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President's Column

We dedicate this issue of the News Letter to our Headquarters group, Elizabeth Sewell, Chairman, Mary Lester, News Letter Editor, Rita Eaves, and Carol Craig, Headquarters Secretary. I arrived in Oklahoma City September 18 from High Point, N. C., some 1068 miles, six hours, 30 minutes via Atlanta around weather, flying alone in that red and white Bonanza. Deedo, bless her, met me at Headquarters with a very large package of past minutes, files, and—"stuff," Deedo's favorite by-word. I had thought I knew just what went on at Headquarters. Now, I find I really had no conception. Approximately half the membership was renewed and processed prior to the first of Sept., thirty days ahead of the deadline. We greatly appreciate the early and prompt renewals. Next month the work on the 1961-62 Roster begins. Imagine proof-reading every name, address and telephone number. And the News Letter must meet a deadline every month. Hats off to Headquarters!

Wish all of you could visit Headquarters, see the Amelia Earhart mementos and the lovely Korean scroll presented by Kyung O. Kim. The library now contains several books authored by 99's, "A Sky of My Own," Molly Bernheim; "Wings for Life," Ruth Nichols; and "Sabres Over Brandywine," Lindy Boyes. It would be nice to add to our library. Has anyone a copy of "High, Wide and Frightened" by Louise Thaden to contribute?

Today, September 20, as I write the weather is IFR in Oklahoma City, but clearing. Hope to wing my way east tomorrow and attend a joint meeting of the Alabama and Georgia Chapters.

Keep flying,
Louise Smith
President



HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE—Elizabeth V. Sewell, chairman; Mary Lester, News Letter Editor; Rita Eaves.

Attention All Governors! Please Read Carefully

May we call to your notice that the time is here for you to appoint your SECTION SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN, to whom all Chapters in your Section will be sending in their Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship applications in the next two months or so.

When you have made your appointment, will you please advise the Chairman of each Chapter in your Section the name and address of the girl whom you have appointed, so that they will have no difficulty in properly dispatching their applications when the time comes.

This appointment should be made, and the Chapter Chairman so advised.
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DEADLINE FOR NEWS
The 25th Of Each Month

PR Hints

Are you sending your meeting notices to your local newspapers?

Let's start the new 99 year right with the resolution to educate the public about the 99's—through publicity. This is every chapter's responsibility. The very minimum effort to be spent for this purpose is the mailing of meeting notices to the press.

Be sure that your notice includes: Who is in charge and her phone number, where the meeting will be held, what the program is, and when the meeting will be held—date and hour.

Remember the Questionnaires sent from headquarters to all members two years ago? Many of these were never returned by members . . . and they are needed for tabulating statistics to a reasonable degree of accuracy.

If you "never saw the Questionnaire" or have misplaced it, please, PLEASE, individually, or by chapter, write to Carol Craig at International Headquarters and request the form. Fill it in and send it back by return mail! We need the information.

For those members who did complete the Questionnaire—if there is any significant change in information . . . additional ratings, scholastic degrees, honor fraternities/sororities, job change, joined other organizations, flight experience that was "different" . . . please, simply list and forward to headquarters.

Lindy Boyes,
PR Chairman

We Present



From Brussels, Belgium
JACQUELINE COUSIN

You will find here what was asked for, my flying story. I wrote it in French a long time ago, but it has taken me even more time and hard work to translate it in English!

I took my first flying lessons at Elisabethville (ex-Belgian Congo), in 1947 in a Piper Cub, on my uncle's suggestion. Afterwards, I continued my training in Belgium in an Auster-Arrow and obtained by Private Pilot license in 1948. At that time my uncle promised me an aircraft if I succeeded in obtaining a Commercial Pilot License. It is useless to describe the heart with which I studied and trained.

During that training time I flew Piper Cubs, Auster-Arrows, Fairchild's and for aerobatics, Tiger Moths.

In 1949 I obtained my Commercial Pilot License and like it was promised, I received a plane; my Stinson Voyager in which I still fly and it is always a very good machine.

With my Stinson I began to make "Taxi flight" during the summer, and some pleasure trips during the winter season. For these last flights my father used to be my passenger and the longest trips never frightened him. At more than seventy he adapted himself quite well to long sport flight.

We started with a trip all around Mediterranean: Spain, Balears Islands, Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, Egypt, Lebanon, Turkey, Cyprus, Rhodes, Crete, Greece, Corsica, Sardinia and Italy.

In 1951 we flew from Brussels to Capetown through Sahara—that was a bit difficult because of the short range of the Stinson (less than 1,000 km.) and lack of radio aids. On our way we paid a visit to my uncle in Belgian-

Congo, and on the way back we visited the Canary Islands.

In 1952 we visited India completely, Ceylon included. In 1953 we flew to Malaya and Indonesia, as far as Bali Island.

In 1954, my uncle and my father gave me my Bonanza, the Stinson becoming a spare plane that I use principally for the photo by air; dropping and landing on very short or bad airfields.

In 1955 we flew all around Africa: Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Zanzibar, Diamond Coast, Liberia, etc.

These last years, having had the great sorrow of losing my father, I kept flying every winter to Belgian Congo to spend a few weeks with my uncle. During the summer, of course, I go on with my taxi-flights.

Just now I have 2,700 hours flying in about 10 different aircraft — having landed on 320 different aerodromes of about 50 different countries.

Coming Events

October 7

Michigan SMALL Race
Jackson, Mich.

October 22

(Rain Date Oct. 29)
Fair-lady Annual Indiana Race
(FAIR)
North Vernon, Ind.

October 28

Dallas Doll Derby
Dallas, Texas

This is an English translation of my Korean report on the 1961 Convention of our 99's, to the Flying Association of Korea. It was published in every Korean newspaper.

Kyung O. Kim

The International Ninety-Nines

(A translation from Korean)

The Annual Convention of the International Ninety-Nines, the organization of Women Pilots, was held in San Diego, California from July 1st to 8th, 1961. One of the highlights of this year's convention was the fact that members from many countries attended it. The main topics of discussion were, the future prospects of women's aviation in the world, and international friendship through women flyers.

Today there is a good deal of culture exchange internationally being carried on through the friendship among women pilots in many lands. This was manifest during the 1961

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meetings of the 99's both in San Diego, California and Atlantic City, New Jersey. I am hopeful that Korea too will produce many women flyers and contribute to this gratifying international understanding.

On July 8th the formal meetings were ended in San Diego. On the 9th, the trans-continental air race among the members of the 99's began as an important feature of the annual convention. Two hundred and fourteen members entered the San Diego to Atlantic City race. The youngest contestant was 20 years of age, and the oldest 71. Among these are many with records of over 5,000 flying hours, fourteen of them with more than 10,000 hours.

In our country, the field of activity for women has been thus far much restricted and secluded. In America, it is common to see women pilots giving flying lessons to men. One of the participants in this year's 99's race was Miss Gracia Sartori who represented Italy. She has 850 hours of solo record, and has visited many countries in North, Central and South America. She and I promised to visit each other's countries in the future. She is a native of Rome.

The oldest contestant this year was Mrs. Nina Stokes who is 71. She has been a teacher in California, and her husband, who also flies, is a lawyer. They have ten grandchildren. Mrs. Stokes flies every day into the sunny California skies and she attributes her longevity and excellent health to the clean fresh air of the Pacific. We also had a mother and daughter team in the air race this year. Mrs. Nancy Diamond, the mother, has 935 hours of solo flying.

This flying contest among women from many parts of the world has not only aroused the interest of the citizens of Atlantic City with the roars of their airplane engines, but it also aroused the city's excitement with their exhibition of skill and daring in the sky.

Plane after plane, arriving from the West Coast, swept the upper air of the Atlantic Ocean before they were maneuvered to 45 degree slantings as they approached the landing field ashore. It was a beautiful sight of feminine courage never to be forgotten.

As a Korean, I am proud to report that in the International 99's Air Race of 1962, I shall have the pleasure to participate. After attending this year's gathering of the 99's I am convinced that one of the best ways for the Korean women to take an active part in the forward march of women on the world stage would be through aviation.

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AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, so that the Scholarship Chairman can appoint her committee and be ready for action as soon as the applications arrive. Deadline for acceptance of applications by Section Scholarship Chairmen is JANUARY 15th, 1962, and the deadline date for Section Scholarship Chairmen to get their selections in to the Scholarship Trustees' Chairman, Marjorie Fauth, is FEBRUARY 15, 1962. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Board of Trustees
Amelia Earhart
Memorial Scholarship



SHREVEPORT CHAPTER

By Helen Hewitt

Now that fall with its beautiful flying weather is here our chapter is anxious to buckle down to business (no pun intended). We are planning a "coffee break" fly-in at Longview on the 27th and also hope to attend the fabulous fly-in at Tanglewood on the Lake and visit with the Dallas Chapter.

