

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

# News Letter

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## President's Column

April 1, 1961

April may bring such unpleasant items as income tax deadlines and certain birthdays, but it is also an ideal time to contact the airport operators in your area for the names of eligible women pilots and invite them to one of your general meetings. With a little concerted effort from each of us we can reach our goal of 1600 members prior to convention in San Diego in July.

Since my town, Milwaukee, is somewhat off the main arteries of travel across the United States, it was a happy coincidence that brought new member at large Madalet Reyale of Turkey here to visit her brother. We were able to do some flying in "Flighty Lady" and spend a fascinating evening with Wisconsin 99's learning about her country and training as a glider pilot and parachutist. She offered each of us a chance to jump should we visit her (I am not in the "brave soul" category) and extended an invitation to any 99 traveling to Turkey to contact her through KLM in Ankara.

We need help in obtaining the current addresses, and in some cases last names, of many of our charter members who are no longer active Ninety-Nines. Will any of you having information which will enable us to bring our files up-to-date please contact Broneta Evans, Minco, Okla.?

As of April 6, the floor of the Continental Control Area has been lowered to 14,500 feet. Those of you who will be spreading your wings above (Continued on Page 3)

## Wanted

Stenotypist for annual International Convention of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., to be held July 6, 1961, in San Diego, Calif. Any qualified Ninety-Nine desiring the position please contact:

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Top row (left to right): Betty Lambert and Gina Pournelle, co-chairmen of operations. Middle row (left to right): Gertrude Lockwood, publicity; Elsie Watson, impound; Aileen Saunders, social and finance; Isabelle McCrae and Dottie Sanders, general co-chairmen. Bottom row (left to right): Gerry Vickers, hospitality; Terry Vasques, chapter chairman.

## International Convention

Whether you will be a contestant in the AWTAR, a delegate to the International Convention, or will come as a Ninety-Nine, the San Diego Chapter is looking forward to your having a most memorable week in San Diego from July 1 through July 8.

Although you will receive a letter with more complete details as to scheduled activities, the following are some of the highlights of what is in store for you:

We will be prepared for early arrivals, beginning July 1. On July 2, plan to spend the afternoon in colorful Old Mexico at the bull fights with headquarters at the La Sierra Motel Restaurant in Tijuana, Baja, Calif.

Race and convention headquarters will be at the famed El Cortez Hotel, on a hilltop overlooking beautiful San Diego Harbor, North Island, Lind-

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## 1961 AWTAR

ENTRIES OPEN on April 20, 1961. Write immediately for your entry forms and all information necessary to enter the 15th annual AWTAR. Send requests to:

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

ENTRIES CLOSE on June 15, 1961 so get organized and get your entry in early.

THE DATES TO REMEMBER: Impound deadline, July 3, 1961; take-off, July 8, 1961; deadline to finish, July 12, 1961.

THE ROUTE: 2709 statute miles (2354 nautical miles). San Diego, Yuma, Tucson, El Paso, Midland, Abilene, Dallas (Addison), Shreveport, Jackson (Montgomery), Green-

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

**Coming Events**

**April 21, 22, 23**  
Southwest Sectional Meeting  
Palo Alto, Calif.

**May 5, 6, 7**  
South Central  
Sectional Meeting  
Stillwater, Oklahoma

**May 12, 13, 14**  
North Central  
Sectional Meeting  
Champaign, Ill.

**May 20**  
New England Air Race  
Tauton Airport  
Tauton, Mass.

**May 27, 28**  
All-Woman's International  
Air Race  
Fort Myers, Fla., to  
International Airport, Nassau  
Contact: Mary Barrer  
Suite 508  
First National Bank Building  
Miami, Florida

**June 8**  
Sky Lady Derby  
Tulsa, Okla., to Little Rock,  
Ark., to Springfield, Mo.,  
return to Tulsa

**July 5-8**  
International Convention  
San Diego, Calif.

**July 8-12**  
AWTAR  
San Diego, Calif.,  
to Atlantic, N. J.

**From Turkey  
We Present****MADELET PINAR REYHAL**

Receiving much of her instruction from Ninety-Nine Madame Sabiha Gocken, Madelet at 23 years of age holds ratings which include: Flight Instructor Airplane, Aircraft Engine, Meteorology, Navigation, Aircraft, Glider and Parachute Instructor. With 100 hours of glider time and a "C" Brove (Lysence) she has represented her country in international glider competition in Holland and instructed paratroopers. She has made over 100 parachute jumps. She tells us that in Turkey a glider license is required before one can acquire a license to fly a motored plane. At the present time she is employed as a passage supervisor with KLM Royal Dutch Airlines.

**FAA "Air Share"**

The Federal Aviation Agency is planning a series of "Air Share" meeting with pilots and plane owners. The following meetings are scheduled:

April 19, Springfield, Ill., Hotel St. Nicholas.

April 27, Atlantic City, N. J., Hotel Shelburn.

May 2, Jackson, Miss., Hotel Heidelberg.

May, Alaska and Hawaii, times and places to be announced later.

The Ninety-Nines and other organizations have been invited to attend the Air-Share meetings. As a member of the Ninety-Nines I would appreciate seeing a report from any members who attend the conferences. I believe this is another step forward to greater safety.

Additional information about the meetings will be found in the Washington, D. C. Chapter news.

Nona Quarles,  
FAA Office of  
Public Affairs

**Aviation Education**

Time is scurrying along all too quickly, and the International Convention will soon be here. It will be necessary that Perry Robinson, co-chairman of the Aviation Education Committee, and your chairman have full descriptions of your participation in this phase of our 99 program.

We are going to do things differently this year, just in order that we get a more thorough coverage of your air education activities.

Those of you who are in the eastern part of the country—new England, New York - New Jersey, Middle East and Southeast Sections—please send your section reports to Pearl-May Robinson, 1922 38th St. N.W., Washington, D. C.

In turn, Canada, North Central, South Central, Northwest and Southwest Sections, please send your reports to Mary Fecser, 13906 West Ave., Cleveland 11, Ohio.

Please get your reports to us by the end of May, so that both of us may make use of our school facilities to duplicate them in numbers for your information.

We both thank you for your cooperation.

Mary J. Fecser,  
Chairman  
Perry M. Robinson,  
Co-Chairman  
International Aviation  
Education Committee

**Public Relations P-R-O-D**

Public Relations our demand  
For every chapter in the land;  
Help local press use many lines  
Telling of your Ninety-Nines.  
Tell your newspapers what you do.  
New officers, flights, projects, too;  
Routine meetings to you seem dull  
Are printed on a newsless day lull.

Lindy Boyes,  
Public Relations  
Chairman

**Pilots Briefing**

Chapters or sections wishing to have articles listed for sale should: Submit to the president for executive committee approval a sample of the article and the price to be charged. In those cases where it is impractical to send the article, include a detailed description with your request.

Make every effort to attend your Spring Sectional. The hostess chapters are going all out to provide you with fun and entertainment.

## Should We (99's) Affiliate?

At present a special Ninety-Nine committee is collecting, digesting and formulating data regarding whether the Ninety-Nines should become an associate member of the National Aeronautic Association. Space will not permit a full presentation in the News Letter and we are now summarizing what facts and thoughts we have thus far gathered.

All section governors and chapter chairmen will receive a copy of our report sometime in April for discussion at your May and June meetings. May we ask each and every section and chapter to review the summation thoroughly. Please make it a MUST that your delegates to the International Convention know exactly how your group feels on this matter and are adequately instructed for casting your votes.

Should there be any question or thoughts regarding this NAA affiliation, please contact the NAA affiliation committee.

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## 1961 AWTAR

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ville, Lynchburg, Hagerstown and Atlantic City.

**AWARDS:** The overall purse of \$2500 will be divided between the first five places—\$800 for first place, \$600 for second place, \$500 for third place, \$400 for fourth place, \$200 for fifth place. AWTAR trophies will be awarded to these five places.

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

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

Other additional awards will be announced later.

