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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

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Tours Abroad By 99'ers

By Nancy Ellis Leebold
International Representative—99's

Members of the 99's who recently toured Europe can feel pleased with the part they have played in assisting in international understanding among women pilots.

As your international representative it has been wonderful to receive letters from overseas saying how delighted they were to meet the women pilots when in their areas. For instance, in England, some would be 99'ers who met fellow 99'ers for the first time, others would be pilots themselves and delighted to talk "shop" with other fellow pilots. This all brings about a mutual respect and understanding between pilots and individuals throughout the world.

Each country has its own particular flying conditions, governed either by climatic, political, or living conditions which prevail in that area. The 99's in this organized tour of the European area, have started on a line of endeavor which I hope will continue; that is, to go out to other countries and meet women pilots in the environment of their own particular zones. It is to be hoped that this will be the forerunner of many more such tours. May I at this time suggest that Australia is a country which I think your members would enjoy seeing, not only from a tourist point of view but also the opportunity it gives to meet other women pilots living in the various states of Australia. Those individual 99'ers who have already been to Australia seemed to have enjoyed their visit to this part of the world.

Australia is a large country, approximately the size of the U.S.A. (before the 49th and 50th states were included) and because it has only the same population as New York, it is a land of vast distance between settlements, once in the inland areas. The bulk of our population is centered around the coastal regions, particularly on the eastern coast. Thus, there are similarities between Australia and the U.S.A. at a previous stage of

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President's Column

DEC., 1960



Seasons Greetings...

To each Ninety-Nine from all the international officers and members of the executive committee our very best wishes for a wonderful holiday season, and may the year 1961 bring you many hours of happy and safe flying, no bad weather to interfere with all your well laid plans for chapter and sectional meetings, and success in all the many and varied projects in which you are engaged as Ninety-Nines in your communities.

WELCOME . . . to the newly chartered Santa Barbara Chapter in the Southwest Section.

CONGRATULATIONS . . . to 99 Aileen Sanders named "Pilot of the Year" by the National Pilots Association. To 99 Irene Keith—the first and only woman jet flight dispatcher, who received the 1960 Woman's International Aeronautics Association Lady Hay Drummond-Hay Memorial Trophy.

THANK YOU . . . to Wynema Masonhall for serving five years as News Letter editor.

As ever,

Deedo

Eugenia Heise
President

FLYING ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

By Peggy Borek

FAA announces that pilots now have three appeal possibilities if denied a medical certificate by examining physician: (1) Civil Air Surgeon, Washington, D. C.; (2) Medical Advisory Panel (who will give impartial review and make recommendation to Administrator); and (3) the CAB.

Interesting note: The Green River Aviation Company, Green River, Utah has kits available to make your Cessna 175, 180 or 182 a five place!

Now that the weather is getting cooler than cool be sure to have your cabin heater and exhaust checked. Carbon monoxide is sneaky and deadly. An inspection check is invaluable. Remember, you can recover from high altitude anoxia by exposure to oxygen, but absorption of carbon monoxide requires medical treatment. Even as little as two parts of carbon monoxide to 10,000 parts of air can cause initial symptoms which may result in a crash simply because your reactions are dulled and you may put the gear up when you want it down or fly into a tree when you should go over it, etc. If you should realize you have inhaled CO and somehow miraculously get on the ground don't just take a few deep breaths and think you are all set to go again. See a doctor and get a check. Carbon monoxide is POISON. It won't just disappear. The signs are: headache, mental dullness, and emotional instability, but the trouble is you will have a false sensation that all is well so you probably won't recognize the symptoms anyway. Better look at that heater.

If you want to fly through restricted airspace call nearest FAA facility, ask permission to fly through. It will be given if the area is not in use at the time.

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DEADLINE FOR NEWS
The 25th Of Each Month

CHATTER From Headquarters

By Carol Craig

How wonderful it was to welcome Blanche Noyes into Ninety-Nine Headquarters on October 6. While on a business trip to the FAA Center at Will Rogers Field, Blanche was able to take a few minutes for the visit and was accompanied by Elizabeth Sewell, 99 member of the Oklahoma Chapter, 99 member of the Oklahoma Chapter, the FAA here.

Also visiting headquarters early in October as Betty Siggs from Prairie October was Betty Siggs from Prairie Kansas City Chapter. With Betty were her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Siggs of Oklahoma City.

One of our newer members in one of our newest chapters visited headquarters November 25. This would be Betty F. Riddle of Rockford, Ill., and a member of the Rockford Chapter.

As a matter of interest, the terminal building at Will Rogers Airport is being completely remodeled, which means that the workmen are walking about constantly with plaster dust, etc. keeping things quite dirty. This began in September and is expected to last another three months, so those of you who have or intend to visit headquarters, please bear with us until things can get back to normal.

NOTICE To All News Letter REPORTERS

Deadline . . . In editor's hands by 25th of each month. Mary Lester, 2051 N.W. 22nd St., Oklahoma City, Okla. DO NOT send to headquarters.

Heading . . . Please head each page of report as to Section, Chapter and Reporter.

Contents . . . Type DOUBLE SPACED, full width of regular sized paper. If reports exceed one typewritten page, "please number paragraphs in order of importance!" Unless numbered, the last paragraph is usually the one deleted, if necessary. Do not write on back.

Pictures . . . Glossy black and whites preferable. Do not write on back, but attach information to bottom with Scotch tape.

Following the above procedure will ease my task and that of the printer. Thank you.—Editor.

AWTAR

The All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race will take-off from Montgomery Field, San Diego, Calif., on July 8, 1961, and deadline for finishing is July 12, 1961 in Atlantic City, N. J.

Entries for the 1961 AWTAR will open April 20, 1961 and will close June 15, 1961.

The 1961 AWTAR race route is as follows: San Diego, Calif., Yuma, Ariz., Tucson, Ariz., El Paso, Texas, Midland, Texas, Abilene, Texas, Dallas (Addison Airport), Texas, Shreveport, La., Jackson, Miss., Montgomery, Ala., Greenville, S. C., Lynchburg, Va., Hagerstown, Md., and Atlantic City, N. J. (Dallas, Montgomery, Ala., and Hagerstown are all "must stops" for all aircraft.)

Airplanes to be eligible for the 1961 AWTAR must have a date of manufacture after January 1, 1951 and be not less than 85 horsepower and not more than 400 horsepower for take-off.

All information, rules and regulations, application for entry, airplane "par-speeds," etc., will be ready for mailing to prospective contestants by February 1, 1961. Send all requests for this information to AWTAR Headquarters, 2611 East Spring St., Long Beach 6, Calif.

AWTAR, Inc.

Board of Directors

ATTENTION! ALL SECTION GOVERNORS

May I ask this favor of you all? **Won't you please appoint your sectional scholarship chairman right away** if you have not already done so, and send her name and address to all your chapter chairmen. Scholarship application blanks have already gone out to the chapters and the chairmen should be informed to whom to send them when their respective applicants have been selected. It would also be appreciated if you would advise me the name and address of your scholarship chairman at the same time, as otherwise I shall be obliged to write you for it.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter. It will greatly facilitate the proper functioning of your scholarship fund. —Marjorie E. Fauth, chairman, Board of Trustees, Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship.

Vacation Down Under

By Marjorie E. Fauth

When I left Australia Nov. 1st, at the end of a 23 day visit there—I was admonished, "Now, we want to read a writeup of your trip in the News Letter!" So here goes!

I sampled Australia's countless attractions all the way from the Great Barrier Reef mid-way up the Queensland coast in the north (a thousand miles north of Sydney), down to the rugged coast of southern Tasmania and the ruins of the old fort and penal settlement at Port Arthur on the tip of the Tasman Peninsula (900 miles south of Sydney). I saw the countryside by car and by train, and went to the Outer Barrier of the Great Barrier Reef in a little cruise ship which once was a miniature corvette of the Australian Navy preying on enemy shipping near New Guinea in World War II. I covered 3,300 miles by air within Australia, including a 700 mile round trip flight inland to visit a big sheep station, a trip which was arranged for me—to my great delight—by Nancy Walton, Governor of the Australian Section.

I enjoyed it all VERY much, but I think the highlights for excitement were catching the five foot shark on a handline out at the Barrier Reef; finding the real live "living fossil" lung fish at the little Mackay Zoo; and chasing the wild kangaroos and emus with a jeep out at the sheep station. How beautiful it was to see those kangaroos in flight, making their great leaps of from 20 to 40 feet (depending on how large the kangaroo was) and traveling almost alongside the car at 35 miles an hour.

Among the creatures I saw which

are found only in Australia, the most interesting were the fascinating little platypus, the koalas, the Tasmanian "devils" which snarled and growled like dogs and grunted and snorted like pigs! Thanks to Nancy Walton and Gwen Caldwell, head of the Australian Women Pilots' Ass'n, for New South Wales, I had an opportunity to actually stroke the fur and feel the soft rubbery duck-bill of the platypus.

Among the many pleasant moments were picking up beautiful sea shells and bits of coral 40 miles at sea on a bit of protruding reef at the Outer Barrier of the Great Barrier Reef; looking at the beautifully colored living coral and tropical fish from a glass-bottom boat out there; gathering our own oysters from a rocky point off the Queensland Coast (and eating some of them then and there!); catching a coral trout and Emperor fish out at the Reef; stopping the car one day in a shadowy glen 30 miles from Melbourne and listening to the enchanting voices of the bell birds; exploring the Dandenongs and their glorious rhododendron gardens with Freda Thompson (Freda ferried her own Tiger Moth out from England 'way back in 1934!); flying to the sheep yards in the ranch Cessna 182 and looking down on the blessings of water in that dry but fertile land; and the delight of getting to know some of the wonderfully friendly and hospitable Australian women pilots who did so very much towards making my holiday a truly grand and memorable vacation. Nancy Walton, Maie Casey, Freda Thompson, Gwen Caldwell, Nancy Leebold, Winifred Will-

more—thanks to all of them, the enjoyment of my visit to Australia was more than tripled. They want us ALL to come down—the welcome mat is out, and if a group tour of Ninety-Nines can be arranged, we stateside gals will really find some of the world's finest hospitality.

Fuel Contamination In Mexico

When buying gasoline in Mexico, special precautions should be taken to avoid water contaminated gasoline. The fuel should be filtered by chamois or special metal screen.

On our way back to Monterrey from Cozumel Island, on a 2,000 mile trip, we spent the night at Villahermosa, Tabasco. Upon arrival, all four tanks in our Apache were topped using a chamois filter. Next day, the tanks were properly drained and we flew continuously for three hours using fuel from the four tanks. At Minatitlan (Veracruz State) we topped the tanks with fuel from 50 gallon drums serviced by an electrical mobile pump system with a strainer that draws the fuel from the 50 gallon drum, filters it and then pumps it into the plane's tanks. The attendant assured us that the fuel was filtered 100% at the unit strainers.

We took off from Minatitlan and about 15 minutes later, when using the auxiliary tanks, one engine started to miss and the rpm dropped. My son, Ing. Alejandro E. Guajardo, was the pilot and his first thought of fuel contamination was correct. Changing to main tanks and turning on the auxiliary fuel pumps and carburetor heat, full power was resumed and we flew back to Minatitlan.

