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DEADLINE FOR NEWS The 25th of Each Month

### NOTICE

There will be no issue of the Minety Nine News in November. All hands will be busy compiling the Roster. Thank you for sending me your reports in such unavoidable short notice. Uncle Sam appreciates the many air mail stamps this entailed. Editor.

### International Scrapbook

Please note, all publicity chairmen, scrap book chairman, and interested persons I am again starting a new scrap book. Don't forget to send all newspaper clippings, photos, magazine articles, etc.

Don't forget to include the name of the newspaper and the date of the issue in which the article or photo appears.

Also do not use any Scotch tape as it soaks through newsprint and ruins photos.

Thanks to Kay Brick and Lindy Boyes for all the material thev sent on the Convention and AWTAR.

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

### Project MAP

1017 Hillcrest Lane Annandale, Virginia

Eugenia Heise, Editor 5019 N. Cumberland Blvd. Milwaukee 17, Wisc. Dear "Deedo:"

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which indicates the effectiveness of the "99's." The girls in our Chapter who have seen it have been very much interested in it.

We believe that all of the "'7's" particularly those participating in Project MAP would be interested in reading it.

Yours truly, Virginia L. Thompson.

Mrs. Donald M. Thompson Washington D. C. Chapter of 99's 1017 Hillcrest Lane Annandale, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

We believe the "Ninety-Nines" deserve credit for helping to start a chain of events which has led to high level conferences about small landing strips along the National Highway System. The "Ninety-Nines" proposal for highway-related small airports, which was discussed with AOPA and FAA, has led to appropriate action by FAA. We understand that Messors. Halaby and Schulte have had an exploratory policy talk with the Department of Commerce officials. This week Mesers. Schulte and Morrow of FAA will discuss possible plan details with representatives of the Bureau of Public Roads.

We believe that an FAA progress report may be expected within a few weeks.

Very sincerely, C. C. Thompson

### President's Column

Weathered-in in Albuquerque, with time on my hands, so what better time or place to write the president's column? Albuquerque is delightful most friendly and cordial. We have received the complete "Red Carpet" treatment. Flew to Memphis, Tennessee, picking up Bonnie Whiteleather, Memphis Chapter chairman, then on to Oklahoma City to visit with the Oklahoma Chapter, work at headquarters, and pick up Deedo Heise, our new Minety Nine News Editor, and on to the South Central Section Meeting. This meeting has been one of the best-fun, informative and wellattended. The Albuquerque Chapter is to be greatly commended for a well planned and successful meeting.

September 23rd: Weathered in. We spent the day shopping in "Old Town" and had lunch at that charming restaurant "La Placita."

September 24th: Still weathered in! Finances getting low, and the ceiling even lower. Many are spending the day at the airport, perhaps hoping to persuade the weatherman to raise the ceiling.

September 25th: Still, still weathered-in! And today is the deadline for news and the Ninety Nine News must be out on time. So, what do we do? Hire an instrument pilot, and we are on our way!

September 26th: Back in Oklahoma City, meeting Arlene Walkup and Carol Waddell, arriving from Albuquerque via airline having dinner together.

September 27th: Memphis again, and the weather decided to rest awhile on the Blue Ridge Mountains.

September 28th: The sun is shining, and believe it or not, I am in High Point, home again. Despite the weather, the trip was fine, and there was time to re-new old friends and to make new ones. Also, to make plans for the coming year—make your plans now to attend the 1963 Convention in Oklahoma City. And keep flying!

Louise M. Smith

### OKC in '63

The South Central Section has voted to hold the 1963 International Convention in Oklahoma City. Details as to dates and exciting plans in the making will be announced later.

### Flying Activities

Last year's gasoline tax refund has gone into a melting pot for highway construction and other Government uses IF you did not file a claim by September 30th. This is the time, though, to start book-keeping for next year's aviation gasoline refund. If you fly as much as one-hundred hours a year, you'll be surprised how the 2c a gallon mounts up-perhaps enough to paw for several hours of flying, or your 99 dues. It isn't a difficult procedure, and if enough of us claim our refund, the Government MAY decide to eliminate this annoying tax. You are entitled to the refund of 2c a gallon on all aviation gasoline used between July 1, 1962 and June 30, 1963. You do not have to file receipts, but you must be able to support your claim, so start holding to your receipts. My system doesn't take much time and is a record easily utilized when I send in my claim between July 1 and September 30th. Each month, I list each gasoline purchase by date and dealer in the first column, then, gallons in the next column, and cost in the last. I save all receipts. When July rolls around, then, I fill in the blanks on Internal Revenue Form 843 directly from my monthly sheets. The form requires name of dealer and gallons purchased and total number of gallons. The forms are available from the Internal Revenue office you use in filing your income tax returns. They are returned to that same office. If you're a member of National Pilots Association, you may request the forms from that office.

122.9 mc is the new frequency making plane-to-plane chatter legal. Both 122.8 and 123.0 are for air-to-ground and should not be used plane-to-plane. 122.9, besides plane-to-plane use, is limited to special needs such as fire-fighting, parachute jumping, and agricultural communication.

STAY OUT  $^{
m OF}$ RESTRICTED AREAS: Extremely dangerous to all aircraft. restricted area violations may take your life or your license. In two recent cases, pilots were handed stiff fines AND lost their licenses. It could have been worse. You can get awfully DEAD if you're in the same area as a heat-seeking missile. Recuest permission from the ATC facility serving the area BEFORE putting yourself and your airplane into a position to be permanently grounded.

For Would-Be Race Winners . . . Have you seen the article in October Issue FLYING in which 99 Betty Hicks reveals 99 Fran Bera's "secrets?"

### AWTAR

Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, N. J. Calling all clippings—Do you have any spare news items on the 1962 AWTAR. We need them for our scrap book and would greatly appreciate any offerings.

All 99's are welcome to use the official AWTAR handicaps, but we ask that whenever used, credit be given to the fact that they are AWTAR handicaps.

Watch October Flying and November Town & Country magazines for feature articles in the AWTAR.

### PR Hints for Help

Happy 99 New Year! If our headline seems to have a **double entendre**, it's meant to have. During the coming year your Public Relations Chairman will be seeking help from you. At the same time, what we hope will be helpful suggestions for all 99's, especially as chapters, will appear in your monthly News Letter. For any special publicity problems write directly to your chairman. (See membership roster) We'll offer what help we are able to (offer).

Hint 1. Chapter chairmen, have you appointed a chapter publicity chairman? Her suggested primary function is to submit a notice of each chapter meeting to local newspapers . . . one week in advance of meeting date. In addition, special activities that the chapter undertakes could warrant personal visits to the newspaper offices, a phone call at least . . . to the aviation editor (if there is one), the city editor or woman's page editor.

Simple press releases announcing regular meetings and the special events must include information answering the questions: who, what, when, where? Mail to newspaper editors (mentioned above), television and radio "news editor." Don't forget to include your name as publicity chairman and telephone number, in case more information is wanted.

### Pilot's Briefing

No Ninety Nine News in November. Next deadline — news must be in before November 25th. for the December Issue. Why not send it early?

Select your candidates for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award. Applications must be in the hands of the Section Amelia Earhart Chairman by January 15th.

### Amelia Earhart Scholarship

Important Notice to all Governors

It is important that each Section Governor appoint her SECTION Scholarship Chairman at an early date, preferably before the end of November, and as soon as this is done NOTIFY ALL YOUR CHAPTER CHAIRMEN THE NAME AND AD-DRESS OF THE GIRL SO APPOINT-ED. In this way there will be no question in the minds of the Chapter Chairmen as to where they should send their quota of application blanks when these have been filled out by their members. It will also give your Section Scholarship Chairman an opportunity to arrange her committee and have it ready to pass on the applications and select the quota for the Section for representation in the final judging.

Again, please appoint your Section Scholarship Chairman as soon as possible—do it now, before it slips your mind. And don't forget to let the Chapter Chairmen know the name and address of the girl you have appointed to head this important committee. Thank you all for your cooperation in this respect. It is essential for the proper functioning of your AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

# Attention NEWS LETTER REPORTERS

DEADLINE

By the 25th of each month, except October and June, no News-Letter in November or July.

#### HEADING

Please head each page of report as to section, chapter, reporter and page number. This prevents mix - ups at printer's shop with news from other chapters.

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Type double spaced, full width of regular sized paper. If reports exceed one typewritten page, please number paragraphs in order of importance. Unless numbered, the last paragraph is usually the one deleted if the occasion arises. Do not write on backs.

### **PICTURES**

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By following the above procedure, you will make our task and the printer's a little easier. Thanks a million.

Editor



# EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER By Irene N. Wirtschafter

Whoever has the in with the weatherman spoke to him again—a magnificent day for the picnic meeting at Hazel Fels' hangar located at the Lancaster Municipal Airport. The Fel's hangar is also their summer home. Imagine parking your airplane under your apartment.

Louise Sacchi was welcomed back from her European jaunt—eleven hours were over open sea in a Bonanza. She showed movies from the trip while she spoke, filling in the details.

99's and 49½'s who flew in were Kate Macario, Nancy Diemand, Marie and Tony D'Alterio, Kate and Herman Barcus, Joyce and Vic Roggio, Merle Chalow, Mary Myers, Cecilia Stetser, Beth Sturtevant, Peggy Borek, Ann Shields, Irene Wirtschafter, Elsie McBride, Connie and Alfred Wolf, and Pat Arnold and Selma Cronin. Arlene and Arnold Feldman and Joyce Harding drove in.

We also had among our guests prospective members, Jessie Jones Eckhart and Helen Jones Carter, former 99's, Lucetta Sharp, Naomi Noll and Rachel Hopkinson. Rachel and her husband. Francis, have just returned from a flying trip to Alaska.

More travel reports—Joyce Harding is going to North Carolina to stay with her mother who is very ill; Nancy Diemand is preparing for a trip to Japan with her husband, Buzz, at the end of this month; and Alice and John Hammond vacationed in Michigan. The chapter was represented at the Pottstown Breakfast Flight by the Chalow family, Muriel, Rudy, Merle and Thea, and Clyde and Beth Sturtevant. At the end of this month Mary and Bill Myers are going to Toledo in their Ercoupe.

Another item of impressive note— Joyce Harding in her college days won the 99 Intercollegiate Award for flying.

There's a lot of planning for the October 5, 6 and 7th Sectional meeting in Pinehurst, N.C. Although to date only Elsie McBride in her Cessna 172, Peggy Borek in her Champion D'Xer, and Irene Wirtschafter in her Cessna 182 are certain transportation, we expect a large representation from this chapter. Irene is planning to go on to Miami Beach for AOPA Plantation Party.

Other October activities will include Penny a Pound Rides at Newcastle County Airport October 13 (rain date October 14), and the October 27th fly-in to Penn State University for lunch at the Nittany Lion Inn and a tour of the campus.

The ground crew for the Penny a Pound Rides will be under the supervision of Arlene Feldman, while Elsie McBride will be in charge of pilots and planes. Glen Dill of Wilmington, who did such a fine job for the Powder Puff Derby will again do the publicity.

In the nostalgia department—Arlene Feldman enjoyed many wonderful memories of San Diego and of the 1961 AWTAR, after viewing the film "Coronado" on the late, late show. The rest of us who missed it are waiting for the re-rerun.

### WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER By Dorothy Mitchell

Our Whirly Girl, Jean Ross Howard, is busy preparing for the National Association of State Aviation Officials in Vermont. The first evening program will be on helicopters. Blanche Noyes will be answering questions on air marking. I have one for you Blanche. "Why can't we read Montgomery Co. at 1000'?" Jean is chairman of the Wright Memorial Dinner, December 17th. This ought to be a must for every 99 at least once in a life time.

We had twenty-three at our September meeting at Velta Benn's home. The officers we elected rae:

Velta Benn Chairman
Laura Zerener Vice-Chairman
Doris White Secretary
Josie Cook Treasurer

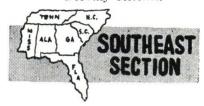
Virginia Thompson introduced her mother, Mrs. Hoover, from Tipp City, Ohio, and told about the latest developments on project M.A.P. She let us read the answers she got from the State Officials of Aviation. Some of the letters were down-right disgusting. Girls get busy! Could this be your State?

