



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

News Letter

International Headquarters — P. O. Box 1444 — Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

AIR TERMINAL BUILDING — WILL ROGERS FIELD — FEBRUARY, 1962

Deadline for Nominations March 1

President's Column

Last July at the annual meeting it was voted "that the charter for a chapter that becomes inactive be revoked, and when and if a new group becomes active a new charter will be issued in the normal manner. This would mean that when a chapter becomes inactive any member retaining her membership would automatically be listed in the roster in the closest active chapter." This was not complied with this year, because this question came up . . . which chapter is closest? For example, should the Carolinas Chapter become inactive, is the closest chapter Alabama, Georgia or Tennessee? It is hoped to comply with this policy next year by requesting active members of inactive chapters to state their preference for listing in the roster.

The latest memorandum approved by the Executive Committee was the request from Mr. Carl Voelter, Disaster Control Planning officer, FAA, Flight Standard Service, who asked the Ninety-Nines for endorsement and preparedness to participate in the disaster program. Mr. Voelter's assignment, quote, "is a service unit designed to assist and guide all operational segments of the civil aviation industry in the preparation of disaster plans by which we hope our nation's civil aviation operational capabilities will survive in the event of national emergency, including an attack upon this country; that is, to work with the airlines, and with general aviation organizations such as ours."

The question has often been asked, "What does the Executive Committee do?" Here are some highlights of the "busy-ness" of the committee to date.

Your secretary, Barbara, has written a colossal and monumental number of letters—to every member of committees, requesting acceptance to serve—to committee chairmen—to each member of the Executive Committee memorandums requesting approval or disapproval, of overseas memberships, of race dates, of fund raising, of appointments, of meeting

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Attention, Please

In accordance with the Constitution of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., which requires that any proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws be submitted in writing to all Sections and Chapters thirty days before the International Meeting, the Resolutions Committee requests that you send in such proposed amendments, postmarked NOT LATER THAN MARCH 15, 1962, to Mary R. Wenholz, Chairman, Resolutions Committee, 1340 Xanthia St., Denver 8, Colorado, with copies to committee members, Lydiellen Hagan, South 1907 Oneda Place, Spokane 41, Washington, and Martha Ann Reading, 2704 Milton Avenue, Dallas 5, Texas.

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

YOU ARE THE ORGANIZATION—REMEMBER ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTED CHANGES IN POLICY OR PRACTICES OF THE ORGANIZATION MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE NOT LATER THAN MARCH 15, 1962.

Nominations for International Officers for the fiscal year 1962-63 are hereby requested, and MUST be postmarked not later than **March 1, 1962**.

Submit one name for each office in compliance with these rules:

1. Candidate MUST be an ACTIVE member with current physical.
2. Candidate's written consent to serve if elected MUST accompany her nomination, or known acceptance given to another chapter.
3. Candidate's aviation and Ninety-Nine history MUST accompany each nomination—not over 40 words.
4. Nominating Committee members are not eligible as candidates for 1962-63.
5. Incumbants shall be listed as eligible, but not asked to commit themselves to a second term—procedure to be same as all candidates.
6. No member is to accept nomination for more than one office.

President Louise Smith is eligible for renomination.

Vice-President Barbara Kiernan is eligible for renomination.

Secretary Barbara Evans is not eligible for renomination for the office of secretary.

Treasurer Alice Roberts is eligible for renomination.

Nominating Committee: Only one name from each section will appear on the ballot as candidate for the Nominating Committee.

Please submit one name for each office listed below, giving her chapter, section and address:

President	Secretary
Vice-President	Treasurer

Nominating Committee

These names, together with the written consent and aviation and Ninety-Nine background, must be mailed to the Chairman, **Bernice Steadman, c/o Trimble Aviation, Bishop Airport, Flint, Mich.**, postmarked not later than March 1, 1962.

NOTICE TO GOVERNORS AND CHAIRMEN

Please cash refund checks immediately so books at headquarters can be balanced and up to date.

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DEADLINE FOR NEWS
The 25th Of Each Month

Special Bulletin

Report On Trading Stamp Books For Airplane For Women Of Korea

Although we have not asked for money we have received \$256. We have received 90 stamp books. Sixteen states have responded to the call. New York is leading in books received. The Zonta Club put us over the top. New Jersey is second. North Carolina just edged out Tennessee for third place. If you wish to present the story to other organizations or friends, write for a special release to Doris Renninger, Ridge Rock Lane, East Norwich, Long Island.

Pilot's Briefing

GOVERNORS: Please send the place and date of the meeting of the Spring Sectional to the News Letter.

CHAPTER AND SECTION: Get your nominations for the International Ballot to Bernice Steadman, immediately . . . the deadline is March 1st.

Send any changes in Constitution and/or by-laws, and suggested policy changes to Resolutions Committee, Chairman, Mary Wenholtz, by March 15th.

From New Zealand

We Present —



Jennifer Anne Craig

Flying was the only thing I was interested in for as long as I can remember, and I started to learn to fly as soon as I was old enough, but as there were no other women pilots locally, at that time, I had a certain amount of opposition. I joined the Southland Aero Club, then flying Tiger Moths, one day a week, and most of the flying I have done is with them, around Southland and with trips to various parts of New Zealand. The club now operates Cessna 172s and a Champion Aeronca. Most of the private flying done in New Zealand is with Aero Clubs, although the farming community is becoming increasingly aware of the advantages of their own aircraft.

Invercargill, where I live is at the southern end of the South Island which has ranges of mountains from the southwest corner to the northern tips with more mountainous areas in the North Island. On either side of these mountain ranges, we have flat land, on the West Coast a narrow bush covered shelf, and on the East and South Coasts fertile plains. There are other hills and plains of course, but these are the largest in the South Island.

Flying here has many pros and cons, mainly:

1. Due to the terrain the weather is usually different on either side of the ranges, and can vary from valley to valley, and with N. Z. being divided into three islands, high winds are prevalent in the straits. We also have equinoctial winds in November and March.

2. New Zealand has only some 2½ million people and therefore is unable to maintain sufficient weather stations and ships to give accurate forecasts, and long range forecasting as you

know it in America is quite out of the question.

3. In a country of over-government we probably have more restrictions than in America. VFR flying only, except in aircraft with a full instrument and radio panel. No cross-country night flying in single engine aircraft to name two.

However we have many compensations which outweigh the againsts.

1. Navigation is very simple. A recognizable mountain, hill, river or town are usually easily found and as N. Z. is never narrow a coast is never very far away.

2. For sheer grandeur the mountains and sounds, which are likened by many to the fiords of Norway, take a lot of beating. As the seasons of the year change their beauty varies. One of my most memorable flying experiences was an evening spent gliding along the face of the Remarkable Mountain Range near Queenstown, which are so sheer they are probably the most spectacular mountains in New Zealand. Gliders in this country have had some spectacular successes, I think the height record is 35,000.

I have enclosed a pamphlet map of New Zealand, but if anyone is interested in learning more about this country, I would be delighted to hear from them, and give any information required.

AWTAR NEWS

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For Your Calendar Of Coming Events

July 7-11 — The 16th Annual All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race (Powder Puff Derby) from Oakland, Calif., to Wilmington, Del. Open to certified women pilots flying stock airplanes of not less than 85 horse-

Coming Events

Middle East Spring Sectional

April 14

Host: Eastern Pa. Chapter

North Central Spring Sectional

April 27, 28, 29

Kansas City, Mo.

South Central Spring Sectional

April 27, 28, 29

Midland, Texas

AWTAR

July 7-11

Oakland, Calif.

to

Wilmington, Del.

power and not more than 400 horsepower for take-off manufactured after Jan. 1, 1952.

Additional Information

For all information and applications for entry WRITE:

All-Woman Transcontinental

Air Race, Inc.

Teterboro Airport

Teterboro, N. J.

The race route is over 2500 statute miles.

Designated Airports On

The Race ROUTE

Metropolitan Oakland International Airport, Oakland, Calif.; Fallon Municipal Airport, Fallon, Nev.; Elko Municipal Airport, Elko, Nev.; Salt Lake City Airport No. 1, Salt Lake City, Utah; Rock Springs Municipal Airport, Rock Springs, Wyo.; Scottsbluff Municipal Airport, Scottsbluff, Neb.; Grand Island Municipal Airport, Grand Island, Neb.; Des Moines Municipal Airport, Des Moines, Iowa; Greater Peoria Airport, Peoria, Ill.; James M. Cox Dayton Municipal Airport, Dayton, Ohio; Allegheny County Airport, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Greater Wilmington Airport, Wilmington, Del. (Salt Lake City is a required stop for all aircraft.)

ENTRIES OPEN APRIL 20, 1962,
ENTRIES CLOSE JUNE 5, 1962.

"A pilot from any country other than the U. S. or Canada must hold a valid pilot's certificate with current medical in her own country and obtain a U. S. Special Purpose Certificate in accordance with FAA requirements."

Requirements for entry: NOTE—first pilot must hold a current commercial license, or a private license with instrument and/or instructor ratings.

Race kits, containing all information, will be ready for distribution by the middle of February. Please send 25 cents to cover cost of mailing to

AWTAR, Inc.

Teterboro Airport

Teterboro, N. J.

President's Column

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dates, of change in roster or News Letter, of policy, of there's no end.

Your treasurer, Alice — records and figures, need more be said?

Your president, Louise — just visits around and struggles with deadlines, columns and pilot's briefings — and writes letters!

Speaking of deadlines—are all nominations for the 1962-63 ballot in? It is dismaying to check back and find the small percentage of chapters who are making nominations. In 1959, 28 chapters out of 53 sent in nominations, in 1960 only 29 out of a potential of 58,

and in 1961, again only 28 out of 59 chapters.

The Executive Committee plans to hold a pre-convention meeting in Oklahoma City sometime in April, and hope to have on hand at that time, all business that should be discussed and considered.

Send to the Resolutions Committee any suggestions for change in Constitution or Policy. And keep flying!

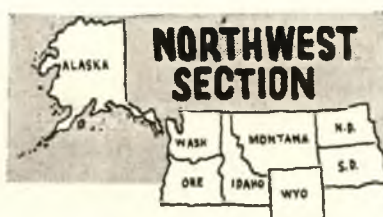
99 Headquarters Library

Our 99 Headquarters Library is growing, but oh so slowly. Our latest acquisition is Nancy Bird Walton's very recent publication, "BORN TO FLY."

Another book published within the past year and written by Lindy Boyes and David McCallister is "SABRES OVER BRANDYWINE."

To complete our library of books written by members of The Ninety-Nines, we are in possession of "HIGH, WIDE AND FRIGHTENED" by Louise Thaden, and "WINGS FOR LIFE" by Ruth Nichols.

Any additional books having been written by either present or former members of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., that could be donated to help build our library would be most appreciated.



MONTANA CHAPTER

By Winifred Lovelace

The joys of twenty below! Put on your woolies and try it! Your plane will seem to have JATO as the exhaust condenses in the cold. You'll ride the heavy air like the Queen Mary rides the Atlantic. Ice crystals glitter like diamonds, and the snow fields shine below.

Chairman Laulette Hansen (Mrs. Ermal) found these winter rewards when she 150'd to Havre, so did Dorothy Sabo when she flew her son, Dick, to Billings where he connected with a New York flight. Elsie Childs under the hood these days, so she doesn't see so much. Your reporter continues to fly in all directions hunting for news.

