackie Brooks where we listened to the experiences of the various race contestants and presented Aileen Saunders, the winner, with a cake beautifully decorated with blue sky, blue and white Cessna, etc. Our August meeting was at the home of Maxine Smith; we elected officers and viewed movies of older AWTAR's. The September meeting was at the home of Gina Pournelle and the big topic was formulation of plans for next year's AWTAR and convention.

Getty Gillies and Marian Jepsen flew some of the San Diego county teachers on orientation flights.

Eleven of our members attended the Southwest Sectional at Sacramento.

### LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Betty Hicks

The August itineraries of the Long Beach 99's make the front windows of travel bureaus look very dull indeed.

From a brief business trip to New Mexico to a momentous venture behind the Iron Curtain, the Californians touched all compass points via all modes of transportation.

Taking time out from their growing flight school enterprise in Santa Monica were Betty Faux and Claire Walters, weekending to Santa Fe to take delivery on a new Cessna 150. Happiest of all travelers to return was Fran Bera, whose trip to Hungary re-emphasized her appreciation of the U. S. Fran visited relatives, both in Budapest and in the country 150 miles



from that city, where she observed "things are really rough" on the collective farms. Another journeyer to the Continent was Iris Critchell, whose trip with her mother, son and daughter included Oslo, Paris, Geneva and Freiberg, Germany. The latter stop was made to visit Ellie Bienhorn, whom Iris reports is hopeful of flying another TAR. They discussed the serious limitations imposed on private flying in Europe and particularly on women pilots. Seldom do they have an opportunity to fly the distances represented by the TAR. An increasing interest on the part of a number of European women pilots in flying our race is a logical consequence of their limited activities there.

#### BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

By Margaret (Peggy) Archer

The Bakersfield Chapter held their monthly meeting at the home of Florence Moody after finally finding a day when all members could attend, and our two newest members were present. Hialeah Reilich of the Sacramento Chapter is living in Visalia now and came down to meet with us. Hialeah's flying down to pick up Florence, Priscilla Spencer and Edna Long and then

all flying to Sacramento together for the Fall Sectional meeting. Seems as though Rhonda Thompson and husband are moving their "Pet Land" into a new building that weekend and will miss section . . . same for Peg Archer as she will be long gone on vacation. Edna Long is planning on flying to Indio for the NAA convention in November.

We have four new pilots in Bakersfield and one that is a new resident which gives our new membership chairman something to work on. We held our elections and Irmyl Fitzgerald of Porterville is our new chairman with Bertha Haycock of Wasco as vice chairman. One of our new girls, Rhoda Thompson, Bakersfield, is our new secretary-treasurer and Edna Long of Delano is our new membership chairman. Yours truly, Peg Archer of Buttonwillow, is the News Letter correspondent for the coming year and we hope to have a little something in the News Letter each month.

#### PHOENIX CHAPTER

By Kay Pattison

Well, summer is over and we have held our fall election of officers. The

meeting was held at Jimmie Lou Shelton's home. We were happy to welcome Sylvia Roth from the Chicago Area Chapter. Betty Slater has taken over the controls and will be chairman for the next fiscal year in the Phoenix Chapter. Betty has had a lot of experience in club work and the members of our chapter are behind her all the way. Juanita Newell is our new vice chairman; Pat Lambert, secretary; Jimmie Lou Shelton, treasurer; Ruth Reinhold, membership chairman; and Kay Pattison, News Letter reporter. We will have to really work to accomplish as much as our wonderful out-going officers.

Betty Slater writes that she drove to Grand Canyon, Oak Creek and Flagstaff to see the scenery and show her sister-in-law, Virginia, that we really have cool weather in Arizona. She and Juanita Newell combined business with pleasure recently in Juanita's company's 310 and spent a day in Long Beach on a serious shopping spree—after completing the business portion of their trip. They had lunch with Fran Bera, who was all excited about her forth-coming trip to Hungary and behind the Iron Curtain.

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