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**President's Column**

The time has come again to cast your ballot for those you desire to serve as officers of the Ninety-Nines this coming year. For many of you this will be your first time to vote because you are new in the Ninety-Nines and this is the first ballot you have received.

THE BALLOT IS SECRET. Even though each ballot is numbered, no record is kept as to which numbered ballot each individual member receives. The ballots are numbered only to enable the Tellers' Committee to detect an illegal ballot. This assures us of a fair election, as only one ballot is printed for each member.

According to our constitution, your nominating committee has selected the candidates on the ballot for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and the nominating committee. These candidates have been selected from the nominations that were sent in by the chapters. The only time that the nominating committee may select a candidate for the ballot who has not been nominated by a chapter is when only one person has been nominated for the office or when a section does not have a candidate nominated for the nominating committee. The executive committee has selected the two candidates on the ballot for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Trustee.

There must be two names on the ballot for each office, and eight names for the nominating committee. Each section must be represented on the nominating committee. There is also a place on the ballot under each office for a write-in choice should you not want to vote for those selected by the nominating committee.

When you cast your ballot, you are allowed one vote for each office and five votes for the nominating committee. The nominating committee will be composed of the five candidates who receive the greatest number of votes and of those five, the one who receives the most votes will serve as chairman.

The ballot will be mailed to you and you must return it to the chairman of the Tellers' Committee in the official envelope before the deadline marked on the ballot if it is to be counted. Ballots received after the deadline or not in the official envelope are invalid and will not be counted.

The Standard Operating Procedure for the Tellers' Committee is to save

all ballots that are received until the International Convention. At this time they are all opened in the presence of the ENTIRE TELLERS' COMMITTEE. The ballots are put in numerical order and checked to be sure there are no duplications of numbers. Then they are counted off into piles of twenty-five and clipped together. A tally sheet is made for each twenty-five ballots so a re-check of any group can be made if necessary. When all the ballots have been checked by twenty-fives, a grand tally sheet is made. This grand tally sheet is made out in triplicate and signed by each member of the Tellers' Committee. It gives the total number of valid ballots cast, the number of votes each candidate received, and the number of invalid ballots cast. After the three grand tally sheets have been signed by the members of the Tellers' Committee, each complete set of tallies is placed in a separate envelope and sealed. The Tellers' Committee is pledged to utmost secrecy. The sealed envelopes are presented when the Tellers' Committee Report is called for at the general meeting of the International Convention.

Your executive committee is nominated and elected by the delegates at the general meeting of the International Convention. Nominations are made from the floor. The three candidates who receive the greatest number of votes are elected to this committee. Your executive board is composed of the three members who have been elected to the executive committee and your president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

You may ask, "WHAT CAN ONE VOTE DO???"

Because of a miller who cast his vote in Indiana, Texas was admitted to the Union!!!!

This miller was on his way to his mill on election day, and his friends convinced him he must go vote. He voted for the man who won the seat in the State Legislature from DeKalb County, Indiana. This legislator later cast the deciding vote for the man who was sent to the U.S. Senate. U.S. Senators were elected by the legislatures in those days, and this man was elected by a one vote margin. The U.S. Senator was the president pro-tempore of the U.S. Senate who cast the vote that admitted Texas to the Union.

I hope no Ninety-Nine will neglect

DEADLINE FOR NEWS —  
The 20th of Each Month



## Coffee Time

**CHAIRMEN OF THE CHAPTERS** — Take advantage of your families! Advise them that it is absolutely necessary that you get to Cincinnati to attend the Chairmen's Coffee, scheduled for 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, August 14 — with President Ruth Deerman. This is the first time the chairmen will have had this type get-together — so, if the family gives you an argument, squeeze out a tear or two, or beat your head on the floor — but **BE THERE** — you are being honored.

this privilege to vote. Not only is it a privilege, it is your duty. For only by casting your ballot can you have the kind of leadership you want.

Sincerely,

Ruth Deerman, President  
The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

## Coming Events

**June 18, 1964:** 13th Skylady Derby, WNAA sponsored, Tulsa International Airport, triangular course beginning and ending at Tulsa.

**June 20, 1964:** Howard Fisher-Truckee Tahoe Air Race, San Diego Chapter Project.

**June 30 - July 10, 1964:** AWTAR.

**July 4, 1964:** AWTAR start, Fresno, California.

**July 5 - July 10, 1964:** AWTAR Terminus, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

**July 10, 1964:** Ninety-Nine Day at the New York World's Fair.

**August 13, 1964:** EX-WASP Reunion, Sheraton - Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, social and dinner.

**August 14 and 16, 1964:** North Central Section Meeting, Sheraton-Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, Fall Meeting.

**August 28-29, 1964:** Northwest Sectional Fall Meeting (tentative only).

**September, 1964:** Southwest Sectional, Redwood Empire Chapter, hostesses, Holbert's Resort.

**September 12, 1964:** Chicago Area Chapter Annual Air Meet.

**September 25-26, 1964:** South Central Sectional Fall Meeting, Dallas Chapter, hostesses.

**October 2-4, 1964:** Michigan SMALL Race.

**"SEE YA IN CINCINNATI"**



**BIG MOMENT FOR THE 1964 AWTAR** — Maj. Gen. Lee Wade, USAF Retired, reading the name of Carol Kennedy, San Andreas, Calif., whose name has just been drawn from the flight helmet by Mr. Najeeb Halaby, FAA Administrator, for the coveted No. 1 take off position in the 18th Annual Powder Puff Derby. In the picture are, left to right, Gen. Wade, Fay Gillis Wells, Mr. Halaby, and Linton Wells, who all participated in the drawing of the 19 first day entrants for position numbers at Federal Aviation Agency Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

## Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund

**FLASH!** Wonderful tidings have just been made known! The executive committee of the Ninety-Nines has voted to match the value of one scholarship this year. This means that **THREE** \$700 scholarships will be awarded at Convention in August — that **THREE** of our Ninety-Nines will be helped one more step along the way in the progress of their chosen careers in aviation. We know how proud you will be of all of them — when you meet them at Convention.

The executive committee was motivated to take this step because of the very high caliber of the applicants again this year, the wish to assist at least one more Ninety-Nine toward her goal, and by the outstanding support you, the Ninety-Nines, are giving the Scholarship Fund through your chapter contributions and through obtaining "outside" money with our First Day Cover Project.

Be sure your chapter contributions reach Broneta Evans by **July 31** to be included in her convention report, and this holds also for whatever First Day

## A. W. T. A. R.

**Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!**

Be sure to call (and ask all your friends to call) your local papers, radio and TV stations all during the Race (July 4-9) for standings and whereabouts of contestants **HONEYWELL**. is data processing this information and giving it to the wire services each day. The more requests the news media get from the public for such information, the more publicity they'll print or broadcast about the Ninety-Nines and the Race!

Cover collections you may have on hand. Broneta will make an up-to-date summary on the First Day Cover Project at this time, and, of course, can not give credit for money you've collected but not yet sent in.

**"NORTH CENTRAL'S  
30th ANNIVERSARY"**



"Cruisin' down the river . . ." aboard the JUBILEE . . . what could be more picturesque than a paddle-wheel ship on the Ohio? Cocktails and dinner will be served while we leisurely enjoy the scenery during this fabulous four-hour cruise. Don't miss it . . . Friday evening, August 14!

