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DEADLINE FOR NEWS —
The 20th of Each Month

President's Column

I have received letters from Chapters asking if I will accept the nomination of International President of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. for a second term. I have agreed to run for a second term if my name is placed on the ballot. But, before you cast your vote, if I am your choice, I feel you should know the policy I have followed and will continue to follow if I am re-elected.

Too often, from the chapter level up to the international level, too few members are given an opportunity to serve in an official capacity. During the months

I have been your President, I have acted to promote the policy of having more Ninety-Nines serve at the international level. **More** Ninety-Nines will give us **More** ideas, **More** effort and **More** interest, which in turn will produce a better organization.

With our membership of over nineteen hundred we have only seventy places where our members may serve at the international level. These include the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Committee, A. E. Memorial Scholarship Trustees, AWTAR Board, Permanent Committees and other committees. Should we try to encourage seventy different Ninety-Nines to participate or should each of us hold two offices so that only thirty-five members are serving in an official capacity? How long could we continue to grow if we each held three positions so that only twenty-three members out of our nineteen hundred held an office?

Our constitution states that an active member is admitted "to all the privileges and duties of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. including voting and holding office." It also states that "No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office," and that "No person shall serve on more than one permanent International Committee." From this I am certain that I am not the first to feel that the opportunity for greatness and growth of our organization is in direct proportion to the number of active, serving members.

You know that the purpose of our organization is "to provide a close relationship among women pilots and to unite them in any movement that may be for their benefit and for that of aviation in general." I sincerely believe that we will defeat our purpose unless we are able to use the full capacity and ability of as many different Ninety-Nines as possible in our total organization. I am of the opinion that holding a multiplicity of positions on any one level, whether it is chapter, section or international is not only contrary to the "spirit" of our constitution, but also, if followed to excess, could bring about a deterioration of all that we have worked so hard to build.

Though I feel deeply about having a

greater number of Ninety-Nines serving in an official capacity, I feel just as deeply that it is the prerogative of each member to determine in her own mind whether she should occupy more than one office. I would be averse to any change in our constitution that would give any person the authority to force a member to resign from one office, if serving in a dual capacity, yet I feel that it is the duty of one who agrees with this policy, to encourage those holding multiple positions to consider the need for others to serve.

We cannot in all honesty seek additional members for the sole purpose of increasing our membership. Each individual member must feel that her time, her effort and her capabilities are needed and wanted. Until we utilize each member's ability to the fullest, we cannot provide the close relationship which is our goal.

As a Ninety-Nine you have a voice in the policy making of our organization. You express this voice when you nominate officers and vote. Do not forfeit this privilege by neglecting to cast your ballot.

Sincerely,

Ruth Deerman, President
The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN

it's INVENTORY

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Time for all women pilots in your area to be counted . . .

Check with
OPERATORS
INSTRUCTORS
LOCAL FAA OFFICERS

Now count the total number of 99's in your area . . .

If the totals don't check—
You're RIGHT
There's something WRONG!

Bring the non-members to your next meeting, as your guests.

SHOW THEM THAT WE'RE
THEIR TYPE

Powder Puff Derby

The Board of Directors of the AWTAR is very happy to announce that the total prize money for the first five places in the 1964 Race has been raised to \$3,000 to be divided as follows: \$1,000, \$800, \$600, \$400, \$200.

IF you are planning to race an airplane this year which does not appear on the official handicap list (which is included in the information kits available after February 1st for 50c from AWTAR, Inc., Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, N. J.) a request for consideration of eligibility of the airplane must be made by April 1st, and at least two airplanes of the same make, model and configuration must be made available for testing and handicapping no later than April 15th to either of the following Board members: Terry Vasques, 4019 Mark Terrace, San Diego, Calif., or Barbara London, 551 Margo Avenue, Long Beach 14, Calif. If you have an aircraft you are willing to donate for flight testing also contact the above.

If you haven't already read it, don't miss **Powder for the Powder Puff**—the superb editorial by Gill Robb Wilson in January Flying Magazine! After you've read it, do write him at once, telling him of your appreciation of his understanding and his tribute to the 99's and the Race. Address your letters to Gill Robb Wilson, Vice President, Ziff-Davis Publishing Co., One Park Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

Coming Events

February 9, 1964: Southwest Section, San Gabriel Valley Chapter, hostesses at Brackett Field in Laverne, Seminar by Weather Bureau Forecast Center in Los Angeles.

No date: AWNEAR (All Women's New England Air Race, sponsored by New England Section.

April, 1964: Southwest Section, Los Angeles Chapter, hostesses, spring section meeting.

April 3rd or 4th (?): Colorado Chapter, South Central Section, conducted tour of missile site, Lowry AFB.

April 24, 25, 26, 1964: Northern Michigan, spring section meeting.

May 1, 2, 3, 1964: South Central Section spring meeting, El Paso, hostesses.

May: Southeastern Section spring meeting, Memphis, Tenn.

May 7-15: IAR RACE.

June 30 - July 10: AWTAR.

July 5-10, 1964: AWTAR Terminus.

August 14, 15, 16, 1964: International Ninety-Nine Convention, Cincinnati, North Central Section, hostesses.

September, 1964: Southwest Section, Redwood Empire Chapter, hostesses, Holberg's resort, fall sectional.

September, 1964: South Central Section, Dallas Chapter, fall sectional.

Fall Sectional: Minnesota for the North Central Section.

Deadline March 1, 1964

Nominations for International Officers for the fiscal year 1964-65 are now in order, and must be postmarked **not later than March 1, 1964.**

Submit one name for each office in compliance with the following:

1. Candidate must be an active member with current physical.
2. Candidate's written consent to serve if elected must accompany her nomination, or refer to known acceptance given to another Chapter.
3. Candidate's aviation and Ninety-Nine history must accompany each nomination—not over 40 words.
4. Nominating Committee members are not eligible as candidates.
5. Eligible incumbents shall be renominated by the same procedure as all candidates.
6. Candidates shall accept nomination for only one office.

President Ruth Deerman is eligible for renomination as President. Vice-President Alice Roberts is eligible for renomination as V.P. Secretary Martha Ann Reading is not eligible for renomination as Secretary. Treasurer Elizabeth Sewell is eligible for renomination as Treasurer. Nominating Committee: Submit one name. Only one name from each Section will appear on the ballot as candidate for the Nominating Committee.

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

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| President | Secretary |
| Vice-President | Treasurer |

Nominating Committee

These names, together with the **written consent**, and **aviation** and **Ninety-Nine** background, must be mailed to the Chairman, P. O. Box 728, Scottsdale, Ariz., postmarked **not later than March 1, 1964.**

Melba Beard, Chairman
Nominating Committee

International Nominating Committee

Melba Beard, chairman, Phoenix Chapter, Southwest Section; Joan Hrubec, All-Ohio Chapter, North Central Section; Nelda "Terry" Kellogg, Western Washington Chapter, Northwest Section; Anne Shield, Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter, Middle East Section; and Janet Green, Mississippi Chapter, Southeast Section.

Notice

IF YOU have **NOT** received your ROSTER or the NEWS, please notify our Executive Secretary, Carol Craig, at headquarters.

It will just delay your receipt of the above if you send your request to your President or the editor.

Ways and Means

The one outstanding event that gives the most to the 99's locally, nationally and internationally is the AWTAR. Consider, for instance, the coverage that results from a single contestant, who has a minimum of five publicity contacts including radio, TV interviews and newspaper stories in her local community. She invariably discusses the 99's and the origin of the Race in the interviews. Multiply this by 70 crews and add to it the general magazine and newspaper publicity coverage of the Race itself to get an approximate of resulting publicity for the 99's.

For those new members and old timers who have not considered the history of the Race recently, a brief resume of the background may be helpful. This Race was started in 1947 by a few 99's on the West Coast. It functioned in this fashion until 1950, when it was felt that the Race should be operated by an incorporated Board for two major reasons: To protect the 99's from possible liability and because an operation of this magnitude requires the ability to make decisions quickly, rather than waiting on the democratic process. Thus the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race was incorporated in the State of California on September 25th of that year.

All members of the Board are 99's. The Board relies on a 99 Chapter to raise the Start and Terminus guarantees of \$3,000 minimum per city. Yes, this money comes from a civic organization or the city or county government, but it is raised usually by 99's who convince the local people that the Race will bring them benefits far greater than the cash payment.

99 Chapters in or near the designated stops along the Race route make the arrangements for "manning the clocks" and obtaining facilities for the contestants. The Race relies on the 99 membership in general for much of the financial support it needs and must have in order to continue the operation of this transcontinental race that means so much to each of us in so many ways. These benefits will be discussed in the next 99 News.

Right now I want to shut off the "history teacher" in me and turn to the contest for 1965 AWTAR funds. To the Section that FIRST reaches the goal of \$5 per member (count based on the membership as published in the 1963-1964 Roster) a trophy will be presented at the International Convention in August.

Get started now! There are a number of ways to raise money without individual chapter assessments. But do get your own Chapter and those within your Section started in the contest NOW.

Please make checks payable to AWTAR, Inc., and send them to me, Geri M. Hill, Ways and Means Chairman, 500 Avenue G (No. 10), Redondo Beach, Calif.

International Flying Activities Report

Spread out before us, we have a bright and shining New Year. As pilots and 99's, let's resolve to accomplish something with it.

First off: The FCC has ruled that as of January 1, a license fee of \$10.00 on each airborne transmitter and a \$2.00 fee for restricted radio telephone operator permits, will go into effect. Many organizations in the aviation industry have been fighting this ruling and a court order has delayed it for sixty days. A.O.P.A., N.P.A. and others say that it is obvious that further pressure on the FCC must come through Congress. So 99's it's up to us to make our views known to our Senators and Representatives. Write or wire them immediately.