All four tanks, fuel pumps and lines, carburetors and strainers were emptied and cleaned. Over a gallon of water was found!

We were very fortunate that a group of Americans at the airport helped us and gave us their recommendations and advice. Mr. Bob Brooks, Dallas, Texas, lent us a fuel strainer.

From other 50 gallon drums, and using the electrical mobile pump and strainer system, we filled all gas tanks again. The attendant was careful not to suck fuel from the bottom of the drum, and the borrowed fuel strainer retained over two quarts of water—leading us to conclude that the filtering system used at Minatitlan for transient and local private planes is defective.

The next day we drained about a quart of fuel into a glass container from each tank to make sure it showed no signs of water contamination, then tested the engines on the ground and

over the airport, alternately using the four tanks.

After flying 600 miles home to Monterrey, another check was made on all tanks, fuel lines, strainers, etc., to get rid of any additional rust sediment.

This fuel contamination was the first one in eighteen years of flying our own planes, and it was one time too many.

We hope this information will reach all pilots flying to Mexico, and that they will insist on, and take extreme precautions, to avoid water contaminated fuel.

Carmen G. de Guajardo
Monterrey, N. L. Mexico

TOURS ABROAD BY 99'ERS

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development. It is an interesting country to fly in, for though turbulent and bumpy once inland, it nevertheless enjoys clear flying conditions when compared with other countries.

European countries find a far higher percentage of instrument flying necessary than here in Australia. It is rarely that we are troubled by icing and snow conditions like you experience in the North American continent.

May we look forward to greeting, in the not too distant future, a similar group of 99'ers as visited Europe this year?



By Eleanor B. Horn

November meeting at Logan Motel, Logan Airport, was most interesting due to the sparkling personality of our guest speaker, Elizabeth Lewis Gaines, a youngster of 70 years who holds license No. 2 issued to women pilots by the Aero Club of America. Mrs. Lewis' aviation career started way back "when" the sky lanes were considered for the exclusive use of men only.

Sara Haydon and her husband, Dr. Frank Haydon, have just returned from an extended vacation down south using Sara's new Cessna 175 for transportation. Sara is teaching a class in aviation at Searles School, Methuen, Mass., class is limited to A and B students from the fifth and sixth grades with an interest in aviation.

Ginny Cogswell flew to Atlantic City in a C-119 to attend a flight conference. Ginny has logged almost enough time for her private license.

June Douglas is building a reputation as an outstanding woman pilot

Pilot's Briefing

You must have a current physical to be an active member of 99's. If you are on inactive status and have renewed your physical notify headquarters.

We cannot include names in reports until the application has been received at headquarters—so send those applications in fast.

Information about reinstatement, application and transfer can be found in the constitution section of the roster. Headquarters has all forms.

Officers and committee chairmen should turn over files to successors as soon as possible so work can continue uninterrupted.

Let's make this the year to have the highest membership ever!

Anyone not having received her membership card for 1960-61 please notify headquarters and one will be sent to you.

who is going places. She has just added an instrument instructors rating to her list of accomplishments.

Mary Lowry is working on her multi-engine rating. She recently attended the northeast regional conference for the Civil Air Patrol as aviation education officer, representing the South Shore Squadron. At the conference Marie Lapore was given recognition for her outstanding work in aviation education.

Chris Seaver is "headin' south" for the Thanksgiving holiday and Eleanor and Ralph Horn will spend the holiday in New Jersey.

Those attending the meeting included Sara Haydon, Chris Seaver, Lois Dobbin, Ann Badour and Cindy, Mary Lowry, Eleanor Horn, Charlotte Kelly, Rae Tober, Mary Ann Lippett, Ginny Cogswell, Vickie Dorm, guest speaker Elizabeth Lewis Gaines, and somewhere around in the shadows lurked two other guests, Ralph Horn and Dr. Frank Haydon.

If news items or names were omitted from this letter blame it on "Smokey" the Lakes Region Air Park five months old collie who devoured the notes on the meeting when the Horns stopped for a coffee break on the way to New Hampshire.



By Jeanne Spielberg

Everything was just right for our Oct. 22nd Harvest Hop, the weather, the wind and the autumn foliage. Seventy-nine other people must have felt the same way because that is how many we wound up with at Flushing Airport for dessert and coffee, the last course of our progressive lunch.

Our morning rendezvous was at Zahn's Airport in Amityville at 11 a.m. Dottie Gable had a "lush" table set with juice and hors d'oeuvres. Everyone received souvenirs from Zahn's Flying Service. It was just great to see all those bright faces arriving at the Levitt hangar. We decorated their jackets with three part tickets that entitled them to the main course of lunch and if lucky a door prize at the end of the day.

The second hop was a short one to MacArthur Field. That dear fellow in the control tower had a fairly rough time trying to straighten out 28 planes for landings. However we made it. After a very satisfactory lunch (choice of roast beef or turkey) we departed at 2 p.m. for Flushing Airport, the last leg of our jaunt. Willie and Speed Hanzlik had delicious coffee, doughnuts and ice cream waiting for us at that adorable Flushing Flyers Club house all decorated for Halloween.

Since we were expanding the walls of the little club house we all retired to the out-doors for a big group picture.

By this time the sun was beginning to set and we hurriedly drew for the door prizes. It was Marge Gray's lucky day and she won the perfume and transistor radio. Marion Lopez, our new governor, was a lovely hostess for the 99's and she may be right proud of her first endeavor in office. A very deep bow to Willie Hanzlik, our Flushing hostess, who is always so very dependable on these occasions. Let's have more fun like that soon.

Ninety-Nines attending included Ena Ayers, Kay Brick, Allie Cullo and 49½er, Barbara Evans and 49½er, Dottie Gable, Viola Gentry, Marjorie Gray, Kay Hilbrandt, Willie Hanzlik and 49½er, Dorothy Julich, Marion Lopez, Irene Keith, Peggy Norris and 49½er, Amelia Nuessle and 49½er, Doris Renninger, Helen Stone, Margaret Potts, and Chris Winzer and 49½er. Please 'scuse if I forgot somebody.

Our special guest was Marianne Reetz, a member from Australia, who is leaving New York this week for Germany. We hope she will be back soon.

NOTES: Peggy Norris and Marion Lopez flew to Boston to see Charlotte Kelly happily installed as the new governor. They flew home with Jerry Gardner and had a grand time.

Dorothy Julich, our very active member, competed in the Michigan SMALL race, an efficiency round-robin contest from Muskegon, Mich. Had fun!

Irene Keith and Marjorie Gray were out in California attending the Air Force Association convention. It was like old home week. There they met Herb Fisher, Lindy Boyes and Cecil Hamilton. Irene Keith of Pan American also has the distinction of having made a flight plan for New York and Gander portion of Chuck Banfe's round-the-world flight from Honolulu. A real Hawaiian lei was sent to her in gratitude.

WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER By Lois LeMay Rinck

Our October meeting was held on the 8th at Buffalo Air Park. Driving through the red and gold bordered roads out to Buffalo Air Park could easily have been one of the foliage trails of New England. The girls who came by air knew that no place in the world could match the soul-satisfying beauty and vista of this natural spectacle.

Peg Wahl and her 49½er flew in from Brockton, N. Y., in their Tri-Pacer (they also own a Comanche—"his" and "hers"), and Agnes Reilly flew in from Niagara Falls, N. Y.,

stopping long enough for the meeting on her way to Cleveland. A hearty welcome to both girls to our chapter.

It was nice to see Ethel Fedders looking so well again after her bout with the flu. Your correspondent's 49½er, Carl, got his first ride in a light plane. 49½ers Wahl and Pirrung took him for a flight over Niagara Falls in the Wahl's Tri-Pacer.

Our November meeting was held in the Cabin in the Sky Restaurant at Airway's Hotel. Attending the luncheon were Ethel Fedders, Terri Pirrung, Peg Wahl, Tony Guay, Nancy Archie, Joan Leslie and Lois Rinck.

We lost no time in supplying Nancy Archie and Joan Leslie with membership applications. Nancy is a national figure skating judge and Joan is guardian of the Buffalo-Erie County Chapter of Campfire Girls. We are delighted to welcome these two charming personalities to our chapter.

Speaking of activities other than aviation, Peg Wahl is district director of the Chautauqua and area council Girl Scouts, and Tony Guay is still in scout work in Arkon.



WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER By Mitzi Keller

Thirty-eight 99's and guests (including two brave 49½ers) attended the fall sectional of the Middle Eastern Section at the Old Club in Alexandria, Va., on October 29.

Among the members from Pennsylvania who came were Mr. and Mrs. Fels and their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Noles and their daughter, Adelaide Tinker, Kate Macario, Elsie McBride, Peggy Borek, Marie D'Alerio and Gloria Durham. From Richmond, Va., came Tig Pennock, flight and ground instructor and prospective member.

Virginia Thompson and Velta Benn were co-chairmen of this very successful meeting. Each 99 was pinned with a fall corsage, artistically made by Dorothy Mitchell, there was a door prize drawing and each of us got some lagnappe left from convention—rain hats from Butler Aviation, eyeglass tissues from Gilbey's and Intimate perfume from Revlon.

After a delicious luncheon, we had a brief business meeting. Highlights were the reports of the Race Terminus and Convention and Gloria Dunham's treasurer's report covering these two events. Funds apparently came and went fast—but the treasury ended in the black. Therefore, a sectional contribution of \$100 was voted to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

Governor Adelaide Tinker presided.

It was wonderful to see her looking her old self again. We enjoyed her comment on the convention, "Never worked so hard in my life—but never had so much fun—but never again."

Elsie McBride announced she is chairman of the national committee to investigate a proposed reaffiliation with the National Aeronautic Association. She asked members to send her any comments they may have.

To help the treasury, Ada Mitchell fined everyone not wearing an airplane pin, earrings or bracelet one quarter. Too many were dutifully wearing their 99 pins—so it would not have netted us much to fine those not wearing our official insignia. Thus \$8 was added to the treasury!

Following the luncheon the group adjourned for a special tour of the control tower and airways traffic control center at Washington National Airport. The group was lucky to witness an actual GCA landing.

The November meeting was held the 19th at Margaret De Loatch's home. The Thanksgiving theme was obviously enjoyed in the turkey and pumpkin ice cream dessert molds. Following a short business meeting, two excellent films were shown: "The Arm and the Spear" and a 99 special "The 1960 Air Race Terminus."

Those attending the meeting were Virginia Thompson, Dorothy Mitchell, Betty Fisher, Josie Cook, Hazel Dwiggins, Frances Symonds, Laura Zerner and from Baltimore Betty Bohn; from Patuxent Nancy Lyman and Helen Murphy. It was Helen's last meeting with us for awhile. She and Bill are being transferred to Jacksonville, Fla. Florida Chapter take note—they're a wonderful 99 couple.

Several of the 99's had a chance to meet Margaret Kentley, a 99 from Australia, while she stopped off in Washington on the last leg of her seven month world tour!

Ada Mitchell attended the launching of Ethan Alan submarine at New London, Conn., as guest of the sub's commander, Capt. Paul L. Lacey Jr.

