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DEADLINE FOR NEWS
The 20th of Each Month

PILOT'S BRIEFING

Nominations for the 1963 Ballot must be sent to the committee by March 1st.

Any proposed amendments to the constitution and/or by-laws must also be sent in March.

NEWS ITEMS MUST REACH THE EDITOR BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH.

President's Column

January 1963! But as I write we are in the midst of the December Christmas rush, and it is cold outside. The weather map shows snow almost everywhere, even Florida is having freezing weather. So, as not to take a chance on being grounded in New York City for Christmas — we are riding the ole iron rails to spend two days in the city.

Speaking of trips, the plans for the Ninety Nine South American two-week tour are in the making. August, 1963 is the time, and Irene Keith is the one to write to for further information. Hi! Ho! And Away we go!

Have you read? In the December Issue of Flying, the article "Flight to Mexico without a pilot", a flying trip made by Betty Hicks and Dee Thurmond. And in the November Issue of Town and Country, the excellent write-ups, "Women in Orbit" and "This is the Powder Puff Derby", written (respectively) by Janey Hart and Betty Gillies.

TODAY

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

With every rising of the sun
Think of your life as just begun.
The past has cancelled and buried deep

All Yesterdays. There let them sleep.
Concern yourself with but Today.
Grasp it, and teach it to obey
Your will and plan. Since time began
Today has been the friend of man.
You and Today! A soul sublime
And the great heritage of time.
With God Himself to bind the twain.
Go forth, brave heart! Attain! Attain.

Happy New Year, and may we all
make thoughtful resolutions, and keep
them throughout the year,

And keep flying.
Louise M. Smith

1963 Powder Puff Derby

Bakersfield, California — to — Atlantic City, N. J.
Impound Deadline—1700 PST July 9
Takeoff—July 13
Finish—July 17
Banquet—July 18

The Race Board reports that "Powder Puff Derby" is now a registered trademark owned by AWTAR, Inc., having been filed in the State of Delaware and the term Powder Puff Derby should not be used for any other event in aviation.

OKC in '63

SHARPEN UP ON YOUR COMPUTER — to date, the special pre-convention air race for fun flying in the flatlands has a GUARANTEED PURSE of \$250.00 for 1st place, \$150.00 for 2nd and \$100.00 for third plus other awards and goodies. (We're anticipating more cash prizes!)

THE DATE — JULY 17. THE COURSE — (censored), but participants will depart and return to Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City.

WATCH THE NEXT NEWSLETTER for more details and plan now to enter this fun race and make your convention stay even more enjoyable.

Dottie Young, Chairman
OKC Air Race

Deadline March 1, 1963

Nomination for International Officers for the fiscal year 1963-64 are hereby requested, and MUST be postmarked not later than **March 1, 1963.**

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

1. Candidate MUST be an ACTIVE member with current physical.
2. Candidate's written consent to serve if elected MUST accompany her nomination, or known acceptance given to another Chapter.
3. Candidate's aviation and Ninety-Nine history MUST accompany each nomination—not over 40 words.
4. Nominating Committee members are not eligible as candidates for 1963-64.
5. Incumbents shall be listed as eligible, but not asked to commit themselves to a second term—procedure to be same as all candidates.
6. No member is to accept nomination for more than one office.

President Louise Smith is not eligible for renomination.

Vice-President Barbara Kiernan is not eligible for renomination.

Secretary Martha Ann Reading is eligible for renomination.

Treasurer Alice Roberts is not eligible for renomination.

Nominating Committee: Only one name from each Section will appear

on the ballot as candidate for the Nominating Committee.

Please submit one name for each office listed below, giving her Chapter, Section and address:

President Secretary
Vice-President Treasurer
Nominating Committee

These names, together with the written consent and aviation and Ninety-Nine background, must be mailed to the Chairman, 7 Stone-wall Lane, Greenville, S. C., postmarked **NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1, 1963.**

International Nominating Committee

Sylvia Roth, Chairman, Chicago Area Chapter, North Central Section.

Marion E. Jepsen, San Diego Chapter, Southwest Section.

Mary M. Lester, Oklahoma Chapter, South Central Section.

Virginia Thompson, Washington, D.C. Chapter, Middle East Section.

Marion Lopez, Gtr. New York Chapter, N.Y.-N.J. Section.

Attention

NEWS LETTER REPORTERS

DEADLINE

By the 20th 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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By following the above procedure, you will make our task and the printer's a little easier. Thanks a million.
Editor

To Section Governors and Chapter Chairmen

In accordance with the Constitution of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., which requires that any proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws be submitted in writing to all sections and chapters 30 days before the International meeting, the Resolutions Committee requests that you send in such proposed amendments to me, **postmarked no later than March 15, 1963**, with copies being sent to the other members of the Resolutions Committee.

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

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MEMBERSHIP

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP-TODAY. If your membership expires at the end of the month this will be your last newsletter. Surely you would like to keep it coming.

Personally I can hardly wait for my Newsletter each month, and could not exist without my ROSTER. Each year my NINETY-NINE membership provides more friends, and more pride in their accomplishments. Be certain you remain active and a part of the air age. 'Tis a PRIVILEGE to be a NINETY-NINE.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN: Check with operators and instructors as well as your local branch of the FAA for ALL new Women Pilots. Invite them as well as Student Pilots to be your guests at meetings. Become acquainted with them and invite those qualified to join the NINETY-NINES. Let each of us make it our goal to obtain one new member (more if possible) during the coming year.

Happy Landings,
Georgianna T. McConnell,
Domestic Membership
Chairman.



ABILENE CHAPTER

By Ann Nell Hooks

The first meeting of the year was a luncheon in September, when the new officers took charge. JoAnn Hamil is Chairman, Mozelle Scarborough Vice-chairman, Mary Beth Crutchfield Secretary - treasurer, Maxine Elam Membership and Ann Nell Hooks Reporter. Projects for the year were discussed and plans made for more air marking and our participation in project "MAP".

October found us air marking on home territory, Abilene Municipal Airport. High winds and the first Norther of the year didn't dampen our spirits, although we expected to "take-off" from the roof at any time. When you fly over Abilene and surrounding territory please look for our artistic endeavors.

Weathered in again in November, we had a coffee meeting at Marilyn Shulz's. Plans were made for a new project, "Air Education", with local 99's being available as speakers for schools, clubs, scout troops, or any interested group. Maxine Elam was elected Chairman for this new project.

We are sorry to lose one of our hard working members, Peggy Hawes, who will be moving to Wharton, Texas soon. Happy Welcome to a new member of the South Central Section, Adrienne Ragle from Plainview. We were pleased to have our "commuting member", Ruby Caldwell, who divides her time between Abilene and California, and the skyways between same, in her 310.

Next meeting will be a Christmas party, hostesses for the members and their 49½ers will be JoAnn Hamil and Peggy Hawes.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Evelyn Sedivy

Our chapter is really picking up, both in membership and in having some interesting meetings. The October 12th gathering was held at the Holiday Inn in Lincoln with Millie and Evelyn as hostesses, and proved to be one of the most interesting

meetings to-date. Florence Boring showed the film "Friendship 7", the story of John Glenn's flight in orbit. The film was outstanding and if any chapter can obtain it for a meeting, I heartily urge you to do so. Once again we had a full crew with another new member aboard. The welcome mat is out for Leah Snart who hails from Kearney, Nebraska. Present were Verdayne Menze, Edna Cummings and 49½'er, Belle Hetzel, Florence Boring, Wendy Blanchard, Millie Barrett, Helen Moore, Marge Colton and 49½'er, Leah Snart, Jan Munkres and 49½, Laura Russell, Anita Thomas, Helen Nestle and Evelyn Sedivy.

From the sound of things, some of our members have really been busy. Belle was on radio twice to talk on women in aviation. In September, Florence was in Las Vegas for three weeks as a delegate to the Air Force Association convention. Those attending a C.A.P. convention at Fargo, North Dakota were Laura Russell, Helen Nestle, Florence Boring, Verdayne Menze and 49½'er. Jan Munkres was an escort for a C.A.P. cadet exchange program, and made stops at Denver, Salt Lake, Boise, Helene, Rapid City and Lincoln.

The November meeting was quite a disappointment after such a large turnout last month. Leah Snart, Kearney, Nebraska, was hostess to Verdayne Menze; Wendy Blanchard; Evelyn Sedivy; Mildred Barrett; Edna Cummings and 49½'er; Marge Colton, 49½'er and son; Catherine Marsh, 49½'er and daughter. Not much news this trip—Pilot Barrett and Co-Pilot Sedivy were winners of the spot landing contest; Wendy has been checked out in conventional gear. Our business meeting centered around plans for our Christmas party when the Omaha girls will be hostesses for those remaining overnight in Omaha for the regular meeting the following day. Later, we were given a very interesting and informative demonstration on artificial respiration by two Kearney firemen, and were given an opportunity to work on Resusci Anne, a very life-like inflatable body which is used for instructions and such demonstrations. And, so it goes, next month, another meeting and more news. Till then, blue skies and happy landings to all.

KANSAS CHAPTER

By Gene Nora Stumbough

The Kansas Chapter enjoyed it's annual Christmas party hostessed by

Grace Brown and Marilyn Copeland December 7th at the Crestview Country Club. We gorged ourselves on the fine food, indulged in sparkling conversation, and enjoyed the festive atmosphere. The evening was topped by a visit from St. Nick at John and Marilyn Copeland's lovely home. Those who were there included our hosts John and Marilyn, Grace and Joe Brown, guests Ed and Esther Isaacs, Mary Aikins, Jack Funsch, and 99's and 49½'ers Garnett Hastings, Donna and Tom Shirley, Sandra Callaway, Joyce Case, Gene Nora Stumbough, Pat and Owen McEwen, Mildred and Port Early, and Margaret and Forrest Yourdon.

By this time we all had the "99's spirit" so two days later we climbed into our air machines for a "severe clear" flight up to Kansas City. The Greater Kansas City Chapter hostessed a luncheon for the Kansas Chapter and the event drew a big crowd. Pat and Owen McEwen flew their Travel Air and brought Mildred Early and new member Mary Aikins. Penny and Don White and Helen and Roy Simmons flew in in the Simmon's Sky-lane. Esther and Ed Isaacs and Grace and Joe Brown flew an Aztec. And the "Beech girls", Sandra Callaway, Garnett Hastings, Joyce Case, and Gene Nora Stumbough, brought a Bonanza. The Kansas City Chapter had such a nice turn out—we all had a wonderful visit.

Garnett Hastings and I have taken on a big project—the Wing Scouts. Since the 99's always sponsor the Christmas party, we had several of the Wichita 99's attend the December meeting/party and they met the girls. We have an awfully hard gal to follow in Betty Parks, but know the 99's will support us all the way.

We are glorying in an expanding membership and want to welcome our new members. Vivian (Penny) White, who has been very active in our group, is a new member from Manhattan. She is a new private pilot and an enthusiastic aviation convert. Mary Aikins is a new private pilot too and is from Wichita. She learned to fly in the family Bonanza and is already flittin' around the country so much we can't keep track of her. Grace Brown is a new member, also from Wichita. She just joined us and we put her to work on the Christmas party. Thank you Grace for pitching in so generously.