Our September meeting was held in the home of Hazel Nealey with the following new officers presiding: Dottie Ports, chairman; Dot Wilson, vice chairman; Helen Hewitt, secretary-treasurer. Hazel Nealey is our membership chairman this year. Dot Wilson is in charge of the program and yours truly is News Letter reporter.

Dottie Ports picked a perfect weekend for her trip to Tulsa—CAVU all the way up and back and she reports a wonderful time at the convention.

By this time Dorothy King is established in Ipswich, England where her 49½er, Capt. Clark King, is based. We really miss her and hope it won't be too long before she's back with us.

Our chapter extends best wishes to Betty Lyons who recently became Mrs. Bill McKeever. We are happy to report that Betty is now navigating around again after a serious automobile accident.

Our big news is that we have two new members of whom we are justly proud — Joan Carroll and Barbara Welsh and as soon as her permanent license arrives, Martha Christy will join our ranks.

Several of us are tentatively planning to enter the Doll Derby originating in Dallas and will look forward to seeing many of you all there.

EL PASO CHAPTER

By Eunice Dickey

Ruth Deerman, Mary Fran Seidl and Alice Cottingim are planning to attend the sectional meeting in Denver this weekend. Know they'll have an enjoyable time and wish all of us could go.

A hearty welcome to two new members to our chapter. They are Neva Peters and Alice Cottingim. Understand they're both former 99's and Neva helped organize the El Paso Chapter.

Well, we certainly had a funful swim party (though only a few ventured into the pool) at the home of our chairman, Lydie Weaver, and 49½er Campbell. Billie and Murray Callaghan were co-hosts and the dozen or

Pilots' Briefing

To News Letter Reporters

Send to Headquarters by the 25th of each month. Head each report as to Section, Chapter and reporter.

MUST be typed.

MUST be double spaced.

MUST be on regular size paper.

No News Letter

In November

Transfer Of Membership

"A member who has changed her residence shall complete a form letter, 'Transfer of Membership,' send the original to International Headquarters and copies to the chapter from which she is transferring and to the new chapter to which she is transferring."

Blanks available from Headquarters.

To All Chapters

Select your candidate for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award now. The application must be forwarded to the Section Scholarship Chairman and be in her hands prior to the deadline January 15th.

In the July-August issue of the News Letter, we advised that letterhead stationery and envelopes could be purchased at cost from Headquarters and have chapter name printed on the letterheads. To date, details as to cost, etc. have not been completed so that stationery and envelopes will not be available until further notice is published, either in the News Letter or in the Articles for Sale section of the new Roster for 1961-62.

so couples who attended had a marvelous time.

Congratulations to Dorothy Blackham who has a new baby girl named Mary Beth. We're looking forward to seeing Dorothy at meetings soon.

Jean Kemp and husband, Maury, flew to Denver in July and then drove to Grand Lake. They have just come back from Colorado Springs for the dealer showing of the '62 Ford.

Lois Hailey and son, Andy, flew commercial airlines to Reno for their vacation this summer. Lois says they flew through some lovely thunderstorms she would have been watching from the hangar, had she been in a smaller plane.

Ruby Tatman and 49½er, Dick, are on a flying trip to Las Vegas and will then go on to San Francisco.

Betty Rouck and husband, Buddy, have recently returned from a trip to New York in their Bonanza. Betty will be joining our group pretty soon.

Priscilla Duncan and her 49½er had a wonderful Labor Day holiday. They really made the rounds flying from Silver City to Gold Beach, Oregon; Palm Springs, Calif., San Francisco, Catalina and then back home and all in four and a half days.

Catherine and Guyler Magruder spent their Labor Day holiday in Las Vegas. We call them our "Vegas Kids." Catherine said the visibility coming back was the best she had ever seen.

Mary Fran Seidl has recently been appointed our membership chairman for the year. We know she'll do a good job for us.

We were very sorry to hear Louella Gilderbloom has changed her membership to the Iowa Chapter. Our loss, their gain.

Juanita Burdick and 49½er, Tex, spent last week in Colorado and had a wonderful time. They're getting very excited about going hunting the third week in October. Tex has gotten his hunting validation for hunter's choice in elk. Juanita says she'll be getting her little deer, she hopes! Happy hunting!

Brookie Bozarth checked out this week in a 172. Says this is the first time she's been flying this year, or at least since early in the year.

That's all for this month. Happy flying to you all.

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

By Betty Burritt

The monthly meeting was held Sept. 19 at the home of Velma Wood. 99's present were Velma Wood, Mary Morgan, Randa Sutherland, Betty Burritt, Marie Grossetete, Shirley Kay, and Shirley's guest, student pilot Lillie Sandoval. Main item on the agenda was the election of officers. The new crew for next year includes: Chairman, Shirley Kay; secretary, Marie Grossetete; treasurer, Randa Suther-

land; News Letter reporter, Betty Burritt; membership, Mary Morgan; and scrapbook, Velma Wood.

Several members have been getting used to new planes this summer. Marie and husband, Nugget, are now flying a Comanche, Shirley and John Kay have traded their Tri-Pacer for a Bonanza and are having fun getting checked out. Yours truly and husband, Roland, traded their Bonanza for an Apache, gave it a trial run to Santa Paula, Calif., to visit my family and were well pleased. I'm now working on my multi-engine rating.

After our meeting Randa and John Sutherland showed movies of their Comanche trip to Alaska this summer and the pictures were really beautiful. Also included some "good" pictures of "bad" weather up there. Their description of their trip was very interesting and they gave many good pointers for anyone planning to fly in that area.

We are looking forward to our next meeting at Marie's as it is to be a Hallowe'en costume party and no telling what we'll see there!

ABILENE CHAPTER

By Peggy Hawes

Our first meeting, other than a

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called short meeting about preparation for TWAR in July, found us with a back-log of business. First on the agenda was election of officers. Elected were: Maxine Elam, chairman; Jo Ann Hammil, vice chairman; Peggy Hawes, secretary-treasurer; Gloria Puckett, News Letter; Patty Taliaferro, membership chairman. Second was a decision to airmark in October—with those not airmarking cleaning those darn brushes.

Our chapter was recently approached to speak before Abilene Classroom Teachers at Abilene Christian College. Marilyn Schultz and Gloria Puckett rose to the occasion beautifully and lectured on "Women in Aviation." Being so darn good at the job they have been asked to give talks before fourth, fifth and sixth grade school children this year. Marvelous opportunity here since they are asking for information in booklet form for their school libraries and we are suggesting our "Thirty Sky Blue Years."

We lost a marvelous instructor, Jeep Price, in an aviation accident in August. He was never too busy to answer our questions and it is somewhat hard to express the ways he will be missed, for his personality pulled

many of us on to solo and beyond the call of imagined fears.

Mary Beth Crutchfield and 49½er are the proud owners of a twin engine; as of this writing I don't know the make but know they will enjoy their future airtime.

This column will hereafter be written by a pert and vital person, Gloria Puckett. We are changing jobs and 49½er fears for our treasury (don't all husbands tremble with our \$ mark work?). I know you will enjoy her column for she does a good job with everything she tackles.

TIP-OF-TEXAS CHAPTER

By Merle Dunnam

Our chapter was supposed to have a luncheon meeting at the local International Air Port but was postponed due to Hurricane Carla.

The Glasston Flying Service has moved from Cuddihy Field to the new Corpus Christi International Air Port.

Louise and Francis Clarkson's in-board cabin cruiser was practically destroyed when it broke its moorings during Hurricane Carla.

Patti (Bird) Kennely is teaching school for three two-week intervals in the Dallas and Ft. Worth schools as part of her senior year course at North Texas State Teachers College.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

By Cornelia Davis

On September 10 we held our first meeting since June. Our luncheon meeting was held in the Golden Derrick and the following officers were elected: Marian Burke, chairman; Betsy Hogan, secretary-treasurer; Janice Allison, membership chairman; and Cornelia Davis, News Letter reporter. It was decided that in an effort to increase attendance at our meetings we would try holding our meetings during the week and have evening meetings. Heretofore, we have always had a luncheon meeting on Sundays so we are going to try these night meetings during the week and see if they will be more convenient for the girls.

We also will either show a current film on flying or have a talk on some phase of flying. Marian Burke has generously offered to bring informative information on aviation topics.

Let's have a good turn-out for our first "new type" meeting.

DALLAS CHAPTER

We held a dinner meeting at Southwest Airmotive, and decided our officers of the past year had done such a wonderful job they should hold office for another year. So it remains: Jerry Sloan, chairman; Hazel Corry, vice chairman; Joan Huckleba, secretary; Dorothy Colbath, treasurer; Pat Jetton, membership.

Martha Anne Reading made a rush trip in August to Little Rock, Albuquerque, Tucson and San Francisco to visit Air Force Reserve people and

discuss the Civil Air Patrol's participation in the Air Reserve recovery program.

Jo Allison has moved to the country to raise sheep, but if she can get a "sheep sitter" she'll be at the South Central Sectional in Denver.

Lucille and Temple Hoffer took their two boys and flew to Aspen, Colo., for a delightful vacation. They said mountain flying was a different and exciting experience. She called me when she went through Colorado Springs where I was visiting my Air Force brother.