Next: We all are so aware that more airports for light aircraft are needed. Senators Aiken of Vermont and Catlen of New Hampshire stressed this also in connection with the Senate debate on the bill to extend federal aid to airport program. Now Piper has published a small do-it-yourself handbook describing in detail all steps necessary to construct and operate a small airport. This even includes instructions on how to organize a local sponsoring group. Free copies of "Add an Air Park" are available by writing to: Operations Airpark, Piper Aircraft Corp., Lock Haven, Penn.

The "Colt for Kim" project has been completed, as indicated by the news of the dedication from Seoul, Korea. Before the book is closed, I feel a real vote of thanks should go to Marion Lopez and Kay Brick who conceived the idea and coordinated the many stamps; to the S&H Stamp Co., who helped it materialize so rapidly and to the American Korean Foundation who left no stone unturned until they found a way for the plane to be delivered to Korea. It was truly an international project, one that "did us all proud."

Mary Ann Noah, Flying Activities Committee member for the North and South Central Sections, sent in a most comprehensive report. Her Chapter Chairman offered varied suggestions to stimulate flying—fly to meetings held throughout state, Fly-In Breakfasts and Hangar Dances; Organize Penny-A-Pound Days (this gets the whole chapter working and flying and also adds to the treasury). All-Ohio had an Achievement Award Banquet, points based on flying activities, promoting new members, offices held, publicizing women in aviation. Something must stimulate them out there. June Lucas and Tony Page received their helicopter ratings; Betty Barrett, Jan Heins, Martha Christy and Jan Mauritsen—instrument ratings; Gwen Craven, Martha Christy, Judy Hellman—commercial ratings; multi-engine—Francis Warner, Helen Hewitt and Ruby St. Onge flying some 30 multi-engine hours with sev-

To: REPORTERS

From: EDITOR

It is suggested that if you have interesting "COMING EVENTS" in your chapter or section, you list them on a separate sheet of paper, rather than just in your column. Put them in your column, too, if you wish, but it will surely expedite things if you would slip in that separate note. Thanks a lot.

Also—many of you have asked about pictures—you are not limited to 2 pictures a year, we will, of course, not print two pictures of a chapter consecutively, or each month of the year, but we would love to have your pictures—and if they cannot be used, we will advise and return. Your print must be a glossy, preferably an 8x10, but can be smaller. IT MUST BE SHARP AND CLEAR.

eral trips to the Arctic—Congratulations girls! Awards were received by Sarah Gorelick and Grace Harris. Sarah was named Woman of the Year in Aviation by W.N.A.A. and Grace was presented the Paul Tissandier Diploma by the Federation Aeronautic International in Mexico City before 200 delegates from 52 nations.

Speaking of awards, the 99's can be very proud, our Marion S. Tart was given a special Award of Merit by the National Pilots Association at their Annual Convention in Miami. Marion has demonstrated many times the utility of light aircraft in international long distance flights (and Marion is 71 years young).

Doris Renninger,
Chairman

The Ninety-Nines First Day Cover

Here are two reports on our AE Stamp celebrations abroad.

The Amelia Earhart Stamp celebration in Bruxelles, Belgium was held at the beautiful new Westbury Hotel. Our 99 First Day covers were flown in a Friendship Special to Bruxelles by Sabena Airlines.

99 Jacqueline Cousin was assisted by Mr. Philippe Quersin, President of the Club National D'Aviation de Belgique, and Mr. William Grell, Director General of the Westbury Hotel in organizing the celebration.

Fifty-one of our covers were sold at the reception for the Belgian Franc equivalent of \$2.00 apiece. Mr. Grell sent the Stamp Fund a check in dollars for the franc equivalent. Our sincere thanks to Jacqueline.

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Clara Studer rounded up the cream of

Italian aviation to serve on the AE Stamp Celebration Committee. Our First Day covers were flown to Rome by Alitalia and TWA. The coverage Clara got for the 99's and our Friendship flights to Rome only will be appreciated when all the publicity is displayed at our national meeting next August.

With the help of the U. S. Assistant Air Attache in Rome, Lt. Col. Carman P. Felice, Clara sent me a recap of the First Day Cover sales. Sold so far, two hundred and six—money for same is in the custody of the Aereo Club d'Italia—and there are another one hundred and nineteen out on consignment. Clara certainly did a fabulous job in Rome—and still is doing. How about you?

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Babe Ruth has just sent in an excellent report on the ceremonies held in Lansing, Mich., and has promised to track down the films of the event. We need these reports along with newspaper coverage for the scrapbook on the Amelia Earhart Celebration, so, please get them to us as quickly as possible.

As you know we are working on "The Story of a Stamp" which will trace AE's stamp from its design to the acceptance of our First Day Covers by President Kennedy at the White House.

We are most anxious to have ALL the activities of the 99's participation in the Stamp Celebration included. If there were no films taken at some of the ceremonies, it would be possible to include pictures of the event and perhaps have the Chapter Chairman, or the 99's who flew the covers to the capitols, fill in the details on tape. The chapters who don't have film could make this an immediate project to work on. The pictures should be black and white on 35mm film and the tape should be 7½ IPS. Everyone worked so hard to help make the AE Stamp Celebration a success we want to have all the results on film for our historical archives. We hope those with the know-how or contacts will make this their first order of business, so everyone will be accounted for at the showing of the film at the annual meeting in August—which will be here before we know it.

Fay G. Wells
Louise M. Smith

NOTICE

Send new address changes, corrections, including incorrect inactive listings, etc., you may have noticed in the Roster to CAROL CRAIG at Headquarters no later than the April 20 deadline. These corrections and additions will be printed in the May issue.

Editor

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund

With the New Year well under way, now, the Chapters are starting to send in their annual gifts to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund. Last year a number of Chapters went well over the goal of \$1.00 per member, but alas, some of our Chapters weren't heard from at all! The overall total was the best ever—so let's keep that upward trend alive—remember—only the income from the Trust Fund is used—and this year we are able to offer two \$700 Scholarships!

There are still a few Chapters who haven't sent in their proceeds from the July Fly-Aways, etc. Please send whatever money you have collected for First Day Covers to Broneta Evans, our AE Treasurer, Box 38, Minco, Okla., so she can put it to work earning interest for the Fund.

Also, will each Chapter Chairman please appoint one of her members to watch the local papers for news of Philadelphia and Stamp Club activities in the area—and have her see that a Ninety-Nine contacts them to go to their meetings to tell the story of our First Day Covers—and **take orders** for them. There is a great market among these collectors—if we can tell them our story! **Remember—these contributions are deductible for tax purposes.** Good luck!

Alice H. Hammond,
Chairman
AE Memorial Scholarship
Trustees

Section News Column

Although quiet in print, the Southwest Section Chapters seem to be buzzing with activities.

Almost every chapter is represented in Sectional endeavor, either with an officer or Committee Chairman for the Section: Ruth Gay, Long Beach, Airmarking; Jane Haag, San Gabriel Valley, Contest; Mary Mables, Fresno, Civil Defense; Trixie Ann Schubert, San Fernando Valley, Publicity; Rhoda Thompson, Bakersfield, Ways and Means; Fran Gustafson, San Joaquin (now living in Fallon, Nev.), Membership; Virginia Edwards, Tucson, Air Age Education; Miriam Brugh, Bay Cities, AE Scholarship; Marian Jepsen, San Diego, Section Treasurer; Pat Stouffer, Redwood Empire, Secretary; Pat Lambart, Phoenix, Vice Governor; and yours truly, representing El Cajon Valley Chapter.

Many chapters in the Southern Cali-



International Chairman Ruth Deerman, Past Governor Southwest Section Geri Hill, Chairman Los Angeles Chapter Sally LaForge, at the Christmas Open House for Ruth Deerman given by Geri Hill, during Ruth's stay in Los Angeles during Christmas Holidays.

fornia and Arizona areas have been "flying up a storm," taking advantage of some beautiful, warm sunshine the past several months. Although I don't have reports from all chapters as to their activities, I do receive Chapter Newsletters from a few, and the activity seems to never cease.

Tucson had a successful Penny-a-Pound flight earlier in the Ninety-Nine year for their worthwhile Air Age Education Project. Their latest letter reports a "Luncheon Fly-Out" to Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., January 11, and a trip in February to Paris by Shirley Marshall as Delegate of NAFC and NAA to the FAI.

San Fernando Valley Chapter is constantly on the move. In addition to sponsoring a monthly fly-in luncheon, their next exciting and unique venture is a "fly-away" from LAX via TWA on February 2 by 12 members to go to the Cessna Factory in Wichita to ferry ten 150's and two 172's to Skyways at Van Nuys. They have a Woman of the Year award each year, based on a point system, holding the Awards Banquet in March. So-o-o, you have to get up pretty early in the morning to keep up with these gals.

San Diego Chapter recently had a successful picnic potluck at Ramona Airport in San Diego County.

Fresno Chapter is busy with plans for the Start of the 1964 AWTAR, and El Cajon Valley Chapter sponsored a 2c-a-pound flight on December 29 for the purpose of bidding for the start of the 1965 AWTAR.



BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Ruth Magill

The Bay Cities Chapter had their Christmas party at the home of Margaret Gerhardt, San Francisco. There were 28 people there. Everyone had a grand time.