Everyone seems to have been flying. LaVeta Hahn is vacationing in

southern Florida. Marie Engleman and her husband are basking in Phoenix. Pat McEwen has had trips out to Colorado Springs, Dodge City and asunder points. Garnett Hastings flew me home to Colorado for Thanksgiving and I've had a couple of trips to various points in the midwest in the Musketeer. Joyce has been demonstrating the Bonanza in and around Atlanta. Incidentally, she's our television star too. Did you all see the fine job she did on "What's My Line"?

Marilyn Copeland's 49½'er, John, is the new president of the National Flying Dentists Association. Marilyn was telling us something about the young but growing organization. Their next meeting will be in Washington, D.C. in June. If any of you 99's are dentist's wives and are interested in information on the organization, contact Dr. John W. Copeland, 1308 Kevin Rd., Wichita, Kansas.

Just a reminder to all Kansas 99's —don't forget the annual rummage sale in March. Let's all turn into pack rats and the password is HOARD EVERYTHING.

SHREVEPORT CHAPTER

By Dot Wilson

It has been such a long while since our last correspondence with you that I hardly know where to begin.

Several big things have happened to us though! As a starter—6 of our 8 active members learned a lot about mountain flying while attending the South Central Sectional at Albuquerque. It was fun, very interesting and we arrived home dead tired.

Next, we finished up our Instrument Ground School which was conducted by Capt. Del Gregg of Barksdale Air Force Base. It was most informative and greatly appreciated—particularly by Martha Christy who took and passed her instrument written test.

Another FIRST was Helen Hewitt as a new Flight Instructor soloing her first student. It was hard to tell who was the most excited, student or instructor.

One bleak day the "Musketeers" arrived. We loved meeting and talking with Gene Nora Stumbough. Joyce Case wasn't along on this trip. (She was off on a speaking engagement.) Incidentally, we noticed Dottie Ports having trouble getting interested in another plane after checking out in her new Bonanza.

Our last meeting was held in conjunction with the WNAA at the home of Hazle Nealey. (Hazle is mighty busy being President of WNAA and Treasurer of the Shreveport 99's.) Carmela Stallings, who works with the local FAA, obtained their new film on Instrument Flying for us. She also brought along some accident reports which pointed out the big word, Safety, in Aviation.

Our inactive member, Dot King, is getting some good experience as Secretary of the Aero Club at Dentwater Air Force Base in England. I understand she has fallen in love with Gliders now—that is, except in gusty winds!

Must sign off now. Hope your flying weather is better than ours!

EL PASO CHAPTER

By Eunice Dickey

The November meeting of our chapter was held in the Ground School room of Champs Aviation. Those attending were Mary Fran Seidl, Lois Hailey, Billie Callaghan, Juanita Burdick, Ruth Deerman, Evelyn Wasserman—whose guest was Dorothy Woodward—a student pilot from Las Cruces; Lydie Weaver, Eunice Dickey, Brookie Bozarth, Dottie Blackham, and Ruby Tatman and Catherine Magruder. A short business meeting was held and a very interesting film, "Friendship VII" was held. Lois Hailey was responsible for getting the film for us and a special guest was Major Henry Bantham of Fort Bliss.

We haven't reported on the Midland Air Derby and feel we should, since our members, Jane Shurley and Jane Stoval (a transfer from the Marfa chapter) placed second and Priscilla and Jim Duncan placed fourth. Ruth Deerman didn't fly in the race but played a very important part in making the refueling at Marfa most efficient. Mary Fran Seidl and Evelyn were in Marfa awhile on race day.

Ruth Deerman, Mary Fran Seidl and Lela Carwardine represented our chapter at the fall sectional at Albuquerque.

NINETY-NINERS ON THE GO. Billie and Murray Callaghan and Lydie and Campbell recently flew to Las Vegas to celebrate the Callaghan's Silver Wedding anniversary where the silver is. Mary Fran and Hank Seidl flew to Mesa, Arizona in a 175. Hank seems to prefer this plane to the

T-34, it seems that the inter-com doesn't always work and Hank doesn't appreciate this. You don't think this was on purpose, do you? Evelyn and Norman Wasser spent their vacation in Mexico; flying there in their 170 Cessna. Brookie Bozarth has been flying a little and Catherine Magruder and her 49½'er fly locally almost every good week-end. Their "local flights are Deming, Lordsburg, etc.

Ruby and Dick Tatman had a fabulous trip to Florida to the AOPA convention. Ruby took two rating courses—"360 degree rating" and an "Emergency Refresher Course". They flew in an Aztec to Nassau, Bahama Chain and all the West Indies. They declared an emergency during flight because of weather and were granted permission to land on Grand Turk Island, where very few civilians have been. We hope to have Ruby give us a resume of her trip at a future meeting.

That's all the news for now. Hope you had wonderful holidays and are all set for a New Year of flying.

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

By Linda Swann

September 10, 1962, election of officers was held. The new officers for next year are Chairman, Shirley Kay, Secretary, Marie Grossetete, Treasurer and Membership, Randa Sutherland, Scrapbook, Velma Wood and News-Letter Reporter, Linda Swann.

Our Fall Sectional held September 21, 22, 23 in Albuquerque was a big success. We were delighted to see Louise Smith, our international president, also, it was a pleasure seeing all of our old friends and meeting many new ones.

We had our Christmas party Friday the 14th at Randa Sutherland's with several members and guests present, including our new member, Donna Downey. After a lively game session, we enjoyed a very interesting talk given by one of the men working in the control tower in Albuquerque.

DALLAS CHAPTER

By Elinor Johnson

Our November meeting was a dinner and style show at Heath's Harvest Room. Joy Mote very kindly provided lovely Italian knits from her Luisa Spagnoli shop for some of our members to model. Rowena presented Jerry Sloan with a 99 compass rose pin as a small token of our appreciation for Jerry's two years as

chairman of our chapter. After two months out of office Jerry was able to say she really had enjoyed it.

Our trip to the Fort Worth center has had to be postponed due to the Cuban crisis, but we still hope to get there sometime. Our December meeting will be a Christmas party at Romona Upfield's new home.

Pat Jetton and Joan Huckeba flew up to the Piper factory in Lockhaven by airline last month to pick up a '63 Comanche for a Dallas customer. When questioned about the flight, all they could talk about was the beautiful red leather interior.

Hazel and Bert Corry went to the Aviation Trades meeting in Las Vegas recently and really had a ball. Hazel reports that they saw a show, which was fabulous; she lost money on the slot machines and won playing blackjack, and everyone had a wonderful time. Hazel says everyone should go to Las Vegas at least once.

I got checked out in the J-3 cub last week, a long time ambition. Having never even been in an airplane with conventional gear, my first landings were astounding, to say the least. I didn't know airplanes could do such things. After beginning to get the hang of it a little, I decided it was more fun than anything I've done in a long time.

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Grace Longbrook

There's slim pickin's from Colorado this month. It's the same song, second verse with everyone: busy, busy, in a tizzy, getting ready for Christmas! Speaking of Christmas, our annual party was the highlight of this month's activities. It was held at Ruth Mugele's home which was beautifully decorated. The eatin' was just scrumptious, turkey delectable supplied by the Teppers. The big question for a whole year has been, "Who stole Fredda's wind sock from her front yard at last years' party?" No one would "fess up" but it turned up this year and was presented to her all gift wrapped! I want you to know this was no ordinary wind sock. All I can say is don't fail to get Fredda to show it to you whenever you may be in Denver! By the way, congratulations to Fredda Turrill for passing the written for her instrument rating! The twisters were in their element accompanied by records and Ed Mugele on his home-made bass violin. That's something else you've got to see to believe! We

enjoyed having the Wenholzs again from California, Bob had three days off! The Teppers had just arrived home from four days in Mexico City and when they picked up the evening paper, there was Francie's picture. The Teppers, or rather Dolly Madison which they own, had donated the ice cream bars for the Mayor's annual Christmas Party for the orphan children. I understand there were 7000 children at this party! I think that was a terrific thing for them to do. But then the Teppers are always doing nice things like that. Yours truly flew the new Piper Aztec B all the way back from Wilmington, Delaware! What a plane! I'm going to get my multi-engine rating if it kills me!

HOUSTON CHAPTER

By Sue Collins

Our October meeting revealed that Houston Chapter will hostess the Spring South Central Sectional at the Jack Tar Hotel in Galveston on the Gulf. We've ordered beautiful weather for the event.

At the November meeting Jacqueline Morgan presented information on the Wing Scout program. She described the activities of Wing Scout Troop 56, Pelican Council at Shreveport, La. The troop produced a documentary film now being used by the Girl Scouts as a training film for Wing Scouting. The chapter enjoyed her talk and hopes to see the film at a later meeting.

Our sister group, Petticoat Pilots, for girls before Private, received their tickets to be sold for their annual Christmas Dance. This year it's being held at the new NCO club out at Ellington Field. They're keeping their fingers crossed that the international situation will not force them to cancel the dance.

Mary Abel recently logged 18 hours in an Aero Commander thru-out Texas and New Mexico. She's working on her ME and instrument ratings.

Marilyn Stoneberg is using her newly acquired Commercial and Instructor's ratings on some 12 students out at Collier Field. Her first student passed his Commercial check ride a couple of weeks ago. She loves it and we're proud to call her a member. Marilyn and her 49½er plan to spend Thanksgiving at Punta Gorda,

Fla. barring icing conditions, flying their C35 Bonanza.

Rhea Allison, with her 49½er, has logged around 300 hours in the past two months on trips to Alaska (in a float plane, yet!), Pennsylvania, Ft. Lauderdale, and Nassau on business and fun. Alaska weather was lovely, she reported.

Chairman Louise Bickford just happened to be at the airport when the C-97 conversion ("Pregnant Guppy") was in town, and got a guided tour thru it. "Big enuf to hold the dance in" was her flabbergasted comment!

Helen Guinn and her 49½er flew to Chicago area for two days last month on business. The change from 80° balmy days to chilly 21° weather was a bit jarring. Helen was able to log 1½ hours in their 310 on the trip, building up her ME time.

And, out ex-president of Petticoat Pilots, Lillian Hoff, had a beautiful little girl last week. We're all so happy for Lillian and Ray.

As I write this, the weather is stinkin'; the baby is fussing; it's time for lunch; the Postman is late, thank heavens; the TV is entertaining my 2 year old; scheduled airlines using the ILS over the house; typical confusion, but I love it—Toujours Gai!

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Beth Smith

Season's Greetings to all 99s throughout the world from the Oklahoma Chapter. Start planning now to attend the 1963 Convention in Oklahoma City.

Our Christmas weekend party in Woodward with Carol and Fred Waddell was real fun—just ask Jane and Rogers Abbott, Sharon Fisher, Emily Frost, Marie and Jack Ketchum, Nema and Mase Masonhall, Beth and Smitty, or Arlene and Hoyt Walkup. Arlene and Sharon brought a prospective member from the Animal Husbandry Dept. of O.S.U. Will just have to call her "Jo" since I don't have her correct last name. It was 24 hours of food, ranch tours at all hours, wild stories, games, and a little sleep. Have you ever played "spoon"? When the band-aids were depleted, we relaxed with Crazy 8. Special notice is given to all members that this game has now been officially changed

to "Crazy 9". Can't recall all the names of several "drop in" guests.

