



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

# News Letter

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## President's Column

January, 1961

Now that we are becoming accustomed to using 1961, it isn't a bit too early to take that still uncluttered calendar and circle July 5 to 8, the dates of our International Convention in San Diego, Calif., and begin making plans to attend. This will, I believe, be the first time that our annual convention and the start of the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race will be held within the same week and at the same site. (Since this column is, of course, being written in December and "weather" is predicting a young blizzard heading toward Wisconsin, San Diego has particular charms.)

Notices are being sent this month to Chapter Chairmen and Governors from the Nominating and Resolutions Committees. This is being done to allow time for at least two Chapter meetings prior to the deadline for reporting to the Committee Chairmen in March. Last year about half of the Chapters submitted names to the Nominating Committee. Since candidates for office are selected from the names you send in, it is important that we have a higher percentage of returns.

Yvonne Lourens, member-at-large from South Africa, writes, "We are living very near the Jan Smuts Airport at Johannesburg, so if any of the 99's come along this way, I certainly hope they will let me know, and I can meet them and show them around."

Having taken advantage of the relatively new "Flight Following Service" several times for VFR flights, I can recommend it highly to those of you who may be unfamiliar with it. At each reporting point the pilot is immediately given all pertinent information concerning weather, radio facilities, airport conditions, etc., along the intended route. Should you fall behind on your estimated ground speed, you will find that you are quickly checked for position and altitude. It is truly a "sky watch" for the VFR pilot.

Did you notice the number of 99's featured in the January issue of "Fly-

## Rules and Deadline For Nominating International Officers Announced

Helen Wetherill, chairman of the International Nominating Committee, calls to the attention of all section governors and chapter chairmen that nominations for International officers for the fiscal year 1961-62 are hereby requested and must be postmarked not later than March 25, 1961. When ballots are completed they should be mailed immediately to the chairman.

One name for each office is to be submitted in compliance with the following rules:

1. Candidate **MUST** be an **ACTIVE** member with current physical.
2. Candidate's "written consent" to serve if elected **MUST** accompany her nomination.
3. Candidate's aviation and 99 history **MUST** accompany each nomination — not over 40 words.
4. Nominating Committee members are eligible as candidates.

President Eugenia Heise is not eligible for renomination. Vice President Ruth Deerman is not eligible for renomination. Secretary Barbara Evans is eligible for renomination and has agreed to serve if elected. Treasurer Barbara Kiernan is not eligible for renomination. Nominating Committee: Only one name from each section will appear on the ballot as candidate for the Nominating Committee.

Please submit one name for each office listed below, giving her chapter, section, and address: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Nominating Committee.

These names, together with the "written consent" and aviation and 99 background must be mailed to the Chairman at 17584 Prevost, Detroit

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Happy landings!

As ever,

*Deedo*

Eugenia Heise  
President

35, Mich., postmarked not later than March 25, 1961.

The International Nominating Committee consists of: Helen Wetherill, chairman, Michigan Chapter, North Central Section; Dorothy Rungeling, First Canadian Chapter, Canadian Section; Melba Beard, Phoenix Chapter, Southwest Section; Evelyn Bryan, Tennessee Chapter, Southeast Section, and Esther Gardiner, New England Section.

## To: Section Governors Chapter Chairmen

In accordance with the Constitution of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., which requires that any proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws be submitted in writing to all Sections and Chapters thirty days before the International meeting, the Resolutions Committee requests that you send in such proposed amendments to me, postmarked **NOT LATER THAN MARCH 25, 1961**, with the copies being sent to the other members of the Resolutions Committee.

Send in all proposed amendments or suggestions as to changes in the policy or practices of the Ninety-Nines. Each suggestion or proposed amendment must be accompanied by explanation and reasons for the change, not to exceed 200 words.

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

# 1961 AWTAR

Check the dates on your new 1961 calendar for the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race:

Entries open ..... April 20, 1961  
Entries close ..... June 15, 1961  
Take-off ..... July 8, 1961  
Deadline to finish ..... July 12, 1961

The race route is as follows:

Take-off, Montgomery Field, San Diego, Calif.; Yuma County Airport, Yuma, Ariz.; Tucson Municipal Airport, Tucson, Ariz.; El Paso International Airport, El Paso, Texas; Midland Air Terminal, Midland, Texas; Abilene Municipal Airport, Abilene, Texas; must stop, Addison Airport, Dallas, Texas; Shreveport Downtown Airport, Shreveport, La.; Jackson Municipal Airport, Jackson, Miss.; must stop, Dannelly Field, Montgomery, Ala.; Greenville Municipal Airport, Greenville, S. C.; Preston Glenn Airport, Lynchburg, Va.; must stop, Hagerstown Municipal Airport, Hagerstown, Md.; terminus, NAFEC, Atlantic City, N. J.

For all information, rules and regulations, entry forms, "par speeds", etc., write to AWTAR Headquarters, 2611 East Spring St., Long Beach 6, Calif. Packets of information will be ready for mailing by Feb. 1, 1961.

AWTAR, Inc.  
Board of Directors

**By Helen Blackburn**

We have our new section officers: Nancy Walton is governor; Helen Blackburn, vice governor; Lucy Cornell, secretary-treasurer. I am afraid we are rather unorganized at present, but things will improve soon. Of course our members are scattered all over Australia, which is nearly as big as the U. S. Apart from one special meeting early this year when some of us flew to Broken Hill, we depend on getting together at the annual general meeting of the Australian Women Pilots' Association, which is held in a different state each year—in Melbourne this time then we had a 99 meeting. I suggested we start subscribing to the AWTAR and A. E. Fund and a connection was started then.

To start with there were few of us, but now we are growing in numbers and we need chapters in the different states. We have AWP branches in each state and meet monthly. We take in current students and expired as well as current P. L.'s (by P. L.'s I mean private license). I think the dues keep some away, and the bother of sending money, etc. Anyway we are growing now.