Doris and Ken White just got back from a cruise to the Bahamas, and showed their movies. They had a marvelous time, and the movies showed it. Velta's movies of her hard earned trip to Hawaii (selling china and silver). Nancy Lynam showed her movies of the end of the last AWTAR. We all about one place or another and thoroughly enjoyed the whole evening.

Laura Benn was a gracious junior hostess helping her mother with coffee, punch, and many kinds of cake.

We are looking forward to having four ships fly down to Southern Pines, No. Carolina, and accepting the hospitality for the Carolinas Chapter October 5-6-7th where the Middle East and Southeast Section will be together for the fall sectional meeting.

Your Peck and pinch hitter, Dorothy Mitchell



## CAROLINAS CHAPTER By: Gale East

It's always a pleasure to meet with Louise and Herman Smith at their cozy country cottage outside Highpoint, N. C. Such was the occasion on Sunday, September 9 with fair attendance despite the weather.

I drove over from Raleigh in the rain because I was confident some of our girls would get there.

Betty Hamilton drove up from Charlotte as did Emily and Stan Kelly from Winston Salem, with their two children, Ashton and Pret. We were happy that Louise Thaden could join us for awhile even though husband Herb has been ill due to a slight heart attack. He is improving and we all wish him speedy recovery. Special guests were Pearl and Johnny Marsh; longtime friends of the Smiths and Louise and Herman's two children, Linda and Randy completed the gathering.

Betty delighted us with a related excursions in the Curtis Jr. Pusher which she and Jim have added to their collection of Antiques. Emily Kelly was sitting on "Cloud 9" dream-ing of her coming trip to Europe. She and her sister sail next week for two months visit to include England, France, Switzerland, Italy and Germany. We learned that Jeanne and Bob Harley have been using her 140 as a "His and Hers" while the Skylane which Bob has purchased half interest in is being majored. Bob also had been placed on Sparatansburgs newly established airport commission and they have great hopes for the success of the airport. Louise Smith has a new '62 Bonanza and says she is having a real good time trying to orientate herself to the new instrument panel after being so used to the old one

The main topic of our business meeting was the Fall Sectional Meeting in Pinehurst, N.C. Louise and Page Shamburger have worked very hard on the program and we are all looking forward to a very successful meeting.

Louise Smith was appointed to coirdinate work on the Amelia Earhart Commemorative stamp along with Jean Ross Howard.

An interesting and enjoyable program was presented with slides on hazardous weather conditions being shown along with some very good movies including many shots of Louise during some of her AWTAR flights.

Reluctantly we said goodby to the Smiths and departed from their cozy hideaway late in the afternoon but with no apprehension because of the marginal weather. We were all driving!

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FALL SECTIONAL. PINEHURST, N. C. OCTOBER 5 - 6 - 7.

#### ALABAMA CHAPTER

New member Nancy Beeland was hostess for the September 16 meeting of the Alabama Chapter in Greenville. Members present included Juanita Halstead, Sybil Thistlethwaite, Bennie Peters, Beth Marquardt, Grace Bailey, Geraldine Chase, and both Minnie Wades, with guests Lurlene Wallace and Myra Bryan.

Ninety-Nines and members of the Greenville Aero Club gathered at the Country Club for a talk by Mr. Cecil Strickland of the Montgomery Flight Service Station. Using film strip illustrations, he discussed weather and the services available to pilots through his office. This was followed by a question and answer period.

The business meeting was held following a buffet luncheon with Vice-Chairman Sybil Thistlethwaite presiding in the absence of Chairman Jan Warrick.

Our congratulations go to Minnie Wade who obtained her commercial license during her summer vacation from college and also accumulated quite a few hours of hood and Link time. In addition, she has received permanent possession of the rotating Margaret Barnett memorial trophy for flying the most hours in two sixmonth periods during the past three years.

Our next get-together will be at the Sectional meeting at Southern Pines, North Carolina, with a meeting scheduled in Birmingham on November 4.

### GEORGIA CHAPTER By Betty McNabb

Georgia 99s resumed meetings in September as eleven members gathered in Macon. Arden Hubbard turned over the gavel to Frances Peacock of Atlanta and accepted the warm thanks of all of us for her tremendous efforts in revitalizing the Georgia chapter. Helen Crosby, Athens, is Vice-

president; Betty Cones, Turner AFB, Secretary; Ruth Miller, Tifton, Treasurer; Carolyn Kennedy, Parrott, Membership Chairman; Betty McNabb, Albany, Newsletter Editor. New members are Virginia Kleib and Jean Voyles.

Arden and guest Barbara Appling drove down from North Georgia where Arden was doing an organ stint at church meeting. Helen Crosby Debonaired in with two of her four boys, busy doctor-husband being on call. The two Bettys arrived in Betty McNabb's Bonanza, Ruth and her Veterinary-Scientist husband flew the Miller Apache in which Ruth piles up hundreds of annual hours for her husband's professional activities; Carolyn Comanched in with husband, daughter, son-in-law and grandbaby; Jean Voyles of Atlanta brought Frances in the Voyles Cessna 172; Virginia Kleib, who flies both for business and pleasure, arrived from Augusta in a Cherokee. Hostess was Myrtle Thompson Cagle of Macon; her guest was student Helen Bush, who owns an Aronca Chief.

The summer has been busy: The Kennedys jetted to Seattle; Ruth went to Canada, her original home, twice, and to Arizona; Frances and Jack, in a new Mooney Mark 21, landed on six Bahama Islands. Myrtle is instructing, moving into the house she and Walt built with their own hands, and attending Mercer University. Jean teaches at Georgia State in Atlanta, Frances worked at C & S Bank, Betty Cones earned her license in England, her husband is a B-52 navigator; Betty McNabb is flying her hospital consulting commitments, taught an aerospace workshop in Montana this summer, is just back from Wisconsin

Next Georgia meeting: Tour of MATS Photomapping at Turner AFB, (Photomapping is a world-unique installation.) Neighbor 99s are cordially invited—fly into Municipal at Albany at 11 AM 10 November. Let us know.



### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER By Clara C. Tharpe

This is my swan song as news reporter. I'm sorry in a way, I've enjoyed it and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who participated in making the news, but more than participating, letting me know about it. I hope you'll all

continue to make and send news to my successor Marge Gorman.

The September meeting was held at the home of Edye Maxim in North Olmstead with the Cleveland girls assisting in the hosting. It was a beautiful CAVU day and after the meeting a delicious wiener roast with all the trimmings was held on the patio. Those in attendance were Janice Kuechenmeister, Helen Sammon and Jim, Mary Fecser, Jean Hixson, Joan Hrubec, Tessa Plummer, Autrie Lehr and Carl, Virginia Schumacher, Marilvn Collette, Claire Phillips, Mary Schaefer, Rosalie Bracht, Connie Jones, Bette McMahan, Majorie Gorman, Pat Rogers, Clara Tharpe, Martha Foley and family, Gerry Wetherill, Edye Maxim and John, Marion Betzler, Jean and Doc Bonar, and guest Don Frost.

Pat Rogers, a new prospective, received her private license at Mansfield just less than two months from her first lesson. Wonder if she took time out to sleep? Marge Gorman flew IFR to and from New York City. Marion Betzler and family went to New Orleans to visit Marion's mother and ended up by painting her house. Sounds like she did her good deed for the day. Ruth Love had quite a trip to the Bahamas visiting Marsh Harbor at Great Abaca, Harbour Island in the Elecuthra (pink sandy beach) fishing and underwater swimming. Highly recommends the Nassau Lighthouse Club which is located at Andros Town.

I'd like to say in finishing that the format and cover of the News Letter is quite impressive. The News Letter Staff have done a tremendous job.

### CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER By Kathleen K. Hudson

We had such a beautiful day for our September meeting. All of the out-of-towners flew into Princeton, Illinois. Our meeting was held at the home of Evelyn and Ralph Farley near Princeton. Evelyn and Deed Holcomb as co-hostesses served us a delicious lunch.

After lunch while the women had their business meeting, the men and boys went with Ralph Farley to see a thrashing machine powered by an old steam engine in operation. It was a real treat for the young boys who had never seen one before.

The Andrew family was larger on the way home, just how much larger we're not sure. The Farley's gave Paul and Terry one of their nineteen cats, a mother-to-be. We all hoped that the airplane trip home in a box would not be too much for her and cause the Andrew's to have six or



CHICAGO AREA AIR MEET WINNERS: Back row, left to right: Bee Siemon, first-place spot-landing; Doris Mullen, second-place spot-landing; Toni Teiber, first-place in air race (co-pilot); Evelyn Jerman, second-place in air race (pilot); Caroline Brown, second place in air race (co-pilot); Corrine Hallgren, second place in obstacle course race; Alice Kudrna, first place in obstacle course race. Front row: Kay Kokesh, second-place 49½ spot-landing; Louise Kokesh, first place in air race (pilot) also Pilot-of-the-Day and winner of the floating trophy; and Vern Siemon, first-place 49½ spot-landing.

seven cats in the box when they got home.

We have missed the girls from Mattoon and Eldorado and Harrisburg at the last two meetings. Hope that when the summer activities are over we can all get together again.

Jane Brantley is having surgery this month. We all wish her a very speedy recovery.

Everyone is anxious to hear from Dee Adamson. She is on vacation—heading for the Seattle World's Fair via Aeronca Champ. What a trip!

We were glad to have Ann Corkill with us for this meeting. She was on vacation from her very interesting job with an optical company in Chicago.

# CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER By Alice Stoltzner

Rusty is the word for my ETA and Ground Speed calculations on Sunday, at our annual Air Meet. Where was that Warner Plotter groove I had worn in my hand while working for a Private? Resolution: no more pleasure flights without a few calculations along the way. Eleven planes took off from DuPage County Airport on a 160 mile, triangular course, handicap

in hand. Everyone returned and all within six minutes of their handicap speed. Right on the second, Louise Kokesh and Tony Teiber touched their Cessna 150 down to take First Place. Evelyn Jerman and Carolyn Brown placed Second in a 172.

There's peace in the Siemon household tonight because both Bea and Vern placed First in the Spot Landing Contests. Out of 16 Ninety-Nines, Second Place went to prospective member, Doris Mullen, and Alice De-Witt placed Third. In the 49½er Contest, Ray Kokesh and Don Sutton placed Second and Third out of seven entries.

We missed Helen Sailer who left early in Sept. for a one month European trip. Elsabe Yocum was on hand after a busy summer between Washington, D.C. and Colorado. Mary and Ed Patterson left 8 month old Lisa home this trip but already Lisa has two Ninety-Nine Meetings and several flying hours to her credit. Virginia and George Coffeen are busy checking out in their new club plane, a Skylane 182. Weather forced Bea Siemon to drive her daughter to school in Rochester, New York and Bea is resolved to fly or stay home next time. The

air is safer, Bea, or so one Life Insurance Co. thinks. They offer reduced rates to flying applicants.

Michigan beware October marks the date of the Chicago Area Ninety-Nine invasion. Alice DeWitt, Dallas Sutton, Fran Akerlund and respective 49½ers are planning to be there for the Mich. Small Race.

A hearty welcome to the St. Charles Wing Scout Troop which was much in evidence at our September Air Meet. Many of the scouts were anticipating their Observation Flight, necessary for one of their Merit Badges.

During a brief Business Meeting, newly elected officers were announced: Chairman, Irene Gabriel, Vice-Chairman, Alice DeWitt, Recording Secretary, Alice Kudrna, Corresponding Secretary, Bernice Malmanger and Treasurer. Corinne Hallgren, Sincere Congratulations to each of you.

#### IOWA CHAPTER

#### By Helen Flaherty

The Big Show for July was in Des Moines where we were host to 35 planes, 24 of which ronned, at this designated gas stop in the AWTAR, with our own Bea Jobe starring for Iowa, Our Pres., Kitty Hach, greeted each girl as she crossed the yellow line and gave a hearty welcome and an Iowa charm as a reminder of such a memorable occasion. Almost our total membership was on deck to help in this endeavor and the Holiday Inn provided a hospitality room where all pilots and crews met to socialize and enjoy the festivities. Excellent food provisions were available at the Stop and were supplied thru the courtesy of Frank Williams and George Pfantz in memory of Marilyn and Alice. It was a great day and a half for all of us and we hope to get the same duty again next year. Even as one of the cheering section or ground crew, it was exciting to be a part of such a thrilling affair.