Frances Nolde is just back from the National Aeronautic Association convention in Indio, Calif. Fran wore two hats for this meeting—she's a member of the NAA board and she served as the delegate for the Aero Club of Washington.

Jean Ross Howard attended the first annual fly-in at the Army Aviation Center at Ft. Rucker, Ala. Jean said it was the best of its kind she'd ever attended and hopes next year many, many 99's will fly-in.

As a proud grandmother, I must announce that my Courtney's daughter, Mary Seglinda Evans, arrived November 2nd. She's a doll.

Dorothy Mitchell will be our hostess at a "pot luck" Christmas party on

December 18 at 6 o'clock. Each one is to bring \$1 gift and some item for the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind—you'll get a detailed notice later with some suggestions.

See you December 18.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Kate Macario

Since there was no November issue we have much to include in this December copy. I'll start with our most recent event and work backwards.

Saturday, Nov. 19, we were blessed with a beautiful day for our fly-in to Valley Forge Airport. The best part about a fly-in is that many members and guests come who live too far away to drive. Ann Piggott brought a Tri-Pacer full from Lock Haven including her twin sons and prospective member, also a student of hers, lovely Jean Crays. Selma Cronan, a faithful fly-in friend from the N. Y.-N. J. Section, brought with her fellow member Arax Simsarian in Selma's 172. Cecilia Stetser and Beth Sturtavant came in Stetser's Comanche. It was a pleasure to have Nancy Diemand fly over from Doylestown to join us. Betty Ward and Peggy Borek came by Cub; Judy and Robert Hopkins flew their Tri-Pacer. Flying the greatest distance to attend was New England Section member Chris Winzer, who brought her son, Steve, along to celebrate this 16th birthday and his friend, Brad Adolphson. We thoroughly enjoyed having them, and particularly enjoyed listening to Chris tell of her evening with the Adventurers Club the night the 99's were their guests in N. Y. Another prospective member, Velda Beidler, and her husband, Gordon from Barto, Pa., attended for the first time. The rest of the group drove in: Adeliade and John Tinker, with son, Robert, and his friend, Sue Womer, Arlene and Arnold Feldman, Joyce Roggio, Elsie McBride and her folks, Marie D'Alterio with her daughter Patsy and her girl friend, Erma Reyes, yours truly and guest Dorothy Miller.

After the luncheon at noon, everyone moved to a private room where, prior to the meeting, we were shown a colored film on sky diving by Steve Snyder, since Valley Forge Airport is one of the few fields where sky diving instruction is given. It was 3 o'clock before the very full meeting was adjourned; the majority of those who flew in, departed for home, a few went ice skating at the indoor rink, and a dozen of us went for rides in the Bell helicopter based there. Because we were a flying group, Mr. Duffy, the pilot, gave us all a terrific ride, putting the "chopper" through its various maneuvers. Watching some free-fall parachute jumps out of a 172 climaxed a full and exciting day.

The Washington Chapter held the fall sectional meeting on October 29 at the Old Club in Alexandria, Va., a place full of atmosphere of the George Washington era. Marie D'Alterio, Elsie McBride and I flew down with Joyce Roggio in her 175. Peggy Borek, Betty Ward and Judy Hopkins came in the Hopkins' Tri-Pacer. Hazel, John and Wendy Fels with Naomi Noll and her daughter flew in from Lancaster in their twin Bonanza. Following the luncheon and meeting we were transported to Washington National Airport for a tour of the complex Washington center. There we were joined by Anne Shields and Tom Macario who had flown in later. The senior air traffic controller, Joe O'Busek, explained the workings of the center and showed us the procedures used in handling IFR flights. From there we climbed to the control tower to observe the DCA tower in action.

HEAR THAT: Kate Ornsen married her "boss" on Thanksgiving Day and will take up housekeeping as her full time job. Beth Sturtavant attended a community leaders program in N. Y., representing Zonta and the 99's from her community. Marie D'Alterio and Joyce Roggio flew to Caribou, Maine, and were weathered in for several days. Joyce and her 49½'er, Victor, bought a Debonair in addition to their 175; now they have "his" and "hers." Judy and Robert Hopkins are expecting their "first" in March. Kate and Tom Macario had their seventh and last (?) in June.



FLORIDA CHAPTER By V. Britt

In lieu of the October meeting, the Southeastern Sectional was held in Ft. Lauderdale on Oct. 15. Among those present from out of the area were Kitty Nix, Louise Smith and Nita Hudman. We were sorry more of the girls could not make the meeting and that all could not stay longer. During the meeting D. Vermorel was appointed to the committee to investigate changes in the constitution and V. Britt to Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund committee. At the banquet Lt. Col. Rafael Reyes Spindola, consul general of Mexico, was guest speaker and believe we have convinced him that the thing to do is to take flying lessons from Verna. Surprise guest at the dinner were three gentlemen from the tourist bureau of El Salvador who just happened to be coming to Miami that night and wanted to see the girls who fly.

We note: Mary T. Gaffany now fly-

ing helicopters. Marion King has presented us with another future 99. Dottie Vermorel now Mrs. Neal Bohannan. Irma Price back from the Virgin Islands.

Our chapter announces with regret:

Last Flight

MURIEL W. HANSEN
August 28, 1960



Carolinas Chapter Meeting—Back row, left to right: Dorothy Shackelford, Betty Hamilton, Louise Thaden, Louise Smith, Estelle Bradshaw, Nita Hudman, Herman Smith, Burnette Spencer and Jean Harley. Front row, left to right: Caroline Hembel, Frances Miller, Kitty Nix, Kim O. Kyung and Nancy Mayes.



The North Central Section was well represented at the charter meeting of the Rockford Area Chapter, Saturday, Oct. 8. The gala evening started with a get-acquainted hour at 6:30, followed by a nice buffet dinner in one of the private dining rooms at the Holiday Inn in Rockford.

Introduction of charter members and their 49½ers was made by the chapter chairman, and introduction of guests made by Nell Brown, section membership chairman; then an enjoyable talk on the 99's was given by Lois Seketa, section governor. "Deedo" Heise, International President, presented the charter and pinned the new members, and Joan Hruebec, ex-governor, presented the 49½ers with their cards.

Chapters represented were Wisconsin by "Deedo" Heise and Dora Fritzke of Milwaukee; Ohio by Joan Hruebec of Cleveland; Michigan by Jean Reynolds and Mary Clark of Jackson; Iowa by Kitty Hach of Ames and Helen Holton of Chariton; Chicago by Lois and Leroy Seketa, Nell and Adelbert Brown, Louise and Ray Kokish, June and Tony Basil, Alice and Bernard DeWitt, Regina Devine,

Mary Beretich and Marjorie Raglin; Rockford by Virgie and Thomas Todhunter, Leone and Oliver Walton, Betty and Howard Riddle, Gladys and Harry Snyder, Mae and Richard Johnson, Lorna and Marion Moore and Florence "Coffy" Gregory.

The new Rockford Chapter wishes to extend their thanks to all who helped to make this occasion possible and also one to remember; and to say thanks again to all who came to be with us and for the letters and telegrams received from those who could not be here. We sincerely hope that though small in number we will continue to grow with each passing year both in members and activities.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Lydia Jensen

Cheers to Nancy Steiner, hostess for our November 20th meeting at Fond du Lac, who achieved the largest turnout our group has had for some time. There were 20 of us at dinner at the Town House including members, 49½ers and student pilots.

What's more, we were all delighted to have our International President Deedo (Eugenia) Heise and 49½ers with us. She is a member of the Wisconsin Chapter, as you know, but is so busy attending sectional or national meetings that we do not see her nearly as often as we should like.

The fine flying weather brought five planes. Dora Fritzke, Bernie Voelker, Dr. Anne Roethke, Deedo Heise and Mary Landis flew in bringing members Dot Faust, Ruth Lemke, Mary Seymour and your correspondent as well as 49½ers and guests. Justine Mills arrived later by car.

Since this chapter has not been represented in the News Letter for several months we shall try to catch up a bit on back news.

We are very proud of the fact that Deedo and Dr. Anne placed eighth in 24 entries in September in the Michigan Chapter's SMALL Race. It was miserable weather, too, we understand, so that only 24 of the 32 entrants were able to get to Muskegon to enter the race.

Our September fly-in was held at Wisconsin Rapids where we and our guests were guests of Butler Aviation Co. at dinner at the Mead Hotel (a wonderful surprise to us all). Since the weather was poor only our most intrepid flyers (Anne Roethke, Nancy Steiner and Mary Landis) attempted the trip by plane. However, even these girls were all forced down by poor visibility before completing the trip home.

We had another try in October at a fly-in at Wisconsin Rapids with much better luck as to weather and had a good turnout. The Butler Aviation Co. has invited us again as their guests to a picnic fly-in at Alexander Airport,

Wisconsin Rapids, in the spring. They will treat us to venison steak (lucky us).

On October 8th President Deedo chartered the new Rockford Chapter. We are all looking forward to meeting these gals at a fly-in in the near future.

Dorothy Mitchell, one of the original Wisconsin Chapter members, lost her father on October 3rd. We extend our sympathies to Dorothy (who is now in Washington, D. C.).

Florence Toney is our newly appointed treasurer replacing Helen Koern who was elected to the office but has been unable to take on the duties since she has been traveling for some time and is moving away from Wisconsin. We are sorry to lose you, Helen.

Justine Mills and Jeannette Zapata both had baby daughters in September. Weren't they kind to oblige with prospective Ninety-Nines?

Avis Peterson of Sauk City has just rejoined our group. Welcome back, Avis.

We are to hold our December fly-in at Waukesha because Mary Landis, chairman, has very graciously invited us to her home for the Christmas meeting. When Mary extended us this invitation we protested (feebly) that it was too much but we are looking forward with great anticipation to the occasion.

Sorry to say Dr. Anne will not be at the December meeting since she will already be flying her Carribean to Los Angeles (that girl really gets around) and your correspondent will be making her first long flight, to Florida (weather permitting).

IOWA CHAPTER

By Tina Healy

Several years ago on a gas stop in Carroll, Iowa, I was amused at a little sign on the bulletin board . . . "They told me to cheer up, things could be worse; so, I cheered up and sure 'nuff, things got worse."

That fairly well describes the hopeful anticipation of our girls and members from Missouri Valley trying to convene in Red Oak, Iowa, for a joint meeting in November. Old Man Weather teased us with clear, beautiful skys at Ft. Dodge, Ames and Des Moines in the forenoon, then sent us scurrying back to Des Moines for an impromptu luncheon meeting at the Cloud Room. It will be interesting to know just how many actually made it to Red Oak and how long they had to stay there. It was a good idea, though, let's try it again sometime.

New rating congratulations are in order again. Alice Pfantz is sporting a new instrument ticket of which she is justly proud. She said she lost 10 pounds getting it! Alice, if you continue to pick up ratings in the future as fast as you have since you started

to fly, we won't be able to see you in three or four years.

Kitty Hach conducted a short business meeting, with a project report from Helen Flaherty. Sounds like something quite interesting coming up in the future.

Filling out the rest of our table, were Don and Helene Holton from Chariton, Guy and Joann Fortier of Des Moines, Edith Jensen from Webster City, and Tina Healy of Newton. For an accidental meeting, our attendance wasn't bad.