It's nice inside, too. Marjorie Rolle is busy with Reserve Officer duties; Aileen Gray gave up her Avis job at the Billings Airport to concentrate on housekeeping before she and Selma Fastje leave for Las Vegas on the trips Selma won for record TV sales.

Betty Nunn, our new secretary, enjoys her part-time job at Severson Air Activities; Mary Jo Janey, supervisor of aviation education for the Montana Department of Public Instruction, is preparing an address she will give at a teacher's meeting in Portland, Ore., in March. Orpha Dann writes that her memories of her staff job with the Aerospace workshop at Fairbanks, Alaska, keep her company on the ranch this winter.

Our delayed election for chapter officers give us, besides Laulette and Betty, Elsie Hartley for vice chairman and Selma Fastje for treasurer. They hope to see us all at the January 27th meeting in Great Falls.

IDAHO CHAPTER

By Hilda D. Elliott

Our chapter held no December business meeting. The Christmas party with our 49½ers in attendance was held Dec. 15 in the City Club, Owyhee Hotel, Boise. A lovely dinner and social time was spent followed by an evening of dancing.

Velda Bell, Eula Logsdon, Helen Higby, Edna Hettinger, Hilda Elliott and 49½ers and Betty Carsten enjoyed the pilot get-together sponsored by the Department of Aeronautics. The meeting was held at Hotel Boise in the Crystal Ballroom January 19. Chet Moulton, director of aeronautics, spoke on future projects. Films were shown on past Mexican Air Tours. The films were immensely enjoyed by the large group in attendance. The Idaho 99's and the Boise Aerial Posse served donuts and coffee at the close of the meeting.

The January meeting was a luncheon meeting held at the Thunderbird Motel with business meeting following. We are all very pleased to have our newest 99, Sarah Ragsdale, in attendance. We all extended a warm welcome to Sarah! Laura Conner brought a guest, Sue Wallis. It was decided to hold our annual hangar dance in the Crystal Ballroom, Hotel Boise with tentative dates of April 7 and 14, coordinating with the Flying Farmers if possible.

Laura Conner, Velda Bell, Betty Carsten, Hilda Elliott and 49er½, Glenn, attended the Idaho Aviation Trades Association dinner meeting held in the Crystal Ballroom, Hotel Boise, Jan. 13. Guest speaker was A. Scott Crossfield the X-15 pilot first to fly twice the speed of sound. He gave a wonderful talk and very exciting films were shown on the X-15 flights. There was a large representation from throughout out state!

Laura Conner took a XC flight to Dunsmuir, Calif., in a Cessna 210—new result IFR weather. Got as far as Burns, weathered in for three days. If you have time, Laura says go by air! Laura reports the Gowen Field Aero Club is reorganizing and is open

to members in a Cessna 140. Call Laura for further details.

Our group accepted with extreme reluctance Claire Justad's not being able to serve as vice chairman. Claire was not able to renew her physical. A new vice chairman will be appointed. Keep trying, Claire, we're all hoping you can get a renewal!

OREGON CHAPTER

The Oregon 99's did not meet officially in December but on December 10th the majority of the members gathered at the Troutdale Airport to participate in the open house held by Skyways, Inc. to introduce to the public the new tower now in operation at the airport. The 99's part in this was to present a fashion show of Jantzen knits. The day was sunny but freezing cold and windy—and part of the Jantzen line was bathing suits! A flamingo bathing suit with blue "goose bumps" seemed to be the order of the day. Ninety-Niner Viola Walkup's daughter, Joanie, was a good sport and modeled a two piece bathing suit in the cold, all because her mother is a 99 and needed her size. Judy Flemming got her introduction to the organization by being a model for the event as did Betty Rogers. Two other young friends came to the size rescue, they were Joanne Rohde and Cedric Cope. When it comes to a project to help promote 99's and aviation, the 99's come from near and far to work on it. It is a rewarding experience to be associated with such a group.

January 10th we met in Salem, Ore., with lunch at the Keg and Platter and the meeting in the Oregon State Board of Aeronautics office at the Salem Airport. Twenty members and five guests present.

We were delighted to have our N.W. Section governor, Terry Kellogg, and N.W. Section membership chairman, Van Adderson, fly over from Seattle to be with us.

Terry apprised us of the goals to be accomplished by the Northwest Section members this year. It sounds like it is going to be a good year with everyone cooperating.

Bob Dunn, director of the Oregon State Board of Aeronautics, was our guest speaker. He told us of the many things the SBA is doing in Oregon and suggested ways we could help. Mr. Dunn also discussed the long range plans for development of airports throughout our state. He said John Day had officially opened January 10th and they expected to have a building (rest rooms, phone, etc.) at Cascade Locks (on the Columbia River) and Seaside (on the coast) soon. Other airports scheduled for improvements and future development are Cottage Grove, Monmouth, Brookings, Big Lake, Oregon City, Joseph and many others. Their plans are to

clean up any questionable approaches, better lighting and better runway surfaces. Our Oregon airports will be many and as safe as possible.

Mr. Dunn also told us there were films available to groups and schools on aviation and elements relating to aviation. He stressed Air Age Education at the teaching level. Frankly, from this writer's viewpoint, with men such as Mr. Dunn working for us, aviation will continue to grow and airports to expand in Oregon. He extended the 99's an invitation to attend the SBA monthly meetings so we will be informed on what they are doing.

Ninety-Niner Evelyn Rackleff has been elected to the board of directors of the Oregon Pilots Association. Evelyn's husband, Edwin, is Lebanon OPA chapter president—from this you would gather they were aviation minded.

Marcella Othus and 49½er, John, flew to Las Vegas to attend the Automobile Dealers' Association convention in January. The weather fouled them up, though, and they had to leave their Piper Tri-Pacer in San Francisco and come home commercial.

Lillian Oringdolph is busy seeking and appointing "volunteers" to plan and oversee the Northwest Section meeting to be held in Portland, Ore., September 14, 15, 16, 1962.

The Oregon Chapter hereby extends an invitation to all 99's to visit us then or at any time you are in the Northwest.

EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER

By Onita Hoff

It has been so cold here that, when the thermometer gets above zero we think we're in the banana belt. And, at present, skis would work best at rural Rainbow Ranch Airport.

Lucky are those members in our chapter whose 49½ers are flying businessmen. I wouldn't be surprised if, at the next meeting, either Mary Kilbourne or Betty Lou Storrs served us cookies still hot from a 99 meeting in New York or Alabama.

Our last meeting was a noon luncheon at the Bannock Hotel in Pocatello as guests of our chairman, Mary Kilbourne. Those present, besides the chairman, were Virginia Finkenburg, Joyce Manning, Onita Hoff and Ia Winton. The next meeting will be at the new Municipal Airport building, Idaho Falls—another noon luncheon. Lucille Christopherson, Utah chairman, invited our chapter to meet with them in April to plan aid for TAR race stops at Wendover, Salt Lake City, and Rock Springs. And they would like to fly to Idaho in October. Inter-state meetings are a good idea to induce more flying and fellowship.

Good news! Isabel Rilvas married Leonardo Mathias, Portuguese consul to Capetown, South Africa.

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Pat McGee

The weather has been about as cold as it ought to get in this mild (normally) section of the U.S.—just like California, we are having "unusual" weather. But the cold hasn't kept anybody out of the air. Our chapter members continue to log the hours!

I missed last month's deadline due to illness in the family, so have a bit to catch up on. First, I guess, comes mention of the lovely Christmas party held in the home of Ilovene and Les Potter, overlooking Puget Sound. New members Marian (Mrs. Robert) Morton and Elene (Mrs. William) Duncan were formally welcomed into the chapter at that time, though Elene wasn't able to be there. Our 49½ers attended; there was a gift exchange and lots of Christmas type refreshments.

On December 30th several members of the chapter cooperated with the local chapter of AOPA who sponsored March of Dimes flights at several airports. Terry Kellogg was asked to coordinate the ticket sales; Van Adderson flew out of Renton, Ginny Andrews took charge at Bellevue and Ilovene Potter coordinated efforts at Boeing. The girls all did some "air lifting" and some ground work, loading passengers for other pilots and keeping track of the money, etc. Somewhat more than \$900 was collected for the March of Dimes that day, and the AOPA was most appreciative of the help given by these members. The gals all enjoyed it, too.

In January, Terry and Van flew to Salem, Ore., in Terry's Beech to hold a meeting with the Oregon Chapter who will hostess the next sectional meeting in Portland.

Marian made a trip to Montana over the holidays—she went by train but the train was delayed, so—a switch from frequent procedure—Marian finished her trip by air. This is the kind of story we like to hear!

The January meeting was held at the office of the State Director of Aeronautics and Marian Morton brought a film on "Arctic Survival" which was applicable to mountain conditions as well as the arctic. The group enjoyed the film very much, although they had time only for the first half. This program was labeled, "To Be Continued"!

Ilovene and Les Potter will be leaving about February 1st to rendezvous in Phoenix with two other Seattle couples; they will all proceed to Mexico from there. They expect to see Lydiellen Hagen and husband from Spokane, who are in Mexico at this writing. Ilovene says they will be gone about a month, looking for the warm weather spots.

Betty and Vic Curran have traded their Beechcraft Debonair for a Piper

Aztec, which Betty picked up in mid-January at Hillsboro, Ore., accompanied by a rated M.E. pilot, as neither of the Currans had their rating at the time. Betty took her check on January 22, and has her rating now. We are all delighted for her and expect the Currans to put in many happy hours in the new plane.

Marian Owen, who has been traveling up to Paine Field to get in some time on weekends, took the big leap and joined the Falconers, a Renton flying club, she and Helen Appel can now share that Comanche.

Ginny Andrews is working hard on her instrument rating; she flew to Bellingham on the 19th and to Olympia on the 20th, under the hood both times. She says it's work, but she enjoys it.

Ilovene Potter is nearly ready for her commercial and instrument flight checks, too. She has been spending from three to four hours a day in the air, mostly on instruments. When she passes her flight checks she will know the meaning of the old phrase, "Tired but happy"!

And sometimes the gals go flying just for the fun of it (is there any other reason?). One bright cold day recently Ginny and Nick Andrews flew into Thun Field at Puyallup and there were Terry and Dave Kellogg, so they all stopped for hamburgers before taking off again. It was another bright day when Ilovene Potter and Pat McGee took a couple of passengers to Tacoma for lunch. Took longer to get the lunch than it did to make the round trip!

A real sight from the air these days is the Space Needle—hope a lot of 99ers from other chapters will be dropping in to see it and maybe take a spin on it. In case you aren't familiar with the Needle—it is a restaurant, 550 feet above the ground, designed so that the main dining room will revolve at 360° per hour. The view as you dine will change slowly, and should really be terrific. (The bar, fortunately, will not revolve!) So come and see us during Century 21, the Seattle World's Fair!

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Helen R. Crum

With no meeting this month, anything but good weather, and many of our lucky members flying south like the birds, news has been somewhat scarce.

Margaret Miquelon is still teaching and sky diving. She reports that she has made her "first static line jump"—whatever that is—and is helping to organize a sky diving club of about 25 persons in the Tri-Cities area. She has been asked by the director of

Columbia Basin College to work out a course outline for teaching aviation education for future teachers and airline personnel.

