



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

News Letter

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~~~~~ AIR TERMINAL BUILDING — WILL ROGERS FIELD ~~~~~ MARCH, 1962

## President's Column

March is here as you read, but it is February as I write, and there is a visitor at our house, who "has come to stay"—Miss Flu!

"Addieu ye winter winds and ghostly snows!

Blow as ye will and how or why ye choose!

I'm wearied of your sullen tenantry

Which from Siberian steppes is thrust on me."

"I will a'wing and thread me down the main

To swing in lazy circles once again

Above the fronded fingers of the land

Which offers me such wealth of contraband."

—Gill Robb Wilson.

## HAVE YOU READ?

February issue of AOPA Pilot, the editorial "Beacon" and "Project Beacon and the Air Space."

February issue of Flying, the Washington Clip-board, "Airport Rating Plan" and "Project Beacon". Also in same issue, "The Pilot is a Lady".

Thunderstorms: "No matter how cautious a pilot is, he will get trapped on occasions. That light spot might be hail, especially if greenish in color. That nice hole can close in a very few minutes. There is no set pattern in clouds. They can form so fast that no warning can be radioed. Once trapped, slow down, the slower the better, don't fight controls, hold her straight and try to keep from panicking. The 180 is a most useful and healthful maneuver to remember. Thunderstorms do not know the difference between a hero and a coward. As far as they are concerned I am a coward."

—Captain Dave Kuhn.

Well, at least, this February has given me time for reading—hope the rest of you could.

Keep Flying!

Louise M. Smith

## To All 99's From AWTAR Board

A letter explaining the facts behind the rules changes has been sent to all Governors and Chapter Chairmen. If you have not seen this or would like a copy, AWTAR Headquarters would be happy to mail you one.

## PR HINTS . . . FOR HELP

Publicity from chapter level on up is starting to pay off.

Word is spreading of the distinguished group of women pilots that makes up the Ninety-Nines.

In one month we've had queries from three writers—William J. Winter, Joe Christy and Charles P. May of The Book of Knowledge.

In addition, an aviation job-placement agency sent out an SOS to the Ninety-Nines for women flight instructors to fill waiting vacancies. Anyone interested may write to Timothy D. Young, Aviatron, Mishawaka Tower Airport, Mishawaka, Indiana.

Joe Christy asks for information of Elinor Smith, Betty Lund and Ruth Elder. Does anyone know where these women are now? Or know of their flying careers? He adds that he has a photo of Frances Grayson and her Sikorsky S-36 amphibian "The Dawn" and wonders how she used the plane.

Charles May asks for information of women who have flown jet aircraft. In particular, he asks about Ann Baumgartner Carl who, he believes, is the first American woman to fly a jet. He also asks about women who have played a part in airmail service and women sky writers. He needs illustrations, hence is looking for photos of pilots from "Harriet Quimby up to today". He's also interested in "records or notable achievements" of women flying seaplanes and "any interesting anecdotes connected with their seaplane activities."

If you can help these two writers

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## To All Race Contestants, 99's, Their 49½'s, and Friends

The Bay Cities Chapter, as Hostess for the start of the 1962 AWTAR, from Metropolitan Oakland International Airport, extends a cordial invitation to all to come to Oakland, California for "Air Race Week", July 1st to 7th.

The headquarters hotel on the edge of the Airport, is the Edgewater Inn, 455 Hegenberger Road, Oakland 21, California. The rates are \$9.00 single and \$13.00 Twin rooms. Reservations should be made direct with the Inn.

The Bay Cities Chapter is planning entertainment for all, with the usual Take-Off Banquet and Breakfast, and before the Pilot's Briefing, our Chapter will celebrate its 30th Anniversary at a luncheon. We would especially welcome past members of the Bay Cities Chapter at this luncheon.

We have planned some interesting tours, and of course, the entire Bay Area is worth sight-seeing.

Following the AWTAR Take-Off on Saturday, July 7th, our sponsors, the Oakland Junior Chamber of Commerce will have an Air Fair to entertain you.

Summer weather is supposed to prevail. The Edgewater Inn has a pool, so pack your bathing suits and beach robes. Tuck in a sweater for added warmth over summerclothes, and a warm wrap for evenings. The Oakland Airport is on San Francisco Bay, and across the Bay and just over the San Francisco hills, the Pacific Ocean breezes are eager to air-condition the entire Bay area.

Looking forward to greeting you,

Gail Lane, Chairman,

Bay Cities Chapter.

Ruth Rueckert, Chairman,

OCS, AWTAR 1962

## Pilot's Briefing

Calling all Pilots: Take part in the F.A.A. "Air Share" meetings to be held in April.

Wing Scouts: A possible new project—Collect trading stamps for the plane for Kim O. Kyung. Send to AWTAR Headquarters, Teterboro Airport, N.J.

Chapters and Sections: Send your contribution for the Amelia Earhart Fund to Marjorie Fauth.

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

## Coming Events

Middle East Spring Sectional  
April 14

Philadelphia Navy Shipyard  
Philadelphia, Pa.

North Central Spring Sectional  
April 27, 28, 29  
Kansas City, Mo.

South Central Spring Sectional  
April 27, 28, 29  
Midland, Texas

Southwest Spring Sectional  
April  
Bakersfield, Calif.

Fair-lady's Annual Indiana Race  
(F.A.I.R.)  
May 21, 22  
Ft. Wayne, Indiana

12th Annual International Air Race  
May 25 - June 3  
Houston, Tex. to Nassau, B.W.I.

Contact Mrs. Mary Barrer  
5701 N.W. 111th St.  
Hialeah, Florida

### AWTAR

July 7-11  
Oakland, Calif. to Wilmington, Del.

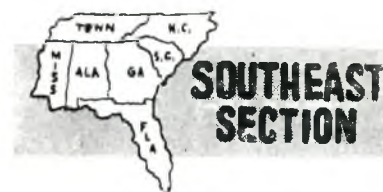
International Convention  
July 13-14  
Princeton, N.J.

## International

### Scrap Book Committee Report

Since I've alerted a few people to be on the lookout for material and clippings for our scrap book I have received a few items. Not long ago I received newspaper clippings from the Utah, Florida, Australia, Michigan, Georgia, Carolinas, and Phoenix Chapters. As you see a few chapters are missing, but I have a start. If I have overlooked anyone, I am improving on my filing system tomorrow.

Betty Slater, Chairman,  
Scrap Book, International,  
1912 West Tuckey Lane,  
Phoenix 15, Arizona.



### GEORGIA CHAPTER

By Myrtle Thompson Cagle

The Georgia Chapter has tried to have a meeting since before Thanksgiving. We were to visit the ATC centre of Atlanta, landing at the Jonesboro airport there. It was fogged in for each planned Sunday. Helen Crosby made plans to have us meet at her home in Athens, Sunday, Feb. 18, and again it was foggy!

The weather hasn't been getting us down, tho! Each year the Macon

## PR HINTS . . . FOR HELP

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with information, it would be appreciated if you'd send it to the Public Relations Chairman (see roster, page 8). The 99's will be credited for the assist.

## 1962 Convention

Welcome to historic Princeton, in the Garden State of New Jersey, as the site of your 1962 Convention—the dates to hold open—July 13th and 14th.

As this follows on the heels of the AWTAR, we suggest that the race contestants include this stop in their travels and that all 99's find means of getting here, too.

We have plans for a most interesting tour, swimming, theater and the usual good spirit and well being of a 99 Convention. A complete listing of all events will follow in your next Newsletter—but—in the meantime, keep these dates in mind—July 13th and 14th.

Lois Fairbank,  
Convention Chairman,  
NY-NJ Section  
6298 Saunders Street,  
Rego Park 74, New York

## AWTAR REMINDER

July 7 - 11 The Sixteenth Annual All-Women Transcontinental Air Race (Powder Puff Derby) from Oakland, Calif., to Wilmington, Delaware. Open to certificated women pilots flying stock airplanes of not less than 85 horsepower 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-Women Transcontinental Air Race, Inc.  
Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, N. J.  
Enclose \$ .25 to cover cost of mailing.

The race route is over 2347 statute miles:

### Designated Airports on the Race Route:

|                                              |                       |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Metropolitan Oakland Int. Airport            | Oakland, Calif.       |
| Fallon Municipal Airport                     | Fallon, Nevada        |
| Elko Municipal Airport                       | Elko, Nevada          |
| Must stop . . . Salt Lake City Airport No. 1 | Salt Lake City, Utah  |
| Rock Springs Municipal Airport               | Rock Springs, Wyoming |
| Scottsbluff Municipal Airport                | Scottsbluff, Nebraska |
| Grand Isle Municipal Airport                 | Grand Isle, Nebraska  |
| Des Moines Municipal Airport                 | Des Moines, Iowa      |
| Greater Peoria Airport                       | Peoria, Illinois      |
| James M. Cox Dayton Mun. Airport             | Dayton, Ohio          |
| Allegheny County Airport                     | Pittsburgh, Pa.       |
| Greater Wilmington Airport                   | Wilmington, Delaware  |

ENTRIES OPEN: April 20, 1962

ENTRIES CLOSE: June 5, 1962





**Korean member Kyung O. Kim at the controls of a Cessna L-19 — her favorite plane and the one in which she has the most flying time.**

March of Dimes has air rides to raise money. The planes and pilot time are donated. Helen Morgan, prospective member, donated the services of her husband Colonel Morgan, and was on hand to encourage people to ride with him. Betty helped load passengers and collect dollars . . . I flew her boss' Cessna 172 and had the easiest job of all. We collected \$500 for the cause in Macon, Georgia.