Ninety Nine chapters will again be able to purchase official AWTAR programs for their members. Each chapter and section chairman will receive an order form so that programs will be available to Ninety-Nines, Inc. anywhere. The price will be 50 cents per copy (75 cents is airmail).

Remember, airplanes to be eligible for the 1961 AWTAR must have a date of manufacture after Jan. 1, 1961 and be not less than 85 horsepower and not more than 400 horsepower for take-off. Two-way VHF radio is mandatory.

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this altitude should check the new regulations which will apply to such flights.

I have received a request from the office of the Secretary of Defense for support in your locality in the observance of Armed Forces Day May 13-21. Information may be obtained at any Armed Forces active or reserve command or recruiting station.

When presenting the Ninety-Nine "picture" to organizations other than our own "Thirty Sky Blue Years" which you can order from headquarters is the perfect answer. (Details in the back of the Roster.)

Make your plans now to attend the 1961 International Convention in San Diego.

Happy Flying!

*Deedo*

Eugenia Heise  
President

## International Convention

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bergh Field, Balboa Park and the peaceful foothills to the east. It is in downtown San Diego for easy access to shopping, the San Diego Zoo and everything you might like to do. It is famed for its outside glass elevator and its Sky Room from which you can see the magnificent view of the area. It is only 10 minutes from Montgomery Field, the airport which will be used for tiedown of convention aircraft and for the AWTAR start on July 8.

Chapters of the Southwestern Section are co-hosting events in connection with the Convention. The Los Angeles Chapter is planning a most delightful luncheon on July 6, Convention meeting day. The Phoenix Chapter is sponsoring a Convention banquet on July 5, with Jerrie Cobb as the speaker for the evening. We know you will not want to miss hearing from our "Space Lady".

Other chapters in the section are supplying door prizes, wine, fruit and "womanpower".

On July 4, we have a boat trip planned in San Diego Harbor, docking at the historical Hotel del Coronado for an afternoon of swimming, either on the beach or in their beautiful pool.

The combined Convention and Race take-off banquet will also be held at Hotel del Coronado, which has long been heralded as one of the most picturesque hotels ever, situated on the beautiful South Seas-like peninsula between San Diego Bay and the Pacific Ocean, gemming 20 acres of colorful gardens and crystal white beaches, combining romance, modern

accommodations and appeals in outstanding variety and abundance.

We are leaving some free time for you to see some of the splendors of San Diego and to do some of the many and various things in San Diego area that appeal to you.

Bring casual clothes with a sweater or light wrap for our cool evenings. Bring your swimming suit, and above all, BRING YOURSELVES!

SAN DIEGO WELCOMES YOU!

## Notice

Civil Air Patrol would like Ninety-Nines who are members to send card to that effect to National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol-USAF, Ellington Air Force Base, Texas.



**SOUTHWEST SECTION**

## SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

Helen Mace

We met March 12th at Claire Raley's new home. It is such a lovely big place and must have been such fun decorating it that I can understand why her Tri-Pacer has been lonely.

Although our circle was a happy one with nine of us we were wishing it was larger. Maybe our flight to Oroville, May 13, will lure more of you out. Edith Brewer suggested an interesting lodge there for lunch. She and Elaine have been flying together. Marianne was excited to be back in the blue with the Cessna.

Florence Breen told about her enjoyable relaxing vacation in Hawaii with her husband, Jack, and she was wearing such a cute Island costume she had bought there—in fact I was wishing I could go out and catch the next flight over. Claire is leaving soon for Hawaii as well as Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, etc. That's a trip we'll look forward to hearing about, too. Ruth Lummis and Gerry Mickelson know the Easter and summer school vacation dates without checking calendars—guess we all love a change.

After a lively business meeting Genevieve Hall and I reminisced flying days in Idaho in the days when we thought helmet, goggles, white scarf, and flying boots were necessary gear—really! there was snow.

## UTAH CHAPTER

Lucile Christopherson

Air news from the Beehive State: The March meeting for Utah 99's was held at the lovely new home of Jessie Carter in Sandy, Utah. Various matters of business were taken up in regard to airmarking, air age activities, appointment of delegates to the sectional positions.

The guest speaker for the evening

was veteran Vern Carter, who has been actively engaged in aviation since 1921. He reported his participation at the FAA Inspectors' School held last fall in Oklahoma City and gave us some of the information he received covering maneuvers in twin engine aircraft, etc. Those attending the meeting were Eunice Naylor, Alberta Nicholson, Jo Waddoups, June Raybould, Virginia Reidel and Jessie Carter.

Many of the Ninety-Nine members in this area are very active in their various communities with business and civic affairs. Here is a quick rundown of some of the things they are doing: Jo Waddoups is presenting working on her instrument rating; Eunice Naylor, our chapter chairman, has visited, during the past few weeks, nine senior high schools and is currently teaching aerospace education. Our newest member, Maxine Nielsen, who has a total of 140 hours flying to her credit, calls Springville, Utah, her home. She is employed as a secretary at the Social Security office in Provo and adds zest and sparkle to the "flying gals" of Utah County. Virginia Reidel, June Raybould and Alberta Nicholson are the girls who are keeping the runways hot at Salt Lake Municipal and we envy their zip and go. Ruth Walker of Provo is active in many civic organizations as well as keeping up with three lovely daughters. Nicky Harding has and is helping with many of the current opera presentations by the Utah Valley Opera Association. It is a pleasure to have these girls as active members of our chapter.

#### BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

Peggy Archer

Our chapter met this past Sunday in the pilots' lounge at Meadows Field with only eight of our girls in attendance. This seems to be the season for the cold bug and it has bit many of us.

Rhoda Thompson has been in touch with the Bakersfield Wing Scout leader and they have made arrangements for Rhoda, along with Penny Ashworth and Peggy Archer, to attend the next scout meeting to see, as the scout leader put it, "What the girls can do for us." This will be something new for the most of us girls and where other 99's have worked with Wing Scouts we are still shooting in the dark. This promises to be a very enlightening experience for all concerned. Penny Ashworth was appointed our "air education" member, and this too, is something new for our Bakersfield Chapter as we have had too few members in the past to do much with these other activities, where most of us are not a year old yet in the 99's. We are sure flying blind. But give us time and we hope

to have an interesting News Letter for the rest of you to peruse.

From The Flight Line: The past month seems to be a dull one for us here, mostly local flying and the ordinary things a working-flying housewife does. Irmyl Fitzgerald was a guest of Fred Williams and flew into Oceano with the Flying Farmers. Rhoda has been selected to serve on the aviation committee of the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce and took time out to fly to Orange County Airport to visit friends and relatives. Edna Long was selected as the outstanding teacher of the year in Kern County and missed the California Teachers' Association banquet honoring her. Edna is quite active in her church, Civil Defense and does a lot of promoting of flying (she's one of our most active members) in her off hours from teaching.

Our visiting member from the Sacramento Chapter, Hialeah Reilich, has moved from Visalia to Fresno and so missed our meeting last month and this month she took her daughter to Disneyland for a birthday celebration. Penny Ashworth has been flying with the Sky Divers and to date says she hasn't had the nerve to jump herself. Peggy Archer has been spending her time at Porterville watching Joe Pfiefer build up his antique airplanes. He has just finished building a 1915 Sopwith Pup—this was an English World War I fighter. This is quite an interesting hobby of Joe's and any time you are in the neighborhood of Porterville, visit his hangar as I believe if you are interested in flying you will enjoy seeing his planes.

#### TUCSON CHAPTER

Dorothy Jenkins

All's quiet in Tucson—but lot's brewing in devious minds—many plans being made.

As for now, the speaker at our last meeting was Dave Smith, science coordinator of the Tucson high schools, who told us how they are utilizing the aviation education material furnished by the Tucson 99's as part of our aviation education program. It's all most interesting—almost wish I could go back to high school. Maggie Schock is the new chairman of the aviation education committee.

Speaking of school, Gertrude Gelderman is deep in advanced courses at the University of Arizona, keeping very busy.