The January meeting was with Maxine Carlson in San Carlos. Hialeah Reilich reported on plans for the Sports and Boat Show at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. The Piper Aircraft Corporation will have a 235 Cherokee on display. The 99's have been invited to be on hand and present flying from the woman's viewpoint. Most of the Bay Chapter will be taking their turns in the booth wearing new 99 name badges. The 99's should be better known after this ten-day stint. We were happy to welcome Elaine Loening, a transfer from Eastern Idaho.

At the February meeting we will have a tour of the "Glenn Wilson's Experimental Aircraft Factory." Glenn and Eleanor are building their own plane and Eleanor is going to show how. Maybe some of the rest of us will want to take a wrench and screwdriver in hand after seeing how easily she uses them.

Jackie Bandt has left the Bay Area since 49½er Thaine is now a Warrant Officer in the army. We wish them happy flying wherever Thaine's assignments take them.

Mary Fields took her Swift on a five-day trip looking for the sun. She saw a missile firing at Vandenberg and decided that was **not** the place to be at the moment. She hastily departed from that vicinity and was very glad to see a nice quiet landing strip where she could land and collect herself. It was a real estate development complete with pool, peace, and sunshine. Just the place for a 5-day vacation! Elaine Loening hopes to fly the air race again with her sister as co-pilot. Doris Purdy missed the January meeting because she was flying to Burbank in a Debonair with a friend. Nancy Lynam thought the Bing Crosby Tournament was made for her but she forgot the Tournament Weather is always capricious. Getting back to the Bay Area in the T-34 kept her very busy for a few minutes. Mary Messersmith did some air work and landings at Half Moon Bay in an Aerona Champ after take off from San Carlos. She found flying from the back seat took a new perspective.

EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER

By Doris Ritchey

The year ended on a happy note financially for the chapter. We made over \$1200 on our 2c a pound flights on December 29th. We flew 86,178 pounds at three airports, Gillespie Field, Montgomery Field

and Palomar Airport, with 16 airplanes and 18 pilots. All the dealers at the airports furnished planes and the Skypalls Flying Club at Gillespie Field donated three planes. We had a twin engine airplane at each airport. Cessna 310's were flown by Howard Dennis and Marvin Jackson and Travelodge's Twin Bonanza was flown by Clarence Prescott. Since the F.A.A. allowed only Commercial Pilots to fly, the only 99's flying were Mac Huntington and Isabelle McCrae and Betty Lambert of the San Diego Chapter. Jerry Vickers from the San Diego Chapter also helped out on the ground. Jane Haag from the San Gabriel Chapter visited with the gals working at Montgomery Field in the afternoon. Because of gusty winds and rough air in the Ramona area, flights from the Ramona Airport were cancelled. General comment from passengers and pilots was "Let's do it again soon." We probably will since we have submitted our bid for the 1965 AWTAR Race Start and so can really use the money.

FRESNO CHAPTER

By Helen Smith

I am pinchhitting for Estelle Stacy this month because poor Estelle is in the Alta Hospital under a six-week quarantine with infectious hepatitis. All we can do is send her get well cards, no one can even hold her hand.

The Fresno Chapter is really buzzing with plans and preparations for the '64 AWTAR start. The excitement is spilling over and effecting the whole community. We have met with both the men and the women's sections of the Chamber of Commerce, the local Zonta and Dorothy Kent and Barbara Faller have spoken before almost every Men's Service Club in the area (20 or 30, maybe more — they lost count) explaining the 99's and trying to enlighten them on the mechanics of the race. I distributed last year's race programs to the five local TV stations and answered background questions for the ensuing news releases. (I also got to the 25 radio stations and our two newspapers with this service.) One of our new pilot members, Betty MacPherson has agreed to take over a good deal of these duties because the new has worn off and we now sound and feel stale.

Barbara Faller has produced our latest future pilot, Eric Landon Faller, seven pounds, five ounces.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Carole B. Dunn

Our December meeting was our Christmas party held at Emma McGuire's home. It was a covered dish type dinner. All joined in receiving gifts from under the tree, with a few extra gifts and a surprise "brief history" of one of our members — Fran Bera — as it was also her birthday. Our chapter decided, since we have so many new members, that we would pick a member and do a "brief his-



(Tom Masamori Photos, Denver, Colo.)

Left to right: Margaret Ross, Mr. Naseem Sidviqui, Mr. Abdul Khan, Judy Wagner, Mr. Sidviqui and Mr. Khan, Pakistan Aid, were guest speakers at the Long Beach Chapter January meeting.

tory" of her flying activities at each meeting.

We had a breakfast fly-in to Santa Barbara where Norm and Elsie Smith, Los Angeles Chapter 99's, joined us, along with Claire Walters and a twin engine student. Millie Krueger, Emma McGuire and I all hashed over the '63 AWTAR with Maurine Leonard and Margaret Mead of Santa Barbara Chapter.

Our January meeting was held at Barbara London's home where 49½er Bob Ross brought our guest speakers of the evening, Mr. Abdul Khan and Mr. Naseem Sidviqui of the Pakistan AID — their "almost" equivalent of our FAA. AID deals only in Aircraft and Engine specifications. They explained how one would go about getting a pilot's license in Pakistan; a different test to pass for each phase of flight, one for A & E, one for weather, one for navigating, etc., as each is a separate department of government. They were quiet astonished at the number of women that flew here as very few women fly in Pakistan. Bob Ross brought them to Claire Walters Flight Academy to see the women jumping in and out of and flying airplanes. Then Emma and I took them for a flight to Orange Co. airport to see the Hot Air Balloon race from Catalina Island to Orange Co. airport, (also with a woman balloonist in it) that never got started as the wind would have taken them to Hawaii rather than the mainland. All in all, a very enlightening evening was had for all concerned and we hope they had a few, if not all, enjoyable moments with the 99's. As Mr. Sidviqui and Mr. Khan said, "They'll just never believe us back home."

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Vivian Thompson

During December, Fritzie Heaney, and Betty Dupont and 49½er had a smooth flight in their Apache, to Aspen, Colorado for a week of skiing. While there, they met 99 Betty Pfister of Colorado Chapter (Whirly Girl No. 52) and her 49½er Art and spent an evening at their lovely

home, enjoying that good ol' Colorado hospitality.

Christmas truly was a "Merry" one for the Los Angeles Chapter. We 99's have been sort of adopted by the Elks, here in Los Angeles. There Lodge number is 99 so we sort of fit together. Our Christmas party was a Dinner Dance held at the Elks Temple where we fraternized with L.A. Lodge 99 Elks. Present were members from Los Angeles Chapter, Long Beach Chapter, San Fernando Chapter, and Bay Cities Chapter accompanied by their 49½ers and guests. Special guests were International Chairman Ruth Deerman from El Paso, Texas, and her party.

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

By Evelyn Sherwood

Anyone for flying? Everyone is for the "blue" at the Smyth home and all gleefully board the Bonanza at any time.

The time was well chosen (school vacation) for the trip to Acapulco. Emily and Dick (Dr. Richard Smyth, engineer at Autonetics) and their five children, Gretal, 11; Randy, 9; Ernie, 8; David, 6; Dawn, 3, all packed swim suits.

With nine hours of flying time, all belted securely inside the plane, they landed on Southern Pacific Shores via Mazatlan and Guadalajara.

They stayed at the Acapulco Hilton, and all enjoyed the days of restful siesta.

PHOENIX CHAPTER

By Mary Vial

Happy New Year! 1964 may be in full swing, but 1963 ended with a bang at June Kaiser's pre-Christmas cocktail buffet for all Phoenix 99's and 49½ers. Even though June teaches school, flies, and has many other interests, she still has time to be a warm, generous hostess with the mostest to 99's any time we need her. Gracias, June.

Our flyingest professional pilot, Juanita Newell, who flies a 310 for Welch Plumbing Co., doesn't miss a trick when it comes to hunting. She says her freezer is full of quail, pheasant, dove and even a wild turkey from last fall's sorties. Now she is hoping to get a javelina when the season opens in February. Versatile Juanita not only reloads her own shells, but has learned to drive her husband's four wheel drive jeep. She says also that Pat Gladnev called her when on her way back from Chile. Pat was the first recipient of the A.E. Scholarship Award.

Petite Ruth Reinhold, another professional who flies a twin Bonanza for the Goldwater family and a M Bonanza for Empire Machinery, has been elected president of the Arizona Wing of Ox 5. Congratulations, Ruth. And more about your experiences with Senator Goldwater in a later newsletter.

Melba Beard proudly reports that she has a new granddaughter, Shawna, and Trudy Murphy tells us she has acquired a new daughter. Her son, Mike, was married in August.

Nancy Sullivan, who weighs only 90 lbs. and can wheel their Skylane around like a toy, flew to Fort Collins with her hubby and children last fall for the ASU football game there. And because they flew up and hadn't missed an ASU game all season, they were guests of the team. Not bad, eh?

Mary Crowl says she had a wonderful time in California in December when she got checked out there in a Bell. But the best part was visiting with Fran Bera and flying with Loretta Foy.

Now, we finally get to 1964 with our January meeting at President Pat Lambert's, with 17 present, including Betty Sharman from Sedona, Helen Lawrence from Flagstaff, and Jean Black from Winslow. Our hats are always off to these gals who drive for hours over mountain roads just to come to our meetings! Helen just passed her 100 hour mark in a Cessna 172, and Jean says she is taking a high school course in welding, in preparation for eventually building her own plane. What about that? We especially enjoyed welcoming Lois Strange from the Des Moines Chapter. She did pretty well selling her attractive and useful 99's flight bags. Marv has used hers, and they're terrific, gals. Also especially welcome was prospective member Jesse Wimmers who has done a good bit of flying in S. America and has a Netherlands license. She is presently working toward her U.S. commercial. Good luck, Jesse.

