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DEADLINE FOR NEWS
The 20th of Each Month

Need a few more quarters to get rid
of the rest of OKC FUN FLYING
SPREE application kits. Don't "wish
you had one" — send that 25c NOW
to:

Dottie Young
Chairman, OKC Air Race
P. O. Box 2398
Oklahoma City 8, Okla.

Coming Events

International Convention
July 17 - 20
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

1963 Powder Puff Derby
July 13 - 17

North Central Spring Sectional
Muncie, Indiana
May 3-4-5

South Central Spring Sectional
Houston, Texas
May 10, 11, 12th

International Air Race
Welland, Canada to Hollywood,
Fla. — May 25-30
General Chairman:
Virginia Britt
114 S.E. 15th St.,
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Ninety Nine Tour of Brazil, Trin-
idad and Curacao
August 4th through 17th

Southwest Spring Sectional
May 10-11-12

Brasilia Inn, Pomona, California
San Gabriel Valley Chapter,
Hostesses.

Middle East Spring Sectional
April 20
Bridgeport, New Jersey

New England Air Race
May 25
Keene, New Hampshire

Sky Lady Derby
June 27
Mary Burke, Tulsa Chapter,
Chairman

Southeastern Section
May 18-19
Augusta, Georgia
Georgia Chapter Hostesses

Michigan Small Race
August 16 - 17 - 18
Kalamazoo, Michigan
Address inquiries to:
Maisie Stears,
3963 East E. Ave.,
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Northwest Fall Sectional
Anchorage, Alaska

North Central Fall Sectional
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Powder Puff Derby

Applications for entry for the 17th
annual Powder Puff Derby must be
postmarked no earlier than April 25
and no later than June 15. A drawing
will be made for place positions for
all entries postmarked April 25. From
then on entries will be numbered in
consecutive order as received.

We are missing two seats of the
orange vests, clock signs and flags
from last year's race. If you know
where they are, please notify AWTAR
headquarters. Decide as soon as pos-
sible how many official race programs
your chapter will be able to sell.
Orders must be in by June 5, (see
order sent to each chapter). The cost
to chapters is 75c and they sell for
\$1.00 each, so your chapter makes 25c
on every copy you sell.

To get credit for contributions for
the 1964 AWTAR in convention re-
ports, your funds should be in by
July 1. However, all contributions re-
ceived up to August 31 will go towards
the 1964 race.

See NAA magazine for race news.

FOR ANY INFORMATION, AND
FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY,
WRITE:

AWTAR, Inc.
Teterboro Airport,
Teterboro, N.J.

(Enclose 30c to cover cost of mail-
ing)

Pilot's Briefing

Charter member Faye Gillis Wells,
210 West 55th St., New York, 19, N.Y.,
Phone CO 5-5584 is coordinator for
"99 Participation in the Amelia Ear-
hart Commemorative Stamp Cele-
bration" (See feature story in this
issue.) She writes "A simple way for
the sections to keep in touch with the
overall plans is to have the reporters
file their progress each month—one
chapter's clever ideas might spark
another chapter." Sections and chap-
ters involved will be in direct touch
with Fay but we would also like to
read of your plans in the Ninety-Nine
News. (Editor)

For information on 99 Tour to South
America write: Irene Keith, 84-20
Austin St., Apt. 4E, Kew Gardens 15,
N.Y.

May 17th is the release day of a
new book—"Woman Into Space" by
Jeirrie Cobb with Jane Rieker, Pren-
tice Hall is the publisher.

All reports and pictures for the 99
News should be sent directly to the
Editor in Milwaukee.



Left to right: Virginia Thompson, Governor, Middle Eastern Section; Jean Ross Howard; Blanche Noyes, Charter member and past president; and Louise Smith, International President at the Washington Air Derby Association's Trophy Award Dinner in honor of Jean on February 23, 1963. The Washington Air Derby Association is the oldest flying club in the country with more than 100 planes owned by its members. The Trophy, awarded annually, is on permanent display at the Smithsonian. Doc Hartranft of AOPA, a former Trophy recipient, presented the 1962 Award to Jean.

President's Column

April, 1963

FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON:

Page Shamberger and I flew up last week, landed at Dulles International Airport. Approach control brought us in—no trouble and very little traffic. . . Page Airways, (no kin to Page), serving general aviation, gave us excellent service. We attended the Trophy Award Dinner given by the Washington Air Derby Association, one of the oldest flying associations in the country, who each year honors a member for outstanding participation in and contribution to aviation. This year, Jean Ross Howard was the recipient of the award—a beautiful sterling silver trophy. Jean has taken active part in many aviation events, and is especially commended for her chairmanship of the 1962 Wright Memorial Banquet.

FLIGHT TO AIKEN, S.C.:

The Smiths and the Kelleys flew to Aiken to attend a joint meeting of the Georgia and Carolinas Chapters. Highlight was a conducted tour through the Army Air Force Radar Installation.

FLIGHT TO RICHMOND, VIRGINIA:

Checking and working on the restoration of the Amelia Earhart Scrap Books.

GOOD NEWS:

Atchison, Kansas is the place, and July 24th is the time—the first day cover cancellation of the Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp. Fay Wells, charter member, is co-ordinating Ninety Nine participation in the celebration and has great plans—so, following the International Convention on July 20th in Oklahoma City, let's fly to Atchison for the Commemorative Stamp Ceremony on July 24th.

Keep Flyin'
Louise M. Smith

IF YOU'RE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 17 AND 70 — YOU'LL WANT TO BE IN OKC. JULY 16-20, '63.

Pilots: Men or women who start out knowing a great deal about very little and go on learning more and more about less and less until they know everything about nothing.

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund

As you read this, the three top scoring applications for the 1963 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Award are being screened by the Honorary judges. Their task of selecting which one of these will receive this year's \$700 Award will not come easy, for they are all of such high caliber.

The Trustees are in hopes that the time is near when more than one Award can be offered. This is dependent upon only one thing, IN-COME! Contributions have started coming in nicely for the current year, and the response to the suggestion in the December Ninety-Nine News that Chapters give at least \$1.00 per member has caught on tremendously. Many, many thanks—and keep it coming!

Will those who have not yet sent in their contribution for this year please send their checks (payable to Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship) to the AE Fund Treasurer, Broneta D. Evans, P. O. Box 38, Minco, Oklahoma. Individuals wishing to send a gift or memorial tribute to the AE Fund are reminded that they are deductible for income tax purposes. All donations received prior to 30 June will be included in the report read at Convention in July.

Alice H. Hammond, Chairman
Amelia Earhart Memorial
Scholarship Trustees

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

BETTY PFISTER of the Colorado Chapter Whirley Girl No. 52.

JERRIE COBB of the Oklahoma Chapter Whirley Girl No. 53.

BEES, BIRDS & BUTTERFLIES
WILL BE PEOPLE WATCHING
JULY 17th — WATCHING THE GALS
IN THE "OKC FUN FLYING
SPREE".



Preview of Race Course
OKC FUN FLYING SPREE

NINETY-NINES TOUR

By Irene B. Keith

Don't forget the dates August 4th thru 17th 1963. By the time you read this the mailing of the itinerary has been completed. Check with your CHAPTER CHAIRMAN for all the information.

We will leave Miami—Sunday night, August 4th for Sao Paulo, Brazil on Pan American. We land at the new Jet Airport "Viracopos" around 11 P.M. with approximately a two hour drive to town. Because of the terrain of Sao Paulo the Airport couldn't be built any closer nor could the airport in the town be expanded. So this will be the longest part of the traveling. Air Bridge Airline to Rio de Janeiro for four days here. Varig Airlines to Brasilia, the Capital of Brazil, a new City. Leave Brasilia via Pan Am to Port of Spain, Trinidad and the Steel bands, then K.L.M. to Curacao, Dutch West Indies for a different Island and last minute shopping.

The price of the Air fare is \$551.00. The Ground Services \$270.70. The Ground Services includes all meals, hotels, ground transportation, trips and taxes. Total price \$821.70 at present rates.

If you can travel on 50% or more discount with the airlines do not hesitate to join us. You will pay full ground services, then let us know what rate you can travel on so reservations can be made.

A \$50.00 deposit is necessary and the last date it can be accepted will be June 18th to confirm space. This will be payable to "Ninety-Nine Tour" and sent to me at the address in the Membership Directory. This will be put into a separate account with two other 99's as co-signers as bond.

We have already started to contact people and clubs enroute to arrange the extras that will make this a special tour for us. Info will be mailed to chapter chairmen as soon as we firm dates and places.

The itinerary shows all meals at respective hotels. As the social dates are set, this will be changed and will change the Price of ground services. ALL FOR NOW**

4 WAYS TO FINANCE YOUR CONVENTION TRIP - - -

1. Get your application kit for the OKC FUN FLYING SPREE.
2. Return completed application early to reserve space in race.
3. Be in OKC by 1500 CST July 16.
4. Follow all the clues July 17 and win the loot!

Best July Recipe

(Serves up to 99 Aircraft)

1 PILOT, 99er

1 CO-PILOT

1 AIRCRAFT

Combine and place in OKC by 1500 CST, July 16. For special flavoring add one or more female passengers.

Mix well with other basic ingredients on Will Rogers Field. Spread generously in skies over Oklahoma July 17.

Time carefully and watch for well done-ness. Frost most "well done" with special topping. Sprinkle with additional "decorations".

"Cut-the-cake" at OKC Air Race Victory Dinner.

Application for this highly recommended Group Recipe may be obtained by sending 25c to: Dottie Young, Chairman, Air Race, P. O. Box 2398, Oklahoma City 8, Oklahoma.

99 Participation In The Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp Celebration

By Faye Gillis Wells

By now, you all probably have heard the exciting news that the Amelia Earhart Commemorative stamp has been approved. The First Day covers will be cancelled at Atchison, Kansas, where she was born, on her birthday, July 24.

The 99s will spark the AE Commemorative Stamp Celebration with a Flyaway form Atchison, July 24, which will focus worldwide attention on the true spirit of Amelia, as exemplified by the 99s today. This is perfect, timewise for the girls who attended the national meeting at Oklahoma City, July 17 to 20.

The Flyaway plan which we are formulating with the Post Office and the Atchison Chamber of Commerce, and with the cooperation of the FAA, is as follows:

1. There will be X number, probably 100,000, First Day covers, with a special cachet reading: "99 Club-Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund". These will sell for \$1.00 each.

2. The charter members of the 99s who have been flying continuously since the organization was formed, 34 years ago, will fly away from Atchison, Kansas on July 24th, to airports in the four corners of the United States which are landmarks in Ame-



lia's flying career, such places as:

- a. Los Angeles, California, where she learned to fly and where she received the Distinguished Flying Cross.
- b. Lafayette, Indiana, and Purdue University, the first college in America to have an airport and through whose efforts, Amelia got her "Flying Laboratory."
- c. Boston, Massachusetts, where she was living when she made her first flight to glory.
- d. Washington, D. C. where she

was recognized by four presidents; where her poem 'Courage' was read into the Congressional Record; and where she received the National Geographical Society's Special Gold Medal, the only woman to receive it for solo achievement.

- e. Miami, Florida, where she took off on her last flight and where a plaque was unveiled in her honor at the International Airport, last year.
- f. Newark, New Jersey, the terminus of her record solo flight from Mexico City.
- g. Idlewild, Long Island, where the First Day covers will be transferred to commercial "Friendship" (named for her transatlantic plane) flights to European countries that have honored her: to England; to the AE Hotel at Weisbaden, Germany; to France where she received the Knight of the Legion of Honor and the Jeanne d'Arc medal; to Belgium where she was given the Order of Leopold; to Italy for the Bals medal. Fitting ceremonies are being planned to celebrate the issuance of the Commemorative Stamp in all these countries.

Enroute to these termini, the girls will touch down at key airports. For example, enroute to Los Angeles, there probably would be a landing at Denver, where members of the 99s would be waiting in their planes to fly the First Day covers northwest to Salt Lake City, Boise and Olympia. In this manner the 99s will blanket the capitols of America with their special Amelia Earhart Commemorative First Day covers, and through their tie-ins with the commercial "Friendship" flights, at Los Angeles, Miami and Idlewild, expedite their distribution throughout the world. All these key points will have appropriate ceremonies with local dignitaries and outstanding personalities, who have worked diligently towards the approval of this honor for Amelia.