Several of us enjoyed the Flying Farmer Christmas dinner party on December 15th and an evening at the Hexagon Club at the Plaza Tower Hotel, where Jean and Chuck Thomas entertain so beautifully.

Member activity news is scarce this issue, but what I have is big news. Velma Woodward is on a month's world tour by air, and we are looking forward to an interesting report with pictures after her return in January.

Wally Funk has been active in the Space program and looking forward to more tests at Edwards A.F.B. Besides several recent public appearances, Wally has made a movie film for West Germany while making her centrifuge tests at U.S.C. We hope the film, "Women in Space Industry", will teach the United States before the 1963 Convention. Jerrie Cobb and Wally can be seen in the latest "Town and Country" along with a good article on the Powder Puff race.

In order to maintain strength and energy for further space efforts, Wally plans to take much of her nourishment in sandwiches as a proud partner in a new restaurant called "One Hundred and One Sandwiches", to open January 1st. Congratulations and best wishes, Wally.

Susie Sewell recently made a trip to visit in New Orleans and Natchez and forwarded interesting information to me from Manila Talley of Mangum. Manila has been missed at meetings recently but has been busy with CAP activities, plus business and pleasure trips. We are proud to report that she recently received her graduation diploma from USAF—Reserve Command and Staff College at Gunter AFB, Alabama.

Rita and Leonard Eaves were awarded a \$200.00 first prize on their plane at the Experimental Aircraft Show at Vanah, Texas on October 7th. Their total of \$950.00 of cash prizes (plus trophies) this year is now presenting an income tax problem. We would like to award our sympathy.

Our January meeting is set for January 13th at the home of Jean Thomas in Oklahoma City.



EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Helen R. Crum

Marie Reynnells, Minnie Boyd, Millie Shinn, Gini Richardson, Barbara Thisted, Alice Kennedy and Lygie Hagan made it to the December luncheon meeting in Spokane. Several who had good intentions were grounded by fog. Gini Harper of Spokane was a guest.

It was suggested by Gini, our flying activities chairman, that our chapter participate in Air Age Education at Central Washington College in Ellensburg in June, at which time we would have our June meeting. She also proposed that we sponsor an air tour for April or May. Both ideas were accepted.

A letter was read from Elsie Childs, Amelia Earhart and chairman for the Northwest Section, concerning application for the A. E. award. No member of our chapter is eligible to apply.

Gini Harper was invited to become a member when she receives her pilot's license in the near future.

Ethel Wikstrom has her Blue Seal and Minnie is working for hers.

There will be no January meeting. If everyone has not flown south and weather permits the February meeting will be in Yakima.

Speaking of the south, the Hensons are flying to Manzanillo, Mexico, where they will be basking in the sun and "diving," according to Bonnie, during January and February. The Boyds will spend February in the Palm Springs area. The Kigstroms are attending a meeting in Miami in January and later plan a flying trip to Arizona. The Richardsons are back from an interesting tour of Tokyo and Hawaii. We are sorry to hear that Lygie's 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er had a bad fall resulting in a broken leg. When his walking cast is put on they will take off for some sunshine—"everywhere," Lygie says, including Mexico.

News will be scarce in January so do let me know of your flying travels and accomplishments.

EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER

By Esther Stone

A HAPPY FLYING NEW YEAR

For your flying may the skies be clear blue, the way they should, and the only IFR you do... be under the hood, and always with a tail wind, that's very good.

Early in September, our Chairman, Mary Kilbourne has requested that the Eastern Idaho 99's "assist" with the International Northwest Aviation Council Convention to be held in Idaho Falls Oct. 7, 8, 9 and at our Sept. meeting we agreed to help. Now we are a small chapter, and scattered over quite an area. Betty Brown is presently living in Western Washington, as is Mitzi Hutchinson Henscheld, and Elaine Loening is in California. Our "close" members are 69, 52, and 26 air miles from Idaho Falls where we have 3, with a 20 mile area. When the "assistance" requested developed into: Having 10 women to register incoming aircraft for the Idaho Fly-In Brunch; Hostesses at the Idaho Falls Air Terminal and at the office of the FBO Idaho Aviation Center; at least two at two different locations to register incoming delegates of the International Northwest Aviation Council convention—all at the same time—plus have hostesses at all the luncheon and dinner meetings and registration personnel all during the convention, as well as attend the women's activities during that time,—it didn't take long to see we'd need additional help. Our chairman made lists, wrote letters, called on and phoned, and had all of us phoning and checking around for help. Our "Little Sisters", Idaho 99's, and wives of the Idaho Flying Farmers, and the flying fraternity all helped. The Idaho Flying Farmer women, under the capable leadership of IFF Queen, Lee McCarley took care of the aircraft registration—all dressed alike, and everyone pitched in. Result:—we had even MORE HELP than we NEEDED.

So, our November 10 meeting was an Appreciation Breakfast, given at the home of Mary Kilbourne, and all "helpers" were invited. Considering distances and the inclement weather, we had a good turn-out, 19 were present. We welcomed B. J. Wayne into the Chapter, rejoiced with Betty Storrs, who got her Instrument Rating 3 days before, and had a "quickie" business meeting.

ALASKA CHAPTER

By Lavelle Betz

Doll Booth was hostess for the November meeting which was held at Pat Gilda's home. Plans for our December meeting were discussed. Everyone agreed it should be a dinner party with a gift exchange and should be held at the Westward's Driftwood Room. Marilyn Walsh and Lois (Wise) Knapp visited our meeting. Marilyn is a freshman out at Alaska Methodist University and very enthusiastic about flying. She will join the Alaska Chapter of Ninety-Nines very shortly, since she has completed all of the necessary requirements. Lois, who was inactive for awhile due to homesteading in the Matanuska Valley, has reinstated. We are certainly glad to welcome back one of our former members. Gwen Jones, and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$, Ken, recently returned from a 10 day hunting trip in the Cordova area. Bad weather forced them to anchor their boat in a quiet cove for 3 days. Gwen said she is quite content to stay home for awhile now!

The other day, as I was digging into the unglamorous job of housecleaning, my phone rang. An excited voice piped up, "Guess what! I've got my multi-engine rating!" I knew it was none other than Ruth O'Buck. A few weeks ago she mentioned she was going for her multi-engine and I've been dying to give out the news ever since. That makes her third rating this year. I jokingly told her, "Of course, you're going to wait awhile before going for your ATR, aren't you?" We celebrated with dinner at my house topped off with her favorite dessert — German Sweet Chocolate cake. As active as Ruth is, she doesn't have to count calories!

While local skiers bewail the lack of snow, those who are flying on wheels and skis have really been enjoying it. Every lake becomes a landing field when there is such an absence of snow as we now have. I keep thinking this can't last but it does! The last day for float flying at Lake Hood this fall was November 5th and one week later it was open to skis (wheels, too.) with about 8 to 10 inches of ice. Yours truly took a trip to Skwentna on the 5th of November and was informed that that was the latest float landing anyone had made in the Skwentna River—not much of a record but thought it worth mentioning! Ninety-Nines, I sure hope

our weather next year is as nice for the Sectional as it has been this year. If it is, we should have a wonderful time!

MONTANA CHAPTER **By Winifred Lovelace**

Word of the advanced deadline for receiving copy for the December newsletter unfortunately didn't reach your reporter until a few hours before the deadline, so we will pick up October and November activities right now.

Fort Benton, the home of our chairman, Laulette Hansen, was the location of our October meeting. It is about time we flew to Laulette as she has been very faithful in flying great distances to meetings over the state. The business consisted mostly of wrapping up the aftermath of the Big Sky Race, with our new Treasurer, Bobby Kramer, reporting the finances. After lunch, we had a hilarious time hearing the tape recording of Helena Tower's control of the landings and take-offs of the race planes. Considering that it sounds like a yard full of gabbling geese most of the time, we feel more grateful than ever toward the controller that he handled everything so safely and politely.

At the November meeting in Helena at the Montana Club, we voted to have the race again next year, and the course will be in northern Montana.

Laulette and Betty Nunn have been working hard at a night Commercial Ground school in Great Falls, and a few of us are creeping up on our Blue Seals.

We welcome two new members, Mary Louise Stevenson, who flew the race as co-pilot to Pearl Magill, and Miriam Keffeler, both of whom we hope to see in Missoula at the January meeting.

Louise Butcher's son, Ed, is International President of Flying Farmer Teens, elected to the office at the FF Convention in Seattle in August.

We asked about Aileen Gray when in Great Falls to find she had just left in a plane for "the city", meaning Billings, her former home.

Mary Jo Janey is busy flying school children on their first hops in connection with her Department of Instruction Aviation Education Job. Pud Lovelace flew to Hamilton to assist her with this in December—it

doubles your flying pleasure to do something so rewarding.

Elsie Hartley told us over lunch in Missoula that a story about our cowgirl-flyer Bobby Kramer was bought by the PILOT — watch for this.

Dorothy Sabo spent several weeks in Baltimore awaiting the arrival of her third grandson while husband, Doctor Fran, was in Africa hunting.

Phyllis Sammons helped stage an "airport day" at Cut Bank, it was so successful that the food was all sold before she and the other women helping had one bite to eat.

No one has sent us any news of flying exciting new, large planes or even riding in them. Let's all start the New Year earning points for the Section prize for air activities, and send me the news of them!

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Maxine Fancher

Our area has more or less succumbed to the plague of fog and rain after a truly delightful early fall. With the closing of the World's Fair and the accompanying let-down, every one is taking it easy.

We met at Gini Andrews home for the October meeting with Chairman Van Adderson in charge and Kay Parkinson as a most welcome guest. Enjoying the charming atmosphere in Gini's orchid and blue living room while the business at hand was being discussed were Marian Morton, Pat McGee, Ruby Mathis, Hortense Hackbarth, Winnie Blythe, Terry Kellogg, Maxine Fancher, and Gini.

Winnie Blythe reported on the progress of her committee's work on the Lipstick Derby being planned for August tenth next summer in connection with Seattle's Seafair. The route will be a north-south one of 378 miles beginning at Renton, thence south 100 miles to Kelso, then northwest 78 miles to Shelton for a "must stop, then on north-east 110 miles to Bellingham and back south to Renton—another 90 miles. Sounds like fun, huh? We hope you all keep it in mind.

We also talked hopefully of next year's sectional in Alaska discussing possible arrangements for transportation.

The secretary was instructed to send a letter to Jean Ross Howard

pledging our support to efforts toward the issuance of an Amelia Earhart commemorative stamp. The secretary was also to send a letter to the National Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association joining them in protesting the present method of charges for week-end customs at U.S. Ports of Entry. We feel that since there are no such fees charged to American pilots by Canada, and no such fees charged to automobiles by the United States, it is discriminatory, to say the least, to continue the present method of pro-rating overtime charges to those pilots who chance to appear that day.

Van Adderson, Sectional Membership chairman, is elated over the arrival of the seventh membership from and check from a potential South Dakota chapter. Her list includes Phyllis Peterson, from Brookings; Kathryn Taaffe, Sioux Falls; Jo Ann Thomas, Spearfish; Olive Jacobs, Rapid City; Maxanna Varlson, Belle Fourche; Wilma Jacobson, Hot Springs; and Mildred Telkant, Armour. Welcome to these new 99s, and we hope soon to hear of the issuance of a charter to South Dakota Chapter.