We are all for Kim Kyung getting a plane for Korea, and if we can ever meet, we will take some stamp action! Kim was a house guest of mine some time ago, and we flew on two occasions. With very little difficulty in a plane new to her (a Super Cub), she made a soft landing. Her check out was not complete because her visit was too short.

#### **ALABAMA CHAPTER**

**By Gertrude C. Luther**

The Alabama Chapter met in Demopolis Sunday, January 7, 1962. Our host was Jim Crawford, airport operator, who served us a nice lunch. Thereafter a business meeting was called by Chairman Evelyn Brown. There were five members present, and two potential members—Lurlene Wallace and Beth Marquardt. Beth will be joining the Alabama Chapter this month and she flies a Piper Caribbean. Everyone was glad to save their Quality Stamps to be used by the National Organization to purchase a plane for our Korean member, Kim. Cora McDonald logged the most flying time in the first six months of 1961 so her name will go on our tray. Evelyn Brown suggested that we try

a breakfast time meeting in the future to see if we could get a better attendance, and this was agreed upon.

On Sunday, February 11, the Alabama Chapter met at Atmore—we had been weathered out on the first Sunday, our usual meeting date. And what a royal welcome we did get! Besides Bonnie L. Chisholm, airport manager, there was the Mayor H. H. Does, Chief of Police John Hammel, Morgan S. Little, New Editor of the Atmore Advance, Tom C. Miniard, Manager of the Radio Station WATM, to say nothing of the many members of the Pilot Club who turned out to welcome us. We were escorted into the city and enjoyed a wonderful brunch as the guests of the Pilot Club or the City of Atmore or some other group. Have you ever seen Atmore—a wonderful little place with the most beautiful tall pine trees, wonderful farm land all around it, beautiful homes in the city, and the most wonderful people. Really, people, this is a wonderful place for a RON—the city is clean, two wonderful motels, and the nicest people. I got there late as usual and everyone had already gone into the city but the nicest Mr. Curry carried me there in his Thunderbird! Also a wonderful airport—I know I'll go back again. This was a wonderful day for flying—there were ten members present and four potentials—Mrs. Gerry Dunnivant, Lurlene Wallace, Ann and Anelia Hardy. After the brunch—three members of the Pilot Club took their cars and took us through the city.

There was some talk about the International Air Race which starts from Houston, Texas on May 29 and ends in Nassau on May 31 with Mobile probably a "must stop" and we of the Local Alabama Chapter hope it will be a RON for some of the fifty contestants. We want any and all of you who might be in the race to know that if we down here can be of any help enroute, we are standing by. Just get in touch with our Chapter Chairman, Evelyn K. Brown, who lives in Mobile, and if she cannot do what you want, you can be sure she will get it done somehow or other. Let us help you if we can—helping at a race will be the closest many of us will ever get to a race and it will give us a second hand thrill!

It seems that Mobile is involved with Mardi Gras the first Sunday in March so we will meet on the second Sunday, March 11, by 10 A.M. (if at all possible) at the Van de Graaff Airport in Tuscaloosa. A warm welcome to any and all of you who might be in that area on that day—come fly in and join us in not only some hangar flying but some real flying.



#### **LAST FLIGHT**

Alice Pfantz

Marilyn Williams

Iowa Chapter

#### **IOWA CHAPTER**

**By Kitty Hach**

Spirits could not have been higher, nor the day any more delightful. The February meeting of the Iowa Chapter was to be held in Newton. We had so many girls, many with their husbands, on hand, for we had lots of work to do getting ready for the Des Moines gas stop on the AWTAR.

The last plane load to leave Des Moines Municipal Airport was piloted by Marilyn Williams. Her passengers were Alice Pfantz, Cleo Braught and Elizabeth Utsler. They took off at 11:38 and were in the air only two minutes.

There were many witnesses and help arrived from the Air National Guard Rescue Squad promptly. Alice died enroute to the hospital. Marilyn died about 10:00 p.m. Sunday evening.

Elizabeth and Cleo have not regained consciousness and remain in a critical condition.

All four of these girls were planning on flying the AWTAR this year. Cleo was the first of Alice's students to get her license. Alice said she was a natural flyer, and that being her instructor had been a privilege.

Elizabeth was planning on finishing her commercial this summer. Marilyn was the first person in Minnesota to get a private license in a Bonanza, and then she continued on to get a commercial. She was working on the instrument written exam. Alice had an instrument rating, multi-engine and was probably the busiest instructor at the Des Moines Municipal Airport. She was highly respected for her ability and loved for her patience with her students.

We pray for the total recovery of Elizabeth and Cleo.

Your many, many lovely words of



sympathy and understanding are being put into a memory book.

It is with a heavy heart that we continue on, but in the spirit of our organization, and borrowing from the courage Alice and Marilyn have given us, we will do our best.

### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Clara C. Tharpe

Our February meeting was held at the Findlay Airport, Ohio. It was a most educational and entertaining meeting thanks to the combined efforts of our two hostesses Juanita Heminger and Bette McMahan. Due to the inclement weather only two of the members were able to fly in, Claire Phillips and Marge Gorman. Others in attendance were Autrie Lehr, Virginia Schumacher, Jean Hrubec, Edythe Maxim, Martha Finton, Winnie Caughey, Rosalie Bracht, Janice Kuechinmeister, Wanda Jeffrey, Claire Pully, Lavina Stelte, Ruby Mensching, Marilyn Miller and Dotty Anderson. Prospectives were Kate Kohler and Marie Shepard. Guests included Carl Lehr, Jane Wise, Richard Finton, Airport Manager, Bob, Ronnie and Tommy Miller; James, James III and Gale Gorman.

A tour of the Ohio Oil Company's Pipe Line Patrol planes was conducted by their Chief Pilot Earle Bauer, showing us their fleet of planes ranging in size from the Cessna 150 to a DC3. The Company has a fleet of 29 planes, 13 of them based at Findlay.

Guest speaker was Mr. Mike Murphy, Chief of AU Depot, Ohio Oil Co. who is a retired, most famous, professional aerobatic pilot. When Mike retired he held the International Championship of Aerobatic Pilots. We were all enthralled with accounts of some of his almost unbelievable hair raising experiences as an aerobatic showman.

We are sorry to learn that Juanita Heminger is leaving 21 Feb. 62 for Torrance, California where she will be employed at the Torrance Airport. She invites all to come visit her. Juanita's final good deed was the donation of a beautiful silver tray on which chances are being sold, to raise a little money for the Chapter. Best of luck gal, we'll miss you.

Dotty Anderson with the cooperation of the weather will ferry a customers plane to Marathon, Florida the week of February 19th. Sunday February 26 will be an all day Ski Events at Mansfield Ski Lodge. One of the events will be a parachute jump from an Airplane piloted by Margaret Calloway. The jumper will be wearing

skis and plans to land on the slopes. Margaret and Autrie Lehr flew to Mansfield the weekend of 10 Feb. to go skiing. Marge Gorman met them at the airport and delivered them to the slopes.

In August Arlene Davis was made the first lady "Elder Statesman" in aviation. In October she was flown via military Jet to Monoco to receive the Paul Tissandier Diploma from FAI. In November she and her husband took a jet flight to the Orient. In January she was on TV on "Best Location in the Nation," the Life Story of Arlene Davis. Quite an exciting half year, I'd say.

Claudene Fogle not only flies but does quite well in the bowling department. She bowled an actual 604 in sanctioned league play with games of 204, 206 and 194.

### ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Teddy Hager

"As you go through life, may each of you have one day that fulfills all of your desires." This was spoken to the guest 99's, and members of the Zontians—an International Women's Club, with approximately 18,000 members. Their motto is, "To Serve". To be eligible for invitation to membership, you must be a business or professional woman. One lady of each classification is invited. They give an Amelia Earhart Award each year. You may well understand why the St. Louis Chapter was proud to be invited as guests of these Ladies at their "Amelia Earhart" dinner given at the Officer's Club. Major Adela Scharr, (one of our gals) was guest speaker. Her subject was "Daughters of the Sky". We were all very proud of her. Her talk was brief, enlightening and very interesting. I wish all 99's could have attended. Thank you Zontians, for inviting us.

Our February meeting was held at Loretta Slacick's home with Lois Weatherwax co-hostessing. Loretta was unable to attend as she has been quite busy these days on a special assignment at Springfield, Mass. While there, she ran into one of our "Sorority Sisters", Rae Tober. Thanks Loretta for the use of your home. Mr. Maury Pierce of Remmert-Werne discussed the trials and tribulations of sky-writing. Very interesting, it was a pleasure having him. Discussed for the future — the Spring Rummage Sale—May 12, time is getting short, so hurry, hurry, hurry, take any items you have either to Loretta Slacick's home, or contact Golly Miner, Chairman of the sale. Let's get busy and make this a huge success. Sure

Golly could use some helpers—free time, any one?

In meantime, you can also give some thought on elections, as the Fall Sectional Meeting will be held September 21, 22, and 23rd. Laura Sellinger has already started making plans for the meeting and your help will be appreciated. MARK the DATES—make plans now to attend—the place, Park Plaza Hotel.

Latest report on our gals: New Member pinned at last meeting—Rosamond Joly — happy to have you aboard. Congratulations to Marian Kirtz, our first member to work for—and receive—the Blue Seal. Gals commuting to: Golly Miner—Ohio, to see new grand-son. Dorothy Wheeler—Texas, to see son at S.M.U. Dot and Mike Rumsey—returning from New York—while enroute discussed with American's Pilot, the newest and latest 990 Jet—will be flying over 600 mph. Think we'll all be Astronauts soon.