## — 35 SKY BLUE YEARS —

### CONVENTION AGENDA

Sheraton-Gibson Hotel — Cincinnati, Ohio

August 13-14-15-16, 1964

#### Thursday, August 13

- PM Swim party — tentative
- PM **WASP REUNION** social hour and dinner (20 years since deactivation)
- PM Entertainment for early "99" arrivals

#### Friday, August 14

- REGISTRATION ALL DAY
- 8:30 AM Board Meeting
- 9:00 AM Plant Tour of Proctor and Gamble Co.
- 10:30 - 12:00 noon Coffee Hour meeting with Pres. Ruth Deerman for Chapter Chairmen
- 12:00 - 2:30 PM North Central Section Luncheon honoring Past Governors Style Show
- 1:30 - 4:00 PM President and Board Members meet with Section Governors
- 5:30 PM Board buses for river cruise
- 6:00 - 10:00 PM RIVER CRUISE . . . dinner served aboard the JUBILEE

#### Saturday, August 15

- 8:30 AM Check credentials of delegates
- 9:00 - 12:00 noon International business meeting
- 12:30 - 2:00 PM Luncheon — COL. ROSCOE TURNER, speaker
- 2:00 - 4:30 PM International business meeting continued
- 6:30 - 8:00 PM Social hour
- 8:00 - 10:30 PM 35 SKY BLUE YEARS BANQUET — JOSEPH A. WALKER, Chief Research Pilot for NASA, speaker
- 10:30 - 1:00 AM Monte Carlo (Indiana Chapter)

#### Sunday, August 16

- 9:30 - 11:00 AM North Central Section business meeting

## Fly Away All Day

The North Central Section cordially invites you all to Cincinnati, Ohio, for the convention and sectional meeting. We hope to have something of interest for each and every member of the 99's. Set your course for Cincinnati, and beautiful Ohio.

## 35 Sky Blue Years

As we told you last month . . . this convention is going to be RE-AL-LY BIG!!! Plot your course and file your flight plan for Lunken Airport. After touch-down, service 'fit for a queen' will be given you by Queen City Flying Service. Tie-down is free, but your own ropes are requested. There will be no landing fee for either single or multi-engine planes if gas is purchased. You will be whisked off to the Sheraton - Gibson Hotel on historic Fountain Square. Airline arrivals will be met at Greater Cincinnati Airport . . . as will railway and/or bus passengers . . . just make your schedule known! For those arriving by private car, the hotel furnishes free parking and offers a family plan . . . no charge for children accompanied by an adult in the same room.

The agenda which Janice Kuechenmeister and her committees have planned for you is shown on another page, so do take note! Items **not** shown include a special "49½er" hospitality room hosted by the North Central Section, fellas . . . Cincinnati is a city of seven hills with many scenic spots just made for "shutter-bugs" . . . special plaques will be awarded the 16 living past North Central Section governors . . . the hotel is famous for its delicious food . . . department stores are all close by (never knew any 99's who wanted to shop though) . . . and **best of all** . . . 3 BIG MEETINGS for the price of 1 . . . WASP REUNION . . . 35 SKY BLUE YEARS for the International . . . and 30th ANNIVERSARY of the North Central Section . . . now how can you resist????

**"NORTH CENTRAL'S  
30th ANNIVERSARY"**





Ever wonder what it's like 67 miles above the earth's surface? Or how you would plan a landing approach from a "cruising" speed of 4,104 MPH? Or how about the actual landing at better than 200 MPH? For answers to these and other questions don't miss . . .

**JOSPEH A. WALKER**

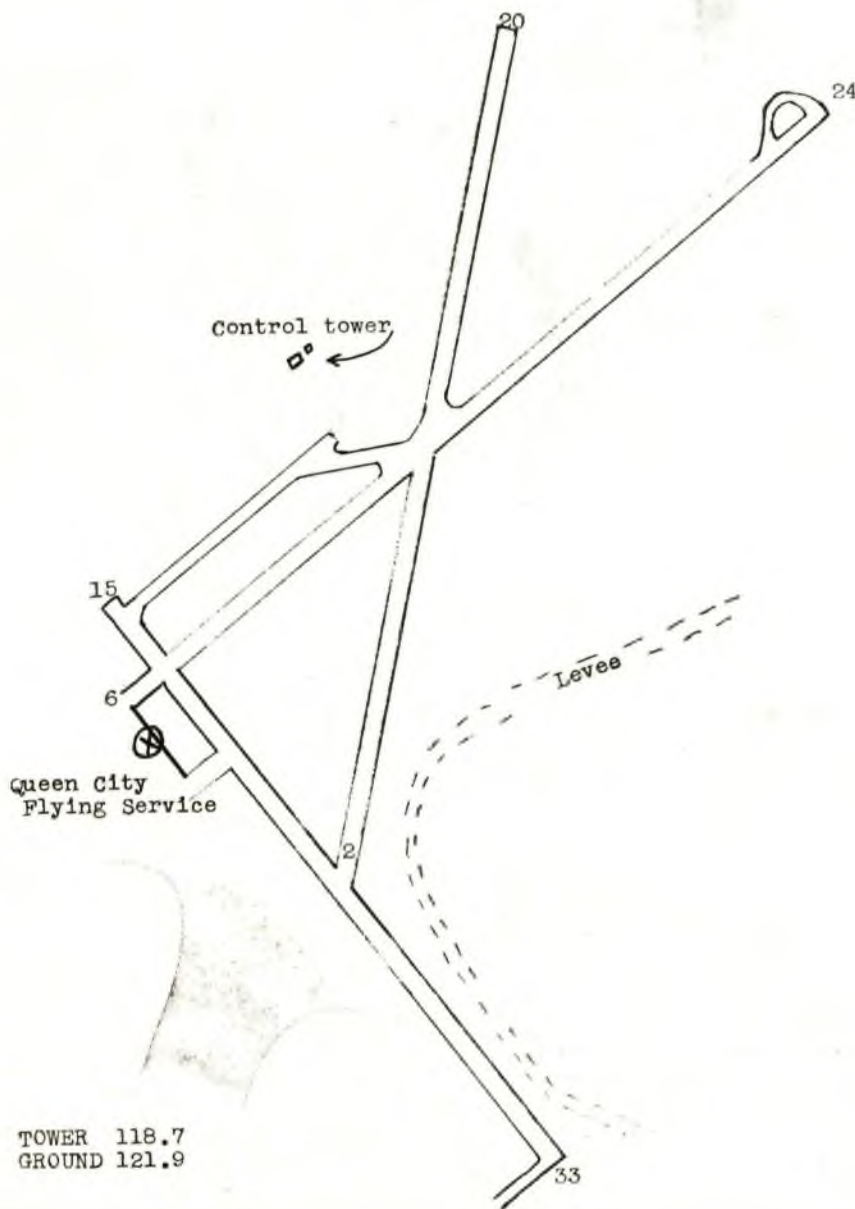
Chief Research Pilot for NASA  
 . . .banquet speaker Saturday evening, August 15.

### POWDER PUFF DERBY

As you read this, many girls will already be winging their way toward Fresno for the impound the end of June for the 1964 AWTAR. Stories are appearing in local papers about hometown girls flying the Race, and publicity is lively all along the route of the Race. You can all be rendering a much-appreciated service, if you will clip any and all mention of the Race whenever and wherever you find it, in stories or ads, and mail to AWTAR Headquarters, Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, N.J.

This year again there will be outstanding speakers at the Take-Off and Awards banquets. Colonel Charles E. Yaegar, USAF noted test pilot, will speak at Fresno July 2, and Mr. James Pyle, former FAA administrator, will address the Awards Dinner audience at Atlantic City. If you are not racing, you will surely enjoy coming to these events.

### LUNKEN AIRPORT Cincinnati, Ohio



### Roster Changes

Barbara Kiernan announces her marriage to John P. Riggs of Elmira, N. Y., May 20, 1964. Her new address is Franconia, N. H. Page 17.

Seidl, Mary Frances, South Central Section, El Paso Chapter. Her address should be 3008 Titanic. Page 56.

Charter Members, page 8. Klingersmith, Florence E., should be Klingensmith.

Page 8. It should be Marjorie C. Stinson.

Pages 26 and 139. Katharine Stinson—not Katherine.

### Attention All Wasps

Special plans are being made for the WASP REUNION celebrating 20 years since deactivation. Letters of invitation have gone out to the WASP, but due to possible change of addresses, names, etc., all of you may not have been notified. Do make plans to attend this special WASP REUNION and the "35 SKY BLUE YEARS" convention.

