



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

# News Letter

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## President's Column

Front page readers, here's inside news. Chapter Activities:

Attending Air Share Meetings — planning Penny-a-Pound Flights—acquiring new members — cooperating with AOPA in March of Dimes—collecting Trading Stamps — organizing Wing Scouts—flying CAP missions—flying Cadets on orientation flights—up-grading license and earning new ratings—taking part in panel discussions—speaking at Zonta meetings—planning race stops—having scrap-book parties—serving on aeronautical boards—contributing to the Amelia Earhart Fund and to Ways and Means—and learning the "Twist".

How does your chapter rate? It is time to send the annual chapter report to your governor.

So many Ninety-Nines are traveling these days—do contact over-sea members, and bring back news and pictures for the News Letter.

Plan now to attend the International Convention on July 13th and 14th, in Princeton, N.J. And keep flying!  
Louise M. Smith

In response to our request for books written by Ninety-Nine members to add to our Headquarters Library, we received three instrument manuals written and donated by Leona M. Walton. "How To Fly By Instruments", "Omni For The Instrument Pilot", and "A D F For The Instrument Pilot". Thank you so very much, Leone.

## Wanted

Stenotypist for the Annual International Convention of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., to be held at the Nassau Inn in Princeton, N.J. on July 14, 1962. Any qualified Ninety-Nine desiring the position, please contact—

Lois Fairbank, Convention  
Chairman  
6298 Saunders St.  
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## 1962 TERMINUS PROGRAM

Wilmington, Delaware

ALL-WOMAN TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE, Inc.  
"Powder Puff Derby"

Headquarters — Hotel Du Pont

### Monday, July 9

Afternoon—Swimming at the new Cavalier Country Club  
5:00 p.m.—Informal cocktail party, Hotel Du Pont (sponsored)

### Tuesday, July 10

Afternoon—More swimming, courtesy of the Cavalier Country Club  
Hospitality Room—Hotel Du Pont  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.—Open for coffee and as a place to meet your friends  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.—Cocktails for plane crews and committee personnel (sponsored)

### Wednesday, July 11

12:00 noon—Official end of "Powder Puff" race (A.W.T.A.R.)  
Afternoon—More swimming—same place, same nice people  
Hospitality Room open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.—Pilot's meeting (tentative)  
6:00 p.m.—Hangar Party—Greater Wilmington Airport  
Cocktail Hour (sponsored)  
Dinner Hour  
Entertainment

### Thursday, July 12

12:00 noon on through the afternoon  
Swimming or  
Delaware Park Race Track  
Hospitality Room open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.—Cocktail party for all plane crews, committee personnel, sponsors and guests. (sponsored)  
7:00 p.m.—Awards Banquet—distinguished speaker

### Friday, July 13

Fly Away Breakfast (sponsored)

#### Notes:

1. All registration and tickets—Hotel Du Pont Lobby
2. Registration fee—\$10.00 for plane crews and committee personnel. The fee is established to cover the majority of costs.
3. Non-participants (friends and relatives) will be provided tickets at moderate prices. A complete schedule will be issued.
4. Special arrangements—depending on your interest—  
Tour of Longwood Gardens  
Tour of Winterthur Museum  
Tour of Hagley Museum  
Bowling
5. Special arrangements—depending on your needs—  
Beauty shop appointments  
Plenty of time for shopping

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

## Flying Activities Report

Have you visited your Flight Service Station recently just to check on how many invaluable services they perform—absolutely free?

**PREFLIGHT BRIEFING** including complete weather data, assistance with planning your flight, conditions and services available at airports, current chart and radio information, etc.

**INFLIGHT BRIEFING** while enroute. FAA recommends you contact each station enroute with a position report. Just pick up your "mike", call the station and give your identification. Specify what frequency or facility you are listening to, and state your message.

**WEATHER BROADCASTS** at 15 and 45 minutes past each hour which includes Notams and Pireps.

**FLIGHT PLANS** which you may file in person, telephone or radio. These flight plans cost nothing, takes only a few minutes, and may be instrumental in saving your life.

**FLIGHT FOLLOWING SERVICE** which is comparable to that available to airlines. Any pilot with two-way radio preparing for a trip longer than one hour who flies a VFR flight plan may request Flight Following. As the pilot approaches the designated station, she identifies herself and the flight specialist will provide information especially prepared for her.

The pilot's only obligation is to make reports to the Flight Watch stations along the route and close the Flight Plan upon arrival.

**PIREPS.** When "weather" is reported or forecast within a radius of 100 miles of the station, the specialist will solicit reports from pilots. When you file a pirep, you help others.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES.** Should you become lost or unsure of your position, call any FAA Flight Service Station on any frequency listed, or call any VOR and ask for assistance. Service personnel can orientate you and direct you back on course to the nearest airport.

Elsie McBride  
Flying activities chairman

## AWTAR

One of the most beautiful routes in the United States will mark the 1962 **POWDER PUFF DERBY**.

The 2745 statute mile course starts at Oakland, Calif., crosses Fallon and Elco, Nevada; Salt Lake City, Utah; Rock Springs, Wyo.; Scottsbluff and Grand Island, Nebraska; Des Moines, Iowa; Peoria, Illinois; Dayton, Ohio; Pittsburgh, Pa. and winds up in Wilmington, Delaware. Salt Lake City Airport No. 1 is the only mandatory stop.

Impound deadline: July 3, 1962. Take-off: July 7, 1962. Deadline to finish, July 11, 1962.

Stock airplanes of 85 to 400 hp, manufactured on or after Jan. 1, 1952 are eligible and will be handicapped according to make and model.

Pilot is required to hold a rating of at least a commercial pilot or a private PLUS instrument and/or instructors rating. Co-pilot must be private pilot or higher.

An overall purse of 2500.00 will be divided among the first five places in addition to trophies. There will also be cash prizes for the best scores on each leg, best of class and in many special categories to be listed at a later date.

Position for take-off will be assigned in the order that applications for entry are received. All entries postmarked, opening day, will have race numbers determined by a drawing.

Entries must be postmarked no earlier than April 20, 1962 and no later than June 5, 1962.

Kits containing all necessary forms and information are ready now and can be had by request (and \$.25 to cover mailing) from:

All Woman Transcontinental Air Race Inc.  
Teterboro Airport, Teterboro,  
New Jersey.

## 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.

North Central Fall Sectional  
Sept. 21, 22, 23  
St. Louis, Mo.

Northwest Fall Sectional  
Sept. 14, 15, 16  
Portland, Ore.

## Pilot's Briefing

A reminder: "The roster is a Private Membership Listing—not to be used for Commercial Purposes without permission of Executive Committee."

**SPECIAL TO CHAPTER CHAIRMAN:** Order your AWTAR Programs now! Be sure to order sufficient copies for members and others who may be interested in obtaining a copy. This can be a money raising project for your chapter. 75 cents per copy—order from AWTAR Headquarters, Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, N.J.

To all members: Try to attend your Spring Sectional meeting. The host chapters are making every effort to provide interesting and entertaining meetings.





By Jeanne Spielberg

We had a very exciting dinner meeting at Ferdi's Restaurant on Tuesday, March 20th. Exciting because of Tommy Walker, the stunt pilot, who briefed us on "How to Crash an Airplane and Live Thru It." His opening statement was that he had started in the plane crashing business quite by accident. None of us doubted it for a moment. I will not attempt to retell his many, many hair-raising experiences as a crash pilot while flying with the Flying Tigers Air Circus, just after World War II. With shoulder harness and crash helmet he came through unscratched and showed us movies to prove it. He advised that if crash or forced landing is inevitable, look for a good plot, stick to it, point the nose between the immovable objects and do not try to save the plane. A simple formula but it works for him.

The dinner was attended by about 56 people and the turnout of 49½% was overwhelming. The subject matter must have intrigued them and I am sure they all enjoyed Tommy Walker's graphic accounts.

Dottie Gable brought with her Eleanor Nilsen and Helen Czejkowski, prospective members. Eleanor and Dottie Gable hope to be in the New England Race on May 5th at Worcester, Mass. Helen was recently elected President of the Laboratory Flying Club, Inc.

Our prospective member, Margie Brown, brings happy tidings to the 99s. She was engaged February 10th to Don Densmore, a pilot whom she met flying. They plan to be a June couple.

Our Chris Winzer has been released from a Vermont hospital after suffering a head concussion in a skiing accident at Stowe. Chris remains undaunted and is ready to get back on the skis. That's our girl.

Kay Brick had the pleasure of flying Chan Yong Park, who will be in this country for several months under the auspices of the FAA. He will be in charge of Korean Civil Aviation Maintenance and will no doubt be the one to certify the "Trading Stamp" airplane for Kim's Korean women enthusiasts. How about those Stamps girls?

#### WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

By Terri Pirrung

On March 6th we gathered at Buffalo Municipal Airport for a tour thru

the recently completed new Control Tower; the IFR Room which is Approach and Departure Control; Buffalo Area Radio and the Weather Bureau. The controllers on duty were very cooperative in answering questions. I think we all learned something about the job of the man on the other end of the mike, and had a very interesting evening.

For those who couldn't join us they said only pass necessary to gain admittance to an FAA tower is a pilot's license.

Our new member, Sue Hoffman, told about her recent ride in a helicopter at the Miami Heliport. One of Sue's reasons for learning to fly, she said, was the desire to fly cop- ters—this is until she found out that it cost from \$75 to \$100 per hour. When the cost is more within reach, bet there will be a lot more gals interested.

Peg Wahl has been getting acquainted with her new Cessna Skylark. She had a brake lock on landing at a small place near Pittsburgh called Camel Airport. Fortunately full opposite rudder prevented a ground loop and it just skidded sideways on the ice covered runway.

With spring on the way hope we all can get more sky-time.



#### WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Jean Ross Howard

Virginia Thompson reports on the March 10th meeting of the Chapter:

"Public ownership of airports is preferable to private ownership, Colonel Allan Perkinson, Director, Division of Aeronautics, Commonwealth of Virginia told the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the 99's and their star studied roster of guests. Those attending the March dinner meeting were General Foulois, U. S. Aviation No. 1, who was taught by Orville Wright; Colonel A. B. McMullen, Executive Director, National Association of State Aviation Officials; Lt. Colonel Alfred Nowitsky, Associate Director of Division of Aeronautics of Virginia; Carl Voelter, Disaster Control Planning Officer with the FAA Flight Standard Services; Chris Lample, Asst. Director of Aviation Facilities Service and Bureau, FAA; John Morris, Technical Assistant with Aircraft Management Division, FAA Flight Standards Services; and Captain Armenta Harness, U. S. Air Force and Jean Schyler, prospective members.

"Following dinner at the Washington National Airport Terrace Room,



photo by AOPA Pilot

#### AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL DINNER

January 10, 1962, Washington, D.C.

Front row — left to right: Ruth Freckleton (99 and Washington Correspondent, Aviation News Illustrated); Mitzi Keller (Mrs. Gilbert Keller—99); Virginia Thompson (Mrs. Donald M.—Vice Governor, Middle Eastern Section 99's); Betty Fisher (99); Mrs. Blanche Noyes (Charter member, first Treasurer, Past President—the 99's, Chief, Air Marking Section, FFA and Dinner Toastmistress); Doris White (99); Beatrice Wilder (99); Rosemary Lane (99).

Back row—left to right: Dorothy Mitchell (Mrs. F. H.—ex-WASP and 99); Jean Ross Howard (ex-WASP, 99 and Whirly-Girl); Dr. Dora Dougherty (WASP, 99 and Whirly-Girl, Human Factors Engineer, Bell Helicopter Company, Ft. Worth, Texas and guest speaker); Claire Callaghan (WASP); Velta Benn (Chairman, Washington, D.C. Chapter of the 99's.).

the group moved to the V.I.P. Lounge at the Mats Terminal where Colonel Perkinson talked on "General Aviation Airports in Virginia". He pointed out that public ownership of airports is preferable to private ownership. As a public utility, the airport can gain land through the right of eminent domain. Too, more money would be available for the airport than if it were privately financed. Colonel Perkinson urged the 99's to visit Chambers of Commerce and other civic groups to press for more public airports. In spite of the advantages of public ownership, several of the members privately expressed concern of tying airports for general aviation to the public pocketbook.

"In the question period following the main talk, the recent Supreme Court ruling on liability for noise disturbances and the recommendations for Project Beacon were thoroughly discussed but no specific conclusion were reached.

"The evening ended with coffee and



cake and parking tickets for some members!"

On March 1, 1962, Nancy E. Lynam put on her Civil Air Patrol uniform and went to the Weapons System Test jet hangar at Patuxent Naval Air Station for her first flight in the Gruman F958-T. Her test pilot husband LCDR Donald M. Lynam helped her into the smallest anti-exposure suite available and Nancy was strapped into the rear-cockpit. On the first flight, her pilot put the ship through its paces, acrobatics, a dive through Mach 1 and touchandgo landings. In the afternoon, Nancy sat in the pilot's seat and did it herself! Afraid, Nancy will never be happy in a piston-powered again.

THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA SUN had a nice article on Ada Mitchell, citing her 25 years of volunteer work with the American Red Cross, her career with the FBI and her flying activities.

The Chapter welcomes M. Rita Gibson who has recently transferred from Long Beach, California Chapter.

Adelaide Tinker has been elected president of the Dupont Employees Aero Club in Wilmington, Delaware. Adelaide is the first Associate member and the first girl to ever hold this position.

The Chapter is planning a "Penny-a-Pound Flights sometime in the Spring. Mitzi Keller will be Chairman of the event.

Several 99's were in Washington last month for the Whirly-Girls "Operation Pictures"—a national magazine is doing a cover story on the group. Twelve Whirly-Girls and five helicopters met for a weekend of flying, photography and fun. In the group were—from Texas, Edna Gardner Whyte and Dora Dougherty — from New England—Pat Arnold, Charlotte Kelly, Teddy Kenyon and Jerry Gardiner—from Philadelphia — new 99 — Jean Wilson and of course from Washington, D. C. Janey Hart and Jean Howard. Former 99 and former Governor of the New England Section—Judy Short came up from Lexington, Kentucky.

Jerrie Cobb was in town last week. She and Janey Hart met with Vice President Lyndon Johnson to discuss the proposed Women in Space Program. Janey is off again for a three weeks cruise in the West Indies on a chartered schooner—with an all girl crew.

The Spring Meeting of the Middle Eastern Section will be held Saturday, April 14, at the Naval Air Material Center at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. The 99's will visit the Air Crew Equipment Laboratory where the astronauts space suits were developed and attend the Commissioning Ceremony of the USS Okinawa, a new type carrier for troops and helicopters.

## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SECTION

By Kate Macario

We were tremendously pleased and honored to have Connie Wolf as our guest speaker at our dinner meeting, March 16th. For this special occasion, Connie left the hospital where she had been confined for over a week with a blood clot in her leg, she returned to the hospital immediately after her talk. We are very happy to report that several days after the dinner she was sent home; a great relief to this freedom-loving woman.

Connie and the ever-gracious Abby Wolf, who accompanied her to and from the hospital, are both recipients, recently, of considerable honors. Abby, thrilled by his promotion to Brigadier General in the U. S. Air Force Reserve, delightedly showed us his telegram from the President informing Abby of his promotion. Connie has been awarded the Montgolfier Diploma, an award given for the greatest contribution to ballooning during the year. This is the first time it has been awarded to a person in the U.S. The Award will be officially presented at the annual convention of the F.A.I. in Athens, in Sept.

A fascinated group of seventy people listened to Connie relate some of her ballooning experiences, while she also showed many colorful slides. I really can't do justice here to her description of the recent solo flight she made to break Russian records. In her own inimitable, humorous way, Connie spoke of how the idea to make this flight originated; the preparation, personal expense (non-deductable), and red tape that she went through, which is a long, discouraging story, in itself. No wonder it was such a relief to her to get in the basket and finally get off the ground. Then the discomfort and problems she encountered during those 40 hours and 13 minutes (which broke the Duration Record), particularly when she rose to 13,000 ft. (breaking the Altitude Record) in order to expand her balloon (by getting nearer the sun) which had lost quite a bit of gas from the cold, damp air. At night, she endured bitter cold at that altitude; the lowest point in her morale came when she opened her thermos for a drink of hot tea and found that the thermos had been mistakenly filled with ice tea. Another time a blast from a curious jet momentarily collapsed the balloon, causing precious Hydrogen to be lost. There were also some pleasant aspects of the flight, the serenity of the atmosphere, the people on the ground calling up to her, thinking she needed help; their voices carried up to her but they couldn't hear her

answer. All in all, it was a tremendous undertaking and Connie did it to give America morale a boost, proving that "one good Capitalist is worth two Communists."

Among those attending the dinner were two guests of the Wolf's, Mrs. Spigel, a lawyer in Abby's firm, who is working with him on the legal end of the AWTAR; and Mr. McCarthy, Curator of the Rosenbach Museum, here in Phila.—Having four doctors present was reassuring. Dr. Maggie Densmore and Dr. Constance Volk came directly from their office, we're so glad they made it in time; Dr. Leland Stetser brought Cecilia and was "on call" that evening. The Stetsers flew their Comanche to Ann Arbor to visit their daughter at U. of M. but had to come home commercial when weather grounded them. And fourth was Dr. Dunkle who, is an F.A.A. Medical Examiner, with his wife, Ellen, who recently received her 99 application. The Fels family from Lancaster were all in attendance; Hazel had introduced Ellen to our chapter. We had three prospective members who attended this dinner for their third meeting and were given applications: Mary Myers of Atlantic City, Jane Nichols of Phila., and Betty Fretz of Moorestown, N.J.—Kay Brick drove from N.Y. to attend, staying overnight with the Hammonds. Another balloonist, Kate (Ornsen) Barcus, accompanied by Herman, mentally shared Connie's ordeals. Kate and Herman plan to visit the Worlds Fair in Seattle in June—Louise Sacchi, looking pretty perky again, Nancy Diemand (said daughter Debbie is working against time to obtain her private so they can fly the race together again this year), Bertha Baringer, a student pilot, and Anne Shields (not busy enough, she is now a partner in a gift shop in Kensington) were having a gay time at their table—Adelaide Tinker (did you see her letter in Air Facts?) and Barbara Bonnett, Helicopter pilots Jean and Jim Wilson, Beth and Clyde Sturtevant, Marcia and Carl Musson, Gert Dennis and Elsie McBride were among the enthralled audience—The decorative theme of ballooning was carried out completely, even to the Balloon name tags, thanks to the ingenuity of Marie D'Alterio and Joyce Roggio.

Louise Sacchi is a pilot of many qualifications and experience. She has her ATR in multi-engine land, under 12,500 lbs. She is an Instrument pilot and is currently instructing; she has had many hours as a company pilot, flying an Aero Commander. She is interested in a job as pilot and will relocate.

Write to: Miss Louise Sacchi,  
Jericho Manor,  
Jenkintown, Penna.





### CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Betty Hamilton

Estelle Bradshaw and Page Shamberger were hostesses for our March meeting in Pinehurst. The meeting was held at the Pine Needles Lodge and Country Club followed by cocktails and luncheon. Warren and Peggy Bell own and operate the club. Peggy is a former member and we hope to get her back soon.

At the meeting it was decided to contribute \$25.00 to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship and \$25.00 to the Transcontinental Air Race Fund. Louise Smith raffled off a 99 ash tray—four dollars was collected. Ten cent fines were paid by three who forgot to wear their 99 pins. Attendance at the horse show was planned for after lunch, but old man weather started to move in and every one took off for home.