**By Jeanne Spielberg**

Our business meeting of November was followed by a very merry Christmas party at the Clearview club house in Decatur. Though we were still digging ourselves out of 17 inches of snow, 61 wonderful people showed up at Beechhurst, L. I. for this lovely festive dinner and dance. What made that dinner music so sweet? Why that was the drummer who had locked his

## Coming Events

**April 21, 22, 23**

Southwest Sectional Meeting  
Palo Alto, Calif.

**July 8 - 21**

All-Woman Transcontinental  
Air Race

**Notice To All Section Governors**

Please let us know the dates of your spring meetings to list in Coming Events.

drums in the trunk of the auto and lost the key. Well that little "bug" was straightened out as soon as the locksmith came. We always love having Sid Nesbitt at our parties. He not only entertained us with his songs but he sold boxes and boxes of our delicious "turtle" candies (one of our latest projects). Alma Harwood played the piano for us and this was a rare treat. To top this Alma's piano instructor, Mr. Gabriel, played for us. We were all entranced.

Everyone brought a little gift for the kiddies in Bellevue Hospital and placed it under the tree. We hope they will get some of the pleasure out of them that we had in giving them.

Very best wishes to all for the New Year!

**WESTERN NEW YORK SECTION****By Terri Pirrung**

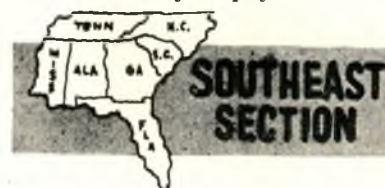
Was sorry to hear that our News Letter reporter was unable to attend this past meeting because of the death of her uncle in Toronto.

On December 8th we gathered at Rusch's Restaurant in Dunkirk for luncheon. As a result of rather heavy snow squalls around the Buffalo area the turn-out was small. However once we were south of the city, the skies cleared and the roads were dry.

Hangar flying was done by members Bertha Meana, Peg Wahl, Joan Leslie, Terri Pirrung and student pilot Lori Moore who came as a guest.

Plans were made for January to have our husbands and aviation minded friends join us for dinner at the Airways Hotel.

We all send our congratulations to Irene Keith on winning the Lady Drummand-Hay trophy.

**ALABAMA CHAPTER****By Gertrude C. Luther**

It's been a while since we've been heard from for one reason or another so here goes for a bit of news from way down South. Something happened to Labor Day weekend plans and we never did get to the Wades in Panama City and whatever went with the October meeting, I shall never know. But our Jaunita Halstead did attend the Southeastern Section meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in October. We all in our chapter are thrilled that the new governor of the Southeast Section is our Jaunita Halstead from Montgomery and the secretary-treasurer is Mrs. Minnie C. Wade from Clanton. The new vice governor is Frances H. Miller of Columbia, S. C.

Little Minnie Wade got the tray for

the most solo flying in the first six months of 1960.

It was a bit windy for our meeting in Pensacola, Fla., on Sunday, Nov. 6, but the attendance was good. Flo Fintak and Wanda Jacket of Elgin AFB were our hostesses and we shall always be grateful to them for arranging a tour of NAS and the carrier Antietam. Jan Warrick of Decatur, Ala., brought her sister, Clara; Jean Armstrong, Evelyn Brown and Sybil Thistlewaite came from Mobile; Meredith Ward of Tuscaloosa brought a student pilot, Mary Jane Lewis, with her; the two Minnie Wades from Clanton were there; also present were Marie Carastro of Selma, Jaunita Halstead and Louise Pollard from Montgomery, Becky Miller who had just soloed, and yours truly.

Our December meeting and Christmas party was held on Sunday, Dec. 4, at the home of Jaunita Halstead in Montgomery. We had a wonderful Christmas dinner of turkey, dressing, cranberries, all the trimmings really and a lot more, a wonderful time exchanging presents and visiting. Including our hostess, there were 13 members of the Alabama Chapter present. We also had six guests, four of these being student pilots and potential members of the 99's. One of our guests was a visitor from the Georgia Chapter, Betty McNabb of Albany, Ga., who brought with her Ruth Palmer, CAP; and Betty assures us that Ruth will be a student pilot before long.

Because the first Sunday in January 1961 is New Year's Day, we are scheduling our next meeting on Sunday, Jan. 8, 1961 and we will meet in Selma as soon after 10:30 a.m. as possible.

On behalf of each and every one of the members in the Alabama Chapter I wish to extend to each and every one of you best wishes for a happy holiday time and good flying in 1961!

### TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Evelyn Bryan

As far as I know the girls of the Tennessee Chapter are all still living. It would help though if now and then they would drop a card and say what they are doing.

I do know that Mary Jane Quarles has a little girl born in August. Tam-mie Jane is her name.

Jane Hilbert had a fine trip out to Las Vegas, N. M., a group of several planes went and Jane and Louis were among them. Also had a note from Jane, she has rounded up a new member for our chapter.

Mary Sawyer has been living in Pennsylvania this summer. She has now moved to Cincinnati and will be coming over to see us much more often.

Constance Ohlinger is still in London, Ky. Her renewal went in very

late, but it is in now. We can't let Connie get away from us.

This reporter has been doing nothing but work since returning home from TAR, so nothing interesting to report except have bought a new electric organ and trying to learn to play it in my spare time.

PLEASE, GIRLS, DROP ME A LINE!



### CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Rose S. Andrew

Mary Hendrix and Joe, her 49½er, have just returned from a trip to Las Vegas. "Quite a town," says Mary. They went by airlines.

The December meeting of our chapter was held at the home of Helen McBride, Mattoon. The weather was not cooperative at all so only local members and guests were able to attend. The McBrides, of course, the Hendrixs, the Kellys and some guests Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Conlin and Mr. and Mrs. Beatty, airport managers at Mattoon.