A Penny-a-Pound Air Lift at Ottumwa was the Big Event for August and approx. 600 rides were given and we cleared \$600.00 which was split 50/50 with Ottumwa Chamber of Commerce. Rides were given by Bea Jobe, Ward Hunt, Ray Grange, Phyllis Barber, Gleneyln Rissman and Hazel Sigafoose. Ground crews: Lenelle Hunt, Dawn Miller, Lois Grange and Kitty Hach, The Ottumwa Chamber of Ottumwa FAA were of great help and the Chamber also furnished pilots and planes.

Peg Ong and Phyllis Barber were hostesses for the Sept. meeting in Cedar Rapids. 22 were present and several of the guests were student pilots. Hazel Sigafoose won a prize for being the nearest to her ETA, and we welcomed two new members, Hazel Sigafoose from Montezuma and Norma Christianson from Tipton, C. A. Martineau, Operations Inspector from Des M. FAA was a speaker and discussion leader and those present derived benefit from his talk and answers to questions.

Family news: The whole Ong clan Mooneyed out to the Pacific NW for the Fair and a few days in Ft. Collins, Colo. Had a delightful trip covering 5000 miles, 14 states, and 33 hrs. flying time. Clif and Kitty Hach, Ray and Lois Grange, Wally and Edith Vance went to Wisconsin in Sept. for a meeting with the Wisconsin 99s. Edith Jensen was awarded her wings in June and celebrated the grand occasion with pink champaign at a steak fry on the Don Koestner farm, Edith Jensen and Helen Flaherty Mercuryed out to the World's Fair in Aug, and a tour of Boeing by an old Navy friend, who is consultant engineer with Boeing and test flies the 707s, was almost better than the Fair.

### GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER By Sarah Gorelick

Our August meeting was held at the Plaza Royale. In attendance were Elaine Morris, Marjory Farrell, Katherine Peck, Ruth Stafford, Mary Ann Noah. Stella Lehmann, Marilyn Dickson, LeVerne Devine, Millie Moran, and Sarah Gorelick. Our guest was Betty Simpson, a prospective member. An election of officers was held. Leading the group for the coming year will be: Chairman, Mary Ann Noah; Vice Chairman, Marilyn Dickson; Secretary, Stella Lehmann; Treasurer, Shirley Ray.

Our Fly-Out was the victim of bad weather as even the ducks were grounded that Sunday. Under the able leadership of Grace Harris, the Kansas City Aero Club Rally was a huge success, Representing our Chapte. were Mary Ann Noah and Stella Lehmann in Mary Ann's Cherokee who won the Piper Award and First Place Women's Division, Sarah Gorelick and Marjory Farrell in Sarah's Comanche who placed second in Women's Division, LaVerne Devine with husband Al, in family Bonanza, Ruth Stafford and husband, Sheldon, in family Apache, and Kathleen Bonnell in Cessna 150,

The following weekend flying to St. Louis for Sectional were Mary Ann Noah and Stella Lehmann in Cherokee, Ruth and Sheldon Stafford with son, Ronnie and Elaine Morris in Apache, and Sarah Gorelick and Belle Hetzel of Omaha in Comanche. As usual the St. Louis gals did a terrific job and we all returned with many happy memories. Sarah Gorelick was elected Vice-Governor.

Mary Ann Noah, Stella Lehmann, and Sarah Gorelick are busy with plans for the Michigan Small Race. Sounds like it will be lots of fun.

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER By Alyce Lodge

Miriam Gillis was hostess for the September meeting for breakfast and lunch at her lovely summer home on Cooley Lake. Because of light rain and fog this was an all "drive-in" meeting. However, IFR weather did not prevent our grilling hot dogs and eating them on the patio.

With the SMALL RACE now only a month away, most of the discussion centered around final plans and arrangements for that event. Bernice Steadman informed us that she now knew the route of the race, no amount of coaxing would divulge the secret.

We all enjoyed listening to Sammy McKay describe her recent expensepaid trip to Japan with her husband and several other couples. Ann Steinhagen and family flew to Dayton, Ohio over Labor Day weekend in their new Skylark. Jackie Markham, who recently passed her commercial written exam, is entering nurses training in Battle Creek this fall.

Our congratulations to Sue Michener and Polly Huitt who have brand new commercial licenses.

See you all at the Michigan SMALL RACE in Flint.

### MINNESOTA CHAPTER By Ginny Mayer

The annual meeting of this chapter took place during the evening of August 1st at the home of Marion Champlin. Present were Margaret Manual, Chairman; Marian Champlin, Rita Crr, Thora Kron, Audrey Baird, Jane Reeves, Marge Cushman, Florence Scriver, Helen Masterton, Dorothy Ryan, and prospective members Joyce Johnson and Virginia Mayer. An important matter was brought to our attention by Rita Orr, Chairman of the Nominating Committee and after a bit of discussion, the following officials received unanimous vote to office.

Chairman Helen Masterton
Vice-Chairman Dorothy Ryan
Secretary Marian Champlin
Treasurer Thora Kron

Rita Orr agreed to serve as program chairman, to assist our new

chairman. Many interesting bits of activity were brought to our attention. including the fact that Avis Larson has been accepted into the Peace Corps and will be leaving sometime in September for Pakistan. Our best wishes Avis. May it be said that we are greatful to be invited to this meeting at the "New" home of Mr. and Mrs. Champlin. All was fine and nice, including the delicate servings at the end of the evening.

Cn September 12th the next meeting was held at the home of Helen Masterton (new Chairman). Present were Helen Masterton, Ginny Caspersen, Marian Champlin, Thora Kron, Margaret Manuel, Dorothy Ryan, Laura Black, Jane Reeves, Dorothy Westling and visitors including Helen's sister, Alice Albrecht as well as prospective members. Oh. yes, at this point may it be mentioned that we welcome two new members: Joyce Johnston and Virginia Mayer.

Quite a few members had planned to attend the Wisconsin Chapter Get-Together on September 8-9 at Donlins Resort on Lake Tomahawk, but, the accepted standard reason of the year we hope was accepted for our non-attendance, bad week-end weather conditions of course.

At this meeting members discussed plans and various proposed programs to be accomplished and all will be kept informed of progress.

The meeting came to an end and all relaxed and enjoyed the fine servings of coffee, plus!

The October chapter meeting will be held in the late morning of Sunday, October 7th at the home of Dorothy Westling at the Green Lake Cottage near Princeton Airport. Plans are being made by Jane Reeves to possibly have an interesting speaker at the November 7th meeting, i.e. Subject: John Glenn, Astronaut, Flight.

Also, as plans must be made in advance, the Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 8th, at the Holden Valley Country Club, Valley View Room. It is hoped all can make plans to attend and further notice will be forthcoming.

Well, a letter was received from Marge Cushman telling us she and Rog have sold their business the "Sunset Greenhouse" at Montevideo, Minn. and as soon as details are completed they will be off on a long awaited vacation. Best wishes from all and keep us posted Marge.

Now that the fall of the year is Quickly approaching it may bring a change too in the week-end weather conditions. So, it is hoped we all have interesting news of our flying activity to report and try to make the forth-coming planned meetings.

NOTES ON A NEW MEMBER-

Dorothy Ryan

We are happy to announce another lovely new member - Virginia M. Mayer. Virginia comes to us with an illustrious record of achievement in soaring. In 1945 she was the first American woman to hold the Silver "C" for 5 hours continuous flight, and since then has established international records in distance, altitude and duration of flight. Ginny is employed by Honeywell's Air Force Contract Division, and in July joined the Naval Air Reserve where she holds a chief petty officers rating. For all her soaring, Ginny does hold an SEL rating for power flight, and starting this month is our high-powered news reporter! A hearty welcome!

### OZARKS CHAPTER By Geneva Butcher

The Ozarks Chapter met, September 8th in the Ozarks Garden Room of Heers in Springfield. On the agenda was the election of new officers, which are: Chairman, Jean Fuldner; Vice Chairman and Membership, Hazel Matz; Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Morriset; Program and Newsletter, Geneva Butcher; Scrapbook and Achievement Awards, Barbara Howard; Air Marking, Ann Brand. Jean is the retiring president of the Southwest Missouri Flying Club.

The formation of two new chapters just recently has taken most of the distant members to the new groups nearer their residences. Mary Elders, and Mary Evans transferred to Cape Gireadeau. Since most of us now live near Springfield it was decided that Springfield would be the permanent meeting place. And we hope to keep the second Wednesday of each month as the permanent date. Next meeting, October 10th, there will be a lunch and business meeting at the Colonial Dinner House. After we plan a tour of the weather facilities at the Municipal Airport.

Jean and Hazel joined the Missouri Air Tour during Labor Day weekend. They also plan to attend the N.C. Sectional Meeting at St. Louis, September 21 and 22.

One last bit of news. As Jean retires as a flying club president, Hazel begins her term as president of the Ozark Aero Club.

### WISCONSIN CHAPTER By Ruth C. Lembke

Donlin's Resort on Lake Tomahawk, sixteen miles northwest of Rhinelander, in beautiful northern Wisconsin was the setting for the three-day week-end joint Fly-in of The Wisconsin and Iowa Chapters, September 7-8-9.

Five plane loads touched down on the 300 ft. strip spilling out the lucky crowd which was about to enjoy the hospitaliay so liberally offered during their stay. They included Chairman Anne Roethke, Deedo Heise (our claim to fame), intripid Toney, Jean Molholt (whom we've missed lately), and Ehran Fath with her fresh new license and membership card. From Iowa came Chapter Chairman Kitty Hach and her 49½er, Cliff and Lois Grange with Ray.

There were cocktail parties, dinners, side trips to Rhinelander, swimming for the hardy, and Kitty's colorful slides of the AWTAR at Des Moines.

Best of all, it was reported, was the production which Actress Deedo Heise starred in. It seems Deedo just happened to have her austronaut suit (made especially for the Flying Physicians costume party when Jerrie Cobb served as judge). She donned the glittering semi-authentic gem and nonchalantly pranced through the resort. Dead silence descended on the merry crowd of non 99'ers present as all eyes followed the gold-laminated, helmet-clad creature. One verbal soul was heard to gasp, "What is that?" Mr. Donlin, playing the game, glibbly replied, "Oh, just an astronaut. They'er here for the week-end.' Ingenious Deedo had reached the door at this point. She turned to her escort, settled her bobbing antennae and announced, "Well, let's blast off!" Out they sauntered into the

It appears the town folk are a bit confused about the guests who came to Donlin's Resort for the week-end.

## ST. LOUIS CHAPTER By Teddy Hager

This has been a very busy month for everyone, so I hope I haven't missed anyone or anything. Our September meeting was held at Ruth Lake's new home in Arrowhead (much happiness, Ruth and Ed), with Fran Henke co-hostessing. They were very happy about the good attendance they had, and most of the meeting was last winter plans for the Sectional Meeting. It was nice seeing so many of the 99 gals, and lets try to keep attending for business and social reasons..

I am happy to report we all feel the Sectional Meeting was a complete success. There were many members attending from many Chapters and we were happy to see them. Our luncheon, with Clarissa Start Davidson, Columnist and Feature Writer for the Post Newspaper, as our guest speaker was very interesting, and typical feminine woman. She knew may of the 99's and her experience were fascinating. Our thanks to Mrs. Davidson

I may also mention the husbands enjoyed both the Gas Light evening, and our banquet held in the Tiara Room with Captain Cook Cleland; Defense Intelligence, Washington, D. C. as guest speaker. Everyone enjoyed hearing him, and we appreciate his long trek to come to be with us.

We are deeply grateful to our wonderful friends; Dave Kratz and Harland Herrin of National Insurance Underwriters; Ed Staley, President of Midwest Aviation; William Turner and Max Olson of Shell Coil Company, and Mr. Van Dusen of Van Dusen Aircraft Supplies whose generous assistance provided us with our very popular hospitality room. We thank them for adding so greatly to the enjoyment of our meeting. Thanks again fellas, we appreciate what you did.

Things to report: Attending the Missouri Air tour; a three day fly-in over Labor Day weekend; the perimeter of Missouri with 17 stops, promoting Aviation was Dorothy Rumsey and her 49½ er. This weekend they are busy attending an antique car show at French Lick Springs. Indiana. Have fun and thanks for your good work. Our girl Friday, Del Scharr is back in the news again with her being the first woman to pilot a C-135 four-engine jet transport plane. Right now she is back with her boys, teaching school and keeping busy. Again, we are proud of her.