Right now, you must hear about our guest speaker, Anne Colby: president of the Board of Directors of Girl's Ranch, Inc., in Scottsdale, former Phoenix Woman of the Year, former president of the Phoenix YMCA plus many other titles. She told us most interestingly and warmly, because that is where her heart is, about Girl's Ranch — it's start in 1955 by the Soroptimists, it's suport by Kiwanis Clubs, Women's Clubs and any one who will contribute. Contribute to saving a girl from parents who don't want her, from the influence of a mother who is a prostitute, from abject poverty, by giving her a home and guidance in Girl's Ranch, education in local schools, and the knowledge that someone does care. Virginia Hash, our busy lawyer member, and Frank Shelton, Jimmy Lou's 49½'er, who have been taking the girls for plane rides and giving them the basics of flying, need our help on their project. So come spring, we'll plan a picnic fly-in to another part of the state that they might otherwise see, and hope to make this a year-long project.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

By Bette Smith

The Alt-Air Flying Club, based at Napa County airport, has purchased a 1964 Cessna Skyhawk that was delivered from Wichita, Kans., on Sunday, Dec. 15. Patricia Stouffer, June O'Donnell and Fran-

ces DeHaan are members and will be flying the new ship.

I thought it might be of interest to find out what ships our chapter members owned or were flying and this is what I came up with: Anita Conley, an Aeronca Scout; Myrtle Wright, Cessna Skyhawk; Phyllis Cantrell, belongs to the Santa Rosa Flying Club and flies a Cessna Skylane and a Taylor Craft; Hilda Casey, a Cessna 170; Frances DeGolia, a Cessna 172; Becky Lightfoot, belongs to the Empire Aero Club and flies a Cessna 172 or a Tri-Pacer. Frances DeHaan, June O'Donnell and Patricia Stouffer belong to the Alt-Air Flying Club and fly a Cessna Skyhawk; Betty Shunn, a 1941 Interstate; and Bette Smith, a Stinson Reliant V-77.

Myrtle Wright is attending ground-school at Buchanan Field for her instrument course.

Hazel Bertagna and Myrtle Wright had the opportunity to fly the Cessna Skymaster recently. Hazel's 49½ Caesar, who is an FAA flight examiner, was taking the ship around the horn and asked them if they would like to come along. So, he gave them the opportunity to see how she handled.

Didi DeGolia, who has her own radio program, "Cleared for Take-Off," on Saturday mornings, has bought the radio station KHUM in Santa Rosa. Now at least she is her own boss! We are all proud of Didi's accomplishments with her program.

Coral Bloom flew her two children to Palm Springs for the Christmas holidays in a Cessna 172. They especially enjoyed the Tramway ride up to the 8,500 ft. level of San Jacinto mountain. The cars, which there are two, can carry about eighty persons in each.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Joyce Evans

Our January meeting, a joint one with the Sacramento Chapter of Zonta International, was planned last summer when both groups worked together for the Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp Ceremonies here in SAC. This was the Zonta's Annual Meeting in which they honor Amelia Earhart, and they invited us to join them. Each year Zonta International awards a \$2,500 Scholarship to a woman to take graduate study in Aeronautical Engineering. Amelia was a member of Zonta's New York Chapter when she disappeared. After the dinner meeting, Capt. Stephen Voegel and Capt. Rose Marie Bitschnau (the only woman WAF stationed in the 552nd Early Warning Squadron at McClellan Field) presented an Air Force film titled "Sentinel of Defense."

Since October we have welcomed four new members: Emily Sederholm, Carol Anne Sutliff, Martha J. MacPhee and Veja Berry. Helen Meyer from Walnut Creek, long a Sacramento Valley Chapter member, has transferred to Redwood Empire Chapter.

Darlene Marsh and Marianne McDonald are both checking out in the new Cessna 206. Darlene flew her instructor, Les Wade, to Napa for dinner last Sunday, and he flew her home. Marianne plans her third hour of flight in this plane next weekend.

Ruth Wagner and June Devine are working diligently on the Instrument Course — June already is building up time under the hood. Claire Raley has been taking the AOPA Pilot's Extension Course this winter, and plans to start the Commercial Course next month.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Stella Hardin

While the rest of the country was battling winter storms, Dottie Daub (Flying Activities Chairman) and San Diego's weather gave us one of the nicest flying days for our fly-in to Ramona on Sunday, January 12th. Hostess was Hilda Reaf-snyder, Orange County Chapter, who generously permitted us the use of her cabin, located within walking distance of the airport. A delicious pot luck luncheon was served to 34 people. Eleven planes participated in the fly-in. Betty Lambert and son, members of the American Youth Hostels cyclists, pedaled their way from Miramar to the meeting.

San Diego members who attended were Ruby Keaveny, Mirian Jepsen, Ruth Propsner, Lois Bartling, Jessie Ostrander, Martha Mullen, Terry Vasques, Gerry Vickers, Dottie Daub, Maxine Smith, Betty Gillies, Betty Lambert, Margaret Moody, June Hickox and Stella Hardin. Guests included 49½'s and friends of the chapter. A real thrill for four members of the Hardin family was the flight to and from the meeting in Terry Vasques' new Apache. Surprise of the day, was the gift of a 99 identification button presented to each member from Ruby Keaveny and Mirian Jepsen.

While the chapter conducted a brief business meeting, the men were entertained with drag races at the near drag strip, clearly visible from the porch of the cabin.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Trixie-Ann Schubert

Our chapter has been blessed with a BONANZA, and we don't mean Beechcraft. Walter von der Ahe, owner of Van Nuys Skyways, has purchased a fleet of Cessnas for training purposes at his flight school, one of the largest of the southwest with complete facilities from ground school through check ride design. He is taking delivery of the new planes with all women pilots, 99's from the San Fernando Valley Chapter who will be flown via TWA 880 Convair jet February 2nd to Wichita where they will tour the factory, pick up the planes, one girl to a plane, and bring them to the west coast via Oklahoma City, Amarillo, Midland, El Paso, Tucson, Phoenix, Palm Springs, Van Nuys. We're dressing alike, compli-



San Fernando Valley Ninety-Nines who will participate in mass flight of Cessna deliveries are (left to right): Janet Hardin, Mary R. Kemper, Florence Dittmar, Lois Miles, Audrey

Schutte, Ellen Trindle, Lauretta Foy, Trixi-Ann Schubert, Ardie Trenholm, Lola Ricci, Elizabeth Crowley. Missing is Jean Rose.

ments of Loubella California Originals, and meeting with 99's, chambers of commerce, aviation representatives along the route. We're allowing four days, all expenses paid, for the flight. Real hardship. In the fleet are two 172's, which will carry some members of the press and be flown by Florence Dittmar and Mary Kemper. Ten 150's will be flown by Liz Crowley, Lauretta Foy, Janet Hardin, Lois Miles, Lola Ricci, Jean Rose, Trixi-Ann Schubert, Audrey Schutte, Ardie Trenholm, and Ellen Trindle.

In other chapter news, Jeanine Ceccio has been logging time recently faster than the rest of us. She flew to Illinois and on to Miami, Fla., in the family Cessna. Saw husband Pete at Hangar Session last night and he reports Jeanine now is in St. Louis (this time commercial

jet) visiting her father who is ill.

Ardie Trenholm flew to Nogales, Mexico, and San Jose. Is trying to get her instructor rating in the 150, and doing it the hard way . . . flying before working hours which means in-the-air by 6:30 a.m.

Audrey Schutte flew a glider at Tehachapi, and flew to Santa Cruz with a "fixed" gear that didn't come unfixed and so added to travel time. Ellen Trindle flew to Colorado River, took Debonair check ride. Jan Wood to Vegas; also has time, after school teaching, to enjoy skydiving at Fox airport.

Jean Rose flew a 150 back from the factory at Wichita . . . as if she needed the experience with a mere 10,000 or so hours of flying logged. Lois Miles flew to the Colorado River to celebrate the

New Year. That's Site Six, a popular spot for our 99's. Lois Mauer has been local flying. Florence Dittmar flew a Navion, and reports a gay time at Skyways New Year's Eve party at Cal Valley airport. Bette Malone couldn't resist circling over the Baldwin Hills dam disaster site. Lauretta Foy was there too, flying the press in her Brantly helicopter so all the traumatic events could unfold in a you-were-there picture on television.

Jan Hardin checked out in the 150. Not only did she chairman and organize our Christmas Hangar party, which netted us about \$800, but she capped the prize for selling the most tickets . . . 97 of them.

We have another gal joining the ranks of those working within the aviation industry. Mary Kemper is on the Van Nuys Skyways staff to organize and promote

their fly-ins, "Skyways Fun Flyaways." A promoter par excellence, Mary announced at the last meeting that Mr. von der Ahe, same who is sponsoring the Wichita flight, will offer his cabin near Truckee at Lake Tahoe to the 99's of our chapter and their families for the February 15th weekend.

TUCSON CHAPTER

By Laura Bohanan

Highlight of January was our luncheon fly-out to Ft. Huachuca with Maj. Meg Guggolz as our hostess. Upon landing, we received such VIP treatment it left us breathless. Twenty-seven attended the luncheon with sixteen from the Tucson Chapter. Ruth Deerman, our International President, flew in with Win Griffin as did Mary Fran Seidle with her husband from the El Paso Chapter. There was no lag in conversation around the luncheon table either and we all thoroughly enjoyed our short visit at the fort, especially the quick tour around the old part of the fort.