## SECTION COLUMN

**AUSTRALIAN SECTION**  
By Freda Mary Thompson

(Editor's note: So delightful to hear from our Australian Section. The following, a copy of a letter from Freda to Ruth Deerman.)

Dear Ruth,

Your Australian 99's are still going along quietly and I think we have gathered a few new members. I received a letter from a 99 at large, Isabel Bates, from Arizona. She suggested as a new member one of our girls she met out here when she was in Camberra. I wrote, but as New South Wales has had a postal strike, I guess that letter is still on its way. We had our annual get-together in Sydney. We have it when we hold our Australian Women Pilots meeting. It is the only time when we are all gathered together from all the states. We have a lot of fun, and little difference of opinion, too.

This year we were talking about the Air Race. It was sponsored by Reg Ansett who has one of our largest airlines. Twenty-eight years ago 36 machines were in an air race from Brisbane to Adelaide. Everyone enjoyed it so much I think he might do it again in a few years. I was in both races. It was such fun. Now I say I will be in the next. In the first race three women's crews started, this time there were five. Quite a few were in mixed crews, four of us were 99's Helen Blackburn, Win Wells, Nancy Walton and myself; one of the winning team members in the women's section a lot of you would know -- Annette Murphy (Anderson).

Nancy Walton had an instructor with her. I am afraid she was disqualified for excessive fuel consumption. Helen and Win won a prize for the most successful all-women's Cessna Crew. I did nothing except get there safely. My navigator and I will try again next time as an all women's crew. Let's hope we are more successful.

Another 99, Evelyn Koren, has just become the proud owner of a new Cessna, not in time for this air race, but there is always the next to look forward to.

As an International Representative I guess I am not much good. I shall



Sally Sloan, right University of Minnesota "Flying Gophers" contestant, holds the National Intercollegiate Flying Association 99 Achievement Award which she won at the 16th NIFA meet in Bozeman, Montana, May 15th and 16th. Winifred (Pud) Lovelace, left, presented the trophy to Sally at the NIFA Awards banquet. Pud is a member of Montana Chapter of 99's and served with Wynema Masonhall, Minco, Oklahoma, and Arlene Walkup, Stillwater, Oklahoma on the 99 Achievement Award Committee.

Judges for the award were Kay Widmer, Bozeman, Montana's newest 99, Jack Lovelace, Pud's 49½, and Mr. Harold Wood, Chairman, NIFA Board of Advisors, Parks College — St. Louis University.

— Photo by Mike Stockhill, Montana State College "Aerocats"

Sally Sloan, winner of the NIFA 99 Achievement Trophy, 1964, of which there were 17 contestants, is a dynamic woman who is going places in aviation. Sally attended the University of Chicago for three years, starting at age 15, married her geology professor, Robert E. Sloan, and dropped out of the academic scene for a few years to mother two lovely children. Back in college at Minnesota, she is finishing her degree in the Humanities, finds time for all this and flying, too, as the children are now in school and are gone all day.

Sally began her flight training with the Flying Gophers, University of Minnesota Flying Club, with Donald Uhlberg, Supervisor and Instructor, Oc-

tober, '63. She won her private license in February, 1964, and began immediately to work to make the NIFA team, contesting in the elimination flights, and checking out in the club Champion 7EC and Cessna 172.

It is gratifying to the 99 Achievement Award judges to learn that Sally has definite plans to stay in the aviation field. She will fly her husband on field trips this summer and is working on her commercial ticket. She is now 23 years old.

Sally will be a credit to any 99 chapter of which she may become a member. Her drive, competitiveness, good health and happy disposition will carry her far in the aviation field.

### Notam

In the past few years, we have combined the July and August issues. Due to the fact that our International Convention in Cincinnati is later than usual we will combine the August and September issues that we may cover Con-

vention and Race data. Therefore—reporters, there will be a July issue.

Send your columns for the July issue by JUNE 20.

You need not send a report on July 20.

BUT—Send material for the August-September issue by August 20.



miss seeing you all again in Cincinnati, but I can always hope that the next time I can be there.

Best wishes,  
Freda

(Editor's note: The Michigan Chapter report covered the spring North Central Sectional. We took the liberty of placing it in the SECTION COLUMN, rather than in the reports of the chapters.)

#### **NORTH CENTRAL SECTION MICHIGAN CHAPTER**

**By Adele Binsfield**

Absolutely perfect! We are talking about the unbelievable weather we had for the Spring Section Meeting at Shanty Creek Lodge, Bellaire, Michigan, on April 24, 25 and 26. With CAVU weather over most of our North Central States, we had a tremendous turn out. We totaled 155 registrations with 90 Ninety-Nine members present. We had approximately 40 planes ranging from a Piper Colt to a Baron, a couple of Twin Bonanzas.

Flora Murphy and Edith Denny of Toronto, Canada, flew in to the meeting in an Aztec and their husbands came in another Aztec.

Lou Ritt, our Antrim County Airport manager, gave excellent service and had spots for plane parking on the 'back forty.' The owner of the efficient voice that greeted us on the intercom was Dianne Ritt, his most capable assistant. We had many favorable comments on that unusual wind sock! The airport is now unofficially termed "Petticoat Junction." Transportation from the airport up the hill to the lodge was furnished by Superior Cadillac (Flint). Thanks, George.

We have many fond memories of the meeting. One was the king-size 99 sign (made out of stove pipes, painted blue), hanging over the tremendous sized fireplace in the dining room; the luxurious and extravagant feeling of the lodge; the get-acquainted cocktail party provided by the Michigan 49½'s; the delicious trout fry on Friday night. The "Welcome 99" sign across Main Street in Bellaire. Due to some misunderstanding, our square dance turned to be rather professional. Instead of 20 Bellaire members, all of the Northern Michigan Square Dance Clubs (totaling over 200) came over to meet us and then really strutted their stuff. We tried some of the dances but had a hard time keeping up. At midnight

we joined the local people at the fish pond to await the cannon signal to catch the first trout of the season.

Bright and early Saturday morning we took a couple of busloads for a sight-seeing ride throughout Northern Michigan and to visit the Nuclear Power Plant. Had a delightful lunch at the Weathervane Inn in Charlevoux, then back to the lodge for our business meeting.

The meeting was well-conducted, and your chapter chairman will have a complete report on the business taken care of. We were then on our own to hangarfly at the delightful lounges or individual patios — or stroll down the old logging roads to watch the many birds, with which our northern country is so bountifully blessed. Many of the men, and some of the girls went trout fishing and came back with some good lines (I mean strings).

No convention would be complete without our favorite friends, A. C. Spark Plug, and their delightful cocktail party prior to dinner on Saturday night. Max Conrad, our after dinner speaker, enthralled us with his many trips across the ocean, especially the last on where he was stranded on the iceberg. Sunday — C A V U for take-off.

We hope the Northern Michigan spruce trees that went home with all our guests will grow and remind them forever of the grand time they had at Shanty Creek Lodge. Just received a good report from Dianne Ritt. "At least five women here are now swayed regarding flying with their husbands and three others have decided they want to fly." How about that!? Lorraine McCarty, chairman, and her committee wish we could thank everyone personally for all the help they gave us to make this such a successful North Central Meeting.

Our chapter is so proud of Janie Hart being appointed by President Johnson to head the FAA Women's Advisory Committee and that two more of our girls, Jean Pearson and Bea Steadman, are members of the committee.

June meeting is expected to be held at the lovely lakeside home of Eloise and Harry Smith at Austin Lake, south of Kalamazoo.

#### **SOUTH CENTRAL SECTIONAL CLOUD HOPPERS' ROUND-UP**

**By Pat Jetton**

The Cloud Hoppers' Round-Up, April 30 - May 3, 1964, at El Paso was a

real hootin', hollarin', rootin', tootin' shebang. Almost three hundred 99's and guests checked in for one of the most fun-filled and interesting weekends anyone's had for a long time.