In the afternoon they looked at some movies of an old air show that the McBrides had at the airport years ago when they ran one.

Marge Kelly has been busy all fall clearing a wooded lot on a lake shore near Effingham. It will be a grand place to go for picnics and to fish. She and Fred intend to spend Christmas in Milwaukee with the granddaughters.

I have misplaced the minutes of the November meeting, and I am sorry, for it was a good one, with Marge Kelly hostess at the Mattoon Country Club for luncheon. I will try to tell you all about it in the next News Letter.

### CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Alice Stoltzner

Chicago Area Ninety-Nines, 49½ers and guests gathered for the annual Christmas party early this month. TV personality and pilot Bill Hamilton, well equipped with humor, was master of ceremonies. We have a new healthy respect for Evelyn Jerman's judo ability. She and her instructor demonstrated some effective defensive tactics. The 49½ers looked a little concerned over the interest expressed by their wives. Congratulations to Louise Kokesh for a delightful party.

Nel Brown, Martha Morrison, Irene Gabriel and June Basile were excited over their helicopter ride to Meigs Field for the delivery of Santa and gifts to the "Good Fellow" children. Nel and her husband, "Brownie," were



Chicago Area Chapter 99's Santa Claus arrived at Meigs Field, Chicago, by helicopter piloted by Alice DeWitt, licensed helicopter pilot and a member of the Whirly Girls. Santa was met by 12 other 99's who also came by helicopter from O'Hare Airport. They were bringing gifts for orphan children during the annual Chicago Tribune Good Fellow drive. Left to right: Elsie Wahrer, Irene Gabriel, Dolores Mosher (partially hidden), Charlotte Boggs, Bee Siemon, Martha Morrison, Santa Claus (William Howell, manager of Howell Airport), Alice DeWitt, Corrine Hallgren, Nell Brown, June Basile, Eva White, Lois Seketo, and Juanita Fineman.

eager to leave for California and parts West.

Lois Seketa finds she feels right at home in the pilot's seat of a B-47. Lois won't buy one though. It's not the initial cost but the maintainance that stops her.

Joan Baldwin is logging time for a commercial rating. Joan (Soapy) Campbell continues her instructing at DuPage and is working on an instrument rating. This seems like a good idea to Alice DeWitt who found heavy smoke over Chicago kept her from her home field when returning from lunch in Springfield. Tracy Pilars is working on her instrument rating and has her children helping with the "Mini-Plane" she is building. We'll be watching for you, Tracy, at the Experimental Show in a year or so.

Sylvia Roth and her lucky charm "witch" (thanks to Iris Critchell) has been flying to Washington, D. C., Roanoke and Columbia, S. C., on business. Virginia Coffeen and her husband took a pleasure trip to Camdenton, Mo., in their 175.

We are happy to see Dorothy Anderson and Dorothy Vachout back in circulation after illness.

Dolores Mosher and Dorothy White are enlisting the help of Chicago Area 99's with the air marker program.

The holidays were saddened for Chicago Area 99's by the loss of a member, Dorothy Miner, in the New York air collision. Dorothy was planning to spend Christmas with her

father and hospitalized mother in New York.

**LAST FLIGHT  
DOROTHY MINER  
DECEMBER, 1960**

**INDIANA CHAPTER**

By Sophia M. Payton

October 16 was to be the day of our first annual air race. We have had others, but this was to be our first "annual". It all started when Rae Cawdell asked for the October meeting. She had read where the AWTAR started with only one airplane—and decided why not—that was to be our activity and if only one airplane came the morning of the race—the race would go on!

The co-chairmen, Rae and the writer, checked closely with the weather bureau the night before and early the next morning—were assured by the weather bureau that it was going to be IFR all day. But, we had other ideas and went on as planned. Well, this just wasn't the weather bureau's day—by race time, it was our kind of weather, CAVU, and we had eight contestants. Ken Biddle, owner of the airport and our host, was our trailblazer flying the course in his Cessna 310.

The race was set up on a PAR TIME basis testing the ability of the pilot to control her ground speed over a known course. In case of a tie, a spot landing contest was to determine the winner. There were no ties.

Race results: first, Peggy Coulter pilot, and Martha Ozbun, co-pilot, Piper Tri-Pacer; second, Alma Hartman, solo, Bonanza; third, Wilma Gunderson, pilot, and 49½er, co-pilot, Bellanca; fourth, Jill McCormick, pilot, and Barb Drinkwater, co-pilot, Piper Tri-Pacer; fifth, Delia Sanders, pilot, and 49½er, co-pilot, Cessna 170; sixth, Betty Nicholas, pilot, and Esther Berner, co-pilot, Cessna 140; seventh, Ethel Knuth, pilot, and Billie Smith, co-pilot, Cessna 170; eighth, Margaret Ringenberg, pilot, and 49½er, co-pilot, Aeronca Champion. Ground crew: Jane Achers, Mildred Hurt, Flora Mae Newman, Tannie Schlundt and Gloria Richards.

The race contestants and ground crew did a wonderful job and the co-chairmen, Rae and Sophia, would like to thank them as a race is only as good as the ground crew and contestants. After the race, we had a motorcade to the lovely home of the Biddles where we enjoyed a lovely meal, had our meeting and the award

of the trophy by Mr. Biddle to our winner, Peggy.

There were 25 members present along with 11 guests at this meeting. From the large turnout of members, it appears activity is what we gals want—so, it's your chapter—we have a new air activities chairman, Josephine R. Richardson, Decatur Airport, Decatur, Ind., and program chairman, Jane Achers, Indianapolis, Ind. If you have any ideas on a program or something for air activity, better yet, would like to plan something at your airport, ask them. It is surprising the enjoyment you get from planning an event, not only that, but its great fun! Try it!