Dorothy and Chuck Warren spent a few days living it up in New Orleans and are now looking forward to a much planned trip to Mexico City.

Romana Upfield has a prospective 99'er, a brand new baby girl.

Doris Weller has her ground instructor's rating in meteorology. She, Rowena Burns and Marge Barr are flying to Okmulgee the 23rd to talk about the Doll Derby.

Speaking of the Doll Derby, don't forget to get those entrance applications in to Marge Barr before Oct. 14.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

The Oklahoma Chapter met at noon at George's Restaurant on the field at Chickasha, Sunday, Oct. 1. With the weatherman's cooperation, the attendance was excellent—Arlene Walkup, Jean Williams and Gene Nora Stumbaugh flew in from Stillwater in Jean's Tri-Pacer. Shirley Waddell, one of our brand new members, brought a non-flying guest from Woodward in her Tri-Pacer. Another new member, Jane Abbott, came directly from Michigan, where she and her 49½'er, Roger, had spent the weekend. We hope her pretty blue and white "Comanche Jane" will be a familiar sight at all of our meetings. Velma Woodward, in her faithful 170, accompanied by Suzette (French poodle) also flew in from nearby Oklahoma City.

Others present were Fern Yount and Marie Ketcham from Duncan, Nema Masonhall, Minco; Beth Smith, Dorothy Morgan, Marie Hall, Mary Lester and Susie Sewell, Oklahoma City; and Emily Frost, Norman.

Nema Masonhall, chairman, presided at the meeting held after lunch. Jean Williams, South Central Section's new vice chairman, reported on the Fall Sectional held in Denver in September. Weather kept the attendance at that meeting to a minimum, but didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the group—much business was done and lots of fun had by everyone.

Catching up on the news, we discovered that Gene Nora is now teaching flying at the university in Stillwater and Wally Funk has arrived in California to teach in that area. Arlene Walkup is getting some twin engine time in an Apache and will

fly the Dallas Doll Derby in a 172 with Gene Nora, Rita Eaves and 49½'er, Leonard, keep busy flying to EAA meetings in their beautiful little plane, and Broneta Evans is constantly traveling with Clyde on business. Mary Lester and 49½'er, Dr. Fay, flew their 172 to Las Vegas for a few days vacation—the gals do take to the airways at every opportunity!

The November meeting will be at Blackwell, where Veda Mauk will be our hostess.



SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER By June Devine

El Macero Country Club was the site of Sacramento Valley's September meeting . . . a fly-in luncheon. Our members were eager to try the club's newly dedicated turf strip and the five who braved the stormy weather agreed it was a delight to land upon.

Carol Hammond, prospective member, landed first in her Cessna 175. Following promptly were Elaine Lancaster and Edith Brewer in Elaine's plane. Helen Mace and Ruth Lummis arrived next in Helen's experimental



Left to right: June Devine, Gerry Mickelsen, chairman, Ruth Lummis and Helen Mace in Helen Mace's Flutterbug.

Flutterbug in which she had won honors earlier at the Livermore Air Show. Carol Bloom and Janet Meyer, her passenger, flew in from Buchanan Field where they had had to take off on instruments.

Gerry Mickelsen, our new chair-

man, and your reporter awaited the fliers to transport them to the club house nearby. We feared everyone would drive on account of the bad weather but were proud and happy to see them fly in, partly because we'd collared a newspaper photographer for some much needed publicity.

All planes made beautiful landings in the strong cross wind. The Flutterbug was such a sensation that it was selected for the publicity picture. What a PET—every home should have one (at least one!).

Ruth Wagner and I went to the meeting "caterpillar style" (complete with sad faces) since our husbands had flown off in "our" planes to a squadron fishing trip.

Gerry welcomed Cleo Merrill, our newest 99, a pretty blond bundle of enthusiasm. Our prospects for "new blood" are good—guests Trish Marks, Beryl Eissinger and Joyce Evans are getting near certification.

Clair Raley, our new membership chairman, has plans to visit Phoenix Field this coming week to meet the girls there who are newly licensed or near to it. We should reach a substantial number during the coming months for Clair is a go-getter.

Adios! We're off to the sectional at Torrance.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER By June O'Donnell

Myrtle Wright flew Pat Stouffer, Anita Connelly and Bette Smith (our little sister) to the Torrance Sectional. From all reports they had a marvelous time and one the rest of us were sorry to miss. We were mighty pleased about Pat Stouffer being elected treasurer for the Southwest Section. She is the greatest and know she will take great pride in carrying out her duties to everyone's satisfaction. We were also pleased to have won the attendance record. Next year we will even do better.

Our chapter had a dinner meeting at the Napa County Airport for the election of new officers, as follows: Chairman, June O'Donnell; vice chairman, Pat Stouffer; secretary, Anita Connelly; treasurer, Gladys Haney; News Letter, Myrtle Wright; and membership, Fran DeHaan.

A very special news item is the addition of Nancy to our chapter. Nancy is the one month old daughter of Gladys and Clarence Haney. She is a doll and worth giving up flying for temporarily. Glad to have you both back attending the meetings.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER By Billie Wyatt

A luncheon meeting on September 11, in the home of Margaret Andrews on River Road, marked the resumption of meetings following a lapse of three months. An election of officers was held. Officers for the coming year are Dorothy Koebel, chairman;

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Loucel Freeman, vice chairman; Pauline Christenson, secretary-treasurer; Margaret Andrews, membership; Billie Wyatt, News Letter.

It was voted to hold chapter meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 12 o'clock noon. Members present were Laura May Crawford, Loucel Freeman, Ev Hendley, Dorothy Koebel, Jerrie Watkins, Elva Victorino, Billie Wyatt and Margaret Andrews. Everybody present reported a busy summer with considerable flying being done.

Laura May made a nine day flight to Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska and a week long flight to lower California in her Bonanza. Dorothy Koebel spent two weeks flying in Old Mexico and another flight to Ohio and Missouri in the Navion. Margaret kept the 182 busy going back and forth to Visalia to see the grandchildren.

Elva Bonanzaed to Santa Monica for an Optimist meeting. Ev and Walt flew the Stinson over to Cayucas and landed in a pasture then walked down to the beach and skin dived for abalone in the ocean. Ev reports the fishing is legal without tanks.

Jerrie plans to fly her Tri-Pacer to Oregon and Washington and to McCall, Idaho, for some fishing at Payette Lakes. Loucel flew the Stinson over to Nevada several times to see Fran, otherwise most of her flying has been by car. Yours truly has been busy running a garage while 49½er has been having a series of operations, the latest being over Labor Day weekend. We still have hopes of purchasing another plane.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Dru Benefiel

After finishing the annual report for the fall sectional, it seems like it might be fun to read other reports here—to find out what chapters have done during the past year. Who knows, we might be able to "swipe" or swap some ideas!

We were so pleased to have so many visitors at our September meeting—Geri Hill and her fellow teacher at South High (Torrance), Jo McBride; Irene Leverton (SFV with a new, Shining ATR) and her students, Ruth DeBardos and Dorothy Sindon; and Joyce Draper's friend, Ruth Swift. Hope they will join us at the October meeting to hear the advice of the ATC representative, Paul Allison.

Our members have been vacationing here and there during these summer days: Rebecca Held just had to make the best take-off ever from Santa Ynez with all those "airport eyes" watching. She reports Santa Ynez is long on hospitality but a bit short on facilities. Rebecca also tells us that Pismo Beach is a great place—for fly-ins and clamming. Katee Moskow (Katee Braithwaite) is never

on the ground these days. Her life is a "round" of Apaching to Seattle, Las Vegas, San Diego or just anywhere her husband's business demands. With all this, she can't settle down long enough to schedule that MEL ride with the FAA. Hurry up, we need a new MEL in the chapter! Sally Broyles who has been instructing and teaching ground school at Center Aviation during the summer vacation, traveled northward in late August to pick up the school's new Stearman. Dorothy Beachler has been collecting states this summer—Illinois, Ohio, New York, Washington and those between. Joyce Draper, the envy of us all, has been traveling in Canada and Alaska—even attending the aviation workshop in Anchorage—lucky one! Poor Rachel Bonzon, who loves to fly, has been grounded by a major which seems to have taken the best part of the summer.

A new rating has been acquired: yours truly, Dru Benefiel, a nervous wreck after demonstrating her techniques for FAA, is now a ground school instructor in meteorology. I'm hoping that more ground school ratings will be added!

Our chairman, May Ann (Craig) Kaslow, had a wonderful time at the

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aviation workshop at Long Beach College where she was the speaker on "Flying as a Hobby." Here she joined other 99's—Irene Leverton and Shirley Robinson—in sharing the joy of flying with those who are not acquainted with its pleasures.

Now, we're looking forward to meeting old friends and renewing old acquaintances at the Fall Sectional hosted by the Long Beach Chapter in Torrance. More—more in December.

EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER

By Isabelle McCrae

Approximately 65 people, comprised of 99 members, 49½ers and guests attended the patio dinner-dance held at the home of Walt and Aileen Saunders Saturday night, Sept. 16. This was a joint social affair between the members of the San Diego Chapter and the newly-formed El Cajon Valley Chapter.

Newly elected officers of each chapter were introduced respectively—and the chairmen of the social events of the 1961 International Convention and pre-race activities were honored—as well as husbands and friends who gave much of their time and effort in planning and carrying out the events.

Most of the chapter members have returned from vacation trips and are back in the groove—ready for a new year.

Dottie Sanders and 49½er, Bob, flew to Jackson Hole, Wyo., and other points of interest late in July. Boe Christiansen and Chris had a flying vacation. Doris Ritchie and family made a low flying trip to her old home in Kansas after two attempts (first time one of her children became quite ill and the trip was postponed). Ern Stanley has been on an extended vacation. And of course, Lucky Mac Huntington and Aileen Saunders and Barbara Tucker spent their vacations in Atlantic City.

Tentative plans have been made to form an auxiliary organization, to be called the "Road Runners," for women interested in flying who do not have pilot's licenses. Wives of men will be welcome in the group.

The chapter received its charter at the Fall Sectional meeting at Torrance, Calif., Sept. 23-24. Members attending were Dottie Sanders, Boe Christiansen and Barbara Hill, also Harriett Allen. They autoed in and spent all day Saturday and Saturday evening. Barbara Hill is a new member of our group.

Happy landings until next month!

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Claire Walters

The September meeting was held in the lovely home of Eleanor Weems, Long Beach, where last minute details of the Fall Sectional were worked out.

All chapters were represented as 115 99's registered at headquarters in the Jump 'n Jack. Twenty-five airplanes landed at Torrance Airport as heavy clouds moved away giving us a bright, sunny weekend for a change.

A dinner party was held at the Palos Verdes County Club Friday night for the early arrivals. The TAR dominated the chatter. What else? Saturday was concerned with a luncheon, the meeting, and side trips around the local area. On Saturday evening, 99's and 49½ers attended the luau, and I might add, had a very good time. Dr. Robert Donaldson, medical officer on the X-15, and other North American Aviation projects, spoke on the problems involved in high altitude flight. An interesting film on the X-15 was also shown.

Judy Wagner and Wanda Jacket were in charge of arrangements for the sectional, and did a tremendous job. In fact, all the guys and gals did a good job.

New officers were elected, and we consider ourselves very fortunate, indeed, to have the new governor, Geri Hill (transferee from the Bay area) a member of our chapter.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER**By Jean Kaye Tinsley**

One of the most interesting meetings of the year was held last Friday at the lovely Los Altos home of Anne Rambo, who had recently returned from a trip to 44 countries. Anne is one of Bay Cities more famous members . . . and if you read "Who's Who in American Women" you'll see why Ann showed us slides of her trip and gave the most fascinating commentary, after which we were all served delicious sandwiches and goodies. In Turkey, Ann met and flew with two 99's. Edibe Kutucuoglu is director of training at the military airport in Ankara. She also met Sabida Gokcen there.

Mary Messersmith received her commercial September 9 and leaves for Mexico in a week where she will 182 and Comanche around until March of 1962. There may just be a sudden influx of 99's to Puerto Villarte.

Juanda Bigelow flew in the Silver Wings flight to celebrate Bob Fowler's flight west to east 50 years ago. Bob was at our Spring Sectional here in Palo Alto in April. The Silver Wings is an organization of pilots who have been flying 25 years or more. The first leg of the flight was from Oakland to Porterville. The whole flight was a relay beginning in Oakland, Calif., (Bob originally took off from Golden Gate Park in San Francisco) and terminating in Teterboro. Total time—10 days. Juanda and her pilot flew the first leg in a 1929 Krieger-Risner open cockpit, but the planes on each leg of the flight were all different. I can't even spell some of them, but then, this humble pilot has many years of flying ahead before the Silver Wings group would consider her.

We were informed that Marion Dietrich has transferred from the Sacramento Chapter to Bay Cities. Hurrah! It only took us four years. Hope to see her at some of the meetings—and have you read her article in a recent issue of McCall's all about female type astronauts?

We are anxiously awaiting the return of those lucky ones who were able to attend Fall Sectional in Torrance the weekend of September 23.

Remember, start planning your trip west, south or north, wherever you are, to the 1962 Powder Puff Derby takeoff from Oakland, Calif., and all the fun and frolic planned for you by the Bay Cities Chapter.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER**By Myrtle A. Wright**

Our chapter spent an enjoyable day at Lake Tahoe Airport on Sunday, Sept. 10. Since the second anniversary celebration of the airport took place on our regular meeting day, we combined the fly-in breakfast, air show, and chapter meeting.

We witnessed the crowning of the

Lake Tahoe beauty queen and her two princesses. Miss Kay Starr, who was appearing in Tahoe, crowned the queen. The Hamilton Air Force Base crack drill team, with their singing drillmaster, gave a thrilling exhibition of precision marching. We were shown throughout the cockpit of a C-119. We sat in the pilots seat and had a grandstand view of the airport activities. While occupying this grandstand seat, this writer was able to take movies of an Air Force helicopter really going through its paces.

Bridgeford Flying Service of Napa, Stockton and Lake Tahoe gave free airplane rides to holders of the lucky breakfast tickets.

Just after breakfast, we held our meeting and elected officers for the coming year. They are: Chairman, June O'Donnell; vice chairman, Pat Stouffer; secretary, Anita Conley; treasurer, Gladys Haney; News Letter, Myrtle A. Wright; and membership, Fran DeHaan.

Here's to good weather and more "fly-ins".

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER**By Shirley Gilmore**

Our secretary reported at the September business meeting that our

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chapter has an average of 38.1 flying hours per member for the past year. Considering the fact that there are no instructors, and only one commercial ticket in our group, we are very proud of this record.

Norma Wilcox, our chairman, flew to San Jose in her Tri-Pacer to bring her daughter-in-law and children home to Arcadia, Calif. She then had to return to San Jose when her daughter became ill, and stayed to care for the family. She managed to get in some night flying while there, as well as a trip to Oregon with her brother and two daughters. She returned to southern California from San Jose after dark with a wonderful tail wind, and averaged 160 mph.

Ginny and Russell Graham made many trips from El Monte Airport to Catalina Island transporting seven teenagers, four adults and all the luggage and food for a week. The good old Apache did a terrific job. Ginny has been taking her daughter, Julie, aged 10, flying in the Apache. Julie has proudly started her log book and has logged one hour dual, which included shallow turns as well as straight and level.

Jane and Roy Haag flew Polly Phelps and Dick King to Banning, Calif., to pick up parts for Polly's

Navion. The Haag's local flying for the past month has included trips to Leevining, Balboa and Oceanside.

Your reporter flew three members of her family to Nut Tree, near Sacramento, for lunch on Labor Day. My 49½'er has been temporarily grounded while recovering from a spinal surgery, although I took him for a little airport hopping recently. He hopes to be back in the pilot's seat in the very near future.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER**By Natalie Bossio**

Patti Sherwood of Palo Alto hosted our September 7 business meeting. The first item on the agenda was election of officers. Elected were: Chairman, Jeannie McElhatton; vice chairman, Patti Sherwood; secretary, Jo Eddleman; treasurer, Dorothy Monohan. We all wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Mayetta Behringer, our outgoing chairman, and her staff for the great job they have done this past year.

All members present unanimously favored the sale of Katydid's again this year as a fund raising project.

Happy flying, Jeannie and Dave McElhatton, the proud owners of a Cessna 180 recently purchased.

Pat Gladney and Vivian Esler flew a neighbor to Lake Tahoe recently in Pat's 180 Cessna. They spent the night and visited with Kay Stark; the next day flew on to Lone Pine for lunch.

Marian and Herm Barnick sold their Fairchild 71 and Marian delivered it to Sparks Field in Reno. The Fairchild will be used to haul cargo and supplies from a ranch out of McDermott. The Barnicks also enjoyed a week's flying vacation in Canada recently. Among other things they enjoyed visiting at the Cariboo-Canim Ranch out of 100-Mile House in British Columbia.

We welcome new members Alice Taylor and Ann Younger to our chapter, as well as prospective member Carol Speegle who just recently passed her private pilot flight test. Carol was Dell Hauk's student, and the girls are already planning to fly next year's Powder Puff Derby. Dell is retiring from flight instructing and spends her spare time flying occasional charters and slow-timing newly majored engines at Salinas. Dell also gave your reporter a demonstration ride recently in the new Piper Cherokee, and it's a cutie.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER**By Jean Tinsley**

In order to have as many members as possible at our August election meeting, the meeting was held one week late at the home of Lindy Boyes. The results of the election was as follows: Chairman, Gail Lane; vice

chairman, Helen Kelton; secretary, Eleanor Wilson; treasurer, Deby Byram; News Letter, Jean Tinsley.