Millie Shinn, a reporter for Northwest Flyer, who has transferred from the Idaho Chapter, hitchhiked with Pud Lovelace of Bozeman, Mont., in December to Pendleton and returned with purchases by moonlight.

Lygie Hagen and husband took off between snow storms the first part of January "for any warm, sunny place" where he can finish instrument training and she can take some more ground school. They reached Boise the first day where they attended the Idaho operators aviation banquet and visited Idaho 99's. They will be home the middle of February after a sojourn at Palm Desert.

While the Hitchcocks are in Chile Kathleen's daughter, Kam, is working for her private pilots license. We are looking forward to having her as a future member.

After warming up her Tri-Pacer on shopping trips to Spokane in December, Minnie and Carl Boyd took off for the rest of the winter in Palm Springs. Jean Carbon has recovered from surgery and is on her way to Costa Rica. During the Wikstroms' winter vacation in the South Ethel will be mastering the new Aztec. Not having heard from Bonnie Henson we assume she and her husband are having a good time flying around Yucatan. (I guess your reporter just doesn't live right.)

Now to get back to more ordinary things. We made a profit of \$66 on the candy sale. Our next meeting probably will be in Spokane. For the April meeting in Yakima we have the prospect of a most interesting talk on Africa by a former 99.



WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Jean Ross Howard

The Washington, D. C. Chapter met for dessert and coffee at the lovely home of Adele Cotton on Sunday, Sept. 24. A record turnout heard Betty Fielding of the Santa Clara Chapter report on the FAA Air Share meeting in Honolulu. Betty also mentioned the problem of 99's in the islands trying to fly the required cross country hours to qualify for the AWTAR—just not enough country to cross! It is hoped the AWTAR board will consider this problem.

On Sunday, Oct. 22, the Washington, D. C. Chapter was host at the Middle East Sectional at Friendship Airport. Chairman Velta Benn arranged a delightful luncheon, followed by a

specially conducted tour of the Westinghouse Electric plant. Nancy and Don Lyman provided the original, unique Halloween table decorations—a pale pink pumpkin with a Betty Boop face—another—an Indian-type pumpkin with an arrow through his head. Ada Mitchell designed the attractive programs.

Typically the weather didn't cooperate—so many from the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter couldn't come. Alice Hammond, Katherine Macario and Marie d'Alterio made it—as did the D. C. Chapter—by car.

Members of the Washington Chapter were: Vice Governor Virginia Thompson, Betty MacGlashan, Chapter Chairman Velta Benn, Ada Mitchell, Nancy and Don Lyman, Jean Ross Howard, Dorothy Mitchell, Adelaide Tinker, Beatrice Wilder, Jackie Geiger, Hedy Jaffe, Hazel Dwiggin, Laura Zerener, Marty DeLoatche, Betty and Neil Bohn, Josie and Blanche Noyes. Member Ruth Freckleton was there on special assignment for Cross Country News. From the Santa Clara Chapter were Ruby and Ralph Fielding and from the Carolina Chapter was Sara E. Shonk.

Our thanks to Cross and Blackwell, the Ryan Aeronautical Company and the Martin Company for providing 30 door prizes and to Mr. Crawford and Test Pilots Fred Hughes and Orville Johnson for giving us the interesting tour of Westinghouse.

Ada Mitchell always mindful of chapter finances—fines anyone NOT flying to the sectional meeting 25 cents—over \$8.00 was the result!

Laura Zerener was hostess for the November 19th chapter meeting. Sixteen members attended and discussed proposed plans for future meetings and planned the Christmas party.

The Christmas party—one of the biggest yet—(31 were there) was given in the spacious, beautiful recreation room of Mitzi and Gil Keller. Besides the delicious buffet for which Mitzi is noted, highlights were the exchange of gifts and an initiation of new 49½ers—arranged and conducted by Ada Mitchell.

On January 10 the Washington Chapter was invited to attend the Zonta Club's annual Amelia Earhart Memorial dinner. Blanche Noyes, a member of Zonta and personal friend of Amelia's, unveiled a portrait of Amelia Earhart which the Zonta Club will present to the National Air Museum. Then Blanche introduced Dr. Dougherty, human factors engineer with the Bell Helicopter Company, chairman of the Fort Worth Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, former WASP and member of The Whirley Girls as the guest speaker. The 99's present—Rosemary Lane, Betty Fisher, Claire Callaghan, Mitzi and Gil Keller, Virginia Thompson, Jean Ross

Howard, Beatrice Wilder, Velta Benn, Dorothy Mitchell and from James-town, N. Y., Lucille Wright were very proud of 99 Dora as she recalled some of her WASP experiences and highlights of her record breaking helicopter flights last February.

Dora broke the speed and distance-in-a-straight-line helicopter records—these were formerly held by the USSR. Then in words we could understand, she told of the work she is doing at Bell as a human factors engineer—a very new and important field—basically concerned with designing safety into the cockpit.

Frances Nolde in her capacity of director of general aviation for the Defense Air Transport Administration of the Department of Commerce was one of the many aviation leaders who testified at the Mitchell Field hearings—in an effort to keep Mitchell Field open for general aviation. With the need for MORE—not less airports—across the country, we all hope the decision will be made to keep Mitchell Field on the air map.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Kate Macario

Our January theater party has become an annual event; this is the third year we held our meeting in town (Philadelphia, that is) at a restaurant where we ate lunch and attended the theatre afterwards. Twenty of us saw the magical musical "Carnival" Jan. 20th, at a Saturday matinee. Our thanks to Irene Wirtschafter for taking charge.

Marie D'Alterio was present to conduct the meeting. Plans for two important, forthcoming events were discussed. First, the Middle East Sectional, which was put in the hands of a committee to arrange; the date set for Saturday, April 14th, (remember this date). And second, our annual Ladies Day or Penny-a-Pound flights which will be again at Wings Field, Sunday, May 27th, with a rain date the following Sunday. Airplanes are needed, Wings has offered us the use of three Cessnas, and pilots, preferably with commercials, and volunteers for groundwork.

Marie also introduced four prospective members who were attending their first 99 meeting: Mary Myers, owns an Ercoupe and flies out of Bader Field, Atlantic City; she was so happy to find another woman pilot when she met Beth Sturtevant at Aero Haven, N. J., Betty Fretz flies out of Pitman Airport in a club's Aeronca Champ. Jane Nichols and her husband fly their 210 from Philadelphia International Airport. And student pilot Lois Evans, now flying at West Chester Airport. The number of active pilots in our chapter is increasing

rapidly. Alice Meisenheimer and Joyce Harding are our two newest members; we welcome them both.

As a result of an article (with a big three page spread) on our Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter members in a Sunday weekly section, Marie received a letter from a woman pilot who is also assistant dean of women at Penn State College and wants to know more about our organization. It is surprising how many women who are flying in this area and have never heard of the 99's. It is up to us to inform them.

On Jan. 2nd, six of our members were guest speakers at the Philadelphia Zonta's Amelia Earhart dinner: Alice Hammond, Arlene Feldman, Peggy Borek, Beth Sturtevant, Marie D'Alterio and Elsie McBride. Each one was given five minutes to speak on a particular phase of the 99's. Beth Sturtevant, who is a member of the Greater Camden Zonta, has asked Alice Hammond and Erma Keyes to speak at their Amelia Earhart dinner January 24th.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Betty Hamilton

Well, old man winter has really cramped our style, as far as flying is concerned. No one was able to make it to Manteo for the planned December meeting.

Emily Kelly and 49½'er, Stan, were hosts for the January meeting at their lovely new home in Plafftown, near Winston-Salem. A grand spaghetti dinner was really enjoyed. Gale East, Dave and Randy were the only fly-ins. Louise and Herman drove over from High Point, Nita and Gene from Charlotte, Jeanne Harley from Spartanburg. Maxine Walker, long time no see, came and brought her roommate who she is teaching to fly. The Carolinas Chapter is cooperating with New York-New Jersey trading stamp program, to secure an airplane for our friend, Kim. We all grew very fond of Kim when she was in school outside High Point and came to our meetings.

Burnette Spencer, long time 99'er, seldom gets to our meetings. She and 49½'er, John, and son, Jack, operate Midway Airport on the edge of High Point. They started from scratch three years ago. Now have hangars for 23 planes and building more. Grandson, age 3, flies the 172 from his granddaddy's lap. I wager granddaughter, age 1, is the back seat pilot. Burnette says come in to see her.

Purely personal, little flying, due to weather, snow and ice on field at the Flying H Farm, but much activity in the shop helping 49½'er, Jim, work on his antiques. Fly in to see us when it dries up some.

Our February meeting, Charlotte with Nita Hudman hostess.



ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Teddy Hager

This month, we had our annual Ninety-Nine Nite, in conjunction with the Aero Club, at the Officers' Club. Mrs. Frances W. Nolde gave a short, and very interesting talk. Also, the Achievement Awards presented, first award going to Mickey Clark; second to Dorothy Haupt; third to Ruth Lake; fourth to Edith Olovitch; and fifth to June Evers. They were each awarded silver trophies, and later, Mickey and Dorothy are to receive jet rides. Congratulations, girls, envy you the jet ride. Come on, gals, let's all get busy and give these gals competition next year.

Our new member, Lois Siverts, was pinned. Welcome aboard, we are happy to have you. We were very happy to see our out-of-town members from the Ozark Chapter; Hazel Matz; new members Rosamond Jolly and Sybil Reid. Flying in from Kansas City Chapter in their Apache were Ruth Stafford, Laurien Griffen and Sarah Gorelick. It was nice seeing them and we wish more girls would attend our meetings when possible.

Sorry to report Ruth Lake's mother passed away. Our deepest sympathy. Ruth and Ed bought a lot at Arrowhead and will build this spring. We are all glad, as this will keep her occupied. Our congratulations and best wishes to Fran Merrill, who just became Mrs. August Henke. Dotty Haupt just ferried a new Cessna for Walston Aviation from Wichita. Dot and Mike Rumsey are leaving for New York for the Antique Auto Association meeting. Have fun! Loretta Slavick has been spending a good deal of time working in Kansas City.

Del Scharr will be attending the World Wide Mains, Information Officers' Conference to be held at Scott Air Force Base, February 15 and 16. Also, Del has been asked to speak at the Zonta Club, February 1. Her subject will be "Daughters of the Sky". We understand she was selected because, as I understand it, she is the only gal who has flown a four-engine jet, AC-135, sister ship of the Boeing 707. She flew this ship last November. She is our only ex-WASP, and we are proud to have her in our chapter. More will be written about this meeting next month.

That is all, over and out!

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Kathleen K. Hudson

Our chapter does not hold regular meetings in January and February

due to so much inclement weather in Illinois. This reporter had to send out SOS notes for some news.

Barbara Jenison from Paris, Ill., was recently appointed by Otto C. Kerner, governor of Illinois, to the advisory board of the Department of Aeronautics for a two year term. She is the first woman to be appointed to this position and I know will be a very valuable asset to the board. We hope she will be just the first with more to come. Barbara writes that she is driving her mother down south in January. We all share her sentiments when she wrote that she would love to stay in the South for a while. Illinois, as well as many other states, has had quite an unusual cold spell lately.