Those attending the meeting were, Louise and Herman Smith, Gale, Dave and Randy East, Raleigh, Monk and Alfred Maxwell, Florence, Estelle and Carl Bradshaw, and Page Shamberger Pinehurst.

### GEORGIA CHAPTER

By Myrtle Thompson Cagle

The Georgia chapter finally succeeded in having a meeting at Macon Saturday, March 17th. The peach trees were in full bloom, so we had perfect scenery as well as weather for flying. Ruth Miller, Tifton, flew her pretty blue Apache and brought Ruth Kennedy with her. Mrs. Kennedy is a solo student in her own Cessna 170. Helen Crosby flew down in her Beech Debonair with one of her four sons as co-pilot, from Athens. Carolyn Kennedy, of Parrott, presiding in the absence of the chair, Arden Hubbard, was flying her new Comanche. Her daughter and grandbaby who live in the Macon Area joined us at the luncheon at the terminal restaurant. One Atlanta representative, Frances Peacock, arrived by Cessna 150.

Hostess were: Betty Elder Lary, Betty Calloway, Helen Morgan and myself.

Out of towners hopped in their planes and raced home for weekend guests or plans, while the local crop manned stations of airport and ramp to promote air rides for the "Old Wessylan Preservation Project". We have this beautiful old building in Macon we are trying to save from destruction and have restored. The air rides were to raise money. Betty Lary's company donated a Cessna 172, which I had the pleasure of fly-

ing. We took in fifty bucks, pretty good for a Saturday. Considering that ten local women donated ten thousand dollars each, to the project, ours was a token gesture. Our governor says if he is reelected, he will see our building restored.

It was a great meeting and loads of fun. We did miss the men, we had them home at work, mine putting a roof on our new home, and Ruth Miller's overseeing the building of their new home. Our next meeting is Atlanta to see the ATC center, bring a picnic lunch to save time.

Recent flying for Ruth Miller in her snazzy Apache was a trip to Canada to pick up her parents for a Georgia visit—she stayed 10 minutes!

The Georgia peaches are doing fine, both tree and airplane variety.

Betty McNabb, Albany, is our choice for the scholarship. She does volunteer work for Tom Dooley Hospital in Haiti with her Beechcraft Bonanza both as pilot and hospital statistician, she will use the funds for an instrument rating. We solicit the endorsement of chapters who do not have a scholarship candidate.

### ALABAMA CHAPTER

By Gertrude C. Luther

We had to postpone our March meeting to the 18th because of weather—the only good and legitimate reason for putting off flying as we all know—but the weather was so good that day that some seven or eight planes gathered at the Van de Graaff Airport in Tuscaloosa where we were royally received and entertained by Doc Carle of the Dixie Air, Inc., Cessna Sales and Service, Tuscaloosa. He provided transportation for all of us to the Indian Hills Country Club where he was our host at a wonderful dinner. Mayor Van Tassel and his wife were also present at the dinner and were most gracious to all of us. Mayor Van Tassel told us of his flying days during his time in college in Tuscaloosa (University of Alabama is located there) and it would seem he flew a Waco biplane at that time.

Juanita Halstead brought her sister, Ethel Everett, and Lurleen Wallace, both of Montgomery. Jan Warwick, Decatur, brought with her as guests, Theo Strickland and Gerry Dunnavant both from Birmingham. Maxine Davis, Mobile, Patti Dyer and Mary Jane Lewis, both of Tuscaloosa, are potential members and obtained application blanks at the time of the meeting. Other members present were Helen Grove, Beth Marquardt, both Minnie Wades, Bennie Peters, Sybil Thistlethwaite, Evelyn Brown, Meredith Ward, whom we were all glad to see and who could hardly miss this meeting since it was in her home town, and yours truly—Lu Luther. Although I was late as usual, I am happy to say I got there before the Mobile crowd—two plane loads of them.

Grace Bailly was not able to attend but she reported having written to the Florida Women Pilot Assoc., Inc., offering our services in connection with the International Air Race, but so far we have not heard. We really want to help and all of you in the event you stop off in Mobile—just say the word!

A letter from Margaret Ringenberg, Graybill, Indiana, regarding money to help support the AWTAR was read to all of us by our Chairman, Evelyn Brown. A small check was sent by our Chapter, but I would like to go on record for each and all of us—we heartily oppose and protest the new regulations as to qualifications for the AWTAR since this almost makes a "professional" race. The members of our chapter go along with the idea of both pilots having at least a private license—but is it really necessary to have both or even one pilot almost a professional? We here in the deep south are most unhappy about this.

The new roster is wonderful and a real joy to use. I also want to thank Elsie and Norman Smith of Los Angeles for sending me the copy of Jackie Cochran's speech. You really find the nicest people in flying somehow.

Our next meeting will be held in Mobile on April 1 at 10 A.M., where we hope to see some azaleas still in bloom. Please come and join us and remember to wear your 99 pins—our treasury was increased by 75 cents again since three members neglected to wear their pins and we will assess members from neighboring chapters too. Happy and safe flying until then!



### SHREVEPORT CHAPTER

By Helen Hewitt

Our chapter is busling with activity in spite of the unfavorable weather. Hazel Nealey passed her commercial written and then headed for Oklahoma City where she visited International Headquarters. It sounded so interesting that the rest of us would like to do likewise in the future.

Barbara Welsh has just returned from a two week tour of Arizona with her 49½. She reports (AVU weather all the way).

Our March meeting was extremely interesting. We had as our guest speaker Mr. Lee Thomas, Assistant Chief of Shreveport Radar Approach Control who talked at length about Air Traffic Control Procedures. We have another treat in store for us this month as we have been invited to



Barksdale Air Force Base to "fly" in the Link trainers.

We are anxiously waiting for a good day for our monthly fly-in. This time we're planning something new to our group—a fly-in picnic.

We are looking forward to a visit from the Vice-Governor, Jean Williams, and hope she will be with us for our April meeting.

### ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

By Betty Burritt

Our March meeting was held at Shirley Kay's home March 19. Members present were Shirley, Virginia Cuttler, Linda McKinney, Marie Grossetete, Randa Sutherland and Betty Burritt. Our guest was June Peters, commercial, ex-duster pilot. She was a member some time ago and we hope to have her as a regular member again soon.

Our Hangar Dance made a healthy addition to our treasury and we discussed the possibility of another money-making project the early part of the summer. More on that later.

Members have been doing some traveling lately. Virginia Cuttler and Bill were in Los Angeles, San Diego, then stopped at Phoenix on their way home, to visit son Bill and his family and pickup grandson Will for a short visit. Velma and Cliff Wood went to San Diego and Velma spent our meeting night weathered in at Yuma, Arizona. Randa and Jack Sutherland have been making visits to Las Vegas, Nevada to visit their daughter Dixie who is working there. Marie and Nugget Grossetete have also been blazing a frequent trail to Las Vegas and the bright lights. Last Sunday was a perfect flying day and saw the Cutters and Grossetetes among the Shrine Air Patrol in Grants for breakfast. Understand they had over 60 there. Linda McKinney had her Cessna 140 in the air and yours truly blew the dust off the Apache. Shirley Kay says she's been "flying" a paint brush around her house lately but I have an idea she's found a little time for that Bonanza. Looks like activity is picking up in our neighborhood.

### COLORADO CHAPTER

By Lyn Pfleeger

Eighteen members and guests turned out for the January meeting. Peals of laughter and other various noises emitted that evening from the Convair simulator in the Frontier Airlines training headquarters. That's right—we all had a chance to be an airline captain for a little while; and it was quite a thrill. Four new members were voted into the chapter that evening—Ethel Frieze, Marge Loudner, Margaret Dwell and Ruth Saville. We were also happy to welcome Emily Hanrahan back into the group after a little over a year's absence. During the interim she has earned her flight instructor's rating and is now instruc-

ting for Clinton Aviation here in Denver.

A contingent of the Colorado Chapter winged its way to Albuquerque for their annual Valentine's Day Hangar Dance. Answering the roll call were Frances and Ed Tepper, Grace and George Mayfield in the Tepper 310; Helen and Joe Choun in their Travelair, Pauline and Tom Meighen in their 175 with Ethel Frieze and guest; Grace and Les Longbrook with two guests in a Commanche; Fredda and Larry Turrill with Mary and Bob Wenholtz in the Turrill 175. Reports have it that one of the highlights of the trip was when airline captain Bob Wenholtz gave a practical demonstration on "How To Land A Light Aircraft". Apparently there's a little difference between one and four engines!

The February meeting was held in the home of Frances Warner. The AWTAR was a popular topic of conversation and the groundwork was completed for manning the Stop at Scottsbluff. Grace Longbrook, Mary Wenholtz, Fredda Turrill and Frances Warner comprise the committee to round out this project. One new member was admitted to the group: Alice Robertson from Boulder, Colo.

Mary Frenzel, Grace Longbrook and Fredda Turrill recently flew to Scottsbluff, Neb., in connection with manning the stop. All the local dignitaries turned out to welcome them. Mr. Frank Cosman, President of the Chamber of Commerce invited us all back for a fly-in and luncheon as guests of the C.C. Are we going? You can bet we're planning on it. More on that later, but June 2 is set for the tentative date.

Plans are being made, at least in a few quarters, to attend the Spring Sectional in Midland, Texas. Mary and Fredda are going. I've also heard that Pauline Meighen and Ethel Frieze plan to make Midland an enroute stop on their way to Vegas—sounds interesting, too. Our Section Governor, Donna Myers is hoping to see a whopping turnout from all the chapters.

Peg Odell has recently made a cross country to Oklahoma City and back. Lovely flight—lousy weather.

Last Flight: 49½ Bob Warner. Vicious downdrafts; extreme turbulence; mountains. . . Those who know Frances will join us in extending sympathy to her and their two girls.