Loretta Slavick is still in New York on her assignment, but I did see her at our Sectional Meeting, glad she was able to make it. Mickey Clark missed the meeting, but she is in California with husband Paul, seeing old friends and having a good time.

Attending the National Pilots Association meeting October 25, 26 and 27 at Tucson, Arizona will be Lackland and Sylvia Bloom, Hazel Matz, and Loretta Slavick. Anyone else attending? Think about it, it is not too late.

We will be welcoming home, Dolores Wayland soon, she will be transferring back to St. Louis from Harlan. Iowa. Ruth Taskell, one of our newest members just had an article in Flight Magazine — congratulations, when can we expect the next one as I feel this is just the beginning.

Marian Kirtz checked out in a 182 Cessna, then flew to Grand Glaize, Clinton, Missouri and back to Weiss. Very good, very good. Sorry she wasn't able to attend the meeting, she and her 49½ er were attending a Medical Convention at Little Rock, Arkansas. Hilda Hemmersmier is busy with her niece as guest for two months. Her niece is from Germany and hopes to continue remaining here so she can attend college. We hope so to.

Luck was with us, Rose Joly had a flat tire on her 172 Cessna while taxiing after landing at Alton Airport. Am glad, if it had to happen, it was while she was taxiing instead of landing. Jane Noyes was stranded for two days in Newton, Iowa with her two children, while on a X-Country flight to Minnesota. She made it back for the 99 Meeting.

Our sincerest thanks go to our past Officers; Laura Sellinger, Chairman; Golly Miner, Vice Chairman; Edith Olovitch, Secretary; Dorothy Rumsey, Membership and Convention Chairman, and to Dorothy Haupt, our new Chairman for 1962 and 1963, for a job well done. We know it was a lot of work, but am sure you all enjoyed it from the results, and we all appreciate it.

Our good wishes go to our new Oficers; Dorothy Haupt, Chairman; Adela Scharr, Vice Chairman; Marian Kirtz, Treasurer, and to Jane Noyes, Secretary.

And now, it is with this thought that I too say a fond farewell, as my term also has expired and my friend Rose Joly will be your new reporter. I appreciate the help you have all given me in the past, and I know you will do the same for Rose.

(The following is an item received from a  $49\frac{1}{2}$ er. What would we do without their enthusiasm and wonderful support?  $Y_e$  Editor)

You can print in the Newsletter that Connie flew the plane she rebuilt herself from St. Louis to Niagara Falls Colonial Airport Solo—A long ride at 85 knots T.A.S., with a 10-15 K. headwind and no radio for reassurance on weather. The plane is a Commonwealth Rearwin Skyranger Model 185-85 H.P. Continental and be-oot-i-ful. Stops at Elkhart, Indiana and Lost Nation at Cleveland, Ohio. I drove with the two kids, 3 dogs, 1 cat and several trunks, bags, bales and boxes—Skyshield complicated things.

/s/ E. M. Matter 49½er of Connie Matter, Greater St. Louis Chapter



#### LAST FLIGHT

Emma Kincaid Dallas Chapter

### ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER By Linda Swann

Our meeting was held at the home of Randa Sutherland September 10, 1962. Present were Shirley Kay, Marie Grossetete, Velma Wood, Linda Swann and hostess Randa. We were busy planning last minute details for our Fall Sectional to be held here September 21, 22, 23. It promises to be a lot of fun and we hope many of you will be able to join us.

The main item on the agenda was the election of officers. The new officers for next year are Chairman, Shirley Kay; Secretary, Marie Grossetete; Treasurer and Membership, Randa Sutherland; Scrapbook, Valma Wood and News-Letter Reporter, Linda Swann.

# COLORADO CHAPTER By Grace Longbrook

This month saw our new officers installed at the home of Grace Mayfield where our regular meeting was held. Helen Choun is our new chairman, Fredda Turrill is vice-chairman, Helen Maxson is Secretary, and Lvnn Pfleeger was elected treasurer for a second term. Upon inquiring I find that our gals have had a very busy summer in their own right. All these things exclude 99 activities and we've had a good many fly-ins plus manning the Scottsbluff stop for the Powder Puff Derby. Marilyn Nordstrom and family spent three weeks in California and son, Craig, played in the band for the Denver Post Opera in Cheesman Park. Ruth Mugele is having a one-man art show at Coe Interiors in Denver the last two weeks in November. We're very proud of Ruth and her paintings. You know, Ruth did the portrait of Amelia Earheart which hangs in the Headquarters office in Oklahoma City. Jo Dennis flew to Great Bend for the Go-Cart Races where husband, Jess, competed and placed fourth. This was the Territorial Races so placing 4th isn't too bad at all. Jo is also busy

building her multi-engine time so she can take the Queen Air to Albuquerque for the Fall Sectional. Francie and Ed Tepper jetted to Seattle to attend the Flying Farmer Convention and the Fair. Alice Robertson has been in New Hampshire mixing business with pleasure while hubby attended a research conference in Chemistry, Peg Odell attended the World's Fair in June as did Helen Choun and family in July and then spent the Labor Day week-end in Aspen. Thelma Thomas will be attending the Florist Convention in Minneapolis soon and Ethel Freize was home in New York for three weeks. Grace Mayfield has been checking out in all the Club airplanes so she can instruct. Say, Grace is also a swimmer, having swam 22 miles since March! Fredda Turrill flew to Chicago over Labor Day. Betty Cannon sure leads the "Life of Riley"; swimming and fishing, fishing and swimming! Gwen Craven is a mountain hiker. She takes her 40 lb, pack on her back and off she saunters up a mountain trail for miles. We all viewed the gorgeous pictures she has to prove it! We're sorry to report that Pauline Meighen's 49½er, Tom is in the hospital with an ulcer. Doris Langher was knocked down four steps at work by someone above her that fell. They all landed in a heap at the bottom. When they were all unscrambled, Doris came out with a sprained ankle. Hope you are all on the mend by now. Told you we were a busy bunch. Not much time left to get into any mischief, is there! Sure hate losing Mary Wenholz to California!

### DALLAS CHAPTER By Elinor Johnson

Our August meeting was held at the home of Edna Wright, with the new officers taking over the proceedings, much to the relief of the old officers. The new officers are: Rowena Burns, Chairman; Ramona Upfield, Vice-Chairman; Jo Allison, Secretary; and Annie Laurie Surratt, Treasurer. Pat Jetton had done such a good job as membership chairman she was reappointed, besides, she wasn't there to protest.

We started off being very efficient, by trying to organize and plan our meetings in advance. Since Redbird Airport now has a restaurant, we plan to have a dinner meeting there in September. In October we plan to tour the Bell Helicopter plant, courtesy of Dora Dougherty of the Fort Worth chapter. In November we hope to tour the ATC center and American

Airlines' stewardess school at Carter field in Fort Worth,

Addison Airport's Peppermint Stick Air Race, a race just for fun, was just that, with a triangular 300 mile course from Addison to Tyler, Waco, and back to Dallas, 99'ers Joyce Wright and Doris Weller worked on the race, and Sue Andrews, Dorothy Warren, Lucille Hoffer and I flew it, as pilots, co-pilots or passengers, sometimes in all three capacities. There were 37 planes entered, the only requirement was that each plane contain a man and a woman, one of them a pilot. Scores were figured on the basis of time against par speed, with no fuel economy. Minutes were added for women weighing less than 100 lbs., for 1,000 hour pilots, previous air race winners, and boss and secretary teams. Minutes were taken off for flying husband and wife teams, extra passengers pickup up enroute, planes over 10 years old, and men weighing over 200 lbs. All the tower personnel did a wonderful job of handling so many extra planes. Tyler ground control solved his problem by announcing "Now we only have two frequencies, and there are lots of you, so everybody listen." After the race there was a cocktail party at Ted Cooper's hangar and an awards banquet at Addison's restaurant, Dr. Ben Harrison won the revolving trophy in his AT-6. There were lots of other trophies, none of them won by 99's, but we all had fun.

## EL PASO CHAPTER By Eunice Dickey

Seventeen members attended the September meeting of our chapter held in the beautiful home of Ruth Deerman. We all enjoyed a delicious luncheon, and then the business meeting was held, afterwards. Priscilla Duncan is unable to be secretary-treasurer this year so Eunice Dickey was elected in her place and Betty Houck will be the Newsletter reporter.

Ruth Deerman had two recent visitors from the Oklahoma chapter. They were Broneta Evans and Velma Woodward.

Many of our members spent a busy summer traveling-mostly in their planes, of course. Ruby and Dick Tatman flew to California in their new Bonanza to watch the Dodgers lose a recent ballgame. Catherine and Guyler Magruder have spent quite a bit of their summer in Las Vegas, only recently spending the Labor Day week-end there. I ois Hailey went on a tour of the Bell Helicopter factory on her vacation. Incidentally, her

tour was personally conducted by Dora Dougherty, president of the Fort Worth chapter. Betty and Buddy Houck toured the Oklahoma area in their Bonanza. Alice Cottingim and family had a California vacation and got home just in time to get ready to fly to the nearest airport by Yellowstone. Mary Fran and Hank Seidl flew to Louisiana earlier in the summer and the Callaghans and the Weavers have made several trips this summer. Eunice Dickey and family flew to San Diego, although Eunice flew "back seat" so she could babysit.

Mary Fran Seidl recently passed her written exam for an instrument rating. Evelyne Wasser is still working on the flying for her commercial rating.

That's all the news we've heard. Good flying to you all.

### HOUSTON CHAPTER By Sue Collins

Houston Chapter is off to a flying start this year with another enthusiastic slate of officers: Chairman, Louise Bickford; Vice Chairman, Frances Castleberry; Secretary, Marilyn Stoneberg; and Treasurer, Jean King.

At our Installation Dinner, September 14th, the guest speaker, Mr. Virgil Poe of Southwestern Bell Telephone told us of advancements made in communications, including their orbiting TelStar. Ours is a fantastic age!

We're very pleased to have Ida Ross, Maybelle Fletcher, Mary Abel, Helen Guinn and Mary Coale join our chapter, some bringing instrument, commercial, and instructor's ratings with them to spur on those of us with only private tickets.

Last Sunday's Fly-In to Beaumont for lunch at the Flying Chef Restaurant was much fun. Twenty-three pilots in ten airplanes took off after lunch rather hurridly into the ugly face of a thunderbuster sitting on the far end of the runway—mighty swift left turns executed that day!

October 6th Marilyn Stoneberg and Celia Parrish with their 49½ers will join the 14th annual All-Texas Air Tour for ten days of fun flying, covering 3,000 miles—ALL in Texas!

We have scheduled our first airmarking of the season for October 20th. After a blistering summer of  $100^{\circ}+$  temperatures for weeks and weeks, Fall is finally tiptoeing in with beautiful, balmy, flyable days.

Chairman Louise Bickford and her 49½ er flew to the Fall Sectional in Albuquerque this week-end. We hope her report at our October meeting

will contain good news, meaning hard work for the chapter.

The article in September issue of Ninety-Nine News concerning Women Astronauts has made us realize anew that we here shall keep pushing for women in Space. If the pride of our chapter, Rhea Hurrle Allison can jet around the world, as she did on her honeymoon last January, it should be no trick at all to "push" her into Space!

### TIP-OF-TEXAS CHAPTER By Saundra White

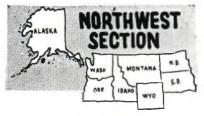
Since our chapter is celebrating its tenth birthday, Pauline Glasson is having a dinner at her home on Oct. 24 approximately 6:30. Sounds good!

Our regular meeting was held Sept. 25 at Corpus Christi's International Airport, Lucill VanTyne flew from Harlingen in her Cessna 175. Ada Toland and Ardath McCreery flew from McAllen in Ada's Bonanza, A total of eighteen attended the meeting A newcomer to our folds is Jean Beck who is beginning her flying. She and her husband, O.J., own a Cessna 175.

At our meeting we discussed the prospect of having an airlift for our airmarking fund. Our goal this year is greater than last.

Patty Bird is now teaching here in Corpus. She spent a month in Peru this summer.