Betty Curran missed the October meeting. She, hubby and friends, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Griffin, from Everett were really having a good time at the AOPA Plantation Party at Miami Beach, Florida. They ferried to the Bahamas in their Travelair.

Nita Mathieson and Louise Neimi each tell of successful hunting ventures in Wyoming this fall. The antelope and deer bit the dust in each instance. Louise enjoyed seeing the original Buffalo Bill Ranch, now owned by the president of the Coca Cola Company, where the drapes are made of white split antelope hide. Nita and hubby enjoyed part of the twelve day holiday visiting friends and relatives.

Ilovene Potter is having a ball. She is very near her helicopter rating. She flies a Bell D-1 and not the least part of the fun is the flight in her Comanche to get the helicopter.

At the November meeting our Aviation Education Chairman, Marion Morton, presented the first of a series of programs she is producing next spring for Channel 9, Educational TV, Seattle. Everyone was thrilled at her skill and knowledge, and all of us are looking forward to helping and listening to the programs. We enjoyed Marion's hospitality in her lovely home in Laurelhurst, Seattle.

Gini Andrews reported that our wandering governor, Terry Kellogg and Dave checked in with her via postcard from San Francisco after seeing the Redwoods. Might just be the first time they had seen them from the bottom up. Looks to me like they are buzzing around in the tiny car since the Cad and Beech are still here.

Marion Owens, our Peace Corps representative in West Pakistan, wrote for volunteers to ferry a T-Craft to Pakistan. Maybe she was serious, does anyone volunteer?

Several gals are planning to help with the "Air Lift" to touch off the annual March of Dimes in January. Contributors are given complimentary scenic flights from several of the airports in the area—Renton, Bellevue and Boeing plus this year Paine Field in Everett.

We are delighted to have a prospective transfer from the St. Louis Chapter, Jay Lawrence, at our November meeting.

IDAHO CHAPTER

By Carolyn Greiner

Our June meeting consists of talk of our wonderful Air Derby. It was the 3rd Annual Idaho Ladies Air Derby. Our two day race started at Boise on June 22 with a Lunch stop at Lewiston then RON at Cour-De Alene. After a marvelous stay our hosts wished us well, on our last stop before Boise, McCall. Boise was reached by all airplanes on the 23rd. First place was Ruth Hillman co-pilot Betty Carsten, Second Laura Conner co-piloted by daughter Kitty, and Third soloed Carolyn Greiner.

All thirteen (13) crews tired and glad to get home. The race was sponsored by the Greater Chambers of Commerce of Boise, Lewiston, Cour-De Alene, and McCall.

Sunday, the 5th of August, was our Annual 99 Picnic, with a cold and shivery wind and a new 24 $\frac{3}{4}$, Kevin Elliott, son of Idaho Chapter Chairman Hilda Elliott. Few attended but the ones that did need a medal, Carol Talich and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$, Laura Conner and group, Helen Higby and family, Eloise Stover and family, and Carolyn Greiner and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$.

September 8th was the noon meeting which was held at The Down-Towner in Boise. Officers were elected. Those which were reinstated are Hilda Elliott, Chairman; Joanne Nel-

son, vice-chairman. Secretary, Betty Carsten, Treasurer, Ruth Hillman, Membership Chairman, Laura Conner, Nominating Committee Chairman, Lucille Taylor, and Reporter Carolyn Greiner.

Business consisted of plans for travel to the Northwest Fall Sectional Meeting on September 14-15-16 in Portland, Oregon. Those attending were Betty Carsten, Laura Conner, Eloise Stover, Carolyn Greiner, Lucille Taylor and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ Jiggs. The trip was enjoyed by all. Jiggs was enjoyed by all the girls especially being the only male with 50 "fly-girls" for lunch. This "62" Convention in Portland was the best convention ever. Lovely Roses, wonderful hospitality—good weather!

In the southern part of the state a Dedication of a new airport at Rupert. On the agenda were spot-landings by the 99's and passenger rides by the Flying Farmers.

Betty Carsten accompanied Hilda and Glenn Elliott with their smallest 24 $\frac{3}{4}$, Kevin (age 2 months) flying to Idaho Falls to attend the Brunch and help the Eastern Idaho 99's to register pilots coming in for the International Northwest Aviation Council. The Elliotts were flying their Cessna 195 on 1st trip since installing new motor. The trip was Kevin's 1st airplane ride and was made in his basket. He took the rough air ok but Betty had to hold him down!

Ruth Hillman flew two cattlemen to Marfa, Texas (49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er was along) Via Las Vegas (overnight) and Phoenix—good Navigation experience in strange country—2600 miles in Cessna 210. Ferried a Cessna 175 from La Grande, Oregon to Boise — nice country and trip.

Ruth Hillman has recently resigned from the Idaho Chapter, a great loss. I'm sure all who know Ruth will agree we have lost a hard working member. Ruth not only was our winner in the Idaho Air Derby but chairman of many committees besides holding the office of Treasurer.

November meeting Carolyn Greiner was selected by the Executive Committee to take over the position of Treasurer.

Other business in our November meeting, which was held at Claire Justad's, was the film of riding the rapids on a rubber raft in "Hells Canyon of Idaho".



TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Evelyn Bryan

Well, bet you had forgotten us, it has been so long since our Chapter has been heard from.

On November 10th, we had a meeting at Rockwood in connection with their fly-in breakfast and new airport dedication. Weather was not too good; in fact, the girls from up in the area East of Knoxville were unable to fly down as the weather did not improve in time. The girls who were able to make it, reported a wonderful breakfast, a nice dedication program and a good meeting with great prospects of several new members for our Chapter.

Irene Flewellen reports several girls in Chattanooga are planning on becoming members of the 99's within the next few weeks. Dot Jones, one of the prospects, has just recently received her Commercial Pilot Certificate.

Georgiana McConnell is busy selling Encyclopedias. We hear by the grape vine that she is quite a good saleswoman.

Mary Jane Quarles is busy working for the Telephone Co., but takes time out every Monday night to bowl. Mary Jane is always winning some sort of Bowling Trophy.

Mary Sawyer is living in Florida now. In fact, her address is: Mrs. Mary Sawyer, Griffin Lakes Trailer Park, 2300 Griffin Road, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Jane Hilbert and her husband, Louis are still operating Appalachian Flying Service at Tri-Cities Airport. Jane is an expert Golfer.

Evelyn Bryan is operating the Morristown Flying Service, Inc. at Morristown, Tenn. She invites anyone flying this way to land for a free cup of coffee and a visit—she wouldn't get mad if you even stopped for gas. Some of you may remember her business partner, Tommy Moore.

There are several members not

mentioned in this column this time. Why not let us hear from you so that we can let the other Ninety-Nines know what you are doing?



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Irene N. Wirtschafter

This chapter is big-hat proud of our distinguished members never ceasing in their work for the promotion of aviation!

Alice Hammond, at the Fortieth Anniversary and 1962 annual meeting of the NAA in Washington presented the "Citizen's Interest" on a panel of ten during a symposium designed to focus attention on "Main Street's" need for airports, airstrips and helicopters. The other panel members were James T. Pyle, former deputy administrator FAA; Congressman Robert T. Hemphill; Cole H. Morror, director of Airport Services, FAA; Mayor Vavoulis of St. Paul, Minn; Marshall Kochman, Vice-President, American Airlines; John H. Winant, President, Reading Aviation Service; Henry P. Juillard, Deputy Director of Louisville and Jefferson County Air Board; and Crocker Snow, Massachusetts Director of Aeronautics. Alice, as a CAP member, has also recently participated in two air search rescue missions.

Connie Wolf has been honored again. Recently in Akron, Ohio, she received the Wingfoot Lighter-than-Air Society's annual award—a plaque which hails her as "America's Gracious First Lady of Lighter-than-Air". Again, it was a first for a woman. Previous male recipients included Vice Admiral Charles E. Rosendahl, Captain J. W. Kitting, Jr., and Commander Malcolm Ross.

The Middle East Section members have received copies of the Achievement Award Contest Form. It will be interesting to follow—and a challenge to all of us.

Many thanks to Ellen Bateman of the Washington Chapter for helping to plan the interesting day in "outer-space" with Dr. Carl Clark, Head of Life Sciences Department at the Martin Company plant in Baltimore on December 7. Alice and John Hammond, Arlene and Arnold Feldman and Alberta and Moreau Barringer

drove; while Joyce Roggio and Marie D'Alterio flew down in the Roggio's Debonair. To bad it had to be on a week-day!

And, then, of course, down to earth for the Christmas party at the Embers on December 15. Sixty-six 99's, 49½'s and guests found the evening speeding much too quickly. It was just so much fun! To say that, as chairman for the party, this reporter was most gratified at its success, is putting it mildly. Many Plaudits go to the committee—Nancy Die-mand, Peggy Borek, Beth Sturtevant, Elsie McBride and Marie D'Alterio and to our super master of ceremonies, Vic Roggio. Elsie wowed us all with her pantomimes; and the songs of Al Medori and Vic—with Vic's guitar accompaniment provided much pleasure.

And, now we are looking forward to our January meeting which will include a theatre party.



CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Nita Fineman

LAST FLIGHT

**Gladys N. Muter
December 12, 1962**

Roasting chestnuts by the fire is fun, but how invigorating it is to get out early in the crisp air (temperature about 0°F.) and let that fresh breeze stream across your face (a Northwester about 25K) while you energetically pull the prop through (tears rolling down the cheeks and freezing there). On second thought, think I'll stick to the chestnuts!

Many prospective members and guests attended the November meeting. It was held at Richard's Restaurant in Berwyn hosted by Mary Patterson and her committee. An Air Force film from the Aviation Medicine Department told some interesting facts about "G" forces on the body. Dorothy and Dale Vachout were in attendance after many months' absence.

ON THE FLIGHT LINE—

Alice DeWitt had an interesting flying day not too long ago. First, she flew her favorite yellow and blue J-3 for an hour after which she climbed into a 450 Stearman—resplendent in flying suit, extra sweaters, helmet and goggles. After forty minutes of that adventure, she flew a "lady-like" airplane—an Apache with an auto pilot. There's a gal with versatility! Louise and Ray Kokesh took a flight to Wausau, Wis., to visit Louise's sister. In order to get into the airport, they had to make an instrument approach. Marie and Michael made a flight to Rockford and the next day flew to Mt. Hawley, Peoria, for dinner. Alice Kudrna took her flying club flight check so that she could check out a new instructor for the club. Hats off to Marylou Schleifer, who took her Debonair to New Orleans, Panama City, Fla., and back to Elgin in less than a week. Tracy Pilurs received her multi-engine rating and then went on to pass her instrument, instrument instructor's and advanced ground instructor's written exam in two days. O.K., Trace, what kind of vitamins do you take?

Eve and Alton Chilcoat visited Syl Roth in Greenville, S. C. over the Thanksgiving holiday. They had a wonderful time and Syl sends regards to all. Leda and Lloyd Misiowiec bought a summer cottage at Beaver Dam, Wis. nine miles from the airport. They are looking forward to lots of fishing and hunting.