We started out with the Missile Shoot on Thursday at White Sands Missile Range. We had a grand tour of the base including Nike-X and Zeus launch complexes, a look-see at the Redeye, Honest John and Hawk missiles, a very inside look at a radome, and the very wonderful experience of watching a Hawk missile fired at a drone, streak across the desert and hit the drone.

After we had gotten about all the education we could absorb, we were taken to the Base Officers' Club and absorbed a little of that mountain dew. A very pleasant dinner was later enjoyed there with beautiful models of the missiles and various aircraft given out as door prizes.

Friday started out in fine style with a tour to Juarez, Mexico. We saw their old homes, their new homes, their civic buildings, their glass factory, their market, their curio shops . . . in fact, their ain't nothing over there we didn't see.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, we started loading up new automobiles with 99's and headed for the last round-up (of our money that is). We headed for Sunland Race Track, New Mexico, and watched the ponies for the afternoon. A couple of us thought we had discovered horse racing until our money ran out and we had to figure out how to get home.

Happy Hour began that evening with the pouring of the joy juice, followed by barbecued "gabreto" (sp?) . . . Entertainment was provided by a couple of real cute pantomimists and a Spanish dancer . . . (sorry, never did get their names).

Some of us ol' foogies headed for the bunk house about this time but understand a bunch of the hands whooped it up over in Juarez.

NINETY-NINE DAY . . . like, man, we had arrived. Saturday began with a hangar breakfast, which we nearly choked on laughing at the poor hombres trying to knock down the pinatas. We all chose up sides again and climbed into one of the new horse-less buggys and went to the Coronado Country Club for punch and lunch. Lunch was temporarily interrupted by the arrival of Amelia, Phoebe, Amy,



## I. A. R. RESULTS

IAF No.	Contestant's Names	Aircraft	Total Mins.	MPH	Net Over Hdc.	Rank
<b>TOTAL MILES: 1440.54</b>						
9	Patricia Arnold — Lorraine McCarty	Cherokee "180"	543	159.18	21.18	1
5	Judy Wagner	Bonanza K35	426	202.89	20.89	2
7	Bernice Steadman — Mary Clark	Comanche 180	504	171.49	18.49	3
12	Marion Betzler — Ann Nichols	172 Skyhawk	604	143.10	18.10	4
6	Marian Burke	Piper PA-18	671	128.81	17.81	5
21	Gini Richardson — Marian Jepsen	Cessna 182	524	164.95	16.95	6
10	Edna G. Whyte	Musketeer	603	143.34	16.34	7
20	Pat Jetton — Joan Huckleba	Cherokee 180	564	153.25	15.25	8
17	Jeanne McElhatton — Pat Gladney	Cessna 180	515	167.83	13.83	9
14	Maretta Simpson — Sammy McKay	Cessna 175	590	146.50	13.50	10
Others competing:						
1	Marilyn Collette — Mary Schaefer	Comanche 180		146.99		
2	Thelma Bishop — Edna Laubenstein	Cessna Skylane		141.23		
3	Dottie Anderson — Pauline Burden	Twin Comanche		183.17		
4	Autrie Lehr — Roberta Netzley	Cessna 172 Skyhawk		133.18		
8	Carolyn Kennedy — Myrtle Cagle	Comanche 250		147.75		
11	Mary Kilbourne — Esther Stone	Cessna Skylane		147.75		
15	Mary Ann Noah — Mary Atkins	Cherokee 160		117.76		
16	Carolyn Jones — Janet R. Gibbs	Cherokee 180		143.81		
18	Betty McNabb — Jessie Miller	Musketeer		123.47		
19	Ione Shelton — Edythe Maxim	Cessna 175		135.90		
22	Scratched					
23	Martha Gaunce — Donna Blair	Cessna 150		117.76		
24	Nancy Lynam — Ellen Bateman	Cherokee 235		167.19		
25	Dorothy Julich	Comanche 180		162.47		

and friend in the latest flying garb.

With the removal of the last feed-bag we climbed back into those new-fangled buggys and, with a police escort, started lining up for take-off in the Ninety-Nines Day Parade. It was a toss-up who enjoyed the parade the most . . . the people watching those crazy women pilots or those crazy women pilots watching the Caballeros.

After a quick bath and pick-me-up, we all headed back across the river to the Juarez Country Club. M-A-N! That was the place! We started the fire with the Nochos and doused it with the Margaritas. We had some wonderful conversation with many, many old friends and new. The banquet was the "piease de resistance" (sp?). Herb Fisher, New York Port Authority, was the master of ceremonies. Hon. Lic. Aureliano Gonzalez Vargas, Presidente Municipal Suplente en Funciones, greeted us and Judson F. Williams, mayor of El Paso, started a greeting but wound up saying "let's talk about flying." Mayor Williams had just soloed the day before and "as an old experienced pilot wanted to tell the younger pilots all about it." The impromptu remarks of the mayor were some of the funniest about flying you will ever hear. As if that wasn't enough, then we had the wonderful wit of Dr. Charles W. Jarvis, dentist, Bonanza pilot, girl watcher, marriage counselor, etc. Dr. Jarvis entertained us royally with his comments and the only thing that stopped him

was his comment he had been asked to speak on May 2 and it was almost May 3.

Sunday dawned too early and after coffee and rolls we started back to our home corral. The El Paso Chapter sent us home with a wonderfully warm feeling for those West Texans. It also left the other chapters with a reluctance to bid for a sectional 'cause how could anyone top that weekend! Our ten gallons are off to El Paso.

P.S. We had a little bit of business in there somewhere.

### SOUTHWEST SECTION

By Dottie Sanders

Having attended two Spring Sectional Meetings, our own Southwest Section and as guest at the South Central Section, I am most grateful to both the Los Angeles Chapter and El Paso Chapter for two tremendous meetings!

In Los Angeles, we were greatly honored by the presence of our international president, Ruth Deerman. The Cockatoo Hotel, despite being in the busy city of Hawthorne, was a most secluded and restful location for a perfect meeting. Thanks to the Los Angeles Chapter, a delightful program was arranged with a tour of the new Los Angeles Tower at LAX Friday night, April 24, followed by a gala time at Olvera Street in downtown Los Angeles in a Mexican atmosphere. Saturday's luncheon was a grand success with Captain Max Schumacher, Helicopter Freeway Patroller for Ra-

dio Station KMPC, telling of his many experiences, both in times of crises and humorous incidents, and giving many helpful tips in freeway driving. (That is, if you must drive.) The meeting was climaxed by a program Saturday evening presented by Roger Smith, TV Star, showing in a movie how not to pack and navigate in light-plane travel. We found out what a FLY-ESTA is, and we're for more of them.

The South Central Section Meeting was conducted in true Texas style by the El Paso Chapter, with three fully packed days, April 30-May 3, with a tour of White Sands Missile Range and a Missile Shoot, a tour of Juarez, a day at the races at Sunland Park with presentation of trophies to two winners — the Amelia Earhart Memorial Purse by yours truly and the Powder Puff Derby Purse by Velma Copeland, governor, South Central Section — a barbecue, a hangar breakfast, a luncheon at the beautiful Coronado Country Club, a parade which we didn't get to see 'cause we were in it, topped by a wonderful banquet in Juarez, Mexico, at their country club. It was a true Cloud Hoppers' Round-Up and I was proud to see many of the Southwest Section in attendance.

My personal thanks to all of the members of both the Los Angeles and El Paso Chapters for two successful meetings and for making me even more proud of being a Ninety-Nine and governor of the Southwest Section.





**Arrival at Monterrey Airport — Contestants and Officials in AWTAR**

Left to right, standing: Marilyn Collette, Edna Whyte, Carolyn Kennedy, Ellen Bateman, Nancy Lynam, Edna Laubenstein (behind her, Joan Huckeba), Mary Aikin, Thelma Bishop, Esther Stone (behind her, Pat Jetton), Dorothy Julich, Lucile M. Van Tyne, Gini Richardson, Judy Wagner, Marion Betzler, Ann Nichols, Mary Kilbourne (the only man is Longorio Rios, Mexico FAA, Monterrey), Pauline Burden, Dottie Anderson, Carolyn Jones, Janet Gibbs, Veda Tennent, Miriam Davis, Lena Jackson, Mary Clark, Bernice Steadman, Ardath McCreery, Edy Maxim, Ione Shelton.