Laura Bohannon has come back to us—we hope, this time, she'll stay. And we had Mary Johnston back in our midst for a while, but didn't make her happy enough, so she's back at her job with National Air College, Montgomery Field, San Diego. Can't say I blame her.

#### PHOENIX CHAPTER

Kay Pattison

Our last meeting was held at the

home of our chairman, Betty Slater. We were happy to welcome Alma Hozwood from the N. Y. - N. J. Section.

Alice Roberts, who was planning a trip to Okinawa to see her grandson, learned that the family will be home for a two months visit. Recently she took a friend for her first airplane ride. Her guest was so thrilled with flying that Alice's appreciation for flying was renewed.

We were happy to welcome our newest member, Mary Weaver, who became a full fledged 99 at our last meeting. She told us that she and her husband had just flown their Beech Debonair down to Guymas for a picnic lunch on the beach.

Marge Gorman, 99, and her 49½er, Jim, from Mansfield, Ohio, while enroute home from a Hawaiian vacation in their 310, stopped in Phoenix for a few hours last week and visited Marjorie Crowl, Carol Young, a former member now living in New Mexico, stopped by to return a book from the chapter library. Next time you come Carol, let us all know and we'll get together.

The chapter's combination tea and art show held at Jimmie Lou Shelton's home was a huge success. Our chapter artists donated paintings for the event. Bill Schimmel, a prominent Scottsdale artist, donated a beautiful watercolor to the chapter. We are hoping to make the art show an annual event.

#### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

Elsie G. Watson

Our March meeting was held at the home of Joanne Kloefer. Jo Ann Alford and Hazel Cyrus were guests.

Reports were made by the Race and Convention chairmen, who are: General chairmen, Dotty Sanders and Isabelle McCrae; impound, Elsie Watson; operations, Betty Lambert and Gina Pournelle; inspection, Ruth Reinbold and Mac Huntington; hospitality and registration, Jerry Vickers; transportation, Boo Christensen; publicity—TV and radio, Ruby Keaveny; publicity—newspapers, Gertrude Lockwood, J. Brooks, M. Mullen and M. Jepsen; social, Aileen Saunders, finance, Aileen Saunders; program, Isabelle McCrae and Dotty Sanders.

If there are contestants who have sponsors who wish to advertise by favors or small items for Convention, banquet, "goody bags", etc. please contact Dottie Sanders.

Evelyn Briggs gave a report on the hydroplane which is being built by the Institute of Aero Space Sciences and which will be flown this summer in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of naval aviation. Members have and are donating time helping to build the hydroplane, which is a replica of one which flew in San Diego years ago.

**SANTA CLARA CHAPTER****Helen V. Nelson**

On March 9 our chapter met at the home of Pat Johnson in San Jose for our monthly meeting. But it wasn't an easy meeting for most members—almost everybody got lost. Natalie Bossio and Dorothy Monahan finally stopped at a strange house to find out where they were, and who should come by and stop at the same house for directions but Pat Gladney, Patty Sherwood, and Margaret Standish! Natalie finally managed to zero in on Pat Johnson's residence—helped no doubt by her recent instrument rating classes. But the other gals insisted on driving right on by Pat's to return after a few more wrong turns. Marion Barnick, however, arrived with no trouble at all. And Marilyn Anderson, Ardell Hauk, Jackie Petty, and Jeanie McElhatton were early arrivals. So the meeting didn't get undr way till nine. But it was a good meeting, and especially enjoyable because of a 270 degree panorama of San Jose from its hilltop setting. And we welcomed to our chapter a new member, Betty Clinton, who was there for her first meeting.

**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY****Shirley Robinson**

Welcome to new member Flight Instructor Kay Mead, who is celebrating passing her flight physical after injuries in an automobile accident. Lois Miles was our acting chairman at our regular meeting at Sky Trails Restaurant, Van Nuys Airport, in the absence of Irene Leverton, who was out on a charter flight. After the meeting, we viewed some 16mm movies, authentic Pathe newsreels of Lindbergh's triumph, and also some movies of the Antique Airplane Association 1960 fly-in at Merced.

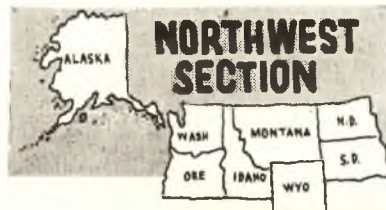
Lois has been ferrying Cessna 150's from Wichita to a dealer here, and reports the following statistics: "11 hrs., 30 min. flying time, 109 mph, 4½ gph @ 2375 rpm." Bob and Virginia Kahse packed their Apache for one of their sales trips through Denver, Oklahoma City, Houston and El Paso. Snow storms all through the midwest finally forced Bob to take his luggage and depart "commerical."

Jean Rose finally took a day off from her incessant instructing to go skiing at June Lake. Jean brought two guests to our meeting; one, a former Wing Scout, Carol Lady, who had just returned from her dual cross country to Las Vegas (top that spot for a dual cross country!), also Nancy Miller, student pilot and flight dispatcher at Rose Aviation. Jean has provided us with another prospective 99—her student, Janine McGann, Rand technician, got her private pilot's license. Janine competed in the Mobilgas Economy Run with Betty Spelton, aerobatic ace, and intends to carry

on with this spirit and enter the Powder Puff Derby this year.

Our Audrey Schutte did it again—another rating in as many months. She is now a bona fide flight instructor, along with her commercial and multi ratings. Aud. also checked out in the Salvay-Stark Skyhopper, the two-place experimental (homebuilt) airplane that her husband, Ray, had test flown earlier this month. Aud., Pete and Janine Ceccio and 25 of their crowd, had a breakfast flight to the desert this week—took food, utensils, etc., and cooked it themselves.

Bonnie Meacham flew her AF son to Apple Valley. Gena Rodda had a routine checkout in a 170. Liz Crowley graduating from her 172 to a Bonanza and an Apache ride, Jan Wood to Fullerton and Torrey Pines for the glider meet. Minnie Leigh Morgan to Tri-City Airport once. Sorry to hear that Lola Ricci has been gone three weeks on an emergency trip to New Orleans because of illness in the family; we miss her lending a sympathetic ear.

**ALASKA CHAPTER****Helen Stoddard**

Our March 9 meeting was held at Pat McGee's with the following present: Pat Gilda, May Fields, Ruth O'Buck, Lavelle Betz, Lois Wise, Helen Stoddard and the hostess. Most of the meeting time was taken up with making plans for the breakfast the 99's will serve at the air show to be held at Big Lake.

May Fields returned from the south 48 in time for the meeting. She had the chicken pox while in San Francisco and the doctor told her to stay at least four feet away from other persons, but she thought that might be hard to do coming back home by airliner.

Ruth O'Buck has been busy flying FAA technicians to sites and hauling oil exploration workers and supplies to camp and back.

Lavelle Betz and her 49½'er have been busy working on their PA-18, making it a legal three-place. They have upholstered the inside with saddle tan leatherette and plan on putting leopard print in for headliner. Will be the snappiest little ship in Alaska.

Marion Zaegel and Doll Booth are visiting in the south 48.

Pat Gilda has been getting acquainted with her pink Tri-Pacer. She has made several trips to Big Lake hauling supplies up for our breakfast.

Lois Wise made it down from her

homestead for the meeting. She is homesteading north of Anchorage, 20 minutes by plane and four hours by car. We understand that she is on a lake and will sow some wild rice this spring. Much better than wild oats.

The air show at Big Lake sponsored by the Alaska Airmen's Association was postponed for a week because of snow but it was held the 19th and it was a huge success. We served breakfast from 8 until 11:30 and there never was a let-up. We finally had to stop taking orders. Several persons entered into the competition . . . spot landing, balloon busting and bombing. Ruth O'Buck and yours truly entered. Ruth as pilot. We came in second. Although none of the women took home the trophies, they made a good showing.

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

NOW WE CAN RELAX! The swallows returned to Capistrano and our flying girls on vacation are also returning from the sunny south in due time.