Ginny and Burton Duenke are in their new beautiful home—wishes for much happiness from all of us—we are all anxiously awaiting an invitation—yes, Ginny? Understand June and Ed Evers sold their 140 Cessna and are now flying a 172, the 310 will be next.

Missing Members: Haven't seen Hilda Hemmersmeier, Connie Matter or Teddy Inman at our meetings lately—"Wot happened?" Just checking, come join us next meeting, would be nice seeing you again. Could mention a few other local gals. Also, to our out-of-town gals Mary Foley, Jeanette Lawrence, Dorothy Scharf, and Amy Summers. Spring is about to arrive, how about a fly-in at our next meeting; we have some interesting discussions coming up.

Wondering if any of you gals are considering the A.W.T.A.R., Oakland, California to Wilmington, Delaware. Think of it, meeting many interesting people, learning a great deal, new experiences, and the thrill of flying coast-to-coast. If you want any questions answered, call on Mickey Clark, she would be happy to give any assistance. Race is to be held first week of July—watch for details.

Before signing off, want to give my sincerest thanks to Edith Olovitch for her very fine notes on our last meeting. Without her notes, I could not have written most of this letter. Edith, if you ever need a friend, "call on me."

That is all, over and out!



**MICHIGAN CHAPTER****By Adele Binsfield (Pro-Tem)**

The Tower at Pontiac Airport gave Mary Von Mach an assist to the car parking area with a green light at our February 11th meeting. That was the only action around due to heavy snows. Despite the weather 21 girls drove (or skidded) to our breakfast meeting. The bad weather gave a couple of our instructors a chance to come instead of working.

A pleasant surprise visitor, Ruth O'Buck, formerly a Michigan member, gave us a delightful talk on her Alaskan flying and living. She loves it and doesn't want to come back. Jean Reynolds, a member of the Michigan Air Space Education Curriculum Committee, was part of a group flown from Selfridge Air Force Base to Cape Canaveral for a tour of the base last month. She described the trip and showed colored slides of the different experiments. Most timely! Consequently, we went right along with Astronaut Glenn on his flight this week. We finished our meeting with the second series of the Sander-son Training Film.

We hope Mary Clark (in Mexico) and Marian Hoffman (Washington) Velma Del Giorio (Florida etc.) have rested well and returned to take over the snow shoveling. Shall all have to get skis on our planes.

Ten of us attended the Airman's Banquet on Feb. 17th, given by the Aviation Sports Club of Michigan. Speakers from the Michigan Department of Aeronautics talked on Aviation and Safety. Hangar Talk and dancing completed the evening. Loma May has been busy giving speeches at Amelia Earhart gatherings in different parts of the State. Lois and Stan Wilson have taken off for California but hope to be back in time for the Michigan Aircraft Owners and Pilots Conference, March 16 and 17, Lansing, Michigan. All interested pilots are invited to attend.

**CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER****By Kathleen K. Hudson**

Spring is coming, we hope, and all of us are eagerly looking forward to pretty flying weather again. We hope to have a good day for our March meeting which is to be held in Bloomington with Helen Greinke, hostess. It will be on Sunday, the 18th at 1:00 p.m.

Our chairman Bonnie Ferrell has kept us briefed on news with her friendly news letter during the winter months which we all enjoy.

We are pleased to hear from Bon-

nie that an application for membership has been sent in for Mrs. Jane Brantley of Harrisburg. Many of us met her and husband Ed at our June

1961 fly-in.

Work is starting on preparations for the AWTAR official stop in Peoria. More on that next news letter.

**CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER****By Alice Stoltzner**

"Cabin Fever" are the words repeated frequently among Chicago Area Ninety Nines these days. That Chicago weather man has managed to keep us confined to arm chair flying. Road visibility wasn't even encouraging when we met over Sunday morning coffee, this month. Serious and sympathetic conservation centered about Lois Seketa who had just returned from Des Moines and a visit with the Iowa Chapter after their recent, shocking loss.

Sylvia Roth and June Baslie were enthusiastic over an afternoon with charming Olive Ann Beech and a pleasant visit at the Beechcraft Factory in Wichita.

Our newest member, Barbara Weber, is rapidly accumulating experience and time with check outs in Cessnas 150, 172, Piper Comanche 250 and prospects of Cessna's 310 on her busy schedule.

Tracy Pilurs saw the International Aerobatic Contest and Cole Brothers Air Show in Phoenix and was pleased to meet Ninety Nines, Alice Roberts, Pat Cambart, Juanita Newell and Shirley Robinson.

99 SKETCHES: Vee Walensky realized a life long ambition in 1954 when she soloed a T-Craft at Rubinkamp Field. Since gaining her Private Rating, she has checked out in the Aerona, Super-Cruiser, Tri-Pacer and Cessnas 140 and 172. Her interest and subsequent membership in the 99s was sparked by Frances Nolde when they met on a return trip from Europe. Vee is an Executive Secretary with Minn. Mining, mother of three, grandmother of six and when not in the air, keeps busy with bowling, knitting and traveling.

Nita Fineman decided to learn to fly at the age of seven and fly she did. In 1944 she soloed the J-3 out of the American Airport in Des Plaines, Ill. In addition to a Private she holds an Instrument Rating and has checked out in the Cessna 120 & 150, PA-11 and Piper Tri-Pacer. She is "Chief Airplane Pilot" to her husband and two boys and the only pilot in the family. She divides her ground time

among her family, pet mice, fish and hamster and an interest in the preparation of gourmet foods.

**GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER****By Sarah Gorelick**

The clear cool evening of January 23 found Ruth and Sheldon Stafford, Melvin and Laurien Odell, and Sarah Gorelick flying to St. Louis in the Stafford's Apache to hear St. Louis Aero Club Speaker, Mrs. Fran Nolde. The meeting honoring Greater St. Louis 99's was most enjoyable.

Our February meeting, a Pot Luck Supper at the home of Dick and Shirley Ray, found Marie Kuhlman, Laurien Odell, Marjory Farrell, Marilyn Dickson, Ruth Stafford, Katherine Peck, Mary Ann Noah, Stella Lehmann, Shirley Ray, and Sarah Gorelick in attendance. This was one of our more expensive evenings as it seemed everyone was selling tickets. We were pleased to learn of Mary Ann Noah's starring role in the Jr. League Follies, "Mercy Beauchamp". As the performance falls on our regular March meeting night, we have postponed our meeting in honor of the occasion. We were also pleased to learn of the coming visit of Jacqueline Cochran as guest speaker of Theta Sigma Phi in Kansas City. Marie Kuhlman, K. C. 99 and National President of WNAA, will hostess a reception in her home in honor of Miss Cochran.

Our February Fly-out saw the following crews winging their way to Columbia, Mo.:

Ruth and Sheldon Stafford, Laurien and Melvin Odell, and Katherine Peck in the Staffords' Apache; Marie and Orville Kuhlman, and Sarah Gorelick in Kuhlman's Bonanza; Stella Lehmann and Elaine Morris in a Tri-Pacer; Mary Ann Noah and Dee Southard in Noah's Twin Bonanza; Shirley and Dick Ray and Family in a Tri-Pacer; and Kathleen and Joe Bonnell in a Cessna 150.

Sarah Gorelick has just returned from a quick trip to Vero Beach, Florida, where she ferried a new Cherokee back from the Piper Factory. The only delay was a 7 hour wait for a late TWA Jet at St. Louis.

So long till next month. Looking forward to more flyable weather.

**INDIANA CHAPTER****By Alma Hartman**

Despite impossible flying conditions February 18, twenty-six Ninety-Nines gathered for a business meeting in Pat Patterson's home in Indianapolis.



Having accepted the invitation to fly the Fair-lady's Annual Indiana Race (F.A.I.R.) from Baer Field in Ft. Wayne, May 21-22, the following committees are hard at work: General Chairman—Marty Wyall, Route Plans—Margaret Ringenberg, Flight Line—Josephine Richardson, Publicity—Sue Hively, Rules and Handicap—Esther Brenner and Betty Nichols.

After the business meeting the group was served a delicious meal at the Indian Lake Country Club. A program of race pictures was presented at the club, then back to Pat's home for a lovely dessert of home baked pies.

Ethel Knuth—hard at work on her commercial.—Billie Smith, proud of her Florida suntan.—Jane Ackors, enjoyed her jet flight to New York.



## SOUTHWEST SECTION

### LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Claire Walters

Our February meeting was held at Chairman Mary Pinckney's lovely home in the Palos Verdes hills. Members present included Judy Wagner, Martha Krueger, Pat Weaver, Iris Critchell, Barbara London, Jan Vawter, Ruth Nitzen, Ruth Gay, Margaret Ross, Olive Tuttle, Martha Chowleski, and Claire Walters. Welcome guests included Gail Prohaska, Lee Title, Kathy Bergoski, Jo McBride, and several 49½ers.

Betty Faux missed her first meeting in a long time, but only because she is teaching ground school at the Reseda High School on Wednesday nights. She has 54 students in her adult education class, and fifteen are women! Good to see Margaret Ross after a session with pneumonia. You were sick much too long, Margaret.

After a short business meeting the speaker for the evening was introduced. Mr. Thomas Huff, FAA Civil Defense gave a very interesting talk, and showed slides, about the nuclear testing being done in the Nevada desert. He offered us a four hour course on nuclear—physics which is designed for easy understanding: Needless to say, his offer was immediately accepted. The date has yet to be set for this all-important meeting.