Pauline and Claude saw the Texas A&M, LSU game in Baton Rouge Sept. 22, Hope to see everyone at the birthday dinner.

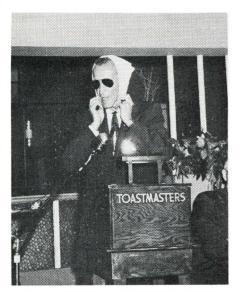


# OREGON CHAPTER By Betty Johnson

Portland Oregon was a busy place over the weekend of September 14th to the 16th, where the Northwest Section meeting was held with a record turnout of 60 registered 99'ers attending the meeting.

Many achievements by the Oregon 99'ers were recognized and we are proud to announce the following accomplishments:

Special honors went to Ruth Wiltander who won the National Amelia Earhart Award. Also in August, Ruth earned her single-engine seaplane rating and was given a standing ovation at the banquet when it was announced, Saturday night, September 15, Ruth had just received her instrument



Mr. Robert Dunn, Director of Oregon State Board of Aeronautics, demonstrates the "public image" of today's pilot with the goggles, scarf and helmet at the Oregon 99'ers Northwest Section meeting. Photocourtesy of Al Jessen, Portland Reporter.

rating that day. The Oregon 99'ers are also proud of Arlene Baker who just earned the distinction of being designated FAA flight examiner for instrument ratings, as well as private and commercial ratings. Also Gretchen Frazer just received her instrument rating to add to her already impressive list of ratings including single-engine land, single-engine seaplane, and twin-engine land.

The Oregon chapter was happy to accept the \$15.00 check presented them from the Northwest section for the greatest number of new members. In the last few months, 16 new members have become 99'ers. We now have a total of 43 members with even more to join.

Our program for the coming year will be of help to all VFR pilots. "Air Marking" throughout the State of Oregon will be our project. Through cooperation with the Oregon State Board of Aeronautics, the Board will furnish the paint and the 99'ers will furnish the labor. Strategic points evenly distributed over Oregon will be painted on barn roofs, hillsides, small air strips, etc.

Speaker for the final gala banquet, Saturday, September 16, was Mr. Robert Dunn, Director of the Cregon State Board of Aeronautics whose topic was "Aviation and Sex." He did not touch on the latter but mentioned he would be delighted to continue the subject in casual conversa-

tion afterwards. Ninety-Nine people were present at the banquet. How's that for being 99'ers!

Thank you to all the 99'ers for the big turnout. Charlotte Dodson, our new president, put in countless hours behind the scenes to make this a well-organized and smooth-flowing meeting. The combined effort of all made it a success. The Oregon 99'ers wish to give a special thank you to Terry Kellogg, our Northwest section governor from Seattle for an exceptionally fine job of conducting the meeting.

Next meeting will be held October 11 in Grants Pass, if any plans can be completed. Otherwise Eugene will be our alternate airport.

### ALASKA CHAPTER By Lavelle Betz

Our August Fly-In. Drive-In. and this time Boat-In, Swim-In Breakfast held at the Yacht Club on beautiful Big Lake was a big success. It must have been because our lucky charm, Pat Gilda, was back in town to help. We had a good turnout of help with future 99's, Shiela Gilda, Judy and Becky Betz helping. We could not have done without the help of student pilot, Liz Krahow, who so graciously ferried people from the Big Lake Air Strip to the Yacht Club in her Volkswagon bus. The weather turned out perfect and we had people attending in their swimsuits. (Contrary to what some people think, we don't live in igloos and wear parkies all year long!)

After the breakfast, the 99's an! families flew up to Marion and Bill Zaegel's cabin at the other end of Big Lake and held a cookout with everyone trying to get up on water skiis except me—I think, flying is safer. Even Pat McGee's little eight year old girl, Kim, got up on skiis for the first time. She looked so tiny skimming along kicking up very little spray.

Surprises and adventures never cease in Alaska! As yours truly and 49½, Dick, arrived home at our float tie down that evening, who should greet us but retired Col. Steve Dillon and wife, Carol, and eleven children ranging in ages from 4 to 18 years. We were "bugeyed" at the reception committee waiting for us and they were just as "bugeyed" to see us alight from our plane in our swimsuites while they stood on shore in light jackets and sweaters!

Steve and Carol who are outdoor enthusiasts were flown out into the Susitna Valley by Dick and I and treated to some excellent salmon fishing as well as a blueberry picking spree. Carol was much impressed by

the vast sparsely populated areas and was still thrilled to get a ride in a small plane at last.

It was quite an adventure preparing meals for eighteen people (both families) for five days. It turned out not so bad as you would think since there were a total of three teen-age girls and two women to help. Those of you near Santa Monica, will be seeing Steve around Douglas Aircraft Company where he will be heading up the Aerospace Division.

Helen Stoddard, Ruth O'Buck and 49½, John, started out to attend the Gold Rush Festival at Dawson City but bad weather forced them to change their plans and visit Circle Hot Springs near the Artic Circle instead. Ruth said the pool at Circle was too hot for swimming but fine for putting you to sleep.

On August 8, Ruth O'Buck added another feather to her cap by becoming the only woman F.A.A. flight examiner in Alaska. This has certainly been a year of achievement for Ruth and everyone would be very proud to claim these achievements!

Pat McGee flew observer for C.A.P. in August on one of the most extensive air searches ever to be conducted in Alaska for Roger Waldron and sixteen year old son, Arthur. The fatal wreckage was found 39 days after their disappearance in a blind canyon near Merrill Pass.

August is also the month which ushers in the hunting season for sheep, moose, goat, caribou and ducks. Pat Moore and 49½, Marvin, went sheep hunting-no luck but Pat didn't mind as she got to do the flying in her new 150 Super Cub. Marion and 491/2, Bill, went hunting first day of duck season and came home with their limits. Gwen Jones and 491/2, Ken, got their moose first day. Also Gwen spent ten days down in the Cordova area during August flying extensively and bringing home fresh king salmon and fresh crab. Her freezer will be pouring forth many delicious dishes made from Alaskan wild game and seafood this winter. Yours truly got her antlerless moose first day and expect to enjoy many delicious steaks this winter from same,

Our elections were held at a dinner meeting at Don's Green Apple with Liz Krakow as guest of honor. Liz has helped the 99's at many of our breakfasts and particularly this last one held in August.

This is certainly going to be a "pat" year for the Alaska chapter as the results of the election will show. Pat Moore has the honor of being our Chairman for the coming year; Pat Cilda our Vice-chairman; Pat Gilles-

pie out new Secretary-Treasurer; Pat McGee as our Membership and Publicity; Pat-oops-I mean Marion Zaegel as our Historian and Lavelle Betz as Newsletter. (How did we get in here!)

Pat Gillespie's 49½, Jim, soloed recently. Hers is the story of the husband talking the wife into taking flying lessons and Pat getting her license before him due to having more time to fly.

Many of you have heard of an old fashioned house raising? In Alaska we have something which is comparable to it. Two 99's and their 49½ers got together with two other men and flew 75 miles out into the wilderness to cut a winter's supply of wood for an elderly widow of one of Alaska's best known bush pilots and guides. On another weekend, these same two got together with their 49½ers and replaced the same widow's roof. She will now be warm and dry this winter, A lot of hard work but fun.

We recently received a letter from Pearl Laska saying she has been outside taking some refresher courses for her teachers certificate. She is planning a trip to Anchorage this winter when all the 99's will get together. We are trying to get another group of 99's started in Fairbanks.

Helen Stoddard just arrived home last week after ferrying a new piper Colt up from Lockhaven, Pennsylvania. She encountered some bad weather which made the 4000 mile trip seem even longer. There is nothing more frustrating than to have to sit around waiting for weather to clear. We are glad to see her back safe and sound, though!

Because of the size of Alaska, I would like to put in an appeal in the Ninety-Nine News for all 99's in the Alaska Chapter to please drop me a note from time to time telling of your experiences. My address is box 4873, Spenard, Alaska.

That's all for now, Keep Flying!

# EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER By Helen R. Crum

It will be an experience long remembered by those who went to the Northwest Section meeting in Portland in September. Eight of our members were there and we were the second largest group next to Oregon—68 girls in attendance, 99 at the banquet with the 49½ ers. The warm, friendly, interesting discussions, outstanding personalities, excellent food and accommodations, taxi service by the girls who were busier than bird dogs for three days, the profusion of Teutel roses (roses and baskets of fruit in our rooms), door prizes and fav-

ors, to say nothing of the perfect flying weather for which I am sure Charlotte Dodson and her indefatigable committee members must have been responsible, made it difficult for any future hostesses to compete. Thank you again, Charlotte, and all the Oregon girls for your gracious hospitality and a wonderful weekend.

Amid the excitement Marie Reynnells managed to discuss chapter business at a Sunday morning breakfast before flying home. She came with Minnie Boyd in her Tri Pacer, and they were joined by Betty Jane Seavey, enroute from the World's Fair, on the return flight. Minnie reported the Warden air marking project will be a reality Sunday, October 14th, when all members will fly to Warden with their families, paint brushes, paint, old clothes, ladders, picnic lunches, and plenty of enthusiasm. She is looking forward especially to a large number of husbands being on hand. Minnie was the only one of our group to fly to the all day meeting of the Oregon chapter at Pendleton in

Lygie Hagan and Millie Shinn arrived in Lygie's Comanche. Lygie spent a flying summer in Colorado, making four trips to Dallas, Texas. She flew with her husband to the International convention in Princeton, about which she gave an interesting report at the sectional meeting. She and Millie will come in first—we hope—in the Montana air race the end of September.

Gini Richardson, as Flying Activities chairman, provoked considerable discussion at the sectional with her report about which you will hear later. Kathleen Hitchcock, with her husband and Helen Crum as passenggers, piloted their Baron to Portland.

Ethel Wikstrom was so busy serving as secretary of the Washington Pilots Association meeting in Walla Walla which conflicted with ours that she was unable to be with us. She took in a Flying Farmers get-together on the way home. Joan Rorke went to Spokane recently for her commercial flight check but was grounded due to weather. Better luck next time! Elaine Fry who has moved to Santa Maria, California, will transfer to the Santa Barbara chapter.

Alice Kennedy, now of Spokane, was accepted as a new member. She spent her vacation this summer flying alone her J3 from Indiana, her former home, to Spokane. Welcome to our chapter.

Our November meeting will be at Minnie Boyd's home in Pullman—an unplanned potluck. Kathleen will tell about their lumber mill which they are developing in Chili where they fly once or twice a year to check on its progress.

## EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER By Esther Stone

As a Chapter, we are proud of: Onita Hoff, who won the Spot Landings Contest at Rexburg Idaho on September 8, TWICE. Betty Storrs who passed her written for an Instrument Rating the FIRST TIME she took it. "Little-Sister," B. J. Wayne who got a score of 90 on her written for her Private Pilot Test. Mitzi (Hutchinson) Henscheid who is working for her Instrument-Instructor's rating. Virginia Findelnburg who so ably led not only her own children but 4-H groups so they all came home with red and blue ribbons from the County fairs. Selma Van Dercreek who just moved to her new home early in the vear and thru the summer has nursed the bare fields into a beautiful garden and lawn. Lee McCarley, a "Little-sister." who is Idaho's Flying Farmer Queen. Betty Brown, Virginia Huidekoper, Mary Kilbourne and Esther Stone who attended the Northwest Fall Sectional at Portland.

From start to finish, the Oregon Chapter is to be congratulated for their wonderful hospitality at the Northwest Sectional. Portland in the city of roses,-and the sectional was always decorated with beautiful, lovely roses. Planes were met at both airports, with wonderful 99s in cars, to take them to the Continental Motel (site of the meeting) and from there on there were roses in every room AND baskets of fruit for each member attending. There was something going on for everyone at all times. We compliment the Oregon chapter, for their thoughtfulness and very gracious hospitality. There were more 49½s there than we have ever seen at a 99 Sectional, and a remark made by one, "I went down to Sam's Hideaway VFR, met so many so fast. I left IFR, and now need Radar to vector me to my room." It was FUN and yet much was accomplished. Needless so say, all are looking forward to our next Sectional,-at Ankorage, Alaska.

### WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER By Maxine Fancher

We are still aglow after the terrific hospitality of the Oregon chapter at the sectional in Portland in mid September. Six of our regulars answered roll call and a couple of strays showed up before the day was over. It

looks as if this chapter will carry more than it's share of responsibility for the section this next year with three of the officers calling Western Washington their chapter. They are capable gals—all—and the rest of us wish them well.