Dallas Sutton and her excellent committee, Fran Akerlund, Marylou Schleifer and Virginia Coffeen did a beautiful job in planning the Christmas party. This festive occasion was held in a private dining room of the Palmer House Hotel and everyone enjoyed the delicious chicken dinner elegantly served followed by the enchanting sounds of the Vivace Singers, a choral group of 32 lovely voices from Niles Township West High School of Skokie, Ill. This was the evening that members brought Christmas gifts to be contributed to the Chicago Tribune Goodfellows and distributed to needy children. Many thanks to Dallas for her fine work.

The Annual Goodfellow Christmas Luncheon which took place in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel was lovely as usual. To add to the excitement of the holiday season, one of the Chicago Tribune's Goodfellow trophies was presented to the Chicago Area Chapter of 99's for their excellent work in helping this charity group. Lois Seketa, Immediate Past-

Governor of the North Central Section, accepted the trophy.

We were all saddened to learn of the passing of Gladys Muter—a lovely lady with real spirit who earned her private rating after becoming a grandmother. Even more outstanding was the fact that she attained her multi-engine rating at the age of 62. Her husband, Leslie, was proud of her flying activities and said she wasn't much for women's clubs, but that she loved the "99's" because they really did something. Although Gladys didn't get to as many meetings as she would have liked to attend, she had her own wonderful way of championing "99's" and gave them her full and open support whenever the need arose. Doris Langher was Gladys's instructor and they flew as a wonderful team in seven AWTARs. On her last visit with Gladys, Doris commented on how even during this time of illness, a heart ailment, Gladys proudly displayed her "99" pin on her robe. This devotion and spirit will serve well as an inspiration to us all.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Sarah Gorelick

Mary Ann and Brooks Noah were our hosts for a wonderful Christmas Party held in their beautiful home on December 7. Guests included the Fixed Base Operators from airports throughout the area. Hidden talents in our group were uncovered as we were entertained by the piano playing of Joe Bonnell and Betty Simpson and listened to vocals by Ruth Stafford, Dick Ray, and Jay Kraft. Later came the twisting and limbo. Was anyone sore the next day? A good time was had by all.

Strong winds on December 9, did not deter our Kansas Chapter guests from joining us for Lunch. Flying in were Sandra Callaway, Joyce Case, Gene Nora Stumbough, and Garnett Hasting via Bonanza; Helen and Roy Simmons who stopped in Manhattan to pick up Penny and Don White; Esther and Ed Isaacs with Joe and Grace Brown in an Aztec; Pat and Owen McEwen with Mildred Early and Mary Atkins via Travel Air. Representing K. C. were Betty Simpson, Kathryn Peck, Mary Ann Noah, Marjory Farrell, Sarah Gorelick, Elaine Morris, Stella Lehmann, Shirley and Dick Ray, Ruth, Ronnie, Reggie, and Sheldon Stafford, Grace Harris and guest Carole Poole.

The Wright Day Dinner sponsored by the Aero Club of Kansas City

was well attended by our members. Test Pilot Joe Walker was the featured speaker. Ninety-Nines Ruth Stafford, Mary Ann Noah, Stella Lehmann, Kathleen Bonnell, Laverne Devine, Marie Kuhlman, and Sarah Gorelick, served as hostesses for the event. Working hard behind the scenes were Grace Harris. 99's at the head table included Mary Ann Noah and Doretta Slavick of St. Louis. Attending the event also were many Kansas Chapter 99's.

With the New Year, Let's all get to work on those additional ratings.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Marge Gorman

Even with the icy roads and heavy snow, there were 23 members and guests who attended the December Christmas party at the home of Martha and Jim Foley in Columbus. Martha mailed the "news" or we wouldn't have made any this month. Joan Hrubec and the Cleveland girls were probably snowed in the worst and called to say it was impossible. 60 miles south of Cleveland it was still bad and Jean Bonar and I couldn't drive to the airport. Even our FAA weather man couldn't make it to the airport for his radio broadcasts. All the Columbus girls participated in helping to make the party a success. Monroe and Nancy Court-right were guests of honor. Mr. Court-right is the publisher of "The Ohio Flyer" and he gave the girls a brief background of how the magazine got its start and the hopes for its future. The gift exchange was followed by a buffet luncheon.

The Space Science Fair held in Cleveland, November 23 thru December 2 was a fabulous success. The Zonta Club of Cleveland sponsored a Women in the Space Age Day which was high lighted by a luncheon and dinner that 350 attended at the Hotel Statler. Jerrie Cobb and Jacqueline Cochran were the main speakers and each reviewed her opinions of Women in Space. Blanche Noyes was scheduled to speak but sent her regrets and best wishes. Arlene Davis was the Chairman in charge. Those attending were: Ruth Love, Jean Hixson, Authrie Lehr, Janice Kuechenmeister, Jean Bonar, Bonnie Miller, Marion Betzler, Edy Maxium, Helen Sammon, Rosalie Bracht, Marilyn Collette, Mary Feeser, Janet Gibbs, Caroline Jones, Joan Hrubec, Tessa Plummer and Marge Gorman. Bernice Steadman flew in from Michigan for both luncheon and dinner.

Special recognition was paid to her and Jean Hixson during the program as having passed the physical requirements necessary for space travel if the program is ever opened to women.

The January meeting is scheduled for Mansfield. Those wishing to come on Saturday the 19th will enjoy an evening of skiing at the new Snow Trails nearby.

For those slower days coming I really recommend Madame Chenaults "A Thousand Springs". It is a very powerful book of her marriage to General Claire Chenault of the Flying Tigers fame and will hold interest for many women.

OZARK CHAPTER

By Mary Morriset

Cold news from the Ozarks. As I write this it is 7° above zero.

The November meeting was held, Wednesday, the 14th, at Kentwood Arms Hotel in Springfield, Missouri; no hostess. After lunch the afternoon was spent in studying C. A. R. Regulations, under the guidance of Hazel Matz.

Our chairman, Jean Fuldner, flew as pilot of a Cessna 175 in the Ozark Hillbilly Race, October 14th, from Springfield to several airports in the Ozarks. There were bomb drops, spot landings, etc. The co-pilot was Hazel Matz and bombardier was Jean's husband, Terry. They tied for third place. The Fuldner's flew to Denver for a weekend in November. Jean also makes flying deliveries for her manufacturer husband.

Our chapter was represented by Jean and Hazel at the Aviation Seminar held at Columbia, Missouri in November sponsored by the Missouri Pilot's Association.

On December 12th, we were guests of Mary Morriset at the Twin Oaks Country Club, Springfield, Missouri. Four members made it in below zero weather.

Ann Brand flew up from Miami, Oklahoma, in a Cessna 172, picking up Jean Fuldner in Monett. This was Ann's first time to make a meeting. She, being a mother of four children, girl-Friday of the Miami airport, church pianist, and piano teacher is quite a busy gal. She holds a commercial license and does quite a bit of charter flying. A few days before the meeting she made a trip to Atlanta flying a Cessna 205.

Time to sign off the 1962. Happy Hollidays and Happy Flying in 1963.

CAPE GIRARDEAU AREA CHAPTER

By Millie Limbaugh

Cape Girardeau has a new organization buzzing around in the sky. The Ninety-Nines, Inc., have a chapter here with 10 charter members. Six of those are from Cape Girardeau, one from Chaffee, one from Cuba, one from Eldon, and one from Lexington, Ky.

"I learned to fly for convenience, for independence, and for security," explained Mrs. John Godwin of Cape Girardeau, chairman of the chapter. Before becoming a pilot, Mrs. Godwin said that when she wanted to go anywhere she had to depend on her husband, who is a pilot, to fly her. Thus flying by herself was a convenience and brought with it independence because she no longer must depend on his schedule. She goes with her husband on business trips, and has security because, should he become ill enroute, she could bring the plane in safely. Mrs. Godwin describes flying as clean, beautiful, educational, and recreational. It gives one a "feeling of accomplishment," she said. She received her license in 1956.

Mrs. Leonard Ranson of Cape Girardeau terms the 180 degree turn as the pilots best friend. She executed an about face over Nebraska when she and her son, Paul, saw a tornado in their flight path. Paul is on the State College basketball team. Having begun flying in 1938, she believes it to be much safer than driving an automobile.

With a World War II Fighter pilot for a husband, Mrs. Rush Limbaugh Jr., of Cape Girardeau reflects his enthusiasm for flying. Licensed in July, 1962, she is the one who has most recently qualified. She flies regularly between Cape Girardeau and Kennett. By car its a two hour drive. It takes 30 minutes by airplane, hers cruising at 140 miles per hour. Whenever she goes, her companions are her dogs, a basset hound and a dachshund. "They love to go anywhere," she said.

The convenience of air travel was illustrated by a recent trip to Florida and Washington, D.C. Mr. and Mrs. Limbaugh took their children, Rush III, 12, and David, 10. The entire circuit was completed in a week.

Mrs. Frank Hall, of Cape Girardeau, who qualified in 1961, remembers her most memorable airborne experience. Going from here to Memphis her radio conked out, breaking her contact with ground control. So she followed a jet onto the run way. Her door handle broke and she required assistance in getting out of the plane. To take off, she asked the boy who filled the airplane with gasoline to telephone the tower for permission to take off. Mrs. Hall said he ran from the telephone to the waiting airplane to inform her that she could leave. On the return trip a strong head wind slowed her progress to 50 miles per hour. That was when she decided it would be "quicker if I walked," she recalled. She is secretary of the Chapter.

Mrs. Elmer Heuer of Cape Girardeau said that her solo flight was "exhilarating." For those who are concerned about accidents, she counters with advice designed to prevent misfortune: "Don't ever take chances" and "accidents are caused by bad judgments." She joins other Ninety-Nines in believing that flying is easier than driving. Among the distant spots she has visited in her airplane are Miami, Fla., Manchester, N. H., and the state of California.

Mrs. D. B. Elrod of Cape Girardeau, licensed in 1948, has flown to Alaska and to Canada. In 1957-58, she and her husband flew to Havana, Cuba. She said that the examination given now is harder than it was when she took it because of the increased air traffic. Her son, Dr. D. B. Elrod, Jr., is the third member of their family to be licensed.

Mrs. R. C. Evans of Eldon is the only one of the group who reported having a real scare in the air. That was when she got lost in a fog and had to be talked down. Having logged 15-1800 hours, Mrs. Evans said that her interest in flying was aroused by her father, who was a pilot in the army air corps. Mrs. Evans is treasurer of the chapter.

Other members are Mrs. O. L. Raebler of Lexington, Ky., Mrs. Frank Elders of Cuba, and Mrs. Bob Tribble of Chaffee.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Ginny Mayer

Our happy holiday was "thermalized" at our Christmas Party, held at The Golden Valley Country Club, the evening of December 8th.

The flight of arrival to the party

was contributed by member Audrey Baird from Deckenson, North Dakota. After take-off from her home town, she stopped off at Bismark, N. D. to pick up her friend, Kay Vogel, and both then continued on to the Wold-Chamberlain Airport in their Mooney, under rather poor visibility conditions, with interesting radio contacts.