Lygie Hagan reports a few hours visit with Iris Critchell while in Los Angeles. The Hagan's flew over the breathtaking Grand Canyon and Bryce on the return trip from Phoenix. A tailwind really "whipped up the horses" and they made the last leg from Elko to Spokane in 2½ hours in the Comanche.

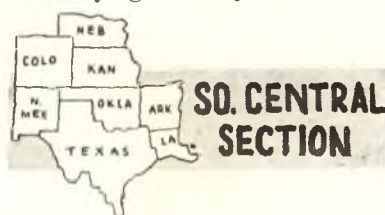
WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT BEING REPORTER? The little notes from "out of the blue." Minnie and Carl Boyd had a fine vacation, mostly in Palm Springs. A side trip via jet to Detroit with 10 days in Phoenix to warm up in the sun. I heard via the grapevine that Carl took flying lessons and received his license, all this while on vacation. Move over Minnie, a new pilot is now in command.

Sunday, March 19, found a small unscheduled 99 meeting in the hangar at Spokane Flying Service. Just Sunday flying but a good visit was had by all. Carla Aldrich, who had just received her multi-engine rating the previous Friday received the congratulations of Lygie Hagan, Marie Reynnells and Ardie Sherman. How good it is to get back with flying enthusiasts after being out of the air most of the winter.

CHECK YOUR PLANE AND THE WEATHER and head for Yakima March 25 for a gala time. Husbands invited for the social hour and dinner at the Chinook Hotel. Business meeting to follow. We are getting the royal treatment; Noland-Decoto, Cessna dealer, will greet us with cake and coffee from 2:30 p.m. on. The Yakima valley is a thing of beauty—doubly so at this time of year with the orchards beginning to bloom. We will RON at the Chinook Hotel and con-

tinue on our various ways Sunday morning. Early breakfast, anyone?

Best of flying to everyone.



### ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

**Randy Sutherland**

All those who missed our regular chapter meeting in January missed a good time. Did you ever see a bunch of pilots get together without the usual buzz-buzz. And it isn't just the women either. The meeting was mainly of our coming Valentine dance at the West Mesa Hangar. We are hoping for a large crowd so we can have a nice fat treasury. Hope other chapters come to join in the fun and win some of our wonderful door prizes donated to us by the business men. After the meeting a film was shown on missiles



"The Chord Painters" with Albuquerque Ninety-Nines Jackie Quinton, Mary Morgan, Marie Grossetete, Shirley Kay, Harriet Nye, Randa Sutherland, Virginia Cutter, Jeanne Cryer, Juanda Sawyer, and Betty Burritt.

and air power put out by the Bell Telephone Co. Next came the coffee and donuts served by our gracious hostess Betty Burritt and of course the usual HANGAR FLYING.

February found us busy again with the dance. The hangar was beautiful. Virginia Cutter had the floor painted gray and then she painted red hearts on it. Parachutes, angels and hearts found their way all over the walls and hanging from the ceiling. We had a wonderful turn out (around 200) with 28 door prizes being given.

I visited with the girls in Shreveport on my way to Florida with my family. Was nice meeting all of them and getting to know them. They are doing real well to be such a new chapter. And what publicity they do get . . . WOW!

Our flying here has been slow because of cold weather but all hope to be in the air again soon.

### EL PASO CHAPTER

**Louella Gilderbloom**

Congratulations to Mary F. Seidl on her ownership in a Comanche. I know she and her 49½er, Henry, are very happy, and may they have many pleasant hours flying it.

Ruth Deerman, Mary Morrow, Mary F. Seidl and Brookie Bozarth flew to Midland to participate in the derby. It was fortunate that the race could be held since weather was far from ideal for flying.

Billy and Murray Callaghan and Lydia and Campbell Weaver flew to Phoenix for a weekend where they attended the baseball games. Myself and 49½er, John, flew to Temple, Texas, for a weekend of visiting and golfing.

We are proud to report that our new members, Pricilla Duncan and La-Vern McCauley, will represent our chapter in the AWTAR. We will be reporting the details of their plans soon.

We are all hoping for nice weather which means more flying. That's all for now. See you next month.

### FORT WORTH CHAPTER

**Dora Dougherty**

The Fort Worth Chapter had two evening business meetings during the months of February and March. The February meeting started at the Air Force Reserve Center where the business meeting and program were conducted. The group then adjourned to the beautiful garden apartment of Delphine Bohn for a most delightful dessert-coffee. Our program included a report by yours truly on the helicopter record flights (great fun and an experience for which I am indeed grateful!) and a discussion on the weightless studies conducted by Maj. Edward L. Brown at the Aero Medical Laboratory at Wright Aeronautical Development Center. Movies on weightless flight were loaned to me by Ed and were wonderful.

### COLORADO CHAPTER

**Donna Myers**

March tripped into old Colorado at about 60 degrees—then fell flat on its face the night of our meeting, March 3—par for the course. Hostess Helen Mayson was so sure that no one would brave the snow storm that she SAYS she didn't fix enough food—and we suffered mightily on ham, sandwich spread, cheese, homemade pickles and other relishes! Started to snow just before meeting time and only the following showed up: Fredda Terrill, Mary Frenzel, Grace Longbrook, Lynn Pfleeger, Grace Mayfield, Jo Dennis, Elinor Millet, Helen Choun, Frances Warner, Mary Wenholtz, Ruth Mugele, Marilyn Nordstrom, Marian Tankersley, Donna Myers and guests Thelma Barber and Gwen Raven—drove clear down from Greeley—some 60 miles north of Denver. Gwen received of-

ficial notification on her private that very day and Thelma has passed her written.

A lively business meeting—reports on the rummage sale and plans made for the one in May—also made plans to attend the South Central Sectional meeting in Stillwater, Okla., in May. Plans were adopted to have chapter stationery printed for all members to buy, with the proceeds going towards the fall sectional, which we will hostess.

The highlight of the evening was Helen Maxson showing her fine color slides along with an excellent commentary of the 99 European tour—most delightful and much too short.

Chapter Chatter: Grace Mayfield has received her instructor's rating—congratulations—we are all most proud of her; Mary Frenzel is still walking while her ship is being recovered; Fredda Terrill has moved to 785 S. Glencoe—says her husband keeps her busy taking visiting firemen for airplane rides and she says it is good, business-wise, for Larry and she doesn't mind at all building up time! Elinor Millet is now with Electronics, Inc.—brand new job! Jo and Jess Dennis and youngsters recently drove to California for a vacation and Jo swears they spent the whole two weeks driving on the freeways.

### ABILENE CHAPTER

**Peggy Hawes**

A sick me in February and a sick child in March kept me away from our last two meetings so I'm a grapevine writer today. Marilyn Schultz was my ears for February and I prevailed on Gloria Puckett to give me the word on March.

February being a bad month for flying our chapter took to the road and I heard made a few bad turns (no compass, no line of sight), and found the radar installation near Sweetwater Airport. Capt. Oscar Belk escorted the group through the installation. On their return to Abilene they met at Abilene Aviation, Municipal, to view a film presented by Jim Bear-den, chief controller at Abilene tower. They had lunch at the Thunderbird Lodge. Mozelle Scarborough and Ann Nell Hooks were hostesses and it was certainly a successful bad weather meeting.

Since their introduction to radar, the group was fortunate enough to be most royally welcomed to Amon Carter Field, Fort Worth, in March and escorted by Charles Davis, local chief tower controller, through Fort Worth approach. A film was viewed on "Things To Come" . . . electronics, centers, and towers of the future. Things that seem "Buck Rogerish" are coming to pass every day. Science fiction is no longer all fiction. We are glad to know after these visits to our radar centers that we are rapidly ad-

vancing and keeping pace for the good of all types of flying. Our Easter hats are off to the people who man these stations.

### SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

Marian Burke

Looks like luck is changing for the San Antonio Chapter. They planned a meeting that was over 50 miles from San Antonio and lo and behold—the weather was beautiful all day. When we plan a meeting out-of-town we are sure to have bad weather . . . oh well! Perhaps the spell is broken.