Terry Kellogg presided at the meetings in a stately, friendly manner we all enjoyed. Pat McGee and Van Adderson are two real get-things-doners. Gini Andrews, Winnie Blythe, Ilovene Potter and Helen Appel were there, and Maxine Fancher came for the Saturday evening festivities with a 210 load of 49½ ers. Well, I had to miss the meeting, didn't I?

After returning to the Continental Motel—late—we found that Marian Owen, our ex chairman, had registered. She had tried desperately to make the sectional meeting. She had finished her training for Peace Corps work that morning and had flown from Minneapolis, only to find us already at dinner and herself plumb exhausted. So she went to bed! After a week at home she was to leave New York for her assignment in Pakistan. Bon Voyage, Marian, and thanks for adventuring into this fine service, and letting it be known you are a "99."

Next on the agenda will be the Montana Race on September 29. Van Adderson in her Cessna Skyline and Ilovene Potter in her Comanche are entered. Rah, rah for our side. Winnie Blythe is heading the committee for planning a race here at Seafair time next summer. It wil be a predicted log race with a three or four hour course with required check points, beginning and ending at Renton Airport, the fine 5,400 foot strip at the south end of Lake Washington, Seattle's eastern boundary.

The gal pilots around here have done considerable flying for fun this summer although the World's Fair put a bit of crimp in available time. The San Juan Islands are sprouting airports steadily. One favorite is Roach Harbor, about 45 minutes away more or less, and where there is about everything from atmosphere to horses to enjoy. Anacortes has a dandy strip and oooh that homemade pie!! It's fun to cross the mountains southeast on a nice evening for dinner at the Yakima terminal, and maybe a "hi" to Gini Richardson. Then there have been the kids to get to college and the conventions to attend and the "getting away from it all" to do.

The nicest vacation ever is the report Helen Appel made after she and Gene spent 10 days alone flying where they felt like flying in the club Co-

manchi. Itinerary turned out to include the Frisco Area, San Diego, Ensenada and Las Vegas.

We have plans to vary our meetings this next year. There will be dinners, fly-ins, and joint meetings with neighboring chapters to look forward to—Next month we will hangar—fly in a trailer. Gini Andrews has a brand new super-sized French Provincial one in Bellevue.

Thanks again to Oregon for the fun and roses.



#### BAYS CITIES CHAPTER

Deby Byram was our gracious hostess for our September meeting. Present were Maxine Carlson, Juanda Bigelow, Mary Fields, Margaret Gerhardt, Helen Kelton, Hazel Miles, Ruth Rueckert, Eleanor Wilson, Juno-Ann Clarke and Doris Purdy. Guests were Margaret Goodhue of San Diego and Ruth Magill.

We are sorry to say that Doris Phillips has transferred to the Santa Barbara chapter.

Helen Kelton was elected Chairman. Eleanor Wilson Vice-Chairman. Deby Byram, Secretary and Dorothy Garliepp, Treasurer for the coming year.

Bay Cities Chapter was hostess to private fly-in at Dedication of Oakland Jet Runway on September 16th with Miriam Brugh as Chairman. Hazel Miles, Juanda Bigelow, Lindy Boyes, Janet Ferguson, Mary Fields, Dorothy Garliepp, Margaret Gerhardt, Helen Kelton, May Messersmith, Ray Misener and Ruth Rueckert assisted her.

Ruth Rueckert recently had the thrill of flying an Apache to Redding.

The Wilson Skycoupe is nearing completion.

Jean Tinsley has been flying a Super-V.

Deby Byram has been checked out again on floats at Sausalito after fluing a Skylane for two years. Is still flying the Skylane though, and recently went to Santa Barbara.

Doris Purdy has been spoiled by dual instruction in an Aero Commander and 310G and now has difficulty with a mere Piper Colt.

### EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER By Dottie Sanders

It's time for plans for another year, both in International and the El Cajon Valley Chapter of The Ninety-Nines. inasmuch as we just celebrated our first anniversary as a Chapter.

At a recent election of Officers, Dottie Sanders will again serve as Chairman, Isabelle McCrae, Vice-Chairman, Barbara Hill as Secretary and Doris Ritchey as Treasurer.

To sum up the past year, we have had a 33-1/3% increase in membership, growing from 12 to 16; we have had an average attendance percentage of 70.5% at our meetings; we contributed both to the AWTAR and the AE Scholarship funds. We participated in mercy flights to El Rosario. Baja. California to aid needy people in that area, flying food, medicine, clothing and toys to them. We aided the El Cajon Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee in their dedication of the new Control Tower at Gillespie Field. In connection with our monthly business meetings, we have had varied programs of talks, films, etc., some educational and some just fun. To date of reporting, with three more members to report, our chapter as a wohle has spent 890.42 hours in the air, of which 213:15 hours were pilot in command, 264:15 hours as passenger time and 412:55 hours as instructor time, an average of 55.65 per member. We had one member in the International Air Race, who won first place, and two members in the AWTAR.

And now we start a new year with hopes of many more achievements. We started the year on September 1 with aiding the San Diego Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee in the dedication of Brown Field, a former Navy Base recently acquired by the City of San Diego. Two of our members, Jackie Trenfel and Doris Ritchey, were on hand as Civil Air Patrol members, and three of us worked in a hot dog stand, Isabelle McCrae, Dottie Sanders and Barbara Tucker, and Aileen Saunders coordinated the arrangements with the Chamber of Commerce, she also being a member of the Aviation Comfittee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Dottie Sanders was the only representative from our chapter on the AWTOUR, sponsored by the Tucson Chapter August 25-29. She was a hitch-hiker this time, as she had the thrill of riding with Betty Gillies in her Beechcraft Baron, picking up the tour at Cedar City, Utah on Monday, August 27 and from Cedar City to the refreshing pool at Skyriders Hotel in Phoenix on the 28th. Betty had to return home from there, so Dottie enjoyed riding with Lois Bartling in her Bonanza from PHX to Tucson on the 29th. Lois, Dottie and Lynn Briggs

cannot get over the extra bit of hospitality shown by Tucson enroute to the hotel. They were riding in a 1928 antique Willys Knight touring car, the transportation furnished by Truly Nolen, collector of antique cars. Of course, it was a very hot August day in Arizona, so they were refreshed by having a panel truck drive up alongside just as they came to some water in the street and accommodate them with a refreshing shower. The truck, being a florist's delivery truck, then dropped back and handed them a towel with which to dry them. The Tucson Chapter did a wonderful job of planning the tour, and I'm sure everyone enjoyed it immensely. Dottie was the winner of a door prize at Tucson of a beautiful silver 99 pin, donated by Gertrude Gelderman of the Tucson Chapter.

Our New Year's resolutions for 1962-63: More flying, more members and to raise our attendance at meetings, to better carry out the ideals and projects of THE NINETY-NINES, INC.

### LONG BEACH CHAPTER By Claire Walters

At the September meeting held at the Long Beach home of Ruth Gay, Mary Pinkney reported a tremendous good time on the AWTour that took place recently in the Southwest. Mary flew a Tri-pacer in the tour and taught her non-flyer lady co-pilot navigation during the trip. Martha Choleska and potential member Juanita Tanger took first place in the tour problem from Phoenix to Tucson, Congratulations! And of course Fran Bera (Edna Bower's sister) is getting her helicopter rating! Judy Wagner, Margaret Ross, Olive Tuttle, Ruth Gay, Mildred Krueger, and Mary Pinkney attended the chapter presentation to tht new Orange County chapter. A check was also presented to the new chapter by Long Beach (the parent chapter) to help it get started. Good luck gals, and visit us once in a while, anyway.

Beautiful movies taken by Margaret and Bob Ross on their recent trip to Alaska were shown at the meeting at Ruth's. Margaret and Bob spent four days at the base of Mt. McKinley, big game hunting with a camera. They visited Fairbanks and Nome, and while there bought a lot of future fishing and hunting trips (99's are invited). Wouldn't be a bit surprised if a massed exodus to that beautiful country didn't occur immediately! Margaret reported having a most wonderful time.

Betty Faux has started her adult

education aeronautics class at University High. The interest is so high that a larger classroom is going to be provided for her, as there is now standing room only.

Betty F. and Claire (McMillen!) Walters missed the meeting because of their recent flight to the Northwest. They delivered a Cessna 185 Skywagon to Bellingham, Wash. for a local dealer. While waiting for a Cessna 210 to be readied for the return trip (a trade deal) they drove to Vancouver, took a ferry boat to Nanaimo, drove to Victoria, B.C.. then Sidney and a ferry boat to Orcas in the San Juan Islands for a few days. They then flew the 210 to Seattle, visited the World's Fair, then home. A wonderful vacation.

Chairman Mary reported that the Oct. Meeting will be held at Judy Wagner's, and the Nov. meeting at Edna Bower's (Fran's sister).

#### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

The Los Angeles Chapter has been an active group this month with everyone flying in different directions.

Rachel and Larry Bonzon attended the first annual Sonoma County Airport Festival at Santa Rosa,

The National Air Circus at Chino Airport was visited by several of our 99s and their 49½ ers. Among those at Chino were Viv and Ken Thompson, Mary Ann and Leon Kaslow, Wally Funk, Sally La Forge, Fritzie and DonHeaney, and Betty and Gene Duport,

Elsie Smith watched the start of the enthusiastically attended AWTour at Brackett Field. In the park, over 100 aviation buffs wolfed down the barbecue sponsored by the Pomona Chamber of Commerce.

Carol Lady of San Fernando Chapter and our own Tillie Klements flew to Las Vegas. During their check out for the return flight to Las Angeles, they ran into the AWTour just in from Brackett Field. At this point, the girls said that the tour had been great.

Fritzie and Don Heaney and Betty and Gene Dupont flew to Cedar Lake for two weeks of water skiing. Relaxed and fit after days in the sun and spray, both couples hopped over to Stateline at Lake Tahoe for a few bright lights and a taste of the high life.

An impromptu but very welcome reunion was held around the pool at Sky Harbor in Phoenix by the Heaneys, Kathy and Gene Moskow, and Rose and Dick Karlberg.

Seems that the Moskows spend the in the air than at home. At least, Katy is logging more hours in the cockpit than in the kitchen. The Moskows flew to Calexico a couple of times this month for dinner, accompanied once by Viv and Ken Thompson, Katy says that the Chinese food in Calexico is really delicious.

The airborne Moskows also were members of a "Fly for Fun" fly-in to Durango, Colorado. Gunnel Aviation, sponsors of the event, went all out. Guests enjoyed a buffet dinner, a polo game, dancing, and a train ride to Silverton with refreshments for all hands during all of the trip.

Our September meeting was held at Gene and Katle Moskow's home. Members brought various succulent dishes for dinner, and their cash donations went to the Chapter Kitty. Members saw a half-hour film provided by Gunnel Aviation on the latest audio visual, on-weather techniques. R. Claudier, the narrator, encouraged us to earn our instrument ratings.

And now for the big news. We've saved our most important news the last.

We all are very excited about our adopted 99, Wally Funk, from the Oklahoma City Chapter. Wally has just participated in the high altitude chamber test and the Martin-Baker seat ejection test of El Toro, California (M C A S). She was the first girl to be invited to participate in such tests by NAA. She passed the water survival and desert survival test. She also took the seat ejection test along with several marines and NAA personnel. She ejected to the greatest height because she was the lightest in weight. Wally advanced the cause of womanhood again in still another respect. Her rate of oxygen consumption was less than that of the men. Wally will be attending the Woman's Space Sympasium conducted by the Air Force in Las Vegas this Sept. 21 and 22.

We will be looking forward to having Wally give us a detailed report on her experiences for the next Newsletter.

### ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER By Doris Ann Johnson

The evening of September 14, 1962 will long live as a memorable one indeed for our Chapter Charter Presentation and Installation of Officers Banquet was held at the Mill Restaurant in Fullerton, California.

We were honored to have with us our charming, Southwest Section Governor, Geri Hill, who presented us our charter and served as our installing officer.

The following officers were installed: Ruth Phillips, Chairman; Hilda



From left to right: Edna Stennett, Secretary; Geri Hill, Governor, Southwest Section; Ruth Phillips, Chairman; Joyce Lyon, Treasurer; and Hilda Reafsnyder, Vice-chairman.