Leah Warren writes that the only flying they have been doing is with their new little Scotman radio. From their nice warm home they can pick up Chicago control and tower and quite a little upper air information.

I was sorry to hear that Marjorie Kelly was sick between Thanksgiving and Christmas with some sort of virus. She was able to do a little local flying earlier this month, but now is making plans for a few weeks in Florida. She and her husband, Fred, will have their boat with them so they should have a wonderful time. Their address until March 3 will be Port St. Lucie Country Club, Box 427, Fort Pierce, Fla.

Bonnie Ferrell had her wings clipped for a while by a bad fall onto concrete. We are glad to hear that she is just about recovered. She and her husband are attending a ground school and both are working on their instrument rating with Croom Beatty, manager of the Mattoon Airport.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Sarah Gorelick

Our December meeting was held in the form of a Christmas party at the Yacht Club on Lake Lotawanna. Hosts for the affair were Ruth and Sheldon Stafford. We all stuffed ourselves on a delicious fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Afterwards a gift exchange was held. This was the night Old Man Winter really decided to come to K. C. A bad storm developed and for a while we all thought that we would have to spend the night at the lake. Everyone got back to the city, however. Some, I hear, in time for an early breakfast.

Our December fly-out found Ruth Stafford piloting an Apache and Mary Ann Noah a twin-Bonanza to Manhattan, Kan. Fortunately they returned before the weather closed in.

January meeting was held at the Plaza Royal Restaurant. We all envied Mary Ann who had just returned from a few days in Florida. Sarah Gorelick was the chapter's nomina-

tion for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award.

The January fly-out was cancelled because of one of our weekly blizzards. We are all still trying to dig our cars out. When everything starts to get back to normal we have another snow storm.

That is all from a very white Kansas City.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Alma Hartman

Kokomo 99's Verona Ruzika and Alma Hartman were hostesses to 27 drive-in 99's, 49½ers and guests at the January meeting. The flu bug hit Alma at the last minute so Verona was ably assisted by 49½er, Fred Hartman.

A stimulating program was presented by Hortense Myers. She showed slides and reviewed her book on the life of "Carl Ben Eielson". The material was gathered on a personal tour to Alaska. Ruth Burnett co-authored the book.

Margaret Ringenberg has organized a Wing Scout troop in Ft. Wayne. At present it is the only Wing Scout troop in the Limberlost Council. Now that Margaret has made a beginning more are sure to follow.

How many 99's saw Delia Sanders present the Dee Nicholas Trophy to Helen Grahn as "Woman Flyer of the Year"? Congratulations, Helen! This award is given by the Indianapolis Aero Club to someone in that area every year.

In lieu of the exchange of dollar gifts at the Christmas party money was given to aid a needy person. The Welfare Department sent a note of thanks.

A word of thanks to all of you girls who are doing so many commendable things in the name of 99's and aviation. It makes my job a pleasure, as well as much easier, to pass on the good word.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Clara C. Tharpe

The January meeting was held at Montgomery County Airport. Hostesses were Autrie Lehr, Bette McMahan and Margaret Callaway. Due to very inclement weather all came in by bus or car.

Guest speaker was Patrolman Cpl. Haines of the Ohio State Patrol, accompanied by Patrolman Hagley. Cpl. Haines spoke on safety on the ground and in the air, and the part the airplane plays in helping the Ohio State Patrol Control traffic violations.

Lt. Norma Price of the CAP spoke on the assistance needed in the CAP and the present programs they have underway. Janice Kuechenmeister and Martha Walters spoke on their trips, Janice to South America and Martha to South Spain.

The business meeting consisted primarily of selecting nominees for the

international, national and North Central Section committees. There was much discussion about the forthcoming AWTAR race which will have a stop in Dayton. Virginia Schumacher was appointed chairman of the Dayton stop.

Those in attendance were Claudene Fogel, Autrie Lehr, Margaret Callaway, Janice Kuechenmeister, Ione Shelton, Nellie Rasor, Bette McMahan, Juanita Heminger, Mary Schaefer, Virginia Schumacher (six hours by bus, ough), Margaret Hammon, Martha Walters, Lavina Stolte and Clara Tharpe.

Prospectives were Joan Nuessgen from Dayton and Marlee Henry from Cincinnati. Guests were Norma Price of the CAP, Carl Lehr and Robert Stolte.

The Paul Tissandier diplomas of the FAI for 1960 were awarded to three Americans, Max Conrad, Mrs. Arlene Davis, 99'er from Cleveland, and Martin M. Decker. The diplomas are awarded to persons who have served the cause of aviation, particularly private and sporting aviation, by their work, initiative and devotion.

On January 11, Janice Kuechenmeister was invited to be the guest speaker at the Cincinnati Chapter of the Zonta Club. The luncheon was at the Netherland-Hilton Hotel. She in turn invited Margaret Callaway to join her. Janice spoke about "Aviation and Women in Aviation," and Margaret recounted some of her experiences about the different races she has participated in.

Janice spent a couple of weeks in South America, making stops at Lima, Peru; Santiago, Chile; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Montevideo, Uruguay; Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. While in Rio she spent a very enjoyable evening with one of our members-at-large, Anesia Pinheiro Machado and her husband. She had many interesting stories to relate which included the cock fights and the problems which arose over the language barrier.

Margaret Callaway flew to Philadelphia, Pa., in December and spent a very pleasant week with Elsie McBride. She visited the AWTAR headquarters at Teterboro, and Selma Cronan flew with her all day making calls at several airports in the N. Y. City area.

Mary Brandman is attending Findlay College taking French and Spanish courses preparatory to starting a round the world trip with her 49½er. They plan to leave around February 18th of this year.

Martha Walter and Alice Puller spent three weeks traveling in southern Spain which included the Spanish Riviera. Five and three-fourths hours from N. Y. to Lisbon by Swiss jet. How fabulous.

Virginia M. Schumacher attended a

Civil Air Patrol Great Lakes regional staff meeting in Louisville, Ky., via military airlift on January 12 and 13.

Rosalie Bracht is in St. Thomas Hospital undergoing an operation. Best of luck and get well soon, Rosalie, we miss you.

Some of the 99 members were fortunate in being able to attend the ABC Zonta Clubs Amelia Earhart commemorative dinner at the Sheraton Hotel in Akron on Jan. 10. Miss Jerri Cobb spoke on "Women's Participation in Space Flight". Seated at the head table were Arlene Davis and Ruby Mensching (Zonta members) as well as Jean Wiedemer who had met Amelia Earhart when she was living in New York.

Ninety-Nine members present were Jean Bonar, Win Coughy, Jerri Cobb, Marilyn Collette, Arlene Davis, Edith Denny (Toronto), Marge Gorman, Jean Hixson, Joan Hrubec, Ruby Mensching, Helen and Jim Sammon, Mary Schoefer and Harriet Wladyka. Prospective members included Lee Best, Pat Hange, Dene Haddon, Annabel Loucka, Ann Paradis and Lou Timken.

Guests included Shorty Fulton, Mgr. Akron Municipal Airport; Alan Vopal, president of the Cleveland Aviation Club; and Wart T. Van Orman. Mr. Van Orman holds most of the world's balloon records. His first record was made in 1919 when he won the National Balloon Race flying from St. Louis to Montreal where he landed on a barn roof in a thunderstorm.

Ruby Mensching, electronics expert and former WASP, introduced Arlene Davis. Arlene introduced Jerri Cobb. Arlene also presented Harriet Wladyka, Amelia Earhart Scholarship winner with an orchid from the All-Ohio Chapter. Mr. Alan Vopal presented Jerri with a scale model of the OX-5 Waco in which she first soloed.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Alice Stoltzner

Two good flying days in a row is something the Chicago Area 99's haven't seen recently. Even when the visibility is looking up, it takes hours to shovel that white, fluffy stuff away from the tie down. Alice Kudrna managed to get off and fly to Ann Arbor, Mich., for the weekend. She arrived just before a freezing rain and had to return on commercial. One month later, she is still waiting for a nice weekend to pick up the plane. Ray and Louise Kokesh had to leave their plane about 130 miles north of here on the way back from a weekend in Wausau, Wis. Unfavorable weather forced them onto a train for the remainder of the trip.

Alice DeWitt and husband, Bernard, made two attempts to fly their son back to camp at Ft. Rucker, Ala., but settled for a long drive when -25° temperatures and icing conditions per-

sisted. On arrival, they received a warm welcome from Commandant Col. Warren Williams, head of the Army Aviation Center. They toured the center, seeing both fixed wing and helicopter installations. Lita Misiowiec had better luck than many and flew to Phoenix for the Christmas holidays and returned without incident.

Nell Brown recently returned to -12° Chicago from 82° California where she was visiting her daughter and family.

Dorothy Vachout has been ill but husband, Dr. Dale, says she is coming along. Hope to see you in February, Dorothy.

A hearty welcome to two new Chicago Chapter members, Suzanne Deutch and Barbara Weber.

Almost any week, Mary Beritich and June Basile can be seen at the Adler Planetarium gazing at the skies during a celestial navigation class for the nautical set. Navigation principles are similar for air and water travel but that salty classmate has more time for figuring than you do, gals.

Ninety-Nine Sketches: June Basile has been dreaming of flying since she first saw a plane leave the ground. She soloed the Piper Tri-Pacer from Harlem Airport in 1955. Since then June has checked out in Cessnas 172 and 175, Beechcraft Bonanza and Debonair. June flew her first AWTAR in 1961. Both June and husband, Tony, fly every possible weekend and manage to spend some time at swimming, water skiing and horseback riding.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Ryan

After a summer of flying in separate directions, the Minnesota Chapter was together again December 19 for the loveliest Christmas party Rita Orr planned and hostesses for us at her home in Faribault. It was one of those zero-zero nights. The falling snow was lovely in the soft glow of Rita's patio light but somewhat treacherous while driving. Margaret and Malcolm Manuel drove from Stanton with their two soaring club guests whose base is Stanton. Virginia Mayer holds both distance and altitude records for women in the U. S. and her enthusiasm for the sport struck response from most of our members, particularly 49½ers. Marian and Keith Champlin, Avis Larson with guest Earl Scofield, Dorothy and Rocky Ryan and prospective member Jane Reeves, all drove in from Minneapolis. Florence Scriver planned to come but the doctor said not with that bronchitis!

Rita and Burt's home was ablaze with Christmas lights, and Christmas cheer and other elegant Christmas fare; and bobbing into occasional sight were their 29½ers, Jan, Cindy and Billy, aglow with that pre-Christmas excitement. Dr. Bill and Alycon Furlow (remember the perfect sum-

mer afternoon at the Furlow cottage on Lake Roberds in July, 1960) joined our party along with another charming couple, associates of Burt's from the Clinic. We had a perfectly lovely time. Virginia Mayer told us a great deal about soaring and Earl Scofield, a carrier inspector for the FAA, also spoke to us. About 2 a.m. over the 13th pot of coffee, we held an informal reorganization meeting.

All the while the snow continued to fall and although some of us were willing to brave the trip back, this reporter and 49½er were only too delighted to accept Burt and Rita's hospitality. Marian and Keith stayed over, too, and Sunday at the Orr's was pure pleasure. Thanks to Rita and Burt for a most enjoyable Christmas party!