This will give the sections an opportunity to honor the charter members, at their local AE Celebrations. Each section over which the charter girls will fly should consult the maps, flying conditions, local VIPs and consider other facilities; then suggest the best possible stopovers from all these angles, for the AE birthday parties. The details will be worked out with the individual girls. It looks like the North Central section is going to be the busiest with flyers

streaking across their territory to Lafayette, Washington, New York and Boston.

Whoever is in charge of the overnight local celebration on the 24th, should bear in mind that the Charter girls still have a hard day's flight ahead of them, so they should not be subject to too much feting. Remember, the terminal celebrations will be on the 25th.

Every celebration should have dancing, for Amelia considered "dancing the loveliest pastime in the world"; also, it will give the crowd a diversion in case the flyer is delayed by weather.

We are working out a philatelic tie-in with genial Mr. Jacques Minkus, who heads the Gimbels Stamp department, which handled AE's covers on her first flight and are planning on working with the other 38 Empire stamp Galleries throughout the United States on a combined promotion; but more about that next month, after the stamp is unveiled. This ceremony will probably be held at the Aviation Club in Washington in April.

There are lots of exciting ideas in the planning stages—tie-ins with libraries, airlines, the Zontas, the Coast Guard, the Air Force, Wing Scouts and VIPs to make this the most fabulous commemorative stamp celebration in history. Watch the newsletter each month for more details.

Air Age Education Spotlight

By Perry Robinson

A number of interesting letters have been received by your aerospace education chairman indicating the inspiring work being done in this field. I take pleasure in passing the good word along.

This month, may we turn the spotlight on the Tucson area Ninety-Nines? Mrs. Shirley Marshall is Chairman of the Education Committee which has been carrying on an active program in support of the National Aerospace Education Council, or we should say in support of aerospace education.

They have successfully planned a Penny-a-Pound Airlift Day for the last two years, and this year they flew some 122,000 pounds of happy passengers. The sum of over \$1200 earned was matched by the State Department of Aeronautics. Thus, they had some \$2,500 to spend on aviation education materials for the schools in Tucson and the surrounding towns.

Consequently, the Arizona NAEC Institutional Service membership re-

port showed an increase in 1962 from 86 to 232. The Ninety-Nines have supplied numerous Institutional Service memberships of aerospace education material in the Tucson and Tucson area schools. This was accomplished thru the active liberal support of many local Ninety-Nines. Our congratulations!

The National Aerospace Education Council, 1025 Connecticut Avenue Northwest, Washington 6, D.C., has offered generous cooperation in making available to Ninety-Nines the names of schools in their local areas that subscribe to NAEC services. This will enable interested Ninety-Nines to establish rapport with air-minded teachers who can then take advantage of the local Ninety-Nines as a contributing resource group in furnishing speakers, providing exhibits, and buying aviation education materials for school libraries.

If you wish further information regarding NAEC services along with free copies of materials for your local Chapter, you may write to Dr. Evan Evans, Executive Director, National Aviation Education Council. (Address given above.) Dr. Evans is an outstanding school man and a dynamic national leader in the field of aerospace education.

Among other Ninety-Nines who have actively supported the NAEC Institutional Services for local schools are Jacqueline Cochran, Arlene Davis, Frances Nolde, Page Shamburger, and our president, Louise Smith.

I hope you have enjoyed the above "spotlight". We are sure there are many Ninety-Nine Chapters doing outstanding work in NAEC and other educational fields. Will you please report to me your interesting activities including names of sponsors, since your projects will carry inspiration to all of us, and we would like to give credit to our active groups. Which Chapters will attract the Air Age Spotlight for the May '99 News' issue? Will your next current letters feature Chapter aerospace contributions to the NAEC, a Model Airplane Club, the Civil Air Patrol Cadets and/or Wing Scout Troop activities?

Please keep the aviation/space education reports coming. For your inspiring letters we are deeply appreciative.

Perry Robinson, Chairman, Int. Air Age Education Committee, 99's, 1922 - 38th Street, Northwest, Washington 7, D. C.

Three things a pilot can't use: The runway behind, the altitude above and the gas in the truck.

Convention Briefing

Aren't you glad we started early? With all this planning time, the more we work the better it gets! We hope you'll plan early, too.

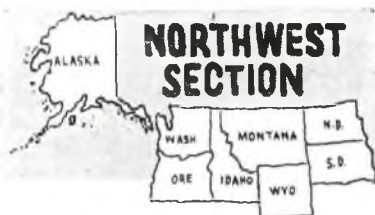
Watch next month in the May issue for pictures and stories.

REMEMBER THE DATES: Pre-Convention Air Race, July 17.

OKC in '63 Convention: July 18, 19 & 20.

We appreciate the help and interest of all the South - Central Section.

Elizabeth (Susie) Sewell
Convention Chairman



OREGON CHAPTER

By Betty Johnson

The date of the Northwest annual Petticoat Derby has been changed to Saturday, June 22nd. All entrants are to make at least two four inch petticoats with your name and address attached to leave at designated landing areas during the race to signify you have been there. All Ninety-Nines in the Northwest Section are eligible to compete in this navigational efficiency contest. You will be given the course route on Friday night before the race and be thoroughly briefed the next morning before the race. It is suggested you have a co-pilot.

A celebration banquet will be held in Gresham Saturday night at the Elks Club. All those from out-of-town will have reservations made for you to stay at the Golden Knight Motel in Gresham which is close to the Skyways Airport in Troutdale, Oregon. Reservations should be sent to Charlotte Dodson (Mrs. Landon L. Dodson) 9231 S. E. Tenino Court, Portland, Oregon along with your check for \$5.00 registration fee. June isn't far off so be thinking about it now.

Dual honors go to Joan Bueerman, Portland, who just received her Commercial, and her twin-engine rating. Joan has been rolling up flying hours, having just returned from an exciting trip to Mexico and a second trip to Los Angeles where she saw Myles Ruggenberg who sends his best regards to all the Ninety-Nines. Joan took her flight check with Myles.

Another in our group of which we are extremely proud is Althea Adams

who did a great big job working on the Oregon Education Association Convention held in the Portland Memorial Coliseum, March 21st and 22nd. Speakers were Senator Wayne Morse, Columnist Drew Pearson, Hazel Blanchard, President of the National Education Association; Representatives from the NASA Space Mobile, Mr. Pat Cody, Mr. Jack Sorensen, Mr. Jerry Ochab and Mr. Robert McCurdy. Friday afternoon speakers were Colonel Charles Reager from Edwards Air Force Base, California, and Captain William J. Knight, test pilot for the Dyna-Soar . . . the first winged aero-spaced craft to be earth launched and returned to a conventional landing.

Althea has been responsible for a great deal of progress in Aero Space Education in bringing to the attention of the educators the importance of flying as it is today and of the tremendous potential of the future. In May, Althea is leaving for four weeks in Alaska to work with the staff on the Aero Space Education summer work shop.

Ann Brown, Portland, was a feature guest on a television program showing her flight training from the beginning with an interesting documentary of pictures, interviews and a complete flying story concluded with scenes from last year's Derby.

Arlene Baker and Bobby Hayes were hostesses for the March meeting at Hillsboro Aviation with thirty members and guests present. Mr. Clyde Doctor, Flight Instructor from Hillsboro Aviation spoke on the navigational problems involved in the last Petticoat Derby and how to avoid these problems in the future.

Twenty-four members and guests were present at the Lebanon meeting in February with hostesses Jean Abbott and Evelyn Rackleff. Evelyn was unable to be present because of illness.

ALASKA CHAPTER

By Lavelle Betz

A special meeting was held at Gwen Jones' home on March 7th to discuss our St. Patrick's Day Breakfast to be held at Hardesty's Air Service hangar at Merrill Field from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 17th.

Added attractions will be Kiddie rides by KoKo the KENI Klown, airplane rides by Hardesty's, and green popcorn balls by 99's with proceeds going to enlarge our convention fund. The usual ham and eggs, pancakes, coffee and cocoa-all-you-can-eat variety prepared by the local chapter of the 99's will be served. Those present at this meeting were Pat Gilda, Mar-

lene Hardesty, Pat Moore, Ruth O'Buck, Pat McGee, Gwen Jones and Lavelle.

On March 15th we spent three and a half hours making popcorn balls at Pat Moore's home. We sandwiched in our regular business meeting between popcorn balls. Needless to say we had a "ball"! Present at this meeting were Gwen Jones and daughter Lyn, Pat Gilda, Ruth O'Buck, Marlene Hardesty, Lavelle Betz and daughter Becky, and Pat Moore with her mother also there to pitch in and help.

The Ski-Bug has bitten several of our members recently with Ruth outdoing the rest of us in skiing ability—maybe that is because she has more time to practice! She is now able to ski down the mountain at Alyeska Ski Resort. Pat Moore and family, Gwen Jones and family, Pat McGee and family, Lavelle and family have all taken up skiing. Let's hope there won't be any broken legs among this crowd of amateurs!

Gwen Jones was recently elected Secretary-Treasurer to replace Pat Gillespie who had to resign. Gwen is doing a wonderful job of it, too.

Well, I'll ski you next time!

FAR WEST CHAPTER

By Margaret Layton

The February meeting was held at Port Townsend Airport in our camper. I haven't soloed the camper, so Dick drove in down the night before.

Elene Duncan drove to Port Angeles, rented the Tri-Pacer and flew to our meeting.

Evan LaRue had again taken the plane to work, so Barbara LaRue and Mary Kackanek had to drive. They brought a most welcome guest, Mari-lou Fairchild.

For a birthday present Mary received a check ride in a Tri-pacer.

Mary and Barbara are still working with the Girl Scouts and really enjoying the experience.

Plans were made to paint the markers at Port Angeles. The one at Port Townsend has just been painted this week.

We are all making tentative plans to enter the Lipstick Derby this August. It is being sponsored by the Western Washington Chapter.

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Helen R. Crum

Now that most everyone is home from winter vacations—limited and extensive—and the weather is co-operating, ten of us took up where we left off (two months ago) at a luncheon meeting in Yakima March 9. In the absence of Chairman Marie Reynolds, whom we missed, Ethel Wikstrom efficiently presided.

Since Gini Richardson could not join us for lunch, we had a short discussion at the airport about the proposed air tour for women fliers which Gini and Millie Shinn have been planning. It was decided to hold it May 18th—rain date May 25th. We will be meet in Walla Walla for breakfast, lunch in Spokane, tea in Wenatchee—the end of the tour. Further details will be sent to those wishing to take part later.

We have a prospective mother and daughter team for future air races. Kathleen Hitchcock's daughter, Kam, who presently is at Stanford University, is our newest member. She is anxious to continue her flying during summer vacation at home. Kam is interested in music and drama when not flying. Last fall I had the fun of going to Bend, Oregon, for lunch with Kathleen and Kam at the controls. Due to a rapid change in weather Kathleen put in a distress call to her husband who flew down in jig time in their Baron to pick us up but Kam made it home creditably in the Skylane with her instructor. Kathleen is not only working for her commercial in the Skylane but is pilot or copilot in the Baron on many extended business trips.

Lygie Hagan, in her Comanche, brought Barbara Thisted and Millie to the meeting, and her husband, who had just shed his cast which he has worn since his accident last fall. Lygie did all the flying during their two months in the South and Mexico where they enjoyed several weeks with the Hensons at Manzanillo. She attended a pilots' luncheon in Phoenix. Lygie and Alice Kennedy are advisors to an enthusiastic group of Wing Scouts in Spokane. She also is going to instrument ground school.

Alice flew her Cub as far as Richland for the meeting. When she tried to get permission to come to Yakima in her prize possession (sans radio) the Tower changed her mind so Minnie Boyd picked her up en route from Pullman. Alice says she can hardly wait to explore this country. She and Millie made a good start in February.

The Boyds returned recently from a month in Palm Springs spent swimming and bowling. While there they saw Selma Vandercreek from the Eastern Idaho chapter and her 49½er. Ethel and Wik took turns flying their Aztec in February to Phoenix and Los Angeles. In Phoenix she met 99 Juanita Newell, a Cessna 310 pilot for a construction firm.