### TUCSON CHAPTER

By Laura Bohanan

Not only did 20 beautifully restored antique aircraft fly in to Marana



Left to Right: Virginia Edwards, Dorothy Jenkins, Laura Bohanan, Shirley Marshall, Pat Nolen, Frances Francis and inside the Nolen's beautiful 1927 Buick: left is Maggie Schock and Pat Gilbert, all having a good time at the First National Winter Fly-in at Marana Park of the Antique Airplane Association.

Park for the Winter Fly-in of the Antique Airplane Assoc. but, also 8 of the Tucson Chap. winged their way up for the activities. Shirley Robinson, San Fern'do Val. Chap., certainly was an eyeful in her flapper dress with all the fringe (and Shirley) shivering in the early morning posing for news pictures.

Pat and Charles Gilbert, from Ajo, flying in for the week-end and their hosts Virginia & Lum Edwards having a party so all our 49½ers could meet Charles. Real nice get together.

Rhoda and Warren Thompson, Bak-ersfield Chap., popping in town on a flying vacation. Just sampling our wonderful weather no doubt. AND Maggie Schock "just happened to have" her size 8 x 10—360 Rating Certificate in her purse. A gold one no less. Such enthusiasm must be "ketching" because now several of us are eyeing that Blue Seal.

Shirley and Art Marshall coming in from Guaymas, Mex. with fish stories and 200 lbs. of it to prove them.

Even with all our "comings and goings" in the chapter we're looking forward to the Spring Fly-in at Site Six on Havasu Lake when we hope to see lots of friends from the Southwest Section.

### COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER

By Eleanor Wagner

The Chi Chi Restaurant in Palm Springs was the locale for the February 13 luncheon meeting of the Coachella Valley Chapter.

Present as guests were "Polly" Stoehr and Opal Marie Sanders of the San Gabriel Valley Chapter who

flew in for the meeting. Guest of Faye Douthitt was Susan Mothorn of El Centro and San Jose State College, and Mrs. Earl Strebe, daughter of Zaddie Bunker. Our Chapter was happy to invite as its guest, Clema Granger, a Charter Ninety-Nine and resident of Palm Springs. Clema says it's so "good to be back in touch again", and we are happy that she is back in the fold.

Meeting dates for the Chapter have been set as the second Friday of each month. A March 9 meeting is set for a fly-in to Imperial County Airport near El Centro for a Mexican luncheon at a restaurant on the airport where we tie down and stroll leisurely to our tables. Truly a manana-land.

Members at the February meeting, in addition to the above were, Lee Cathcart, Zaddie Bunker, Laurie Cummins, and Eleanor Wagner.

If any of you are in this area for our April 13 meeting you will find it an interesting one. We plan an outdoor picnic at the Helicopter site (United Helicopters of Santa Monica) at the foot of our Mt. San Jacinto/Palm Springs Tramway which is now being built in Chino Canyon. Should be educational as well as entertaining—and a beautiful sight! See you there?

### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Joanne Alford

San Diego, not known for its overabundance of precipitation, has been surprising us this February with almost daily rainshowers. Therefore, when February 22, a holiday for many, blossomed out as a beautiful day, the local airports took on the look of miniature Powder Puff Derbies! The rains have not dampened the spirits and activities of our San Diego Ninety-Nines though. Member Jeanne Dionne went to Vero Beach early in February and ferried back a brand new Cherokee. We miss Clara Aldrich, an active San Diego Chapter member, who has moved to Roswell, New Mexico. Your's truly has also been on the move, having made a three-day business trip to Boston, New York, and Washington, D.C. this month.

Our President, Terry Vasquez, has written a paper on Satellite Weather Data Processing which has been accepted. She will present it at the Joint Meeting of the American Geophysical Union and the American Meteorological Society in Washington, D.C. in April.

Minnesota Chapter member Pat Osmon has applied for transfer to our



Chapter. Pat has just completed her 360 degree rating, qualifying her for the Blue Seal. Congratulations Pat and welcome to the San Diego Chapter! Two of our members, Lois Bartling and Martha Mullen are hard at work improving their flying knowledge and skill. Lois is presently working toward her Instrument Rating and Martha, on her Commercial License.

San Diego is playing host for the 16th Annual Pacific Mid-Winter Soaring Championships, being held February 24 and 25 at the Torrey Pines Glider Port. Sponsored by the San Diego Junior Chamber of Commerce and Associated Glider Clubs of California, this meet will feature some of the country's most outstanding glider pilots. Our San Diego Wing Scouts are hostessing a "Wing Drift" late in May. Representatives from Wing Squadrons as far north as San Francisco will attend the "Wing Drift" which will feature discussions on Wing Scouts and the community. Visiting scouts will be treated to lunch at the famous San Diego zoo and will attend a banquet in the evening of the one-day conference. As sponsors of the Wing Scout troop, the San Diego Ninety-Nine's are instructing the girls on a number of subjects connected with flying. At their last meeting Ruby Keaveny gave the girls an instructive talk on Plotting a Course and the use of a navigational computer.

#### **SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER** by Natalie Bossio

This month's dinner meeting was held at the home of Mayetta Behringer with 20 members attending. We enjoyed the company of Ruth Rueckert from the Bay Cities Chapter with whom plans for the air race were discussed. Also, 17 books of trading stamps were donated at this meeting for Kyung O. Kim of Korea to help her acquire an airplane for herself and potential women pilots of her country.

Flying activity has been curtailed by bad weather this month. We can't complain, however, as we needed the rain desperately and it's such a welcome sight to see water in our reservoirs again.

Jackie Petty and Ardell Hauk managed to fly to Fresno despite the weather the weekend of February 11th and 12th in Jackie's Cessna 170, with Jackie's two pups as passengers. She now has just three little poodles left to sell.

We welcome new members Carol Speegle of Salinas, a former student of Dell Hauk, and Jackie Joo who recently transferred from the East Idaho Chapter.

#### **PHOENIX CHAPTER**

by Melba Beard

Your reporter's appreciation goes to Juanita Newell for kindly taking the news notes at the February business meeting at Ruth Reinhold's. I had the flu. Fourteen members and guests were present, so there is lots of news this month. Betty Condon piloted a farmer up to the Colorado River, landing at the Page airstrip, Glen Canyon Dam. Pat Lambert couldn't resist landing the 170 at that charming little strip at Carefree, alongside the new golf course, and just in time to see Governor Fannin arrive in a helicopter and be whisked away in a black car. Marjy Crowl attended the National Soaring Society convention at the Safari Hotel in Scottsdale, and met several visiting 99's there.

Good cheer to you, Bill Bland, and thank you sir for encouraging Wilma, who is always by your side, to come to our 99 meetings. The Antique Airplane Ass'n. Winter Fly-In at Marana Air Park on Feb. 3-4 saw quite a few 99's present as participants or spectators. Melba was there 3 days with her 1929 Bird biplane, and she and Shirley Robinson of Burbank, Calif., who flew Ed Clark's 1929 DeHavilland Gypsy Moth, captured five places between them in the contests. Kay Pattison made it a one day trip in a Tri-Pacer, and aviation booster that she is, filled the three vacant seats with enthusiastic Wing Scouts. Most of Kay's energies and time these days goes to her college work. Ruth Reinhold also hopped down to Marana in the twin Beech, and with a full load. Tucson Chapter was out in great force, being one of the groups assisting with the event, sparked by Dorothy Jenkins, liaison, and Shirley Marshall, Chapter Chairman.

Juanita Newell is still thrilling over taking one of the new Cessna 320 Skyknights up to 31,000 feet altitude, and says the familiar western mountains just flattened out into plains and ripples, and the outside temperature was minus 40%. When Ruth Reinhold ferried a twin Beech to Los Angeles International Airport recently, with Melba as a passenger, their separate attempts to return by jet airliner were far more eventful than the trip over, even with its ADF approach.

Iris Critchell of Calif. was in Phoenix three days, visiting Alice Roberts. Lydie Hagan of the Eastern Washington Chapter, and her 49½'er spent a few days in the Arizona sun enroute home from a trip to Mexico in their Comanche. Whiled away some of the time with a bit of instrument work too, while waiting for a new radio for the plane. Then from Torrance came Ruth Nitzen in her Bonanza, bring-

ing Margaret Roth to consult with Ruth Reinhold, probably on the AWTAR, as our Ruth will again be in charge of Inspection at the race start in Calif.

Delma Van Hooser, of the Tennessee Chapter, is said to be living in Tempe. Delma, we meet the 2nd Thursday night of the month, with a second meeting or flight on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Also attending was guest and prospective member Micaela "Mike" Dover, private pilot, who has lived here 13 years, is currently interested in soaring. It is said that there are at least nine girls in northern Arizona eligible for 99 membership. Beth Wright and Helen Van Court have been members, but from distances too great. Had you thought of the advantages and pleasures of a chapter in northern Arizona?

#### **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER** by Shirley Gilmore

Southern California is finally getting its long awaited rains, and they just don't seem to know when to stop. It was on one of these damp nights that we held our February meeting at the home of Norma Wilcox, our chairman, and had several prospects present to witness our usual hangar flying.

June Denney has now completed her check-out in the family's recently acquired Bonanza. She used her knowledge to fly her husband and children to Site 6, Lake Havasu, for a day of boating and rock hunting.

Rose Ann Ford (with her usual luck, she says) chose a very turbulent day for a business trip to Phoenix—an up and down trip all the way.

Yours truly and 49½'er flew to Phoenix to the Aerobatics Contest at Deer Valley, a truly flawless two days for flying. Jane and Roy Haag also made the Phoenix trip, accompanied by friends, and report a very enjoyable trip, also, in spite of cold weather.

In between storms the Gilmores had a lovely flight with Betty and Arnold Humble to Desert Air, near Palm Springs, where we attended the Beech Craft display of 1962 models. Then over beautiful snow covered mountains to San Diego for dinner, and a spectacular flight up the coast after dark.