Left to right, kneeling: Betty McNabb, Jessie Miller, Myrtle Cagle, Patricia Gladney, Jeanne McElhatton, Mary Ann Noah, Marian Jepsen, Autrie Lehr, Roberta Netzley, Mary Schaefer, Martha Gaunce, Donna Blair, Virginia Britt, Mar-etta Simpson, Sammy McKay, Lorraine McCarty, Pat Arnold.

## AIR MEET COLUMN

### Win At Water Wonderland

Come to Michigan in October and fly over its lakes, parks and forests in all of its colorful splendor during the MICHIGAN 99 SMALL RACE, October 2, 3, 4. Even if you lose the race you'll

win the experience and excitement of racing with your friends in this beautiful and scenic part of the country.

This year's race will be held in Mt. Pleasant in the upper portion of the lower peninsula and is sponsored by the Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce and conducted by last year's 99 Race Committee. If it's winnings you are after, the competition is high but so are the prizes. We have beautiful trophies for the top five winners and cash prizes totaling \$600.00. The ele-

gant Charlotte R. Trophy will again be presented to the private pilot with the best score. (If accompanied, the co-pilot must also be of non-commercial grade.)

Now that you know when and where the RACE is to be held, remember these all important entry-opening and closing dates: JULY 15th to SEPTEMBER 15th. Send your request now for your packet of full information and entry blanks, for the "starting gate" is limited to 60 airplanes. Just send



a postal card to Mrs. Maisie Stears, 3999 East E Ave., R.R. 2, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

WHY WAIT WHEN WELCOMING'S  
WARM IN WATER WONDERLAND!

## FAA Women's Advisory Committee

On May 4, President Johnson named 32 members of a new Federal Aviation Agency Women's Advisory Committee. This committee will advise FAA officials on such matters relating to civil aviation as airport noise, sonic booms, safety incentives, improvements of airports and helicopters, aviation education, career opportunities and encouragement of air travel. FAA Administrator Najeeb Halaby said that a women's advisory committee was needed to promote increased family use of aviation and greater "household understanding" of the advantages and safety of aviation. He feels that this group can be invaluable to the agency by providing sound recommendations for improving aviation facilities and services. The members of this committee have been chosen on the basis of individual merit, not as representatives of organizations, and will be serving for a two year period.

The new committee will hold its first meeting in Washington, D. C., on May 25 to 27 under the direction of Chairman Jane Hart, wife of Senator Senator Philip A. Hart of Michigan. Co-chairman of the committee is Jean Ross Howard, assistant director of the Vertical Lift Aircraft Council of the Aerospace Industries Association. Vice-chairman is Mrs. Jerrie Mock, round-the-world flyer, and co-vice-chairman is Dr. Dora Dougherty, Bell Helicopter Co., Ft. Worth, Texas.

The other committee members are as follows: R. Mildred Alford, director of stewardess service, American Airlines, New York; Mrs. Duncan Britt, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Jerrie Cobb, Ponca City, Okla.; Mrs. B. Allison Gillies, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.; Mrs. John S. Hammond II, Meadowbrook, Pa.

Mrs. Catherine Hiller, owner of Hiller Airport, Barre, Mass.; Mrs. Gordon Hyde, New York; Mrs. Jacqueline A. Joo, Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif.; Mrs. Leonard Kelley, member of the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, Scituate, Mass.; Mrs. Jimmie Kolp, Electra, Texas; Mrs. Arlo Livingston, vice president, Livingston Copters, Inc., Juneau,

Alaska; Jill McCormick, instructor of aviation technology, Purdue University, LaFayette, Ind.

Mrs. Charles Miller, manager, Santa Monica Flyers, Inc., Los Angeles; Mrs. Eunice Naylor, Salt Lake City, educator; Mrs. Jean Pearson, aerospace and science writer, Detroit Free Press; Mrs. Ralph Richardson, owner, Richardson Aviation and Airways, Inc., Yakima, Wash.; Page Shamburger, writer, Cross Country News, Aberdeen, N. C.; Mrs. Marion L. Short, owner-operator, Rotair Port, Inc., Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. Herman M. Smith, vice president, McEwen Lumber Co., High Point, N. C.; Mrs. Robert A. Steadman, owner-manager, Trimble Aviation, Montrose, Mich.; Gene Nora Stumbough, Beech Aircraft Corp., Wichita, Kan.; Billie Timm, Washington, D. C., representative for Ryan Aeronautical Corp.; Mrs. Alfred L. Wolf, Blue Bell Pa.; Mrs. Paul E. Young, chief helicopter pilot, Catlin Aviation Co., Bethany, Okla.

Ex officio members of the committee are: Mrs. Frances Nolde, office of the Undersecretary of Commerce for Transportation, and three FAA officials — Mrs. Blanche Noyes, chief of the Air Marking staff; Mrs. Nona Quarles, public relations officers at Dulles International Airport; and Katherine Stinson, chief of the procedures section of the procedures section of the Flight Standards Service.



### EASTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

By Mary Warford

The AWNEAR (All Women New England Air Race) took place Saturday, May 16. Twelve planes left from Barnes Airport, Westfield, Massachusetts, on the 300-mile course that covered Southbridge (Mass.), Nashua (N.H.), Laconia (N.H.), Turners Falls, and back to Westfield.

The winners were:

Isabel Blodgett & Chris Seaver	1st place
Fran Porter & Janet Bolles	2nd place
Lois Auchterlonie & Peg Davidson	3rd place
Mina Elschner & Selma Cronan	4th place
Beverly Bell & Shirley Gentile	5th place

Tail end Tony awards went to Doris Sabbath and Eleanor Hill.

Also, the heartiest congratulations to everyone present for the manner in which they handled not one, but **two** emergency landings during the course of the race. The first one occurred in a little field outside Turners Falls, and the second one at Westfield Barnes Airport after they had flown by the tower and were entering their landing pattern. Every woman pilot owes a vote of thanks to those capable and charming Ninety-Nines who proved what a well-trained, alert pilot can do in emergency situations, regardless of sex.

Captain Kyung O. Kim of Seoul, Korea, was co-pilot with Rae Tober. It was Kim's first race and she enjoyed it immensely even though they finished out of the money. Trophies this year consisted of Paul Revere Bowls and checks totaling \$350. To Isabel Blodgett and Chris Seaver as first place winners went the exciting special award, a flight in a T-33 Thunderbird — from the Air National Guard 101st Tactical Fighter Wing Squadron — under the command of Colonel John J. Stefanik.

Isabel, you will remember, was named Woman of the Year for New England in the field of aviation in 1963. Fran Porter received a special award as the pilot with only a private rating who made the best score.

The event was covered by TV, radio, newspapers, etc., and was sponsored this year by the city of Westfield, Massachusetts, who went all out in offering us generous hospitality and demonstrating their enthusiastic reception of the AWNEAR Event. We are indebted to the Chamber of Commerce, the mayor, the members of the Airport Board of Directors, the Air National Guard at Westfield Barnes, the ham radio operators, and many, many others for a most exciting and enjoyable weekend of pleasure. Some of our guests came from Ottawa, Canada. Heather McDonald, a Ninety-Nine member-at-large, was weathered-in at the last moment, but Pearl Peacock and Mary and Roy Twinn flew in Friday morning in a 172 to enjoy the festivities. It was a delight to meet them.

The AWNEAR was planned by the members of the race board under the capable direction of Pat Russell. To this lovely lady, all of us from the Eastern New England Chapter join with our sister members from the



New England Section in a special salute and a warm thank you, Pat, for a difficult job well done.