Gini has been doing some skiing at Sun Valley and is now busy negotiating spray contracts with the United

States Forestry Service. Joan Rorke, one of those present, is assisting with CAP classes. She has enrolled for pre med courses this semester at Yakima Valley Junior College. This-eds have started a landing strip near their home. We were glad to have Helen Ernsdorff with us. Her ground school class is almost over for the season. Bonnie, who was unable to come, had just returned home in two days from Manzanillo with Chet in their Apache. Her next news probably will be a multi engine rating.

Our next meeting will be in Pendleton for lunch April 20th.

MONTANA CHAPTER

By Winifred Lovelace

Our dedicated Chapter Secretary, Betty Nunn, has spent most of the winter sending cards to all of our 32 members announcing alternate dates for postponed meetings. We appear to lack the knack of picking flyable Saturdays for them. Missoula was to be the spot for January but severe weather all over the state that month, (standard for January) froze out the original and alternate dates. All the operators' engine heaters and all the weather men couldn't get the 99s together again.

February weather relented, and allowed a few lucky members to fly to Great Falls, but disallowed at least 10 of us who were definitely planning to fly from Eastern Montana, North Dakota and Southern Montana.

The March 16th meeting at Havre looked more like old times. A long distance call to Helena at deadline for this report revealed that a dozen or so fly-babies reached Havre. Among them were Bobby Kramer and Vivienne Schrank who flew up to Glasgow to pick up "someone" who was doubtless Pearl McGill. Weather between Malta and Havre caused them to trade three wheels for four—that's persistence.

Toward afternoon the low snow clouds west, south and southwest lifted, a few hours too late for the stay-at-homes.

All of our usual donations have been voted "in" at these meetings, and the good news is that Mary Jo Janey has consented to Chairwoman the 1963 Big Sky Race again.

Several Montana 99s were delighted and proud to see our National Vice-President's appearance on television "I've Got a Secret" in February. Barbara Keirnan is a credit to us all, and so is the "Colt for Kim".

Marge Rolle is feeling better after an inspection tour at Mayo Brothers. They inspected HER! Dorothy Sabo likewise, after a surgical bout at BIL.

Our April meeting will be in Helena and the May one in Billings, so we'll see you in the Spring. Please bring or send your news to me!

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Maxine Fancher

Our Air Education Chairman, Marian Morton, has tossed quite a challenge to our chapter. She has arranged for us to produce a series of television shows over the University of Washington Educational television station, KCTS beginning the 30th of April. There will be a variety of Aviation topics concerned within our individual experiences. The original production will be aired in the evening at 5:45 and will be heard for five successive weeks. A science-course committee will be viewing it, and will request parts of it to be adopted to a sixth-grade television science class being prepared for next year.

Bob and Marion Morton and some friends spent a delightful ten days in late February at Aspen, Colorado, where every day was sun-filled and ski-able. She found it more than difficult to get her "nose to the grindstone" over deadlines for the rough drafts of the TV shows due a few days after her return home. We will hand it to her—she has the know-how and the acquaintances at the University to make this venture valuable to the Ninety-Nines and the community.

Pat McGee is still fighting for the right to use her contact lens and instruct commercially. Her case is now before the full Civil Aeronautics Board after Hearing-Examiner Russel A. Potter interpreted FAA regulations to read against the contact lens.

Pat feels that losing regular glasses would be a greater emergency than if one or even both of contact lenses were lost since ophthalmologists agree that contact lens users find their uncorrect vision better for several hours after removal of the contacts. Pat has worn contacts since 1957 during all waking hours, and states flatly that she will not go back to regular glasses. She is anxiously awaiting the results of her appeal.

I just got a first hand report of a helicopter trip from Culver City, California to Seattle competed yesterday. Florene Potter, with husband Les as navigator brought her new Hughes home in seventeen hours and thirty-four minutes. She reports a perfectly delightful trip, flying at 500 or so feet over the highway, with no traffic, weather, or other car and airplane worries to contend with. I said, "no traffic," but actually near Gosham,

Oregon, she met a helicopter. The two Hughes sat down in a handy spot and exchanged ideas, and plans. Ilovene, licensed woman helicopter number fifty, gave Frances Bera, number forty-nine, a ride in her new "baby" while she was in the Los Angeles area. Les, whose previous helicopter time amounted to fifteen minutes, admitted that the scratches on the top of the bubble were not there when the factory made delivery. By the time they arrived in Seattle he was converted and enjoying himself. An experimental landing on the Potter home carport brought some fifty spectators—mostly small boys—to the scene, so Boeing Field is now the heliport in use.

Our February meeting was a dining room at Pantley's just off Bellevue Airport. At the meeting we voted to ask for the beginning of the 1966 AWTAR in connection with the national convention of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.

We continue plans for a Lipstick Derby in connection with the Seattle Sea Fair early next August. The aviation committee of the Renton Chamber of Commerce has asserted their cooperation in any way we need. The Renton Airport will be the start and the terminus of the all-woman race.

Betty Curran reported a pleasant flying trip to Las Vegas. We again enjoyed seeing our newest members, Kay Parkinson and Jay Lawrence. The March meeting will be held at the Haitt House adjacent to Seattle-Tacoma Airport.



ALL WOMAN NEW ENGLAND AIR RACE — May 25th at Keene, New Hampshire! Sponsored by the New England Section, this over-200 mile round robin is a "proficiency" race, with trophies awarded for the first five places, pilot and co-pilot. Both handicap speed and gas par are pertinent to the best score—to come the closest to both is the goal.

Fly-in May 24th to Keene Airport for impounding and inspection; you'll find out WHERE you're going' at the pilot briefing Friday night! Saturday breakfast and weather briefing, and race take-off at 10 a.m. Fly-over identification required at all check points. Timing from take-off to flight-over-finish line! Awards banquet at Winding Brook Lodge May 25th.

Race Co-Chairman "Pat" Russell and Barbara Kiernan have set up new rules and regulations, and operating procedures for the annual New England race, based on the successful Michigan SMALL race. Get your aircraft and co-pilot reserved for May 25th—and sharpen up the navigation!

Sounds like fun for all—write AWNEAR, c/o Barbara Kiernan, Geneva Road, Andover, Mass., for particulars and entry blank (enclose 50 cents for postage).

EASTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

By Lois Auchterlonie

The Spring Section Meeting of the New England Section will be held May 26th, at Keene, N. H. The Eastern N.E. Chapter will hostess the luncheon meeting.

Anyone wishing to contact Chris Seaver will have to communicate with Cloud 9—as a birthday gift her two children, Jan and Dick, gave her a trip to Europe this summer. She plans to see relatives in Denmark, and visit Oslo, Switzerland and the Australian Alps.

Lois Wartman spent the month of March skiing in Switzerland—on a well-deserved vacation from her work and night-school routine!

Ora Stevens announces the opening of the coffee shop in the new administration building at Taunton Airport. This really keeps Ora busy—but she's glad to see the Ninety-Nines who drop in for a cup of coffee with her.

Fran and Steve Porter had been taking advantage of the FEW days of weekend flying in the area, in their Navion. Steve monitors Bedford Tower on his home radio—and can recognize the Ninety-Nines voices—every time.

Mary Warford hardly let the ink dry on her Private license before starting her instrument course. Nice going, Mary.

Jerry Gardiner and 49-½'er Hank, went Island hopping via Bonanza in the Caribbean, visiting Hopetown and Rock Sound. We're looking forward to a Limbo demonstration, Jerry.

Barbara Kiernan was Jerry's passenger as far as West Palm Beach, where she visited with June Douglas and enjoyed the Florida sunshine after spending the school vacation skiing with her two sons in Franconia.

Rae Tober's exuberance is catching—and she is in demand for talks for various groups. Rae is working on her degree in physical education; her family should be "physical fitness" conscious!

See you at the AWNEAR race at Keene, N.H. — May 25th!



Back row: June Basile, Lois Seketa, Tracy Pilars, Alice DeWitt. Front row: Loyal M. Liken of Northwest Orient Airlines, Capt. Kim, Nell Brown. Chicago Area 99s were on hand at O'Hare Airport when Kim had a stopover on the trip back to Kcree and presented her with Northwest Orient Airlines' gift, an armful of roses.



CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Nita Fineman

Quite a spell ago in our nation's history, a great group of young ladies flew their hearts out in an outfit called the WASP—short for Women's Air Force Service Pilots. One of the very talented gals who instructed these high-flying WASP's was the guest speaker for our February meeting—an amazing person by the name of Ziggy Hunter. Ziggy, who came to the Chicago Area Chapter from Texas drawl and all, held us spell-bound recounting some of the adventures, hilarity and pathos that she and the other girls experienced while members of this famous squadron. Before she became one of the three female flight instructors for the WASP at Avenger Field in Texas, Ziggy taught Navy personnel. At present, she is very much engrossed in her position with the Girl Scout Council and travels around the country serving the Council where the benefits of her varied background are needed. We are grateful to the February meeting hostess committee for a fine program and to Joan Baldwin for providing her cozy apartment and tasty coffee and goodies.

It was good to see Mary Beretich at the meeting. Mary, too, was in the WASP and it was fun to listen to her and Ziggy reminisce.

Congratulations to June Basile who received her commercial rating. While most of the 99's in the area sat and dreamed of warmer and more desirable flying weather, June got out in many below zero days and did it the hard way. And the extreme cold was only one obstacle. Her dad who had been ill for the past six months was growing steadily worse and passed away the day before she took her flight test. Because the 24-month validity of her written exam was due to expire, she could wait no longer. We are glad you made it, June!

A special opportunity presented itself to Chicago Area 99's when Capt. Kyung O. Kim had a stopover at O'Hare Field before returning to Korea. Capt. Kim, a member of the Korean Women's Air Force, was awarded a Piper Colt while in the east as a result of the 99's contributing 2,500 S & H Green Stamp books (3,000,000 stamps!). Lois Seketa, Alice DeWitt, Nell Brown, June Basile and Tracy Pilurs were on hand to greet Capt. Kim at the airport, and Nell Brown presented her with an exquisite bouquet of roses from Northwest Orient Air Lines. Capt. Kim's visit in this country was cut short due to the illness of her mother. The girls were enchanted with her charm and were grateful for the uplifting experience of meeting her personally. We hope that she may soon return.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER **By Rosamond Joly**

The March meeting was held at Marian Kirtz home and featured guest speaker, Bill East, of the Missouri Highway Patrol. Bill is a helicopter pilot and gave an interesting speech on the use of the helicopter in police work. Plans were discussed for the April meeting, tentatively set for Arrowhead Airport with Arleen Davis, NAA Secretary and Eugene Utz as potential speakers of the evening. Announcement was also made that the Sky Lady Derby would start on June 27 from Alton Municipal Airport and future discussions would be necessary for activating our part in this program. Congratulations to Promise Jenkins on becoming a 99. Promise received her private pilot's license in October.

TID BITS:

Number one for aviation promotion this month goes to Del Scharr who is invited to participate in the Russ David Show, Station KSD-TV March 27 at midnight. Del will be interviewed regarding her past aviation activities and experiences. Del, as an active member of the Air Force Association,

will also be attending the Aero Space Conference held in cooperation with St. Louis University in Florissant, Mo. Ruth Taksel is also planning to attend this conference.

The Duenke family is planning a Palm Springs holiday, including LA and Disneyland, late in March.

Ruth Lake informs us her son is spending 6 months at Lackland AFB. Jack and Golly Miner are leaving March 16 for a week in sunny Ft. Lauderdale. An exciting activity was outlined by Dorothy Haupt. Seems that the Haupts have a fly-in for lunch to some airport one Sunday a month with various other couples. The idea has interested at least two people in taking flying lessons. Sounds like an excellent fun-idea which also promotes interest in general aviation. Also in the news is Jan Noyes's husband, Frank, who recently introduced Kleer Plex for removing deep scratches on plastic windshields.

The St. Louis Chapter may feel an air of pride in the fact that their script for "Petticoat Propwash" has been requested by another chapter for possible use at their Spring sectional.