Some wonderful vacation flights are planned for the near future by some of our members. The Haags are making plans for a trip to New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras. Russ and Ginny Graham are all set to leave for a three week tour in March, destination Panama, in the Apache. Ginny has



been doing some work in a Twin Beech and an Aero-Commander lately, and is having a ball.

### REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER by Myrtle A. Wright

I wonder if anyone else changes their meeting as often and unexpectedly as the Redwood Empire Chapter does. We were supposed to have our meeting at Half Moon Bay on Sunday February 11th. A few weeks back, some of us were just "Flying Around" between storms and got an invitation to an Antique Aircraft show at Reid-Hillview airport in San Jose. Maybe some of your remember reading in Pre-Flight Magazine how this airport was saved for Private and Small Business pilots by Santa Clara County aviators. After contacting our Chairman, approval was given to have our meeting there. June O'Donnell, our chairman, and Hazel Bertagna were both under the weather and unable to attend. We had a lot of fun though. We packed a picnic lunch, intending to sit on the ground, but with all the rain we are having the ground was too wet. For the first time in???years we even had snow in San Francisco and surrounding cities. Anyhow, the horizontal stabilizer on Myrtle Wright's 170 made a real good table to stand around. We conducted our meeting at this "table" then took in the air show. Our members from Santa Rosa, Phyllis Cantrell and Betty Shunn flew down bringing Betty's 49½'er. Fran DeHaan from San Rafael flew down with Pat Stouffer, Hilda Casey and Pat Casey. Anita Conley, Bette Smith and Bob Smith flew down with Myrtle. We had a good turnout for the supposed picnic.

There were quite a number of interesting Experimental planes as well as antiques. One that caught my eye was a little single seater called a "Swallow". It was small enough to put in ones garage. The Sky Divers were there with their colorful chutes, and looked like an arrangement of flowers slowly descending to earth. The Bi-planes put on an exhibition of formation flying as only they can do it. After the air show we all flew back to Napa County Airport and spread our blankets on the floor of the new pilots lounge and finished our picnic.

The weather in California has kept flying pretty well restricted to Hangar Flying. We are looking forward to lots of good flying weather next month. we are also eagerly awaiting the Southwest Spring Sectional to be held in Bakersfield in April. Hope to see a large majority of the Southwest Section there. Happy Flying.

### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

by Jeanine Ceccio

How many of you are relying upon the NEWSLETTER to keep you informed of the business, social and fly-

ing activities of your chapter—instead of attending the meetings in person? I could complain that we see "the same old faces" on the first Monday of the month, but then some one might take offense and that isn't my point! We, (the typewriter and I), would welcome the chance to include your name in this column. It is my opinion that being a 99'r means more than paying your dues—it is the active participation of each and everyone of us. So guess I had better get busy here—huh?

The February meeting in the Sky-trails Windtunnel soon took on a warmer atmosphere when Lois Miles admirably spoke out on the missing SFV Chapter news in this paper (How else can I determine if any of you bother to read this column-smiles?) It seems that Lois has the sometimes pleasant and sometimes not so pleasant job of flying home aircraft left behind by weather-stranded students. Lois also reports of "Converting" local air-traffic controllers into pilots themselves—so next time maybe she won't have to hold out over the hospital a full 45 minutes. Good work, Lo, we need them on our side—at least once in a while! Gladys Hoggins is happy to report that she delighted a fellow college classmate from Jamaica with her "first time up" trip to the desert in a 172. Virginia Hall and Shirley Robinson flew to the Tucson Antique Air Show in 2 hours via the new Meyers 200B. Shirley—still on her winning streak, reports placing second in the spot landing contest there and bringing home a case of oil and maybe that five-dollar bill she won. Kay Meade may be "Island hopping" soon—good luck and let us know if Muu Muus are better than capris for flying. Shirley R. delighted us with details of the red and white lights on the LA glidescope ride via helicopter and of "hovering in the holding pattern". Audrey Schutte averages at least four hours daily as flight instructor and yet finds the time to plan with Trixie Schurber, the March 24th, Awards Banquet dinner to be held possibly in one of the dining rooms at our new Int'l Airport. It is understood that each member will be responsible for at least one ticket for this big event. Trixie Ann Schubert has been giving lectures around the state on "Before and Behind the Iron Curtain". This, she says, gives her carte blanche to talk about anything from airplanes to aviation. Liz Crowley will have some good news to give us all at the next meeting. Our planned fly in on Sunday, February 18th, was more of a "spot luncheon and boxed-in landing" affair due to lower ceilings. The Orange County fly-in for lunch on the previous Tuesday required the use of carburetor heat and

if you didn't check for water before take-off, then all we can say here is 73 and 30.

### UTAH CHAPTER by Alberta Nicholson

Although we in Utah are still grounded with heavy snows, fog, etc., our members are proceeding full speed in their preparations for the AWTAR stop here in July—gathering monies for a leg prize, exploring the possibilities of reduced rates on accommodations,—all of the many suggestions brought to us by Louise Hyde and Jane Hart during their brief stop here on Route Survey. Although they accomplished a great deal in their visit with the FAA, Weather, Joe Bergen Airport Manager and Harlon Bement, State Aeronautics Director regarding arrangements for the stop, we were sorry that they did not get weathered in and spend a day on the ski slopes, and just visiting. Air traffic had been stopped for 10 days before they arrived with fog, the skies cleared just for the few hours they were here.

Our last planning meeting was held at Jessie Carter's Wednesday evening with our Chairman, Lucile Christopherson, Nicki Harding and Maxine Nielson attending from Provo. Also present were two new members, Sally Wells and Louise Morrison. Sally is from New Mexico and a new member, has about 150 hours and is working on her commercial license. Her husband is a flight instructor in Salt Lake City.

Jane Anderson was hospitalized in December with Pneumonia and is making a slow but sure recovery, having just returned to work during the last week.

Virginia Riedel was active on the search Sunday for another plane that crashed into a lake south of Delta during a snow storm. She flew two and one-half hours as observer. Also, we were happy to get some "women in aviation" publicity when the Women's Page on TV showed a movie of Virginia in flight during which she explained the principles of flight, weather, controls, pre-flight check as well as some information about the 99's.

### LAST FLIGHT

Ethel Sheehy

### SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER by June Devine

After days and days of rain, we awakened Saturday morning to beautiful sunshine and practically the



whole chapter flew themselves to the Nut Tree in Vacaville for our February meeting. With speakers Reinard Bradley, Airport Designer (and 49½-er) and H. B. White, Assistant County Executive (Sacramento) and lunch out of doors (good old California), the meeting was most satisfactory.

Our speakers told us why Sacramento should have a jet age airport and although many of us had not been sympathetic (for various and plausible reasons), a good percentage of us now agree that it is undoubtedly desirable.

Members present from the Sacramento area were Doreen Bradley, Darlene March, Gerry Mickelson, Elaine Lancaster, Ruth Lummis, Helen Mace, Carol Hammond, Edith Brewer, Florence Breen, Joyce Evans, Ruth Wagoner, and June Devine. From the Concord area—Coral Bloom, Janet Meyer, Barbara Graber. Guests included Kitty Whitman, Trisk Marks, Trish's sister and a friend of Barbara Graber—the names escaped me, sorry.

Besides our own airport problems, we discussed San Francisco International Airport's new changes which we all have been fighting. The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission has set the rates at \$4.00 for overnight parking. They had been \$1.50 prior to this, but Butler Aviation who now has the concession was asking that they be raised to \$7.00. This is exorbitant in view of the fact that we have mild weather here and don't have to allow for snow removal, etc., etc., as is necessary in many eastern cities. It is pretty sad when an airport receiving Federal Funds for the use of us all can levy fees against general aircraft.

A special thanks to all those who responded to our plea for letters and telegrams to the Commission hearing. Has anyone any suggestions as to how we can curb this trend?

Sacramento Chapter was saddened to hear of the death of Ethel Sheeby, Sunday February 18th in Canada, where she was visiting her sister. Ethel was a member of our chapter since the war. She was a past International president of Ninety-Nines as well as director of WASP under Jacqueline Cochran.



#### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER by Beth Smith

On Sunday, February 18th, the Ok-

lahoma Chapter members met in the home of Mary Lester for a buffet and business meeting. Mary proved herself to be an efficient hostess as well as an excellent Newsletter editor.

Attending were: Jane Abbott, Betty Black, Skip Carter, Rita Eaves, Dorothy Fox, Emily Frost, Ruth Jones, Marie Ketchum, Nema Mas-onhall, Dorothy Morgan, Susie Sewell, Beth Smith, Gene Nora Stumbaugh, Arlene Walkup and Velma Woodward.

We all enjoyed having Jean Thomas of the Tulsa Chapter as our guest. Jean and her husband are entertaining at the Plaza Tower here in Oklahoma City for several weeks, and we hope that she will meet with us as long as she is here. Our meetings are usually scheduled for the third Sunday of each month and we suggest that all 99s carry their Roster while traveling and try to arrange stop-overs for a 99 meeting. There is no better way to get acquainted and the Oklahoma Chapter always has the welcome mat out.

Several of our members have been "under par" recently. Broneta was unable to attend our last meeting but the report this morn was that she is much improved. A phone call to the Stillwater Municipal Hospital last night found Arlene making a good recovery and expecting to get back home by March 1st.

Congratulations to Dottie Young on her new instrument rating. We regret that her mother in Denver is still in critical condition following a stroke.