Martha Ozbun (first place co-pilot) not only a winner in our race, but a winner in another happy event. Congratulations, Martha, on the new addition to your family—a son, Gregory Lee. Has he had his first plane ride? More winners: Indiana is proud of its first winner in the Michigan SMALL Race. First place: Margaret Ringenberg of Crabill, Ind., not through—we had another winner—Agnes Gallatan of Elkhart, Ind., also placed in the money. Congratulations, gals! Indiana is proud of you.

**PERSON TO PEOPLE:** What 99 wouldn't set her trophy down long enough to make a trip to the smallest room in the home—but took it with her. . . . Anyone know SPEEDY? . . . Someone tells me it pays to circle an airport the second time to identify a marker—wonder who? . . . What 99 had been seen in the company of one called "Gucki" while husband is vacationing in the Southwest? Better explain, Gucki is a mascot. . . . Anyone know Muscles? How do you think the marker got up in time for the race?

**ROCKFORD AREA CHAPTER**

By Leone Walton

Our December meeting was held in the newly redecorated restaurant of the Greater Rockford Airport. Following our business meeting, we proceeded to the Sunstrand hangar, where we were shown the equipment and facilities necessary in maintaining a fleet of corporate aircraft. Our host was Howard Riddle, Betty's husband, chief pilot for Sundstrand Corp.

Although our group has been in existence only a short time, we already have a worthwhile project to challenge our capabilities and inspire us to creative action. Ten teenage girls attending Rockford's West High School have formed a Wing Scout troop, and have asked us to sponsor them. We expect to have our first meeting with them in January, at which time we will show them some aviation films and help them get started on their ground training. They have all expressed a desire to learn to fly, so

here's to 10 future members of the 99's.

Our chapter chairman, Virgie Todhunter, who works at Machesney Airport, reports that the enthusiasm of the Wing Scouts is apparently contagious, extending even to the Brownies. Several groups of the small fry have visited the airport recently, asking more questions than an adult could ever think of—or answer.

**ALL-OHIO CHAPTER**

By Janice R. Kuechenmeister

A wonderful time was had by all who attended the Christmas party December 12 in Mary Scheafer's home at Medina, Ohio. A delicious luncheon was served by Mary in her delightful home. Marilyn Collette's mother sent a ham. The holiday mood prevailed, incited by the beautiful decorations and a viewing of Mary Scheafer and Joan Hrubec's slides of the 99 European tour. The slides were a delight to us all. Those in attendance were Edy Maxim, Joan Hrubec, Helen and Jim Sammon, Marge and Jim Gorman and Gale, Winnie Caughey, Marilyn Collette, Alice Schlott, Jody Scott, Chairman Mary Fecser, Jean Hixson, Rosalie Bracht, Mrs. Helen Waterhouse (reporter from the Akron Beacon Journal), Mr. and Mrs. James Cochran and two children, and Mrs. Grace Albietz. The weather was not kind to those of us in the western part of the state. Those unable to fly in phoned—Marian Betzler, Jerrie and Norman Crabtree, Beverly Mather, Marge Callaway, Autrie Lehr, and Virginia Schumacher. Those attending left in a heavy snowstorm that certainly had all air traffic grounded.

Jean Hixson is off for the holidays to Denver and on to Aspen for some winter sports. Martha and Jim Foley just returned from Colorado where Jim bagged two bucks.

Chairman Mary Fecser will be off to Europe and Paris for the holidays. Mary leaves by Air France for Paris on Christmas night.

Word reaches us that Sandra Callaway presently an exchange student at France's University of Grenoble, has been experiencing some flying in the French Alps. Mr. and Mrs. Mouy, Sandra and the pilot went aloft in a Mousquetaire. Sandra and Mrs. Mouy occupied the back seat while Mr. Mouy was in the pilot's seat, the pilot next to him. They reached an altitude of 11,500 feet and were never above the highest peaks. After landing Sandra had the pleasure of taking the plane around a couple of times. Sandra will spend Christmas with friends in West Berlin, Germany.

While Sandra is in Europe Mother Marge Callaway and Autrie Lehr have been gone on a nine day trip to New

Mexico and Colorado. They visited with Loretta Slavick in St. Louis, then on to New Mexico and Colorado Springs, visited friends and toured the Air Force Academy.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Clay Donges. He was killed in an airplane accident in Berea, Ohio. Clay was the navigator for Arlene Davis on her north and south Atlantic flight.

We are glad to hear that Marilyn Collette is recovering nicely from surgery performed just recently. Also good news from Virginia Schumacher that her mother is coming along very well from her recent cataract operation.



#### COLORADO CHAPTER

By Peg Ong

The Colorado Chapter's Christmas party was the usual terrific success—thanks this year to the able organization of Jo Dennis and Mary Frenzel. The Dennis home was such a lovely spot for the festivities . . . and Jo even got her little hammer and saw going like mad in order that the bar was available in time for the Christmas cheer! That gal has more talent . . . quite a professional carpenter! The party was well attended in spite of some snow and icy streets. Those participating were the Millets, Nordstroms, Mugeles, Maxsons, Mayfields, Longbrooks, Chouns, Warners, Nettleblads, Wenholzes, Tankerslys, Ongs, Donna Myers, Lynn Pfleeger, Verna Christopher, Betty Stackhouse, and of course the Dennises and Frenzels. We also had a guest from the Oklahoma Chapter who's residing in Denver at the present time. Had hopes that our new governor, Randy Sutherland, would make it in but weather prevented her from getting any further than Walsenburg. Sorry you couldn't make it, Randy.