Reafsnyder, Vice-Chairman; Edna Stennett, Secretary; Joyce Lyon, Treasurer.

The following committee chairmen were appointed: Madine Parsel, Publicity; Hazel "Bitsy" Rettew, Membership; Edna Stennett, Civil Air Patrol; Doris Ann Johnson, Newsletter Reporter; Betty Farrell, Program; ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER BULLETIN, Norma Ojstedt; and Hilda Reafsnyder, Parliamentarian.

There were thirty six people in attendance. Among those present were officers from the Long Beach, Los Angeles, and San Gabriel Valley chapters of the "99's" and two representatives of the Santa Ana Squadron-Civil Air Patrol, Captain O. F. Russell and Lt. Ed Letson, who led the flag salute.

Entertainment was provided by Carolyn Riley who sang some amusing folk songs accompanying herself on her guitar.

"Bitsy" Rettew, one of our newest members and "49½'er Gil, are sporting a sleek, new, Cessna 175—much to our envy. Gil finally contracted the "flying bug" from "Bitsy", commenced instruction and soloed recently. Not to be outdone by his wife, he is well on his way to getting his private ticket.

It will be interesting to hear all about their forthcoming trip to Florida where they plan to attend the AOPA Plantation Party. GOOD LUCK on your first, real, long cross-country flight, "Bitsy" and Gil.

The first fund-raising project of this new chapter was a Tupperware party. Thanks are extended at this time to those members and guests who participated.

### PHOENIX CHAPTER By Melba Beard

The Phoenix stop of the recent AWTour saw participants settled at

cool Sky Riders on the airport, where most preferred to lounge in the warm sun, or swim, tho a few braved the summer heat shopping. That evening 51 tour pilots, Phoenix Chapter members, and guests enjoyed a buffet dinner at the Sky Cove. Next day saw some heading home, while even more joined the Tour for the final leg to Tucson. From Phoenix were Pat Lambart and her mother in a Cessna. Melba in her 1929 biplane, and the team of Dorothy McLeod and Pat Runyan in Dorothy's 172. The Tucson Chapter and cooperating groups are to be commended for a successful AWTour, with special mention to the Tucson Airport Authority, which leaves no stone unturned when it comes to boosting aviation-and Tucson. While there Melba and Pat were honored with a TV appearance, little knowing that at the evening's festivities Pat would be awarded the second place trophy on the navigation contest, and Melba would receive the "booby prize", a hilarious crying towel cleverly hand painted by Laura Bohanan. This eased considerably Melba's crying about having to end the race at Freeway Airport instead of Tucson Municipal because of no radio, and toting a full 45 gal tank of gas pumped in by a daydreaming line boy.

Highlight of the regular September business meeting held at the home of Alice Roberts was the announcement by retiring Chairman Betty Slater of the new Chapter officers. Our new Chairman is Pat Lambart, Vice-Chairman, Mary Weaver; Secretary, Betty Condon; Treasurer, Ruth Reinhold: Newsletter, Melba Beard; and Membership, Juanita Newell. We enjoved accounts of the New Jersey convention by Alice Roberts, re-elected International Treasurer, and Pat Lambart, our Section Secretary, Alice played the "Song of the Ninety-Nines" on the organ. Present besides Chairman Slater were Trundy Murphy, Alice Roberts, Pat Lambart, Jimmye Lou Shelton, Melba Beard, Juanita Newell, Wilma Bland, Bev. Periman, Marjy Crowl, and prospective members Betty Sharman and Louise Boyd. The September flight will be to the SW Sectional meeting in California. Next business meeting will be at the home of new member, Bev. Pariman.

Pat Lambart logged over 100 hours this summer in the Cessna. She and her mother attended the Williams Fly-In breakfast, with a stopover at Sedona during the Sky Shield to visit Betty Sharman. Betty flies a Bonanza, has invited members to an "overnight" at her ranch near Sedoha Airport. Jimmye Lou has really been on the go, three times to San Francisco, twice to Las Vegas, and now to the Florida Piper convention in an Aztec.

Other summer activities: Bev Perimen enjoyed a trip across the Grand Canyon and on to Las Vegas in a Shinn. Prospective member Louise Hyde flew to Boston and back this summer in a Skylane. Wilma and Bill Slater and family enjoyed the pines near Prescott. Trudy Murphey airlined to Chicago, later visited the World's Fair and Las Vegas. Thelma Biegert made a trip to New Orleans Ruth Shimon of Iowa was a brief visitor here, will return for six month during the snows.

# REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER By Myrtle A. Wright

Good flying weather has been with us in most of California the past month. With it there has been a lot of flying activity and I am sorry I couldn't get to all of them so I could relate the highlights to you. Redwood Empire Chapter girls were the drivers of the cars at the recent Tower Dedication Celebration at Sonoma County Airport in Santa Rosa, The festivities started Saturday, September 8th, Flyers were driven to the hotel Flamingo in Santa Rosa and from there the good times started. A tour of the winery at Asti and a very interesting outdoor play in the eventing then back to the Flamingo for more entertainment and dancing. The Redwood Empire Chapter held their election of officers meeting on Sunday the 9th, at the Sonoma County Airport. It was held around the display of a mockup of the X-15. All incumbent officers were elected for another year. In spite of the air show, static displays, etc., the meeting was well attended. Present were: June O'Donnell, Chairman; Pat Stouffer, Vice-Chairman; Anita Conley, Secretary; Gladys Haney, Treasurer; Fran De-Haan, membership; Anna Brenner, our 99 Historian, Nellie Palmer, Phyllis Cantrell, Hazel Bertagna and Myrtle Wright, Newsletter. Delegates were chosen to attend the Southwest Sectional at Modesto the end of September.

After the meeting we took in the rest of the show. Four Air Force F104's made two VERY LOW passes over the airport, followed by the Navy jets. Then Pan American brought one of their Boeing 707's over the field in a fly-over, then went around and made a simulated landing with flaps and gear down. The pilot flew that huge plane over the runway

about two feet off the ground. The Presidio 6th Army Bank kept everyone in a gay festive mood with their snappy band music. Mrs. Hap Arnold was escorted to the speakers platform where she gave a short welcome talk, then accepted the honor of champaign to dedicate the new FAA Control Tower. She stood back, aimed carefully, then let the bottle go and she hit the target on the first try.

The same day that Santa Rosa had their show, Lake Tahoe was celebrating their annual Airport day. The F104's were headed there after they left Santa Rosa and the MC said they would be there in nine minutes if they had a headwind. With a headwind it would take me two hours.

Bette Smith and myself had a beautiful flight to Salem, Oregon in August. We both had our first view of Carter Lake. It is a beautiful body of water and very interesting. Of course we took pictures and I only wish I was a better photographer.

On September 15th and 16th, the new jet strip, Control Tower and Terminal Building at the Oakland Metropolitan Oakland International Airport were dedicated. It was preceded by the flight of a 1910 Bleriot monoplane. This plane was, I believe, the first to fly across the English Channel. It flew over the San Francisco Bay, from Oakland to the Presidio in a recreation of the first flight. I didn't get to that show but I understand it was quite interesting. There were dogfights between a Jap Zero and a P48, all sorts of ancient aircraft and all the new types of aircraft. There were 250,000 people attended so that figure speaks well of the show.

Until we meet again in the pages of the 99 News (and isn't it nice?) Happy Flying to one and all.

### SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER By Darlene Marsh

El Macero Country Club, Davis, was the setting for the chapter's monthly meeting and where election of officers was held.

Our new Chairman is Florence Breen; Vice Chairman, Barbara Garbar; Secretary, Elaine Lancaster Treasurer, incumbent Edith Brewer; Carol Hammond, Membership; Historian, Ruth Lummis; and Publicity, Darlene Marsh. There was an excellent attendance of members with eight guests.

El Macero is an unusual country club in that it has a turf strip in addition to the golf courses which, of course, is standard equipment at most country clubs . . . and members of the club may also build their homes nearby—which is what June Devine and 49½er Jim are doing. Many of the girls visited June's home which is under construction near the 16th hole.

June flew Ruth Wagner, Peg Witters (guest) and Darlene March over from Sacramento Muni to El Macero in her Bonanza.

Barbara Grabar brought her Navion, full of friends, Barbara Lincoln (who was having a day away from her ten children), Cora Bloom, and Janette Adams.

Elaine Lancaster glided in, in her 182 with passengers Maryanne MacDonald, and Jean McClellan.

Florence Breen took her passengers for a scenic flight of the area before touching down in her Tri-pacer with guest Maryanne Payne, and 99'eff Genevieve Hall.

Outgoing Chairman Jerry Mickelson introduced guests and potential 99'ers Verna Engle (Glenn operates Eagle Flying School at Phoenix Field, in Fair Oaks), who flew over in her 172; Lee Weatherly, Martha Jane Schesler, and Juanita Bigley.

Elaine Lancaster reported on her flight in the powder puff derby and it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Elaine stated everyone should try it at least once; it was quite an experience.

This has been vacation time for many 99'ers and our girls have really been flying the skyways.

Carol Hammond (and Al and son) flew to Grand Teton National Park, Jackson, Wyoming, where Carol says they have a beautiful 6000' runway and scenery beyond compare. For fun they took the 2-day ride down the turbulent Snake River. Unlike flying they gained speed instead of reducing it during the turbulent stretches. It must be a popular spot as June Devine and 49'er Jim Flem their Bonanza there also and spent a few days recently.

Joyce Evans. Hugh and two sons, flew their Navion to Victoria Island, B.C. Their return flight was slightly delayed when the weather closed in and they landed at a Canadian Air Force Base. The personnel there had never seen a "Nawvion" so the Evans' were surrounded by curious onlookers. After being treated royally with overnight accommodations they had a pleasant trip home.

Yours truly (Darlene Marsh) took a trip to Roseburg, Oregon, with my mother as passenger in a 172 and brought back my 80 year old grandfather on the return flight. It was his first flight and looks like we might

have a prospective 99'er if membership is ever opened to males.

Clare Raley was seen departing Sacramento Muni recently on a flight to Quincy, And speaking of Quincy, a group of our girls flew there on a Lady Bug flight. (The Lady Bugs are a group (informally organized) who fly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The group included Carol Hammond in her 182 and Beryle Eissenger; Florence Breem with Dorothy Williford in Florence's Tri-Pacer: Ruth Wagner and Joyce Evans in Ruth's Cessna 180; and Barbara Grabar in her Navion with Gale Lane (Bay City Chapter) and guest Fran Glacy.

Barbara had an unfortunate accident on landing when a sudden gust caught her plane as she decided to go around. But, as the local Quincy paper wrote it up. ... "the gust caught the plane as Barbara pulled up the gear and added power, only to settle back to the runway. Ahead of Barbara was a highway and a drainage ditch so Barbara 'flew'' it to the end and had presence of mind to turn off the engine and hit hard left rudder. The plane came to rest in the field next to the runway with gear, prop, and engine severely damaged. The three girls emerged from the plane safely and went on to their luncheon date. After lunch Ruth Wagner took the group back to Buchanan Field and they'll send Barbara her plane in a brown paper bag.

Several girls indicated they would be attending the Southwestern Sectional in Modesto and we're all waiting to hear the details.

## SAN DIEGO CHAPTER By Gertrude Lockwood

Ruby Keaveny, 1962-63 chairman of our chapter, conducted a short business meeting Saturday, September 15th. We had a combination business and fun meeting in the north country at the home of John and Gertrude Lockwood, A "Happy Hour" began at 4:30 and the Pat Luck Dinner began around 8:00, so you know we had a good time! There were 35 members, prospective members and 49½ ers to make it a gala affair. Amazingly, only 1 glass pie plate, 1 C.A.P. cap. 1 serving spoon, and 1 straw hat (ocmplete with flowers and bird) were left behind.

Joanne Alford has been elected vicechairman, Ruth Propsner will be our secretary, and Martha Mullen took such good care of our funds last year that we re-elected her as treasurer.

Terry Vasques has just returned from a week in the east. She attended the 4th Conference on Applied Meter-

ology at the famous "Chamberlin" at Old Point Comfort, Virginia. She had a brief visit with her family and Kay Brick in the New York area.