Velma Woodward will host the March 18th meeting in her home. We are delighted to report that Dr. Neil Woodward re-opened his office and returned to practice last week after a long serious illness and remarkable recovery.

#### KANSAS CHAPTER by Mildred Early

The "white stuff" was abundant and deep and drifted, and visibility left a lot to be desired in January, so we canceled our meeting for that month. On Febr. 11th, we met in Lyons, Kansas, at the home of Charlotte Chew.

Several guests and prospective members were present, and we all thoroughly enjoyed Charlotte's lovely home and hospitality.

We are happy to report that Helen Chandler is fully recovered from her bout with an illness and Donna Shirley, also, after major surgery. Donna and her 49½-er recently returned from their vacation hide-away in Pt. Val-larta, Old Mexico. Donna writes they had a delightful time, leaving in their Cessna "blue bird," as she calls it.

from Dodge City, with only one gas stop each way at Laredo, Texas—total of 2800 miles! Alice Cagle writes from New Orleans that she would welcome a visit from a 99 visiting the area, and has plans to pay us a visit before too long. One of our newest members, Juanita Hattan and her 49½-er suffered a tragic fire loss when their automobile agency was completely destroyed on the coldest day of the year early in January. The Hattan's live in Valley Center, Kansas. Marie Engleman from Hill City is keeping very busy spending a lot of time working on the hoped-for "Hi-Plains" Airline.

No regular meeting will be held in March, instead, and mark this on your calendar, we are going to have our annual rummage sale the evening of March 9th and all day March 10th at 312 N. Main, Room No. 1. Save your rummage, girls and after we close up shop, we have plans for a relaxing evening of dinner and FUN!

News is kinda scarce, so please let us hear from you and what you are doing. Hope to see you at the rummage sale!

#### DALLAS CHAPTER by Martha Robinson

The Dallas Chapter wishes to extend their deepest sympathy to Lucille Hoffer on the loss of her husband. Temple Hoffer was known to us all and had done much in our behalf. The affection and respect in which we held him will not be forgotten.

January's meeting was held at Jerry Sloan's home. After the business meeting was over there was much talk and excitement about the Air Treasure Hunt scheduled the 23rd of Feb., ending in a luncheon at Amon Carter Field. Joan Huckaby and her committee planned it and we know it will be loads of fun.

The other tremendous idea that was discussed was a Hangar Dance. It is to be at the end of May with everyone in the field of Aviation invited. A really grand money making project with the added advantage of being a "ball".

This is the time of year when everyone should move to Florida or some such place and sit. The flying weather is poor and the winter is just too long. Joyce Wright didn't go to Florida but instead she went to New York with her husband Gene and lived it up for a week. And what a place to have a good time! She'll be riding a cloud till summer comes. Glad you had such a good time Joyce.

#### TIP-OF-TEXAS CHAPTER by Merle Dunnam

LaJee Pearson flew up from the Valley to Corpus Christi on her way to take her daughter back to College.

Patti Bird (Kennelly) was home a few days from College. She made



straight As. She will graduate in June. Pauline and Wing Scouts were Air-Marking last month. Veda Tennent and I were scouting, have plenty new roofs for Pauline to start work again—Pauline just returned from Kentucky; her father passed on two weeks ago. She saw Elaine Needham while back east.

We have four new members. Jean Moore from McAllen, Lucille Van Tyne from Harlingen, Hildred Roberts and Sandra White, mother and daughter from Corpus.

### ABILENE CHAPTER

by Gloria Puckett

The Abilene Chapter met for a pleasant, in town meeting, January 16 in the home of Mozelle Scarborough for lunch. Seven members and two guests attended.

Maxine Elam, chairman, presided over a short, much needed business session. Peggy Hawes read the minutes of the last three meetings. (This reporters comment). Somehow, we girls are so busy the minutes just do not get read at each meeting. How can you when you are in the air, touring missile sites and painting roof tops? Anyway our officers are very efficient and we do have to ground ourselves once in a while to review our past and futures.

Adding to the fireside warmth: Mozelle's daughter-in-law, Linda and Sharon Sreivart, Ann Nell Hook's daughter, Mozelle, I believe, loves to show off her new daughter as much as we enjoy being with her. Ann Nell, I know, is enjoying having Sharon with her while her husband is in the service. Sharon has been living in Wasington and we hope she and Lawrence will settle in Abilene. We certainly enjoyed visiting with these girls and hoping they will be flying with us.

Topics of discussion varied from flying, politics, ice skating, flu and kids. One member, not to mention names, is still trying to explain to us when one is flying from Las Vegas, Nevada, to Abilene, Texas, how one ends up off course in Hermona, Mexico. This can be bad without permission and the proper papers. It takes time to straighten things out, but we are glad they did.

There are several girls taking flying lessons now, and we hope they continue. This is a bad time of the year to take flying lessons, and one gets awfully discouraged; but good weather is coming up so maybe we can all get back in the air.

Things at our airport may be picking up. We have a new flight instructor, Gus Fowler, who is teaching

ground school and doing a nice job. This may encourage girls in and around Abilene to come fly with us.

Well, Abilene has a new RAPCON, but so far none of us have used it. It has a few bugs in it, especially dead spots. We hope it is soon in working order so we may all give the boys some practice.

Come fly with us.

### ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

By Betty Burritt

Our January meeting was held at Virginia Cutter's home and we were busy planning last minute details of our Hangar Dance to be held in the shop hangar of Coronado Airport, February 10. While we were busy, Bill Cutter entertained our 49½'ers with pictures of his latest bear-hunting trip to Alaska. Needless to say, we had a hard time tending to business. After the meeting we enjoyed delicious refreshments and hangar talk.

The big event is now a memory. The Dance was enjoyed by all and we were very happy that many members of the Colorado Chapter flew to join us. A special attraction were the Bagpipers of St. Andrews Society and their little Sword Dancers, who gave us a lively thirty minutes. One of the group was our friend "Si" Feldman of the local FAA communications station.

### HOUSTON CHAPTER

By Nancy Jameson

Our New Year started with a grand wedding. Rhea Hurtle married W. J. Allison on January 5, 1962. They left for a honeymoon trip around the world beginning with Hong Kong. We are all so happy for Rhea and Jean. They are going to live on Jean's ranch in Missouri City, Texas, right outside Houston. P. O. Box 201.

Jo Eddeman from the Santa Clara Valley Chapter flew in to Houston for Christmas with her family to visit her parents. Jo had lunch with our chairman, Alice Seaborn.

Liz Etter was a guest at our January 16th meeting.

Our February meeting was held at Cruse Aviation on Houston International Airport. We had a great display (and a lesson well learned) on static electricity. It was put on by the airport Fire Department. We hope to have another of these soon.

Virginia Anderson is working hard on our Trading Stamp Collection and our Chapter is delighted to have the 12th All Women's International Air Race start here on May 25. Entries close: May 5, 1962. The race is limited to 50 aircraft over 135 hp. We hope to see many of you here!

### FORT WORTH CHAPTER

By Ann Atkison

1. December 29, 1961. Many 99's will be saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. W. A. Gault, mother of Jimmie Kolp.

2. February 3rd. What a day! The 99's and families were guests of the Texas Soaring Association at the T.S.A. Gliderport, Grand Prairie, Texas. T.S.A. President Len Pratt and members Marvin Willis and Dora Dougherty led a fascinating hangar session on soaring. Afterwards, other "glider guiders" exhibited their beautiful sailplanes. Fair weather and a few thermals made possible numerous flights and rides for guests. 49½'er Len Wright became nostalgic over flying the T.S.A. Waco tow plane that he became their newest member. Spot landing contest, soaring, hangar talk, new interesting people, kindred spirits, wonderful time!

3. February 13th. Discovered by our group — another friendly meeting place. We met at the Press Club as guests of Tony Page. Prez Dougherty presided at a short business meeting, then everyone enjoyed wonderful steaks served by a very entertaining waiter. The Press Club is located in the historic Westbrook Grill, an exact duplicate of a famous old Bavarian restaurant. For generations the Grill has been known for its hospitable old world atmosphere and outstanding cuisine. Thanks, Tony.



### IDAHO CHAPTER

By Hilda D. Elliott

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

Velda Bell, Eula Logsdon, Helen Higby, Hilda Elliott plus 49½' Glen and Betty Carsten enjoyed the pilot get-together sponsored by Dept. of Aeronautics. The meeting was held in Hotel Boise 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 close of meeting.

The January meeting was a fly-in luncheon meeting at Thunderbird Mo-



tel with business meeting following. We were all very pleased to have our newest '99' Sarah Ragsdale in attendance! We all extend a warm welcome to Sarah! Laura Conner brought a guest, Sue Wallis. It was decided to hold our Annual Hangar Dance with tentative dates of April 7 or 14—coordinating with Flying Farmers if possible.

Laura Conner, Velda Bell, Betty Carsten, Hilda Elliott and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er Glenn, attended the Idaho Aviation Trades Assn. dinner meeting held in Hotel Boise, Jan. 13. Guest speaker was A. Scott Crossfield the first X-15 pilot 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 thruout our state!

Laura Conner took a XC flight to Dunsmuir, Calif. in a 210-net result IFR weather. Weathered in at Burns 3 days. Laura reports Gowen Field Aero Club is reorganizing and is open to members in a Cessna 140. Call Laura for future details.

Our group accepted with extreme reluctance Clair Justad's not being able to serve as Vice-Chairman. Clair was not able to renew her physical. Keep trying Claire, we're all hoping for you to secure a renewal!