A few days after our meeting we learned that Guy and Joann are moving to Denver, Colo. It just won't seem right without them! Our loss is certainly Denver's gain. Good luck, kids.

Since there was no November News Letter, a quick report on October's meeting. We met in Waterloo with Esther Niederhauser as hostess. We enjoyed a very tasty lunch at the Con-vair Room in the Waterloo terminal building, then had our meeting at Niederhauser Airways. Scads of new faces were there. Unfortunately I did not get the rundown on all of them, but hope they all decide to join our happy little throng.

Our December meeting is planned for Des Moines, let's hope we don't wind up in Red Oak!

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Sophia M. Payton

Our November meeting was just like going to a convention with all the goodies given to our members and guests by our hostess, Josephine Rich-



1960 Merit Contest Winners (left to right): Rae Cawdell, third; Sophia M. Payton, first; Ethel Knuth, second.

ardson, Decatur, Ind. Josephine baked a lovely cake in the shape of a chicken just right for the coming holiday, Thanksgiving. Wilma Gunderson was

the lucky gal. Pot of gold was won by Rachael Meranda. To put the finishing touch on a very nice afternoon, Peggy Coulter gave a comen-tary on her recent trip to Europe with the 99's. Sixteen members present and 18 guests.

We are now in our third year on the Points Contest. Our committee—Esther Brener, chairman, Tannie Schlundt and Delia Sanders—came up with a lovely folder so you gals may have something nice to keep your record in. Tannie being responsible for the attractive cover. So, let's not let them down and make it 100 per cent for 1961. The 1960 winners for the contest were: first, Sophia M. Payton; second, Ethel Knuth; third, Rae Cawdell.

TRAVEL—Alma Hartman and family will be flying to Dallas in their Bonanza for the Thanksgiving holidays. Nellie Alger has made several trips to Kentucky Lake visiting her son, Frank, at Kessler Air Force Base. Virginia Maggart and 49½er and Josephine Richardson and 49½er flew to an officers meeting at Urbana, Ill., of the Flying Farmers. Rae Cawdell will be flying to Phoenix, Ariz., for a vacation. Ethel Knuth flew to North Vernon visiting Billie Smith. Mildred Hurt recently made a trip to Washington, D. C. Tannie Schlunt and 49½er just back from Mobile, Ala., flying a twin Bonanza.

PERSON TO PEOPLE by: one of you — Gals, how can we have this paragraph if no tales are told of your flying and can be heard by our roving reporter.

My hat is off to "Worry Wart." It seems this gal had her hostess take her back to the airport in the middle of the night to make sure her airplane was secured for the night . . . due to a report of high winds, etc. I understand one of our gals went back to school . . . and got to wondering how she would do in the class she visited—5th grade. Lake Central being one of the companies who participated in Business Education Day last year, received an invitation to have their representative visit one of the classrooms. The invitation was extended to them by the Indianapolis Education Ass'n. and Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce who conducts the annual "B.E." Day. and our 99er, Rae, represented her company. Well, how did you stack up?

Christmas party—held at Esther Berners, Indianapolis.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Constance S. Matter

In October we were fortunate to have our meeting in the most attractive rathskeller of Ruth Lake's new office building. It was good to see Millie Sommerlad, Dorothy Scharf and Inez Jenkins with us. We hope they'll

soon be members. Perhaps seeing Teddy Hager receive her pin will give them added impetus.

We learned that Lois Weatherwax is a proud part owner of a 180, and that Marilyn Stoneberg has finally gotten her Bellanca up from Texas.

The Aero Club costume dance really produced some notable ingenuity on the part of our 99's: Golly Miner's wonderful pumpkin head, Dorothy Haupt's scarecrow, Mickey Clark from South of the Border, and Loretta Slavick as a pretty senorita. Teddy Hager was looking glamorous, Laura Sellinger was a wonderful Red Riding Hood, and June Evers and Edith Olovitch both did the West great credit. We were glad to have a chance to visit with Hazel Matz of the Ozark Chapter.

On November 6th we flew in to Jefferson City for the housewarming of Amy Summers' beautiful new home. That is, the Blooms, Olovitchs and Stonebergs blew in, the rest of us drove. We had a delicious lunch and all enjoyed the Summers' warm hospitality. Maxine De Rousse looked blooming as a new bride should. (We wondered who that "two-headed" driver on the highway ahead of us was.) It was a wonderful meeting and Amy is certainly to be congratulated.

Among our travelers in the last two months were Sylvia Bloom and Loretta Slavick at the NPA convention in Oklahoma, Marion Kirtz who had a dreamy trip to New Orleans, and Marilyn Stoneberg who went to Kansas City to get her Missouri pharmacist license. Marilyn practiced pharmacy in Texas before she came here—it ought to make one feel better just to watch her fill the prescription!

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Janice Kuechenmeister

Your reporter arrived by Greyhound bus on Saturday, Nov. 12, and was greeted by three early birds, Rosalie Bracht, Marilyn Collette and Mary Scheafer. We were soon joined by the others. We proceeded to the Officers' Club at the Clinton County Air Force Base, Wilmington, Ohio, for the Achievement Awards banquet. Hats off to our hostess and host, Chairman Margaret and Col. Callaway, in making this Achievement Awards banquet a success.

Guests and members present were Mayor and Mrs. J. Bates Harcum of Wilmington, Col. Huish, Col. Abrams, Col. Richard and Margaret Callaway, Mary Feser, Rosalie Bracht, Winnie Caughey, Marilyn Collette, Martha and Jim Foley, Helen and Jim Sammon, Margaret Hammon, Edy Maxim, Joan Hrubec, Mary Scheafer, Virginia Schumacher, Autri and Karl Lehr, Janice Kuechenmeister, Helen Williams, Sabina; Clara Thorpe, Tessa Plummer, Cleveland. The banquet was

buffet style and the food was delicious. We had a short speech from Mayor Bates.

Margaret Callaway, Achievement Awards chairman, announced the winners. First place award went to Marilyn Collette and was presented by Col. Huish. The second place award went to Dorothy Anderson. Dorothy was not present. Third place went to Mary Fecser, award presented by Mayor Bates. Fourth place went to Joan Hrubec, award presented by Col. Callaway. Fifth place went to your reporter, Janice Kuechenmeister, award presented by Karl Lehr. Jim Sammon was presented with a trophy—best 49½er.

Mayor Bates recounted some of his experiences when he was working towards his commercial license. Col. Abrams extended the base commander's regrets he could not attend due to a previous commitment.

The party adjourned to the dance floor. The six dixieland musicians were from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. They really had the place hopping. Helen and Jim Sammon do a real mean polka.

After departing from the Officers' Club, Mother Nature greeted us with quite a sight. The Northern Lights were out in full force. This was a delightful surprise as most of the time there is a cloud layer blocking our view.

The chapter's regular meeting was held in the Officers' Club the following morning. Fly-ins the next morning were Vice-Chairman Marj Gorman, Ione Kiplinger and Ruth Theis. Ruth is joining the Toledo Glider Club. Ione is pinned to whom? Martha and Earl Riber are off on an around the world jet trip. Marilyn Collette, former News Letter reporter, passed the Ohio State Certified Public Accountant exam with a 100 per cent—can't do any better than that. Margaret Callaway had dinner one evening recently with two Chicago Area 99's, Sylvia Roth and Helen Sailer. Margaret had a chance to visit Pres. Deedo Heise in Milwaukee for a couple of days while her Cessna 140 tailwheel was being repaired.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Ryan

Well, October 16th found us 99's lazing along the mill stream on a Sunday afternoon with faint whisperings of autumn leaves and an occasional mallard paddling by. Marian Champlin and 49½er Keith arranged this idyllic setting, with Sunday dinner, at the Millpond just outside Shakopee.

We have a brand new, enthusiastic member in Marge Cushman and we want to say "welcome aloft!" to her and her 49½er Rog (Cush) who, by the way, whooshed in with their 170, piling up a record 148 mph ground

speed on the way down. Going back was another thing and it was a shade past sundown when they landed at Montevideo. Their 170 is a real honey. The interior of white, coral and turquoise is a Marge-Cush creation, as well as the coral paint job.

Rita and Burt Orr, Helen Masterton, Avis Larson, Sherm Booen, Dorothy and Rocky Ryan, and hosts Marian and Keith Champlin with Keith's parents, all arrived in surface carriers.

I hope this isn't telegraphing a punch, but Helen Masterton on her vacation trip to Peru in May discussed with some enthusiastic Peruvian sky ladies the prospect of a Minnesota-sponsored 99 chapter in Peru. Doesn't that sound tremendous! It's in the talk stage, but don't be surprised. Orchids to Helen!

Have all you 99's subscribed to the "Minnesota Flyer"? If you haven't, now is a good time. Avis has been doing a terrific job of writing the women's column titled "The 99's," and through it made contact with three of our four new members—Marge Cushman, Thora Kron and Ardeth Carlso. More orchids to Avis!

Step right up for your ride in the new Mooney! Shook and Gene at Executive Aero, new Mooney distributor at Flying Cloud Field, are all set to give every Minnesota 99 a ride (upon identification). Advance and be recognized. Avis arranged this one.

Surfside Airport at Rice Lake, where Helen Masterton has instructed in floatplanes for years, is now adding a landing strip. That's real progress.

By now Jean Scheifley and 49½er Chuck are back from Paris, Switzerland and Rome. We're looking forward to hearing more about that.

Is a reporter responsible for accuracy? The grapevine reports that our outstanding chairman of three or four years ago, Jane White, is doing degree work at the university. As you know, Jane can do anything.

Avis reports she has been doing night work on intercepting radials. She is going to be all set if that weatherman clamps down, unexpectedly.

Well, as usual, news is scarce. But be sure to take in our November scoop—the tour of radar installations at Wold with brunch at the Officers' Mess. And then—our Christmas party! See you all there.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Alice Stoltzner

Under the approving view of seven Chicago Area 99's, the newly formed Rockford, Ill., Chapter officially received its charter on October 10th. "Deedo" Heise, International President, Joan Hrubec of Ohio, Iowans Kitty Hach and Helene Holten and Michigan's Mary Clark and Jean Rey-

nolds were there to welcome the Rockford gals into the 99's.

Chicago Chapter girls met again the following morning at the Lewis-Lockport fly-in breakfast. In addition to aerobatics, model airplanes, 1960 aircraft display and a tour through A&E School of Lewis College, host, Bernard Kiley (pres. of Sky Riders Inc.) promised Max Conrad! Unhappily, Max was off flying one of the seven seas. Mr. Piper graciously took over for Max and made a special effort to introduce the 99's to the group attending the fly-in.

We were pleased to see Illinois Chapter member Helen Budwash at the October meeting. It's been a while. Helen, Louise Kokesh was awarded the "Good Sport" trophy for her enthusiastic planning and participation in our September air meet. Sue (Doc) Roscoe left the meeting rather abruptly, but returned shortly with "mother and child doing fine" type news. Congratulations are due Irene Gabriel and her husband. Both received their instrument tickets this fall. We're proud to have Chicago Chapter member Lois Seketa as North Central Section Governor.