Lindy has been elected secretary-treasurer and Ruth Rueckert, second vice chairman of the Bay Area Aviation Committee. Lindy's new novel, "Sabres Over Brandywine," has not yet been put on the bookstands, but all interested 99's can contact Lindy for a personalized copy.

We chatted too briefly with Marj Fauth about her trip to Europe, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and Israel. Deby Byram had a delightful vacation in Canada flying a 140 on floats. Deby soloed a float plane and had her seaplane rating before her land rating. Jean and Bud Tinsley flew to the Santa Clara Airmen's Association annual picnic with Chuck and June Banfe in Chuck's Super-V—the same plane Chuck flew solo around the world. Quite a plane—and quite a pilot!

Bay Cities Chapter wishes to congratulate our new international officers.



ALABAMA CHAPTER By Gertrude C. Luther

The September meeting was held at Wade Inn Sunnyside Beach, Panama City, Fla., on the 3rd at 11 a.m. Lt. Col. Florance Fintak, Georgiana Warrick, Juanita Halstead, Minnie Wade and Grace Bailey were present. The treasurer's report was read by Jan Warrick and ways and means to increase our bank account were discussed. We are going to send any and all unneeded clothing to Jan Warrick in Decatur and she is going to try to sell them. Also, we hope to raise some money by giving rides for a penny a pound at our next meeting on October 1 at Clanton, Ala.

We will have another meeting this month with the Georgia Chapter in Macon on Sunday, Sept. 24.

The weekend was most enjoyable. The Wades and several girls flew in to the sectional meeting which was held on Saturday. Our national president, Louise Smith, was among those who attended.

Cora McDonald and yours truly made the trip to San Diego (as I threatened) via San Francisco, without mishap. Return was another thing because of the weather that all the contestants had to face, too. Those people in San Diego surely treated us royally and it was wonderful to be there.

The new officers for the Alabama

Chapter for the coming year are: Evelyn Brown, chairman; Helen Grove, vice chairman and membership chairman; Grace Bailey, secretary; Jan Warrick, treasurer; and Gertrude Luther, News Letter reporter.

GEORGIA CHAPTER By Myrtle Thompson Cagle

The Georgia and Alabama Chapters met jointly at Cochran Field, Macon, Ga., on Sunday, Sept. 24, with 15 women pilots in attendance and at least half that many 49½ers. Of this group, we gained two new members: Frances Peacock of Atlanta, who flew in with hubby Jack in a Cessna 150, and Ruth Miller of Tifton, all by her pretty self in an Apache.

Four girls working on their private licenses were guests, and we have a new policy to keep our "prospects" coming to our meetings until they are eligible for membership. My Macon girls are: Joyce Hamer and Helen Morgan. I say Macon, they are Air Force wives, live on Robins AFB and fly with the aero club in Cessna 150's where I teach.

New member Helen Crosby of Athens brought two students with her

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in her Debonair, Lucille Betts of Watkinsville and Jane Braswell of Athens.

Our international president, Louise Smith of High Point, was present and presided at our insistence. Before our meeting got underway she had each girl introduce herself and tell about her flying. With Louise in her Bonanza was Carolinas Chapter member Jeanne Harley of Spartanburg, S. C.

The Alabama girls arrived in a Cessna 310. Present were Minnie Wade Sr. of Clanton, Juanita Halstead of Montgomery and Bennie Peters of Marion.

Arden Hubbard, Georgia Chapter chairman, flew in with her husband in their Cessna 180.

New officers elected were: Vice chairman, Carolyn Kennedy, Parrott, who flew in in her Comanche; secretary, Helen Crosby, Athens; and Myrtle Thompson Cagle, membership chairman and News Letter reporter. I am a former Carolinas Chapter member, and now live in Macon.

Our next meeting will be at Callo-way Gardens Airport at Pine Mountain, Ga., at 1 p.m. for lunch on Sunday, Oct. 15. You-all come . . . and bring your 49½er and all the women students or private pilots you can find. See you there with a plane load.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER By Betty Hamilton

Caroline and 49½er Les Hembel were hosts for our meeting Sunday, Sept. 10, on their houseboat on Lake Murry. We landed at the Columbia Airport and went by car to the lake. Bunny, Henry Hammond and Caro were there to help entertain us. A grand time was had by all, swimming, water skiing and boating, followed by a cookout with marvelous steaks and all the fixings.

We were very proud to have our own Louise Smith as international president, and we feel the 99's are very lucky in their choice. Our new chapter officers for the year are: Chairman, Gale East; vice chairman, Nita Hudman; secretary-treasurer, Jeanne Harley.

We will be glad to welcome Sara Shonk when she returns in October after serving two years with the State Department in Kabul.

Our next meeting will be October 1, in Pinehurst, by special invite of Page Shamburger for the dedication of the new airport. November 5 we will meet in Winston Salem with Emily Kelly as hostess.

Those attending the Lake Murry meeting were Louise Smith and 49½er Herman with daughter Linda, Emily Kelly, Gale East, Jeanne Harley, Bunny Hembel and Betty Hamilton and 49½er Jim. Sylvia Roth, who was co-pilot for Frances Miller in the race, was a welcome guest. Poor Frances couldn't make the meeting as she was giving an exam to a student for his instrument rating.



By ELEANOR B. HORN

With so many of our New England Section going places and doing things this summer, very little news has filtered thru to yours truly. The August meeting at Sara Haydon's summer home was attended by a handful of members, however, reports are that it was an especially nice meeting.

Now that fall has arrived lets get some news items in the mail, accompanied by photos by the 12th of the month; news is slow arriving in the North Country and we think it goes out by "dog sled"! Please help by sending news items in as early as possible.

E. W. Wiggins' helicopter visited Wolfeboro recently to spray the approach ends of the runway to kill the birches that grow faster than they can be cut. Although it is only two

weeks since the spraying, the results are already apparent. The New Hampshire State Aeronautics Commission has installed a Unicom at the seaplane base on Winter Harbor—which makes two separate installations at Wolfeboro.

Our September meeting is scheduled to be held at Bedford Airport where a Hangar Fly-in meeting will take up most of the day with Mr. Halaby of the FAA as guest speaker.



By JEANNE SPIELBERG

We had our first business meeting of the season on Sept. 19, at our favorite restaurant, Ferdi's, opposite the U. N. Building. It was like "Old Home Week" again, with a beautiful turnout.

We greeted Kay Brich and Pat Wilson back from a plane delivery to Alaska. They made the trip in 44 hrs. despite poor weather. They had the pleasure of being entertained by Pearl Laska at Fairbanks. Rene Nielsen at Palmer and Margaret Cook at Anchorage. They got the royal treatment. Eating moose steaks, hunting currants and raspberries and eating squaw candy were some of their unique experiences. They met and had a chat with our 99s at Minot. N. D., Ann Anderson and Genevieve Sogaard. Flight time home by jet 7½ hours. Well, next year Kay will deliver a jet and return by rocket.

Bobby Prestas had an equally thrilling group plane delivery to Europe. She co-piloted a Piper Apache across the ocean by way of Gander and the Azores. The flight back in a Piper Comanche, which had been on exhibition in Europe for some time, was also a thriller. Bobby tells a very interesting story and said she would be perfectly happy to fly anywhere with a good pilot, if the plane was a Piper.

Marion Lopez, Doris Renninger, Marg Horn, Keung O. Kim, Chris Winzer, Viola Gentry and Peggy Norris attended the Early Fliers of Long Island which met at the Suffolk County Air Force Base on Sunday, Sept. 12th. The meeting honored women in aviation. Mrs. Edwin Musick and Mrs. Eddie Schneider Black were guests of honor and Viola Gentry presided. Clara Adams, who is a "First-er" put on one of her inimitable performances and played the piano backwards.

Alma Harwood, who is now the proud great grandmother of eight, brought with her a dinner guest, Lt.

Col. Ludwigsen, former secretary of the 99's in 1939 and 1940.

Louise Fairbank is up in the air again in a Cessna 172 and Comanche 250.

Dorothy Cable flew "Sassy," her Luscombe 8E, to Mobile, Alabama. While in Mobile she met Helen Grove, 99 of the Mobile area, who showed her Southern hospitality to Dottie and it has left her still glowing.

Keung O. Kim is back with us after three and a half months in her native Korea where she is endeavoring to organize a group of women flyers. Her hope is to get a plane back to them so they can really fly.

Marg Gray is presently employed with International Electric Corp. at Paramus, New Jersey, as a Technical Writer. A new venture for Marg. Lots of luck.

Our Governor, Marion Lopez won the Traveling Award for one of her water-colors which she exhibited at the Greenwich Village sidewalk Art Show. This means that the picture

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will travel, not Marion. We are very proud.

Margie Davis said this is a good time to order your Compass Rose pins for Christmas gifts for yourself and your 99 pals.

WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

Our September business meeting-luncheon was held on Wednesday, September 20th in the Executive Room of the beautiful new Executive Hotel at Greater Buffalo International Airport. The officers elected for the coming year: Peg Wahl, chairman; Terri Pirrung, vice chairman; Joan Leslie, secretary-treasurer; Ethel Fedders, chairman of membership committee; and Lois Rinck, Newsletter reporter and publicity. We wish to thank Bertha Meana for her past efforts as chairman.

Congratulations to Terri Pirrung in acquiring her Ground Instructor's rating. Now our Terri has her eye on a Glider Pilots rating, and she has been fraternizing with the Rochester Soaring Club, which in turn has invited our chapter members for a demonstration Glider or Soaring Flight at Batavia Airport. Plans are underway for a joint meeting with the Rochester Soaring Club to be held at the Treadway Inn at Batavia, date to be announced.

Joan Leslie, formerly with the famous Cypress Garden Water Skier's re-

turned recently from a flight to Richmond, Va. in her Cessna 175. Joan reports that her three young daughters are also accomplished water skiers.

Ethel Fedders has had an active summer. Besides two separate trips South, she has been entertaining at her summer home in Canada.

Our new chairman, Peg Wahl has been shopping around for a Cessna 175. Any information on the availability of this model would be appreciated.

It was announced that there will be a twenty-five cent fine for anyone caught not wearing her 99 pin at all meetings . . . A means of enriching our treasury!

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 16th, at Rusch's on Lakeshore Road. All members are urged to bring prospective 99'ers to this luncheon at 12:30 p.m.



CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER By ALICE STOLTZNER

Once in awhile, I become very discouraged with Chicago weather. The latest forecast indicates this will be another weekend on the ground. Complaints are out of order, however, because we have had some beautiful days. The Cronins took advantage of delightful golf weather to fly their Clipper up to Lake Lawn, Wisc. for 18 holes. Almost any weekend, the Cronin's Clipper and the Misiowiec's Mooney can be seen flying to Peoria, Lake Lawn, Mt. Hawley or Rockton for dinner. Whenever possible, Marie takes one, two, three or four of the children along. Leda and Lloyd Misiowiec flew their Mooney up to their favorite Canadian fishing spot over Labor Day weekend.

June Basile has her Instrument rating. She was a little blue after selling the 175 that took her through her first TAA but has since checked out in a Debonaire. Mary Beritich has been up in that Cub Cruiser again. This time with June as a passenger.

Alice Kudrna was practicing holding patterns over Polo Omni with Louise Kokesh as safety pilot. Louise, Dolores Mosher, Eve and Harold White took advantage of Labor Day Holiday to fly up to Montello. Alice DeWitt took an hour off to practice Lazy 8s and Chandelles, then rushed home to pack her son off to college. The weekend before, she took the J-3 to Mitchell Field for EA Addison Chapter meeting and ran into the

Cronins. Today, Alice was headed for the Wace Air Meet in Dayton, Ohio, but I'm afraid the weather man didn't cooperate. It was IFR in the pattern, last time I looked. Sylvia Roth, Eve and Alton Chilcoat bought a Comanche. Think I'll drop in at Palwaukee and see how chances are for a ride.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Marion Hoffman

Our September meeting was held at Jackson Municipal Airport. Mr. Jay Kleinert, Principal of Michigan Center Junior High School and winner of Michigan 99s scholarship to Miami Aero Space Workshop at Oxford, Ohio, was our speaker.

Jean Reynolds has been appointed to Air Space Education Committee of the State of Michigan.

Dorothy Woodhams is just back from a trip to Canada, fishing, in a Stinson Seaplane. The fish were good, but the weather wasn't.

Jessie Walke, pilot, and her husband, navigator, flew their Stinson to Atlanta, Ga., for a week. She got some good experience in mountain flying.

Nolde Winkler received her limited Instructor's rating August 14, soloed a student 5 days later and sent him up for his private flight test on Aug. 31—with a total of 50 hours — and he passed!

It was pretty hard to get everyone settled down to get any news — every one was so excited about the SMALL race coming up Oct. 7.

Dottie Anderson of Bluffton, Ohio, was the first entry in the race. She flew to Jackson with her papers to make sure it was official. She is flying a brand new Piper Cherokee in the race — so far, the only entered. At the time I received the news, there were only 16 entries, but have been about 60 inquiries.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Kathieen K. Hudson

August and September have been busy ones for most of our members. So busy, in fact, that I have not been able to catch up with some of them to find out what they have been doing. Will try to have more news for the next News Letter.

Barbara Jenison from Paris attended her favorite race this year which is the famed Hambletonian at DuQuoin, Illinois. Bonnie Ferrell and her husband from Eldorado attended the Flying Physicians' Convention in Reno, Nevada. That must have been a wonderful trip. Mary Hendrix of Mattoon made a trip by car to Waterloo, Iowa, recently because their Tri-Pacer had just been sold.

We are looking forward to the Fall

Sectional meeting in Chicago the weekend of September 29th. It is fun to see old 99 friends and to meet so many new friends.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Lydia Jensen

Picturesque Ishnala on Mirror Lake, Wisconsin, was the meeting place for our September Fly-in. There, fourteen of us had Sunday Dinner overlooking the natural beauty of pine-framed Mirror Lake. Our Fly-in has been held at Bell Airport, Baraboo, from where we had gone by courtesy car to Ishnala. Dora Fritzke arrived from Milwaukee in her Cessna 140; Nancy Steiner from Fond du Lac in her Franklin (nicknamed "Frankie" because the big plane had seemed such a Frankenstein when they were struggling to get it into flying condition); Anne Roethke from Milwaukee in her Caribbean and your correspondent in her Tri Pacer from Madison. Other members who attended were Ernie Voelker, Sun Prairie, Mary Seymour Madison, Romona Huebner, Fond du Lac, and Avis Peterson from Sauk City.

It was an interesting and enjoyable meeting. The day was sunny and thru

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the large view windows placid Mirror Lake shone like a beautiful gem in its exquisite setting. The convention was lively. Our new chairman, Dr. Anne Roethke had just returned from Reno where she had been attending the clinical meeting of the Flying Physicians. She had many interesting things to tell us about the instruction she had received in mountain flying, about survival kits and how to actually put into use the various things carried in them.

Anne is full of enthusiasm for flying and for the Ninety-Nines and has a way of inspiring others to work for the Chapter. She has many ideas and suggestions about how we can increase our activities and it is evident that she is going to make a fine chairman.

Among our guests we were pleased to include two former members of our chapter. Isabel Myrland of Montello and Jeanette Zapata of Madison. They were a nice study in contrasts. — Jeannette had been the youngest woman pilot to have earned a license in Wisconsin when she got her ticket several years ago. Isabel has long been known as Wisconsin's Flying Grandmother . . . ever since

she received considerable publicity by winning a coveted trophy in the 1950 TAR in her Piper Vagabond (of course, we now have other flying grandmothers in Wisconsin including our well known Deedo).

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Janice R. Kuechenmeister

The Annual Meeting of the All-Ohio Chapter was held at the home of Ruth and Al Theis, Lambertville, Michigan, just across the Ohio border, Sunday, September 17. It was a beautiful day and we had many fly-ins. Those in attendance were: Mary Fecser, Autrie and Karl Lehr, Jean Hixson, Winnie Caughey, Marilyn Collette, Rosalie Bracht, Joan Hrubec, Marjorie Gorman, Helen and Jim Sammon, Edy Maxim, Bette McMann, Ruth and Al Theis, Frances Francis, Marion and Charles Betzler, Clara Tharpe, Juanita Hemminger, Marthat Fischer, Harriet Wladyka, Janice Kuechenmeister; prospectives Dolly Smith, Pat Hanes, Tessa Plummer, all three are from Cleveland and Sue Hughes from Akron. Sue Smith was the guest of Marjorie Gorman.

After disposing of some unfinished business and reports received from the chairman of the different committees, the election of the new officers was announced. The new officers for the coming year will be Chairman, Janice Kuechenmeister; Vice-Chairman, Helen Sammon; Secretary, Winnie Caughey; Treasurer, Rosalie Bracht.

To Mary Fecser and Marjorie Gorman, our out-going Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, and to the Committee Chairmen and Committee Members, we wish to thank them for giving of their time and energy in helping to advance this flying organization in its purpose and prestige. We have as of this date seventy-one members in the Chapter.

Future meeting places and dates are: October 15, Port Columbus. November, Achievement Award Presentation Banquet. Margaret Callaway is making arrangements and the date will be announced later. December 10, Christmas party at Edy Maxim's home. Anyone wishing to make a bid for a meeting in the remaining months, please contact the Chairman.