Our February meeting was held at Clair Justads Feb. 14 at Boise. Hilda Elliott and Carolyn Lehlin brought Arlene Voyles of Nampa as a guest and we hope a future '99'. Arlene flew in our Idaho Women's Air Derby last June. The Eastern Idaho chapter has invited our Idaho Chapter to meet them in Twin Falls for a luncheon meeting in March. The invitation was greeted enthusiastically and Carol Talich is in charge of getting all passengers and planes available to have a large group to meet with the East Idaho Chapter.

Ruth Hillman flew to Salt Lake City (via United Air Lines, due to weather) first part of Feb. to attend Company Convention. Flew from Mountain Home to Boise in a new 1962 Cessna Skyhook (helicopter) thrilling! Delivered a new 1962 Cessna Skylane to Mr. James Hansen in Parma Idaho, in the last part of January.

Our guest Arlene Voyles flew with her husband and son in a Piper Comanche from Nampa to Florida, then to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and onto the British West Indies; Antigua and Martinique during January. It was approximately 3,500 miles over water from Florida and back.

Laura Conner instructing a potential 99, Susan Wallace, to fly in Gowen Field Aero Club.

Carolyn Uehlin with her first Ground School Course, with all students passing in high honors. Now halfway through 2nd class of students

and first of Private Pilots Refresher (Commercial).

We were all pleased that Betty Carsten's Mother is home and some improved.

The foggy weather that has presisted these past weeks have put quite a damper on everyone's flying. Hilda Elliott reports their Payette Airport should be approached with extreme caution. It is under improvement and airstrip is not being used. Using narrow taxi strip west of runway with ditches on either side. It is hoped that spring will find the strip in usable shape for all pilots to come in on!

An announced date of April 14 has been set for our Annual 99 Dance. It will be held in the Crystal Ball Room in Hotel Boise. Dance Chairman Clair Justad and Helen Highy are to make immediate arrangements for band so tickets can be printed and sales and publicity started. Ruth Hillman is in charge of ticket sales.

## OREGON CHAPTER

By Charlotte Dodson

February may have been a short month but it was a busy one. February 7th, eleven Oregon 99's accepted the invitation of C.A.P. Major Anna Bridge to attend the monthly Officers Wives meeting held in the Officers Club at the Portland Air Base. Major Bridge had asked 99ers Marcella Othus and Evelyn Rackluff to tell the members of their experiences in flying in the ATWAR. They both gave a very interesting report. Lillian Oringdolph, our Chairman, explained to the Officers Wives the "who, what and why" of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. We were rather surprised to find that these women—wives of pilots—were in such awe of women pilots. None of the officers' wives are pilots. We still strive to change that.

February 13th—even though the weather was marginal—nineteen members and three guests gathered at the Lebanon, Oregon Airport for our monthly meeting. Althea Adams and Judy Fleming took advantage of the weather to get in an extra few hours of dual. They brought their instructor with them. This was a business meeting to lay the ground work for the Oregon Air Race to be held in June and the Northwest Sectional to be held in September.

Althea Adams invited the 99's to attend and take part in the Air Space Conference to be held for educators from Multnomah county on March 3. This conference will be at the Troutdale Airport. We were pleased to learn that Montana 99er Mary Jo Janey will be on the program.

The local 99's have been asked to have their planes at the Troutdale Airport on March 3rd to take interested teachers for rides and do our bit to broaden their concepts of aviation.

We were very pleased to learn that

one of our members, Ruth Wikander, has been selected to represent the Northwest Section in the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship award contest this year. We know that each girl sponsored by her chapter was a worthy contestant but we did not know how worthy our own contestant was until after she was selected. She is the quiet type. Our best wishes to you, Ruth.

For your roster we have a change of address for Lillian Oringdolph, New Address: Town & Country Apt. 4830 S. W. Barbour Blvd., Portland, Oregon. Phone 228-0452.

The March meeting will be at the Hillsboro Airport, Hillsboro, Oregon on the 15th. Arlene Baker will have a very interesting film on "Wings Over Alaska".

We hope to have another new member, Dorothy Parkin of Hillsboro, by our next meeting. Dorothy was a guest at the Lebanon meeting.

## EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Helen R. Crum

Bonnie Henson, her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er, and two other couples have been exploring the under-water world off the coast of Yucatan for three weeks. With compressors, tanks and skindiving gear they flew in three separate planes, stopping off in Mexico and Yucatan. They will be home March 1st. Bonnie's daughter, Caralee, our youngest member and a senior at the University of Washington, will have an August wedding.

Lygie Haagan and her husband have flown back from their month's vacation in Manzanillo, Mexico, Palm Desert and Phoenix. Minnie and Carl Boyd are still in Palm Springs. The Wikstroms are enroute south in their Aztec and the Hitchcocks have returned from a successful business trip to Chile.

Our chapter is pleased to have Ruth Wikander of Hillsboro, Oregon, who won the Amelia Earhart Scholarship competition in the Northwest section, represent us in the finals. She is a most worthy candidate.

Sorry to hear Gini Richardson has been in the hospital. Along with her many activities, she is on the Yakima Chamber of Commerce Aviation committee, which promotes the development of aviation, and endeavors to make the community aware of the importance of the airport to the economic growth of the county. Helen Crum is also a member of the committee.

We extend our sympathy to Joan Rorke who lost her father this month.

All of us will be looking forward to having Terry Kellogg, governor of the Northwest section, at our April luncheon meeting in Yakima. Later the 99's will join the Washington State Flying Farmers for the crowning of their queen.



## WESTERN WASHINGTON

## CHAPTER

By Pat McGee

The February meeting was held in the office of the State Director of Aeronautics on Monday, February 19th. Ten members were present: Elene Duncan flew in from Sequim with her husband (who was on business and unable to attend with her) and Mildred Pearson drove down from Everett to be there.

Among other things discussed at the meeting was the new AWTAR ruling which requires a Commercial license for the pilot-in-command in the Derby. Our members feel that this is both unfair and unrealistic, and that the same end could be accomplished by requiring more experience, instead. A letter expressing this feeling was sent to the AWTAR Committee.

The Chapter also discussed ways and means by which we can assist the National Aviation Education Council when they hold their annual Conference which will be in Seattle this year. Maxine Fancher, who has been working with this group previously, was given "carte blanche" in deciding how we can help.

When the business meeting adjourned Louise Niemi showed slides taken by her husband on a polar-bear hunt in the Arctic. The pictures were excellent—you could almost imagine you were looking at the scenes through a picture window. Following pictures of the main hunt, Louise exhibited some Eddie Bauer under-and-outer wear for cold weather and said that one of the items—an Eddie Bauer shirt—would be given to the girl who could come closest to guessing the weight of a grizzly bear which she would show next. She was on this hunt, and by way of background she mentioned that they had hunted this particular bear for the past seven years, and he had in that period eaten seven horses.

Several of the girls tried to estimate what the weight of seven horses might be, thinking this might be a clue! Louise then showed the slides, and the animal was a monster! She showed him from several angles lying down, then hoisted up to full length with her standing beside him. Everybody wrote their guesses on a slip of paper, then she showed a slide of the weighing, which had been done on the spot. He weighed 650 pounds; Marian Owen had guessed 615, and won the shirt. Her reason: she looked at the picture of Louise beside the bear and thought, "He'd make about six of her!"

Some very fine news items were gleaned during the coffee refreshment period. Terry accompanied 49½-er Dave to Anchorage early this

month and enjoyed a dinner meeting with 12 members of the Alaska Chapter. As Section Governor Terry hopes to visit all of the Chapters as soon as possible. She said the meeting was wonderful and that it was a real pleasure to meet the girls and talk with them.

Ilvoene and Les Potter took off about mid-month to spend a week near San Diego, having had to postpone their Mexico trip for business reasons. They were stopped by weather in San Francisco, and after seven days they gave up and returned to Seattle. Ilovene's instructor made the return trip with them, so Ilovene flew IFR from San Francisco to Eugene, Oregon. She says it gets easier all the time! They dropped below the ceiling at Eugene and flew VFR the rest of the way, but had to dodge some bad weather along the way.

Louise Niemi and husband Bill now have a Donanza-K and are looking forward to taking some long cross-country trips in the future.

Marian Morton is working on her seaplane rating, and enjoying the work!

Mildred Pearson reports a wonderful trip along the Cascades on one of those bright clear days we had recently. She flew her sister-in-law from Everett north to Mt. Baker, then turned and followed the mountain chain south to Mt. Rainier. This is a trip that is really worth taking.

Van Adderson flew her Skylane to Portland with some material for the Oregon Chapter. She said it was the first time she ever went to Troutdale and was unable to land. The wind was 18 knots with gusts to 35; Troutdale tower gave her clearance but warned her of the wind and asked if she wanted "wing-walkers" to hold on when she landed. She started final approach with an "I'll see" in mind—and kept right on going, with an "I saw!" So she landed at Portland International where they had a little better control over the wind machine!

Helen Appel is looking forward to getting her float rating now that the Falconers have added a seaplane to their fleet.

Betty Curran is going to leave her 49½ long enough to fly their Aztec to Vero Beach, California, where she will pick up a Cherokee to fly in the AWTAR. Her instructor will go along and they will alternate between the two planes on the way back. She will soon take her written for the Commercial.

Yours truly is still spending Saturdays instructing—usually from much too early (for a gal who likes to sleep in) until dark. Only flying would get me out of bed so close to dawn on week-ends!

See you all again next month for

hangar flying—same time, same place. Till then, keep your wings polished!