### HOUSTON CHAPTER

By Nancy Jameson

Houston Chapter of Ninety-Nines is very pleased the 12th All Women's International Air Race will start here. Our chapter is planning to hostess a breakfast for the race participants as part of the festivities planned by Florida Women Pilots Association. Some of the Houston Ninety-Nine chapter members hope to fly the race to Nassau. Rhea Hurre Allison and Virginia

Anderson, Merle Boitnot and Alice Seaborn, Ora Mae Boswell, Louise Bickford, Jean King and Georgia Haley hope to enter, so our group should be well represented. Cummings and Groves at Houston International Airport has been designated as official inspectors and the planes will be impounded there.

Cecilia Parrish will be our representative at the South Central Sectional in Midland, Texas, April twenty seventh.

All this leaves little time for air-marking-but up and at 'em!

### SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

By Marian Burke

The March meeting of San Antonio 99's was held Wed. evening, March 15. After dinner at Lubby's Cafeteria a movie shown at Marian Burke's office was enjoyed by 99's and guests.

We were honored to have among our guests, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Castello who are the proud owners of a shiny Cessna 150. We certainly hope Mrs. Castello will join our group when she gets her private rating.

Saturday, March 18, was a bid day for Marian Burke. She soloed her son, Johnny. She says it was quite a thrill to stand out by the runway and watch a bright red airplane with its one occupant make three excellent takeoffs and landings.

We are so happy to welcome into our chapter a new member "Vi Glass" from New York. She and husband Herb are both pilots and own a Cessna 172. They share both flying and shooting as a hobby. Welcome to our gang Vi and Herb; we are real honored to have such people as you belong to our flying group.

It will soon be Air Race season again. Let's all try to enter at least one race this year.

Have fun and fly safe . . . See ya in the NEWS LETTER next month.

### MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Laura Russell

The February meeting of the Missouri Valley Chapter of Ninety-Nines was held at Sky Harbor Student Building in Omaha.

Those present were Millie Barrett, Barbara Anspaugh from Lincoln, Belle Hetzel and Helen Nestle from Omaha and Beverly Giles and Anita Thomas from Council Bluffs. Also present was Evelyn Sedwig, our new member from Lincoln.

We received a letter from our Governor, Donna Myers, in which she said she would like to join us for some future meeting. We agreed to invite her to our March meeting.

After a short business meeting, we had rolls and coffee and adjourned.

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Those present were Anita Thomas



and Beverly Giles of Council Bluffs, Belle Hetzel, Laura Russell, Helen Nestle, and Verdayne Menze of Omaha, and Barbara Anspaugh, Florence Boring, Evelyn Sedivy, and Mildred Barrett of Lincoln.

Due to the fatal accident of the husband of Frances Warner, Donna Myers, our Governor, was unable to fly in for our meeting.

Grand Island will be an alternate stop in this year's A.W.T.A.R. and plans were discussed as to how we could help.

Laura Russell has just returned from a trip which included Phoenix, Palm Springs and Las Vegas.

Anita Thomas has just returned from Chicago where she spent a few days.

Millie Barrett has received her Commercial license.

Florence Boring soloed at Union Airport in Lincoln. She then went to Okinawa where she taught dependent children. She passed her written in Tokyo, had her flight check in Okinawa, her cross country in Nebraska, and received her pilot's license in Lincoln. She is a member of C.A.P.

### EL PASO CHAPTER

By Eunice Dickey

Lela Carwardine was the hostess for the March meeting of our chapter held at the Crawford Airport in Las Cruces. Those attending were Priscilla and Jim Duncan, Ruth Deerman, Phyllis Gromko, Mary Fran Seidl, Frances Slape, Cliff Maumister, and Eunice Dickey and her 29½ers. The winners of the spot landing contest were Priscilla Duncan and Cliff Maumister. It was a beautiful day and we were sorry more couldn't be there to enjoy it.

Priscilla Duncan and husband Jim are the proud owners of a 1960 210 Cessna. Phyllis is going to take her commercial flight test this week. Jim passed his commercial test just a short while ago. Congratulations!

Frances Slape was certainly flying beautifully the other day. She hasn't been flying in quite awhile, but you certainly couldn't tell it by watching her.

We have two other members working on their commercial license. They are Phyllis Gromko and Evelyn Wassser. Billie Callaghan is working on her 360 degree rating. Says it's lots of fun besides being helpful.

Mary Fran Seidl has checked out in another airplane—a Beech T-34 this time. Mary Fran and 49/er Hank had quite a trip to Huntsville, Alabama (via Cessna 175) recently and stopped by New Orleans to enjoy the Mardi Gras.

Ruby and Dick Tatman are enjoying California weather. They flew in their Bonanza.

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

### TIP-OF-TEXAS CHAPTER

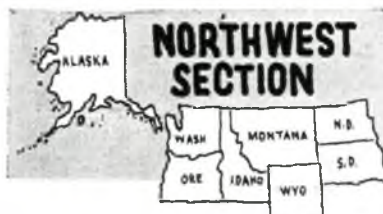
By Sandra White

A luncheon in the modernistic restaurant of Corpus Christi's new International Airport was held Tuesday, March 13. Three Rio Grande Valley girls were able to attend and by flying up early that morning, it enabled them to get in a shopping trip (naturally). Following the luncheon, a business meeting was held in Pauline Glasson's new offices, after which our visiting members enjoyed a tour of a uniquely designed hangar which has just been completed on the field. Late that afternoon, after a full day, Jean Moore, Ada Toland, and Ardath McCreery returned to the Valley in Ada's Bonanza.

At our business meeting, the minutes were read and all regular formalities carried out, after which we had a round table discussion on the purpose of the Ninety-Nines. After several controversial ideas were introduced, we finally agreed that the club, through its membership directory, should not be used to promote political or religious concepts, however harmless they might appear. We were all in accord that it would defeat the general purpose of the organization.

In our group of sixteen which attended the meeting, we were pleased to meet a charming prospective member, Margaret Weaver, and several more girls interested in becoming Ninety-Nines. Besides promoting a high attendance and seeking new-members, we are also very enthusiastic about our air marking, of which six have thus been accomplished this year and plans are made for many, many more.

We regret to say, due to the illness of her mother, Merle Dunnam, our elected reporter of the News Letter is unable to continue her writing at the present, and I will be dubbing in until such a time Merle is able to resume her reporting.



### EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Helen R. Crum

The winter travelers have returned and a good time was had by all. Our March meeting in Walla Walla would have been well attended except for a blizzard which grounded several members expecting to fly there. Seven with three guests met for lunch and a business session.

A wooden gavel was presented to Chairman Marie Reynnells by past Chairman Betty Seavey to be handed down to successive chairmen. It was

decided that a \$5 assessment this year will go entirely to AWTAR. Barbara Thisted read a letter from Kay Brick, AWTAR race chairman, explaining why pilot qualifications have been changed. Marcella Othus of the Oregon chapter was nominated for sectional treasurer.

Lygie Hagan was nominated for sectional vice-governor. She was unable to be present at the meeting, along with Jean Carbon and Millie Shinn, because they spent the day serving coffee to thousands of guests at an open house at Spokane International Airport put on by the Spokane Chamber of Commerce aviation committee to stimulate interest in a bond issue for a new terminal building. On her vacation, Lygie enjoyed visiting the February meeting of the Phoenix chapter.

Margaret Miquelon, who will be leaving soon for further study in the middle west, was presented a going away gift. Sorry she will not be with us.

Phyllis Franz was made chairman of the airmarking project at Warden in place of Marilyn Gallaher who is expecting her future pilot in April.

Bonnie Henson was the gracious hostess at her home March 17th, for a large number of Flying Farmers and their families who flew in for lunch.

Our May meeting will be a brunch in Spokane, May 12th. The fall sectional will be in Portland, September 14th, 15th and 16th.

### MONTANA CHAPTER

By Winifred Lovelace

Ideas, plans, new members and good meeting attendance are becoming to this chapter. This regeneration isn't entirely due to blossoming out with the advent of long-awaited Spring, either, because it started in coldest February!

On the seventeenth of that month, nine of us met in Helena, with lunch at the Airport Cafe to make tentative plans for spring and summer activities which crystallized at a larger meeting with fourteen members and guests at Billings on March seventeenth.

Montana Chapter will have a race of its very own. The date is set for September 29th, rain date a week later, and though the start and stop are not officially decided, the course will include Helena, Bozeman, Billings and Lewistown. The race will be limited to Montana 99's and/or Private Women Pilots. Prizes will be trophies only, no cash. AWTAR rules will be used, with some modifications.

We are selling chances on a transistor radio to be given at the Montana Pilots Association Convention in Cut Bank, May eighteenth.

Three members who flew the '59 TAR entertained the large, active Great Falls Hangar of M.P.A. at their March dinner meeting by explaining



AWTAR and showing slides and movies. We thought we had heard all the zany side-lights of that memorable race, but a few more incidents came to light during their program, to make it seem as if it happened only yesterday. The girls were Mary Jo Janey, Elsie Childs and Helen Dunlop.

We are happy to welcome Bobby Kramer of Cohagen and Pearl Magill of Glasgow into the club. Bobby is an accomplished horsewoman, lives on a ranch and uses her shiny new license in the ranching business. Pearl is close to aviation, being Secretary for Montana Pilots Association.



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

March has been a very busy month for many members of the Greater Kansas City Chapter. Mary Ann Noah started off the month by appearing in the Junior League Follies, March 1 and 2. Our regular meeting was held March 4th at the Fairfax Airport. Those in attendance were Betty Sigs, Shirley Ray, Mary Ann Noah, Stella Lehmann, Elaine Morris, Ruth Stafford, Katherine Peck, Joan Cayot, Marilyn Dickson, Marie Kuhlman, and Sarah Gorelick. Chairman, Ruth, outlined a very busy schedule of activities for the Chapter. Our Sectional Convention is our foremost activity right now. However, after that we have a Rummage Sale, "Penny a Pound" Airlift, sponsorship of Breakfast in connection with Experimental Aircraft Association Fly-In, and other activities too numerous to mention planned.