Understand that Ruth Muegel's private showing of her pictures was a nice success—sorry to have missed it. I had a charter flight to North Platte, Neb., the day before Thanksgiving to rescue a company truck driver. He had run out of driving time and wouldn't have made it in for the holiday. Mary Frenzel's 140 is to have metal wings in the near future. How's Mary going to stay on the ground long enough for the conversion? 'Fraid that's all the chatter that I have at the moment. Happy holidays and a flyin' New Year!

#### DALLAS CHAPTER

By Mary M. Gauss

December meeting was a Christmas party held at the home of Mary Gauss. Josephine Allison and Jerry Sloan were co-hostesses with Mary. Needless to say, we all enjoyed Josephine's famous "Pink Ladies" and Jerry's snack tray. A brief business meeting was held, at which we tentatively decided to have a "fly-in" at Caddo Lake the 21st of January.

During the past few months we have appointed an FAA study committee, composed of Pat Jetton, Joan Huckeba, Martha Ann Reading, and Mary Gauss. The duties of this committee are to read and discuss and evaluate new regulations handed down by the FAA and to advise all our members of these regulations, and whom to contact regarding those still pending.

Just this past weekend our chairman, Jerry Sloan, was hostess at Johnny Huett's Cessna showing at Dallas-Garland Airport. Thanks to some lovely weather, a lot of newcomers were introduced to aviation.

#### HOUSTON CHAPTER

By Nancy Jameson

The Houston 99's co-sponsored a super Christmas dance on December 9 with the Petticoat Pilots. This was the third annual shindig and it was marvelous. Virginia Anderson was chairman and spark of the affair which was beautifully planned and made oodles of money for air marking and general expenses. The decorations were sparkly and festive and the brainchild of Lahoma Naish. The piece de resistance was a huge Christmas tree made entirely of blue balloons. Not a soul touched a burning cigarette to the balloons believe it or not!

Lots of traveling being done by our chapter members. Marceline Todd just got back from Europe and a former member, Bobbie King Prenzler, is expected in Houston in January on her way to the Continent. Gertrude and John Howard are spending Christmas in Washington state and Sue Collins and her 49½er are in Florida. Judy Simpson is here—traveling back and forth between the ground and 7,000 feet. She just made her 96th parachute jump recently. Dee Morris is expecting a baby and we are all looking forward to a bigger and better 1961. Best wishes to all 99's.

#### ABILENE CHAPTER

By Peggy Hawes

The house has begun to smell of spices and such, the tree is lighted, and the wreath is on the door. We have geared our excitement for these Holy days.

Earlier in December 14 couples shared a delightful evening at a party hosted by Beverly Tarply and Marilyn

Schultz, our president and vice president, in the Tarply home. A bright, friendly fireplace and lots of conversation go together and there was plenty of both. A lovely buffet was spread and a unique Christmas tree of angel hair, wire and miniature lights drew complementary comments for our hostesses. We enjoyed having two couples as guests, Dr. Bud and Mary Gambel and Arthur and JoAnn Dinsmoor. All gals enjoyed their corsages of miniature airplanes in red felt with silver glitter spelling out 99 Merry Christmas—and that is what our chapter a mite belated wishes each of you with good flying into a wonderful New Year!

#### EL PASO CHAPTER

By Louella Gilderbloom

For our November meeting we held our second spot landing contest at Westside Airport in Las Cruces, N. M. Lydia Weaver is a two-time winner, and I'm sure she is ready for another try.

Everyone knows that summer is over after our snow and ice, however it seemed to make a more festive mood for the holiday season. Our annual Christmas party was held in the lovely home of Mary Fran Seidl and everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner.

Congratulations to Janette Barrett who received her private license and flies her new Cessna 172.

Juanita Burdick and her 49½er are flying their new Cessna 180.

May I mention that yours truly and 49½er, John, are very proud of our Bonanza and expect to be flying many miles in it.

On with rush of the holidays!



#### MONTANA CHAPTER

By Aileen Gray

Norma Wingfield and her 49½er, David, are the proud parents of Candice Maria who arrived Nov. 30.

I received the following item from Elsie Childs. Sounds like such fun, Elsie. "Glen, son, Kim, and I had a most enjoyable flight to Fullerton Airport, Fullerton, Calif., Nov. 16-21, in our Stinson to see Disneyland, Marineland, etc. The buses were on strike when we arrived, but we took a Tanner tour which picked us up at our motel at the Disneyland main gate and took us via Los Angeles, Los Angeles International Airport and Palos Verdes on the coast to Marine-



**Alaska Chapter 99's** entertain N. Y. - N. J. 99's Florence and Kay following their 4,400 mile delivery flight of Super Cub from Lock Haven, Pa., to Anchorage, Alaska. Left to right: "Doll" Booth, Florence Knight, Lois Stark, Kay Brick and Ruth Kline.

land and back via the freeway system. The smog lifted in the afternoon giving us a wonderful view of the ocean and entire L. A. area. When leaving we also had a clear day (we had seen nothing but a few peaks beyond Fullerton when arriving). Gloomy weather predictions did not materialize except for the Helena-Dillon leg, which was very rough, otherwise the flight was one you always wish for—smooth and tail winds and sunshine most of the trip both ways. We made use of the VFR radar advisory service going through the Salt Lake - Hill AFB area, a most comfortable feeling to have that radar eye on us. I had forgotten my 99 directory, so did not get to call anyone while there. If you have not been to Disneyland and Marineland I would certainly recommend it for the whole family."



**Mitzi Hutchinson** of Blackfoot, Idaho, just before making her first free fall. Mitzi has made five parachute jumps to date, which included one at Armed Forces Day in Pocatello.



### SANTA CLARA CHAPTER

By Helen V. Nelson

Our fund raising efforts were well rewarded again this year as a result of our annual sale of candy, "Katy-dids," that are so good that they almost sell themselves—and effort sells cases. Mabel Zehr led sales with a total of four cases, and her record was seconded by Dorothy Monohan with two and a half cases.