Our after dinner speaker intrigued us with "civilian, private" Airport operations and activity, and was introduced to us by Sherm Booen, Mr. and Mrs. Otis, who kept the well known Otis Lodge at Grand Rapids—fine airport, fine lodging, fine food, etc., relayed in an interesting and sometimes humorous way the history behind the development of this now well known site in "Ski-Land".

It is important that we all cooperate with our officers and chairmen to further discuss and plan forthcoming activity. The January 1963 meeting will, therefore, be a necessary business meeting and will take place in the conference room of the Airport Director at the Wold-Chamberlain Airport on Wednesday evening at 1930, January 16th.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Muriel Dykema

The highlight of Hoosier 99 activities this past month was the annual Christmas party held at Esther and Don Berner's beautiful home in Indianapolis. It was attended by more than thirty members and husbands. Betty Nicholas was party chairman and handled every detail of a sumptuous dinner to perfection. Gloria Richards' decorations were lovely and Soph Payton and Dorothy Smith kept everyone busily entertained and awarded for their efforts. Gloria Richards, Tannie Schlundt and Nellie Alger proved they could identify their own 49½ers. Helen and Vernie Grahm can swing a pretty mean ball and Rae Cawdell is very steady in balancing. She is also a twister par excellence and came in first in that contest. Evan Alger and Neal Payton won second and third place. Everyone was sorry to say goodnight to this party.

Ethel and Rusty Knuth have been very busy this past month. They are just back from a trip to Gettysburg, Pa., and are spending the holidays in Denver, Colo. with their new grandson, born on the 17th of December. Forgot to mention they flew to Traverse City this fall for the Paul

Bunyon activities. 49½er Harry Sanders of Indianapolis won the Paul Bunyon certificate for the pilot who came the farthest for the clan gathering.

One of our dearest members, Mildred Hurt, reports her grandson, Lt. James W. Hurt III who had his first ride with her and had his elementary flight lesson as a gift from his grandfather is now flight instructor in T-38s at Webb Air Force Base. He and a co-instructor make frequent flights to Bunker Hill. Time elapsed, including stop for fuel and lunch, about four hours. He is a Purdue grad.

Soph and Neal Payton received third place in the annual awards by the Indianapolis Chapter of the Sports Car Club of America for expert driving in their Austin Healy.

Tannie and Paul Schlundt flew to Lexington in the Twin Bonanza.

Our Indiana Chapter's wish for 99s everywhere—a Happy and Safe New Year of Flying!

ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Rosamond Joly

Our December meeting gave way to the annual Christmas party, this year held at Dorothy Haupt's. Approximately 30 members and their husbands attended this gala party slick streets and sub-freezing weather. Elmer Haupt did an excellent job of portraying St. Nick; Christmas tree and gift packages affixed to the ceiling gave a note of originality. Entertainment consisted of dancing, people bingo, 50c gift exchange and general merriment.

Active preparation is being made for our traditional January meeting held with the Aero Club of St. Louis. 99 part of the program will consist of various skits and parts have been handed out for practice.

News items for this month are slim due to pressures of Christmas shopping and poor weather limiting flying activities.

Via the grape vine it was learned Lois Weatherwax took jet to California; business or pleasure were not determined.

Our most active member again goes to Loretta Slavick. Loretta attended the Wright Day Dinner held by the Kansas City Aero Club and also the Wright Day Dinner held in Washington, D.C. She also had the

opportunity to guide Lou Davis, editor of NATIONAL AERONAUTICS and coordinator of the NAA "Let's Fly" program on a tour of Missouri small airports. Davis was interested in visiting and talking with people around Missouri in connection with this program of creating interest in general aviation in rural areas.

Mickey Clark has news of member Jay Lawrence. Jay, who moved to Pennsylvania some years ago retained membership in our chapter since there was no active chapter near her new home. Now, however, she is moving to Seattle and will transfer to an active chapter. Congratulations Seattle. Jay tells of a recent interesting activity—that of tracing her family tree back to 1561.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Teddy Hager on the death of her husband, Ralph. Ralph was Treasurer of Hager Hinge Company, a nationally known St. Louis firm.



NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION & GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER

By Irene B. Keith

While everyone is merging the New York-New Jersey Section split stock. We now consist of the three chapters—Western N.Y.—Eastern Long Island and the Greater New York. This is all complete with new officers to cover same:—Installation at a very nice dinner party in the Hotel Shelburne in New York City. Our new pilot of the Section is Jeanne Spielberg; Vice-Governor Ethel Fedders from Western N. Y.; Secretary Mary Horne from Eastern L. I.; Treasurer Helen Mennitto from Greater N. Y.

To top this all we had many interesting guests. From France sister of 99 Odile;—Jackie Tommy-Martin a prospective member here studying. England Shelia Scott here to attend the Cessna convention and will ferry an aircraft back to England; Loretta Slavick of the St. Louis Chapter; Arleene LaTourette of S & H Stamps production; Lt. Col. Michel Verman N. Y. Wing CAP; Mrs. Crocheron of the W.I.A.A.; Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Taylor Wine Co. N.Y.; Davis Scott; Roy Ryder of Bendix; Bill Strohmeyer; Bill Nuessle 49½er; Mr. Jarvis; Bern Nolan; Dr. Clara Gross; Mrs.

Harwell, mother of Doris Renninger; and John Goglio.

Prospective members attending the dinner Jody Harris; Pril Laveridge; Eileen Taylor; Mary Van Dyke; Anne Coulon; Eleanor McCullough and Jackie Tommy - Martin. A welcome back to Mary Reifschneider ready to join us again.

The Taylors presented our new Governor Jeanne Spielberg with beautiful prints of aviation history with an invite to visit their strip when completed and their museum; more details at a later date.

Flying activities are improving in this section with Amelia Nuessle earning her instrument rating; Sally Buegeleisen and Judy Moran receiving their Commercial licenses; Chris Winzer has passed the instrument written now the oral? Her son just received his private. Dad's pilot for Pan Am.

Selma Cronan flying with N.E. gal and Dorothy Julich in her Comanche 180 in the S.M.A.L.L. Race. Bad weather stopped more from going. Mina Elschner replaced Sammy jr. Ercoupe with a Cessna 150 Timothy, and is now living near Red Bank airport.

October 10th Max Conrad getting ready to fly from New York to Geneva was making his 99th crossing and so dedicated this flight to the 99s at Flushing Airport in New York. We in turn presented him with a Wright Brothers medal as a token of our gratitude. Those there were Marion Lopez; Bobby Prestas. Jewell vom Saal; Viola Gentry and Willie Hanzlik.

Being of wandering wings this group has been go-go-going such as: Helen Mennitto with her three children to Disneyland and a visit with 99 Yvette Kovary—then with hubby (skipper for National) on to Rome with a luncheon at the FAO of the U.N. with 99 Fiorenza de Bernardi of Italy. Betty Pattern Pan Am Jet to Jamaica, Haiti, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas and St. Croix. Chris Winzer with son, Steve, and Janis to Yellow Springs to visit Antioch College and a side trip to Wright-Patterson A.F.B. Museum. Yours truly in a four day trip to Bermuda, Pan Am of course. V. Governor Doris Renninger and Hubby Henry (VP of Seaboard & World) on tour of Japan and Korea. This trip covered by AP News as Doris had the chance to give a speech to the students of flying in the Seoul Women's College where she presented our Capt. Kyung O. Kim with the John Glenn Medal of the Month.

Doris received a letter of appreciation from the South Korean gov't. presented by the Transportation Minister Maj. Gen. Park Choon-Shik at a ceremony at the Ministry. We will announce when the presentation of the Piper Colt, purchased with S & H Green Stamps, to Capt. Kim will take place.

Kay Hilbrandt was asked by the Air Force Assoc. of N. J. Teterboro Sqdn. to judge a model airplane contest to be held in Oct. at Teterboro.

Lois Fairbank proudly shows the Breitling AOPA watch she won at the last fly-in at East Hampton, L. I.

Dorothy Julich helping out with the penny a pound flight in the Middle-East Section.

Happy New Year from all of us to all of you.

WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

By Terri Pirrung

The weather held perfect for our November 27th dinner meeting at the Cloud Room, Buffalo International Airport.

We had a very interesting time listening to Ethel Fedders guest, Miss H. Katherine Smith of the Buffalo Courier Express. Miss Smith has spent many years in journalism and with her seeing-eye dog, has traveled over a good part of the world. Early in November Miss Smith wrote an article, complete with picture, on The Ninety-Nines. It was nicely written and much appreciated.

Peg Wahl and 49½er Al flew up from Fredonia in her 175 and flew back under the stars. Can see they have been making use of the runway lights they put in this past year.

Was happy to hear from former Buffalo Airpark instructor Bertha Meana. She said she is now a Peace Corp Volunteer stationed in Lima, Peru and is working on a nutrition program feeding school children. Bertha has gotten her Peruvian Commercial and Instructors license and on weekends instructs at the local flying club. She expects to be in South America until spring of 1964 and would be happy to hear from some of us Ninety-Nines. Her address is:

Mrs. Bertha Meana—
Peace Corps Volunteer
c/o Embajada de los Estados Unidos
Lima, Peru, South America



SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER

By Sally Matson

On Dec. 2, our chapter had a very successful Fly In Brunch at the Apple Valley Inn. There were 32 members and guests present. The weather was grand (one of the few days) and a good time was had by all. No formal meeting was held this month. My 49½er Bud and I, in our "Commonwealth" (if you've never heard of one you're not alone) and guests Joyce and Lou Blanc, and Diane and Bob Graves in Blanc's Stinson stopped off at Big Bear, had a snowball fight, coffee and home just after dark.

June and John Denney flew with friends to La Paz for a weekend. They had a time getting out of the fog and smog that has been hanging over Los Angeles. The scenery was breathtaking all the way down and back. There were no problems in customs either way. They are thinking of taking a course in Spanish at Pasadena City College so they can return to relax 'neath the Mexican sun and next time speak with the natives.

This was truly the month for South of the Border with Ginny and Russ Graham flying to Guaymas and on to Mazatlan. They too had perfect weather — away from home hangar.

Norma and Nate Wilcox spent Thanksgiving weekend in San Jose. Their niece and nephew flew in the Tri Pacer with them.

Sure hope the weather clears so we San Gabriel Valley gals can get off the ground more.

PHOENIX CHAPTER

By Melba Beard

The Chapter's annual Christmas party, held this year at the home of Alice and Charles Roberts, was indeed a gala affair. Besides our host and hostess, there were Pat and Eric Lambert, Melba and Bill Beard, Wilma Bland, Elizabeth Condon, Marjy Crowl, Juanita and Elgin Newell, Dorothy McLeod, Bev and Val Periman, Ruth and Bob Reinhold, Bette and Leonard Sharman flying down from Sedona, Betty and Alan Slater, Frances and William Strong, and Louise Boyd and her 49½er. Guests brought a covered dish for the pot-

luck supper, and food, clothing and cash for our Christmas family, a blind mother with two babies. Project chairman Juanita Newell later selected a suitable Christmas dinner, extra food, and added clothing for the family.