"Aviation Meterology" and "Specialized Forecasting Techniques" including a paper on "Flight Planning with a digital computer" seem interesting. Terry says that information about these pertinent subjects can be obtained by contacting the persons who presented the papers. If interested in more details, contact Terry for information.

Some of our group enjoyed the AWTour last month. Thelma Bishop and her sister Edna flew the 182. Lois Bartling took Lynn Briggs and guest Rosalind Fisher in the Bonanza. Betty Gillies, Marion Jepsen and Dottie Sanders zoomed along in the Baron.

VACATIONS A MEMORY: Ray and Marion Jepsen flew to the Sonoma County Fly-In. Decided, then and there, to extend the trip to include the Seattle Fair. Enjoyed Eugene. Oregon while waiting for good weather on the homeward trip. Charles and Jackie Brooks took year-old Junior on his first camping expedition trip. They motored to the Humboldt County Redwood State Park. John and Gertrude Lockwood flew up to Blakely Island, Washington for a ten day stay. Enjoyed side trips to Victoria, other small air strips on the islands. On the way home they visited friends here and there. One day going north; one week returning! Art and Betty Lambert took their family to Michigan for a fun holiday. Elsie Watson says her longest vacation was a "sleepout" she and daughter Jeanne Dionne enjoyed with the 3 Dionne children. Duration-1 night.

VACATIONS TO COME: Harry and Lois Bartling leave immediately after the Sectional meeting in Modesto for Albuquerque, Denver, Rochester, N.Y. and the Florida Keys, Jack and Ruby Keaveny will leave Modesto for Oregon, where Jack's folks reside. All four will attend the Seattle Fair. Ruth Propsner will wing her way "solo" to San Francisco for her Holiday.

NEW VACATIONS: Jerry Vickers is now Attendance Clerk (didn't we once call them "Truant Officers"?) at Hale Junior High School, San Diego. Marine Smith (who recently had Paul and Mickey Clarke as guests) is cutting her legal eye teath on the judge's desk as a Legal Aid for the San Diego Legal Aid Society. Pat Osmon is teaching physical education at Lincoln High School, San Diego.

Maxine Smith and Ruth Propsner

worked all day at the Brown Field Dedicatory services—serving pop. They understand the air show was very good, but can't say for sure. They didn't see anything but eager hands and pop bottles all day.

#### SAN FERNANDO ALLEY CHAPTER By Trixie Ann Schubert

Chapter chairman Lois Miles took the gavel from the outgoing chapter chairman Lola Ricci at our September dinner meeting at Skytrails, Van Nuys Airport, and installed these additional 1962-63 officers: Vice president, Audrey Schutte, recording sec., Norma Dey, corresponding sec. Gladys Hogins, treasurer, Liz Crowley.

During our round robin of who'sthe following data to keep our chapter one that's up in the air a good share of the time. Shirley Robinson flew a Gypsy Moth in the much touted and heavily attended Chino Air Show, the same one in which test pilot Cliff Winters did ten snaprolls at less tan 50 feet in a Ryan that totaled out and added "finis" to Cliff's fantastic career. Lois Miles flew to New Cuyama, Audrey Schutte took her first glider lesson at Tehachapi, Norma Dey flew to Chino for the air show, and Jeanine Ceccio flew to the Nut Tree at Vacaville and got a ride in a Cessna 205.

New 99 Shirley Stevenson started out on a flight to Alaska; got as far as Ft. Nelson when weather turned her back. She'll try again. Lola Ricci is flying the Sky Lane, and Shirley Thom is taking a course in interior decorating. . . . reupholster her plane naturally. It takes real know-how to finish an interior as beautiful as that in Marge Cunningham's Bonanza.

Donna Fisher flew an Aero Commander and has been tracking back and forth across the Pacific North and Southwest so much this summer we'd need two columns to catch up with her plane travels.

We had several prospective Ninety Nines at the meeting: Ann Fielding has soloed the Hughes helicopter, has 25 hours in it and is thinking about her solo cross country. Mary Kemper took her first lesson in a glider. Marilyn Tilford recently got her private license, as did Ellen Trimble who says she learned to fly because she loves to water ski and you can get to the ski sites more quickly by plane. Ellen made an ambitious solo cross country, her first, to Sacramento and her 72 year old mother is quoted as saying, "Thank heavens, she's safer up there than on those freeways."

Norma Wilcox, Penny Swope (San Gabriel chapter) and I flew on the first AWTour and were enthusiastic Shirley Marshall and the Tucson chapter inaugurated it and we're all for signing up for the next one. Also was aghast to see how small the Friendship Seven, orbited by John Glenn, seemed at close range at the Seattle Fair. We went on up into Canada, on wheels instead of wings.

The chapter made plans to push the Amelia Earhart memorial postage stamp in collaboration with section efforts.

#### SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER By Sally Matson

Being one of the newest members of our chapter, I was very pleased to meet those of you who flew into Brackett for the AWTour. We all feel it was such a privilege to hostess the start. Everyone had a marvelous time swimming at the home of Polly Phelps in the afternoon. The gals from Tucson passed out cans of "Arizona Sunshine" at the picnic at the L.A. County Fairgrounds. They felt our smog left something to be desired. We are looking forward to being part of the AWTour again next year.

Installation was on tap for our September meeting with Norma Wilcox again, our very capable chairman; Shirley Gilmore, vice chairman; Rose Ann Ford, secretary; June Denney, treasurer, and Jane Haag, historian. It was held in the beautiful Pilots' Lounge at the Brackett Field Administration Building. Polly Phelps was hostess.

Since flying in the AWTAR this summer, Maurine Leonard has worked hard and obtained her instructors rating. She works for Sportsman Air Service at Brackett Field.

Jane Haag and 49½ Roy took off for the World's Fair Sept. 1st. Norma and Nate Wilcox flew with them as far as Red Bluff, From Seattle the Haags flew up to Friday Harbor Airport on San Juan Island, then to Mc-Call, Idaho. They were graciously received by Mr. Edwards of The Shore Lodge and highly endorse this "vacation paradise." They returned by way of Placerville, Lake Tahoe, Sacramento, and Columbia, Last week they flew to Catalina where they barbecued steak and saw the sights of the island, including buffalo. They reported Catalina wants to cater to more Fly-Ins. This Sunday they flew to Yucca Valley and were met by their son. They all went to their cabin for breakfast.

Shirley and Carl Gilmore, Dorothy and Merlin Geddes, in their respective Skylanes, attended Skylark's flight to Gold Beach, Oregon, via Lake Tahoe for the Labor Day weekend. During the Sky Cover, the group enjoyed a 32 mile boat trip up the Rogue River. A lunch stop at The Nut Tree on the return trip completed a grand tour.

Shall we forgive our "Polly" Stoehr for her erratic attendance at Chapter meetings? She has been so busy flying this year (nearly 300 hours) and receiving honors, she hasn't taken the time to report on her "peregrinations". To list but a few ... Last October Polly was crowned Queen of California Flying Farmers and now she is International Duchess, which means she will be flying over the United States and into Canada. She has taken time to win her Blue Seal between trips to Kansas. Idaho and Seattle. She flew the AWTOUR just before her 72nd birthday which she celebrated appropriately by taking friends flying and staying aloft till the lights went on to let her passengers see a city coming alive in the darkness.

### UTAH CHAPTER By Alberta Nicholson

The excitement of the Air Race has done much to stimulate flying activities among our members. Although I have received no news items from the participants, I learned from very reliable sources that Maxine Nielson and Lucile Christopherson flew to Cedar City and met up with the AWTour there and had a very enjoyable and interesting tour of the canyons. This sounds like a novel idea which other sections might want to initiate. Good enough, in fact to make an annual tour, and if scheduled early enough before one's vacation time was "done gone" could attract a large group, at least for many who hadn't already gone coast to coast

A few weeks later the East Idaho Chapter asked the Utah Chapter to participate with them in the dedication of a new strip at Rexburg, just north of Idaho Falls. The 99's had been invited to do their best in a spot landing contest, but severe winter weather was moving down that way with seven inches of snow not far north of there and the weatherman had nothing but gloom to report so we stayed home.

Lucile Christopherson arranged for the 99's to have the "hot dog and cold drink" concession for a Sky Divers Landing Contest at the Provo Airport. This was an all-day event and we really did quite well financially. Lucile, Maxine Nielson and Sally Wells were chefs and Louise Morrison and I were bartenders. My boy, Bill, and Lucile's son sold to the crowds out on the field and really contributed a



Tucson 99's and co-pilots at Brackett Field Stop of 1962 AWTour. Left to Right—BACK ROW—Gertrude Gelderman, Lee Marshall, Bea Edgerly. Left to Right—FRONT ROW—Dorothy Jenkins, Maggie Schock, Lorraine Chandler. Shirley Marshall, Virginia Edwards and Pat Morse.

great deal to our enterprise. We flew to Provo with Sally Wells.

Lucile and husband Merrill have just sold the Provo Flying Service and plan to devote full time to their new "c h a l le n g e," the Christopherson Travel Bureau. The travel bureau has rewarded them with many interesting world trips in the last few years and we hope business continues to prosper. Good luck.

# TUCSON CHAPTER By Frances B. Francis

Good grief—here I go again—last minute rush, rush, air mail special delivery. We are proud of the success of our AWTour. All that joined it, at one point or another, said they really enjoyed it and let's do it again next year! So, needless to say, we're already planning, and hoping more of you 99's will join us soon. A total of 78 gals and 22 a/c were with us during the tour, and total air mileage

1st Martha Cholewski Long Beach 2nd Pat Lambart Phoenix 3rd Geri Hill Bay Cities San Diego 4th Thelma Bishop 5th Dorothy McLeod Phoenix 6th Virginia Edwards Tucson 7th Dorothy Jenkins Tucson 8th Mary Pinkney Long Beach 9th Lois Bartling San Diego 10th Sandra Killion Santa Barbara 11th Pat Nolen Tucson 12th Shirley Marshall Tucson 13th Melba Beard Phoenix

(round trip) was 1248. Thanks to Charlie Jenkins and Lum Edwards. our navitational problem from Phoenix to Tucson was much fun and very successful. Quote . . . Let 'em fly against their own ETA said Charlie. That's too easy, said Lum. Well then said Chas., we'll complicate things. Let them also fly against the manufacturers' stated optimum cruise. Then average both figures out to a percentage. Unquote. The result was that, since a/c manufacturers are not always noted for their absolute accuracy as far as cruise speed figures are concerned, anything could happen, and did! In fact, the one pilot who made her ETA to the second and pulled down by the fact that her optimum cruise figure was far above what her a/c would do. But it was fun because no one knew how it would come out. First three places received trophies donated by Hudgin Air Service of Tucson. Scores were:

Piper Colt	98.00%
Cessna 170B	97.5 %
Cessna 150	95.0 %
Cessna Skylane	94.5 %
Cessna 172	94.0 %
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Piper Tri-Pacer	92.5 %
Piper Tri-Pacer	92.5 %
Beech A-35	92.25%
Beech D-35	92.25%
Commanche 250	89.0 %
Piper Tri-Pacer	88.5 %
Kinner Bird	87.5 %

We were most fortunate in having the aid of so many "good birds" at all the stops, and heartfelt thanks to them all. Stops began with Brackett Field, in Pomona, Calif. with arrangements made by the San Grabriel Valley Chapter. Next came Las Vegas with arrangements by their chapter. On to Cedar City, Utah, with arrangements by Utah chapter. Then to Phoenix, with arrangements by their chapter. And last stop Tucson with arrangements by us.

Elections were this past meeting an! our new officers are: Virginia Edwards, Chairman; Lorraine Chandler, Vice Chairman; Pat Nolan, Treasurer; Gertrude Gelderman, Secretary.

Dot Jenkins has been doing some instructing lately . . . . Pat Nolem and myself are busy working on our commercials-at long last! . . . Shirley Marshall is now our Air Education chairman and looking forward to meeting Mr. Evan Evans who will be visiting Tucson the weekend of Oct. 1st. . . Maggie Schock busy helping planning a "spot landing" contest to be held at Freeway airport Oct, 14 . . . and Virginia Edwards and committee are busy with plans for our annual "Penny-a-Pound" day which will be Sunday, Nov. 4 . . . Proceeds going toward purchases of Air Education materials and Publications for the Tucson public schools.

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