The San Antonio Chapter enjoyed a fly-in meeting at Del Rio March 12 and everyone had the privilege of going through the beautiful new home of Cornelia and E. A. Davis—radio controlled garage doors, hi-fi and PA systems throughout the place, spacious halls, bedrooms and bathrooms everywhere. Really, I almost got lost and I kinda hated to go home. Cornelia served a wonderful luncheon after our tour of the new house. Ama Lee Jamison managed to get away from Bracketville long enough to come to the meeting—and Ama Lee's mom came too. It was surely nice to see them both. Hope you'll be able to come to meetings real often, Ama Lee. Janet Allison was present although she had to leave early to return to Uvalde. Evelyn Woljen and her daughter flew over in the family 172. Betsy Hogan and yours truly flew over via Tri-Pacer. Thank you, Cornelia and E. A., for a wonderful afternoon.

Marian Burke flew to Montana the last of February to be with her family following the death of her step-father who passed away February 26 after a long illness.

### TULSA CHAPTER

Agnes Hellman

Our intentions were good anyway—it was all planned to fly to Fort Smith Ark., for our March meeting when it was discovered that our chapter member over there (Alline Davis) would be out of town that Sunday. We'll try again, Alline.

Jan Mauritson has her commercial license now and she and 49½er, Dr. Don, are keeping their 195 warmed up. Last month it was to Houston and in March it's Las Vegas and San Francisco.

Jean Thomas and husband, Chuck, (entertainers by profession) are doing about two months in some of the Texas night spots. All during April they'll be at Western Hills in Fort Worth, so you Texas people drop by to say hello while they are there.

Gay McCauley says the good Dr. 49½er has his license now and they are venturing farther afield all the time; last trip out it was Kansas City.

The Guilds took their kiddies and rode a fabulous tail wind down to Jackson, Miss., two weeks ago to attend the Southern Anesthesia Society

convention. Freda is also on the committee that is cataloguing the fine collection of pictures collected by the late Charley Short, past manager of the Tulsa Municipal Airport. Many of these pictures will be displayed in our new terminal building.

Pat Bauer is still burning the midnight oil getting all the details ironed out for the Sky Lady Derby. In case you don't remember Pat is chairman of the race. It starts and ends here in Tulsa at the Riverside Airport. Any of you sky ladies interested in trying for the prizes contact Pat; the deadline for entries is May 24, 1961.

On Saturday, May 13, we are having our spring dance out at Harvey Young's Airport. It's loads of fun and we have found that it is a good way to get some hard-to-come-by cash for our treasury. It would make us so happy if some of you could come to Tulsa for that; but mostly we want you to feel free to call on us any time you are in our fair city.

Sky Lady Derby—One day efficiency race, stock model aircraft 300 hp or under. Round-robin from Tulsa, Okla., to Little Rock, Ark., to Springfield, Mo., and return to Tulsa. 578 statute miles. First place, \$300; second place, \$200; third place, \$100, plus trophies. Deadline for entry, May 24, 1961. Contact Pat Bauer, 528 South 108 E. Ave., Tulsa, Okla.

### NORTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Hazel Nealey

Betty Lyons was hostess to our March meeting. There were seven members and one prospective member, Mrs. Shirley Burris, and special guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Barefield. Mr. Barefield, from our FAA office, is a flight inspector and suggested the time be spent as a question and answer program. We asked 'em and he pulled no punches in his answers so if you hear of some Shreveport gals who have been grounded, maybe you will understand why.

On April 21 our chapter plans to have a hangar dance in the beautiful new hangar of Currey Sanders Aircraft Co. We hope to have many neighboring 99's fly in for the dance.

February 23, six girls and Helen

Hewitt's 49½er, Whitie, flew to Addison Airport, Dallas, Texas, to attend a dinner party and style show put on



North Louisiana Chapter with very special guest, South Central Governor Randy Sutherland. Back row (left to right): Randy Sutherland, Hazle Nealey, Dottie Ports and Helen Hewitt. Front row: Dorothy Wilson, Pat Ward, Dot King and Mildred Carney.

by the Dallas Chapter. The flight over and dinner party were delightful. The Bob Campeons of Dallas met us at the airport and Dottie Ports, Helen, Whitie and I took advantage of their hospitality and RON'd with them. All was well until the next morning when we awoke to a zero condition—sleet, snow and freezing rain. Helen, Whitie and I caught the first Delta east. Dottie remained with the Campeons. The other three girls, Dot Wilson, Pat Ward and Dorothy King, got in some night flying by returning to Shreveport after the dinner party.

The old calendar is getting full—May, June and July events will keep most 99's in the air. Would be nice if we could make them all. Some of our girls are making planes for the TAR, some for the Sky Lady Derby, and others maybe the International Air Race, anyway our gang seems to have the will to see over the next hill.

### RESULTS OF HIGH SKY DERBY

#### 270 Mile Fuel And Ground Speed Race Flown At Low Altitudes

	Pilot - Co-Pilot	Plane	Rtd HP.	Hdcp. Spd.	Hdcp. Fuel	Race Time H-M-S	Race Gals. Hr.	Race Spd.	"K" Fctr.	Score
1.	Betty Henry Carol Blake	Comanche	180	152	8.5	2:5:53	3.7	128.7	.572	1.1986
2.	Netta Adcock Mary Erwin	Comanche	180	152	8.5	1:59:39	4.2	135.4	.572	1.1684
3.	Ruth Deerman Mary Morrow	Cessna 140-A	90	111	5.6	2:34:44	4.1	104.7	.545	1.0570
4.	Ann Bynum Jo Broadrick	Cessna 172-B	145	121	7.8	2:25	5.7	111.7	.706	1.0169
5.	Velma Lee Copeland Terry Lee Copeland	Beech Debonair 35-33	225	161	11.5	1:41:46	10.0	159.2	.668	1.012
6.	Nancy Brumlow Barbara Speed	Cessna 172-B	145	121	7.8	2:29:54	5.4	108.9	.706	1.0102
7.	Marilyn Schulz Gloria Puckett	Cessna 170-B	145	121	7.8	2:21:07	6.5	114.8	.720	1.0033
8.	Mary F. Seidl Brookie Bozarth	Comanche	180	152	8.5	1:58:57	6.7	136.2	.572	.9953
9.	Patsy Barbee Mildred Goodson	Piper Colt	108	108	6.3	2:33:4	6.7	105.8	.650	.9805



### GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

**Carolyn Parish**

Despite the minimum flying weather Kansas City area has had recently, we have done some fun-things.

Our January meeting was both fun and educational. We numbered 21 (counting guests) and first enjoyed dinner at one of K. C.'s favorite Italian restaurants. Then we were given a complete tour of TWA's training center. The flight in the simulator was exciting—just like "under the hood." It's very interesting to see the closed circuit TV mock-up for the pilots to use in training for landing jets. The sensation of flying is strongly present. If you haven't been through a training center—and you get a chance—take our word that you will find it impressive and time well spent!

Who likes chili? We do! Especially since we had it at Elaine Morris' "Chili Parlour" during our March meeting. Elaine would be happy to see any visiting 99's, so do drop in while in Kansas City.

Some of our group have been on the "go" lately. Grace Harris was one of the official timers for the FAI on Mag Conrad's round-the-world trip. She flew to Miami for both the take-off and landing. Laurien Griffen went to Amarillo first of March. Shouldn't mention it in the same paragraph, but she sold her Cessna 180 after the excursion. Katie Bonnel ferried a plane to "down South" Missouri for Executive Aircraft.

The members who went to the Aero Club dinner this month had many fine things to say about the guest speaker, Bob Buck. As most of you know, he's associate editor of "Air Facts," on the editor's staff of "Reader's Digest," and a TWA overseas captain.

Chairman Ruth Stafford asked us to plan a real concerted drive for new members. We have, and soon you'll be reading names of newcomers! We have two new members since February . . . Marilyn Dickson and me, Carolyn Parish.

We've tried two weekends in a row to have our monthly fly-out with no luck. We wish you better weather. Fly safely.