INDIANA CHAPTER **By Muriel Dykema**

We had a most wonderful St. Patrick's Day meeting in Marion, Indiana. The Marion Chamber of Commerce welcomed us with Hoosier hospitality unequalled in my experience. Each flying 99 was greeted at the airport by Mayor and Mrs. Edwards and members of the Chamber. After our chairman, Peg Coulter, received a dozen roses, the entourage had a police escort to the Holiday Inn! We had a record attendance of 41 99s and many more guests. After our business meeting and luncheon, we heard a welcoming address from the Mayor and a spokesman from the Marion Convention and Visitor's Council of the Marion Chamber of Commerce. Our guest speaker was Colonel William M. Bowden, Vice Commander of the 305th Bombardment Wing, Bunker Hill Air Force Base. Col. Bowden, a command pilot with 23 years military service, gave a fascinating talk on the B58 Hustler and showed a motion picture on the Bleriot Trophy. We all want to thank Margaret Petty for a truly stimulating meeting.

Lots of news this month. Olive McCormick is the proud owner of a Cessna 205. Jane Simmons just returned from a live pigeon shoot in Reno, Nevada, and plans to attend

the International Shoot in Madrid, in April. Martha Holst, advisor to Purdue Pilots, Inc., will accompany and chaperone the club to the National Intercollegiate Flying Assoc. Meet at Southern Illinois University in April. Our charming redhead Alma Hartman just returned from a trip to Disneyland and Las Vegas via Bonanza in a record 12 hours to Kokomo. Janet and John Barnett, both pilots from Indianapolis, were guests at our Marion meeting. They flew in low with a strong cross wind in their new "500" Festival Chrysler. Nellie and Evan Alger spent a week in Houston, Tex., recently. Dr. Julia Hayes from Ft. Wayne selling her 1959 Cessna 175. Our captivating luck gal, Sue Hively, saving pennies for a plane, had to buy a new car instead. Such is life! It was good to see Billie Smith again back from a 6 weeks' stay in Florida. Soph and Neal Payton flying via Lake Central to Ft. Lauderdale on vacation. Neal sitting in back with the passengers this time.

We have several very fine bowlers in our group. Jill McCormick came in 3rd in singles and team standings and 11th in the doubles in the Lafayette City Women's Bowling Tournament. Joan Collins, bowling on two Indianapolis teams, just returned from the Stone's Tournament in Cincinnati covering 5 states. We'll be anxious to learn the results.

We all hope our rummage sale in Indianapolis on March 30 will be a howling success. Soph Payton and Dorothy Smith have really worked hard on it.

Of course, our big news this month is the North Central Sectional Convention at the Van Orman Roberts Hotel, 120 W. Howard St., Muncie, Ind., May 3rd through 5th. Many of our members have been working full time on this for months now. They are hoping to make this a memorable experience. All flying guests will be transported from the airport to the hotel. The hospitality rooms will be open Friday evening for snacks. Saturday a.m., Jill McCormick will hold a complimentary refresher ground school. Our luncheon will include a High Flying Fashion Show sponsored by the Ball Store in Muncie, followed by the business meeting. The evening will unfold with cocktails and banquet and guest speaker, Paul J. Rodgers, Vice President of Sales and Public Relations of Ozark Airlines. There will be a Las Vegas Nite for prizes to round out the program. Peg Coulter would like to receive advance reservations by April 25th. They will be \$10.00 in advance or \$12.00 at the

door. Please make hotel reservations directly to the Roberts. See you in Muncie in May . . . Safe flying!

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Marge Gorman

Our March meeting was held on St. Patrick's Day in Columbus at the Army Depot's Officers Club. Hostesses Marilyn Miller and Marion Betzler were on hand to greet everyone.

It was a lovely day—our best since last fall. Only you had to be on the ground to appreciate it. Gale force winds were in effect and only 4 airplanes were able to make it in. Marilyn Collette, Ruth Love, Claire Phillips with Janice Kuechenmeister and Bette McMahan with Authrie Lehr all managed to make Port Columbus while the rest of us chose the highway. You could even feel the extreme crosswind on the Interstate so our hats were off to the fly-ins.

Bonnie Miller, Mixie Heckelman, Virginia Schumacher, Mary Scheaffer, Helen Samman, Clara Tharpe, Jean Hixson, Rosalie Bracht, Mary Foley, Jerri Crabtree, Joyce Evans, Joan Hrubec, Edy Maxim, Jean Bonar were present for the meeting and wonderful lunch that followed. Norman Crabtree, the new Ohio Director of Aviation, spoke to the group after our meeting about the program he state has ahead for the coming year.

Jack Reed, of the Columbus Control Tower, also spoke to us concerning airplane safety. It was a pleasure to meet him after reading his articles in the Ohio Aviation News each month.

Claire Phillips said they have purchased a D-18 and will have their Cessna 310 for sale.

Rosalie Bracht announced the Akron girls will sponsor a booth March 26th to 30th during the Akron Home and Flower show. This will be held right on Akron Municipal Airport. Many articles of interest for women pilots were passed around and will be shown there. Everyone was rather silent on news this month but it was so encouraging to hear from former member Ann Ash now in Weisbaden, Germany, that she missed our news one month we are inspired to again make the deadline.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Ruth Lembke

Our Dora Fritzke appeared on WTMJ-TV, channel 4, recently when she was interviewed as a Career-Woman Pilot, guest of the "Twelve to Twenty" program. Attractive young teen-ager, Mary Munte, of Wauwatosa East High, a member of

the Council, appeared with Dora and questioned her. Naturally, Dora made us proud of her responses about the 99's, and we saw the emblem in a good close-up on her lapel.

Toney was hostess to the chapter for the March meeting. It was held in her delightful apartment. Among the group who arrived to see the colored slides of the Experimental Planes and the Antique Planes taken at the National E.A. meeting in Rockford, Illinois, and in Iowa, were these people: Marilyn Fifield, Dora Fritzke, Deedo Heise, Marie Mitzenheim, Dot Parks, and Anne Roethke.

Nancy Gloid, of Capitol Drive Airport, brought the slides. Another guest, Lucile, was also there.

Talk which followed revealed that Anne had just returned from Florida with a beautiful tan. She had only praise for her new Commanche which had been initiated into its first long cross-country, including a water hop to Nassau.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Ginny Mayer

About a third of our members faced the bitter cold, windy outdoors on Wednesday evening, February 20th and attended our meeting at the home of Joyce Johnston, St. Paul (her 49½er, Bruce, is associated with General Airmotive, Cessna Dealer, Holman Field).

Helen Masterson brought the meeting to order and after the reading and approval of the previous meeting's minutes and treasury report, various appointments were discussed and we now have the new office holders, who we know will do very well: Joyce Johnston, acting secretary (during the absence of Marian Champlin who is now over in Europe with her husband for several months; Dorothy Ryan, treasurer (Thora Kron regrets very much being unable to continue with the fine treasury records under her care, but we hope to see Thora at some of our forthcoming meetings).

Ruby St. Onge graciously accepted our scrapbook and the new book will be well laid out.

Our new member, Ruby St. Onge, is real active in flying and eagerly working toward her commercial multi-engine rating. This evening Ruby showed an interesting film taken enroute to the Arctic fishing resorts. As you can well imagine, aircraft is the only way in and out of these resorts. The film showed operations; from ships used for transportation, set-ups for refueling at the strips, some landings in soft fields and sinking in many inches while taxiing, to

the goal of those taking part in this activity—excellent fishing—Northern Pike averaging thirty (30) pounds in weight!

Several members have been taking part in a bit of flying during these winter months, so flight time is kept active.

Wednesday evening, April 21st, we will meet with Rita Orr in Fairbault.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Sarah Gorelick

The Wishbone Restaurant on March 8 was the scene of our latest gathering. Those in attendance included Shirley Ray, Millie Moran, Laverne Devine, Marilyn Dickson, Elaine Morris, Kathryn Peck, Betty Simpson, Marjory Farrell and Sarah Gorelick. Plans were made for many coming activities. Ruth Stafford and Stella Lehmann were appointed Chairmen for our Penny a Pound Airlift. Coming races were discussed and much enthusiasm for participation was displayed by those in attendance. Sarah Gorelick reported on progress of the Kansas City stop in the Powder Puff Derby. Florida seems to be attracting many of our members. Laverne Devine related details of her January trip. Betty Simpson has recently returned from vacationing in Florida and Sun Valley. Travelling not quite so far was Shirley Ray who related with a gleam in her eye of chauffeuring three men on a recent flying trip to Wichita. Marilyn Dickson is operating the Unicom at Surbannan, so anyone in the area give her a call.

Mary Ann Noah and Grace Harris were off via Bonanza to Phoenix.

Ruth Stafford, who still hasn't learned how to sav no, (to organizations, that is), was busily engrossed with the Pem Day Clothesline Sale. Heard they cleared over \$22,000.00 (twenty-two thousand dollars). Wow! Ruth, also as Vice-President in Charge of Special Events for the Kansas City Aero Club did an excellent job on the March Dinner Meeting which featured speaker Bill Lear.

Sarah Gorelick has joined a "Dolls for Democracy" Panel and is giving speeches for that group. She also recently spoke to the students of Barstow School on "Women in Aviation."

Better weather is ahead so hope to be seeing all in the air.

IOWA CHAPTER

By Helen Flaherty

Mrs. Marion (Verna Mae) Prochaska was hostess to the Iowa 99s in Waterloo on Sunday, March 10. There was lots of blue in the sky, hence many fly-ins. The ones who drove were awarded the Mud-Wump

Award, as their planes were mired up to here in front of the hangar—Spring thaw. 28 eager air-minded people enjoyed a fine dinner at the airport, after which the guests retired to the Neiderhauser Hangar and a business meeting was held by these dedicated people, all of whom are in line for the Eager Beaver Award, who are getting things in great shape for a sensational sectional in CID this fall. You'll not want to miss this one. You should just hear all the exciting plans. Mrs. John, Mary Lou Ballensky of Sigourney is our newest member and we extend a warm welcome to her. Members attending were Peg and Jim Ong and 3 little Ongs, who Moon-eyed in from Marion, Len Hunt, Fairfield and Bea Jobe, Ottumwa, came in Bea's Mooney, Hazel and Glen Sigafoose via a 170 from Montezuma, Norma and Doc Christianson flying a Comanche from Tipton, Dawn Miller and Kitty Hach Moon-eyed in from Ames along with Tena Healey from Newton. (There should be a Mooney Award some place around here.) Glenelyn Rissman plus 3 little Rissmans flew in from Davenport and Mary Lou and John Ballensky flew in from Sigourney. Helen-jane Webster and daughter and Lois and Ray Grange all from Des Moines drove in and all were award winners. Esther Neiderhauser was co-hostess with Verna Mae. They had an interesting movie lined up, but time also flew and the business at hand used up the allotment.



GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER By Irene Keith

Yours truly planned the March meeting for Chairman, Kamala; which was held at the Sky Chief's Restaurant, American Airlines Terminal at Idlewild. There were twenty-nine members and guests present.

Our guest speaker was to be Capt. Sokol of American Airlines, but with Idlewild fog-bound, he had to divert to Baltimore and Captain Sapp, his Chief Pilot filled in for him. Capt. Sapp has been with American Airlines for twenty-three years with a break for World War II. He told us about the training the jet pilots receive for commercial flying and the probable next aviation age of Mach III. We then toured American's Dispatch Office, where Duty Dispatcher, Mr. Anderson, explained the many problems of a working airline. Mr. Tony Isnar-

di then explained the LBM Flight Planner. In the jet age, flight planning has had to speed up to keep pace. This computer will turn out four possible plans per flight, then the Dispatcher and the Captain decide which will best fit the needs of the specific flight; even the cost if figured.

NEWS FLASHES:

Mina Elschner just returned from a fabulous seven week island hopping tour of the Carribean Islands and got in some time in a Cherokee 180 and an Aero-Commander. Bobby Prestas put time on a Cherokee while on vacation and loves that little airplane . . . Betty Patton lost ground transportation driving home in a snow storm from the airport . . . Pat Arnold and Louise Hyde are skin-diving and sunning off a schooner (with Jane Hart) around the Virgin Islands . . . Sue Sivade is acquiring a 49½; Dr. Clarence Whims of Atlantic City, N.J., on 16th April. They will be honeymooning around the world via Pan Am, before Sue loses her pass privileges by quitting them to live in Atlantic City . . . Helen Stone was on "To Tell the Truth" and won \$100. She donated \$25 to the AE Fund through our chapter. Many Thanks . . . Allie Rullo and her 49½er spent a weekend in Lockhaven, Pa., with a wonderful Saturday going through the Piper Factory . . . Judith Moran and Sally Buegeleison have passed the Instrument written, now for the Flight work. In the March issue of AOPA Pilot, an article on "Island Hopping in the Bahamas" by Sally . . . Helen Czykowski hopes to have her seaplane rating as soon as the Sound thaws out. Irene Keith is the guest speaker for the W.I.A.A. March 19th, on "Dispatching" . . . Fay Wells was at our March meeting to explain the launching of the Amelia Earhart Stamp and the First Flight folders program to take place in July.



BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER By Jo Dunham

Although our February 17th meeting was not scheduled for a luncheon, that is what it turned out to be. Knowing the Santa Barbara girls were flying in for lunch, a few of us thought we'd be on hand to greet them. Due to weather only three of them, plus one husband, made it, but twelve of our chapter were there. Nice going, Members!

Al Huber and Jack Viles of our airport office visited our meeting to offer assistance on the Race plans.

The Santa Barbara gals will give us a hand on the race. We are looking forward to working with them.

Bert Haycock was pleasantly surprised last month at a birthday dinner by some of the Porterville local pilots with a trophy, an airplane inscribed with her name and "Outstanding Woman Pilot, Porterville, 1962." (She says "Thanks for the vote of confidence.") Bert also received a new ADF, now being installed in her Cessna 175, so had been driving to attend meetings.

Rhoda and Alice were guests recently of the Zonta Club, to whom Rhoda spoke on the AWTAR. This was Rhoda's second talk to them, the first time (last year) it was on the 99's organization. The Zontians are vitally interested in the 99 activities as Amelia Earhart was a member of both. They have offered their services during the week prior to the race.

Edna, Bert, and Beverly attended the luncheon fly-in at Mojave on February 28; guests of San Fernando Valley 99's.

Irmyl Fitzgerald reports the Porterville Chamber of Commerce has taken over sponsorship of the 16th Annual Moonlight Flight, which has always been a popular event. Irmyl, who formerly worked with the Porterville Area Pilots' Assn. as their Secretary when the event was first planned, is assisting. More from Irmyl later.

Peggy Archer sold her Cessna 120 last December and is "out of the air" for the present. She and her 49½ Mel, bought a Smith Mini-Plane and are spending their evenings and weekends rebuilding it, trying to have it ready for the spring fly-ins this year.

Rhoda and Warren Thompson just returned from a two-week flight to Mexico, via Nogales, down the coast to Puerto Vallarta, Guadalajara, and to Mexico City for six days. The weather was perfect the entire, fabulous trip. The Thompsons are opening a new shop: an import shop, specializing in Mexican arts and crafts. Rhoda says buying in Mexico is quite an experience. She looked up the only 99 listed in Mexico City, Eleanor McConville, a most attractive girl with loads of personality. She invited the Thompsons to her lovely apartment for a most enjoyable evening.

Bakersfield Chapter 99's met Sunday March 17th in the Pilots Room at Meadows Field. We were to have the Race Board in attendance but the weather just wouldn't permit it.

however, they will be on hand next Sunday to go over some more very important details on the Race. The last meeting was attended by Chapter Chairman Mrs. Alice Pemberton, Race Chairman, Mrs. Rhoda Thompson, Deputy Race Chairman, Mrs. Laurine Witmer, Hospitality and Accommodations Chairman, Mrs. Florence Moody, Impounds chairman, Jo Dunham, Transportation chairman, Mrs. Beverly Newton, Inspection chairman, Mrs. Lee Wall, Publicity chairman, Priscilla Spencer and members Irmyl Fitzgerald, Bobbie Blackwood, Edna Long, and two guests, Ann Dula, Visalia, JoAnn Main, Visalia.

TUCSON CHAPTER **By Frances Francis**

We held our March meeting at the home of Barbara Welsh and enjoyed her cozy fireside. Also elected her to the board as a representative of the members at large.

The AWTour date this year will be August 17 thru 21. Stops and details to be announced later.

Our chapter now boasts 21 members and will soon have 22. Newest being Major Meg Guggols, U.S. Army, and Grace Page, Las Vegas, Nevada. Meg has transferred to Fort Huachuca from a 2 year tour in Germany. Gaining Meg we lose Major Mary Armstrong, who transferred away from Ft. Huachuca to Germany! Dot Jenkins and Shirley Marshall flew down to see Meg recently and enjoyed lunch with her and a tour of the post. Grace Page and her husband run Page Flight School located at Macaran Field in Las Vegas. Welcome to you, new members, it's nice to have you join us.

Laura Bohanan and Virginia Edwards accepted invitation of Phoenix chapter to join them for luncheon last month and had a marvelous time. Enjoyed seeing old friends and kept us in stitches with high points of the guest speaker's talk.

Thru the efforts of our chairman, members were invited for a tour of Lufthansa Airlines' 720 which had been in Tucson for training of pilots. Had we known in time, found out we could also have gone along on their last 4 hour training flight before they left. They will be back next year—here's hoping the invitation still stands! Pat Nolen and husband Truly off for a trip to Europe before Easter, flying their Comanche to Miami and taking commercial flight from there.

Hear that Pat Munson and family are planning trip to Mexico City when

school is out, but via the highways rather than skyways.

Rosemary Gallon flew a quick round trip to Los Angeles recently.

The Marshalls were off again to Flagstaff snowbowl few weeks ago and will soon fly off to Guaymas again for some of that good fishing at San Carlos Bay.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER **By Darlene Marsh**

We may have set aviation back fifty year, but we had fun doing it! What's zat? What's the red light blinkin' for? What's for lunch? . . . these were only a few of the questions fired at the unsuspecting air force crew standing by their RC-121 radar plane on the morning of March 9 at McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento.

A tour of the base had been arranged for the chapter and the group viewed the F-106 (Delta Darts) and went aboard an RC-121. While Chairman Florence Breen, Carol Hammond, Marianne McDonald, June Devine, and Ruth Lummis were up front in the cockpit area asking questions, Joyce Evans, Helen Mace, Patricia Marks, and Darlene Marsh were keeping the crew busy at the radar consoles in the main section of the plane. At the same time Gerry Mickelson, Ruth Wagner, and guests Martha Jane Shesler, Emily Sederholm, Jean Kay McClelland, and Dorothy Huntley were inspecting the kitchen facilities. Bay Cities Chapter visitors Ruth Rueckert and Marion King meanwhile were already outside counting the number of mushrooms painted on the fuselage representing the plane's participation in nuclear tests.

Immediately after the tour the gals met at the Caravan Inn for a business and social luncheon. Gerry Mickelson was presented the raffle gift (traveling clothes hangers and line), won by visiting Ruth Rueckert as it was Gerry's birthday — so we turned it into a birthday party.

Last month it was reported that June and Jim Devine had resisted the urge to trade in their Bonanza and were just picking one up in Wichita for a friend . . . but they have been smitten and there's a red and white one on it's way to the El Macero Country Club strip with the Devine's name on it.

For those of you having trouble contacting Marianne McDonald at home, you might as well give up. Just call any of the numbers at Sacramento Muni and she'll either be located at Patterson's on Sunday's dispatching aircraft; or where her C-172

is tied down and she'll be untying it for immediate flight; or airborne where she's taking instrument instruction; or on an orientation flight with CAP girl cadets; or out checking out in the C-182 and the Mooney Master as she recently did. Doesn't leave much time for eating or sleeping, but we believe she'd rather be flying.

Palo Alto was the destination of seven members for luncheon at the luxurious new Cabana Motor Hotel. Carol Hammond piloted the C-172 with guest Anna Marie Ball; Chairman Florence Breen in her red and white Tri-Pacer had passengers Ruth Wagner and June Devine aboard; and Claire Raley in "Clara-Belle" (Tri-Pacer) with friend Fritz Hughes. Hialeah Reilich (recently transferred from Sac. Valley to Bay Cities Chapter), met the group and furnished ground transportation.

Yours truly found a few clear days recently which enabled me to fly a C-182 to Napa for lunch, and another day a C-172 to Columbia for a pound of fudge. Expensive fudge!

Out west here we have lots of cowboys and Indians but the Comanche Ruth Wagner is associating with is more of the airborne variety. The Wagners recently traded their C-180 for the Comanche, and you should see that papoose fly it.

Genevieve Conlin and hubby have their eyes on a new Mooney Master and Genevieve is currently being checked out in it—and we doubt if she can resist taking it home with her.

Final preparations are being made by the chapter girls and their families planning the flight to Mazatlan, Mexico, from Sacramento. A full report on that next issue.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER **By Natalie Bossio**

As a firm believer in the adage that late news is better than none I thought you might all be interested to know hat Carol and Pete Veris jetted to Chicago for the Christmas holidays, particularly in view of the horrible flying weather that prevailed in the Bay Area during that period. They were not only very fortunate to get out of fog-bound San Francisco on Saturday morning, the 22nd, but traveled first class on tourist tickets as well. Enroute they discovered that San Francisco was not alone in their weather problems — Chicago had its share too and Carol and Pete finally arrived at midnight after a noon San Francisco departure. They got there the long way—via St. Louis. But their ten days in Chicago were worth every

bit of their travel tribulations, Carol says.

Chairman Jeannie McElhatton hosted our January meeting. Mayetta Behringer, Marg Standish, Patti Sherwood, Pat Gladney, Helen Nelson, Amy Sylvestri, Carol Veris, and your reporter, attended. A lot of business was taken care of and refreshments were enjoyed after the meeting.

Our February meeting was held in the home of Jo Eddleman. Members present were: Chairman Jeannie McElhatton, Carol Veris, Marion Wagner, Jackie Petty, Mayetta Behringer, Pauline Berti, Dorothy Monahan, and Helen Nelson. Among other things, the Fresno Charter Fly-in on April 6 and 7, and a fly-out to Grass Valley March 3rd to an old gold mining community near the Sierras were discussed. Plans also were made for a tupperware party at the home of Marilyn Anderson on March 14th, proceeds of which are to go to our chapter treasury.

Ardell Hauk started her new job with Salinas Engine Works the first of March. She has also applied for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship and if she is the chosen one, will use it to get her Instrument Rating. Best of Luck, Ardell!

The Behringers have purchased a 180 to fly the family to Valparaiso, Chile, where Bill is being assigned to the Naval Mission. Bill has been attending an orientation course in Washington, D.C., since the first of the year. Latest word has it that they will leave the Bay Area Sunday, March 24th, for the new assignment. We all wish all the Behringers a happy two years in Chile!

Pat and Jack Gladnev, Patti Sherwood and Marg Standish have been busy taking Spanish lessons with Mayetta in anticipation of a flight to Chile to visit Mayetta and Bill. Tentatively, the date has been set for October this year.

All of us were sorry to hear that Jackie Joo's husband, Charles, was killed in an airplane accident near Half Moon Bay, recently, and all of us extend our sincere sympathy.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

By Myrtle A. Wright

The Redwood Empire Chapter met at Napa County Airport on March 10th. Several topics of aviation interest were discussed. One topic was the Northern California Council of Aviation Associations. This organization warrants some looking into as it may be the "helping hand" that private aviation needs.

Bette Smith, our Napa Register reporter and newest member so far is doing a wonderful job of reporting all flying activities in our area. She is convincing the non-flying public that airplanes and airports are here to stay. Along with Bette's tasks of keeping books for her contractor husband and reporting for the weekly paper, she has accepted the role of air-marking chairman for the Redwood Empire Chapter. We know she will do a good job of this.

Ruth Rueckert and Miriam Brugh of Bay Cities Chapter were welcome visitors at our meeting. They are always pleasant company. Other guests were Peggy and Sandra Cantrell, daughters of our Phyllis, our new Little Sisters, Becky Lightfoot and Edna Catalli. Becky is flying out of Santa Rosa and Edna from Napa. We had a new membership applicant, Jean Rogers of Napa. With all these new pilots, the Redwood Empire Chapter is gaining in stature. We miss seeing Anna Brenner and Jane Harrah at most of our meetings but these two ladies have bona fide excuses. Members present were June O'Donnell, Gladys Haney, Anita Conley, Pat Stouffer, Hazel Bertagna, Phyllis Cantrell and Myrtle Wright.