#### LAST FLIGHT

Evelyn B. Cataldo—Sunday, May 10, Evelyn succumbed to injuries suffered in an automobile accident that occurred April 14th. Her sparkling personality and enthusiastic participation in Ninety-Nine events will be sorely missed by all of us.

#### "35 SKY BLUE YEARS"



#### GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER By Selma Cronan

It gives us joy to report that Greater New York has survived a meeting devoted to aviation safety. Speakers for the evening were FAA's Dick Klaus and Jules Di Crescenzo, both sons of Frankenstein types, who came prepared with wonderful suggestions on how to stay alive and a coffin full of case histories. Notable among them was the account of how our own Mina Elschner lost a piece of her tail while dog-fighting one sunny Sunday, in the skies over New Jersey.

Twenty-eight 99's, many guests, prospective members, 49½ers Elliot Bliss, Bill Neussle and Dave Connell all expressed thanks to Barbara Brotherton, who arranged this most interesting meeting. We welcomed new members Adah Murphy, Betsy Price and Lillian Chesnes, transferee Rita Gibson, and reinstater Ruth Shaw, and our doll from Seoul, Kyung O. Kim.

**GREATER N. Y. ON THE MOVE:** A covey of metropolitanites made it to Newcastle, Del., for the Middle East Sectional and a most rewarding day. We were met with hospitality, good food, an introduction to the Ada Mitchell Fund and a chance to say "hi" to Ruth Deerman and Alice Roberts.

The following day, a triple convey of New Yorkers helped launch the new Connecticut Chapter. Flying into New Haven the WX was great and we had another chance to talk to our two mama birds. But en route home we

ran into a Jayne Mansfield type front and a few ships spent the night away from home. Jewel vom Saal had a chance to try her new instrument rating and Amelia Neussle dusted off her old one.

Doris Renninger reports on an exciting trip to the Cloud Hoppers Round-up in El Paso, Dottie Julich to the IAR, Ellie, Mina and Selma to a thrilling open house at Lakehurst, the old dirigible base. Fourteen of us made the trip to the NYC Hilton to help with the 10th annual meeting of the American Astronautical Society. We sat in on several technical sessions and a few lucky ones were rewarded with a nose to nosecone chat with Commander Alan Shepard.

**OFF TO THE RACES** in New England: Ellie, Jewel, Kim, Mina and Selma. (Don't these girls get around)? Remember our Penny-a-Pound Day, June 14, and 99 Day at the World's Fair in July. Y'all come!

#### "WASP REUNION"

#### WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER By Joanne Kohler

Our April meeting was held on the 21st at the Clinton Aire Hotel which is across from the entrance to the Greater Buffalo International Airport. After a delightful dinner, we conducted a business meeting.

We were happy to meet two prospective 99'ers, Joan Prehn and Rosalie Tygert, both from Rochester. Even the usual rainy, foggy weather of our area did not daunt them as they filed instruments and drove along the Thruway to the meeting. Joan is an instructor for Palm-Air at Munroe County Airport and Rosalie is one of her students. We are looking forward to their becoming 99's.

Dorita Norton, who found it impossible to be in attendance this month, sent word that she has just bought a new boat—sleeps four. She has suggested that we could hold a meeting on it this summer. That would be fun, huh?

Laurie Moore and her 49½er, Dr. George, just returned from a surgical meeting in Japan where he was guest speaker. They stopped off in Hawaii on the way back. He is going to Russia soon, but Laurie thinks that she will stay home with us and forego that trip.

Peg Wahl Comanche'd to Atlantic City for three days, by way of Westchester. She had to come back by way

of York and Latrobe Airports because of weather.

I took two of my friends to Watertown not long ago in the Mooney Mark 21. Had a little trouble coming back as I stayed there gabbing too long and night overtook me. As I have never flown at night, it was quite an experience.

Members, among others, that attended our meeting were: Terri Pirrung, Laurie Moore, Peg Wahl, Ethel Fedders, Willa House, Jean Muchler and myself.

Our May meeting is scheduled to be held at the Treadway Inn, at Batavia. We feel that we should at least try to meet the girls from Rochester halfway.

#### "SEE YA IN CINCINNATI"



#### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Jerry Roberts

And they say, June is the month for weddings. Maybe so, but just listen to our Eastern Pennsylvania romances in May! A knight in shining armor? For the 99, a pilot in a Comanche, who rescued a maiden in distress—one who needed a flight to California, in fact—was the answer to a maiden's dream! Our maiden, Ann Piggott—her pilot knight, Dick Mentzer. May their years together as pilot and co-pilot be everlasting CAVU—and it is our sincere hope they continue to fly with the Eastern Penna. Chapter.

That's not all in the hearts and flowers column. Carol Howell, instructor at Mifflin County Airport, chose the wide blue yonder as the scene for her wedding. Again a Comanche played cupid, and the pilot was the groom's best friend. We're told it was the first flight for the minister who tied the knot. Let's hope as we bless this union, we have recruited another flying enthusiast!

It's difficult to write this letter without excitement spilling over! Today was Penny-a-Pound Day at Queen City Airport in Allentown, Pa. The day was beautiful—clear as a bell, visibility unlimited and winds mild. Joyce Roggio and Marie D'Alterio out-did themselves in preparation. The organization was as smooth as the weather above. We kept five planes in the air constantly



—all graciously loaned from neighboring air fields—except Joyce's Debonair, and the passengers arrived in a nice steady stream—not bunches! To keep the good people entertained while they awaited their flights, Joyce had arranged a fashion show to be staged by a local store. It included swim suits, summer town dresses, patio clothes and a smattering of cocktail wear. All very pleasing, and the models were lovely. The CAP had ample supplies of cold soda and hot dogs. The Wing Scouts were invaluable as escorts loading and unloading the planes. The CAP also had a photo service of Polaroid shots of passengers entering the planes that was well received. The day can be called a complete success because of a three star airport, complete cooperation from all concerned, newspaper, radio and local coverage in stores—the window displays were terrific. The pilots were the greatest aviation promoters, and they loved every take-off. The ground crew included prospective members Ginny Swisher, who flew in from Tunkhannock, N.Y. Merle Chalow flew in on her way back to Bucknell. She plans to fly in the Derby solo—Yvette Hortman, Gay Maher and Alice Hammond are entries from this chapter, too. We enjoyed the support of 49½ers Bob Farquahrson, Soter Harbolis, George Peterson, Dick Mintzer, Bill Bartolett and Arnold Feldman. Since the Feldmans have been stationed in Mississippi, they have managed more meetings than some of our local members. Could it be that they are homesick?

It's distressing to hear of the 42 FS stations that have been closed!

The FAA has announced the appointments of Connie Wolf and Alice Hammond as members of the National Women's Advisory Committee of the FAA.

Ruth Fitzpatrick is on cloud 9 as the proud new owner of a bee-u-ti-ful shiny blue and white tri-pacer. She's charting a solo flight to Indiana to show it off to her family!

On her return from Holland, Johannesburg and France, Louise Sacchi visited Bertie Peterson and spent an evening sharing her slides with the Petersons and Alice and John Hammond. We hope to ground her for a meeting with us one of these months.

Congratulations to Carol Arnold for earning her private ticket—and many happy flying hours!

The Middle Eastern Sectional at

Arsenal-on-the-Green, Del., drew 99 members. The day was beautifully arranged by Barbara Bonnet, and everyone enjoyed herself thoroughly. It was a real pleasure to meet Ruth Deerman and Alice Roberts.

## **"1929-1964—35 Sky Blue Years"**

### **MARYLAND CHAPTER**

**By Ada R. Mitchell**

This is the little but the biggest Chapter coming to you from the LAND OF PLEASANT LIVING which is none other than the State of Maryland. Whoo-wee did we ever have a wonderful sectional meeting and it was our first. The Philadelphia Chapter deserves a big hand. And were we ever thrilled to have our International President, Ruth Deerman, to present us with our charter. We now have our charter and with such a wonderful group of girls—JUST WATCH OUR SMOKE as we are going to pass everyone.