March 7th Marie Kuhlman held a reception in her home for Jacqueline Cochran, who was in K. C. as a guest speaker for the Matrix Table of Theta Sigma Phi. Co-hostess for the affair was Ruth Stafford. Marie's home, as always, was beautifully decorated. Many dignitaries were on hand for the affair. Among our vacationing members, Laurien and Melvin O'dell have just returned from a wonderful trip to Florida.

Stella Lehmann, our Stamp Chairman, is urging all members to turn in their Trading Stamps. Mary Ann Noah is almost convinced that she should fly to Minnesota to collect her stamps left there during a summer vacation. I understand she has received many co-pilot offers from members of the Chapter.

Congratulations to author Grace Harris for her recent articles in "Air Facts" Magazine. Understand that Grace has just returned from a western trip.

#### **MICHIGAN CHAPTER**

**By Marian I. Hoffman**

Our March 17 meeting was in conjunction with the Michigan Aircraft Owners & Pilots Conference at Lansing. We had 15 members and 4 guests present. This is the first Conference we have had in Michigan that all Aircraft Owners & Pilots that were registered with the State were invited personally to attend. The topics covered were: A Review of Michigan's Civil Aviation Facilities and Plans for the Future, New Aircraft Equipment for use by the Non-Professional Pilot, Federal Aviation Agency Regulations and Air Traffic Control Programs as they affect the Non-Professional Pilot, "Tiro's—The Weather Satellite Program" and What the Non-Professional Pilot can learn and do to improve Flight Safety. There were questions and answer periods after each subject. The speakers were Michigan Department of Aeronautics Officials, Radio Manufacturers, Aircraft Suppliers, FAA Supervisors, Inspectors and Directors for Operations, Maintenance, Air Traffic and Flight Operation, Air Safety and Aviation Weather. Last, but not least, Colonel Joseph B. Duckworth—"The First to Fly in the Eye of a Hurricane".

Our business meeting was held after the last panel discussion and before the awards banquet. At the banquet, two 99's received awards. Bernice Steadman for "Outstanding Achievement in Pilot Proficiency" and Jean Pearson for "Outstanding Achievement in Aerospace Creative Arts."

Anyone getting "Teen Magazine" look for an article written by Ken Ezinga on Judy Laitsch (Michigan 99) and her twin Mary—possibly in the May issue.

Velma DelGiorno and Dr. Tom have just returned from a trip to Nassau and Elecutria in the Bahama's. They took a 707 to Miami, flew to Nassau and a 45 ft. catch to Eleutria. They just soaked up sunshine and fished. Bea Steadman returned just in time for the Conference from Tucson, Arizona, after two weeks of sunshine and fun. Lois Wilson is now back from a three week vacation in California. She made the round trip by Jet. Contrary to my January report, my husband changed his mind at the last minute and we flew by Jet to Seattle, Washington on February 5. I guess he had a premonition because our first grandchild arrived at 1:30 P.M. on February 7. We wouldn't have been there before the event if we had gone by train. We tried the train back as far as Minneapolis, but were real happy to get off the train and fly the rest of the way home.

#### **CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER**

**By Alice Stoltzner**

The "Wear'n of the green" was very much in evidence at our Achievement Award Dinner on St. Pat's Day

when Capt. Bill Callahan (appropriate?), Jet Pilot for American Airlines, spoke to Chicago Area Ninety Nines, 49½ers and guests. Bill Donahue of Dupage County Airport presented awards to June Basile, Marie Cornin and Alice Kudrna for achievements in flying and related activities during 1961. North Central Governor, Lois Seketa, officially welcomed our three, new, 1961 members, Betsy Jerome, Suzette Deutsch and Barbara Weber.

I was personally "green" with envy while listening to Eva and Harold White discuss plans for their annual Cessna 180 trip to Florida. Elzabe Yocum has added that little "Blue Seal" to her private license, Virginia Coffeen took advantage of a pleasant week-end to take the 175 into Roselle, one of Chicago Area's newest little fields. Congratulations were in order for Joan Baldwin, who recently received her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Loyola University. Barb Weber has joined the ranks of Hot Air Balloon pilots. She has the rating to prove it. Looks as we may have a squadron one of these days.

99 SKETCHES: Dorothy White took her first small plane ride with 99. Eva White and, shortly after, started taking flying lessons at the Naper Aero Strip in a Piper J-3. She's a member of an air minded family with two brothers and a sister-in-law who also fly. Dorothy teaches during the week and has traveled and taught in Japan and Europe. Her spare time is devoted to flying and photography.

#### **ALL OHIO CHAPTER**

**By Clara C. Tharpe**

1. Our March meeting was held at Grimes Airport, Urbana, Ohio on a CAVU type day. Hostess were Virginia Schumacher and Bette McMahan. Guest speaker was Paul Greenlee who spoke on the lighting system installed in the Mercury Capsule by the Grimes Lighting System.

2. Fly-ins were Jean Bonar, Blanche O'Brien, Helen Sullivan, Lavina Stoltte, Martha Foley, Artrie Lehr, Marilyn Miller, Joan Hrubec, Edyth Maxim, Ruth Theis, Clara Tharpe, and prospective Dorothy Belville. Drivers were Janice Kuechinmeister, Helen Sammon, Winnie Caghey, Mary S. Chaefer, Marilyn Collett, Marion Betzler and Bessie Caton. Guests included Jim Sammons, Bonnie Rich, Marge Masak, Carl Lehr, Dr. Thompson, Doc Bonar, Jim and Susan Foley, Charles Betzler and Tommy Miller.

3. We'd like to welcome Mary Foley and Marie Carastro into the Ohio Chapter. Mary came from St. Louis Chapter and Marie from the Alabama Chapter.

4. We're sorry to lose Martha Wilcox from the Chapter. Martha resigned due to illness and a death in the family. We'd like to offer our



sympathy to a former member, Betty Wertz on the death of her husband. Betty is now in the Florida Chapter.

5. Dottie Anderson not only was in Florida at the time of Colonel Glenn's big flight but was in the air at the time and saw his take off first hand. What a thrill that must have been.

6. Blanche O'Brien and her husband have taken over the flying service of Greenville Airport, Greenville, Ohio. Buying a new Cessna? Contact Blanche. Maybe you can talk her into a big discount or at least small payments.

7. Martha, Jim and Susan Foley flew their new Meyers 200B to the Bahamas for a couple of weeks. They spent time at the west end of the Grand Bahamas, Harbour Island and Nassau.

8. The Cleveland Press carried a picture of Joan Hrubec and Allan Voyal with the caption that Joan will present a trophy to Allen, who is president of the Cleveland Aviation Club, for the best futuristic plane in the National Plane and Space Model Shown on April 5, 6 and 7 in Cleveland, Ohio. Edyth Maxim is handling the publicity (radio, TV and newspaper) for the Chamber of Commerce on the same show.

9. Autrie Lehr spoke to the Sartoma Club in Xenia on women fliers. In appreciation she was given a silver bracelet by the Club.

#### **CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER**

**By Kathleen K. Hudson**

Our first regular meeting since November was held at the Hotel Rogers in Bloomington on Sunday, March 18th with Helen Greinke as hostess. A business meeting was held and then we had a delicious dinner in the Hotel Dining Room.

Plans were discussed for the Peoria Stop during the AWTAR though they are still in the preliminary stages.

Rose Andrews, our Flying Activities Chairman, is investigating State Parks which have landing strips close by. She will give us this information later. This reporter remembers a very nice trip to Starved Rock State Park last summer. It has a good landing strip on an island in the Illinois River. A cable car connects the island with the park. It is a most delightful place to spend a day or even more if you have the time.

Dolores Adamson, who works at Illini Airport in Urbana tells us that they have a new restaurant called the Redwood, right on the field. It is a smorgasbord and very good, they say. They have large picture windows so that the flying activities can be view while dining.

Barbara Jenison is as busy as ever. She recently appeared on WCIA-TV in Champaign with a short talk about the 99's. She has also been speaking about aviation to various groups of school children.

Our next meeting is to be with Barbara at her home in Paris, Ill. It will be at 12:00 noon on Saturday, April 21. Everyone is to bring sandwiches, etc. and Barbara will have dessert for us.

We were glad to have our two newest members at this meeting. They are Mrs. Jane Brantley, 311 West Poplar, Harrisburg, and Dorothy Barterton, 307 West Nevada, Urbana.

Others present were Helen Greinke, Leah and Sam Warren, Bonnie and Doctor Ferrell, Rose, Frank, Terry and Paul Andrew, Kathleen and Dean Hudson, Barbara Jenison, Marge Kelly, Dolores Adamson, Ed Brantley and two prospective members, Nancy Wolfson from Sidney, Ill., and Margaret Scranton from Champaign.

Bonnie Ferrell told us that link trainer instructions is now available through Southern Illinois University at the Carbondale Airport. The cost is \$7.50 per hour by appointment.

Marge Kelly is back from Florida looking tanned and very well. They enjoyed their turbojet boat and had many nice trips on the lakes, rivers and waterways until it came to an end abruptly one day. She and her husband, Fred, were out in the boat. He went back to check the engine when it didn't sound right. Something exploded right near the battery and blew a hole up through the engine casing where Fred would have been sitting. They were certainly a lucky couple that day although he did get some burns. Marge did tell me that she was going to stick to airplanes for a while.

#### **INDIANA CHAPTER**

**By Alma Hartman**

"Peggy" Coulter and co-hostess, Martha Ozbun, must have kissed the proverbial Blarney Stone. A brighter spring day than March 18 in Indiana would have been impossible, though. I'm sure it was long over due. The Muncie girls had a large attendance, —twenty-two Ninety-Nines and sixteen guests.