Alice Kudrna and that 170 attended the October NPA meeting at Western Hills Lodge, Wagoner, Okla. It was an information and fun packed four day meeting. Alice reported on the VFR and IFR "skull sessions." Lida and Lloyd Misiowiec took their Mooney to Ontario, Canada, on several fishing trips this summer. Bee Siemon and husband were impressed with the storms over the Alleghenies during a business trip to New York and New Jersey. Vi Howard traveled 33,000 air miles around the world this summer. Too bad you can't log it. Vi. Mary Beritch, with all her responsibilities, still finds time to transport friends each Sunday in a Cub Cruiser. Irene Gabriel and husband, ignoring the danger of fast flying presidential candidates, flew to Madison, Wis., on November 7. Missed Nixon's 707 by five minutes. Nita Fineman and family in "Small Fly," visited Springfield, Ill. state capitol. What a wonderful way to take American history. Nita, Martha Morrison and family were at Idlewild the day Castro arrived. She was there to welcome her son and the Yale Russian Chorus home from their singing tour through Russia. Alice DeWitt will stand in for "Santa's 12 tiny reindeer" in December when she pilots a helicopter from Howell Field, carrying Mr. Howell as Santa, to Lake Front Meig's Field to present children's gifts (donated by Chicago 99's) to the Tribune Good-fellow Charity.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Rose S. Andrew

The October meeting was held at the home of Bonnie Ferrell, near El-

dorado, Ill., on Sunday, Oct. 16. She and her doctor husband served a fine outdoor meal at noon to nine 99 members, six husbands and 28 guests. Many of the latter were flying physicians and their wives as well as local friends and families.

A short business meeting was called to order by Helen McBride in the absence of the chairman. Everyone was asked to bring their list of air markers to the November meeting. Leah Warren announced tentative plans for the Spring Sectional for which our chapter will act as hostesses.

Dora Dougherty, Bell Helicopter Aviation psychologist, and a life member of the 99's, will be our speaker.

Our very special guest, International President Deedo Heise, spoke to us about some of the highlights of the

ber, really Dr. Jean Graber, for she is a naturalist whose work has been done in ornithology. She and her husband, Dr. Richard Graber, who works for Natural Resources, enjoy their Cessna 140.



KANSAS CHAPTER

By Helen Chandler

Kansas 99's are still talking and dreaming about the extra super sectional our gal Lucile Dienst of Lakin worked so hard on and made such a success of. The weather turned out to be perfectly stinking the first day of our meeting and all of us held our breath for fear it had moved into the state to stay. It can do that very easily in Kansas y'know. As it turned out, most of the girls were delayed until the next day, but determined to make it and make it they did. We had a very nice turnout considering the weather and such a group can get in a lot of visiting and hangar flying.

The costume of the day was western duds and who can't be comfortable in them? Helen Choun of Colorado Chapter was voted the best dressed cowgirl and received a western trophy for her good looks. What with buffalo hunting via Jeep, tours at the old Windsor Hotel (the one where Lillian Russell slept), much good Kansas beef to eat, and Garden City's western hospitality being spread around—we Kansas gals—who did not help—felt like guests and enjoyed the fun. We hope everyone traveling to our fair state enjoyed themselves. Our eternal thanks to our capable member Lucile, who planned and carried out the whole darned sectional on her slim shoulders. Gals attending were: Colorado Chapter, Mary Wenzholz, Helen Choun, Jo Dennis, Mary Frenzel, Marian Tankersley, Dallas Chapter, Jo Allison, Martha Ann Reading, El Paso Chapter, Ruth Deerman, Alice Strickland, Oklahoma Chapter, Broneta Evans, Wynema Masonhall, Jean Williams, Arlene Walkup, Albuquerque Chapter, Randy Sutherland, Irene Kay, Mary Morgan, Marie Crossett, Kansas Chapter, Lucile Dienst, Hazel Guy, Helen Chandler, Mary Jane McKillip, Anne Waddell, Margaret Yourdon, Donna Shirley, Dorothy Speer, Laveta Hahn, Inez Koenig, Irene McDonald.

We're very happy to announce an increase in our membership. Donna Shirley, Inez Koenig, Laveta Hahn and Irene McDonald have joined our group. Hope they'll be flying for a

long time and making lots of their flights to our meetings.

We're all holding our breath and hoping that our gals, Mary McKillip and Mildred Early, bring home something very big to talk about from the Dallas Doll Derby. Mildred will be flying pilot and Mary Jane co-pilot. This will make Mildred's second race and Mary Jane's fourth.

We hope this next year brings good weather, and lots of flying for our chapter. Last spring fouled us up weather-wise and we haven't seen some of our members for a good long time. Our new officers have taken the reins and we're looking for a good time for all, and we're hoping for a good time without too much work. And the same to all of you.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPTER

By Merle Dunnam

After all of our gad-about 99's returned we had our first meeting Sept. 24, a luncheon at the Trade Winds. Ardath McCreery from McAllen invited four prospective members to our meeting. Lillian Anderson and Jean Moore came with Ardath in her plane. Mildred Zarski flew with her instructor on her first cross country. Lorraine Adams from Dallas, now living in McAllen, flew up in her plane. A student of Pauline's, Carol LeDrew, attended the meeting.

Louise Clarkson and her 49½er just returned from Copenhagen, where they attended a geological and field meeting.

Pauline Glasson was honored at a meeting in Mineral Wells, Texas. Aeronautics Commission Cliff Green and FAA Blanche Noyes gave her awards for her contribution to the air marking program in Texas—210 air markers.

We are preparing for another rummage sale in the Valley. I think after this sale we surely will have all of the old clothes in this part of Texas sold.

Welcome to Le Jee Pearson our new 99 member.

ABILENE CHAPTER

By Peggy Hawes

Fright mission: We had Halloween early and dressed as such proceeded to air mark two towns with high hopes on doing two more. The weather played its own game of trick or treat hence we'll band together again before long and finish.

Marilyn Schultz and Gloria Puckett (pilot and co-pilot respectively) placing fifth out of 18 planes in the Dallas Doll Derby. We think it's wonderful they had freak radio troubles going to Dallas. Ever had a set when cut off continued to give with noise at full volume? All was corrected before race time. Their 49½ers showed in time to help place airplanes at the line and know the manpower was most assuredly appreciated. We are doubly proud of



October 16, 1960 Meeting—Central Illinois Chapter (left to right): Dr. Herman A. Heise, Eugenia R. Heise, Bonnie Ferrell, Jean Graber, Delores Adamson, Sue Hassler, Leah Warren, Barbara Jenison, Helen McBride, June Evers, and Rose Andrew.

trip to Europe which a group of 99's made this summer. We were so very happy to have her with us and found her just as charming as all reports of her had said. At the meeting's adjournment, we sorted and bought some Christmas cards and wrappings, to help build up a reserve in our treasury.

Dr. Bill Bernard of Springfield gave a very interesting and informative talk on some of the medical aspects of flight safety. He used slides to illustrate important parts of his speech. At the close we had a short discussion, with questions and answers.

We all had such a good time at the Ferrells. They have a lovely home and lawns, perfect for the type of gathering. A few of us flew in and the trip down was not too pleasant with rather low ceilings in places, but by evening the flight home was made under perfect conditions. My own family and I flew at about 1500 feet, so we could thoroughly enjoy the colors of the trees in the setting sun.

We have another new member whom we are happy to introduce, Jean Gra-

these two girls since Marilyn has passed her CAR and ground school fundamentals and Gloria has received her multi-engine license. Poor 49½er will never know where his twin Bonanza is now.

November found us winging 150 miles to Lubbock, lunching at the Ming Tree Restaurant. Our hostesses, Tolly Petty and JoAnn Hamil, made such complete plans, even to having cars waiting to take us into the city. We are sorry at the last minute Tolly had a sick wee one and could not be with us. The press greeted our four planes and 12 girls. We certainly would like to see a chapter go there. They have a wonderful airport and terminal. Such strips, all directions. They need them. The WIND IS WINDEE. We had 23 to 30 mph that day. The lunch was magic in more ways than food. Ted Quan, the proprietor, performed magic tricks before lunch with scarves appearing, disappearing and dividing, the old shell game with red balls and cups, and 50 cent pieces from yours truly's ears. The Chinese love to perform and we were charmed. We had three lovely guests with us, Marilyn Schultz brought "Jay" Outland, Maxine Eliam brought "Ginna" Issacks, and Ruby Culwell brought Mary Wells Gambiel. Mary Wells has recently soloed and we look forward to having her with us in the future. AnnNell Hooks was more than happy to visit Lubbock for it gave her a chance to visit with her son who is going to Texas Tech, getting to have her own private lunch and talk with him.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER **By Marian Burke**

With the combined efforts of Betsy Hogan and Anne Ash, the San Antonio Chapter had an interesting display at the San Antonio International Airport open house. Meg Guggolz helped man the booth a portion of the day. The girls received many inquiries concerning 99's throughout the day. Thanks, gals, for a job well done.

A fly-in at Ft. Clark guest ranch at Bracketville was planned for the Nov. meeting of the San Antonio 99's. Yes, you guessed it! Socked in! Old Man Weather threw us another curve! Everyone wound up at a cozy little cafe near the airport and a dutch treat lunch and hangar flyin' session was enjoyed by all.

Capt. Meg Guggolz, our military member, that is a U. S. Army nurse, has received her orders for a tour of duty in Germany. She will report in March. Meg has been looking forward to this possible assignment for months. We will really be losing a favorite among our group and we hope to have you back soon, Meg. The San Antonio Chapter wishes you the best of everything and we hope your assignment in

Germany will be most rewarding to you.

We have welcomed a real nice group of new girls to our organization . . . Evelyn Woltjin, who is co-owner of a nice looking 172 with doctor husband; Ruth Batot, a San Antonio school teacher and owner of a Tri-Pacer; Mary Parriot, a cute gal from Randolph who flies with Evelyn in her 172, her husband is based at Randolph; Margaret Gale, an interior decorator in San Antonio who recently with her husband became the proud owner of a Cessna 172; Jean Parrott, who recently moved to San Antonio. Her family consists of a husband, a daughter and a Cessna 140. Jean flew the recent Doll Derby at Dallas and said it was loads of fun. I think the San Antonio Chapter has really hit the jackpot on new members. Our goal is still more for the year!

Marian Burke was recently pleasantly surprised by a visit by Pat Gladney. Pat, from Los Altos, Calif., and number one place in the TAR this year, was on her way to Mexico City with husband and friends, in Pat's Cessna 180. Pauline Glasson was also a recent welcome visitor at Marian's school. Guess what? Pauline has a new Cessna 175 and real proud of it, too.

San Antonio Chapter plan for Bracketville for a Dec. meeting. It's going to be fun. Let's everyone hope for good weather.

MIDLAND CHAPTER **By Velma Lee Copeland**

Welcome! Mrs. W. T. Goodson (Midred) our new member from Ozona, Texas. Mildred flies a Taylorcraft and is manager of a men's clothing store in Ozona.

Wink Municipal Airport was the setting for our November meeting. Jim and Nancy Brumlow were host and hostess to a fly-in breakfast with bacon, hot cakes and lots of coffee.