Our May meeting found us gathering at the beautiful colonial home of Bettie Hill. And of course, it is placed in the right place on the Aberdeen Airport, which is owned by our Bettie also. It was fun touring the airport and settling down for a business meeting. We have a full schedule for the summer months. Our June meeting will be held on board the Hill's yacht, and we will also go for a cruise on the Chesapeake Bay. And our July meeting will be a thriller also. We will keep that a secret until after the meeting and you will be reading about it later.

We also have our Ellen Bateman in the International Air Race from Mexico to Florida. Ellen will take part in the AWTAR also. Lenora Eaton sold her ship and now has her eyes on another which is a "beaut." And just might get into the AWTAR. Thelma McNemar, who owns the Frederick Airport and the Rutherford Airport, has been mighty busy lately around the airports. Trying flying into them and you will see how pretty everything looks. Lois Evans also has had her share of work from sun-up to sun-down. Lois operates the Eastern Airport, and by-the-way, is the dealer for the Mooney. Anyone for a Mooney?

Mary Jane LaPlante certainly sold the Amelia Earhart First Day Covers. Nice going, Mary Jane. Jacqueline Geiger attended the AOPA course.

The Maryland Chapter is very happy to have Edith Albrecht of Ellicott City, Md., and Leah Stinchomb of Glen Bur-

nie, Md., as new members. And of course, we have two more that will soon become members of our group.

With the summer months already here, we will all be able to do a lot of flying. And if you can't fly due to Mr. Weather just hangar-talk, and remember that a dentist is the only person that should look down in the mouth.

## **"NORTH CENTRAL'S 30th ANNIVERSARY"**

### **WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER**

**By Janet R. Hitt**

On May 18, the Washington, D. C. Chapter held a dinner meeting at the Bolling Air Force Base Officers Club. Guest of honor and speaker for the evening was Col. Willard G. Plentl, Director, Division of Aeronautics, Commonwealth of Virginia, who spoke on aviation activities and future plans of general aviation in Virginia. Guests accompanying Col. Plentl were Kenneth A. Rowe, Assistant Director, Division of Aeronautics, and Charles C. Sawtelle Jr., Director of Operations, Virginia Civil Defense. Visiting Ninety Nines were Lillian Chesnes from the New York Chapter and Gay McCauley who is transferring from the Tulsa Chapter.

On May 4, the Washington, D. C. Chapter members were guests of the National Aviation Club at a reception honoring Jerrie Mock, first woman to fly around the world. Mrs. Mock was introduced to a large gathering of Ninety Nines, FAA officials and National Aviation Club members by Club President Emory Johnson who congratulated her on her achievement. Mrs. Mock then spoke briefly on the highlights of her flight and reminded us that we are very fortunate in the United States to have our wide range of opportunities in general aviation in contrast with notable lack of private flying in other parts of the world. We were all delighted to meet Jerri and her charming family and to join in wishing her daughter a very happy and memorable fourth birthday with a cake from the White House. Our thanks also to the National Aviation Club.

When the announcement of the new Federal Aviation Agency Women's Advisory Committee was made at the White House on May 4, the Washington, D. C. Chapter was proud to note that chapter members Jean Ross Howard, Blanche Noyes, Nona Quarles, Fran Nolde and Katherine Stinson





**MIDDLE EAST SECTIONAL MEETING, April 18, 1964, Arsenal-on-the-Green, New Castle, Delaware.** (Partial group picture, Ninety-Nine members and guests present): International President, Ruth Deerman, 7th from right; Int. Vice-President, Alice Roberts, 8th from right; Middle East Section Governor, Virginia Thompson, 6th from right; Maryland Chapter Chairman, Ada Mitchell, 14th from right; Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter, Peggy Borek, hidden; Washington, D.C. Chapter, Laura Zerener, hidden; guest, Capt. Kyung O. Kim, Korea, 16th from right; guests, group of New York-New Jersey girls.

were on the committee.

Adelaide Tinker was the guest of honor at a luncheon given by Dorothy Mitchell on May 7. Adelaide who is now residing in Karachi, Pakistan, where her husband is the State Department Scientific Attache, was here briefly for a visit. She showed slides of her lovely home and the people, towns and countryside of Pakistan to delighted luncheon guests Virginia Thompson, Nancy Tier, Lomona Cervenka and hostess Dorothy. Her return trip to Pakistan will take Adelaide and her mother via Honolulu, Tokyo, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Cal-

cutta, Madras and Bombay. We should also mention here that Adelaide had entertained globe-girdling flyers Jerrie Mock and Joan Merriam Smith, when each girl landed in Karachi while en route around the world.

Jean Ross Howard is very busy as the chairman of arrangements for the 20th annual Helicopter Society forum held May 13, 14 and 15 at the Sheridan Park Hotel, Washington, D. C. Guest speaker was famed helicopter pioneer Igor Sikorsky. One of the highlights of the meeting was the "Meet Your Congressman" luncheon held in the Caucus Room in the Senate Office

Building on Capitol Hill. Another was the display of helicopters which included six antique helicopters on loan from the Smithsonian Institute for the forum. Whirly Girls attending in addition to Jean Howard were Jane Hart, Ann Carter, Doris Renninger, Mary Raub and Balloonist Connie Wolf.

Katherine Stinson is recently back from Dallas, Texas, where she attended the management seminar for women executives during the week of April 15. Then on April 18, she was elected governor of the South Atlantic Region of the Soroptomists and will take office at the National Convention



held during the first week of July.

Dorothy Mitchell visited Ninety Nines Dorothy Fritzke and Ruth Lembke while on a trip to Milwaukee during the latter part of April.

Dorothy Faulkner is presently enjoying a trip to Mexico.

Naomi Meeker and 49½er Jim and their two children made a flyning trip to Philadelphia in a Cessna 172 on Sunday, April 26, for a day of visiting with friends and sightseeing.

Velta Been has just returned from instructing at another AOPA Flight Clinic held May 14-16 at Bush Field in Augusta, Ga. Velta also reports that she is working on her instrument rating and logged some actual instrument time on the return trip from the Denver Flight Clinic in rain, sleet, hail and snow!

Don't miss the article on the 25th anniversary of the AOPA in this month's issue of the "AOPA Pilot" which was written by Washington, D. C. Chapter member Alice Fuchs and is a most interesting study of civil aviation conditions in the year 1939, the time at which the AOPA was founded.



#### **ALABAMA CHAPTER**

**By Nancy F. Beeland**

The April meeting was twice canceled by bad weather. Alabama 99's acted as hostesses and timers in Montgomery on May 11, 12 and 13 for the IAR, Montgomery being a scheduled stop or positive identification fly-by. Weather slowed the contestants so that only two had reached Montgomery on Tuesday. The remaining 22 planes arrived and departed between 7 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Minnie Wade and Juanita Halstead were kept busy greeting the flyers, offering refreshments and directing them to the weather bureau, while Bennis Peters and Nancy Beeland were in the tower busy with flight plans, time clock and binoculars. After all planes had departed, Virginia Britt and Miriam Davis flew in to pick up the tabulations and time clock. We all enjoyed the excitement of the race as well as meeting the participants. The regular May meeting will be held prior to the sectional meeting in Memphis on May 23.

#### **FLORIDA CHAPTER**

**By Virginia Britt**

Our April meeting was held as scheduled—again at Tursair's Executive Lounge, Opa Locka Airport—and we were delighted to have Lois Bartling from San Diego, Calif., as our guest.

Hats go off to Joan Merriam and Jerrie Mock for their outstanding accomplishments. Vera has received postcards from Joan from all over the world, and we hope she was able to have Amelia Earhart First Day Covers postmarked at all of her stops.

Dorothy and Leonard Davidson recently visited Daytona Beach to look over the new home of Embry Riddle, and (horrors!) I failed to report last month that Miriam Davis and Cecil Adler won first place in the Grasshopper round robin at the Aviation Exposition in St. Petersburg. This is an important report as it serves notice to those of you who will fly the AWTAR that we plan more Florida competition for you.