An outstanding program was presented by Mrs. Roger Glasby, a former stewardess for the Cathay Pacific Airlines and title holder of "Miss Hong Kong of 1954". Her theme was "Flying in Hong Kong."

Secretary, Med Cassidy, took home the pot 'o gold, while Delia Sanders fell heir to gift exchange.

**AROUND THE PATTERN:** Pat Patterson and 49½er, Owen, are flying high via a 1962 Cessna Skylark. Jill McCormick has fun in store for us, an Easter Egg Hunt in April at Lafayette.—Verona Ruzicka missed the meeting for a health check in Cleveland.—Mid Cassidy and 49½er, Don, recently combined a business-pleasure week-end in Florida.—Alma Hartman's absence might have been due to stars in her eyes from a quick flight west: Dallas, El Paso, Phoenix, Las

Vegas, and where else is there to go—home!

#### **ST. LOUIS CHAPTER**

**By Teddy Hager**

We really had a "Chairman of the Board" discussion at our meeting, held at Teddy Hager's, with Marian Kirtz co-hostessing. Details were discussed for our rummage sale being held May 12. Golly took the names of all girls offering their services, and am sure everyone will be busy from now on. Understand Loretta Slavick's storage space is really filled with items to be sold. With all the plans being made, am sure this will be a huge success.

The Fall Sectional Meeting, to be held September 21, 22, and 23, here at the Park Plaza Hotel, was also discussed, and Laura Sellinger has quite a few volunteers who are looking forward to seeing that our guests are royally entertained. There is a wonderful program planned, so start making plans now to attend. Our congratulations to Marian Kirtz. She is the first woman in the vicinity of St. Louis to earn her Blue Seal. After the discussion the other evening, am sure several Blue Seals will be earned pronto.

Our best wishes for much happiness to June and Ed Evers who have just adopted a daughter. Also, to Golly and Jack Miner, their sixth grandchild—a boy. Travelers: Sylvia and Lack Bloom with Loretta Slavick, returning from New York, weathered in at Columbus, Ohio. Loretta and Sylvia flew home on Commercial Airline, and Lack remained behind, waiting to bring the Apache home. Marian Kurtz spent Holiday in Hot Springs, Arkansas, checking the baths, etc., and returned early to co-hostess our meeting. Fran and Augie Henke, Holidaying in Florida via their Aztec—Lois Weatherwax made the statement she is going to win the Colt—so get busy gals, you have steep competition.

Our deepest sympathy to Jay Lawrence, our Berwick, Pennsylvania member. Her mother just passed away. Had a guest from Sydney, Australia in town for five-and-a-half hours. Mrs. Belle Adams. Loretta Slavick played hostess and showed her the best in St. Louis. Spring has finally arrived—now if the weather will conform—we can all start doing some serious flying, earning our Blue Seal, and who knows—maybe our Commercial, Instrument or Instructors Certificate. Good luck to us all.

#### **MINNESOTA CHAPTER**

**By Dorothy Ryan**

Margaret Manuel, our hostess for February, had turkey twice, thanks to our unpopular Minnesota weatherman (I take that back—those who fly the boards think he's great). I don't know how many inches fell that week-end of the 18th, but when this reporter and 49½er drove back into ye home



state the Wednesday following, the drifts were up to here. But turkey at any time is succulent at Margaret's so the 25th found us trying again. Margaret didn't really think we would make it and instead of worrying about us, had a grand evening serving and dancing at the VFW post the night before! But we did come, amid swirling snow and icy roads—prospective members Dawn Larson, Dorothy Westling, and Jane Reeves with her husband; Rita and Burt Orr with Cindy, Jan, and Billy; Helen and George Masterton with our newly re-instated member Laura Black (cheers); Florence Sriver driving Avis Larson and Ginny Casperson; Audrey Baird, down by train from Dickinson, drove with Dorothy and Rocky Ryan. Malcolm was home, too, grounded by that zero-zero weather. Kay Manuel introduced us all to her Siamese cat, but Ralph, now a young man of 15, is proudly learning the military way at Roswell Academy in New Mexico. Smart boy, to spend a winter away from this!

Rita reported she and Burt had a wonderful trip to Seattle, Los Angeles and Phoenix (too short, of course) and Rocky and ye olde reporter were still mesmerized by three glorious weeks in Clearwater Beach, Florida. We wanted very much to see (eyeball it, as they say) John Glenn's launch and late February 13th drove over to Cocoa Beach, but after bedding down in the trunk (we did), the shot was called at 2:30 a.m. We were "ready men" the rest of the week but had to leave for home the day the shot actually was made. We came back to the news deeply saddening our Chapter—the "Last Flight" of Marilyn Williams and Alice Pfantz.

In our business meeting the new AWTAR rules requiring all participating pilots to have a commercial rating or better, and co-pilots a private rating or better, were discussed at length and a decision made to ask the AWTAR Rules Committee to reconsider, as well as to let the Michigan Chapter know the Minnesota Chapter concurs with their opinion on the matter as expressed in the February News Letter.

The Chapter also protests to the FAA plans to erect a 995 foot tower on the omni route between Brainerd and Bemidji, asking it be relocated at a less critical spot.

Ginny Casperson arranged our March 14th meeting at Nelson-Ryan, Flying Cloud, and believe it or not, more snowy weather! Burt drove up from Faribault with Rita, who chair-maned the meeting—Margaret and Malcolm Manuel had slipped past the white stuff to Roswell, New Mexico, where they were spending a week or so, visiting their son, Ralph. We were so glad to see Ardeth Carlson, who reports she and Art have been too

busy to do more than breath. Crazy-Bird, Jr., is off flying with someone else until such time as leisure comes again to the Carlson's. Avis Larson, Ginny Casperson, Dorothy Ryan, and Helen Masterton (with 49½er George) completed the local contingent of members. Helen is membership chairman and is doing a tremendous job—prospective members in attendance were Christine Burke, Dorothy Westling (with her husband Don) and Joan Clark (with friend Carl Stule). And we are so happy to welcome our newest member, Mrs. Jane Reeves. Welcome aboard! And orchids to Helen M.



## SOUTHWEST SECTION

### SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER By Billie Wyatt

The 11th anniversary of our chapter was celebrated on February 24th at a cocktail party and dinner in the Sportsmen of Stanislaus Club with 125 members and guests present. Ann Rambo, speaker for the event, put us all in orbit with her terrific talk "Space — The World's Frontier". Chairman, Dorothy Koebel introduced guests Assemblyman, John Venemen, Forest Fiorini, Chairman of the Board State Aeronautics, Wm. Christensen, 49½er, President California Flying Farmers, Norma Hammond, Mrs. Mayor of Modesto, Muriel Sham, Mrs. Airport Manager and Ruth Ruckert of Bay Cities. Ruth, who was present at our charter meeting, gave her congratulations and invited everybody to witness the start of the TAR at Oakland in July. The decorating committee did a bang up job—out-standing were the runways down the centers of the tables with small planes on them and silver hangars airmarked with the names of the various towns represented by chapter members. Also, the small booklets at each place giving the purpose of the 99's, the chapter name, each member's name and town, the name of the guest speaker and the topic of her talk.

Many thanks to the members who worked so hard to make this party such a success. Members present were; Laura May Crawford, Hughson; Estelle Stacey, Orosi; Dorothy Koebel and Marie McDowell, Gustine; Pauline Christensen, Merced; Loucile Freeman, Newman; Elva Victorino, Escalon; EvHendley, Margaret Andrews and Billie Wyatt, Modesto; and most certainly all 49½ers. Ev and Walt Hendley entertained with a reception in their Scenic Drive home for Ann Rambo and the 99's following dinner. Margaret and Don Andrews flew to Hawaii for six weeks vacation and returned on the Lurline in time for the party.

### SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER By Shirley Gilmore

We were compelled to cancel our regular business meeting in March as most of our officers were unable to attend. Unfortunately, our chairman, Norma Wilcox, underwent spinal surgery in February and will have to take it easy for sometime. She has been assured by her doctors, however, that they will have her in good shape in time for the AWTAR, and we are all wishing her a rapid and successful recovery.

Ginny and Russell Graham took off for their Panama trip right on schedule. Ginny appeared on the television show, "Video Village", for three days before her departure. She did a great job, and won lots of "loot." Her vivacious personality came through very nicely, and we feel it was publicity for women in aviation.

Meanwhile, the rest of us are still grounded a good deal of the time by our continued inclement weather conditions here in Southern California. Your reporter has been getting some of the blame, inasmuch as we have been grounded anyway since January awaiting delivery of a new Skylane. We plan to pick it up in Wichita soon—if I can just manage to get the weather back to normal, that is.

The response of our fund-raising survey has been most gratifying and many of the chapters have presented very good ideas for raising both small and large sums for their chapter expenses. We hope to have a tabulation soon on some of the better ideas to present to you who are interested in trying some different methods of raising money. Our thanks to all of you for your wonderful cooperation.

### UTAH CHAPTER By Alberta Hunt Nickolson

Our March meeting was held at the home of June Raybould where final plans were made for the AWTAR stop here and in Rock Springs. Sally Wells and her husband will chairmen the Rock Springs stop.

Eunice Naylor has arranged for a course at the University of Utah to be given to teachers in Salt Lake City on "Field Studies of Aero Space Education." At present 60 teachers have enrolled. They will be given three hours of graduate credit for the course.

Ruth Walker has just returned Logan where she attended the 4-H Supervisors School at the Utah State College.

June Raybould has bought into a new flying club, so is in the air again in a Tri Pacer. Maxine Nielson is working hard toward her commercial license, hoping to made the deadline so she can enter the AWTAR. She and Ruth plan to fly to Bakersfield to the Spring Sectional.