Special guests were Rhea Hurtle and Mr. Allison from Houston, Texas. Rhea is a member of the Houston sales Chapter and Mr. Allison is in Aircraft Sales and Engineering Co. at the International Airport there. They were flying a new Aztec.

Highlight of the meeting was a spot landing contest. Each put in a dollar for a pot—and out of three landings each—Nancy won the pot. 49½ers were the judges and just itching to try their hand at it and when the 99's were through they tried it and practically everyone overshot on the first try. The grey, high overcast day didn't help any either.

We have been discussing the probability of having another "High Sky Derby" in 1961. How about it, would you girls like to come back to West Texas for another race? If so, why don't you drop our chairman, Ann

Bynum, a note and we will get the ball rolling.

Ann has been up logging time in the Tri-Pacer and Comanche 250. The latter she flew to Sweetwater and then on over their cabin at Lake J. B. Thomas. She was delighted with the high water and hopes of some good skiing in the spring.

Wink had an important and unexpected visitor Sunday afternoon. Jacqueline Cochran, one of America's foremost women fliers, set down at Wink for nearly four hours when strong head winds necessitated the stop to refuel.

She was accompanied by two aides, a man and woman. They were flying a Lockheed Lodestar plane en route from Memphis, Tenn., to Imperial, Calif.

The noted aviatrix has just recently returned from a tour through European countries where she made a number of talks on aviation.

Also visiting in Wink was the noted Don Downie, writer for AOPA

HOUSTON CHAPTER **By Nancy Jameson**

October 21 signaled our new year with installation of officers at the elegant Carrousel Restaurant near Houston Municipal. Ed and Va. Anderson, Marcelline and Bill Todd, Celia and Hank Parrish, Judy Simpson, Frances and George Castleberry, Merle Boitnot and our two guests, Thelma Beal and Louise Beckford, enjoyed a marvelous dinner in lieu of regular business.

November meeting was planned as a fly-in with Gertrude Howard hostessing in Bryan. This was postponed, Gertrude and John and their new son have moved to Huntsville, 1404 17th St. We hope to fly-in December 4.

We have done a small bit community-wise for the Anti-Tuberculosis League. Alice Seaborn and Frances Castleberry with Louise Beckford put stars in our crown donating time and effort to the league. Now to the paint brushes—for airmarking weather is here.

Celia Parrish made the Texas Air Tour this year and had a blast!

We had a letter from Elaine Eitel in Port Neches. She is president of the District Osteopathic Auxiliary—her husband is president of the society. Elaine is hoping to take up instrument flying with the help of their new hospital manager. He was an air corps instructor.

Till next issue this chapter is directing its energies toward the annual Christmas party. Happy holidays!

DALLAS CHAPTER **By Mary M. Gauss**

Our Dallas Doll Derby has come and gone, with Jerry Sloan and Josephine Allison the winners. Our very

capable derby chairman, Dot Warren, has sent in a complete report.

The November 17 meeting was held at St. James Episcopal Parish where Father Thomas Fleener discussed the symbols of Christmas. We were also very fortunate in having Margaret Bentley of Sydney, Australia, among our guests.

News items: Pat and Jet Jetton have new Piper dealership. Congratulations! Also, more congrats to Martha Robinson who now has her instrument rating, and to Jerry Sloan who is now an instructor.

We of the Dallas Chapter hope you had a fine "Turkey Day" and hope the Christmas and New Year's holidays are happy, bright and prosperous.

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Peg Ong

As I was typing the last report everyone was getting ready to leave for the wonderful sectional at Garden City. But lo! and behold! the morning



Winners in the fourth annual Dallas Doll Derby. Jerry Sloan (left) pilot, and Jo Allison, co-pilot.

of takeoff, my baby sitter came down with the flu and much to my dismay I found that she was indispensable so I wasn't able to join the group of Jo Dennis, Mary Wenholz, Helen Choun, Mary Frenzel, and Marian Tankersley who did manage to fly in, in spite of some "less than desirable" weather on Friday afternoon. Understand that a fabulous time was had by all and I certainly hated not being counted as present!

Elinor Millet assisted by Lyn Pfleger entertained the group at Elinor's home October 8. Those present and accounted for were Donna Myers, Jo Dennis, Mary Wenholz, Grace Mayfield, Mary Frenzel, Marian Tankersley, Grace Longbrook, Helen Choun, Helen Maxson, Peg Ong, and guest Jerine Ridgway. Chairman Grace Longbrook conducted a business meeting in which we decided to host the fall sectional. The rummage sale was also discussed.

CHATTER: Grace and Les Long-

OFFICIAL RESULTS

FOURTH ANNUAL DALLAS DOLL DERBY

OCTOBER 22, 1960

Place	Pilot and Co-Pilot	Airplane	Rated BHP	Hdcp Speed	Hdcp Fuel	Race Time Hrs	Race Fuel Gal. Hr.	Race Speed	Score
1.	Jerry Sloan Jo Allison	Piper PA-24	250	165	10.7	1.929	6.89	144.63	1.0565
2.	Pat Bauer Charlene Doyle	Piper PA-24	180	152	8.5	2.150	5.67	129.76	1.0336
3.	Edna Whyte Myrtle Hander	Cessna 120	90	111	5.6	2.675	4.63	104.29	1.0174
4.	Joan Huckeba Pat Jetton	Beech Bonanza D	225	164	11.5	2.043	7.53	136.56	.9938
5.	Marilyn Schulz Gloria Puckett	Cessna 170B	145	121	7.8	2.396	7.80	116.44	.9811
6.	Marge Barr Luciene Moore	Cessna 120	85	108	4.8	2.972	4.07	93.87	.9753
7.	Jean Williams Wally Funk	Piper PA-22	150	121	9.0	2.598	7.23	107.39	.9739
8.	Joyce Wright Amy Wright	Cessna 180	225	152	11.8	1.966	11.34	141.91	.9724
9.	Thelma Honeywell (solo)	Luscombe	85	100	5.5	3.249	4.55	85.87	.9692
10.	Sally Brown Patsy Perdue	Cessna 150	100	112	5.2	2.708	5.02	103.02	.9679
11.	Martha Ann Reading Linda Ann Reading	Piper PA-22	135	119	7.8	2.666	6.75	104.65	.9589
12.	Romona Upfield Sue Connally	Cessna 150	100	112	5.2	2.931	4.53	95.18	.9580
13.	Jean Parrot (solo)	Cessna 140	85	110	4.8	2.898	4.48	96.27	.9537
14.	Mildred A. Early Mary Jane McKillip	Piper PA-22	150	121	9.0	2.552	9.32	109.32	.9474
15.	Wanda Durr Frances Wiggs	Cessna 140	85	108	4.8	2.995	4.77	93.15	.9326
16.	Margaret E. Bunch B. Edmonds	Cessna 150	100	112	5.2	2.881	5.51	96.84	.9196
17.	Kathy Long Helen Wilkie	Bellanca	260	170	12.0	1.972	11.86	141.48	.9177

brook are all set for a trip to the Bahamas for a Piper get-together. Hope ya got the baby sitting problem worked out. Grace, Helen Maxson had been to California recently. Mary and Bob Frenzel had just returned from Glenwood Springs—but they didn't fly—wonder why? Donna's to go to Phoenix in November. Heard from Alice Fuch—she's transferred to the Canadian Chapter, have sold their sailplane in favor of a 140 on floats, and seem to be enjoying Canada very much. Marilyn Nordstrom is actively engaged in politics again—or is it still? Pat Urhling was to be in the hospital for about three weeks. Ruth Muegle had a one-woman showing of her pictures—that gal is getting quite famous for her paintings and we're real proud of her! Jim and I had a hasty flight to Rochester, Minn. early in November—flew the "Pride of Ft. Collins" with the TAR No. 55 still displayed on the fin—only difference was that Jim was PIC until bad weather caught up with us and I had to bring the plane home after he returned via commercial.

Thanks to Mary Frenzel, the November meeting progressed and was a smashing success. Because our trip to Rochester was of a necessary nature, plans were changed from the chicken dinner at Berthoud to a pizza party at Jo Dennis' home—and I understand much fun was had by those able to make it. The Chouns, Wenholtzes, Dennises, Frenzels, Trinders, Grace Mayfield, Lynn Pfleeger and Marian Tankersly all were good Italians for the evening. No formal business was conducted except to set the Christmas party for December 10, again at the Dennis abode. Didn't hear much of the chatter from the affair, but pressure there was some—fill me in next time, huh?

FORT WORTH CHAPTER

By Edna Gardner Whyte

Doris Weller, Ziggy Hunter and self had the pleasure of trying to highlight the European trip to a September Dallas-Fort Worth joint chapter meeting. We used maps, world globes, pictures and some of Ziggy's beautiful slides. Merle Dunnam, our fourth Texas member, was unable to be with us, which we regretted. There was just too much material to crowd in an evening meeting—a dinner at Amon Carter International Airport, half way between our two cities.

Our October meeting was an educational and very interesting trip through Fort Worth air traffic control center. By the way, this center is soon to move into their ultra modern new air traffic control center at Amon Carter Field. We thank the FAA personnel for the time and patience in

answering all our questions. This trip should be a must for every pilot.

Our thoughts and best wishes go to our Francis and Ed, Pyland for the wonderful opportunity given their daughter, Sylvia. After college Sylvia received a position in the United Nations and about three weeks ago was sent to Leopoldville, Congo. We understand the assembly personnel are confined to grounds at present but this all is an exciting and interesting experience. I am sure a card or letter would be greatly appreciated. Let's try to make her restriction to quarters a real pleasure.

It was our pleasure to have Margaret Kentley of Sydney, Australia in the Dallas-Fort Worth area for a few too short days. Margaret met with the Dallas girls, then our chapter chairman, Dora Dougherty, took her through the Bell plant, then to Grand Prairie Airport for a flight in Dora's pretty yellow glider. Then to give her real western atmosphere in North Ft. Worth a dinner at the famous Cattleman's Cafe. Margaret Kentley is one of those delightfully rare persons who held us with her many humorous and interesting experiences of her round the world trip. We are all grateful to Margaret for choosing our area for one of her stops so please come back soon.

Have five very nice business men as students and took one to the Fairview, Okla., breakfast, lunch, air show, antique and home built display November 11 for a dual cross country. It is always a pleasure to see so many of our 99's. One that is tops on my list is that always delightful 99 Eves (Billy) Tunes very active in the Flying Farmers and now has been appointed to a very responsible national position with the Civil Defense in Washington, D. C. We know you are the right one and our best wishes go with you, as we know the job is in good hands.

Our Tony Page just returned from Denmark, Sweden, England and area visiting airports with private and business aviation. We know she was an excellent good will ambassador and was very favorably impressed with the advances ahead in private aviation. Also, like the rest of us, standing by till she can go again. For an enlightening account read or subscribe to Tony's Cross County newspaper.

Best wishes for the holidays.

TULSA CHAPTER

By Agnes Hellman

First of all, we're busting with pride about our new chairman, Pat Bauer, winning the second spot in the Dallas Doll Derby, in her own Comanche 180. Pat says Charlene Doyle, her co-pilot, who happens to have a brand new private ticket, really did herself proud.