Shirley Marshall is off to Paris and no doubt after this International NAEC meeting she will have lots of good ideas on bettering the Air Age Education program.

The Tucson Chapter has compiled a booklet covering the procedures of operating a successful Penny-a-Pound Airlift and would be glad to send one of these booklets to any chapter interested in flying an airlift of their own such as the Tucson Chapter has been doing for these past six years.

UTAH CHAPTER

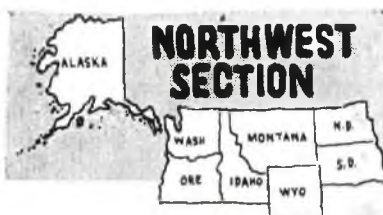
By Sally Wells

Our January meeting was held in the home of our Chairman, Jessie Carter, with 12 members present and several guests. Guest speakers were John and Connie Robison, American Fork, and Arien Kuhn and Faye Piccalo, Springville. They brought a very interesting talk and film on survival. Also present were prospective members Jane Souden and Lois Fredrick.

Lucille Christopherson has been quite active, she flew to Los Angeles for the wedding and reception of her son, Kent, also to Phoenix then the rest of the time she flies back and forth between Provo and Ogden where her mother is ill. Seems she also had a run in with the fog, with her on top but finally got down.

Loretta Gabrielson got her Private license Jan. 10 and she really had a time with all our foul weather lately. We are really happy she has joined us. Bonnie York is also a new member. Virginia Riedel's club has just purchased a Bonanza and Virginia says she has 20 min. but much more to come. Ethel McDermott was recently chairman of the CAP military ball and it was reported to be quite a success. Ruth Walker has gotten in a little local flying lately.

Christmas present for the girl who has everything: Marge Mackey received a dual flight wheel with 99 insignia, for their Travelair.



EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Helen R. Crum

Barbara Thisted, Jean Carbon, Alice Kennedy and Gini Harper were joined by Ethel Wikstrom, Kam Hitchcock and Helen Crum, who had an interesting instrument flight from Yakima, for the January 11th meeting in Spokane at the airport. The weather did not cooperate for Minnie Boyd and our newest member, Terrie Becker, from Pullman.

It was reported that Lyg'e Hagan, who is in Mexico, has been meeting with the Wing Scouts in Spokane. In her absence Alice has taken over. Millie Shinn will appear on TV to promote air age education in the Spokane public schools. One woman is flying, others expect to start, as a result of aviation course given at the YWCA by this active group of girls. They have been asked to give another course this winter.

Marie Reynnells and her husband enjoyed their vacation in the Hawaiian Islands. Kam spent a week in San Francisco and is now attending college in Ellenberg. Weekends she expects to continue her flying. Ethel leaves soon for a flying vacation with her husband in the south.

MONTANA CHAPTER

By Betty Nunn

We did not have a Ninety-Nine meeting in December, so were very happy to get the New Year off to a good start with a dandy meeting in Bozeman on January 11th. Nine members and three guests attended the meeting and luncheon held at Dorothy Sabo's home in Bozeman. After the meeting Mrs. Jim Stradley showed some 16mm movies of wild game counting done by her husband, who has Gallatin Flying Service.

Chairman Elsie Johnson and Jimmie Kuhn drove from Missoula to Helena; then hitched a ride with Helen Dunlop and Elsie Childs in their Stinson. Smog made this necessary for our Chairman to get out of Missoula. She is a dedicated gal. Luella Nelson and 49½er Ken didn't quite make it back to Great Falls. Seems a snow shower got between them and home. They enjoyed an overnight stop at Mary Jo Janey's home in Helena.

Jimmie Kuhn has retired from her job as head of the Budget Department for the U. S. Forest Service, after 33 years of service. She is now enrolled in the winter quarters at Montana State University, taking an Art Course.

Mary Stevenson, Missoula, had an unusual incident one Saturday. She came out to the field to fly, so had the heater

put on her plane. After her Tri-Pacer was warm, she proceeded to fly locally. While flying she noticed a smell like burning feathers, so decided to land. The attendant said it smelled like acid so checked the battery, and found it dry. He added water and washed the airplane. The next day, Mary came to fly again. On warming up she smelled the same "burned feathers." The attendant checked the engine and saw bits of stuff stuck here and there, so opened the other side. Behold one scared cottontail rabbit, slightly burned, but alive. Apparently it had climbed aboard through the heater pipe some way to a nice warm place for the winter. Mary has passed her Commercial written and is preparing for her flight test.

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Winnie Blythe

Our annual March of Dimes flights co-sponsored by the 99's and the Seattle unit of the AOPA were held January 12th, we were lucky to have nice weather and lots of passengers. Illovene Potter was in charge of flights from Boeing Field, Ginny Andrews from Bellevue Airport and Terry Kellogg from our Renton Field, on hand to help Terry were 99's Van Adderson, Joanne Nelson, Jay Lawrence, Maxine Fancher and I, along with AOPA members. The Pilots Lounge at Renton Aviation was a busy place and it was so nice to get together with so many flying friends for a visit; I know I really did enjoy myself and I am sure everyone else did too.

Illovene helicoptered over with AOPA chairman Don Filer for coffee and a visit and I got some news items from her. She and Les spent ten days in California and took in the Parade and Rose Bowl Game. Illovene also went flying with Fran Bera in a new Bonanza. Louise Niemi and her 49½er, who is a well known big game hunter, are on safari in Africa and plan to continue on around the world. Marian Morton is taking lessons in Illovene's helicopter.



EL PASO CHAPTER

By Eunice Dickey

"You have a date for April 30th to May 3rd

RSVP now and plan to load up your bird

So you can bee-line out in our direction

Be El Paso 99's guest at South Central Section."

"Cloud Hoppers Roundup."

Our chapter held their January meeting in the conference room at Champs Aviation. A short business meeting was held



John S. Belle, manager of the May D&F stamp department, Denver, displays a picture of the Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp and First Day Cover to three members of the Colorado Chapter: Ethel Frieze, who also chairnamed the AWTAR La Junta stop, and is presently chairman of the South Central Section Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Committee; Helen Choun, Chairman of the Colorado Chapter, and Donna Myers, who at that time was Governor of the South Central Section.

and Mr. Myers of FAA (who, incidentally has licensed out a lot of our 99's) led a very interesting informal discussion on flying. Those attending were Brookie Bozarth, Marge Beard, Margaret Halloran, Polly Pearce, Ruby Tatman, Billie Callaghan, Juanita Burdick, Ruth Deerman, Bonnie Link, Mary Fran Seidel and guest Ruth Flisher and Eunice Dickey.

Welcome to our newest member, Bonnie Link, who has had her private pilot's license since May. Bonnie has just returned from a flying trip with her family—they were out California way.

A great big thank you to Dottie Blackham who has really been working during the holidays for the 99's, besides taking care of her family. She's made almost 100 matchbox sandwiches. Incidentally, if you don't have one; you'd better put in your order. They're certainly something to have. The address is in your yearbook.

Ruby and Dick Tatman will be commuting between El Paso and Florida now, since they have an apartment in Golden Isle, Fla. They'll know the route by heart before too long.

Juanita and Tex Burdick will leave next week to spend six weeks in Mexico. Sounds like fun!

Polly Pearce recently ferried a plane to Pecos, Texas. Margaret Halloran has

just returned from a trip to San Antonio in a 250 Comanche. Ruth Deerman and Mary Fran Seidl have just returned from Albuquerque. Ruth was part of the program for the Albuquerque 99's program for Zontas.

Mary Fran Seidl and 49½'er Hank and Ruth Deerman and Win Griffin flew in separate airplanes to attend the Tucson 99's fly-in in Fort Huachuca.

HOUSTON CHAPTER

By Frances Castleberry

Our January meeting was held at Andrau Airpark on January 14th. It was a joint dinner meeting of the Petticoat Pilots and 99's, and twenty four members and guests were present.

The February meeting is tentatively scheduled as a visit to the Helicopter School operated by Bob Marsh. Husbands are invited for the tour of the facilities.

We have got our fingers crossed for our Amelia Earhart Scholarship nominee Maybelle Fletcher.

Our lucky members Mary Coale and Marilyn Stoneberg have been traveling again. Mary has made trips to Waco—via instruments and to California in her Aero Commander. Marilyn and Chuck, her 49½'er, spent the Christmas holidays in Florida flying there in their Cessna 310.

Thought we had missed Gloria Zwick

and after inquiring we discovered that she has joined the Air Force as a nurse. We wish her luck.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Nema Masonhall

The weather didn't cooperate for our meeting at Mary Lester's, but in spite of the Snert Storm, there was a turn out of 17 members and two guests, Jean Anderegg from Norman and Alma Wilson from Pauls Valley as prospective members. Following the discussion of the Constitution and the Powder Puff Derby Race Stop, slides were shown of the Stillwater meeting and the Christmas Party by Rita. Then by means of slides Ruth and Skip took us with them on their trip thru the Maritime Provinces.

Trish Smith had major surgery at St. Johns in Tulsa and we wish her a speedy recovery. Jane and Rogers Abbott flew to Laramie, Wyo. Jean and Chuck Thomas flew to Montrose, Colo., and did some skiing at Crested Butte, Jean sprained both thumbs, how about that? Usually its the ankles, I'm told. Wally Funk Christmased in Hawaii, island hopping. Dottie and Pete Young spent the holidays with Donna and Johnny Myers in Denver. Beth and Smitty are the new owners of Lizabeth's Gift Shop, 9317 North Penn in Oklahoma City, specializing in unusual gifts. Best wishes on your new venture, you two.

Wasn't it nice to get all those Holiday Greetings from our 99 friends from coast to coast, Australia and both continents?