Jean and Doc Bonar have just returned from a trip to Europe with a special stopover in Vienna . . . Harriet Wladyka has been asked to serve on the National Committee for "Project Map's" (more airports) . . . Frances Francis will be leaving us soon. Her 49½er, Rod, is now retired from the Air Force and is attending the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Frances and the children will join Rod as soon as their home in Columbus is sold. Frances wants the members of the chapter to know how much she has enjoyed knowing and being one of them. Frances is extending an invitation to please come and see her whenever you are in Tucson . . . Joan Hrubec and Marilyn Collette will take to the air in Pee Wee for a week's vacation. They will start out with the North Central Sectional meeting in Chicago and then on to the southwest. They will be returning via the SMALL race in Jackson, Michigan . . . Prospective Pat Hanes is working toward her airframe license. Pat has rebuilt a Taylorcraft . . . We were glad to see prospective Tessa Plummer up and around after a siege in the hospital.

IOWA CHAPTER

By Ginny Koestner

A bright and sunny late summer day broke forth for our September meeting in Ames on September 10th. Coffee furnished by Howards Flying Service preceded dinner at a local restaurant. A good number of fly-ins included a new Piper Colt recently acquired by Helene Holton of Chariton. Many happy flying hours as you pile up time, Helene. My information is not complete at present but I understand we have added two new members to our roster. More on this in the next issue but a warm welcome from all of us.

Our new project for October is the Teachers Air Lift in Chariton on the 15th of the month. What better way to give Air Age Education a boost than by taking our teachers aloft. Let's all turn out and make it a successful day.

Several members are making plans for attending the Fall Sectional in Chicago. Two or three planes leaving at various times should make for good attendance.

Helen Flaherty has returned from her vacation in Ireland and claimed it was even better than she had hoped for. We have yet to hear all the little sidelights on the trip—know they'll be worth waiting for.

Keep October 15th, Teachers Air Lift, Chariton, on your calendar. Would love to greet any of you who could visit with us that day.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Alma Hartman

September 17 at the lovely country home of Marty and Eugene Wyall, near Ft. Wayne, the new officers of the Indiana Chapter held their first meeting. Those officers: Chairman, Gloria Richards; Vice-Chairman, Mildred Coulter; Secretary, Mildred Cas-

sidy; Treasurer, Rae Cawdell; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Pat Patterson, promised us a year of interesting activities well spiced with fun and sociability.

First order of business was the completion of plans for the second annual Fair-Lady Annual Indiana Race (FAIR). Pat Patterson is chairman of the project. Race date is October 22. You need only to be an Indiana resident of the female variety with a valid pilot license to qualify.

Lt. Erhman of CAP and Capt. Veach of the Air Force spoke to the group on the contribution we might make in Owner-Pilot capacity during emergencies. We were urged to consider volunteering our services.

Marty served a delicious meal after the business meeting. Appetites appeased, Wesley Richardson entertained the group with outstanding movies of the events leading up to and around the AWTAR.

WORTH MENTIONING: Esther Brenner, Field Representative on Aeronautical Commission of Indiana.

— Helen Grahn, happy over the advent of twins—her daughter-in-law's.

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EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Kate Macario

Our hosts for the August meeting, Kate and Herman Barcus, provided a lovely evening for the twenty-eight members and guests who attended. A delicious buffet supper of tempting dishes, prepared and served by the versatile Mrs. Barcus (who also is a balloonist and can speak five languages) was partaken on the patio. After eating, we adjourned to the screen-enclosed breezeway, and, while thundershowers continued off and on all evening, we held our meeting and afterwards took vicarious pleasure in the Barcus' June vacation. Through the use of films and slides, we travelled to Greece, Italy and Austria, rode with them in the Chamonix cable car that carried them between two mile-high peaks (and which several months later made headlines when the tow cable was severed by a French jet plane flying near Mt. Blanc). The magnificence of Mt. Blanc was displayed in the

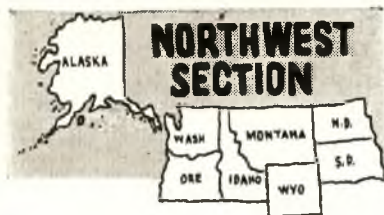
professional-like pictures taken by Herman, and with his keen memory of name, place and incident brought alive the films to all of us . . . Elsie McBride showed her film on the '61 Powder Puff, and that, too, was most interesting and fun to see.

In addition to our members and some 49½s to come, we had some prospective newcomers. Hazel Fels of Lancaster brought Ellen Dunkle from neighboring Manheim; Ellen's husband is an F.A.A. Medical Examiner and the two of them fly in a club Tri-Pacer. Alice Hammond brought Jean and Jim Wilson, both helicopter pilots, who fly out of Turner Airport. Mildred Albertson of West Chester, who has attended before, was accompanied by fellow Flying Farmer Doris Conklin, a student pilot at West Chester Airport. Doris has been named Director of women's activities in Region 1 (which takes in Penna., N. J., N. Y., Md., Del., and Va.) of the National Flying Farmers Association . . . New member, expectant Joyce Harding, came with the Feldmans; several weeks later Joyce had her first, a boy . . . It was nice to have busy Dr. Leland Stetser come with Cecelia and the Sturtevents . . . Irene Wirtschafter made it safely to this meeting. While driving to Nancy Diemand's in July her car windshield was hit by a rock on the East River Drive, smashing the glass. Irene will tell anyone it is safer to fly.

The fly-in to Patuxent Naval Air Station on Sept. 10th was successful for some and a disappointment to others who didn't make it. The weather that morning was marginal and while some took the directive that no planes would be landed at Patuxent after 10:00 A. M., literally (this later proved to be different as planes took off and landed most of the day), others were able to make it. The Fels flew in, the Chalows, the Sturtevents, Marcia and Carl Musson. Erma Keyes and Kay Wilhemmy came with Erma's brother in his 195. There may have been others, but these are all that I know of from our Chapter. Because of such a large number of people, the girls did not get together for a meeting as originally planned.

Ann Piggott called Kate Barcus from Lock Haven when she was not able to make the August meeting. She mentioned she is sending her four children to school in Switzerland with the Max Conrad children. She will be accompanying them in their flight to school . . . Speaking of flying to school, my 49½ flies five of our children to and from school when his schedule and weather permit. Since we are moving in a few weeks, we

started the children in their new school so transferring them wouldn't be necessary. We have a landing strip by our future home and the school is but a few minutes ride from there.



WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Pat McGee

The September meeting was held in the Alaska Airlines Terminal building at Paine Field, near Everett. The big surprise of the evening was the appearance of "Lyddie" Hagen, who was in Seattle with her 49½er for the medical convention. The timing was perfect!

The first order of business was to cast a unanimous vote that Louise Niemi be welcomed as a new member. Louise has visited meetings twice and the chapter members were delighted to add her to the group.

Mildred Pearson was late for the meeting, but she made it. The first part of the evening she spent in Spanish class, the enrollment session for a course she will be taking. It sounds like fun—maybe she can teach the rest of us, and we can conduct our meetings in conversational Spanish next year!

The officers for the coming year were elected, with the secretary following instructions to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate. Marion Owen is our new Chairman, Van Adderson is Vice-Chairman, Pat McGee will be Secretary and Winnie Blythe will remain as Treasurer.

Retiring Chairman Helen Appel read an item from GREEN CROSS SOUNDINGS, the Newsletter for the Seattle-King County Safety Council. I quote: "The General Aviation Safety Committee of the Seattle-King County Safety Council will be used as an example for local air safety committees in other cities across the nation, according to Ralph Kuhli, Public Safety Director for the National Safety Council. An exhibit featuring the Seattle Committee is now being built for display throughout the forthcoming National Safety Congress in Chicago. The same exhibit will be on display in Seattle next year at the Century 21 Exposition, Kuhli said. Central feature of the exhibit will be a massive photograph of the committee by nationally known free-lance photographer Paul V. Thomas." All of the

women on this committee are members of Western Washington Chapter. They are: Terry Kellogg, Ilovene Potter, Van Adderson, Maxine Fancher and yours truly, Pat McGee.

At the end of the business meeting Ilovene Potter showed slides taken during the convention in San Diego and along the route of the Powder Puff derby. There certainly were some tall and towering clouds in those parts!

The Portland Chapter sponsored a "Petticoat Derby" on August 20th, and five of our gals went down to join in. Ilovene flew down with her family, dropped them off and flew the race, and rejoined them afterward. She was in her Comanche 180. Helen Appel flew a Cessna 145, with Winnie Blythe as co-pilot. Van Adderson and Maxine Fancher, in Van's Skylane, received a trophy for passing most directly over the Portland Omni, one of the check points. The race was from Seaside to Troutdale. Everyone is looking forward to a repeat next year.

Yours truly (Pat McGee) was in Portland that day, flying down with a student in a Cessna 175. With just a little more time we would have

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landed in Troutdale for the finish of the race, but had to get back, unfortunately.

Betty Curran, who did a lovely job of hosting the meeting on September 18, reported that she and 49½er Vic flew to Reno and Las Vegas early in September. They intended to take in the Flying Physicians Convention, but arrived too late to register. They fly a Debonair.

Terry Kellogg joined 49½er Dave on Pacific Northern Airlines on Sept. 17th for a trip to Alaska to visit her daughter and family in Anchorage. She returned home Sunday evening (the 24th) to find that she was sole nominee for Governor of the Northwest Section.