By Jeanne Spielberg

We had our February 20th business meeting at a new restaurant, "Edwards" on East 61st Street. Mr. Edwards, the owner, is a fellow pilot and therefore rolled out the red carpet for our President, Louise Smith and us. We had the pleasure of welcoming Martha Morrison, who transferred from our Chicago Chapter and joined us for her first meeting. We were also very happy to see Miriam Crocker at this meeting. We do not see her often enough. After all of our business was dispensed with, we reeled off a very interesting Piper film, "Wings to Alaska", which was doubly enjoyed by Kay Brick.

Our "trading stamp Campaign" for Kim is going along at a nice pace but we have quite a ways to go before we have a plane for those Korean Girls. Please keep the samp books coming in. Marion Lopez, Doris Renninger, Kay Hilbrandt, Kay Brick and Arlene Latourette were the luncheon guests of Col. Ben Limb at the United Nations in honor of Kyung O Kim who was leaving for Korea. Kim will stop over in Hawaii for two days where she has speaking engagements, then stop in Japan for a meeting with our two Japanese members to whom our section has sent silver compass rose pins. Kim will make a two months tour of Korea speaking on aviation at schools and colleges. Janey Hart and Louise Hyde flew part of the race route in February. They flew out to Oakland, stopped at Fallon, Nev., Elko, Nev.; Salt Lake City, Rock Springs, Scottsbluff, Des Moines. They had a wonderful reception at all stops.

Dottie Gable took her Luscombe "Sassy" to Cameron Airport, N.J. for a major where Doris Abbate picked her up in her Tri-Pacer "Charlie" to whisk her back to Zahns.

Our own gal Chris Winzer won the Danbury Finals, complete with trophy in the Manpower Inc. contest for the ideal part time office worker. She will compete with 175 others on the national contest. First prize is a trip to Europe for two. Lots of luck Chris.

Some of our members are sunning themselves in Florida. Doris Renninger had a short four day stay, Grace Mallett off for four weeks, Ruby Sadler and Viola Gentry gone for the season. We hope they have the best weather.

Lois Fairbank is looking for volun-



teers to help her at the Convention in July. Please offer your services.

We deeply mourn the loss of our two Des Moines members Alice Pfantz and Marilyn Williams.

At our last meeting our Chapter voted to give \$250 to AWTAR for the 1962 race and \$250 for the 1963 race. We also will give an additional \$150 if we can raise it by next June 15th. We cleared \$24 toward this at our Feb. 14th meeting by selling personal memo pads.

#### WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

By Lois Le May Rinck

Our February meeting was held in Batavia, N.Y., at the new Treadway Inn. We were especially invited to the second Annual Banquet-Award Meeting with the Rochester Soaring Club. A most interesting program was arranged by our chairman, Peg Wahl, who obtained a 35 MM film on "A Comanche Flight Thru' Alaska".

Mr. Edgar D. Seymour, president of the Rochester Soaring Club gave out the F.I.A. (Federal Aeronautique Internationale) Awards with their Kai Gertsen capturing most of them including his United States Gold "C" Pilot No. 106 and Rochester Soaring Club Gold "C" Pilot No. 1. Congratulations Kai! After the Soaring certificates were presented a very illuminating film on the skill and background of soaring was shown. Our thanks to Mr. Seymour for including us 99'ers in a joint meeting.

We are very happy to welcome Sue Hoffman as a new member of our Chapter.



#### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Kate Macario

For our February meeting, Anne Shields arranged a luncheon at the North Phila. Airport and provided films on Flight Service Stations (Anne is a qualified Flight Service Specialist) and an entertaining but pointed film on safety in flight. After several mixups with coordinating the tape with the film, Anne finally showed the slides on Flight Assistance Services and made the explanations herself, which far surpassed the tape's recitation.

We had a turn-out of thirty-five for the lunch plus quite a few others who joined us afterwards. Connie and Alfred Wolf flew over from Wings Field; Connie has agreed to be guest speaker in March. Ann Piggott came in Marian Dunlap's Comanche (this is Marian's third meeting) from Lock Haven, and brought guest Kay Adams (a student pilot), and Didi Standaert

of Holland. Didi, a member of the FAI, is now working in this country for Max Conrad Inc., promoting his record "Let's Fly". Alice Hammond was delighted to see Didi again; they had met last summer in Amsterdam when the 99 touring group were welcomed by the Amsterdam Aero Club at Hilversum Airport. Kate and Herman Barcus, too, thoroughly enjoyed Didi's company at lunch as they had much to talk about. Hazel Fels brought Ellen Dunkle to her second meeting in the Fel's twin-Bonanza.

Hazel and John have just returned from Florida in their plane and in March will be leaving for San Francisco to attend the American Road-builders Convention, this time by Jet. Nice to see Judy and Bob Hopkin; they have started building a two-seater (so Judy can go, too) Home-Bilt, the Maranda. So far one folding wing is in their basement. Newcomer Mary Myers, flew in from Atlantic City in her Ercoupe. The three Chalows, Murial, Merle and Rudy joined us by flying from their strip in Vine-land in their 182. We welcome Jean Wilson, a helicopter pilot from Turner Field, as our newest member. Since Nancy Diemand's plane is snow and mud bound, she drove to the meeting. Nancy has taken up oil painting to fill in the non-flyable days. Marcia Musson and Beth Sturtevant arrived by Cessna 140 from Echelon. Beth has been busy these days as Membership Chairman with the rapid growth of our Chapter. Joyce Harding, looking much hale and heartier after her serious illness, brought our Secretary Arlene Feldman and interested guest Caryl Bone. Elsie McBride, who is doing a nice job with the Flying Activities column, and Irene Wirtschafter came together. Irene announced that exciting plans are being formulated for our Sectional meeting, Saturday, April 14th. So far the luncheon will be held at the CPO Club of the Phila. Navy Yard with some interesting extracurricular activities accompanying it. Erma Keyes, after picking up fellow-Ercoupe pilot, Kay Wilhemy, was kind enough to provide door to door service for yours truly. Joyce and Vic Roggio and Marie and Tony D'Alterio hopped over from Phila. Int. in their 175. Peggy Borek, plus prospective members attended their second meeting. Jane Nichols, Gay Maher, and Betty Fretz completed the group.

We all hope by the time Louise Sacchi reads this, she is in the air again. Louise had a very rough time with a ruptured Appendix and Peritonitis, putting her out of commission for a frustratingly long time for her.

Enjoyed hearing Connie Wolf being interviewed on the local Ed Harvey show. She was asked about her experiences as a balloonist, particularly

her recent record-breaking flight. While the emphasis was on her ballooning, Connie has also been flying airplanes for 35 years. With her on this program was Gay Maher, an instructor at Cameron Airport in N.J. After being interviewed by Ed Harvey, the two women answered questions phoned in by listeners; they were both "right on the ball".

#### WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Jean Ross Howard

A pre-Valentine "bring your own scissors" party was held on Saturday, January 27, at Betty Fisher's apartment. The 99's once again made Valentine tray favors for the D. C. General Hospital. Betty originated this project, supplied all the materials and the members brought the cutting power!

On Sunday, February 18—the chapter went Oriental. Among those who removed their shoes and sat on the floor for a delicious Japanese dinner at the Tokyo Sukiyaki Restaurant were: Betty and Neal Bohn; Ada Mitchell; Mitzi and Gil Killer; Ellen Bateman; Velta Benn; Laura Zeren-er; Rita and Paul Gibson (Long Beach Chapter—we'll hope they'll transfer) Josie Cook; Ruby and Ralph Fielding; Hazel Dwiggin; Virginia Thompson; Nellie and Bill Jackson; Heddy Jaffe and her 49½'er and Ruth Freckleton with a Navy Commander guest.

Congratulations to Laura Zerener and Frances Nolde on their election as Treasurer and Secretary of the Aero Club of Washington.

Jean Ross Howard back from the Helicopter Association of America Convention in Dallas, Texas. She roomed with Tony Page, 99 and editor and publisher of Cross Country News, saw Dora Dougherty, Chairman of the Fort Worth Chapter and Edna Gardner Whyee and met helicopter operators from all parts of the 50 states and abroad. While visiting the Bell Helicopter plant, Jean checked out on the Bell Air Scooter (has a certificate to prove it!) and got some helicopter dual with her former instructor, Jim Carmichael.

Connie Luehman planned to be at Cape Canaveral for Colonel Glenn's blast off. Hope we can have an exclusive "on-the-pad" report for the next Newsletter.

The Washington, D. C. Chapter is remembering with pride these days that on November 8, 1957, the then Major John Glenn, Jr., USMC was the Guest of Honor at the Fall Sectional and spoke on "Operation Bullet" when he piloted the first supersonic transcontinental record breaking flight. A picture of Major Glenn with Nona Quarles and Joanne Alford, was on the cover of the February 1958 Newsletter.





By Lois L. Wartman

Despite snow and rather inclement weather, eighteen 99's and their friends accepted the invitation of Barbara Kiernan and Frankie Sutton for a weekend in Franconia, New Hampshire.

It was a fun weekend for all—some skied for the first time with somewhat mixed results—the veteran skiers tried out the slopes at Canon Mountain which were fairly good despite occasional icy spots—and the rest enjoyed the beautiful ski chalet of the Suttons and the facilities of the Mittersill Lodge.

The business meeting was held at Barbara's beautiful place, high on a mountain side (when the weather cleared on Sunday, the view was breath-taking). We discussed the plans for the New England Air Race which is scheduled for May, Interim

officers were elected for the Southern New England Chapter—Governor, Lois L. Wartman; Vice Governor, Isabel Blodgett; Secretary, Frankie Sutton; and Treasurer, Mary Lowry. We also learned that Jerry Gardiner has become the 37th Whirlybird pilot—our congratulations to her!

On Sunday, two by two we left the mountain country with perhaps some sore and tired muscles but with some very pleasant memories.

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