SHREVEPORT CHAPTER

By Hazle Nealey

Only the short end of our Chapter's news was printed in the December issue of the Ninety-Nine News, guess the long end is somewhere in ORBIT. I failed to meet the December 20th deadline for the November issue so I am in dutch with my Chapter (I so sorry).

First I will mention weather but, to treat that subject with an unusual knack that reduces the complex to its simplest terms, still means BAD. In November our Chapter assisted the OX5's with an Antique Air Show and Fly'n at the Downtown Airport; we sold hot roasted peanuts to give our kitty a neat shot in the arm. At Christmas time we invited the 49½'ers and had a whale of a time on a Progressive Supper, was much fun raiding each member's home of their Christmas goodies. Our Chapter flew to Lake Charles November 11, to meet and have lunch with a group of women pilots there. Our hopes are that there will soon be a newly organized Ninety-Nine Chapter in Lake Charles. Our most gracious host for the day was the city's Aviation Chamber Manager John Sanders. Mr. Sanders started the day off in a royal manner, our weather was bad so he flew over in his Aero Commander and picked us up, the Press and TV cameramen were waiting for us at the airport. Pictures and all that was done up in real fashion, and then we were driven to the beautiful

Pioneer Club for lunch and to meet the Lake Charles girls. After a delicious luncheon was served we gathered in a cozy parlor at the club to discuss the Ninety-Nines and Private Aviation in general, here we were made to feel more Queenly as we were served coffee and after-dinner goodies. All was so wonderful until 3 p.m. when we learned that bad weather was reaching Lake Charles, but again our host, Mr. Sanders, assured us that we had no worries as he had reservations for each of us on TTA's 4:40 p.m. flight to Sreveport. Yes, there is still a Santa Claus left in Aviation.

Now just a bit about our FLIGHTY LADIES—Dottie Ports has a new turquoise Cessna 182 (Skylane).

Sarah Henley recently checked a Cessna 175, is working on a 182, and is doing part-time secretary work for an airplane dealer at Downtown Airport.

Jere Saur has so many piano students until she doesn't have any time to spend the money she is making (on flying I mean).

Our member in England (one of our charter members) Dorothy King, sent a Christmas Card wishing us all happy flying in 1964.

Martha Christy learned to weld so she could help 49½er Ray build a hangar at Downtown Airport.

TULSA CHAPTER

By Jean Engler

We all made it through the holidays without a scratch, starting with a lovely party at Jan Mauritson's home. Got a chance to take our Chief Pilot along. Jan has a brand new instructor's rating.

Our littlest angel, Judy Hellman, is clearing a part for herself too. She rated first in power-on, and second in power-off landings at the OU Aviation Club-OSU Flying Aggies (she's the prez) Dual Airmeet. She just this week got her instructor's rating.

Our January meeting was at Mary Shaddock's home. We caught her between jaunts. Our guests were Mr. McClain and John Donnelly from the FAA office here. As inspectors they were able to answer all of our questions and give us a lot of good safety hints. Our interested crew being Freda Guild, Agnes and Judy Hellman, Jan Mauritson, Mary Helen Burke, Faye Sullenger, Dorothy Johnson, Betty Sinor, Lee Baker, Lois Martin, Coleen White, Mary Shaddock and me.



ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Marilyn Collette

The January meeting was held at Grimes Airport, Urbana, Ohio, with Virginia Schumacher as hostess. We have resolved never to believe the weather

man again with reported ceilings and visibility unrestricted, we started out with the new Comanche 180 and ended up at 2300 ft. and a little rough with headwinds. However, it didn't stop the flying Ohioans with lots of fly-ins and many drive-ins for an excellent attendance of 29 99's and many prospective members and guests. We enjoyed meeting Nancy Lehner, Delaware; Helen Morgan, Dayton. Dorothy Belville, Toledo; Cindy Metzger, Urbana; Jean Auxter, Mansfield; Florence Bond, Berea; and Cathy Clark, Toledo.

We were very pleased to receive an invitation from the Flying Odometrists to join them on their tour of the Bahama Islands which will start the 19th of April, 1964. If any of you would be interested in joining this tour contact Virginia Schumacher, 1600 Miracle Mile, Springfield, Ohio, for full details. Sounds like a wonderful trip and a promise of a lot of fun. Thanks to you, Virginia, for an interesting and informative meeting.

Blanche and John O'Brien are now managing the airport at Delaware, Ohio and are getting a lot of flying in. Recently flew to Rochester, N. Y., to visit with their daughter and family and got weathered in for a week. Flew up in their 1963 Skyhawk, and bless the KX150. Patricia Rogers is spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Fla. Bette and Bill Warner spent the holidays in Florida and while there rented a Cessna 172 for a good look at the Keys. Bessie and Jim Caton and family arev been busy remodeling and enlarging their home, but not so busy that we couldn't take time to attend the Osteopathic National Surgical Convention in St. Louis, flying their Skyland. Arlene Davis attended the NAA dinner in Akron recently where she was cited with a beautiful plaque for her work and interest in the NAA. Jean Hixson, Akron, has been working closely with the Air Force at Wright Patterson AFB on the problems of weightless flight. Harriet Wladyka and Pat Hange, Jefferson, recently reported that Edna Gardner Whyte was a student of their glider school where she earned her Commercial Glider rating. Your reporter would like to say thanks to all of you for your get well cards and Christmas cards of encouragement that I received during my recent sojourn at Akron General Hospital. I feel like a new person with a new lease on life, and so pleased that six weeks later I flew the Comanche to Urbana, and I'm really looking forward to a year with lots of flying.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS

It is hard to write with the idea that this will not be February by the time you read this. So—Central Illinois has a meeting scheduled for Greater Peoria Airport, noon, March 14. Maybe it will be a pretty spring day and several of you can fly in.

Rockford Chapter won't write about themselves so I want to say congratula-

tions to Virgie on her new rating. Hope to see Mrs. Todhunter and several others of their group at spring sectional so we can get acquainted.

Jo Finkelstein, who joined us when she was in school here, is now busy with school, a job, and being a house wife in Minnesota. Says she will get acquainted with the Minnesota girls when things settle down and she has time to fly. Hope that will be by time Minnesota has sectional so she can enjoy that with them. Ann Corkill, now a Chicago Chapter member, was on a flying trip and had time to call Jo. Know the news went fast between them after all this time.

People and planes have not been active in the area. So I'm going to concentrate on one family this time and try that for February too. Other chapters have done this and it is grand when you get to a sectional and get to meet that person then. Feel like you almost know them. La Verne Lentman and hubby, Orlyn, live near Streator. They plane in at a strip right on the farm . . . what time it isn't on the move. LaVerne made the most of Christmas by helping entertain the Livingston Co. Flying Farmers, a group of 4-H girls, the Homemakers' Extension group, and friends and relatives. Orlyn was busy with farm work so she flew the FAA Conservation Plowing Contest boys and their Vo-Ag teacher on a tour of Livingston County. The family drove to Chicago to see the Christmas decorations and shop and lunch at Marshall Fields. Due to weather, they had to drive to make the Flying Farmers Christmas party. Am sure they will do the same with the Clinic to be held in Rockford, January 24-25. Then they enjoyed the regular church and school Christmas with their three children. So grand to share this with all of you. Feel like maybe I was along with her on some of the doings. Wonderful to have her as a member of our group. Till next month . . . spring is coming . . . really!

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Eva White

The January meeting was held on Thursday, Jan. 16, at the beautiful home of Irene Gabriel, chapter chairman. After the business meeting, refreshments were served by the hostesses. In spite of the distance to be traveled by all, there was an outstanding attendance—32 99's and 11 49½ers. An interesting movie by Piper Aircraft was shown, as well as excellent colored slides of our Christmas party "fashion show," taken by 49½ John Teiber. The scenic trip, in color, of a Piper Cherokee along the coast of Mexico stirred the "flying bug" into action, judging by the flying trips being planned by members of our chapter.

Louise and Ray Kokesh left January 18 for Miami Beach, Fla., for a short vacation.

Toni and John Teiber will fly their Travelaire to Cozumel, an island off the Yucatan peninsula, leaving February 14.



Mrs. Betty Miller (second from right) who was the first woman to fly the Pacific, toured AC Spark Plug facilities Thursday to see first-hand the manufacture of aircraft spark plugs. AC employee Mrs. Lois Doty (left) shows Mrs. Miller and Mrs. George A. McKay, prominent local aviatrix (Michigan Chapter

Chairman), the first step in completing the assembly of the spark plug. Looking on is Al Gossett, director of aviation sales for AC. Mrs. Miller was in the city for a speaking engagement at Bishop Airport for Zonta Club of Flint's annual Amelia Earhart Night. (Journal Photo) (Friday, Jan. 10, 1964).

They will also visit Merida. They plan on a 10-day trip.

Irene and Adam Gabriel are flying to Las Vegas in February.

Sue and Garth Roscoe are planning to fly south in a couple of weeks, but will tell more next month, because it's hard to be sure of anything when you are as busy an obstetrician as Dr. Sue is.

Elsie Wahrer and family flew to Naples, Fla., over the Thanksgiving holiday, and again after the Christmas holidays. The Wahrers know this trip "by heart," as they make it so often. Elsie is an ardent "sheller," and the beaches in this part of Florida have many beautiful shells to delight the heart of a collector.