### IOWA CHAPTER

**Helen Flaherty**

Danny Rosenfield was hostess to the Iowa Chapter when they held their regular monthly meeting in Des Moines and we dined together in the Cloud Room at the airport. The field was closed, so the drive-ins only were

present which was conducive to a small attendance.

Alice Pfantz showed us an especially interesting film on the One-Eighty and we discussed further the plans for our A. E. fund-raising activity, the spot landing contest scheduled for Fort Dodge in May.

Elizabeth Utsler was welcomed into the chapter as a new member and she is an interesting and fine addition. She told about her Campfire Girls in Indianola being airminded and Alice Pfantz is cooperating with this same Campfire and flew a camera man to Camp Hantesa for pictures in their behalf.

Helene Holton, who has long been active in Air Age Education, is a charter member of the Aero Space Education Council of Iowa and she is counting on the 99's to be of help in carrying out their program. "Leave us rally round." Helene's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bradford of Chariton, were guests at our meeting.

Marilyn Williams has a group of Wing Girl Scouts and has been leading them in the right direction and exposing them to all kinds of aviation interests.

### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

**Lydia Jensen**

Talk about interesting women pilots—imagine having 100 hours in gliders, 250 hours in conventional planes, 10 hours in jets as well as 125 parachute jumps to your credit. That could only be an intriguing young lady by the name of Madelet Reyale. Who is Madelet? Where does she come from? What is she like? Thereby lies a tale. On February 27 Mary Landis (Wisconsin Chapter chairman) and Anne Roethke (our secretary) spoke at a meeting of the Wisconsin Pilots' Association in Milwaukee. They were invited to talk to the group about the AWTAR (you remember they both participated last year and are planning to do so again this year). Having a very receptive audience they had a wonderful time and there they met a charming girl by the name of Madelet Reyale from Ankara, Turkey. Not only did Madelet have the impressive experience indicated above but she was personally so attractive as well as so articulate (she speaks five languages fluently) that the girls were very anxious to have as many of our group as possible meet her. Mary Landis, who entertains so easily and well (remember her Christmas party) invited us all to her home again on March 1.

Since I was unable to go to Milwaukee myself I shall now quote from a letter from Anne Roethke who writes: "Madelet speaks English beautifully so we learned a lot about Turkey and especially about flying there. She was visiting her brother who lives here in Milwaukee and promised to come back next year.

Parachute jumping is her forte. She has been in international jumping contests and has taught jumping in the Turkish Air Force. It seems that all their personnel are taught to jump so that when they have to they won't be afraid or hurt themselves when they do. There were ten of us at Mary's house including Madelet and her sister-in-law, a very nice girl from Norway. We had a wonderful time pumping both of them. Madelet brought some booklets and pictures of Turkish scenes and answered our stupid questions very patiently. At one point she drew a free-hand map of Turkey adding the principal cities and bordering countries. Show me an American who can do that."

Well, it seems Madelet was in Milwaukee for two weeks. During that time Deedo (Madam President) Heise took Madelet flying in "Flighty Lady" her faithful Cessna 180 that carries her to so many 99 meetings 'round the country. Florence Toney (our treasurer) took her to a meeting of the Capitol Drive Flying Club. Everyone was most enthusiastic about Madelet and we hope she will return next year as she promised to do.

This chapter has held fly-in meetings all through the year with very good luck on the whole as to weather. Again we were blessed with a good day on March 19 for our fly-in at Janesville where hostess Mary Seymour had arranged for dinner at the airport. Mary fits so perfectly the Spanish expression "Muy Simpatica" meaning both very attractive and full of understanding and kindness. You might have met Mary a dozen places in Wisconsin or seen her scurrying along in her faithful Volkswagon on almost any Wisconsin road for she travels in good weather or bad all year 'round. Her demanding position as accountant for the State Board of Health sends her to hospitals all over Wisconsin where she is now auditing on hospital construction programs for federal aid. One more woman pilot who is also accomplished and efficient in other fields.

### ROCKFORD AREA CHAPTER

**Betty Riddle**

Our numbers these past two meetings have been rather small due to vacations, illness and other reasons.

You may notice that your news reporter at this time is a substitute. Leona Walton is ill and I shall try to fill in for her until she can be with us again. We hope Leona will have a speedy recovery and can be with us next month.

Coffy Gregory and her 49½'er, Howard, are still away. We are hoping they return before our next meeting, as we are eagerly waiting for her version of the Orient, boat trips, and all the rest of the excitement she has surely had.

Gladys Snyder and her husband,

Harry, are at this time in Las Vegas. They flew out for a few days of sun and fun. Let's hope "lady luck" smiles on them and they have a grand time.

May Johnson is very enthusiastic about her studies to be a practical nurse. She is also teaching a ground school class at Machesney Airport, where is she finding all the time?

Virgie Todhunter, our chairman, is helping our Wing Scouts with CAR and reports that they will soon be ready for our next film program. She says they are loads of fun and have sent her back to the books to sharpen up.

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Marian I. Hoffman

Our meeting was held at Jackson on Sunday, March 12, at noon, with brunch or dinner (whichever you prefer) afterwards. It was a beautiful, cold, sunshiny day. First time we have been able to fly to a meeting in a long time.

The guests included two lovely sisters from Jackson—Connie and Suzanne Michner. Connie is 15 and learning to fly. She expects to solo by the time she is 16. Suzanne is 17, has her private license, single and multi-engine ratings and is working on her commercial. She hopes to have that shortly after her 18th birthday. She has 145 hours—60 single engine, 85 multi-engine. Barbara Cradit Stowell, former 99, was also there with her two small children and her husband.

We were looking for Fran Meyers—she and her husband have been on a trip to Oregon (business and pleasure) with their two children for a month. We thought she might be back in time for our meeting.

It was nice to see Dorothy Woodhams again. It's been a long time since she has been able to make it to a meeting as she and her husband have both been sick. Eloise Smith has just returned from her trip to New Orleans. They had tailwinds both ways! However, she nearly got stuck in the snow taxiing at Lambert Field after taking off of bare ground at Austin Lake. The Mardi Gras weather was perfect and, through Leah Higgins' brother, who has assisted on the Mardi Gras balls for 30 years, they were fortunate to attend three of them. She said the costumes were fantastic and splendid—well worth the trip any time. While there, they flew from New Orleans to Gulfport to look at a 180 on floats. The salesman chose a 180 amphibian for the trip and, being a careful pilot, he checked the gear at least six times!

Jackie Markham is just back from the Archway Cookie convention at Grand Bahama Island, March 4-8. She and her husband went via Eastern jet from Chicago to Miami in 2½ hours. She said the weather was hot, the

island beautiful, and she would have liked to stay longer. Margaret Windfuhr is expecting Mrs. G. A. Hessmert and friend, Ilse Krische, to fly by jet from Dusseldorf, Germany to Detroit to visit with her for a month. Margaret and Eric and their guests will go to Florida together.

Loma May was chosen one of Detroit's 10 top working women for '61. Her picture and a brief account of her accomplishments was in all the Detroit Sunday papers.

Marion (Babe) Ruth has been doing some instruction for Bacon Aviation, Abrams Airport, Grand Ledge, Mich., in J-3's and J-5's. She was very pleased to get a chance to fly in a Cessna Skyland. Her little daughter, Kim Carol, 2½, was in the hospital again for a week—acute tonsillitis and measles.

The moving van left Detroit today, March 21, with Alice Hammond's furniture for Pennsylvania. She will go tomorrow. Her new address is 1203 Gilbert Road, Meadowbrook, Pa. (A suburb of North Philadelphia.) Pennsylvania 99's your gain is our loss.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER

Sophia M. Payton

Remember ole "Happy" sounding off for Spring in the last Newsletter . . . Two days after my blast . . . BOOM! Indianapolis and area . . . had the worst snowfall in years, many places — no water, no electricity, cars stranded everywhere — even a few 99's were stranded . . . know one in particular who likes her job so well she works on Saturday, sleeps at the airport (remember her sisters telling her she might as well take a cot out there . . . no she wouldn't listen. Now, we have Rachel Meranda of Muncie who likes to celebrate her birthday, "Snowbound". She was traveling from Milwaukee to Muncie and got snowbound in Milwaukee and had to stay longer than expected. I wonder how the Australian Farmer who the Maggarts will be entertaining the end of March enjoys our weather. Ten Flying Farmers are visiting the U. S. from Australia, 5 of whom will be guests of the Illinois Flying Farmers. They have planned a heavy schedule for them with the Newell Maggarts having a large pitch-in at their home in Lapel.