Plans for attending the Fresno Chapter Charter were made and the Spring Sectional in Pomona was discussed. We hope to see a lot of members from the Southwest Section in Fresno on April 6 and 7 to get Fresno Chapter off to a real "flying" start.

See you in Pomona in May.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Doris Purdy

The 31st Anniversary of the Bay Cities Chapter was celebrated at a gala dinner party on March 22nd, well attended by 99's and 49½'s.

Miriam Brugh and Ruth Rueckert toured McClelland Air Force Base with the Sacramento Valley Chapter on March 9th. Stayed overnight with Gerry Mickelsen and the next day had a delightful visit with the Redwood Empire Chapter.

Ruth Rueckert and Lindy Boves attended NAA meeting March 14th and enjoyed a prize-winning BOAC color film on Hong Kong.

Lindy Boves attended meeting of California Council of Aviation Associations, of which our chapter is now a member, and heard Clyde Barnett, State Aviation Director, speak on legislation pending before the State affecting aviation.

Lindy Boves had the thrill of flying new Mooney Master to Fresno for demonstration purposes recently.

Hialeah Relich took Mary Fields

for a test-hop in her 182 after it was majored.

Gail Lane and Dorothy Garliepp flew to Clear Lake during March.

Deby Byram is hobbling in a walking cast and thanks all the 99's who visited her in the hospital. Hopes to be flying again soon.

Eleanor Wilson is home from hospital after minor surgery.

We say fond farewells to Janet Ferguson who has returned from Hawaii and left for the East Coast.

EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER

By Boo Christensen

Flight instructor Mac Huntington had the pleasure of assisting James Dennis to achieve his ambition of soloing on his sixteenth birthday. James, who is the son of Roadrunner Barbara Dennis, has his goal on becoming an airplane mechanic, and with this in mind was determined to solo as soon as allowed. At nine-thirty A.M. the day of his birthday, he was taking his driver's license test; at 2:30 his solo flight; at 3:30 was thrown in the family pool by his brothers as initiation into the family flying circle.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Stella Hardin

The regular monthly meeting was held on March 15th at the home of Lyn Briggs, co-hostess. Ruth Propser, New members welcomed into the chapter were Jamie Swanson and Judy (Kiesling) Bockman.

Ruby Keaveny, Gertrude Lockwood accompanied Betty Gillies in her Beechcraft Baron, to the last two San Fernando Chapter's Fly-in's to Mojave and Bermuda Dunes. They enjoyed the Fly-ins and were so enthusiastic that on April 15th, the San Diego Chapter will hostess the San Fernando Fly-in to Palomar Airport, followed by a luncheon at Betty Gillies' home.

Roberta Johnson won the CAP scholarship solo course, sponsored by the San Diego Chapter and the El Cajon Valley Chapter. At this writing, she is well on her way with three hours of dual.

Wing Scouts are planning an overnight trip on March 22-24 to Cuyamaca. It will be primitive camping with tents, cooking and fun with snow.

Ruby Marion Jepsen, Lois Bartling and their 49½'er's are planning to attend the Spring Fly-in to Fresno on April 6 and 7th.

Elsie Watson won the Pot of Gold—\$16.46. She didn't have far to go to spend the loot, as after our short meeting, we held a White Elephant Sale. Gerry Vickers did a wonderful job as auctioneer, and Terry Vasques

as fashion (WOW) model. We are now settled for another year with dresses, skirts, fry-pan, waffle iron, jewelry and our Treasury is \$58.00 richer.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Trixie-Ann Schubert

Our piece de resistance for the month is the San Fernando Valley Chapter Woman Pilot of the Year banquet for which Frank Kingston Smith will fly out from the east to talk flying with us. He's a pilot with single and multi engine rating, author ("Weekend Pilot," "I'd Rather Be Flying," "Flights of Fancy," and "Computer Guide"), and still finds time for a lively law practice in Philadelphia and Washington. The chapter pilot of the year is selected on a point system with credit given for hours flown, ratings acquired, speeches on aviation, instruction given, etc.

Fly in chairman Jeanine Ceccio is going all out on frequent fly-ins, well organized, well attended. Five chapters and 38 women pilots flew into Mojave on the desert for lunch and talk. Had the whole airfield to ourselves, except for the Japan airlines jet pilot who selected the site for practice touch and go's . . . in a 707. A week later we flew into the new and beautiful Bermuda Dunes airstrip—so new it's not on the sectional charts yet, had lunch at the Country Club, and again hostessed gals from several other chapters. That fire truck at the end of the runway? Just a customary precaution when ANY group flies in, explained the flight line attendant.

Ellen Trindle flew her parents to El Centro, made another trip to Las Vegas. Kay Meade had been down in Mexico, and Florence Dittmar took her children to Aspen, Colorado, where the ski slopes beckoned. Later, she flew to Wichita to ferry back a Cessna 205 via Denver, Oklahoma City, Dallas. Mary Kemper to Mojave and Bermuda Dunes, and to check out Brackett Field where the spring sectional will be held. Getting F. K. Smith here for the March banquet and planning the awards dinner down to the last posie and publicity picture is Mary's job as chairman of the awards dinner.

Donna Fisher flew an Apache to Desert Air, attends instrument ground school, spreads her aviation enthusiasm from the 99's to other flying clubs, the Icarians, for instance.

Lois Miles soloed another student and between instructing and duties at Valley Pilots manages to turn up at the Fly Ins.

Rose Gerlach flew to Mazatlan, is making constant use of her new private ticket. So is prospective 99, Betty Malone, who got hers Jan. 18th, is attending our meetings, and flew to the dedication of Yuma airport getting in some time as co-pilot of the Queen Air.

Audrey Schutte passed her instrument written, flew to Palm Desert with a student the day of our Bermuda Dunes fly-in. Maybe in the future she can make those student cross countries jive with our fly-ins. Zona Siggins flew to Desert Air Park, and arrived solo at the Bermuda Dunes fly-in. Janet Hardin took some Belanca duel and has been busy with her Ercoupe in the C.A.P. search groups involved in locating three missing small planes this month.

PHOENIX CHAPTER

By Melba Beard

In this month crammed with activity, we are still excited over our chapter's recent lunch and program for all women pilots in Arizona, held at the Sky Cove at Sky Harbor Airport, Phoenix. Co-chairmen Juanita Newell and Jimmie Shelton were astounded and delighted as we, that some seventy women came to join in the fun of hangar flying and to hear the Honorable Lorna Lockwood, Arizona Supreme Court Judge, give a perceptive and humorous account of her introduction to flying in the airplane of chapter member Virginia Hash, attorney. Our thanks too for the favors and door prizes donated by members and friends, and the entertaining Mariachis, courtesy of J. H. Welsh and Son, whose lively music added to the success of the occasion.

Not being sure that space will permit listing all 70 present, will mention just a few visitors. Besides our own members, and pilots and students from local schools, were visiting 99er's Luvie Hagan of Spokane, Domestic Membership Chairman; Tucson Chapter Chairman Virginia Edwards who flew up in a flite of five other Tucson members; Charlotte Kelley of Boston; and from Yuma prospective members, Beverly Horley and Gewette Fry, bringing Pam Messenger of the Yuma Sun; and one of our charter members now inactive, Vera Dawn Walker of Cactus. Mariorie Harris of Saguaro Aviation in Phoenix brought sixteen of her women students and pilots! We hope our guests and friends enjoyed the event as much as we did.

At the recent "Phoenix 100" stock plane race at Deer Valley, several 99's were seen watching the events,

including Betty Sharman of Sedona, Mary Vial, "Mike" Dover, Marjy Crowl, Pat Lambart, and Melba Beard of Phoenix. Leah Stuart of Nebraska was there with her 49½er who had official duties, as did Grace Harris of Kansas City. Present too was Greater K.C. Chapter chairman Mary Ann Noah.

Our March business meeting was held at the home of Wilma Bland. Members and guests greatly enjoyed participating in a game contrived by chairman Pat Lambart. From old air charts she had made up the entire route of the 1963 AWTAR, but blocking out the names of the stops. The game was to identify the stops. Also, from a select list of past participants and their handicaps, those present were to see how close they came in figuring how each had actually placed. It was not only fun, but challenging. The chapter voted to match each donation to the AWTAR with equal funds, for a total of \$4 each. Two guests present who had attended the luncheon were Ruth Cromer who files a Bonanza and is asking serious questions about the AWTAR, and Edith McKay, working hard on her Private. To stimulate the chapter's interest in bringing prospective members to our meetings, Membership Chairman Juanita Newell announced that a prize will be awarded the member bringing in the most new members.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Betty Duport

Our white elephants were auctioned off at our March meeting which was held at Wrights Air Service at Hawthorne Airport, proceeds going to AWTAR. Rebecca Held furnished the most delicious little goodies that we munched on the entire evening.

Congratulations to Wally Funk on receiving her Multi-engine rating.

These 99s have been taking advantage of Southern California's beautiful flying weather lately: Ann Ludwig was a guest of the San Fernando Valley chapter on their fly-in to the new Bermuda Dunes Country Club where a very warm welcome was extended by the Bermuda Dunes officials. Ann flew up with Ardie Trenholm in her 170B. Rebecca Held has been working toward her AOPA 360 degree rating. The Heaneys and Durants flew south of the border for a week end of relaxation at Rosarita Beach. Modern "Over the river and here we go to grandmother's house" — 16 day old Kristopher Lewis Kaslow did it in a Skylane. Mommy, Marv Ann and Daddy, Leon, went along for the ride.

UTAH CHAPTER

By Alberta Nicholson

Our February meeting started early at the home of Eunice Naylor for the purpose of taking urgent business matters before the treat of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Walton honored us with their presence and gave an account of their trip—complete with slides—as escort to the CAP Cadets to Greece last summer. Everyone was present with the exception of one or two out-of-town members—even Sally Wells and husband were here from Cedar City.

Lucile Christopherson has been doing a lot of flying—a flight to Phoenix, another to Cedar and to Overton, Nevada. Maurine Shurtleff of Ogden was very active in the air search for another plane downed in a heavy snowstorm last Saturday.

June Raybould has received her Blue Seal Certificate. She is the only one to get this Certificate through the Salt Lake FAA office "by flight test." I did not know what a Blue Seal Certificate was and I learned that those licenses which were issued before instrument flying was included in the Private flight test, may go up with the inspector and do the instrument part of the test and receive a new certificate with a Blue Seal on it. June is in a new flying club and doing a lot of flying these days.

Where did I learn all of this news? We had our March meeting Saturday night at Margaret Lov's home and although we had just had our biggest snowstorm—about two feet—and the crowd was small, we did more flying during the evening than many have done in a year. Eunice is still busy with her Aero Space activity with the CAP and reports that four more high schools will add it to their curriculum next year. Maxine Nielson of Springville is taking a Commercial Course in Salt Lake twice a week and hopes to make the grade in time for the Race this year.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER

By Sally Matson

Our February meeting was held at the home of Gertrude Barnes. We welcomed Jean Sugden as a new member, and had as guests Ellen Morse, Irene Garrett, Dorothy Geddes and Virginia Wagner.

On January 23, Norma Wilcox flew Penny Swone, Polly Stoeher and me to the luncheon at Desert Air Park. The San Fernando Chapter girls were hostesses. June Denney, Rose Ann Ford, and Betty Humble flew out with Shirley Gilmore in the Skylane. Besides our chapter there were representatives from the Los Angeles,

Coachella Valley and, of course, San Fernando Chapters.

Shirley Gilmore had the "privilege and pleasure" of speaking in Monrovia to a local women's organization on women in aviation and the Powder Puff Derby.

On January 10, Polly Stoeher attended the Region 7 Convention of the International Flying Farmers in Denver. On January 31st she attended a meeting in Lansing, Michigan, and February 1 and 2 attended a convention at South Bend, Indiana. Later this month our busy lady attended meetings in Kansas and Texas. She and Fred put 40 hours on the Bonanza in November—getting as far east as Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Harryette Barker just checked out in their newly purchased Cessna 172. February 12, Norma Wilcox took the children flying again. We finally sold our Commonwealth this week so I won't have to expain it any more. I will miss it as I will be without a flying machine for I don't know how long.

All San Gabriel Valley members are busy getting ready for the South West Sectional, May 10, 11 and 12th.