Lucile Christopherson and her husband flew a patient to Dallas, Texas,



and then to Temple where they visited with their daughter and then down to McAllen to look over the area that had been so badly damaged by frost. They came back by way of Del Rio and Roswell where they ran into a terrific snow storm. They managed to get into Albuquerque for the night and on home. Lucile has had four speaking engagements on aviation and their recent trip to the Orient.

Nicki Harding missed our meeting. She is singing in the opera "Madame Butterfly" given by the Utah Valley Opera Company this week.

Our membership is picking up. At a visit to the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Eunice had a pleasant visit with Lt. Col. Peggy Johnson who is stationed there with the Air Defense Command and we are happy to learn that she wants to retain her membership in our chapter. Also Margaret Loy is activating her membership. This will make 16 members.

#### **SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER** **By Florence G. Green**

We held our March business meeting at Helen Mace's very interesting home. We admired all the trophies that she and her 49½'er, Harvey, have won with their sport planes. (Each have their own sports plane that Harvey has built). Jerry Michelson called the meeting to order and the members that were present included, Ruth Lummis, Ruth Wagner, Joyce Evans, Mary Ann McDonald, Darlene Marsh, our hostess, your pinch hitting news letter writer, Florence, and our long lost, gadding, member, Claire Raley. Seemed like old times to have Claire back, and now she knows what Japan and the South Seas countries including Australia and New Zealand look like, we hope she gets to our meetings oftener. We had two visitors, Jean Key McClelland, our fledgling pilot and Ruth Rueckert from Bay Cities Chapter. We always enjoy having Ruth visit with us, and especially when she brings good news that the A.W.T.A.R. is taking good shape. Looks to me like the organization of the race is in capable hands with Ruth and Bay Cities handling it. Congratulations and more power to you! We missed our absent members, but our news letter writer, June Devine, took a commercial plane to Burbank to pick up their Bonanza, accompanied by Jim. Maybe it was the rain and dark night that kept the rest of our active members in their "Hangars". Tried to find out if anyone had done any flying or gone any place of interest and the only news that I can report is that Elaine Lancaster and her 49½'er Bert, took their Cessna and flew to Phoenix, meeting Carol Hammond and her 49½'er, Al, and my 49½'er Jack and myself, flying down in the Apache. While there we flew to Tucson, having a delicious brunch at the Pioneer Hotel. We wished that we would soon get some of

that lovely sunshine in California. Hear rumors that Betty Boyd will soon be back with us. Long time, no see! Our April 14th meeting is to be held in Sacramento at the International room at the airport. Come on out and help us with a large turn out. See you then.

#### **LOS ANGELES CHAPTER** **By Dru Benefiel**

February brought a delightful meeting at Van Nuys Skyways. Here, our inspired auctioneer, Gene Moskow (Katee's 49½'er) charmed us into buying the same items we had brought to last year's White Elephant Sale. Besides being auctioneer, Gene donated electric clocks with counter-clockwise faces. These defy time-telling, but are fun to unscramble. As a proud owner of one, I can be late with confidence! These, and the refreshments provided by Skyways were the highlights of the evening's White Elephant Sale for the 1963 TAR. Thanks to the SFV Chapter members, Audrey Schutte, Jeanine Ceccio, Elizabeth Crowley, as well as our guest, Dottie Gortley ('61 TAR participant) for adding to the "Kitty".

March is here with its week-ends of poor weather. Site 6 was beautiful for the Southwest Sectional Fly-in. However, the Sunday weather in the L.A. basin was a dreary repetition—wet, low ceiling laden with carb ice. Katee and Gene Moskow report a wonderful time joining the members of other Southwest chapters. Their route, a Saturday stop-over at Las Vegas—and, then on to the fly-in. Seems that Ray Schutte (Audrey's 49½'er) was busy giving dual in the McCulloch outboard (boat, that is), most of Sunday. Homeward, the average groundspeed of the Moskow's Apache was—did I hear right—90 knots? What a headwind! The Wednesday following the fly-in we joined the Long Beach Chapter at Redond High School to enjoy a discussion of Air Education in Secondary School by Ted Meisenheimer, Aero Instructor. Here, we learned of the problems inhibiting an active Air Education program.

Las Vegas—it must be a charmed place. Chairman Mary Ann Kaslow and Vivian Thompson (and their 49½'ers) spent several delightful days there. Seems that their system should not be followed. The rumor has it that one of them had to wire home for more "green stuff". Which one this reporter was unable to discover. And, one of our members even drove to Las Vegas—Sally Broyles and Betty Hough, an aviation enthusiast, spent an exciting and relaxing week-end there recently.

#### **TUCSON CHAPTER** **By Laura Bohanan**

Virginia Edwards has been the "fly-inger" gal in the chapter this month. Her new job as Flight Nurse for the Hudgin Air Service started off with a



**Shirley Marshall, left, and Dorothy Jenkins, guest speakers at the Ajo Rotary Club Luncheon meeting in March with Charles Gilbert, Program Chairman**

fast trip to Milwaukee (with plenty of weather). Home—then off to Grand Rapids, Mich. (not so much weather). Now a bag is packed and ready at all times, and a wise decision that was, for after one day home she's off again, this time to Seattle (CAVU all the way, and about time Virginia said). Think she enjoys the job so much because of the chance to get in a bit of flying on the return flights home.

Dorothy Jenkins & Shirley Marshall flew to Ajo and gave a talk, to the Rotary Club luncheon group, on the AWTAR and their varied flying experiences. Dorothy's career goes back to the fabulous era of helmet and goggles in and around Chicago. What a wealth of wonderful stories she has if only we can get her to talking. Dot, you're much too modest . . . Shirley started flying about 6 years ago and has really been going places ever since. It's very apparent that she really enjoys her flying. Shirley and family flew to Site Six, on Havasu Lake, to the Sectional Fly-in. They had such a good time they are now saving their pennies and planning to fly to the Sectional Spring Meeting at Bakersfield next month.

Good to see Mary Armstrong, from Ft. Huachuca, who flew in Sunday with her "to-be" 49½'er, Frank Menick. Mary has been trying to smooth out those maneuvers in anticipation of the Commercial she's working toward. Looks pretty good to me.

Frances Francis was also seen, last Sunday, shooting landings and wishing there was a traffic light to get back into that pattern. What a busy



runway that one was! Frances is starting Ground School with Instructor Mary Martin, in preparation for her Commercial.

Pat & Truly Nolen flew down to Guaymas to do some skin-diving and had plenty of weather going down but it was worth it once they got there. A little baby starfish waved its arms at Pat while she's making like an "under-water tourist" -- and Pat did just the right thing, she ran-- rather she swam, straight out of there.

Had my first hour of instruments and what a surprise THAT was!! It was one of the roughest days we had seen in quite a while . . . The way that 172 was bouncing around I thought I had a wild bull by the tail instead of just one little 'ole airplane. When we landed my eyeballs were still trying to break the world's record for bouncing. What a challenge those instruments were and do I have a healthy respect for them now. Spring has sprung here in the southwest, so can expect plenty of the bouncy weather for a few months.

#### **SAN DIEGO CHAPTER**

**By Ann McDonald**

Stella Hardin, busy mother of three children, has gone back to school. In order to continue her nurses training she has enrolled in the Grossmont Vocational Nursing School. Stella is doing this to earn money to fly. Recently she joined the National City Flying Club but laments our March weather (RAIN) which has flooded half the short runway at National City. Fortunately Stella is good natured and knows this can't last forever. (At this moment the sun is brilliant and your reporter's parents visiting from Hastings, Michigan think the California hills are gorgeous!)

Joanne Alford was the Key Note Speaker for an AAUW sponsored workshop this month. She spoke and lead a discussion on woman in industry and business which members and guests of the group found most interesting.

Six deserving Wing Scouts are thrilled because the San Diego 99's are giving them each 30 minutes of flying instruction. Betty Lambert and Jerry Vickers will instruct the girls who have been working very hard in Ground School. Speaking of the Wing Scouts, our members enjoyed seeing colorful slides taken by the teen-agers last summer during a trip to Mexico where they attended an International Scout Meeting.

The very inviting plans for the Southwest Sectional Meet at Bakersfield April 27-28-29 has already lured several of our members northward. Marion Jepsen, Jerry Vickers, Ruby Keaveney and Ruth Propsner are an-

xiously awaiting that weekend and as this goes to press we hope others will have registered for the event.

#### **SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER**

**By Natalie Bossio**

A lively meeting this month was held at the home of Jackie Petty in Mountain View. Members attending were Pat Gladney, Marg Standish, Ardell Hauk accompanied by daughter Carol Champlain, Carol Veris, Pattie Sherwood, Helen Nelson, Dorothy Monohan, Alice Taylor, Marilyn Anderson, and yours truly. We missed who was unable to attend, and all of us extend our deepest sympathy to the family for the loss of Dave's mother a few weeks ago.

To date we have four teams planning to enter the AWTAR and the gals are in there pitching for sponsors. We wish them all the best of luck.

Mabel Zehr enjoyed her first jet flight a couple of weeks ago when she flew to Los Angeles to be with her sister who was visiting there from Indianapolis, and whom she hadn't seen for two years. They lunched together and had a nice visit. We were sorry to hear that Otto has been very ill, but Mabel reports that he is well on the road to recovery now.

The Gladney cats stole the show in Sunnyvale this month and came away with most of the ribbons. The Gladneys are especially proud of Boosie who was awarded the blue ribbon for being the "best household pet".

The Gladneys, Mayetta and girls, Marg Standish, and Patti Sherwood were part of a group of 13 who enjoyed a snow trip weekend recently to China Peak where they were welcomed by fourteen feet of snow. The group had accommodations at Huntington Lake—a new resort—and they had a ball!

Your reporter spent the "long" weekend in February visiting friends in Los Angeles. A special treat was a reunion with close mutual friends in La Mesa whom I hadn't seen for over ten years.