On January 17 our chapter met for a heavenly buffet at Florence Scriver's. Audrey Baird had flown the 450 miles from Dickinson, N. D., in her club's new Mooney 21, specially for our meeting. It was so nice to be with her again, and her mother, Mrs. Larson. Audrey would love to have the 99's up to Dickinson in May, or so, if we can arrange it. Marge Cushman drove in from Montevideo (no lights at Monte); Margaret and Malcolm Manuel drove from Stanton; Rita and Burt Orr were up from Faribault; and Minneapolisians Avis Larson, Ginny Casperson, Helen Masterton, Marion Champlin and Dorothy Ryan braved the minus twenty degree weather. Special guest was former member Marietta Sonnenberg, now city editor of The Rochester Post-Bulletin, who drove up with Mrs. Evelyn Conrad. We keep insisting Marietta rejoice. Times and News Letters were never the same after events drew her from the chapter. Marietta is a shining success symbol of open heart surgery by Dr. Kirkland of Mayo. About one year ago Marietta scheduled herself for surgery and is absolutely 100 percent today. We are sure she will have no trouble with that medical, once she decides to get back to flying.

We did get ourselves happily back on the track at this meeting and following are officers, committee chairmen, and so on, for the rest of the year: Margaret Manuel, chairman; Dorothy Ryan, vice chairman and News Letter reporter; Rita Orr, program chairman; Virginia Casperson, treasurer and ways and means chairman; Avis Larson, publicity and public relations, and scrapbook; Marian Champlin, air age education; Helen Masterton, membership chairman.

At Margaret Manuel's invitation, the 99's plan to attend the MAOA banquet January 25 en masse, and after such a send-off, Rita and Burt Orr will leave the 26th for Seattle, Los Angeles (AMA convention) and Phoenix. In February this reporter and

49½er leave for two weeks in Florida's sunny (we hope) climes.

And some old news: The second foray last summer to San Salvador of Champions equipped with Sorenson spray tanks included Pilot Pat Sullivan (Lavis Larson went first trip). Pat is also serving on Mayor Vavoulis' committee for the promotion of St. Paul's Downtown Airport (Holman).

Jean Scheifley writes she and Chuck are now relocated in Glenview, Ill., and that she hopes to attend our meetings occasionally, which we all fervently second.

In aviation full time is Avis Larson, who is now demonstrating Cessna's for General Airmotive, Holman Field.

Next meeting February 18 at Stanton, Margaret Manuel, hostess.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Marian I. Hoffman

Our meeting on January 14 was held at Flint Bishop Airport with lunch in the Sky Room. Our business meeting was longer than usual with a spirited discussion on the new AWTAR rules. Consensus of opinion was that making it all commercial pilots would not take care of the safety hazard and it would then be a professional race, which would not be of general interest. One big objection was: The 99's sponsor this race—each member contributing through her chapter, and to rule out the private pilot means most of them couldn't compete. (At least this is so in our chapter—out of 56 members, not over 12 have their Commercial License). We think, if reduction in number of entries is the aim in making it Commercial, it would be better to limit it by recent experience including xc experience.

There are many Commercial pilots (as to rating and physical) with many hours that haven't flown Commercially in several years—some of them not flying as much as some Private Pilots. They are just as much a hazard as a Private Pilot without enough cross-country experience. We think the raise in entry fee will help eliminate some—also the race could be limited as to number of entries—when the limiting number was reached, turn down the others and let them try the next year. By requiring the co-pilot to be a Private Pilot or better, eliminate some of the girls sponsors as some of them take the wife of their sponsor as co-pilot whether she can fly or not. We hope it is not too late to change this rule on Commercial Pilots with Private Pilot or better co-pilots; and that perhaps some of the other chapters could come up with other solutions to the problem if given the opportunity.

After the business session, we were treated with the movies Bea Steadman took last March on her sailing trip

around the Caribbean with Janey Hart and 5 other women. This was followed by the Introductory Film of the Sanderson Private Pilot Ground School Course. We decided we would take advantage of Bea's offer of one film each meeting to keep up on current ground school requirements. Also, for some of us, this is new, as ten years ago, very little ground school was required. After the meeting, those who wished had a demonstration ride in Bea's new Cherokee.

Even though we have been having very poor weather for flying since the first of the year, our members have been busy. Polly Hewitt has a new 172, Helen Wetherill had a lovely Christmas holiday in Mexico City and Tasco via Astrojet from Chicago. She saw her first instructor—Bob MacDaniels—from Indiana, who is a 707 Captain temporarily on the Mexico run.

Bea Steadman, (Trimble Aviation) is building a new office—its to be a Hyperbolic Perabaloid. Also, she was Chairman of Flint's annual "Polio Air-Lift". Altogether, over 400 people flew as passengers "so others could walk," for the National Foundation. This was on runways covered with ice. Jean Reynolds showed slides of the 1961 AWTAR and gave a talk to the Jackson Junior Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary. Addie Binsfield is on the Conference Committee as Michigan 99 representative for the Michigan Aircraft Owners and Pilots meeting Mar. 16 and 17, 1962, at Jack Tar Hotel in Lansing. This will feature panel discussions on subjects of New Aircraft Equipment, FAA Regulations and Traffic Control problems, and Flight Safety. All interested persons are invited. Mary Clark is planning a February vacation to Acapulco, Mexico, by jet and yours truly is planning a February trip to Wenatchee, Wash.—by train (of all things). This will give my husband a much needed vacation from flying.



By Jeanne Spielberg

On January 23rd we had a very interesting dinner meeting at Ferdi's restaurant, with many old friends and a very fine speaker. He was George Comstock, Vice President of Electronic Systems and Techniques Division of Airborne Instrument Laboratories. He had twenty years experience with Radar Techniques and served last year as a member and consultant on the task force of Project Beacon. His background and accomplishments are too lengthy to list here but he covered

the subject of Air Traffic Control and Safety thoroughly and with great knowledge.

Since we had such a wonderful turnout we were able to meet some of our members we do not see often enough. Sue Sivade brought a guest, Irene Mulligan. Sally Biegeleisen and Judith Moran invited Eleanor McConville from Mexico City, formerly of Scarsdale, New York. Eleanor left with us her Mexican address with the hope you will visit her if you are doing any cross-country flying. Newton 7, Apt. 702, Mexico D. F., Mexico. Dottie Gable introduced a prospective member, Eleanor Nielsen, the owner of an Ercoupe at Zahn's Airport. Dottie's Luscombe "Sassy" is getting a major overhaul at Cameron Airport. Two more prospective members are Mrs. Ludenslinger, whose husband operates the Red Bank Airport and Denise McGuinness.

Louise Hyde and Janey Hart will be flying the Race Route the second week in February and after accomplishing that will charter a boat to cruise the Windward Islands. Bon Voyage.

Kamala Vass is off to India with her four children to visit the folks at home. Her hubby will join them some time in March for the return trip.

Marion Lopez, Barbara Evans and Kay Brick attended an FAA meeting at Mitchell Field. Nothing decided up to this time.

Julie vom Saal and family are flying in her Cessna 182 in March to Eleuthra. We are green with envy.

Selma (Olefield) Cronan is navigating for Freddie Bartholomew when he goes Sports Car racing in his Triumph. Last time around they won the "Hard Luck" trophy and a bottle of Champagne. There are better trophies in store.

Our sweet Kim is on her way home to Korea. She has been commissioned to deliver two Compass Rose pins to our Japanese Ninety-Nine members. She promises to be back soon.



TUCSON CHAPTER

By Laura Bohanon

Penny-a-pound day, Dec. 10th, has come and gone now and all the Tucson Chapter felt like the "morning after the night before", (and if they didn't they're much younger than I). Upon arising (next morn), we discovered muscles that haven't been named yet! It was a raw, windy day in Tucson for our annual event, but even this didn't stop people from standing in long lines, waiting for a flight over

the city. The temp. hovered around 50 all day and the wind kept running up and down from 15 to 28 knot gusts. And, all this without the use of even one burp cup! Total pounds flown was 78,896 and proceeds are used to promote Aviation Education Materials.

Honey Von Goerkin's (Las Vegas Chapter) 49½er, Chuck, in town on Penny-a-Pound Day paid us a visit at the airport and was caught up in the whirl, momentarily. He escaped—but we hope to see both Honey & Chuck down our way soon.

Our holiday party was held on Dec. 29th at Pat & Truly Nolen's lovely Casa. What a time everyone had with approximately 75 guests attending. The 99's, 49½ers, and all those wonderful people who worked so hard on Penny-a-Pound day made this one, the most successful party ever held. Surprised one at the party was Shirley Marshall receiving an Amelia Earhart Medal for her contribution to the 1961 AWTAR, awarded to her by the WIAA.

The All-Ohio Chapter lost a gem when Frances Francis moved out our way, but we're mighty glad she did. Hope she and her 49½er, Rod, are with us for a long time.

The January meeting found lots of lively discussions on all past events of last year. Yes, we're still talking about the AWTAR too. Our guest, Betty LeCompte (x-99 from Ill.) has been hooked, we think, and now we're reeling her back into the 99's. As we told her, we aren't always that "yakity-yakity". Sometimes we're even worse.

Flying to Deer Valley Airport, Phoenix, for the Air Show on Jan. 14th was Dorothy & Charlie Jenkins, and Frances & Rod Francis with Art Marshall (Shirley missed this one). Virginia & Lum Edwards finding the field closed, landed at Sky Harbor (20 mi S) expecting to drive the rest of the way. Going in to close their Flight Plan that's a good girl Virginia) they just happened to see Jim Vercellino, Dir. of Ariz. Aviation, phoning Deer Valley that he was flying Gov. Paul Fannin and party to the Air Show and to open the field for 2 (oops! make it 3) more planes. Virginia said, you never saw two people move any faster than she and Lum, getting into the 150, calling tower and taking off. Jim and his party still landed first with "Tag-along Tango" (the 150 has a new name) landing just as the field was officially closed. Then getting a ride with the Governor's party from the parking area to the speaker's stand—WELL, that's just too much! After all, the rest of us had to walk that mile,

or did it only seem that far. My 49½er, Earl, and I went with a group by special bus and really had a time going and returning.

And now, I'm off to St. Louis, via Commercial, to do a bit of after-Xmas shopping and visit with old friends. Glad I dug out the longies and snow boots, but still trying to find the old moth-eaten coat. Going up to the cold country after a few winters in the sun is like going to the dentist. Here's hoping I don't freeze and fail to get back in time for the deadline on the next NL . . .

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER By June Devine

What! A new year already? Well, 1961 was good enough to us; Let's look forward with high hopes for greater accomplishments, increased interest in all aspects of aviation, and of course, much more flying.

Florence Breen was hostess (and a gracious one) for the January meeting, held Thursday evening the 11th. You should have seen the beautiful ice cream cake decorated with airplanes! It was good to see Doreen Brandley again; she's been gadding like mad—Europe, Hawaii, Canada, Mexico. We think she is in the mood to fly around with us again. Edith Hammer, Marianne McDonald, Genevieve Hall started the new year right by being present. Then there was Carol Hammond, Darlene Marsh, Cleo Merrill, Helen Mace, Elaine Lancaster, Ruth Lummis, and your Newsletter reporter, Kitty Whitman, who had taken her written the day previously, was a guest.