Four planes found their way through big holes on the clouds for our March Fly-in to Death Valley. The brave were June and John Denney, Dorothy and Merlin Geddes, Shirley and Carl Gilmore, and Ginny and Russell Graham with Rose Ann Ford. It was a beautiful, warm day at Furnace Creek Ranch where all had lunch at the cafeteria and toured the grounds or rode horseback. The flight back was exciting and interesting. Some flew low over the valley floor with altimeters registering below sea level. This is the lowest spot in the USA. A dust storm around Daggett forced the panes to high altitudes, as dust clouds billowed to over 10,000 ft. There was surprisingly little turbulence in spite of strong up and down drafts.



GEORGIA CHAPTER

By Betty W. McNabb

This is a remote control newsletter. For the March meeting, which was to include finalization of plans for the Southeastern Sectional meeting, Georgia 99's planned a fly-in to Aiken, S.C., (with an invitation to Carolina 99s to join us.)



Standing before the "Presidential Chariot" are Major Gilbert H. Calaway, commander of the 861st radar squadron, Louise Smith, 99 President, Virginia Kleeb of the Georgia Chapter, and Captain Richard E. Davidson. The picture was taken at the Aiken, South Carolina, Airport, prior to a tour of SAGE March 10. Georgia 99s planned the flyin and invited the Carolina 99s as guests.

There was a free tank of gas for the longest distance flown; the "Tin Plate" award for estimated time and fuel consumption, the business meeting, luncheon at the Air Force Facility—and, best of all, a tour of SAGE (Semi-Automatic Ground Environment.)

Jean Voyles made it from Atlanta in her Cessna 210. Betty Cones and 49½er in the Turner AFB T-34 got off late, but qualified for the fuel. But only because Betty McNabb, who thought she had the gas in Ti-Moun's tank for sure, sat in Panama City, Florida, 336 miles away, and hangar-flew with five other pilots while the fog sat on the runway.

Virginia and Fred Kleeb drove over from Augusta; Ruth Miller and her 49½er, Dr. Jim, Apache'd in from Tifton. There were several Carolinas 99s and their better halves—International President Louise Smith and Herman were there, Jean and Bob Harley from Spartanburg, Emily Kelley from Winston-Salem, and Amalie Stone Walker from Greenville.

The SAGE tour really impressed everyone and we are most grateful to the Air Force personnel who gave so generously of their time.

Now we announce the sectional plans:

Georgia Chapter, 99s International, invite members of the Southeastern Section to Bush Field, Augusta, Ga., 18-19 May. (Husbands and children too.) You will stay at the exciting new Continental Airport Hotel just a stone's throw from your airplane.

Bush Field offers "Red Carpet"

service, (really—wait and see!) Every facility is there, flight service station, control tower, weather, repair facilities, hangar, an excellent restaurant, the largest swimming pool in this part of the country, golf availability, a delightful lounge and pleasant meeting rooms.

Rates are \$25.00 single or \$22.00 per person double. This takes care of one night at the Hotel, plus three meals, including a steak cook-out Saturday evening and a cocktail party. (Sunday breakfast, Saturday luncheon, Saturday dinner.)

And the speaker? None other than our beloved Bevo Howard who has some very important things to say to all of us.

Ten dollars will be awarded to the winner of the efficiency race in to Bush. Information about this race, patterned after last year's, will go out soon.

Please mail your acceptance sheet to Virginia Kleeb, (Mrs. Fred) Maxwell House, Apt. 517, Augusta, as soon as possible. Include a \$5.00 deposit which will be applied to your hotel bill, or if something prevents your attendance, will be refunded to you as late as 13 May. Your acceptance must be in on that date, too.

We hope everyone in the section and some besides, will be flying in to Bush Field for that wonderful weekend in May. When Georgia is at its prettiest.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Evelyn Bryan

The first fly-in meeting of the year was held on Sunday, March 17th, at the Morristown Municipal Airport. Mary Jane Quarles and Evelyn Bryan (Morristown 99's) were delighted to see such a fine turn out. Can you imagine a meeting where all the girls were able to get in by plane? Weather was very cooperative, it cleared in time and in spite of the fact that March winds were running rampant, everyone was able to fly-in. Yes, even a visitor from the Georgia Chapter! Jean Broyles from Atlanta had brought her son up to Knoxville in her Cessna 210—her son attends the University of Tennessee — Jean was weathered out of Atlanta and couldn't get back so came on up to Morristown to be with us. We were delighted for the opportunity to meet this lovely person and hope she will meet with us again soon.

Other fly-ins were Dot Jones in her Debonaire, LaVonne Jollay and Dot Searle in LaVonne's Cessna 182, Irene Flewellen and Sarah Duke in Irene's Cessna 175—all these were from Chattanooga. Ruth Thomas — take note

girls, we are finally getting Ruth back into the 99's and are we glad!, has rebuilt her Cessna "130" (there was nothing wrong with it except it had been sitting in the barn for the past six years) and has it painted in technicolor. If you see a cute little Cessna painted every color in the rainbow, just look around and you will find Ruth somewhere nearby. Ruth brought Barbara Betts along to the meeting with her and we were so glad to have her. Hope she will become a 99 one of these days. We were also delighted to have 49½ers Jollay, Flewellen, Jones and Quarles with us and also 24½ers, two little Searles and one little Quarles. It was an interesting meeting and plans were made to meet again at Knoxville Island Airport on April 14th at 11 a.m. Hope the crowd will be even better next time. You who were not there missed a very interesting meeting and lots of fun. Looks like I left Mary Jane and Evelyn off the list of who was at the meeting, but never-the-less we were there too.

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

By Janet Green

This should be a very "newsy" letter since it has been about six months since this chapter has been heard from.

In August we exchanged our wings for sails and went for a cruise on Ethel Radzewics yacht the "Samba". Cora McDonald was hostess assisted by prospective member Betty Bragg. Members and 49½ers were met at Gulfport Municipal and taken to the harbour where the wonderful cruise began. Betty has since purchased a Cessna 140 and is flying out of the Red Gap strip, where we understand, are some excellent fishing spots.

The September meeting was held in Brookhaven with Mrs. Jimmy Moreton, Mrs. William Sistrunk and Mrs. J. C. Barnett, Jr., as hostesses. We had fun watching others make some beautiful cross wind landings then went to the offices of the Mississippi Power Company where a film on the use of our computers was shown by Dr. Jim Barnett, who also spoke to us on aviation in Mississippi. A delicious lunch had been prepared by the hostesses and was enjoyed by all.

October say at least half of the chapter off to the sectional meeting at Southern Pines, North Carolina. Cora McDonald and Marie Kepper flew to Marie's Tri-Pacer. Ethel Radzewics, Bernice Kelly and Janet Green went in Janet's Skylane, and were surprised and delighted to win a gold-plated toaster for first place in

the efficiency flight. They also came the longest distance of 800 miles. It was such fun meeting the others there.

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

By Jane Williams

Our Mississippi weather has been the absolute "worst"! We had snow seven or eight times which must be a record of some sort. And the cold! What ever happened to that jet-stream? The first Round Robin letter reached me in March. So here's our news.

Cora writes that we have two prospective members, one in Starkville and one in Terry. Also urging everyone to go to the sectional in Atlanta in May. And from Jackson, came greetings from Bernice and Ethel.

Several of our girls are working on new ratings. Janet Green passed her commercial written in December . . . and with our lousy weather hasn't had too much time to get on with the practice for her check ride. Marie Kepper writes that she'll soon be Jackson-bound for an instrument exam. From Natchez, Miriam Loe writes that she and 49er Justine are taking a meteorology course sponsored by their Natchez Flyers Club. This flying club, made up of Natchez people, is very active. They combine a civic pride with their aviation interest and sponsor a fly-in to the nationally famous Natchez Pilgrimage. This year the fly-in will be held on the weekend of March 29-31. The Flyers have arranged a jam-packed schedule with tours of the famous and beautiful old mansions, a fish and chicken supper, luncheons and pageants. Our Mississippi 99s couldn't start our year off better! Thanks to Miriam for arranging this with the Flyers.



OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Comanche Jane Abbott

The first two months of this new year have been difficult ones weather-wise and some harsh relentless blows left their marks nationwide—Oklahoma was no exception and the reverberations cut down our attendance at the March meeting.

The Oklahoma Chapter of 99s met on March 17 in Oklahoma City at the Huchings Hotel in the rooms of the Presidential Suite, no less. The rooms were exquisitely done in wall tones of off-white complimented by furnish-

ings of a royal blue as to be a queen's delight.

Marie Hall, our gracious hostess, was dressed in matching blue. Together, Marie and her surroundings set the stage for a lovely afternoon for all of us. We were allowed only a fleeting glimpse of her 49½, Brewer, who is manager of the Huckins Hotel.

It was an afternoon of work with Nema, our beloved chairman who serves us in that capacity with the firmness and finesse of an artist. "Susie" Sewell, general convention chairman, and her committee chairmen gave progress reports regarding preparations for the convention in Oklahoma City, July 17-20. Responses are most gratifying, especially those from the chapters of the South Central Section. Enthusiasm is mounting and local interest and cooperation gives further assurance that the convention will be one to remember.

Some of our members met with Jean Thomas prior to the meeting. Jeanie is our very talented member (Chuck and Jeanie are professional entertainers via music route) and she is planning a delightful surprise for convention delegates. That, and the race course are top secret so we will have to "wait to see".

The latest trophy being added to a growing list of achievement awards which will go to outstanding 99s is offered by Soon-Airs of Oklahoma, an organization of women to promote the science of aviation. Nine of our 99s are members of Soon-Airs' Sewell, Woodward, Morgan, Lester, Hall, Young, Evans, Masonhall, Abbott. Jane Abbott is the club's president. Requirements for the award will be announced by the awards committee of the 99s.

Velma Woodward attended the National Security Seminar conducted in Tulsa February 18 through March 1 along with three other representatives from the Woman's Auxiliary to the Oklahoma State Medical Association. Later she spent a week in Johnson City, Tennessee and returned via Chicago to spend an evening with her seven-month old grandson.

Beth and Smitty flew commercial airlines to Grand Rapids, Michigan, to the funeral of Mildred and Ted Goodwin, sister and brother-in-law of Smitty, who were killed in the Miami airline crash on February 12. Each member of our Oklahoma Chapter extends deepest sympathy to the Smiths in their loss.

Dottie Young, our helicopter pilot-instructor, and Susie Sewell met with the Oklahoma City Chamber of Com-

merce last week to further convention plans.

Nema Masonhall visited the Tulsa Chapter in February and with Jean Williams. On her return home she visited Arlene and Hoyt Walkup in Stillwater and Tricia and Sol Smith in Fairfax. "Seeing so many old friends was most enjoyable" she says.

Tricia and Sol recently made two attempted trips to Hot Springs, Arkansas, to bring home their 172 after being grounded in the resort town early in March. I hate to admit it, but Comanche Jane was weathered in for a night no farther away than Tulsa, three weeks ago.

Rita and Leonard Eaves are now selling plans for the Nesmith Cougar. These are the same type plans which they used in building the "Chigger". Letters and inquiries regarding these plans have been received from such far-away places as Australia, Canada, France, Formosa, South Africa and New Zealand.

Broneta Evans came to the meeting from her other home in Mangum —by way of bus. Arlene Walkup piloted a plane from Stillwater bringing her passengers, Tricia Smith, Fairfax, Sharon Fisher, Stillwater and Carol Waddell, Woodward. Carol, you remember, is the 99 who is conducting ground school at Woodward. From a start of fourteen students, ten will try for their written in three weeks. Carol's efforts should inspire other would-be 99s into something more than wishful thinking.

HOUSTON CHAPTER

By Sue Collins

Come to the Bay in May!

The March meeting was two hours of details and decisions for the Spring Sectional meeting. How many conventions does a chapter have to hostess to not need a thumb constantly on the panic button? But isn't it amazing how everything works out, everyone has a grand time, and the chapter takes heart and courage in hand and volunteers for bigger jobs?

Come to the Bay in May!

Until the past week it's been IFR, meaning most of us grounded. Next week tho, a couple fly-ins are scheduled. Last Sunday eager member-to-be Ora May Boswell flew a 3-legged solo xc in her 175, followed by her husband and 99 Louise and Myrl Bickford in their 170, just for fun 'cause it was such a pretty day.