Jackie Petty hasn't been flying lately—her 170 has been undergoing a thorough overhauling which has included a new paint job. She says it is now white and teal blue and gold, and that even though it sounds like a terrible combination, it is terribly beautiful. We are all anxious to see it, but most of us will probably have to wait for the next brunch flight.

Marilyn and Chuck Anderson's Tri-Pacer has also been getting extra attention. Chuck has been busy installing new Lear radio equipment to help him achieve an instrument flight rating. Unfortunately this installation must necessarily be done at the airport—not too long ago Chuck and Marilyn overhauled the engine in their living room.

Natalie Boxxio, also a member of the local CAP chapter, spent a busy three week period helping in the search for a missing plane. This included burning the midnight oil several times as she kept records of the fuel consumption of the planes which were used in the search.

Our annual Christmas party was held at the lovely home of Pat and Jack Gladny. Christmas cheer and conversation flowed generously and freely, and the evening was climaxed with a delicious buffet supper and exchange of gifts. Among the 36 guests attending were two gals, Ruth Gamber and Betty Hicks, who are now in the process of transferring to our chapter. We extend to them a warm welcome.

### BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

By Peggy Archer

Well at last our Bakersfield Chapter seems to be growing by leaps and bounds. We have added two new members, Penny Ashworth, an elementary teacher and quite an aviation enthusiast, and Shirley Siciliano, a bank teller, who has been flying for some time prior to moving to Bakersfield. Then Hialeah brought in a new member from Visalia, Ardeen Roed, and at this writing she had not as yet received her membership card. Edna

Long, our membership chairman, gave out applications to three other new pilots so we hope to have them on the roster by our December meeting.

Out at the Delano Airport, where we held our November meeting, we inspected the damage done to Jennie's plane. Seems as though she had a couple of new jumpers up for their first jump and just before the first one was to jump, his chute opened in the plane and popped out the rear window and caused severe damage. The novice jumper got out okay, but in the process the suction pulled out the second jumper and pulled all the right control cables into—leaving Jennie with only the left controls working. Due to her years of experience and calmness she landed her plane back at the airport safely and no one was hurt, but a little shaken up. Incidentally, Jennie Burbeck holds the unofficial record of 23,000 feet in civil aircraft for parachute jumps.

The Bakersfield Chapter is going to offer an annual award of \$10 to the chapter showing the best percentage of attendance for the year at the annual fall section meeting. We are hoping to be able to get the girls out to all the meetings within our section. Our chamber of commerce has expressed a desire to hold the start of the AW-TAR in 1962 and our chapter is sending in our bid. We have wonderful weather here in the lower end of the San Joaquin Valley and would be a wonderful take-off point. Edna Long attended the NAA meeting at Indio and said that it was well worth the trip down and the time off from the teaching job.

Peggy Archer has been spending several hours helping in the search for lost aircraft. She is a member of the sheriff's aero squadron and a twin Bonanza was lost last month (Nov.) and was located out of Kern County and one day after our official search was called off. Then the first of December another Bonanza was lost and so now I am helping to look for these people. This is a tiring but a rewarding job. This is thirty for this month, and hope to have more newsy news of the other girls in our chapter for the next writing.

### SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jane O. Haag

Bernadine Denny and her husband flew a 175 to Prescott, Ariz., for Thanksgiving dinner. They flew wing with friends in a 180.

Gertrude Barnes, her husband, and two sons flew to Menachee Meadows for deer hunting. During the hunting season any member of the family is "grounded" unless he is carrying his own gun and ammunition.

Jeannie Stovel, her husband, and one son, along with an instructor flew

to Desert Air Park on November 27 for breakfast. This was her first cross country flight. It was a beautiful day for flying in spite of some turbulence.

Penny Swope flew a 150 to Sky Harbor, Phoenix on November 28 to visit with her sister and brother-in-law who were vacationing there from Denver. While there Penny saw Shirley Marshall and Lorraine Chandler, those Tucson Piper fliers, and had conversation with Phoenix's Pat Lambert.

Shirley Gilmore soloed and she is "rarin' to get on with the instruction" and she is working hard towards her ticket. Good luck, Shirley, this chapter is anxiously awaiting your ticket too so you can become a member instead of a guest!

Roy and Jane Haag flew their 170B to Desert Air Park on November 27 to breakfast with a group from Cable Airport in Upland, Calif. After breakfast they flew over to Yucca Valley en route back to Cable.

December meeting of the chapter was held the 8th at the home of Jane Haag, there were five members and four guests present. The January meeting will be held at the home of Gertrude Barnes in West Covina.

#### PHOENIX CHAPTER

By Kay Pattison

The Phoenix Chapter 99's combined with the Antique Aircraft Association of Phoenix and the Tucson Chapter of Experimental Aircraft for a hangar talk and a potluck luncheon. Approximately 40 attended. Melba Beard, who was hostess, took a few lucky passengers up in her 1929 Bird bi-plane.

After a weekend in Minnesota Pat Lambert flew to the Coast in her Cessna 170 and made a real GCA into L. A.

We welcomed Margaret Kentley, an Australian 99 on tour around the world via airlines, with a dinner at the airport.

Thelma Biegert is a volunteer at the Cerebral Palsy Association where she found us a really needy Christmas family.

Jimmye Lou Shelton, our hostess for the annual Christmas party, served a delightful buffet dinner at her home. Christmas gifts were exchanged and everyone had a grand time. Mr. and Mrs. Bucky Taylor were house guests. Mr. Taylor is the Piper distributor sales manager for Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Our chapter is planning a new membership drive in January. The member who brings the most eligible women pilots will receive a free dinner for herself and guests.

A happy holiday season to all.