One of our most active pilots, Doris

Mullen, has really been around the country! She reports, "a little twin Bonanza time to New York, landing at La Guardia, then back home. Then an IFR trip to Chanute, Kan., on to Boone, Iowa., to pick up Grandma Mullen for her Christmas visit." She met Edith Foley of Ames, a 99, at the airport. With all this, Doris still had time to do instrument approaches under the hood in the D-50. She missed the January meeting because she and her 49½ and another couple have been enjoying the sun in the Mexican islands of Cozumel and Isla Mujeres off the coast of Yucatan. They flew to New Orleans, then across the Gulf of Mexico to Cozumel.

Michele Russman took her family to

Boston for Christmas in a Skylane. She reports they had 50-mile tail winds going, and a 50 mile headwind returning! Michelle, who flies out of Sky Harbor Airport, received her instrument rating in December.

Speaking of instrument ratings, Marie Cronin passed her written test last year, and is planning on taking her instrument flight test soon. The girls who hold down full-time jobs, whether it's homemaking or business, deserve a lot of credit for keeping current in their flying and going on to higher ratings and better proficiency.

Alice Stoltzner has been on many commercial flights (without incident) in the past months, including trips to Kansas

City, Columbus, Ohio and Boston, Mass.

Ruth Livingston's husband, Tom, has become a co-pilot with Ozark Airlines.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Ruth Stafford

The weeks before Christmas found Kansas City Chairman Mary-Ann Noah and her able officers planning one of the nicest Christmas dinner parties we have ever had. All of the operators from Municipal and surrounding airports attended and a wonderful time was had by all. Hope ole' Santa was good to you too. Back to the grind, at least most of us, and already trying to plan for our June Penny-a-Pound airlift. This will be our fourth one and things seem to be dovetailing very nicely.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Irene Rawlings

MEETINGS AND EVENTS — In real Christmas weather the 99's December meeting was held at "Golly" Miner's very beautiful home. Betty Smalley was our co-hostess, with a real Santa, to greet everyone; and the house was covered with sugar and spice. A very interesting presentation by Mrs. Ruth Swacker, our guest speaker, who is an accredited lecturer of the Federated Garden Clubs of America, her theme was Christmas Decorations. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

For January, in place of the regular meeting, there will be a dinner given by the St. Louis Aero Club and the Ninety-Nines, at the Officers' Club at Lambert Field, January 28, 1964. We are looking forward to this event as we have the honor of having as guest speaker, Dr. Dora Dougherty, Chief of Human Factors, Bell Helicopter Company, Fort Worth, Texas. She also is a member of the Fort Worth Chapter of Ninety-Nines.

WINTER LOGGING — The Jolys, Rose and Paul, rambled cross country to Dallas, Texas, in the Cessna. Visited relatives and had a wonderful time.

Florida visitors for the holidays were Sylvia and Lackland Bloom and children, in the Apache. They spent a family holiday with friends at Fort Lauderdale. Sylvia reports that just a few miles were instrument flying, the rest was all clear.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Adele Binsfield

What a tremendous week the Michigan Ninety-Nines had! On Wednesday evening, Jan. 8th, the Zonta Club of Jackson and their guests had a dinner meeting and program in honor of Amelia Earhart. Bee Steadman, appropriately attired in a 1928 flying suit, gave a biographical sketch of Amelia's life. Mary Clark, Margaret Crane and Jean Reynolds agreed she did a good job.

On January 9th, the Flint Zontas had their Annual Amelia Earhart Night, at Bishop Airport. Their guest speaker was Betty Miller, who gave a delightful account of her flight to Australia. Betty is a very modest, as well as courageous wo-

man and inspiration to all who heard her. Fifteen of our Ninety-Nines were happy they braved snowy roads to attend the program.

Sunday morning, Jan. 12th, we had our monthly business meeting at the Statler Hilton Hotel, Detroit. Twenty-three members and a couple of guests were present. Our enthusiastic speaker, Jerry Seibert, a well known author of children's books on the life of Amelia Earhart, thrilled us with her topic "Cloak and Dagger Aspects of the Research in Amelia Earhart's Fate." We were sorry she had to stop, but had plans to join the Zonta Club of Detroit for their Amelia Earhart Commemorative Brunch. We had another treat in store. Their guest speaker was our own Blanche Noyes. Her topic honored Amelia Earhart and Women in Aviation. Everyone in the room felt closer to Amelia and Blanche after that speech and were disappointed when we had to leave.

Now we shall settle down with a little news. We hear Ruth Woods tried some pheasant hunting in South Dakota last fall. Their 172 had a rough time getting through weather but the hunting made it worth while. Anne and Paul Phillips flew to Mexico City (via airlines) for a three-week vacation. Leah Higgins spent an enjoyable Christmas vacation in Cleveland.

Lorraine McCarty, our enthusiastic Spring Sectional Chairman, is just bubbling over with plans for the last weekend in April at the Saanty Creek Lodge in Bellaire, Mich. The lodge is fabulous, setting high in the hills, overlooking our beautiful northern Michigan landscape. Trout season opens the same weekend and our male guests will be able to obtain special visitors permits for fishing. There will be golf, horseback, swimming available for everyone. It is going to be a delightful weekend. The outdoor oxen cookout sounds typical of the north, and we expect Paul Bunyan to come a-calling. For the more serious minded—a visit to the Nuclear Plant may be arranged. Lorraine has so many ideas—please prepare to spend more than just the weekend—in other words, come early and stay late.



CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Estelle M. Bradshaw

There were twelve leading aviation organizations sponsoring the dedication ceremonies marking the 60th anniversary of the Wright Brothers flight at Kitty Hawk, N. C., of which the Carolinas had the distinction of being one of the co-sponsors. Our Chapter received a cita-

tion from Gov. Terry Sanford for our help.

Besides the members of our Chapter we spotted a couple of very famous 99's, Frances Nolde of the Washington, D. C., Chapter, who is with the Department of Commerce in Washington, and Charlotte Kelley of the Eastern New England Chapter who has the distinction of being the only woman member of the State Aviation Commission.

Secretary of Commerce Luther Hodges was on hand for the meeting and was the banquet speaker. Astronaut John Glenn moderated a panel discussion for youngsters from 20 states with two students picked to summarize the discussion at the luncheon. Panel members included Max Conrad of Lock Haven, Pa., noted for his around-the-world solo flights; Miss Jacqueline Cochran, famous pilot and businesswoman of New York City; Capt. Emeritus Hal Blackburn of Trans World Airlines and Maj. Robert A. Rushworth, X-15 test pilot of Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. Also taking part in the celebration was Conrad Wirth, National Park Service Director.

An exact replica of the Wright Brothers flimsy biplane was installed in the Wright Memorial Museum. Tuesday morning a 3,000 foot landing strip, which parallels the take-off path of the Wright Brothers epochal flights of December 17, 1903, was dedicated.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Virginia Britt

Our Vice President, Alice Roberts, was in the Miami area during the Christmas holidays and our December 29 meeting was a little social get-together in her honor at the home of our Chapter Chairman, Vera Bratz. We were all pleased to meet Alice, and hope she will return to visit us again soon.

In addition to Alice, Pat Rogers from Bellville, Ohio is visiting in St. Petersburg and Margaret Berning from Cincinnati is visiting in Tavernier—hope to see these two girls at our next meeting. Mary Ann and Brooks Noah from Mission, Kan., flew (privately) into Ft. Lauderdale for a New Year suntan. Brooks, however, left commercially when the weather kept rolling in and it began to look like Mary Ann would be here until Spring.

Vera Bratz, Virginia Britt, Miriam Davis and Lee Winfield were guests at the Zonta Club's annual Amelia Earhart dinner in Daytona Beach the evening of January 14 where Vera was guest speaker. Having discovered that many Zontians did not know of the Ninety-Nines organization, Vera spoke on its origin and pointed out several parallel interests which both the Ninety-Nines and the Zontians hold. After Virginia answered questions on the 1963 Powder Puff Derby, Vice Mayor Stanley Nass presented the key to the city to Vera and extended an official welcome to Lee and Virginia.

GEORGIA CHAPTER

By Betty W. McNabb

Edna Gardner Whyte just won the Winter Haven, Florida Air Derby, with Betty Cones as co-pilot!

This makes sixty trophies for the redoubtable Edna Gardner. In a field of sixteen airplanes we thought the gals did pretty well — Edna was first and fourth place was a 20-year-old with 33 hours — and the other fourteen were male types.

We hate to announce that the Cones depart our shores to live in England, come February 7th. Thank goodness Betty will stay in 99 and make a wonderful addition to the International group, but she has such a winning personality that she will be definitely missed by every person who knows her. Furthermore, she picked out one of the nicest husbands imaginable, and well miss Ernie, too!

May we modestly announce that Lt. Col. Betty W. McNabb, Civil Air Patrol, has just graduated from the USAF Air War College Non-Resident Course, the first woman to have completed this exacting high level military course. (It was fun, too.)



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Jerry Roberts

January is Theater Month for the Eastern Penna. 99's. Twenty-three members and guests met for meeting and luncheon prior to matinee time and to exchange flying experience of the past month that I shall pass on to you!

A hearty welcome to Ann Winsor, mother of four and author of her flying experiences and Ruth Fitzpatrick, whose husband is president of Aerion, Inc., an air freight research and development plant I shall tell you more about in future issues. Potential members attending were Judith Meltsner, Barbara Farquharson, who is active in the CAP, Marie C. Dorzuk, Hazel Bartolet and Lyn Neidich.

Fully realizing that flying to and from the meetings is absolutely the best part of a day, we still feel honored and pleased that Hazel Bartolet and her husband fly from State College, Pa., to our meetings that are scattered over the Philadelphia area. They are a real asset to our group!