Ginny Andrews and 49½er Nick sold their Cessna Skylane, but didn't stay out of the air for long. Within a month they purchased a Cessna 172 and are all set to travel again.

Several from the chapter are looking forward to attending the Sectional Meeting in Montana on September 30 — but most are planning to go by airline. The weather has been VFR for so long that it can't possibly last another week! It should be a big day for those who make it.

ALASKA CHAPTER By Helen Stoddard

Our September meeting was held a week early because we had gotten our dates mixed up and Ruth O'Buck, our Chairman, had already baked a cake so we had our meeting at her place.

Our plans are all made for our annual 99's picnic at Willow air strip. We have set the rain date for Oct. 1 and snow date May 13, 1962.

Terry Kellogg from Seattle was in town for a short visit so we got together for pie at the Airport cafe. Terry gave us some very good ideas for winter work for our chapter.

OREGON CHAPTER By Charlotte Dodson

The Oregon Chapter is now one year old. It has been an active year — at least we think so. Our meetings have been interesting and well attended. Our membership has grown.

The first major project was the Petticoat Derby. It was not a race but a safety and navigational contest. The event was held August 20 and the route was from Seaside, Oregon to the Portland-Troutdale Airport with check points along the route. Not being professionals at such undertakings—many slight errors were made. It is said that "You Learn By Doing." — we learned. The purpose in having it a contest rather than a race was to stress safety in flying and to promote interest in women in aviation.

The co-operation of the T.V. and Radio Stations plus the write-ups given us by the local as well as outlying newspapers was terrific. Non-flyers, Suzanne Richards, Staff Writer for the Oregon Journal and Julie Courteol, Staff Writer for the Oregonian, flew the route as observers with 99ers Lillian Oringdolph and Arlene Baker.

Suzanne and Lillian won the prize for being the smallest pair to enter.

Trophies and prizes were donated by businessmen, Airport operators, Airlines and individuals. Their interest in the organization was astounding and very much appreciated — because without them it would not have been a success.

Our undying thanks and appreciation go to the Seaside Chamber of Commerce who were our hosts for the start of the derby and brought SUNSHINE for take-off time, to the Civil Air Patrol, manning the check points, to Ernie Helms, operator of Skyways at the Portland-Troutdale Airport and the employees who were our hosts at the finish line, and to Ralph McGinnis of the Oregon State Board of Aeronautics who supervised the race and rated the winners. A special warm thank you to the 49½ers, without whose patience, understanding and help we would have gotten nowhere.

Lillian Oringdolph, Lucy Drucker and their co-workers are to be congratulated on a job well done.

Because of some stuff called "fog" in Seaside, Saturday, those planning to land there were obliged to land at Astoria, a few miles to the north. 99er Lucy Drucker and her 49½er, Ken, saw to it that everyone was given ground transportation to Seaside for the banquet and their nights lodging. Sunday morning they, with the help of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce, took the group back to Astoria to get their planes so they could fly back to Seaside for the take-off. If this sounds confusing—it was.

The banquet at the Seaside Hotel Saturday evening afforded an excellent opportunity to get acquainted. Ralph McGinnis spoke on safety in flying. He stated that if events such as the Petticoat Derby would cause just one person to take a few extra hours of dual they were well worth while.

"Something must be wrong with the computations," was the remark made by first place winner Margaret Teufal, Hillsboro, Oregon, when the shining two-foot-tall silver trophy, donated by Lipman Wolfe and Co., was presented to her by Lipman's Harold Wendel.

Margaret has 41 solo hours in her 1948 Piper PA-11. We are very pleased that she has now become a 99.

Second and third place winners were 99s Gretchen Fraser of Vancouver, Washington, and Ruth Wickander of Hillsboro, Oregon.

Gini Richardson, Yakima, Washington, won the prize for coming the farthest distance. Gini also added interest to the Saturday night banquet by relating some of her unusual experiences as a commercial pilot and instructor.

Mrs. Gordon Adderson, a Western Washington Chapter 99 from Seattle, scored for coming closest to the OMNI check point.

Our first Annual Petticoat Derby is over—we have learned much—and are in awe of those handling the AWTAR — so now we start on next year.

The September 15 meeting was held in Condon, Oregon, with Lorraine Bates as our hostess. A buffet luncheon was served at the Condon Hotel. The guest speaker, Major Anna Bridge, coordinator of womens activities for the CAP, spoke on the role women play in the CAP. After lunch we were taken to the Condon SAGE Radar Station where we were greeted by Base Commander Bruce Mercer and given a tour of the Station by Lt. Noels. A trip to the Condon fair was also slated but we became so interested in the Radar Station we were

compelled to omit the fair and return to the Condon Airport for a business meeting before departure time.

Guests at the meeting were: Carolyn Fatland, Jerrydean Mercer, Peggy Flatt, Donna Hardie of Condon, Theolynn Aune of Hillsboro, Jean Reed of Mikkalo and Anna Bridge of Portland.

New members joining our chapter since the Petticoat Derby are Margaret Teufal, Rifka Pratt, Jane Capisi, Norma Cassidy and Bobbi Hayes.

October 12 is the next scheduled meeting. We will meet at the Portland International Airport for lunch. Claude Thompson, Chief Supervisor of Portland F.A.A., will be the speaker.

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Mary L. Reynnells

Association at the convention in Bel-
lingham in August. Ethel flies an Apache and is piling up the hours.

Minnie Boyd gave a report on the AWTAR at the Washington Flying Farmers convention in Wenatchee in August. She and Ethel Wikstrom took top honors in a radio quiz given at the convention. Many of our Ninety-Nines are active in the Flying Farmers. Phyllis Franz was past queen

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and our Bonnie Henson is now the reigning queen.

Lygie Hagan attended a Western Washington chapter meeting while in Seattle at a medical convention with her husband. She also spent part of a day at the Flying Physicians convention in Reno with our Deedo Heise. She reports a most informative day spent at Stead AFB brushing up on survival and mountain flying.

READING WE LIKED: "The Pulse of the RACE" by Deedo Heise. The first blow by blow report we earth-creatures had of that race with weather.

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES: Elaine Moe married Ray L. Fry June 17. Ray is a private pilot and working on his commercial. They did a lot of local flying during the summer in a Cessna 140. A flight to the Calgary Stampede in a friend's Bellanca was a highlight of the summer.

WE ARE OFF to a flying start with a Sunday fly-in September 24 at Minnie and Carl Boyd's. Minnie served a buffet dinner to members and families. These family fly-in's offer perfect family fun, especially when zeroed in

with the Boyd family's careful planning.

AWTAR AND CONVENTION REPORTS were given by Jean Carbon, Lygie Hagan, Minnie Boyd and Millie Shinn. Millie recently moved to Spokane and is transferring to our chapter.

NEW OFFICERS are: Marie L. Reynnells, chairman; Ethel Wikstrom, vice chairman; Lygie Hagan, secretary and Barbara Thisted, treasurer.

AIRMARKING rates top priority for the year. We will meet the second weekend of each month on either Saturday or Sunday. You will be notified by card. Our members are widely scattered so every meeting is a fly-in. Eastern Washington means just that — half a state.

THE NORTHWEST SECTIONAL MEETING in Missoula, Montana September 30 promises to be a live one! Meetings spark enthusiasm and we hope to come home all fired up. Members planning to attend are: Minnie Boyd, Lygie Hagan, Barbara Thisted, Millie Shinn, and Marie Reynnells.

HERE AND THERE: Jean Carbon plans to return to Costa Rica soon. Ethel Wikstrom was elected secretary-treasurer of the Washington Pilots. Barbara Thisted spent two weeks with the family on a private island on the Lake of the Woods, 120 miles Southeast of Winnipeg, Canada. They flew home on a Vanguard (quite an aircraft) cruising at 460 MPH. She plans to fly to Los Angeles in October for a month.

ON FINAL: Our October meeting will be a fly-in to Pendleton, Oregon, Sunday, October 15 at 11 a.m. This will be a no host luncheon at the field restaurant followed by a business meeting. See you in PDT.

EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER **By Selma VanDercreek**

The monthly meeting of the Eastern Idaho Chapter of the 99s was held in Pocatello at the home of our new President, Mary Kilbourne. Seven of our ten members were present plus our little sister, Jackie Joo. Jackie was quite excited about her impending flight check which would qualify her for a private pilot license. If Jackie passed her flight check, Idaho Falls would enjoy a new and lovely member of our Chapter.

Mary served a wonderful brunch to the group in her lovely home which nestles about half way up a tall mountain near Pocatello. We had a breathtakingly beautiful view as we discussed our 99 business.

We discussed many possibilities for projects in which our Chapter could participate. Air education was received with much enthusiasm. Each of us

volunteered to be a member of our Membership Committee and to work at air education in our own respective communities.

Mary took pictures of the Chapter and our new officers for the year.

It is interesting to note that every member of our Chapter had flown at least one cross-country during the preceding month. Most of them had flown much more than one cross-country.

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