Tulsa Ninety-Nines entertain other Ninety-Nines at Flying Physicians Ass'n. meeting at Western Hills, Oklahoma.

Charlene is also our newest member, and they both want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in Dallas for the super hospitality. Naturally, a couple of hours after they got home from Dallas they decided to go on over to Oklahoma City to watch the Thunderbirds; they said it was worth the effort.

Of course we are pleased that our fund raising hangar dance put some new life into our bank account.

Faye Gilstrap was awarded a waiver by the FAA permitting her to establish her new aerial advertising firm here in Tulsa. She's one of only a few American women qualified to tow banners.

Jan Mauritson and Peggy Snyder were at Western Hills for the National Pilots' Association convention.

Gay McCauley passed her written for a commercial on the same day her husband passed his for a private. She's having to keep hopping to stay ahead of him.

We welcome new members to our chapter too: Mary Burke, Gay McCauley, Mary Krutsch, Earlene Varney and Charlene Doyle.

For our November meeting we all drove over to Okmulgee to Gay's charming home for a very pleasant evening.

Now . . . here's holiday greetings to everyone from the Tulsa Chapter.

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

By Randy Sutherland

A little late getting the names of the new officers in the News Letter but as is often said better late than never. Chairman, Mary Morgan; secretary, Betty Burritt; treasurer, Juanda Sawyer; membership, Irene Kay; and News Letter reporter, Randy Sutherland. Mary Morgan was hostess for our meeting with 49½ers invited and all had a good time hangar flying after the meeting in which we discussed ways and means to raise money.

In the month of September four of our group flew to Garden City for the sectional. There were Mary Morgan,

Marie Grostette, Irene Kay, and Randy Sutherland.

Virginia Cutter is once again a proud grandmother. Bill Cutter Jr. and wife are the proud parents of a little girl.

I understand Marie Grostette and her husband visited Las Vegas, Nev., recently.

The November meeting was held at the office of Juanda Sawyer and the coming "hangar dance" was the top c of conversation. This is to be our money raising project. It is a Valentine dance held February 11 at West Mesa Airport so why not join us. I know one and all shall have a wonderful time.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By June Crosby

What a turnout! The Stillwater Air Show was a great success, with all of Oklahoma turning out to see the thunderbirds fly. It was Dottie Young who really saved the day for the huge crowd. She took her helicopter and flew into town and brought back bread, thus saving the starving people. I missed the meeting but made the last part of the air show. Better late than never. Thanks to Jean Williams I have an account of that meeting. The Oklahoma Chapter of the South Central Section is planning to hold its spring sectional at Stillwater, Okla. Sounds like fun and work.

Beth Smith has offered her home for our Christmas party. The date is to be December 17 at 7:30 p.m. Members and their 49½ers are invited to attend.

The Oklahoma Chapter opened its holiday season with its traditional Thanksgiving meeting at Blackwell, Okla., November 20. Dewey and Veda Mauk welcomed us with the same warm greeting they do each year. (Dewey and Veda are the owners and operators of Mauk Airport in Blackwell, Okla.) We had Thanksgiving dinner in town, then returned to the Mauk's home for our meeting. Members bringing their 49½ers were Beth Smith, Mary Lester (who also brought her three children), and I brought Bill Crosby, my husband. Other members present were Broneta Evans, Nema Masonhall, Dorothy Morgan, Jean Williams, Donna Shirley, and Gene Nora Stumbough. A new student pilot was our guest. Gene Nora had soloed Helen Grove only the day before. Looks like a real prospective member.

Wally Funk has now moved to Fort Sill, Okla., where she is teaching flight to Army personnel. She is the only woman to hold this type of job in the history of Fort Sill. The Army offers many advantages for Wally, they are putting her through instrument school. Lucky girl.

Oklahoma's Jerrie Cobb has done it

again. Jerrie has tamed the giant turbo-prop Electra in her first try. For more than three hours Jerrie put the giant thru its paces and emerged the master. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be a person like Jerrie Cobb?

Fern Yount and her husband are on vacation. They are spending their time at Lake Tenkiller and will return around December 8.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Christmas party, Beth Smith's, December 17. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

NORTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

By Hazle Nealey

While most of us have been doing nothing but loafing, two of our members have kept right on working hard and emerged from under the hood with instrument ratings. Those members are Betty Sue Lyons and Dottie Ports. Can't say how proud we are of Betty Sue and Dottie. We have another gal getting hood time—she is Dorothy King who is a member and flies from the Barksdale Air Force Base Area Club.

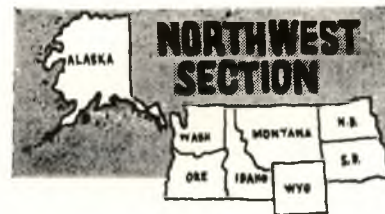
Our October flying event was a Sunday afternoon spent with our good friend, Charlie Falcone, at Lucien Field taking turns flying in his Stearman. Bud Ports was Charlie's relief pilot. Don't think they were short of materials when they built the Stearman, a monstrous thing but very delightful aloft.

Mildred Carney was hostess to the October meeting which turned into a delicious steak dinner at the Shreveport Greater Municipal Airport. Mr. Granville Moore, airport manager, furnished the food and Mildred very graciously decorated the dining room and table with miniature airplanes, treats and favors in Halloween motif. After dinner, we had a nice meeting and visited the tower and weather bureau. Mildred always comes up with the best for us.

Pat Ward arranged a tour of the Barksdale Air Force Base Rapcon for the November meeting. We met at Dorothy King's, had a brief meeting before going on to the base. What a thrill! To listen and watch the radar screen as those guys talk the planes right down in the middle of the runway on ground control approach. We also visited the tower which we felt quite a privilege.

One of our newer members, Dot Wilson, has been quite busy in the Junior League Children's Theatre this fall. It has interfered with her flying but not to the extent that she hasn't had time to show off her new Cessna 175. It is a beauty!

Helen and 49½er, Whitie, and all the little Hewitts, flew to Pennsylvania for Thanksgiving holidays for the first time in years.



MONTANA CHAPTER

By Aileen Gray

The month of October found Montana with the sun shining, flowers blooming, and the weather perfect for flying. Flying in from out-of-town for a luncheon meeting at Marge Rolle's lovely home were Jimmie Kuhn, Elsie Hartley and Laurlette Hansen. Pud Lovelace and Dorothy Sabo, outgoing chairman and secretary, were absent. Both being grounded with minor ills. Bev. Geier was with us as a guest.

Inza Riedesel and 49½er Russ were winging their way via jet—New York to London—to begin a fascinating tour of Europe. They flew from London to Paris, to Cologne, where they kept their wheels on the ground for a nine day tour of Germany by auto. Then on to Switzerland, and later Venice, arriving during the big flood. Inza reported en route home their plane was an hour late arriving at Ganders due to terrific head winds. The pilot could not get clearance for the altitude he wanted due to heavy traffic between Ganders and London.

Marge Rolle and her 49½er Ken flew their Bonanza to Denver for a long weekend of fun.

Pat Ward, who is spending the winter in Tucson, does her traveling between homes in her Cessna 210.

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Marie L. Reynnells

Attention, Blanche Noyes, chief of Air Route Marking in FFA. This should make you happy! Our first air marking job is completed, compliments are pouring in, and we are THAT PROUD of our chapter. Chairman Betty Seavey sent out a "calling all girls" message to repaint the Walla Walla sign on the city-county airport apron, on October 29. Six hours and 36 gallons of white paint later we admired those huge white letters. True, some of us looked as though our shoes and trousers had been in a snow-storm but the letters were neat! Betty Seavey, Lygie Hagan, Minnie Boyd and Marie Reynnells, aided by paint-pushing husbands, the two Seavey children, Allan Hoffman, our farmer friend of 99's and an airport helper made up our crew. Our rehearsal is over, now when spring comes we are ready to roll out the paint. Thank you,

Blanche, for building that fire under us.

The October 9 meeting at the country home of Minnie Boyd was filled with business, fun and food. The party went to the Compton Union building on the WSU campus for the Sunday smorgasbord. A guest and prospective member, Laurabelle Harrison of Wenatchee, was welcomed.

Do your members have a habit of showing up sans 99 jewelry? Take a tip from us. It was decided that anyone coming to a meeting without some official jewelry would be fined 25 cents. Result: At the November 20 meeting at Lygie's not one quarter was added to our rather "flat" treasury. Our treasury remains the same but we gained in pride of our organization. Some elegant pins and bracelets there, any one of which would solve a Christmas gift. Who says we don't live by our pocketbooks?

Another idea to share: Each one is asked to bring a book or article on aviation to share with others. What nicer idea for the New Year than an exchange program of aviation materials?

Nine members met at Lygie Hagman's new home in Spokane November 20 for a tasty 11 a.m. brunch. Weather was sticky so most drove in. The husbands watched football on TV while we carried on our business meeting. Guests Carla Aldrich of the San Diego Chapter and former member Ardith Sherman, both now living in Spokane, were welcomed.

Another idea: Our chapter seems to be full of them. We plan to have a short book review or resume of outstanding articles on aviation as a regular feature of each meeting.

Margaret Miquelon, our flying enthusiast from the Tri-City area is to be guest speaker at the Kiwanis meet in Kennewick, November 29. She has been asked to tell about her experiences in the AWTAR and her studies in aviation education. Margaret has a master's degree in aviation education and is counselor in the local high school.

Attention all Eastern Washington members: Our February meeting will be in Pasco either the 18th or 25th. March meeting in Yakima with Ethel Wickstrom. You will be notified of exact date so please plan ahead! A surprise program is planned so don't miss it.

We of Eastern Washington Chapter extend to all our 99 friends the very special joys of the holiday season. It is a time of gratitude, compassion, hope and faith. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with peace and happiness. And may I add, lots of fun-filled flying hours.



LOS ANGELES CHAPTER By Katee Braithwaite

Virginia Showers was our hostess at our October meeting, with Sally La Forge entertaining us with movies about helicopters, an amazing bit of flying equipment. Sally has been fortunate to learn to operate one of these helicopters. Already with a total of seven hours and on her way to getting a rating. Thanks to her employer Hughes Tool Co. Lots of luck, Sally.

Our chapter still growing, boasts of two new members, Colene Giglio and Carol Meyers, with two potentials, Grace Moxon and Rebecca Held.

Dru Benefeil, our ever so active chairman, flew to Arizona for the Western Museum conference taking two members of same. Needless to say they were much impressed by the convenience of comfort, speed and safety to the extent she has all seats filled for next year's conference at Sacramento. All the enthusiasm shown might entail chartering more planes. Dru holds a commercial and instrument rating. Look out 1961 AWTAR contenders, she'll be in there giving much competition. This is one of her fondest hopes, to enter the Powder Puff Derby.

Wing Scout leaders of the L. A. Chapter are quite active. Mary Ann Craig's group is working diligently, not to be outdone by Elsie Smith's group going to Hawaii this last summer. They're saving up to go to Europe no less!