Final Report—one pup left in the Petty household, but she's not for sale!

Happy flying to all now that Spring is here!

#### **PHOENIX CHAPTER**

**By Melba Beard**

The regular March meeting, second Thursday night, was held at the home of Marian Wang in the Papago foothills of Scottsdale, and attended in addition to the host, by Chairman, Betty Slater, Vice-Ch., and Sectional Sec'y Pat Lambart, Sec'y Trudy Murphy, Nat'l Treas. Alice Roberts, Kay Pattison, Wilma Bland, Melba Beard, Juanita Newell, Marjy Crowl, Betty Condon, and prospective member Mike Dover, at her second meeting.

The Flying Farmers have extended the 99's an invitation to join them at their Nogales meeting. Marjy said that Sedona was a favorable location for repainting an air marker. Marion reported on the Wing Scouts, said they would be glad to help with air marking, her group as well as the one in Scottsdale. The Chapter voted to make individual contributions to the 1963 AWTAR of \$2 each, with a matching \$3 from the treasury for a total of \$5, in lieu of a fund raising project. Wilma read a note of thanks from Betty Tank of Bet-Ko-Air in Yuma, for the lovely Philodendron plant for her pilot lounge, our appreciation for her hosting the Zonta's annual Amelia Earhart lunch in Yuma attended by the chapter. Juanita, who bought the gift, saved a 400 mile round trip to deliver it by nabbing Betty on one of her bi-weekly runs to Phoenix, and it was flown home by fast air freight, all for free.

The April business meeting will be at the home of Trudy Murphy in Scottsdale. The March flight is arranged by Melba Beard for Sunday the 25th. This will be a family desert picnic flight to the lovely new strip at Care Free east of Cave Creek, easily reached by plane or car. Elgin Newell will barbecue any steaks or hamburgers, and each party will bring a covered dish and table service. Nominations and pending resolutions were discussed, also the March SW Sectional Fly-in at Site Six on the Arizona side of the Colorado River.

Trudy Murphy later reported that the bad weather on Saturday discouraged many from making the Sectional flight to Site Six, the Sunday weather was just perfect, and the following 99's were present: From Phoenix Chapter, Kay Pattison flying a Tri-Pacer with Trudy, and Wing Scouts Cordelia Jones and Becky Kroehler; Marjy Crowl made the trip an instrument training flight in a 180 with her instructor and her two boys; Pat and Rick Lambart went in their 180, with prospective member Mike Dover and her roommate. Shirley Marshall, Ch. of the Tucson Chapter flew up, taking her son, Audrey and Bob Schutte flew in from San Fernando, Calif., and in a Mooney from El Cajon Chapter near San Diego flew Barbara Hill, Doris Ritchey, and Barbara and John Tucker.

#### **BAY CITIES CHAPTER**

**By Jean Kaye Tinsley**

Our February meeting was held at the home of Juanda Bigelow way over in Castro Valley. Juanda greeted us in a bright red mumu purchased in Hawaii during Christmas holidays. Your reporter was busy over the holidays delivering a future 99, Carolyn Kaye, who arrived at 8:00 Christmas



Eve. Santa was racing the stork on this one. It was so good to get back to meetings (and back into size sevens!). The principal business was the 1962 AWTAR which Bay Cities Chapter will hostess. Ruth Rueckert, Chairman OCS, TAR for 1962 and her committees are doing a fabulous job of planning for the big event.

Our sympathies to Sacramen'o Valley Chapter and to Elsi and Nell, sisters of Ethel Sheehy who took her last flight.

Mary Messersmith, our newest Commercial Pilot, has a new job as secretary to John Pritchard, VP of Sequoia Aviation, Inc., San Carlos Airport. Sequoia Aviation is a Cessna dealer, includes shop and charter service. Mary already put aside her secretarial duties to fly a charter trip. It is always good to hear of another woman pilot being employed this way. As soon as I get my medical renewed I'm going to resume work on the commercial.

Imagine everyone's surprise weeks ago to wake up and find the whole countryside covered with about four inches of snow . . . most unusual weather . . . and to top it off, it snowed all day. We just aren't prepared for that kind of weather here. Grabbed some of the kids and dashed to Palo Alto Airport to see our plane. No one flying that day — icing level about 1500 feet. It must have been beautiful from the air . . . and for you lucky ones who were visiting from the east, it was most unusual weather.

Bay Cities chapter celebrated our thirtieth anniversary in March with a dinner meeting at Veneto's in San Francisco. Present were Mary Messersmith, Helen Kelton, Maxine Carlson, Fran Grant, Hazel Miles, Juanda Bigelow, Mary Fields, Ruth Rueckert (1962 Chairman AWTAR), Marge Fauth, Miriam Brugh, Eleanor Wilson, Gail Lane, Doris Purdy, Lindy Boyes, Deby Byram, Janet Furgeson, Margaret Gerhardt and Jean Tinsley. Since everyone ordered a la carte, it was a hilarious occasion and luckily, we had a waiter with a marvelous sense of humor—even when a whole tray of dinners waiting to be served took off by themselves and crash landed.

The main topic of discussion was the 1962 AWTAR and all the wonderful plans for you who are going to be with us. We also discussed with great interest the new restrictions for Commercials and higher only being able to fly. Five years ago when yours truly was a brand new pilot and attended the AWTAR take-off from San Mateo County Airport at San Carlos, I asked one of the gals who is way up on the AWTAR board, what the purpose of the race

was—her answer "Oh—so that you gals who aren't commercial pilots can really compete with the professionals"—ha! So why this new ruling?

Dorothy Garliepp sold her tri-pacer and finally, after six months, got her leg out of the cast. Her broken jaw is mending nicely and she hopes to be able to fly soon. Gail Lane flew to the Nut Tree on one of the few nice days we've had, but the spring weather is really beginning now and ain't time for all. Eleanor reports and she and Glen have their Sky-Coupe  $\frac{3}{4}$  finished. The last plane they built, a Flutterbug, took 21 months. Glen is President of the Experimental Aircraft Assoc. Understand that Marion Dietrich is tramping and camping around Arizona deserts to get together an article on Peace Corps training, so we didn't see her at the meeting. Change of address for Mary Fields: 1132-139th Ave., San Leandro; phone: 351-6050.

Spring Sectional in Bakersfield coming up April 27-29 and AWTAR FROM OAKLAND IN JULY.

Happy Easter!

#### EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER

By Isabelle G. McCrae

The regular February meeting was held at the home of Leah Hanlon at 4355 Copeland, San Diego, Calif., on Wednesday evening, Feb. 28th, 1962. Members present were Anna Christensen, Mrs. Roy Davis, Mrs. R. E. Hill, Doris Ritchey, Dottie Sanders, Aileen Saunders, Isabelle McCrae, Barbara Tucker, Jackie Trenfel, and Carolyn Huntington.

After the business meeting, reports



were made by Aileen Saunders on her "Good Samaritan" flights to Mexico and Doris Ritchie and Isabelle McCrae reported on their recent Jet Flight with the Navy.

Yes, we finally made it on the 17th

of February, after weeks of anticipation. After about 20 hours in the 2 F 23 Ground Trainer on instruments and orientation, we were ready and willing, for the real thing.

The flight was about two hours in length and we were given instruction in High Altitude flight characteristics, plus very low altitude speed run along the beach of Salton Sea at 400 MPH, 100 feet indicated above sea level, to give us the true sensation of speed in relation to the ground.

Then back to North Island for practice landings. A lot of the flight was made on actual instruments, which we felt was especially good training, and since the GCA was off at the time we made a radar approach. Don't ask me any questions on this, all I know is it's a good thing.

The whole flight was a thrill, the like of which we have never experienced before. Commander Bob Messina was a dear—I didn't know such patience existed, especially in a Jet Pilot and flying with someone who is so calm, cool and collected, was a real pleasure. We are anticipating more such flights in the future.

Our chairman, Dottie Sanders, who is also the Southwestern Section Flight Activities Chairman, announced the "Fly-in" of the Southern Area, to Lake Havasu, on the Colorado River, which will be held on Sunday, March 11th. Quite a few of the girls and their husbands and families and friends from this chapter expect to participate. This is a resort on the Arizona side of the river and is about 25 miles south of Needles. There is fishing for those who are interested and also a very nice place for luncheon. Some plan to rent a boat and take picnic lunches. Guests are invited to attend, as well as Ninety-Nines from Arizona, Nevada, and Southern California. Members and friends from our chapter who are definitely going, weather permitting, are, John and Barbara Tucker, Bob and Dottie Sanders, Doris Ritchie, Barbara Hill and husband, Betty and Bud McNeil, Joseph Belliveau, Isabelle McCrae, and Lis and Harry Bartling.

Leah Hanlon is leaving on March 19, for Athens, Greece, where she plans to stay for nine weeks, visiting relatives. Leah, being of Greek descent, speaks the language fluently, so expects to have a very enjoyable vacation. Her passport and papers are all in order and she plans to fly via Air France—707.

On Wednesday, March 14th, the other members of our chapter and some of the girls from the San Diego Chapter have planned a luncheon for Leah at the El Cortez Hotel Skyroom to wish her Bon Voyage. Each girl has been asked to bring film for

Leah's cameras so that she can bring us back a pictorial report of her trip.

El Cajon Valley Chapter Members participating in the Civil Air Patrol Flag Presentation Ceremony at Gillespie Field on March 4th, were Major Jackie Trenfel, Commander of Sqd 99, Lt. Doris Ritchie, PIO, and Captain Isabelle McCrae, Aerospace Education Officer. Dottie Sanders and Lois Bartling of the San Diego Chapter are planning to fly in the International Race if they can find a sponsor.

Barbara Tucker and Isabelle McCrae are planning to fly the AWTAR together in Barbara's Mooney Mark 21, if they can find a sponsor, that is.

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