Your reporter failed to gather any news at all at the Christmas party, so chit-chat this month is slim. Our January 10th business meeting will be held at the home of Thelma Biegert. Jimmie Lou and Frank Shelton spent the pre-Christmas days in the Hawaiian Islands. Melba spent the holidays planning details of her daughter's wedding, which took place in Fort Collins, Colorado, where the young couple attend school. Ruth Shimon and her husband of Iowa are finding their winter months in Arizona well filled with pleasant activity. Friends of former 99 Elizabeth Inwood will be glad to know that she and husband, Louis, have settled in retirement village, Sun City, Ariz., where he is president of the local civic group. Betty Condon, recently elected secretary of our Chapter, was promptly called for six months jury duty, and it will be a while before we see much of Betty. Past secretary, Trudy Murphy, has helped a bit here and there.

UTAH CHAPTER

By Alberta Nicholson

Must be unusually good flying weather last month for some of the gals have been piling up the hours. Virginia Riedel is working on her multi-engine rating in a Beech 18 and is scheduled to take her Commercial written in the near future. Jessie Carter and 49½er rode via bus to Houston to check on some hangars for their new airport at Lehi. Still traveling by bus to Florida to pick up a new Cherokee Piper. From there on, they left surface travel for a trip up the east coast, Niagara Falls. Delayed a week due to weather, but eventually home via Cheyenne. Jessie logged 34 hours on the trip. Maxine Nielson traveled to Wichita to ferry a 172 back for Central Utah Aviation. Maxine is also ready for her Commercial written. Two of our group flew to the Annual Air Race at Elko — Virginia and Maxine both reported a wonderful time, particularly the talk by Max Conrad.

Sally and Art Wells have taken over the airport at Cedar City, Utah. We shall miss them but there is always a silver lining to any cloud. We have a good excuse for some fly-ins down that way.

Maurine Shurtleff of Ogden certainly made history and some fame for herself at the recent CAP SARCAP. She and her observer spotted an old wreckage which was considered to be so well hidden that it was not marked. On a later sortie, she spotted the target set out by the Air Force but since it was in the next grid, she left the reporting of it to another crew.

Jane and 49½, a Salt Lake airport controller, are attending a convention in Las Vegas. Eunice has been doing some flying, too. She and Major Phipps AF-CAP Liaison officer, flew a 182 to Moab, Provo, Tooele and Price to talk to Aerospace Education classes in the High Schools. Bryce Canyon, Cedar City and Logan are on the agenda for later in October.

Our members have elected their officers for one more year.

A luncheon commemorating the 11th anniversary of the Utah Chapter was held at the Aviation Club the 10th of November. A beautiful birthday cake decorated with the 99 emblem was cut and served by our hostess, Jane Andreason with a vote of thanks to our competent chairman, Lucile, for he work the past year. Others present were Eunice Naylor, June Raybold, Jessie Carter, Maxine Nielson, Virginia Riedel, Lucile's daughter, Mary and former members, Margaret Loy and Ethel McDermott.

Thanks to Eunice Naylor for sending in the above news items to the reporter.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Claire Walters

Judy Wagner's lovely home in Palos Verdes Hills was the scene of the Oct. 10 meeting. Present were Jan Vawter, Emma McGuire, Norma Gunderson, Mary Pinkney, Ruth Gay, Barbara London, Margaret Ross, Ruth Nitzen and Olive Tuttle. Discussion of the Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 7, at the Long Beach Yacht Club (as guests of Barbara London) took up much of the evening. The sectional meeting at Modesto was thoroughly discussed. Fran Bera has just returned from the Michigan S.M.A.L.L. race where she was sponsored by Berniece Steadman. Fran now has her helicopter rating—and private, commercial, and instrument examiner's ratings. Claire Walters and Betty Faux missed the meeting again as they were in Texas at the time. They took off at 4 a.m. from Santa Monica in their Skyhawk, delivering some close friends to San

Antonio. They arrived at 3:30 p.m., had dinner, took off at 9:10 p.m., arriving SMO noon Thursday. Each took turns sleeping while the other flew—had to get back for an important dinner-conference that evening.

Judy and Les Wagner had an interesting flight to Florida, and then to the Bahamas in their Bonanza. It was a beautiful flight and reported having a wonderful time. Ruth Gay and Mary Pinkney flew in Ruth's 170 to Sedona, Arizona, to join the overnight fly in sponsored by the Claire Walters Flight Acad. Emma McGuire took a group in a 172. A number of the gals from Phoenix also joined to help swell the number to 45. New 99 Betty (Mrs. Leonard) Sharman of Sedona gave us a tremendous party at her wonderful Doodlebug Ranch. We hope to make this a yearly flight, and invite all 99s to join us. Save Oct. for it. Betty and Claire showed their slides taken on their Northwest flight at the Nov. meeting attended by Judy Wagner, Mildred Krueger, Ruth Nitzen, Martha Cholewski, Mary Wenzholz, Elaine Ross, Emma McGuire, Norma Gunderson, Mary Pinkney, Helen Albani, Lee Tibbs, Margaret Ross, Norma Craig, Barbara London, Kay Meade, Ruth Gay, Myra Greer, Jackie Sepulveda, and Edna Bower's sister, Fran Bera, a local pilot. The meeting was held at Edna's beautiful new home in Seal Beach.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Trixie-Ann Schubert

There was dancing, hangar flying, refreshments, door prizes, the whole holiday hullabaloo at our Dec. 15 Christmas Hangar dance. Richie Allen and his Astronauts provided the music, gratis, and the crowd we drew set the walls of Kappair hangar at Van Nuys reverberating as no revving up ever did.

All the plans were completed at Skytrails, Van Nuys airport, where all Ninety Nines are welcome to join us should they be in the area any first Monday of the month.

The monthly fly-in, at Apple Valley in November, brought out Lola Ricci, Zona Siggins and 49½er, Ellen Trindle and mother, Shirley Robinson, Audrey Schutte, Marilyn Telford, Mary Kemper, Jeanine Ceccio and Trixie-Ann Schubert. Lauretta Foy and Fran Bera flew in in a helicopter, and Joyce Failing joined us from Barstow.

Lola and her 49½er have been flying the route from the Mexican bor-

der to Pt. Conception to do some aerial photography for a friend who's putting out a surfing guide, with pix. Minnie Morgan, having sold her Aeronca, is learning the quirks of the 140. Shirley Robinson lost a wheel from the 1929 Gypsy Moth she was flying when a bolt in the left strut let go, fortunately after she touched down at Porterville. Rose Gerlach says she's ready for the private license checkride and is eager to be pinned a Ninety Nine. Ellen Trindle has been airport hopping with her son to Palm Desert, Inyokern, Kernville. And Florence Dittmar, after a flight back from Wickenburg, Arizona, where she says all guest ranches have strips of their own, began signing up her young son's friends for airplane rides. She had to curb the list when parents not only were happy to have their small boys take first flights but asked, "How about the parents going up for rides, too?"

Marilyn Telford flew the Shinn to Rancho Conejo and Santa Paula, an Apache to Las Vegas, and a 150 to L.A. environs. Mary Kemper to Desert Air in a 210; and Audrey Schutte has been flying a Meyers. Lois Miles puts in an average of two hours daily instructing and has a gold spinner on her plane. Anyone want to give her sequined lace curtains for same plane??? Ex-Wasp and long time pilot Marge Frenzel has just joined our chapter.

Some of our chapter members participated in the dedication of the Santa Barbara control tower December 8 at the invitation of the Santa Barbara chapter, and some joined the Los Angeles chapter gals for their Dec. 20th Christmas dinner party featuring as guest speaker that great guy Max Conrad.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

By Myrtle A. Wright

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas Tonight: This may well have been the theme of the festive mood that greeted members, families and guests of the Redwood Empire Chapter Sunday evening, December 9th. The occasion was the annual Christmas party of our chapter. The place was the home of George and Myrtle Wright in Pinole. A buffet dinner was served which consisted of salads of all different kinds, relishes and all good things to eat. The host prepared roast pheasant with wild rice dressing and I believe everyone gained a few pounds.

Members present were, June O'Donnell, Patricia Stouffer, Hazel Ber-

tagna, Gladys Haney, from Napa; Anita Conley and Hilda Casey from Vallejo; Fran DeHaan from San Rafael, Phyllis Cantrell, Santa Rosa and Myrtle Wright. Bette Smith of Napa and Betty Hackett of El Sobrante have applied for membership so we welcome them into the fold too. Bette Smith got her license December 2. Congratulations Bette. We are all happy for you. Betty Hackett is an accomplished pilot with many hours in her log book. Hilda Casey and Bette Smith are our newest pilots so we decided they should have an invitation. They were the very agile contestants in a "Twist Contest."

Pat Casey, Rex Cantrell and George Wright were the 49½ers present and Bob Smith and Chuck Hackett, our almost 49½ers. Guests were Carl and Kathy Ott of Napa; Joyce Efishoff of Vallejo, and Cal and Thelma Camden of Vallejo. Cal has quite a personal interest in the 99's as he is one of the instructors responsible for some of us getting our licenses.

After the first hunger pains were satisfied, the hangar flying was grounded to give way to dancing and entertainment by some very talented girls of the 99's. If anyone is interested in learning to dance the Hula, just ask Hilda Casey to show you how to—Bump the apple, bump the Orange and grind the coffee.

And with that I will get back to the everyday grind and hope this fog goes away soon so we can all—"Keep 'em Flying."

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

By Natalie Bossio

On Friday, the 16th of November, 35 members and guests enjoyed a real good dinner at the Shadows Restaurant in San Mateo, thanks to Dorothy Monahan who made the arrangements. Our guest speaker was Fred Goerner of KCBS, Dave McElhatton's producer, who kept his audience spellbound with a report of the results of his research into the disappearance of Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan. Since we had such a good turnout and everyone was in a gay mood, I took advantage of the situation, and with the able assistance of Jackie Joo, who goaded them on, we came up with some items for the newsletter. I thought you might enjoy reading verbatim the notes we collected, so here they are:

"Jackie & Lloyd Petty—Playing."

"Ardell Hauk—been flying—Playing."

"H. Barnick & Co.—Playing—Aero Commander \$!0? ("the green" in my

eyes)." (Note, Believe he's referring to Dell who has been flying this machine).

"Mayetta & Bill Behringer—orders to Chile—fly down with family in 170 (we hope)."

"Jeannie & Dave McElhatton—will be leading tour to Mediterranean area next spring." (Note: Anyone want to join them?)

"Alice D. Taylor—Let's go all out for new members."

"Pat Monahan (daughter of Dorothy Monahan)—as a break in my monotonous and boring school life I was able to attend this dinner meeting. P.S. My first." (Note: Real cute gal!)

"Jo Eddleman (Busy working at Lockheed)."

"Penny Essman — trying for spot landing at Reid Hillview fly-in. Just enjoy flying the most." (Note: Guest, and future member, we hope).

"Jackie Joo — just passed flight check for Commercial and working on instructor's written. Now deeply involved in Northern Cal Antique Assoc. as Sec.-Treas. & planning some wild fly-ins — old-fashioned type — flour bomb.— paper cutting — aerobatics. Trying to bring back the "fun" to flying."

We extend hearty congratulations to: Jackie Joo for that well-earned Commercial Certificate; Marilyn and Chuck Anderson, who are delighted with the new addition to their family — a son whom they adopted when six weeks old.