Our December meeting will be in a more appropriate setting with Yule time. We're having a dinner and dance at a local cafe, inviting husbands and boy friends.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER By Gail Lane

Our October meeting was held at the home of Lindy Boyes in Piedmont. Geri Hill, Miriam Brugh, Jean Kaye, Deby Byram, Mary Messersmith, Helton Kelton, Ruth Rueckert, Margaret Gerhardt, Dorothy Gibson and Gail Lane attended. We had two guests Maude Evanson, who flies a Navion based at Palo Alto Airport, and Winnie Grimmer, who flies a Tri-Pacer at Hayward Airport. Lindy showed two movies about the Civil Air Patrol and we discussed plans for the spring sectional meeting.

Seems that many of the Bay Cities members have been flying. Dorothy Gibson Tri-Pacered to Lake Tahoe on Labor Day.

Mary Messersmith flew the Flying

Ten Club's 172 to Norton Sky Ranch near Healdsburg. Said it's a nice new airport with lights and unicom. Purpose of the trip was to visit her mother and father, who have a prune and grape ranch in Geyserville. On the way she stopped at a new airport, Santa Rosa Metropolitan. After spending the day at Geyserville, including a swim in the Russian River, she returned to San Carlos after dark. Mary took as passengers her two daughters and her daughter-in-law. They were all impressed with the beautiful view of San Francisco at night.

Jean Kaye and Miriam Brugh flew to Coalinga in a Tri-Pacer with a 56 knot tail wind and struggled back with a 56 knot head wind!

Deby Byram flew a Cessna 172 helping a movie producer choose a site to produce a new movie.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER By Jane O. Haag

The regular meeting of our chapter was held Thursday evening, Nov. 10, at the home of Polly Stoehr in Pasadena. There were nine members, four 49½ers and 11 guests present.

In "prying for news" of our chapter I found that Ginny and Russ Graham had just returned from a two week safari to Tucson, Punta Vallarta, Mazatlan and Guadalajara. They report that the weather was delightful and so were the people. The airports were nice and very accommodating.

I also discovered that Ginny was finally initiated into the fine art of "doing spins," but she is still not sure that they are here to stay!

Norma Wilcox is still busily working on her instrument time with a few interruptions necessary to welcome a new granddaughter. Norma says, "I haven't gone any place except 'round and 'round.'" That's alright, Norma, you have lots of company!

A report from one of our new members, Opal Marie Saunders of San Bernardino, Calif., tells us that the Saunders enjoyed a flight to Calexico quite recently. They report a well graded dirt strip at Calexico and taxi service which enabled them to lunch "South of the Border, Down Mexico Way."

Highlight of November as far as Boots Seymour and Jane Haag were concerned was provided by our own Jackie Cochran who was the guest speaker at the Aero-jet distaff meeting on November 4. Boots and Jane were two of four hostesses for the evening and were privileged to sit at the head table. I am proud to tell you, sister 99's, that Jackie captured her audience completely, and when almost 140 women sit quietly and are absolutely intent upon the speaker and what she is saying—well, girls, need I say more? We've been hearing complimentary comments ever since, and

those who were not in attendance are telling us they are sure sorry they missed the event.

Our chairman, Penny Swope, is a busy gal these days—she is studying hard to be able to pass the "real estate broker" exam. Good luck, Penny.

UTAH CHAPTER Alberta Nicholson

Our 10th anniversary celebration brought together a record crowd to the Aviation Club last Saturday afternoon, hosted by Jane Andreason. In addition to Eunice Naylor and her sister Rozalia Jorgenson, Jo and Max Waddoups, June and Linda Raybould, Jesse and Vern Carter, Margaret Loy, and I, there were present Ruth and Dean Walker, Lucile Christopherson and Nicky Harding from the Provo area. Our new member, Maurene Shurtleff from Ogden joined us along with Pauline McNeely, a student pilot and prospective member. In fact, they are already making plans for the Powder Puff Derby next year! We hope we have a winner. Virginia Nidel, also a prospective member, honored us with her presence. She just got her private license Friday. Congratulations, Virginia.

Eunice made a plea for everyone to get busy and find sponsors for the gals for the Air Race next year, and I am sure with such an early start and everyone putting forth an effort, we will surely be represented.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER By Helen Mace

We chose Wednesday for our meeting this month since our usual second Saturday was on a holiday weekend. Dining at Municipal Airport in the International Room overlooking all the activity of the airplanes has its own special appeal. It brought out Florence Breen who has been busy attending prominent football games and being co-pilot on flights to Boise, Idaho, and Lincoln, Neb., in the Apache.

Our guest, Carol Hammond, along with five other similarly enthusiastic women made interesting news in our local paper this date as a result of their recent activities and impressions while learning to fly this last year. Edith Brewer, our most recent private pilot and member, is enjoying the freedom of taking guests for flights.

Gerry Mickelson was taking advantage of the holiday weekend by flying to Tucson via stop-over in Las Vegas. Claire Raley flew her Tri-Pacer to Reno for breakfast and on to Quincy for lunch with Ruth Lummis and Marianne McDonald as chief hecklers (or should I say navigators). Elaine Lancaster is keeping her flights pretty close to home base pending her date with the stork but flew safety



Aileen Saunders named "Pilot of the Year" by N. P. A.

pilot for her 49½er, Burt, who is working on instrument time.

News from June Devine in Tokyo sets us all to dreaming of rice paddies, temples, Japanese inns, outdoor baths, etc. We are looking forward to hearing about it in person. The Devines are in Tokyo for a month.

We delayed any lengthy business until after Christmas and adjourned, but Genevieve Hall, Gerry Mickelson, Edith Hammer and your reporter lingered as we talked of local flights, interior decorating, elections, etc., while Doreen took off in her new Mercedes sports car before we could see it.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Shirley Robinson

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our 99 friends across the country and especially to all prospective AWTAR sponsors!

Plans for our Christmas hangar party are keeping chairman Minnie Leigh Morgan busy. A musical trio for dancing and listening pleasure, buffet snack, door prizes, and airplane Christmas decorations promise to provide a god time that will surely liven up the Comanche aero hangar at Van Nuys Airport. We expect over 200 guests including friends from the local flying clubs and other 99 chapters.

Our spot landing contest was scheduled and cancelled three Sundays in a row—first at Yucca Valley, then Santa Paula twice. Forty knot winds and turbulence covered the desert approach to Yucca Valley, with one mile visibility and blowing dust in the San Geronio pass area. Contest will be scheduled again after the Christmas rush.

Ruth Ling reports some AWTAR-type landing practice with Jean Rose. Being familiar with this maneuver, I'll wager Ruth's subsequent trips to Monument Valley and Las Vegas even seemed dull.

Nice to have genteel Virginia Kahse back from six weeks in Europe. She and Bob took Pan Am 707 over—returned via Air France. She hasn't been exactly sitting by the fire since returning; Apache'd to SBA, SFO, SND, LAS; SAC next. We presented her with an engraved miniature gavel for being such a good chairman for us last year.

Jan Wood told us a little more about her around the world Cessna 170 flight; about one Arabian who has one wife and a 1956 Cadillac, another Arabian with six wives and a camel—there's a moral there somewhere! A get-together planned by the gals at our table at Wilmington AWTAR luncheon, transpired at the home of Norma Ojstedt and included Jan Wood and Pat Lambert, who flew in from Phoenix.

Gladys Hogins making simulated radar approaches into BUR. Chairman Irene Leverton now instructing at Gunnell Aviation, Santa Monica . . . toured the Air Force Academy in Colorado with amazement at the beauty, dignity, vastness and efficiency of this finishing school to which we all have aspirations of sending our sons.

Jeanne Strahl to Miami and two trips to LAS, Cessna 172 style; Secretary Bonnie Meacham to New Cuyama with Icarians; congratulations to Virginia Hall on her new job with a La Canada medical group—she spoke highly of a Piper Aztec demonstration ride, also.

Li'l Audrey Schutte has been getting around in her own quiet way—her comment to a new member who asked for AWTAR advice was, "Go, girl, go!" Audrey celebrated with Janie Ceccio over her new pilot's license with a trip to Las Vegas with hubbies.

Audrey's charter service (her Cessna 170) came in handy to haul your reporter and two visiting San Francisco nurses to Santa Paula, Ventura, Oxnard, for their first light plane ride. They were back the next day for a ride in the Piper J-3. We flew formation with a 1928 DeHavilland Moth, and then your reporter had a turn at flying the Moth. Shades of Harriet Quimby!

SANTA CLARA CHAPTER By Helen V. Nelson

The Santa Clara Chapter has done their share of traveling around the globe recently. Dorothy Monahan started this travelog with a jet flight

to Omaha, Neb., to see her mother. Pat and Jack Gladney with their neighbors, the Eslers, flew into Mexico. Enroute they visited Marion Burke in Texas and were impressed not only by her flying school, but by her own air strip airmarked with BURKE! They managed a safe landing in Mexico City in spite of being unable to make contact with the tower and in spite of the numerous bicycles, pedestrians and dogs that were wandering all over the runways. And Jeannie and Dave McElhatton, with Patty Sherwood, have just returned from a 30 day tour of the Orient. Patty learned that it was Mrs. Miller, a long time family friend, that was the donor of the \$1000 "anonymous" check which was given to Dave McElhatton to encourage Patty to accompany them on their Far Eastern tour. Some of their stops were Tokyo, Hong Kong, Thailand and Manila. But their stop at Hawaii will long be remembered because our former chapter member, Ruby Fielding, and her husband, Ralph, arranged a fascinating tour of Pearl Harbor for the trio.

Our chairman, Mayetta Behringer, has been enjoying a visit from her

parents who have arrived from Florida to see their new grandson, Scott. But Mayetta is never too busy to keep up with ALL of the 99 activities. Mayetta's Cessna 170 was the only plane to make it to a brunch at Columbia—but it was with a full compliment of 99's, Margaret Standish, Carol Veris, and Patty Sherwood.

On November 6 many members of the Santa Clara Chapter, accompanied by many 49½ers, met near the Golden Gate Bridge for a delightful dinner at Sausalito. Because the dining room extends out over the bay, we were treated to an ever-changing panorama of yachts, sail boats, and sea gulls captured momentarily by the floodlights while sailing serenely through the night. We are indebted to Carol Veris for selecting such a charming spot.

TUCSON CHAPTER

By Dorothy Jenkins

Our October meeting was set up on Sunday afternoon at Shirley's house, as a change of pace from our usual evening meetings, and to enable our few out-of-town members to attend. The idea is a good one—we may adopt

it permanently for alternate months.

On the 15th, Lois and Harry Bartling of San Diego dropped in for one of their all too infrequent visits. Many, many words flew (no pun intended) back and forth over the tea and coffee cups. We always enjoy seeing these old friends.

Also, during the month we got to visit with Virginia Hall, San Fernando Valley. It's always a treat for us to have Virginia with us, even for a short time.

Seems this was a month of visits, fun and no work, but it wasn't, quite. At long last our search for the medium in which we can present a program of "Air Age Education," the goal of our "Penny-a-Pound Day" efforts and profits, seems to be successful. Nothing is settled as yet, but the atmosphere is full of approval. With the assistance of Jim Vercellino of the Arizona Aviation Authority, we have gained the ear of the Tucson public school system. More on this later—we are most pleased.

Incidentally, we are now planning this year's Penny-a-Pound Day, on December 4, at Tucson Municipal Airport.

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