#### SACRAMENTO CHAPTER

By Helen Mace

We flew to the Nut Tree for an early

December meeting. Their Christmas decorations were delightful. Janet Meyer arrived in her Stinson with La Verne Carosso and Gladys Kroll. It was a beautiful day for the flight after all the dreary rain and fog. Ruth Wagner took your reporter and Genevieve Hall along in their Cessna 180—nice performers, both pilot and plane!

Early Christmas mail had brought news from Jan Kapus who is still enjoying her overseas assignment, Ruth had news from Hialeah in Visalia, and we were most happy to hear from Mary Dunson in Reno via Genevieve.

Talk of the Orient was a highlight of the luncheon with Ruth Lummis who was stationed in Japan while in the Army, sparking June Devine to tell of many interesting things experienced there on their recent trip to Tokyo. She answered our questions about shopping, people, flights, etc., with interesting sidelights. La Verne made her first motion as a new member to adjourn the meeting.

#### BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Mary Fields

The November meeting was a busy one for the members of the Bay Cities Chapter. We started off our meeting at Geri Hill's apartment with a discussion of ways and means to raise money for the TAA fund. We believe support of TAR to be one of the important chapter duties. Also, at the top of the agenda, is the forthcoming spring sectional to be held April 21, 22 and 23, 1961 in Palo Alto. Plans are coming along nicely and we have many enjoyable activities for all. Mark your calendar for this date, ladies, and plan to join us for the FUN meeting!

Chapter members regretfully accepted the resignation of Dixie Lusk as our secretary. Dixie has been kept very busy with her job, schooling, instrument ratings, etc., and finds she can no longer squeeze anything else into her schedule. Eleanor Wilson accepted the duties as secretary and we happily accepted her renewal of membership into our chapter. We're happy, also, to note her recovery from the auto accident she was in two months ago.

Our chairman, Jean Kaye, announced her engagement to Dr. Bud Tinsley! The wedding date is set for February 4, 1961. Days have been busy for her; she is looking for a LARGE house to move into after the wedding . . . something with eight bedrooms, or thereabouts. Her fringe benefits are five children ranging in age from three to 14!

Ruth Rueckert, Deby Byram, Gail Lane and Lindy Boyes attended the NAA convention in Indio, Calif. Ruth went via commercial down and piloted

a 182 on the return flight with two FAA men from the area. Deby flew the trip in a 172. On the return flight she had the opportunity of helping a fellow pilot in another airplane establish contact with Bakersfield tower.

Our December meeting was held at the home of Margaret Gerhardt in San Francisco on the 9th, in the form of a Christmas party. Everyone enjoyed the evening and the exchanging of gifts. The following weekend the 99's filled their table at the Kitty Hawk dinner dance, an annual NAA affair.

#### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Elsie G. Watson

We held a white elephant sale at our October meeting at the home of Stella Hardin in National City. The auctioneer who made the white elephants sound so attractive was Dottie Davis.

Our November meeting was at the home of Betty Lambert. "Civil Defense is Community Defense" was the topic of the interesting discourse by Jackie Trenfei.

And last but not least was our wonderful Christmas party. Thelma Bishop invited us all to a Christmas party at her home and a gala time was had by all. The little bitty airplane race run on cardboard runways was won by Martha Mullen and lowest score for the race went to Jackie Jarvis. The intriguing conversation piece of the evening was a fountain of "bubbly water" champagne.

After having been San Diego bound all summer, yours truly with 49½er, visited relatives in Helena in September via Tri-Pacer, which also took us to Banfe, from whence we traveled via rent-a-car through Jasper National Forest. We also attended a few days of the AOPA convention in Las Vegas in October, this time via Volkswagon. In November we Apache'd to Palo Alto where we ran into Millie Carlson who so graciously drove us over to Mountain View so we weren't late for a wedding.

#### TUCSON CHAPTER

By Dorothy Jenkins

"Penny-a-Pound Day 1960" was held December 4 at Tucson Municipal Airport, at the new tower area. It was a success! Vital statistics: In all, 15 donated airplanes, plus a helicopter, which gave rides for a flat fee per person. The day was the one perfect one in a week of bad weather. Gas was furnished free by Tucson Airport Authority (over 700 gals.) and we carried 100,748 pounds of people.

No matter how we try to forsee every problem, we are always swamped. This year, some of the promised aircraft did not appear on schedule, which gave us a slow start. We are sincerely grateful to Hudgin

Air Service, which, besides a Tri-Pacer, donated a Dove, with pilot, which flew steadily from late morning until dark, taking big chunks from the crowd with every trip. And in the afternoon, after and between their own trips, we had a total of three airplanes and pilots from Apache Airlines.

All through the day we had tours to the tower and weather and flight service stations. There was also a static



George Gobel in Tucson for the opening of the Ramada Inn. The famous comedian helped publicize "Penny-a-Pound Day." Reason? Dorothy Jenkins knew him when. Left to right: Shirley Marshall, George Gobel, Dorothy Jenkins and Pat Nolen.

display, including an F-100, two "antique" Waco bi-planes, and an almost full lineup of 1960 and/or '61 Piper aircraft.

Has any other group ever had finer backing and cooperation from its whole community? The FAA, the Airport Authority, generous airplane owners and pilots from every type of business, Al Hudgins, the Piper dealer, and Anderson Aviation, Piper distributor, and again, Apache Airlines could not have done more for us. We are eternally grateful.

As to what we are doing with the proceeds, let me quote Jim Vercellino, director of the Arizona Aviation Authority, who wrote, in their monthly publication, the following. He can say it better than we can:

"The Tucson Chapter of the 99's has undertaken, in our opinion, one of the finest aviation advancement programs—that of providing educational material and programs in the Tucson public schools. Introduction to aviation education, particularly in the elementary and intermediate grades, reaches the greatest potential scientific talent among the youth of our nation thereby inspiring greater curiosity and achievement in scientific development.