The meeting incorporated a balanced mixture of serious discussion and fun. We are all very proud of our very active member (and Ladybug) Florence, who had just gotten her multi-engine ticket, and presented her with a charm bracelet to hold an Amelia Earhart medal which has been ordered for her.

We discussed Sacramento's proposed new airport—very controversial (although apparently "in the bag")—and decided that we need to know more about what's going on in the minds of those for and against it. We are going to have speakers presenting both sides—one at the February meeting, another at the March one (March 21, 8 p.m. at Claire Raley's house). Another project for the year will be to keep closer track of all statewide Airport problems, and to accomplish this we will have one or more members attend the California Aeronautic Commission meetings. With many small (and some large) airports dropping by the wayside it is to our interest to help where we can.

After attending to business we viewed the highly amusing flying film "Geiger Tigers"—a real dilly.

After reading the November News Letter about Captain Kyung O. Kim from Korea we plan to gather together our trading stamps and will send them to the NY-NJ Section. We wish you luck in getting a plane for the Korean women who want to learn to fly.

Ruth Wagner is responsible for getting a bit of publicity for the 99's. (She regrets that it wasn't by flying herself somewhere exotic.) While visiting her parents in Erie, Pennsylvania, she was interviewed on TV there (you know, the "home town girl makes good" sort of thing), and also had an article and picture in the Erie Daily Times. Keep talking Ruth. (Ruth is both attractive and smart and we're proud to show her off.)

Claire Raley is still away but should be home January 27th. Won't she be surprised to hear we are having the March meeting at her house? (You gotta stay home to protect yourself in this outfit.)

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER By Shirley Gilmore

A capacity crowd turned up at the Sportsman's Lounge, Brackett Field, for Don Downie's showing of his spectacular film, "Wings to Alaska", the program presented at our regular meeting in January. Guests include members of the Pomona Valley Pilots Association, 49½'s, and many friends.

The 16mm sound film in color is based on a leisurely family vacation: flight to the far North, and captures the fun and adventure of flying a modern Piper Comanche 250 across the grandeur of Western Canada and the Canadian Rockies, over the Yukon to the 49th state. Writer/photographer Don Downie, his wife, Ruth (a San Gabriel Valley Chapter member), teen-age daughter and a college-age nephew "star" in the film. Brilliant color photography records the beauty of the glacier-capped mountains. During stops and side-trips at such towns as Dawson Creek, Watson Lake and Whitehorse, the Downie's absorbed the fascinating history of the far North. Fishing, hunting and panning for gold are more of the many exciting experiences of the foursome whose air travels take them north of the Arctic Circle.

Mr. Downie graciously answered any and all questions asked by our very interested group, after which we heard echoed many times, "Alaska, here we come!" Incidentally, this 27 minute film is available free through all Piper Dealer organizations for showing at your own chapter meetings.

REDWOOD EMPIRE SECTION**Myrtle A. Wright**

The weatherman was very good to the Redwood Empire and Bay Cities Chapters on Sunday January 14. In fact it was beautiful all around. We had our meeting at Sana Rosa Metropolitan airport and were so happy to have guests from Bay Cities. It's always so much more fun to have visit-



Anna Brenner is sitting at the head of the table, Janet Ferguson is to her left, Debbie Byrum and Jaunda Bigelow are to her left. Ruth Rueckert is third from the end (reading left to right), June O'Donnell is fourth from the end on the right. Others are members and guests of the Redwood Empire Chapter.

ing Chapters. Our guests were Wanda Bigelow and 49½er Carl, Ruth Rueckert and 49½er Fred, Deby Byrum and Janet Ferguson. Janet is visiting Bay Cities from Middlesex, England. Other guests were Vern and Virginia Morrelli, Pat and Hilda Casey, Betty Shunn and Betty Smith. Redwood Empire had a very good turnout of members. We had June O'Donnell, our chairman, Pat Stouffer, Hazel Bertagna, Gladys Haney, Anita Conley, Anna Brenner, Nellie Palmer, Fran DeHaan, with 49½er Abe, Phyllis Cantrell and Myrtle Wright. This was 100% lacking one of our active membership. Lets keep it up girls and take that \$10.00 from Bakersfield again. It was nice to see Fran DeHaan in our midst again. She has been under the weather for a while. Glad to have you back Fran. Phyllis Cantrell brought prospective member Betty Shunn to the meeting. Betty has a commercial license so maybe she will get into the race???? Congratulations to Phyllis on getting her commercial license just a few days ago too. Little sister Hilda Casey flew their 170 to Santa Rosa by herself. She is building up her solo time toward that license and membership in the 99's, Inc.

Bay Cities Chapter is hosting the start of the AWTAR at Oakland this year. Some plans were discussed for

inspections and transportation through the impound area etc. Time is getting short isn't it.

Myrtle Wright has been asked to be guest speaker at the Zonta of Santa Rosa Amelia Earhart day. This will be at the Saddle & Sirloin in Santa Rosa for lunch. The Zonta Club gives Amelia Earhart Scholarships every year and they are also an International Organization.

If the weather holds out for us, the next meeting of Redwood Empire Chapter will be a fly-in to Half Moon Bay on Sunday, February 11. We hope to see some visiting chapters there too.

I am so thankful that I am a pilot. A couple of weeks ago the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys were completely fogged in. I took Betty Smith with me and left Napa airport and flew over the solid layer of fog. We saw beauty as only God can create it, and which you could only see by being in the air above it. The sun was starting to go down in the West and the colorful reflections of blue, green, pink and lavender on the top of the fog under us was a breathtaking picture. I took a picture and hope I can get a small fraction of that beauty on film. Till Next month, Happy Flying to all.

COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER**By Eleanor Wagner**

The Coachella Valley Chapter is once again on the launching pad after



Ninety-Nines with Cliff Henderson, center, celebrated Kitty Hawk with a dinner at Desert Air Hotel, near Palm Springs, Calif., in conjunction with the NAA Chapter, the Salton Aero Club. Left to right (standing) are: Bobbie Trout and Clema Granger, both Charter members of the 99's; Cliff Henderson; Zaddie Bunker and Dr. Grace Song Line. Seated, left to right) Faye Douthitt, Eleanor Wagner and Dorothy Coleman. Herbert Stoltmann of Palm Springs is president of the Salton Aero Club. Chairman of the C. V. Chapter 99's is Eleanor Wagner.

(W. Lee Wenzlick Photo)

having been inactive for some 4 years. However, during this period of inactivity, we were proud to know that Zaddie Bunker, our Supersonic Great Grandmother of Palm Springs, Calif., was constantly refueling her Navion and keeping the name of our flying ladies before the public.

This, of course, is to say nothing of Jacqueline Cochran and her countless record breaking flights and activities in the name of world-wide aviation. But then, we expected these things from her—not in the sense that she is being taken for granted, but that Jackie is in there pitching. It's just "par for the course".

Our chapter was issued a new charter in July, and the following members are listed: Zaddie R. Bunker, Jacqueline Cochran, Dorothy V. Coleman, Laurie M. Cummins, Iona Faith (Faye) Douthitt, Dr. Grace Song Line, Hetty F. Rye and Eleanor I. Wagner.

Our most commendable activity to date was co-hosting a Kitty Hawk dinner at Desert Air Hotel, near Palm Springs, along with the Salton Aero Club, our local NAA Chapter here. Cliff Henderson, former manager of the Cleveland Air Races, was our guest speaker.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER**By Lois K. Bartling**

The month of January started out with the first Sunday scheduled for the March of Dimes fly day. The weather was ideal. With a temperature of 81 it felt more like summer than mid-winter. The event was a joint venture of the El Cajon Valley and San Diego Chapters. We flew off of five airports from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Twelve airplanes were used to carry 318 people for a total of 32,648 pounds at a charge of 2 cents per pound. Of the twelve planes used, 8 were owned and flown by 99's, 3 were flown by members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and one was put into service by a friend who had come out to the airport to make like a Sunday pilot until he saw the long line of people waiting. We had some stiff competition that day, such as a very important football game, but in spite of that we were able to swell the March of Dimes coffers by \$711.61. If your chapter has never taken on such a project, you're missing an awful lot of fun. Plan on doing it next year, then contact your local March of Dimes office. They will be only too glad to work with you and also take care of the passenger insurance.

On January 18th our monthly meeting was held in the auditorium of General Dynamics Astronautics, maker of the Atlas. After a quickie meet-

ing a showing of slides and movies and a lecture on proposed means of space travel to nearby planets was arranged for by one of our members, Joanne Alford. Of course there are top secret plans that couldn't be discussed with us, but the plans that could be revealed seemed unbelievable. It makes getting into my little "Bean Pot" (bonanza) feel about as modern as traveling by chariot.

Flying for the weekend pilot has been somewhat curtailed the last month. The holidays took up two weekends, the March of Dimes fly day one weekend and rain this Saturday and Sunday.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Dru Benefiel

January—to begin the New Year right—our meeting, held at Center Aviation (Hawthorne) was devoted to business, a buzz session of "hanger flying", and appetizing, fattening refreshments. Virginia Showers missed the meeting. Something about an addition to the family—KITTENS. they say!

Deserting private flying for a moment, Katee and Gene Moskow jetted to our 50th state to spend the Christmas holidays. Reports a wonderful time in Honolulu with the weather in the 80's and the beaches inviting. Highlighting the trip was a flight to Hilo and the other islands in a rented Apache. Then, jetting back to the mainland in time to fly their Apache to Las Vegas to spend New Years Eve.

Like the girl with a curl in the middle of her forehead, radios are good when they work but when out of order they are horrid. Rebecca Held can attest to the above. She was caught on her way to spend New Years in Phoenix with an inoperative radio. Landing at Buckeye to request permission to land at Phoenix without radio, she found that the people there were most helpful. Reports that one of the delightful aspects of x-countrying is the bond of the flying fraternity. Homeward even the weather as well as the radio cooperated. Santa Monica was sunny—no fog.

Ask Dru Benefiel about her recent flight over Mexico City and the Pyramids of the Sun and Moon in a chartered 170. This was a hilarious charade of sign language between the Mexican commercial pilot and the North American—even to the finger in the gas tank bit! Unfortunately, he spoke no English and she—well—Feliz Navidad (Merry Christmas) which was no help.

Our "sunny" California weather has

somewhat curtailed our flying activity. You've no doubt heard of "the unusual California weather." We've had all kinds of it lately—days of fog and more fog, rain, thunder and lightning, and now snow in the foothills. Our mountains are spectacular in their white cover and our lower hills are green again. Beautiful! All we need is a good day on the weekend to enjoy the results of the weather.

EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER

By Isabelle G. McCrae

The December meeting, in the form of a Xmas party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis (Dottie) in Lemon Grove, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 13th with members of the San Diego Chapter as invited guests. A pot luck dinner was served by Dottie and her crew and a gift exchange followed.