Lyn Neidich is really enjoying her new private ticket. Her flying story is unique from the beginning. Lyn's mother and father purchased a plane and the three started instructions together. Lyn earned her rating first, but expects Mother and Father to be qualified soon. A recent cross-country took them to Grimsby, Ontario, Canada, where they enjoyed a visit with Clark Ruse, a fisherman and prospector well-known to pilots everywhere! Now Lyn has charted a solo cross-country to Clearwater, Florida, for a two-week vacation. She is Cashier of a bank in

Brooklyn and commutes by air from South Jersey.

It was good to have Arlene Feldman visit us. She is living in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where her husband is based, and is the only woman pilot on the post. She promotes flying by speaking at Women's Clubs about her 1961 Powder Puff Derby experiences when she co-piloted for Elsie McBride and they finished 28. By the way, they hope to race again in 1964. 99's are few and far between in that area of Kentucky, so we are proudly retaining Arlene's membership in our chapter.

Alice Hammond is on the speaking circuit, too. Her next one will be at the Wilmington Quota, where she will tell of "The Pleasures in Flying."

Oh! The day Ann Winsor passed her Flight Test, her home port, West Chester, Pa., burned down. We hope there wasn't any connection.

It would please me to pat the backs of our unsung heroes who operate Radar and Tower. Specifically, Trenton and Newark. There just aren't words profound enough to describe the feeling of comfort, security and trust when those instructions come over 121.5 mg. My husband and I were returning from a weekend of skiing and about twenty minutes from home, the gas gauges dropped from one-half to empty. It was night, and we didn't want to take any unnecessary chances, so we radioed Mercer-County for landing instructions. They cleared us, and we couldn't sight the field. We circled until Newark located us on radar, and finally brought us into Hadley Field in South Plainfield, N.J. Hadley was closed for the day. Newark telephoned the Robertsons, who operate it, and live eight miles from the field, then contacted State and local police who used six rotating red beacons so we could locate the dark field. As we were on final approach, the field lights came on and we made a normal landing.

It was an experience that enlivened our awareness and gratitude for our FAA. However, news must have been scarce that night! We made all the papers, and even the radio — it was nice to see a Happy Landing exploited. But do you know how that night ended? We had a flat tire on the way home from the airport!

Irene Wirschafter's Wing Scouts are enthusiastically contacting groups in Western Pa., and Atlantic City, N.J., for fly-in get-togethers. They are so very interested in flying, and eager to meet other Scouts. If any one of you have similar ambitions, drop them a line — they'll answer promptly!

MARYLAND CHAPTER

By Ada R. Mitchell

The Christmas party certainly was a huge success. Lenora Eaton and Gerry Storm planned everything. The decorations were beautiful and the wonderful warmth from the fire-place gave the Eastern Air-

port a holiday atmosphere. The Eastern Airport of course is owned and operated by our own Lois Evans. The food was out of this world, the games and the exchanging of gifts, the initiation of four 49½'s made our first Christmas party a big affair. Those attending were Lenora and Howard Eaton, Lois and Bruce Baty, Betty Lou and Neal Bohn, Lois Evans, Jacqueline and James Geiger, Norma and L. F. Hooper, Doris and John Jacobson, Georgeanna Rokos, Bettie Hill, Ellen Bateman, Ruth Freckleton, Gerry Storm, Harry Perry and Earl Wilson, and Ada Mitchell.

The January meeting was held at the Rutherford Airport, which is owned and operated by Ninety-Niner, Thelma McNamar. Ellen Bateman was in Daytona Beach, Florida, for an attempt to capture the Woman's Land Speed Record. Not satisfied with taking second place in the Powder Puff Derby, she now has gone into automobile racing. Ellen has also been a nominee for Vice President of the Washington Air Derby, Washington, D.C. Thelma McNamar is to be congratulated on the fine speech she made at a Woman's Club meeting. And we hope everyone recognized Lois Evans in the advertisement of the Mooney on the cover of the AOPA Magazine. Anyone for a Mooney? If so, see Lois.

The February meeting will be held at the home of Lois Baty. We will give the scoop on that meeting in the next issue. But don't forget that the Maryland Chapter has four owned and operated Airports by Ninety Nines, so if you land in a Maryland airport, just step out of the plane and smile FOR YOU MIGHT BE LANDING ON A NINETY NINE'S AIRPORT.

WASHINGTON D.C. CHAPTER

By Janet R. Hitt

Our January meeting at Velta Benn's home was postponed at the last minute due to a very unfriendly blizzard which chased us all back to our fireplaces. The meeting has been re-scheduled for the end of the month so will be included in next month's newsletter.

In spite of the winter weather, our girls are busy. Velta Benn was quite happy to be in West Palm Beach, Florida, on January 16, 17 and 18 to instruct another AOPA 360 Course. Lucky girl!

Blanche Noyes is her always busy self. This month, being Amelia Earhart Month, she has been addressing various Zonta clubs and is chairman of the Amelia Earhart Zonta Committee. On January 8th, Blanche was mistress of ceremonies at the Washington, D.C., Zonta luncheon honoring Amelia Earhart. Mrs. Lillian Rogers Parks, author well-known for her articles on the White House, presented a lock of Amelia Earhart's hair to the Zontians, and Fay Wells also spoke on Amelia. Other attending Ninety Nines were Chapter Chairman Laura Zerener and Nona

Quarles. On Sunday, January 12, Blanche addressed the Zontians in Detroit, Michigan, at their Amelia Earhart brunch, and on Wednesday, January 22, she spoke to the Zontians in Camden, New Jersey, again in conjunction with A. E. Month.

Jean Ross Howard attended the meeting of the Helicopter Association of America on January 19-23 in Chandler, Arizona. Then, on Jan. 24th, Helicopter Association members and Whirley Girls were guests of the Army Helicopter School at Ft. Walters, Texas, and on January 25th, visited the Bell Helicopter plant in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Laura Zerener converted her son and daughter-in-law to prospective pilots when she flew them to Cheyy Point, N.C., over Christmas for a visit.

Alice Fuchs is now instructing for the Andrews-Bolling Aero Club at Hyde Field, Clinton, Md. Dottie Reese is the club bookkeeper and Naomi Meeker is the club secretary.

Nancy Tier tells me that she had a few autographed first day covers left. So, girls, if you haven't bought yours yet, be sure to contact Nancy.

Dorothy Mitchell reports that ballots for the Nominating Committee are to be in the mail by the middle of January and would like to remind the girls to be sure to vote!



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WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER By Terri Pirrung

Many thanks to Dorita Norton for arranging our January 16th meeting. 99's, their 49½'er's and prospective members met for dinner at the Old Post Road Inn; a charming place a short distance from the University of Buffalo. Professor Edward H. Lanphier, head of the University's Physiology Department joined us for dinner. Following dinner we all met at Sherman Hall where the professor gave us a talk and demonstration of the schools compression and decompression chambers — two separate tanks. The pressure tank can be taken to a simulated underwater depth where the pressure is eight times greater than that of sea level. The decompression chamber can be taken to a simulated altitude of 90,000 feet.

Dr. Lanphier and his staff are working on the possibility of deep sea divers using liquid instead of air breathing. They are also working on the possible advantages

of certain types of heart surgery being done under high air pressure.

Members attending were Ethel Fedders, Willa House and Dorita Norton. With their 49½'ers were Lorri Moore, Terri Pirrung and Peg Wahl who brought a prospective 99, Beverly Brownrigg and friend Bob Hall, both from Jamestown. We were happy to meet two more gals with private licenses and hope they will become 99's — Jean Mutchler and Joanne Kohler who brought her father and step-mother along. This was truly a fascinating evening for all of us.



EASTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER By Mary Warford

Members of the Eastern New England Chapter twinkled their toes down to the Officer's Club at Hanscom Field in Bedford, Massachusetts. Saturday night, January 11, for a star-lit evening of merriment. Guests were invited, and almost every Ninety-Nine present was accompanied by her 49½'er. Corsages were presented to the ladies as they signed the guest book when they entered.

A cocktail party in the TV lounge, where a private bar was set up, was followed by dinner in the large conference room. After the dinner and the presentation of gifts and prizes, there was dancing. Entertainment consisted of a floor show later in the evening.

Members of the chapter consider themselves most fortunate to have been able to enjoy a meeting in such surroundings. We were sponsored by our great and good friend, Colonel "Chip" Collins, Reserve Officer and Chief Test Pilot for M.I.T. at their flight facility on the field.

We had only one fly-in, Evelyn and Paul Cataldo in her 180 Cherokee, 54 Whiskey. The Ninety-Nines present enjoyed the evening so much that they were of the unanimous opinion that we should have similar meetings once every three months. Every 49½'er present was presented with an official card welcoming him as a member of "doubtful competency" to the 49½'er group. Door prizes were won by Click Pulis, Fran and Steve Porter. A Chinese Auction was held for the floral arrangement and a very surprised and pleased Dorothy Pulis won it.

Those present were: Lois and Charles Auchterlonie, Fran and Steve Porter, Chris Seaver escorted by Don McClay, Mildred and Bud Doremus, Evelyn and Paul Cataldo, Lorraine and Ed Melican, Rae Tober and her brother-in-law, Allen, Dot and Click Pulis, Lois and Ed Miller, Janet Warner accompanied by Ray Paulin, Colonel "Chip" Collins, Shirley Gentile and Mary Warford.

The February meeting is scheduled for

Worcester and we hope to have all the information pertinent to the AWWNEAR, All Women New England Air Race. This annual event, sponsored by the New England Section, has generated a great deal of enthusiasm, and the race this year promises to be more exciting than ever before with entries expected from many other states outside of the New England Territory.

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