"The Tucson 99's through their gen-

erous contribution provide a real service to their community. It is hoped that this may set a pattern for other organizations to follow. The Tucson 99's, within the limits of their available funds, provide aviation integration material which can be used in all existing classes by the teachers of the Tucson school system. In addition they have provided yearly subscriptions of the Institutional Services of the National Aviation Education Council to a number of Tucson high schools. This service maintains a continuous flow of aviation education material which had been prepared by leading educational institutions and educators.

"Funds have been raised by the Tucson 99's for educational purposes by sponsoring a "Penny a Pound Day" in which airplane rides are given for a penny a pound."

Our Christmas party was held December 20, for 99's, 49½ers and guests at the new, beautiful Terrace Room of the Pioneer Hotel. The party topped off a successful year.

#### SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER

By Beverly Newton

The date was October 13, 1960 at Santa Barbara, Calif. A slight breeze was blowing in from the ocean. Excitement raged in the veins of those who waited, those who watched; those who listened. Another plane and another woman. A new Ninety-Nine chapter was born. "The fun of it, oh the fun of it. The soul cleansing, mind-clearing fun of it." Gill Rob Wilson wrote these words but they were in the hearts of all those present at our first meeting.

Sandra Killion will lead our infant chapter through the days ahead. The days of trial and error. The days in which we will take our first faltering steps to mature efficiency. Her vice-chairman will be Ada Blanchard from Oceano, Calif. Our treasurer will be Loydine Blanchard, also a resident of Oceano. The secretary pro tem will be Joan Steinberger. Our day of escape to the sky, and to those who understand is the second Thursday of every month. Since our chapter includes members from three counties we will rotate our meetings between them. They are Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Ventura counties. If you are in our area on a second Thursday call Sandra Killion at WOODLAND 2-2166, Santa Barbara, Calif. She will give you the time and place.

A banquet is planned for late January at which time our charter will be presented to us and the 49½ers will get their first chance to meet and to exchange their knowing glances. The dress will be semi-formal and the place Santa Barbara. The time is tentatively set for January 28, 1961.

The outcome of all our plans will be published next month.

Progress has begun in air marking. At our second meeting held November 10, 1960 at Pismo Beach, Calif., it was disclosed that our fellow member Dorro Sokol of Colvang, Calif., instigated a move to have Santa Ynez Airport marked. We had 11 of our 13 members present for our second meeting. Our 13 members included Sandra Killion, Dorro Sokol, Muriel Lyon, Joan Steinberger, Jessie Bundy, Geraldine Nelson, Beth Jacobs of Santa Barbara county. San Luis Obispo county claims Beverly Newton, Loydene Blanchard and Ada Blanchard. Ventura county is represented by Adella Abernathy and Claire Hale Nicolson. Claire belongs to San Diego Chapter and we are hoping she will transfer.

The third meeting was held at Santa Barbara Airport and the January meeting is planned for Palo Alto on the 12th. We are open to suggestions from all of you on money making ideas. Our chapter is in need of financial comfort to enable us to carry forth our purpose.

All for this time. Come and see us; visit with us. We are one of the gang now.

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## SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Shirley Robinson

It is a good feeling to have a whole, bright, new year stretching out before us—all kinds of nice things could happen! An adult female (even mature) living in the United States in 1961 is luckier than anyone, and to be able to fly too, is frosting on the cake. N'est ce pas?

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship, an honor most worthwhile, is first and most important on our agenda. After careful deliberation our chapter chose Irene Leverton as our nominee. We felt that anyone who could pass the ATR written exam, as Irene has, surely deserved the opportunity to complete the flight requirements before the time limitation expires. Aviation is her whole life—she has been a working flight instructor for many years, holds flight instructor instrument, aircraft, single engine land, multi-engine land, multi-engine sea, 7,300 hours. Her flight history is impressive, including aerobatics, dusting and spraying in a 450 hp Stearman, executive pilot with much night

and instrument flying, co-pilot on supplemental air carrier, has placed well in AWTAR, and earned best Bonanza time in 1960. Other than achieving her ATR rating, her present aspirations lean towards taking a college course in airport management and relative subjects. She is dedicated, hard-working, ambitious, and proficient, and our heartiest recommendations go along with our nomination. Jean Rose, whose record is well known, was chosen our alternate nominee, to complete her instrument instructor requirements.

The Citizen-News carried an article about our spot landing contest, with three excellent pictures by our friend photographer Dick Turner. He has promoted all of us a lot of publicity this last six months, got carried away with it all, and learned to fly himself. He credits "the 99 dolls" with "crashing the skirt barrier" (getting his wife's approval of his flying). The newspaper article also inspired a prospective 99 to call Lola Ricci for further info about us, and to buckle down this week and finish her private flight requirements. So don't feel guilty

when you get some publicity—no telling what good influence it will have for general aviation.

Chapter Chatter: Ed and Lola Ricci decided to 172 to SFO for Christmas. She said they took the milk run, off BUR 8 a.m. to Paso Robles, wait for weather; to Salinas, wait for weather, arr. SFO 5 p.m. Lola also reports some chapter attendance and lots of Beeches at Beechcraft show at Desert Air Park, near Palm Springs. Lowell and Bonnie Meacham also there. Reports the pattern like Russian roulette with airplanes. Two hundred airplanes at this little private resort dirt strip, with one man on a unicom trying to help.

Donna Fisher in northern California for Christmas with her family. Audrey's Ray Schutte slated to test fly a new little experimental home-built airplane, a two-place Skyhopper. Lois Miles tripping to Phoenix. Robinson kids having fun looking at moon craters and Mars' ice-cap with the professional size telescope they got for Christmas. Guess Santa figured that where they would be doing their flying, they might as well have a geography lesson!

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