Members from the San Diego Chapter who attended were Lynn Briggs, Thelma Bishop, Stella Hardin, Ruby Keaveny and Betty Lambert. El Cajon Valley Chapter members present were Doris Ritchey, Dottie Sanders, Aileen Sanders, Boo Christiansen, Jackie Trenfel, Isabelle McCrae, Barbara Tucker, Harriet Allen, Barbara Hill. Also a number of guests were present. On December 9th and 16th several of the girls in the chapter flew a mercy flight to El Rosario, Baja, California, a small village about 250 miles south of the border loaded with food, clothing and Xmas gifts, also medical supplies for the needy families. They were assisted by the members of the Civil Air Patrol and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Members who made the flight were Aileen Saunders, Dottie Sanders, Leah Hanlon and Isabelle McCrea. There were nine plane loads of articles on the first trip and 7 on the second. When the first planes landed, they were greeted by Senora Anita Espinoza and her husband, who run a store in the village. She speaks fairly good English and is able to interpret for the rest of her people. They drove a large truck up to the air strip and loaded the articles and the pilots into the back and transported them down the hill to the village. The Sheriff's automobile was also available (along with the sheriff) for transportation of pilots and co-pilots. (Incidentally the sheriff held all the public offices, mayor, cab driver, etc.)

The village was about ½ mile from the airstrip, as the crow flies, (straight down). But, by winding road, over rocks and through crevices in the hill, it was about a 30 minute journey. It was a great satisfaction to see all the children dressed in their Sunday best (which was none too good,

but clean), and lined up along the street in front of their little frame school building, waiting for toys and clothes and candy.

There are about a hundred families in this drouth-stricken area, and most of them were hungry and ill-clothed. Their main source of food supply had been through lobster fishing and cattle ranching but since there had been no rain for more than 18 months most of the cattle had died and the crops dried up, and the lobster fishing had been depleted in recent months.

Medical aid and supplies were badly needed here, and Dr. Dale Hoyt of the Civil Air Patrol supplied many vitamins and treated some of the emergency cases.

On Sunday, January 7th, the girls in our chapter participated in the March of Dimes flight which was sponsored by the San Diego Chapter.

Barbara Tucker and Isabelle McCrae flew from Gillespie Field, Dottie Sanders and Ramona, and Mac Huntington from Montgomery Field. Leah Hanlon, Dorothy Davis, Barbara Hill, Doris Richey and Harriet Allen were on the ground crew. Our chapter was responsible for raising \$300.00 toward the total of \$711.61.

On January 18th, the San Diego chapter invited us to join them on a tour of Astro—the Main Plant of Convair-Astronautics, north of Montgomery Field. Husbands and guests were invited.

Doris Richey, Barbara Hill and Boo Christianson attended and reported a very interesting tour.

Doris Richey's name was submitted to the Section, as an applicant for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship from the El Cajon Valley Chapter.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jeanine J. Ceccio

In December activities included the Dec. 2nd. Fly-In to Pt. Mugu, co-sponsored by the Santa Barbara Chapter 99's and the Pacific Missile Range. On Dec. 9th., our Chapter had a Christmas Dinner at Skytrails with guest speaker whose main topics covered the F-104 and the Supersonic (Mach 3) airline of the future. (All of this is ok—just so you all stay out of the Van Nuys traffic pattern—it's busy enough now!) We were very much honored with the presence of Elsie and Norm Smith and their invited guests.

Santa Paula Fly-In on the 29th of November was fun for those who didn't land downwind. Subsequent planned luncheon flights to Ventura City and Fox Airports have been regretfully put ahead on the calendar

due to either high winds or SNOW & ICE ON RUNWAY. Due to our extreme good luck in selecting bad-weather days, our Chapter missed a meeting with the Zonta members in Lancaster on Tuesday, Jan. 23rd. Fellow 99'er and Zonta member, Irma Story had volunteered to meet us at the airport and furnish transportation into town. Trixie Schubert was to be the guest speaker, I understand, however, with plans to drive up if not flying, she most likely found the highway closed. The luncheon flights are scheduled normally every two weeks and usually on Wednesday. Please contact Lola Ricci or Gladys Hogins for further details. We would like to see other chapter members joining.

Lois Miles gave a very enlightening, though brief talk on "Controlled Airspace", plus changes noted in FAA exams. Her talk on this subject consisted mainly of asking the members the new questions to which none of us could give prompt and precise answers. How about scheduling another "Pilot Briefing" question and answer period on the CAR's? Lois mentioned having that "Sloshing around inside" feeling after a checkout in a T-6 and the aerobatics. Jean Rose making 2 roundtrips to Las Vegas in 4 different airplanes—yet! Lis Crowley working hard on both the Commercial and Instrument ratings. Ruth Ling and Trixie Schubert being fortunate on getting clearance to Hawthorne airport. Shirley Robinson doing aerobatics with Sandy Mason—understand she also attended the Phoenix Air Show. Shirley is our nominee for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. She's a good one.

Our Chapter is earnestly looking forward to the air race scheduled on April 16th., from Van Nuys to Bakersfield and the Spring Sectional. If interested in helping out on this end, please contact our Chapter Chairman, Lola Ricci. Gladys Hogins Navigated to Death Valley and lunched in Palm Desert. A Memo: to Irene Leverton—please follow up on that information you sent in regarding the Waco and Stearman Flying time. We do have some anxious participants available. My sincerest appreciation to Ruth Ling for her special trip with THE TROPHY. Norma Dey and Lois Miles are next in line for it. Wynnne McLean has some excellent suggestions for assuring more member attendance at meetings. Audrey Schutte will be getting that CFI any day now.

My apologies to members of this Chapter for the "missing" column in the Jan. issue—(which news must be mailed in December, but written in November!) Yours truly took a Christ-

mas Holiday. Start now to send in your news—any and all items would sincerely be appreciated—especially that which YOU would like to read and/or that news which may be of interest to the other Chapters reading this Newsletter.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Claire Walters

The January meeting was held at Annette's Castle in Long Beach. Those attending the meeting in John and Annette Castle's lovely new home were Chairman Mary Pinckney, Jean Moeschler, Bonnie Baker, Judy Wagner, Jackie Sepulveda, Ruth Nitzen, Martha Krueger, Ruth Gay, Edna Bewer, Fran Bera (Edna's sister), Claire Walters, and Betty Faux. We were sorry to learn that Margaret Ross is still with pneumonia, and couldn't attend the meeting. Mary Dougherty also has missed the last few meetings. Mary had a third daughter born mid-December. Speaker for the evening was Mr. Martin Jensen, pilot, inventor, and engineer, and second place winner in the famous and ill-fated Dole race to Hawaii. We enjoyed hearing about his early flying experiences, such as the time he contracted to fly Leo the Lion of MGM cross-country! Ruth Gay and Mary Pinckney were guests at the Long Beach Zonta meeting Jan. 18, honoring Amelia Earhart. The Pinckneys, Nitzens, Iris Critchell, and son Robin made the fly in at Pt. Mugu, where, among other things, they witnessed the firing of a missile. Fran Bera took a number of Wing Scouts for a ride recently (after returning from Canada (again!)) in the Aero-Commander, Claire and Betty Faux, took a dozen members of the UCLA Angel Flight (ROTC Auxiliary) for a local hop in their Cessna 172's.

The Christmas party held at the Redondo Beach Elks Club in mid-December was a huge success. Five of the chapter members were "gifted" with a free dinner—a very nice door prize. Dancing, and, of course, hangar flying, consumed the evening.

UTAH CHAPTER

By Alberta Nicholson

We are having a good old-fashioned winter here this year. As you recall, our first snow came the day of our Fall Sectional in September and we have pretty much of a 'white winter' ever since. Our usual Saturday snow was topped last week-end with 14 inches up on the beach followed by a deep freeze and as I said before, the skiing is great! Our members report their flying has been the commercial military type. Lucille Christopherson and her husband have just

returned from a three weeks tour which took them by air to San Francisco, Los Angeles and from there by Air France to Honolulu, Tahiti, the Figi Islands, New Zealand and from there to Australia. While in Australia they visited Sidney, Melbourne and Darwin. From there they went to Singapore, Bankok, Hongkong, Tokyo and back home via Honolulu and San Francisco.—All in the interest of their travel agency. I was hoping Lucile would give us a more detailed report but it hasn't arrived at this writing—maybe for next month.

Many of you may have heard of the plane from Sepulveda which disappeared supposedly in Southern Utah. Eunice and Virginia have been assisting in the search conducted by the Civil Air Patrol. Eunice flew a total of 6 hours as an observer. The California pilot last radioed his position over Bryce Canyon. The search was finally abandoned when two CAP pilots were lost on the same search. Virginia Riedel flew a number of sorties out of Moab, advanced Mission Base, searching for the lost CAP pilots. Unfortunately that search had to be cancelled when the snows came last week-end.

PHOENIX CHAPTER

By Melba Beard

Members attending January's meeting at the home of Pat Lambart were delighted with our guest, Judy Cole, in Phoenix for the Deer Valley Air Show. Members present were hostesses Pat, Chairman Betty Slater, Alice Roberts, Trudy Murphey, Jimmie Lou Shelton, Juanita Newell, Melba Beard, Marjy Crowl, Mary Weaver, and Betty Condon.

Phoenix Chapter holds a business meeting the second Thursday night of the month, and a couple of weeks later either a social gathering or a flight, usually something the men can attend. This month's flight was for the girls, when we flew to Yuma as guests of that city's chapter of Zonta International, for their annual Amelia Earhart Day luncheon, arranged by Betty Tank. We were delighted with Betty's new headquarters at the Yuma airport, Bet-Ko-Air, arranged and decorated for the comfort of both transient and local business. It is the perfect flying headquarters, tastefully done. Juanita Newell flew the Welsh Co. Cessna 310, with passengers Melba Beard, Wilma Bland and Betty Condon, and Alice Roberts took her Bonanza, with Marjy Crowl and Betty Slater. Climaxing a lovely day of sunny skies, perfect lunch, attractive vorsages and pleasant conversation were the topped tanks on the two

planes! Thank you, Betty, and you will have to teach 4 more girls to fly so you can have a chapter down there in Yuma.

Mary Weaver is thrilled over her fresh air ride in an antique Waco RNF biplane. But come to Marana Air Park near Tucson on Feb. 3-4, and see 50 antique planes at the National A.A.A. Winter Fly-In. Melba is secretary of the local group, and will also be competing in her 1929 Bird biplane. The plane was on static display at the recent aerobatics contest and show at Deer Valley, attended by several other spectator 99's also. Marjy, Alice, Juanita, Trudy, Pat, and others, plus a handful of out-of-state 99's. Shirley Robinson of San Fernando Valley Chapter covered the event for General Aviation News.

The local newspapers are beginning to recognize the importance and purpose of the Ninety-Nines. VP Pat Lambart keeps them accurately informed of our activities, this plus the pioneer work done by Juanita in the same job, is at last showing results. It all helps aviation. Betty Slater and Juanita spent a half day on CAP search this month. Pat Lambart and Rick flew a quick trip to California, touching down at Long Beach, Santa Monica and San Diego. Visiting 99 Claire Phillips of the All-Oh'o Chapter is spending a week's leisure time by brushing up on her Link and instrument work. Ruth Reinhold of Mercury Flying Service is helping on the air time. Alice is having trouble with the props on the "Apache" she got for Christmas, may have to take it back to the hobby shop for replacement. Alice has joined the 99's who have been going to school, nights. Always learning something new, these girls.

As this goes to the postoffice, disturbing word is received from June Kaiser in South America the past 2 years. Richard Kaiser has been missing almost a week in mountainous country. We all join in the most heartfelt hope that he is safe, and that this good news will soon come from Peru.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER By Natalie Bossio

Sorry I missed the December issue of the Newsletter, but with my mother undergoing major surgery shortly after Christmas I was preoccupied.