We are all very happy and excited for Mayetta and Bill (and a bit envious, too) on their new assignment to Chile. They'll be stationed at Valparaiso and at the moment it looks like they will be leaving the early part of April, after Bill completes a 12-week intensive training course in Washington, D. C., beginning January 7th. We're thinking that a "fly-in" to visit them next year would be just great! And Bill and Mayetta agree.

I've been doing some flying with Mayetta on weekends in her 170 to get back in the groove of flying conventional gear, plus sharpening up on radio.

We welcome to our fold new member Amy Sylvestri. Husband Frank is manager of the Half Moon Bay Airport and operates a flying and ground school, plus maintenance shop, on the field as well. We're glad to have you, Amy.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER By Betty Duport

The L.A. Chapter was an enthusiastic group at our October meeting which was also a surprise baby shower for Mary Ann Kaslow. Mary Ann had

mailed out the notices to meet at B. Duport's home and Mr. Krots from the FAA was to be the speaker, but when she arrived, there were loud shouts of "surprise" and Mr. Krots turned out to be 'stork' spelled backward. The baby-to-be received many lovely gifts and Mary Ann seemed genuinely surprised.

Vivian Thompson and her 49½er, Ken, have been attending adult evening classes, on aviation, at University High School, taught by Betty Faux of Long Beach Chapter. Viv says, "It's amazing how much fun it is repeating this course and how much you can forget."

The Moskows visited Katy's sister in Oakland via Apache and while there admired Oakland's new terminal.

Don and Fritzie Heaney took off in their Skylane for another restful weekend in Phoenix.

The Southwest Sectional at Modesto was attended by five of our chapter. Elsie and Norm Smith flew up in their Bonanza, Tillie Klements and Betty Duport in a 150, and Mary Ann Kaslow and Geri Hill were the official backseat pilots all the way up to Modesto in Jane Haag's plane. Poor Jane!

Highlighting the Modesto sectional was Max Conrad's speech at the banquet Sat. night. His speech impressed us so much that it has been arranged for him to be our guest speaker at our Christmas party.

Our November meeting was well attended at Palos Verdes Aviation in their brand new pilot's lounge. Most of the evening was spent making plans for our fly-in to Death Valley, Dec. 1 & 2, and preparing for our Christmas party.

Moskows report, they went on another fun fly-in. This time to Rancho De Los Caberleros in Wickenburg, Ariz., with the group from Gunnell Aviation. The activities at this dude ranch consisted of horseback riding to a cookout in the mountains, skeet shooting, golfing, partying til wee hours of the morning and a banquet where Katy was presented with a birthday (29th) cake. Sounds great. Let's go.

We are very proud to welcome three new members, Dee Kluppel, Ann Ludwig, and Buelah Kee. Nice to have you aboard, just in time to help us get ready for the holidays.

Carol Stull is our newest prospective 99. She has 5 hours flying time and is full of enthusiasm. She started out right by making posters for our Christmas banquet. Thanks a lot Carol.

Wally Funk reports on the 1962 Air Force convention held at Convention Hall in Las Vegas. "I flew to L.A. Sept. 21 to attend the Women in Space Symposium by Miss Jerrie Cobb.

The symposium was conducted to enlighten the public on women in space, how the 13 up-to-date women candidates were picked and their qualifications. Ending the AFA convention, we all were invited to see the Air Force demonstration of fire power which included everything flown from World War I until today.

Happy New Year everyone!

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Joanne Alford

The San Diego Chapter met at Jackie Brooks lovely home for a Christmas get-together on December 15. Several members of the El Cajon Chapter were our guests for the pot-luck dinner party. As usual, our members proved their versatility by preparing a wide range of tempting dishes. Everyone gathered around the warming punchbowl and reminisced over the year's activities while the kitchen crew spread out the delicacies.

After we were all stuffed, we met for a short business meeting, then opened Santa's packages from the box by the fireplace. After the surprises were over, we settled down to a serious game of "identify the sectional." Our groups did a commendable job, naming the sectional from tiny cuttings made from the least likely portions of the country's air sectional charts. Before we parted, all joined in wishing our sister chapters all over the world the merriest and happiest of holiday seasons with the hope of a New Year filled with new and wonderful achievements by the Ninety-Nines.

And speaking of achievements, we are proud to announce that our prospective member, Judy Kieszling, who is the new leader of our Wing Scout troop, has just won her private license. Congratulations, Judy, and may you be an inspiration to the young ladies who are now under your wing.

TUCSON CHAPTER

By Frances Francis

There comes a time when one spreads thin—so what with all else there is to do around the holiday season I feel lucky to get even this short news letter in print.

We held our "Good Bird" party, for all those who were so generous with their help on ~~our~~ Penny-a-Pound day, on one of the first Saturday nights in December. We're so lucky the Nolens have such a nice large

casa and let us hostess the party there.

Through the efforts of our Air Age Education chairman, Shirley Marshall, we're now proud to add to our Air Education materials mailing list the Flagstaff Public School system, the College, and the Prescott Public schools.

Viola Gentry, on a hurried but thorough trip of the U. S., stopped in connection with her work with The Felecity Buruanelli Program of presenting Aviation History in Bronze. What a tremendous person Viola is. I feel most honored to have met her. Shirley feels very fortunate to have been taken by Viola to meet General Frank P. Lahm, a real pioneer of early aviation. And to top it all—you'll love this—Viola is traveling on the \$99.99 day bus tour and reports she is "having a ball."

Virginia Edwards and Laura Bohanan made us all proud recently by passing the Commercial written on their first try. Congratulations, you two, hope I won't be too far behind.

We'll be happy to soon be welcoming two new members into our chapter. Pat Munson and Billie Cason. Billie and her husband have a Navion dealership, and he also does some crop-dusting. Pat Munson and her $\frac{1}{2}$ er have the distinction of passing their flight tests on the same day.

Pat and Truly Nolen report a nice "3 day vacation" in San Francisco, plus good instrument practice. (After being here a year now I can really understand how this desert visibility kind of spoils one.) Before that Pat and Shirley had fun one day flying a prospective hunter around to scan for ducks. The Bohanans are looking forward to moving soon into their new home. And I just had a report from Maggie Schock about how she, husband Ray, and with Casey Jones, had a much fun trip recently with the Jenkins in the Jenkins' "Greenbriar", to the OX-5 meeting in Tempe.

We wish for a all a very good new year.

Be reading you.

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

By Doris Johnson

Our December business meeting was omitted. In its place a Christmas party was held at the Balboa Bay Club, Newport Beach on Staurdav, December 8th. This dinner dance, arranged by our able Program Chairman, Betty Farrell, and assisted by Joyce Lyon and Evelyn Sherwood, was attended by nine couples who had a grand old time dining and dancing.

We are very happy to announce that Norma Ojstedt has been selected to

work on a committee at Long Beach State College developing a curriculum for Space Education for the Elementary and Junior High Schools. This development contract, which was awarded to Long Beach State College by NASA last summer, is in connection with their Aviation and Space Education Workshop.

Our Chapter's first fly-in was held on November 18th at Hilda Reafsnnyder's spacious cabin, which is located on a little knoll overlooking the Ramona Airport. Those flying in to this most enjoyable event were Ruth Phillips and Norma Ojstedt (Cessna 150), Joanne Kloepfer and guest Don Williams (Piper Cherokee) and Gil and Bitsy Rettew with guests Major and Evelyn Quick (Cessna 175). Everyone enjoyed the food, sunshine and hangar flying. We wish to thank Hilda, our gracious host, for such a wonderful time.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Doris Purdy

For our December meeting, instead of the usual party, the following members went to the Kitty Hawk Dinner, sponsored by the NAA: Jaunda Bigelow, Lindy Boyes, Dorothy Garliepp, Helen Kelton, Mary Messersmith, Eleanor Wilson, Ruth Rueckert, Jean Tinsley and Rav Misener. They winned, dined and danced in honor of the old timers who had solo-ed before September 16, 1916.

Jaunda Bigelow is on a trip to Hawaii for the holidays.

Gail Lane and Margaret Gerhardt toured the Bay in a helicopter one clear day and made the grand tour from San Francisco to Berkeley, Oakland, and San Francisco. One consolation of being passengers: they had cocktails at one of the stopovers!

Deby Byram flew to Los Angeles for Thanksgiving in the Skylane. Betty Miller of the Long Beach Chapter took her for a thrilling ride in a helicopter. Jan Dietrich drove her to the airport. Marion Dietrich spent the weekend of December 15th with her in San Francisco. Incidentally, Marion is flying a Queen Aire for Harrah's Club in Reno!

Lindy Boyes is attending an instrument ground school at Moffatt Field. Doris Purdy is in her second year in Link trainer at College of San Mateo. This is just the weather for it. Recently Doris called the Oakland Tower and gave a position report of "lost in the smog, can't find the airport — and there's a Constellation on my right coming right at me." The tower switched on the strobe lights and the airport was quickly "found." Back to the Link until Spring.



Reading from left to right: Bakersfield Chapter chairman Alice Pemberton; Finance chairman Laurine Witmer; Mr. Joe Mayhew, Commander, Civil Air Patrol, Visalia Squadron; and Beverly Newton. Mr. Mayhew was the winner of the luggage drawing held on December 14, and is accepting his prize from Laurine Witmer, ticket chairman. Beverly Newton sold the lucky ticket and brought Mr. Mayhew to Bakersfield for the presentation. All proceeds from this very successful project go to our AWTAR fund.

BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

By Alice Pemberton

What a delightful November meeting we had in Visalia. Beverly Newton and Bobbie Blackwood met us at the airport with transportation to town for a very wonderful Chinese meal at Yuet Suey Tea House. Dorothy Kent brought Barbara Fowler with her from Fresno, making us an even dozen. Alex was on hand to chauffeur also, as well as to take our pictures.

No regular December meeting as all the flying groups are banding together for the annual Airport Christmas dinner-dance December 14 at the airport. We did have an extra meeting in November, the 30th, and were honored to have Dorothy Kruger and Wilma Muth fly in from Bishop for the luncheon at Freddie's at the Skyway House. It really was a committee meeting called by Achsa, but again an even dozen turned out. We just like to meet and talk things over. Achsa is doing quite a lot with the

Wing Scouts we are sponsoring. She has attended several of their meetings, and one Sunday in November she and Rhoda spent an afternoon with the girls, showing them about the airport, after which Rhoda took several plane loads for a ride over our fair city. All girls had to have written consent from their parents to fly. A loose leaf binder has been purchased for each girl and Achsa has designed a very fitting cover design using a compass rose motif, and the name of each imprinted as it becomes the property of the girls. A copy of "Realm of Flight", "Facts of Flight", and "Path of Flight" were purchased and presented to the group by our Chapter.

Remember the turkey raffle tickets we bought in September from Beverly? Jo Murphy was the lucky winner. And speaking of Jo Ann . . . She and her family are the goingest in town we think. They depart for Mexico this weekend for two weeks of fishing. Their October trip took them

to Colorado for hunting for two weeks. That Cessna 180 scarcely has time to cool off. And in this zero-zero stuff we've had this winter, that is something!

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