Being the above is mostly weather and fun, might as well say—what a lousy IFR day for our March Meeting, Muncie, Indiana—birds didn't even like it . . . but our most informative talk and movies by several ROTC instructors at Ball State College, Muncie, Indiana, made up for the weather. Our program was highlighted by Chapter taking in a new member. Helen Graham, Indianapolis, Indiana. Betty Nicholas, membership chairman, presented Helen with a corsage and

descriptive information on the 99's and welcomed her in the 99's.

The ROTC instructors talked on the ROTC program at Ball State College, Muncie, Indiana and their movies showed the different airplanes the U. S. Air Force has and some of their activities.

#### CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

Alice Stoltzner

Three Chicago area Ninety - Nines received trophies at the Annual Achievement Award Dinner Saturday night. "Uncle" Bill Donahue of DuPage County Airport presented first, second and third place awards to June Basile, Louise Kokesh and Eva White. Deedo and husband, Dr. Heise, delighted us with "Flighty Lady" presentation of one Ninety Nines first attempts at flight. Even the exaggerations (poetic license) were reminiscent of our beginning days, Deedo. We enjoyed the lavish decor of the O'Hare Inn motel and restaurant just down the road from O'Hare International Airport.

Eleven members, new in the past year, were formally presented with their 99 pins. Many of these names will sound familiar because these gals are active, but for the record, a formal welcome to Char Boggs, Lorraine Brucher, Virginia Coffeen, Marie Cronin, Jane Dewey, Corrine Hallgren, Mary Haltigan, Dolores Mosher, Tracy Pilurs, Vee Walensky and Dorothy White.



Norman Crabtree, Marv Fecser, and Rosalie Bracht—Meeting of All-Ohio Chapter at Akron Airport.

#### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

Janice R. Kuechenmeister

The March 19th meeting was held at Grimes Field, Urbana, Ohio. Hostess was Virginia Schumacher with as-

sistance from Martha Riber, Margaret Hammon, and Dottie Anderson.

Everyone flew low for the meeting. Weather was bad all over the State, with some areas worse than others. Some of the members arrived on Saturday and this called for a party. It was agreed by those who attended it was quite a ball.

The members who arrived for coffee time had much to catch up on since last time they met. The meeting was a little late in starting, but once started there was a lot of discussion with pending business.

There were two sets of Piper Ear Rings for prizes. Chairman Mary Fecser and prospective Janet Griffin were the recipients.

The chapter is again sponsoring a tuition scholarship for a teacher to attend the Aero Space Workshop this summer at Miami University. Anyone interested should contact the University directly.

Members and guests present were: Clara Thorpe, Beverly Mather, Mary Schofer, Dottie Anderson, Marilyn Collette, Virginia Schumacher, Rosalie Bracht and guest Marge Sanginiti from Akron, Marion Betzler, Frances Francis, Winnie Caughey, Margaret Hammon, Janice Kuechenmeister, Helen and Jim Sammon, Chairman Mary Fecser, Jean Hixson and guest Mary Wood from Akron, prospective Kate Kohler and husband, Blanche and John O'Brien and their guests Janet and Dick Griffin, Margaret Callaway and Autrie Lehr are in Florida.

**NEWS:** Edy and John Maxim have moved into a lovely new home and the new address is 4336 Clague Road, North Olmstead, Ohio . . . Helen Ailes has been sick and is in the hospital. Hope you will be up around very soon, Helen . . . Race contestants for the IAR are Margaret Callaway and Autrie Lehr, Frances Francis and Marion Betzler, Margaret Hammon and Virginia Schumacher . . . Lavina Stolte was crowned Queen of the Ohio Flying Farmers at their mid-winter meeting March 18, 1961. Lavina will represent Ohio at the National Convention in Tucson to be held August 14-18 . . . Marion and Charlie Betzler just returned from five days in Memphis, Tenn., attending the National Convention of the American Association of Rental Operators . . . Blanche and John O'Brien flew to Lexington, Ky., March 16. Blanche's guest Janet Griffin received her private pilot's license in February. Janet flew to Lockhaven, Penn., the same day for delivery of a Piper Colt . . . Beverly Mather while vacationing in Honolulu rented a Cessna 172 from International Airport Honolulu and did an island tour all on her own. Beverly ran into some terrific turbulence and it was

quite an unforgettable experience, since it was Bev's first mountain flying. Beverly will be returning to Hawaii in the fall on a semi-permanent basis . . . A new flying club composed of women has been started at Akron Municipal Airport. Our two guests from Akron, Mary Wood and Marge Sanginiti, are sparking the new organization with a little assistance from the Akron 99's. Good luck in your new venture.



#### ALABAMA CHAPTER

Gertrude C. Luther

Fog and rain kept most members from attending the meeting in Mobile on Sunday, March 5, 1961. Grace Bailey and Estelle Moon flew in IFR from Birmingham and Cora McDonald drove up from Biloxi. Others attending were from Mobile and included Evelyn Brown, Helen Grove, Edith Chiocco, Jean Armstrong, Sybil Thistlewaite, Ellen McRae, Lorraine Neal, and Vivian Cannon, the Flight Plans Reporter — Mobile Press Register. Plans regarding the attending the MUST STOP of the AWTAR in Montgomery were discussed and getting favors for the race pilots from Albright and Wood Drugstores is apparently a good possibility.

It was agreed that we would all have a try at meeting in Mobile again next month and because of Easter, the next meeting will be the second Sunday, April 9, 1961.

Since December, Betty McNaab — Georgia Chapter — and yours truly have hoped to buzz off to Haiti together. Betty has been there twice since that time, but the two of us are hoping to take off on the 23rd of March, and I hope to fill you in on details in the next report. Until then — Happy Easter and happy landings!



#### WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

Mitzi Keller

February 1, Blanche Noyes served as MC at the Zonta's Amelia Earhart Memorial Dinner in Washington. Miss Jacqueline Cochran was the guest speaker. Blanche thoughtfully reserved a special table for 99's and WASPS who attended. Among those on hand were Claire Callaghan, Hazel Dwiggins, Mitzi and Gil Keller, Betty Fisher, Dorothy Mitchell, Nona Quarles, Jean Howard and Lamona Cervenka.

Miss Cochran spoke on the role of women in the space program. She cited the outstanding safety and physical record achieved by the WASPS and predicted women pilots can and will make important contributions as astronauts.

Word from Florida — Frances Symonds was married on January 7 and is now living in Coconut Grove.

Janey Hart is spending three weeks sailing a chartered schooner around the Caribbean. Among her all girl crew is 99'er Bernice Steadman of Michigan.

Laura Zerener is the newly elected Secretary of the Aero Club of Washington. Frances Nolde is the Club's membership chairman.

Welcome back to the 99's — Vera Foster. Vera is directing two Ground Schools in the Washington area — one at County Airport and the other at College Park, Maryland.

Blanche Noyes leaves March 24 for another air-marking flying trip. She'll participate in the Fly-In at Natches, Miss., on to visit the 99's in Corpus Christi and will be speaking to a newly formed group of women pilots — The Ladybirds — in Jackson, Miss.

Incidentally, out of 25,000 eligible women government executives, Blanche was one of 73 nominated for the Federal Women's Award. Only six were selected.

Nona Quarles of FFA's Office of Public Affairs announces the FAA will hold Air-Share meetings around the country. The theme "Air Your Views — Share The Benefits". The Safety Regulations Division of the Bureau of Flight Standards will conduct these meetings, the Operations Division will lead the discussions. The following meetings are already scheduled: April 11 — Santa Monica Hotel, Santa Monica, Cal.; April 19 — Hotel St. Nicholas, Springfield, Illinois; April 27, Hotel Shelbourne, Atlantic City, New Jersey; May 2, Hotel Heidelberg, Jackson, Mississippi. Nona suggests that 99 chapters, if not already notified of these meetings, get in touch with their Regional FAA offices and have representation at these meetings.