Come to the Bay in May!

We've lucked out on a full moon for the moonlight cruise around Galveston Island Friday night, May 10; now if the weather is CAVU, we'll be delighted!

Come to the Bay in May!

At the Luau Saturday evening a combo will play dinner music and afterward, for dancing ... so bring your Golden Slippers!

Come to the Bay in May! For Sure!

TIP-OF-TEXAS CHAPTER

By Saundra White

On Feb. 23, our last meeting was held at Pauline Glasson's at International Airport in Corpus Christi. Since the weather was bad, the Valley girls were unable to attend. Fourteen were present at the meeting that Saturday noon. Members present were Lena Jackson, Shirley Pagan, Margaret Weaver, Merle Dunnam, Hildred Roberts, Jean Beck, Patti Kennelly, Veda Tennent, Loanna Haley, Elaine Needham, Rookie Bean, and a guest, Sandra Allee. That morning Jean Beck and myself held a rummage sale. Since the rummage sales have been slow, we decided to sell Easter candy and are quite pleased with the results. Also, to raise money for airmarking, we are having an airlift in McAllen on Sunday, March 31.

EL PASO CHAPTER

By Eunice Dickey

Priscilla and Jim Duncan were in Mazatlan, Mexico recently; spending six days there just relaxing. They spent a couple of days in Tucson on their way back.

The Duncans belong to the Civil Air Patrol and joined in the search the first of this month for the Apache missing on the flight between Las Cruces and Phoenix. Priscilla says bad weather has hampered searching in their area.

Lela Carwardine had an adventure on her trip to Mexico. She has wanted to fly into Mexico for some time since she's flown in almost every other direction in her 120. The weather didn't co-operate for flying so Lela still has a flying trip to Mexico to look forward to. The busses and trains were running on schedule so Lela had a delightful time.

TULSA CHAPTER

By Gay McCauley

Tulsa Chapter is happy to welcome two new members—Dorothy Johnson, who received her private ticket February 13; and Lee Baker, who flies a twin Aztec. Former 99'er Imogene Arnot, who works with Tulsa Airport Manager Pat Combs, was a special guest at our March meeting, held in the lovely home of our chairman, Jan Mauritson. We are working on Imogene to "re-enlist." Business matters discussed were mainly finances and ways and means of aiding in the OKC in '63 Convention. We also be-

gan lining up planes for the trip to sectional meeting in Galveston in May. So be prepared, Houston Chapter, we're a'comin'.

Our Sky Diving 99, Judy Hellman, has done it again. She had a nice write-up in the Oklahoma City Times as the only girl jumping at the Fairview Invitational Sky Diving Meet in February.

Mary Burke, Chairman of the 1963 Sky Lady Derby, announced the race for June 27 with a course from St. Louis to Quad City Airport, Illinois, to Epley Field, Omaha, and the back to Kansas City for WNAA Convention. Sounds like an interesting and different course and we hope you all will enter.

What with the tricky weather, our members have been mostly grounded. Jean Rands got in some Cessna 180 time on a moonlight flight back from Liberal, Kansas, to Okmulgee. Colleen White and Mary Shattock have each made short cross-country hops from Tulsa to Okmulgee. Jan and Don Mauritson made a flying business trip to Oklahoma City and while there visited with Jean and Chuck Thomas.

As Chapter reporter, I have urged our members to do more flying (so I can fill up this column). We'll see next month if I had any effect.

DALLAS CHAPTER

By Elinor Johnson

Our February meeting was held at the home of Mary Gauss. After some business, we had two films. One was a Piper film of a trip to ferry an Apache from the factory at Lockhaven to South Africa. Beautiful scenery. The other was a NASA film of John Glenn's orbital flight in Friendship 7, a very complete record of the preparations for the flight and the flight itself, including most of the ground tracking stations. We were all worn out by the time we got John Glenn safely aboard the carrier.

Jo Allison and Martha Ann Reading suggested that we plan a fly-in to the Big Bend country sometime. It sounds wonderful, and we hope we can do it soon.

Our next meeting will be a joint one with WNAA at which Sue Connally will give a talk and show slides of her trip on the S. S. Hope.

Hope to have more news next time, with the coming of spring and good flying weather.

KANSAS CHAPTER

By Gene Nora Stumbough

The Kansas 99's have been doing lots of galavanting this past month.

In fact their absence plus the flu bug threatened our annual rummage sale in March. The show went on, however, and a few stalwart members carried on and brought some necessary dollars into the till.

We've had several nice newsy letters from some of our travelers. Herman and Marie Engleman have migrated to Phoenix (temporarily, we hope) for his health. They've enjoyed "touristing" and now are settled in Sunnyslope. Marie is working as an operator for Tyler Printing—and working hard at it. She misses both Kansas and her airplane — know she would love hearing from you at 2923 W. Glenrosa, Phoenix 17.

Phila and Fritz Knitig have been visiting their son in Phoenix too and enjoying their grandchildren. She particularly enjoyed meeting 99's, attending their meetings, and touring a 707 with them. She told of meeting some lovely gals and advocates always carrying the roster while traveling.

Pat McEwen deserves three loud cheers for snagging that instrument rating. She and Owen celebrated by a jet trip to Mexico with a group of Wichitans. Of course, she's been Travel Airing on shorter trips within the borders too. Donna and Tom Shirley have enjoyed their annual winter vacation in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. It's a 9½ hour flight from Dodge City and they do it in one stop at the border. The Shirleys consider it their private paradise and lament the fact that the world has discovered it and invaded.

We Beech gals have been logging time too. Joyce Case recently spent a week in Indianapolis giving demonstration rides and then another week all over the East on personal appearance engagements. Then she brought home a good case of flu. I spent two weeks in Florida on similar duty and then a week in Albuquerque. At the end of the week Joyce and Garnett Hastings joined me there for our Distributor's big opening. Garnett recently took a jaunt over to Springfield, Missouri to take her mother to visit relatives. Sandra Callaway spent a week in Chicago at the Construction Equipment Exposition — there was our airplane on display in the midst of the heavy road equipment and the aviation element drew a lot of interest. Sandra's sister, Margo, is now living in Wichita.

I had a nice visit with Mary Jane McKillip in Little Rock who sent her best to everyone. She reports little activity there by women pilots—know-

ing that little gal, she'll stir up some of her own before too long!

Mildred Early, besides doing a marvelous job on the rummage sale, has been subbing at the radio station. Her family will all be home for spring vacation soon so she'll be running.

We're all looking forward to the Spring Sectional in Galveston, manning the TAR stop in Great Bend, and Convention in Oklahoma City in July. The calendars are circled and we're rarin' to go.



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Irene N. Wirtschaffer

Our chapter's loss will be another chapter's gain—There must be some real glarorous way to tell the Tip of Texas chapter that they will be gaining one of our vary valued members—our chairman—Arlene Feldman. Arlene and Arnold, her flying 49½, and her son, Logan, are leaving Philadelphia to settle in Victoria. We're all wishing them the best of luck in their new venture.

Nancy Diemand, our current vice-chairman, will lose her "vice" and will take over as chairman.

This month we are officially welcoming Lucetta Sharpe aboard as a full-fledged 99. She was pinned this month.

A great interesting and fun time was had in Harrisburg on March 2, at the flight instructors clinic and at the 1963 flying season kick-off dinner. Ann Piggott, Nancy Yaudes and Helen Sheffer journeyed in from Lock Haven way; and Elsie McBride, Arlene Feldman, Peggy Borek and Irene Wirtschaffer drove in from Philadelphia. Russ Brinkley, the publisher of Quadrant, the general chairman for the activities got our unanimous vote of thanks.

Alice and Ray Meisenheimer are off again — this time on a skiing trip. Cecilia Stetser heard all these cold plans. That really helped work up her enthusiasm for her vacation in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Our girls can step into all kinds of situations we've always said. Jerry Roberts did a very able job as a Boy Scout leader when her husband took ill just before a scheduled field trip.

It just didn't seem right that our airmarking meeting March 16 was to paint "Morrisville" with orange paint. Maybe that's why the leprechauns sent rain before the job could be fin-

ished on the day before St. Patrick's day. This airport in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, is owned by Yvette Hortan, a prospective 99, and her husband.

Fly-ins were Hazel Fels and Naomi Noll; Marie D'Alterio and Elsie McBride; Betty Tracy; and Beth Sturtevant. Incidentally, Beth has been responsible for telling this reporter all about the activities of this chapter's New Jersey members. Others working were Arlene and Arnold Feldman, Ann Shields, Irene Wirtschaffer, Alice Hammond, Carol Arnold from Princeton, N. J., another prospective 99, Judy Hopkins—and Bob Hopkins and his friend, Al Heller, our most energetic workers along with Peggy Borek, our airmarking chairman. Bob Hopkins (Judy's 49½) so far has one wing on his home-built Maranda Super 14.

More plans were discussed for the Penny a Pound Day at Wings Field—May 16. Ann Shields will be coordinator as well as publicity chairman, in which job she will be aided by Elsie McBride and Irene Wirtschaffer.

"Balloons U S A" is the exciting theme of the Spring Sectional meeting at the Bridgeport, New Jersey airport April 20 at 11 a.m. (rain date April 21). Many unusual activities are being planned.

And, in the following week, Thursday evening, April 25, all 99's are invited to a panel discussion on general aviation sponsored by the Air Traffic Control Association at Philadelphia International Airport. Most important—Alice Hammond and Ann Shields will be panel members. Everybody come join us!

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER By Jean Ross Howard

On January 30, Charter member Nancy Hopkins Tier was the guest speaker at the annual Zonta Amelia Earheart Dinner—her subject—the 99's, of course.

As Secretary for Christian Education of the Diocesan of Virginia for Episcopal Women (Nancy agrees this is quite a title!) She has been on a busy speaking tour in Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Texas.

Valentine's Day was snowy and slippery—so the meeting at Betty Fisher's house was most exclusive—attended by Hazel Dwiggins, Virginia Thompson and Velta Benn. But these clever ones made 250 valentine tray favors for the DC General Hospital—just as many as usually done by the whole chapter.

Our favorite test pilot, Don Lynam,

has been transferred. The Chapter had a farw...-dance in honor of Nancy and Don at the Bolling Field Officers Club. Ellen Bateman with the help of her teen-age sons provided the clever aeronautical decorations and a huge Washington Monument candle as a good-bye souvenir for Nancy. Among the guests was one of Velta Benn's flight students, Congressman Hemphill of South Carolina. Highlight of the evening was Don Lynam's original recital of a Test Pilot's lament when he's grounded for sea duty. Nancy will be living in California during Don's tour, she'll be a gay addition to your activities on the Coast.

Ruth Freckleton and Hedy Jaffe had some interesting CAP duty in February when the Arlington, Virginia Squadron was invited to visit the Air Force Academy. Ruth served as the PIO and Hedy as one of the chaperones. Both were given time on the right in the C-54 on the flight.

More CAP news—Ada Mitchell as Coordinator of Women's Activities is now Lt. Colonel Mitchell—congratulations Ada.

For all the 99's, our sympathy to Ada on the recent death of her mother.

I was truly proud that our International President, Louise Smith and Page Shamburger, flying reporter of Cross Country News, flew to Washington for the Washington Air Derby Association's Trophy Dinner where I was presented the 1962 Award by Doc Hartranft of AOPA.

Ellen Bateman is secretary of WADA and again arranged beautiful and appropriate decorations. The local 99's turned out in full force—they were terrific—and it was particularly good to have Blanche Noyes there—looking her gay self again.

The National Aviation Club here in Washington presented Jacqueline Cochran with an achievement award at a reception on March 13. 99's and former WASPS were there; Blanche Noyes, Frances Nolde, Nona Quarles, Claire Callaghan, Jean Howard and Barbara Ward Lazarsky and husband, Joe. They've just returned from a State Department assignment in India. Its good to have them back.

Card from Mitzi and Gil Keller—they're on a flying vacation to St. Thomas.

Our next meeting will be at 6:45 p.m. at the MATS Terminal at National Airport.

Mr. Leonard Skitzky of the Federal Aviation Agency's Flight Service where he is the training officer will be our guest speaker.

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