The Gladneys again hosted our Christmas party at their lovely home in Los Altos. Thirty-five members and guests enjoyed an evening of wonderful food and drinks, and gift exchanges. Pat's uncle was the life of the party, seeing to it that everyone was being well taken care of. Among our guests were friends of Eleanor Wortz, the Karkows (Mrs. Karkow is

a former WASP); the Joos, 99 and 99½er from Idaho now living in San Jose, who were invited as guests of Pat Johnson; and Janet Ferguson, a delightful gal from England who not only holds a United Kingdom Airline Transport License and Flight Instructor Rating, but also is the holder of a U.S. Commercial Pilot Certificate which she obtained in England prior to coming to this country. She is now boning up under the tutelage of De Thurmond to take her flight test for a U.S. Flight Instructor Certificate. Good luck, Janet.

Jack Gladney's mother from Phoenix spent the Holidays with them. For her return trip her flight out of San Jose was cancelled due to weather, so later in the day Pat and Jack flew her to Los Angeles in their Cessna 180. Pat reports that Bakersfield has a new terminal building and motel with pool from which lounging pilots have a wonderful view of the runway. They enjoyed a delicious lunch in the new restaurant, too. Upon landing Jack and Pat were flabbergasted, upon switching to Ground Control, to hear the announcement that theirs was the first official landing on the new runway. While in the restaurant they ran smack into Alice Pemberton, a former 99 with the Bakersfield Chapter.

Mayetta Behringer's folks are here from Florida to spend the winter. Imagine their surprise Sunday morning, January 21st, to see our Bay area blanketed with snow. 'Twas a surprise to all of us—the first snow in this area in 24 years.

Jackie Petty's pride and joy, Kpie, a standard-sized Poodle, surprised her household eleven weeks ago with a litter of eight poodles. Ardell Hauk talked her out of one of the puppies and now when she and Jackie get together airplane talk takes a back seat in their conversation. Jackie still has five puppies for sale. C'mon gals—she promised me a commission if any of you are interested in a wonderful pet. They are awfully cute!

We extend a heartfelt welcome to new member Milly Carlson, whose application is in the mail. Millie has her Commercial Certificate and Flight Instructor's Certificate, and has logged over 2600 hours.

Happy flying to all!

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Jaunda Bigelow

Lindy Boyes and I met with Dorothy Kelsey and Elsie Miyasato at the Honolulu airport in December. We discussed the AWTAR and problems of private flyers using the facilities of the congested Honolulu airport. After luncheon Lindy and I took a check ride then Lindy piloted the Cessna 172 over the Waikiki area

while Tribune photographer Carl Bigelow photographed the area in color.

Ruth Rueckert and I, accompanied



Lindy Boyes, Jaunda Bigelow, Dorothy Kelsey and Elsie Miyasato at the Honolulu Airport Dec. 21, 1961.

by our 49½s. flew to Santa Rosa to attend the Redwood Empire Chapter fly in luncheon at the Santa Rosa Metropolitan airport. Debbie Byram and Janet Ferguson flew up to attend the luncheon also. After the meeting we flew to the Nut Tree and then home.

Debbie Byrum was the hostess of our January 19th meeting in Palo Alto. In spite of the heavy rain and gusty wind Miriam Brugh, Maud Evenson, Mary Fields, Margaret Gerhardt, Gail Lane, Mary Messersmith, Ruth Rueckert, Eleanor Wilson and I arrived to discuss and formulate plans for the race in July.

Mary Messersmith recently returned from Texas where she had been visiting her son and daughter-in-law who are stationed at the Corpus Christi air base. While there she flew an Aero T-34 Beechcraft off the Corpus Christi air base. Then she made a week-end flight to New Orleans and San Antonio, Texas.



SHREVEPORT CHAPTER By Helen Hewitt

Our chapter started the New Year off right with a trip to Southern Avia-

tion where we were given a guided tour through the engine shop. For most of us it was our first peep at carburetors, generators, etc., and we came away much better informed.

Each of our members must have made a New Year's resolution to attain another rating in '62 as this month finds us buried in books, plotters, and computers. Yours truly passed the commercial written with Hazle Nealey, Barbara Welsh and Dottie Ports getting ready to do the same while Dottie Wilson and Martha Christy are planning to tackle the instrument written.

Our class in Morse code is continuing with the help and guidance of prospective member, Corinne Strickland. Corinne worked with the C.A.A. in Alaska for six years and is well qualified to help us master the dits and dahs.

Dottie Wilson flew her niece back to college in Dento, Texas, after the holidays but for the most part we've all been grounded due to a long stretch of nasty weather.

DALLAS CHAPTER

By Martha Robinson

Our December meeting was held in Edna Wright's beautifully decorated home. We had a good gathering so near after Christmas, and Edna had so many good things to eat and drink it's a wonder we all didn't gain pounds.

We were delighted to welcome our new member Emma Kinkaid. She took her training at Grand Prairie Airport, where she and her attorney husband fly a Beech Debonair.

Jerry Sloan soloed her first student the other day, and more to follow. She also went to Chance Vaught and flew their space simulator. When I asked what it was, she said it was somewhat like a link trainer, but for a space capsule, and absolutely fantastic!

FORT WORTH CHAPTER

By Ann Atkeison

Lin and Martha Wright flew a fliers dream trip through the Bahamas in a light plane last November. At our Christmas party in Dr. Dora Dougherty's home, Lin narrated the movies taken by Martha. All members and 49½ers had a merry time and enjoyed a surprise visit from Ziggy Hunter. Major Ed Brown, Ballistics Missile Division, USAF, a pioneer in research in weightless flight was a special guest of Dora's. Mrs. Dougherty served wonderful homemade breads and goodies—a rare treat these days.

Edna Gardner Whyte has had a busy Fall as a judge of a beauty contest, participant in the Michigan Small Race, and in the Dallas Doll

Derby. She has returned from a trip to California in time to fly in the annual March of Dimes airlift at Meacham Field.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Beth Smith

We had a fine attendance for our sixth "Scrap Book" party at the home of Broneta and Clyde Evans in Minco on Sunday, January 14th. Once again, food, fun and business prevented any work on the scrap book.

Velma Woodward, Betty Black, Fern Yount, Emily Frost, Susie Sewell, Manila Talley, Ruth Jones, Skip Carter, Mary Lester, Marie Ketchum, Gene Nora Stumbaugh, Nema Masonhall, Dorothy Morgan and Beth Smith arrived by cars on icy roads through snow flurries. Gene Nora brought Sharon Fisher from Stillwater, an enthusiastic prospective member, and we were all pleased to have Sara Ellis and Irby with us again. Arlene and Hoyt Walkup were reported on a flying trip to Costa Rica.

Gene Nora and Donna Shirley planned to fly to Mexico with the Oklahoma State Flying Aggies over the January 21st weekend. Since 49½er Smitty spent all that day trying to get to San Antonio by commercial airlines and finally rode a Braniff chartered bus from Dallas to San Antonio, I am afraid the flight encountered some real bad weather. No report.

A special committee was appointed sometime ago to up-date and revise our old Chapter Constitution and By-Laws consisting of Beth Smith, Broneta Evans, Skip Carter and Ruth Jones. On January 25th, several City members—Mary Lester, Nema, Susie, Dorothy and Rita, assisted the committee at Beth's home after a Mexican dinner at El Charitos. The proposed revision will be submitted to the membership at our next meeting on Feb. 18th at Mary Lester's home and voted on at our March meeting. The committee requests that all Chapter members make a special effort too attend these meetings.

EL PASO CHAPTER

By Eunice Dickey

January 20th was the meeting date of our last meeting which was held at the El Matador Club of the Del Camino. Lydie Weaver, our chairman, was hostess for cocktails and presided over the short business meeting held before lunch. Those attending were Lydie, Lois Hailey, Lela Carwardine, Ruby Tatman, Catherine Magruder, Billie Callaghan, Ruth Deerman, Eunice Dickey, Evelyn Wasser who had two guests—Polly Pearce and Dorothy Davis and Mary Fran Seidl's two guests were Freddie

Wright and Terry Hensley. Freddie has her license and we hope she will join us soon. Polly and Dorothy are students and Mary Fran is hoping the meeting will give Terry the "flying bug" since there is a plane in the family.

Our below zero weather has been news to us around here in sunny El Paso and ye old weather has kinda kept us on the ground for a few days. This week, though, some of us have gone flying locally. Catherine Magruder went up with an instructor this week and enjoyed getting back to flying again. Ruth Deerman also went flying, for the first time since our last meeting in November.

Lois Hailey, after a few moments of thought, finally remembered how many months it had been since she'd been flying.

ABILENE CHAPTER

By Gloria Puckett

Adding again, along the book of memory, is another December, the month that pace steps up, and we pause, looking back for old friends, and seek to find new ones. Everyone always wonders if they will make it, and does.

Maxine Elam, our Chairman hosted a dinner party in her home for chapter members and their husbands. Co-hosting was Jo Ann Hamil, our Vice-Chairman.

Upon arriving at Maxine's, each guest was given an Elam Sectional Chart of the house. An Air Tour was a round robin progressive dinner. Compass headings were given and results were the location of each course of the dinner in different rooms of the house. Staying on course, with ladies piloting and husbands navigating, no collisions or infractions of rules occurred. Final landing was in the living room for dessert and some hangar flying.

MIDLAND CHAPTER

By Betty Henry

Everyone is so excited about having the section convention here in April. We think we are going to have some real treats for the girls. We have Max Conrad as guest speaker. The Air Force is sending along the X-15 documentary film and there is a possibility that some guest will get a chance to co-pilot a T-38 jet. Seven Ninety-Nines will win helicopter rides and there are many other fine door prizes. We will try to have the agenda and reservation blanks out in March so all you South Central girls mark your calendars now—GOING TO MIDLAND ON APRIL 27th.

We are really proud of Ann Bynum for doing such a fine job as Air-lift Chairman for the March of Dimes in Big Spring. Ester Wright (our adopted student) received a hand at the last meetng for a triangle flight that

she made from Big Lake with five landings at airports around Dallas (including Love Field). Mildred Goodson and 99½ had a bout with some bad weather on a trip to Austin but came out ok.

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Lyn Pfleeger

A big treat is in store for those attending the January meeting, Friday, the 26th of this month. We will meet for a short business meeting at Aerotronics, Inc. after which Donna Myers' 49½er, John, will take us on tour through the Frontier Airlines simulator network. A combined package of fun and education is mighty difficult to beat, and we should have a good showing.

Ruth Mugele's husband, Ed, alerted the Cheyenne Tribune which took pictures of our recent flyin to that city. What a welcome—even the surface winds were calm. Those attending were Fredda Turrill, Ruth Mugele, Betty Cannon, Mary Wenholz, Mary Frenzel, Francis Warner, Grace Mayfield, Helen Choun, Pauline Meighen, Grace Longbrook, Marilyn Nordstrom, Gwen Craven, Marion Tanker-

sly, and guests, Emily and Eileen Hanrahan, Marge Lowdner, Ruth Saville, Ethel Frieze and Gloria Arnold.

The Albuquerque Chapter has invited us to fly-in for their annual Valentine's Day Hangar Dance; and from all indications of the grape vine it looks as though we'll be well represented.



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