On March 31, 1961, the Washington Chapter has been invited by Captain Richard A. Collins, Jr., Chief Simulator Training, Capital Airlines, to see and fly the Viscount Simulator. Prior to the "flight", members will meet for an informal "dutch treat" dinner at the National Airport Dining Room.

The Middle Eastern Sectional meeting will be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Saturday, April 15 or 22. Definite time and place will be announced shortly.

Welcome to new member Mary S. "Tig" Pennock. "Tig" is an instruc-

tor at Byrd Field, in Richmond, Virginia.

Frances Nolde was re-elected Vice President of the FAI Air Touring Commission at the annual meeting in Paris in February — Congratulations, Fran.

Marilyn Link was in town this month — serving as Chairman of the annual meeting of the National Aviation Education Council. And Jerrie Cobb stopped by in between flights to South America to attend the Rockets & Missiles meeting.

Connie Luehman, as Program Chairperson of the Air Force Officers Wives Club has invited Jerrie Cobb to be the guest speaker at the May 11th luncheon-meeting at the Bolling Officers Club. The 99's will be invited to attend.

Connie is just back from deep sea fishing at Key Largo — where she was awarded a citation for catching the most fish — 40 in 3 hours!

#### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

**Kate Macario**

Saturday, March 18th and North Phila. Airport were the date and place of the March meeting. Clear skies brought Nancy Diemand's 175 from Warrington Airport (Nancy was so happy to be flying again after weeks of inactivity), Joyce Roggio, welcoming the chance to use their Debonair, with Marie D'Alteria, Kate Macario and Dorothy Miller as her passengers. Marion Sheronas, who likes to be called "Sparks", flying in from Wings Field in a 172, and Selma Cronan, flying her 172 from Teterboro, N. J. with Marjorie Gray as co-pilot. The others who attended, via auto, were Jean Rutledge, whom we all welcomed after so many months absence, Louise Sacchi, Peggy Borek, Elsie McBride and her Mother, Irene Wirtschafter (proudly wearing her newly-acquired 99 pin) and Anne Shields.

Since the N. Y. - N. J. Section is in charge of the Terminus, Selma and Marjorie brought us up to date on the latest developments at Atlantic City, the site of the Terminus. It sounds different and exciting. Quite a few from our chapter expect to race in the Derby this summer: Nancy Diemand and her daughter, Debbie, are already set with airplane, sponsor, etc.; Elsie McBride, flying her first race as pilot with Arlene Feldman as co-pilot; another pair who will be first-timers in the race are Joyce Roggio with Marie D'Alteria as co-pilot. Irene Wirtschafter is available as co-pilot in a Tri-Pacer if she can team up with a pilot.

During the meeting we discussed 99 affiliation with the N.A.A. Since Elsie is on the Committee to investigate this

matter, our Chapter has already acquired a good deal of information on it. Anne Shields briefed us on her experiences with the Wing Scouts and explained how we could work with a Wing Scout group. At least six of our members are willing to become associated with groups in their particular area.



**Jeanne Spielberg**

We had a wonderful turn-out for our March business meeting at Ferdi's Restaurant opposite the United Nations Building. We discussed many interesting and important things, some pertinent to the Air Race Terminus in Atlantic City in July. Just think how exciting it will be to have a Water Line Finish just opposite the Ritz-Carlton Hotel! You will be able to watch the winners from the boardwalk or in your bathing suit floating on your back in the Atlantic Ocean.

We received a wonderful letter of thanks from Elmo Neal Pickerill, the pioneer flyer, for the Amelia Earhart medal he received from this chapter at a dinner given in his honor on February 25th to which the 99s were invited. At the same time Mrs. Pickerill, who is also her husband's Girl Friday, received a scroll (executed by Marion Lopez) which left her deeply touched and speechless.

Kay Brick, Marion Lopez and Barbara Evans received Amelia Earhart medals from Deedo Heise for their outstanding job on our book "Thirty Sky Blue Years." At a printers contest in which 2500 entered, of which 850 pieces were hung, our "Thirty Sky Blue Years" won the top award in its class. Our printer is presenting his award to us. We are mighty proud of our girls.

We have heard from Capt. Kyung O. Kim who is now home in her native Korea. She is planning to return to us very soon and wishes us to know that she would love to be a co-pilot with one of our girls who is flying in the TAR. If you are looking for a good co-pilot and one who is a Captain in the Korean Air Force, get in touch with Selma Cronan of this chapter and she will contact Kim.

Tid-bits: Julia Von Saal flew a tri-pacer over Aruba, N. A. on February 26th. Mina Elschner flew a private plane into the British West Indies and Dutch West Indies during a three week visit to St. Croix, V. I. Chris Winzer, her husband Ted, and the two children spent the month of January in Austria, skiing at Kitzbuhel and

Zellam See. Chris Winzer has become the first and only distaff member of the twenty year old "Flying 20" Club of Danbury, Conn. Chris enjoys flying outings with her 49½'er Ted, an airline pilot and their children. She is also using the Club's Piper Tri-Pacer for instrument instruction and is well along her commercial rating. We were happy to have our two new members Sally Biegeleisen and Judith Moran with us at our meeting. Dottie Gable sells Argyle Scooter Cubs (only 49 lbs.) They are collapsible for use in your plane. Dot Julich has to go on a diet since she has installed so much equipment in her little Mooney. Peggy Norris's daughter Anne will hear those Wedding Bells on June 24th. We may be having a weekend flying jaunt to Montauk Point on May 20th. Keep that in mind. The plans are great. For the last I am saving a little item that has made all of us happy. Irene Keith, our ex-Governor, has announced her engagement to Pierre de Remer, also a pilot and instructor at Flight Safety Inc. Irene has not set the date as yet.



**Eleanor B. Horn**

The March meeting at Logan Airport was a big success due to our guest speaker, Rev. Robert Bryan, chaplain at Choate School, Wallingford, Conn., who showed a collection of movies of the early days of flying; including Lindberg's flight to Paris. Then going modern, he presented films covering the summer of 1960 which he spent with his family in Labrador in connection with missionary work. His float equipped Cessna 180 was flown to remote areas where planes had never been seen before. His latest adventure was a '61 flight back to Labrador on skis which we may have an opportunity to see at a later date. Ninety-Nines who missed the March meeting lost out on an interesting evening.

Members at the meeting included Sara Haydon and guest, Mrs. Beverly Larter, Alma Gallagher and guest, Mary Sara King, Boston Globe. Chris Seaver, Isobel Blodgett and guest, Gladys Sakowick, Charlotte Kelly, Eleanor Horn, Lois Dobbin, Barbara Kiernan and guest, Fran Porter, Jerry Gardiner, Ora Stevens, Rae Tober and Sue Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Walden Clark, guests Marguerite Butler, Eldora Burrill, Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Blanchard, Merwin Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nielson, Millie Doremus and Mary Lowry.

An air cruise for light planes is

scheduled early this year from the Laconia airport to Quebec and Murray Bay. More information on this later. Your reporter having just recently returned from a week in Quebec, recommends that we all get together and make this cruise. Quebec has a lot to offer and flying into Canada is not at all complicated.

Taunton Airport,  
Taunton, Mass.

New England Air Race Fly-in Friday, May 19, Inspection and Registration.

New England Chowder Party at Airport.

Air Force Association Reception Friday evening for contestants (free).

#### Saturday 20th

Pre-flight briefing breakfast, flight plans, top tanks take off.

Lunch Mauntau L. I. N. Y. Return via stops to Taunton.

Champagne reception Awards Banquet—Cotillion Room with roast beef dinner—dancing.

#### Sunday, May 21st

Continental breakfast and brunch at the field, take off for home base.

Contact Ora Stevens for further information on the race.

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