Virginia Britt and Miriam Davis, Jan Wagner, Louise Kidd and Lee Winfield, Dorothy Davidson, Freida Gokey, and Vera Bratz just returned from the finish of the All Women's International Air Race in Gainesville. Virginia Britt was general chairman of the race and Miriam Davis was route chairman, and as such, flew to the starting points in McAllen and Monterrey before the race, and then followed the racers in to Gainesville. They report a most successful and smoothly operated race (with only the usual few exceptions weatherwise, and otherwise). For this success they credit all of the girls in the Tip of Texas Chapter with Ardat's McCreery chairmanning them for the start of the race and Pauline Glasson assisting. The Mississippi Chapter with Ethel Radzewicz and Bernice Kelly in charge of Jackson arrangements, and the Alabama Chapter with Juanita Halstead spearheading the group in Montgomery. Monterrey Flying Club and FAA (both Mexico and U.S.) assistance was outstanding and most helpful, and (to quote Mr. Leonard, FAA, McAllen) all contestants "most gracious."

#### **"WASP REUNION"**

#### **MEMPHIS CHAPTER**

**By Thelma R. Scott**

Our April meeting was attended by Martha Tobey, Martha Mahaffey, Bonnie Whiteleather, Christine Brown, Ina Walker, Thelma Scott and Eloise Craig.

We are quite proud of the fact that

Deedo Heise will be our guest speaker at the Southeast Sectional meeting to be held in Memphis, May 22, 23 and 24. Memphis 49½ers will host a hospitality suite for all visiting 49½ers at the sectional meeting.

Chris Brown and Ina Walker are going to SARCAP on April 18. Memphis Chapter is holding its second birthday party at Bonnie Whiteleather's home on April 25.

What a royal welcome Eloise and Bob Craig, Rosemary and Bob Williams, Chris Brown, Ina Walker, Mary Stanley, Polly Duncan, Martha and Frank Tobey and student Hilda Savage received at Pine Bluff, Ark., on April 11. We were met by the press, Allen Bellamy of the chamber of commerce and Jane Berry of Berry Aviation, Pine Bluff Cessna dealer. After receiving the keys to the city, we were entertained at a luncheon at the Embers. Threatening weather forced cancellation of our tour through the bow and arrow factory—the only one in world.

#### **"SEE YA IN CINCINNATI"**

#### **TENNESSEE CHAPTER**

**By Irene Flewellen**

I hope I am forgiven before you read this letter, but I could not resist the opportunity to write the news this month. We had such a royal welcome in Nashville April 18th I just had to tell you about it. When we landed at Berry Field we were met by a welcoming committee from the State Capitol. They were Drew Smith, a former Chattanooga and official hostess of the State Capitol; Gail Johnson, executive assistant's secretary and former 99; Representative Mary Anderson, state legislature, new pilot; our own member Georgiana McConnell; Ruby Knapp, former 99; June Wilkshire, Ann Jones, TV coverage and all the regalia for a well planned welcome.

Attending the meeting were Martha Toby, 49½er, Ina Walker, Memphis. (Thanks for the representation from Memphis Chapter. Proud to have you anytime.) Mary Green, Ada Middlesteadt from Pulaski, Ruth Thomas, Alma Vandergriff from Knoxville, Dot Patten, Mildred Jordon and yours truly from Chattanooga.

First on the itinerary was the governor's residence. It was beautiful. Like something you would read and picture in books. From there we went to the Capitol Building. We visited the governor's office and in the adjoining conference room sat around the



conference table with Miss Ava Bell Clement, executive assistant to the governor (the only woman ever to hold such a position and we are proud of her.) She is a charming person and an asset to our state capitol family. We saw where Rep. Anderson toils many hours in the House of Representatives. We passed bills in the Senate. I am grateful for the opportunity of getting better acquainted with the surroundings of our capitol. We had a marvelous day and thoroughly enjoyed the education. Thanks a lot to all who had a part in it.

We left the capitol for a business luncheon at the Albert Pick Restaurant. We had a total of 16 for the meeting. Dot told us we had made \$400.00 on a candy sale and to slow up on it because we had a hangar dance next on the agenda. The date is not definite as we are awaiting the completion of the new air terminal building. Dot Jones is chairman and when the date is set for the dedication we will have tickets for sale.

To continue to support the aviation events of Tennessee, the Tennessee 99's will hold it's next meeting May 5th at the Sewanee annual fly-in, 12:00 CST. Max Conrad will be there. Try to come.

### "1929-1964—35 Sky Blue Years"



#### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Marilyn Collette

The April meeting was held at Akron Municipal Airport, with Rosalie Bracht, Jackie Endsley, Trudy Stough, and Jean Hixson as hostesses. The weather man was not cooperative and all had to drive, but spirits were bright. Much business going on right now with the coming 35th anniversary convention in Cincinnati in August. Gee, it sounds like so much fun I do hope you will all be able to make it. Our speaker for the day was Helen Waterhouse, reporter for the Akron Beacon Journal, and she had just returned from interviewing Jerri Mock in Columbus after her successful round the world flight. We were very much interested in Jerri's remarks. Many thanks to the Akron girls for an interesting meeting.

We were all pleased to see Helen

McConnell of Wellington back with us, but she didn't bring her new prospective 99. Helen is busy flying these days and is ready to take her commercial flight check and written. Good going.

Connie Jones gave a talk to the Cleveland alumni of Alpha Delta Pi sorority on March 17 about 99's, and she even sold three first day covers.

Most of the day's conversation centered around the convention, and the coming IAR. The entrants from Ohio are Dottie Anderson, twin Comanche; Connie Jones and Janet Gibbs, Cherokee; Autrie Lehr and Roberta Netzley, Skyhawk; Marion Betzler in Cessna 172; Marilyn Collette and Mary Schaefer, Comanche 180; and possibly Ione Shelton and Edy Maxim, Cessna 175.

From the entire Ohio Chapter comes best wishes to Margo Callaway Bors, recently married in Las Vegas, Nev.

### "WASP REUNION"

#### CAPE GIRARDEAU CHAPTER

By Millie Limbaugh

The time is drawing close for the AWTAR. We're keeping our fingers crossed for good weather.

We've had much fun and cooperation planning for the big event. Here are some of the arrangements thus far:

(1) There will be free gas given to the first Cessna 182 and Cessna 175 to land in Cape Girardeau, courtesy of Walsion Aviation Co., St. Louis, Mo.

(2) Each contestant will receive one night free lodging at the lovely Town House Best Western Motel—thanks to Bill O'Guinn.

(3) A free breakfast given by The Colonial Restaurant and local Chamber of Commerce.

(4) Cape Girardeau couples who are aviation enthusiasts will be hosts for the evening meal.

(5) Contestants who remain overnight will be given a sack lunch at time of departure.

(6) Sterling silver rose charms will be given to each contestant. These are made by our own local silversmith, Mr. Otto Dingeldein.

(7) We have \$150.00 leg prize. This is comprised of \$50.00 by The Purple Crackle Club, Bud Pearce; \$50.00 Cape Girardeau Aircraft Owners and Pilots Club; \$50.00 Cape Central Airways. The leg prize from Oklahoma City, Okla., to Cape Girardeau, Mo., will be \$100.00 and from Cape Girardeau to Morgantown, W. V., will be \$50.00.

(8) Roses will be donated for the motel rooms by the following local

florists: Och's, Knaup's, Carver's and LeGrand's.

We extend our very best wishes and luck to all contestants. The "City of Roses" is looking forward to your visit.

#### CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Leah Warren

All chapters in the North Central Section are saying "thanks" to Michigan for a wonderful meeting. Max Conrad was enjoyed by all who attended the banquet. And even the weatherman was in a cooperative mood. Marjorie Kelly and Barbara Jenison made a Friday arrival and then Helen Greinke and Ann Grimm and family got up for the Saturday doings.

Barbara Jenison was back in Illinois to catch the next flight on to Oklahoma. Then made our May meeting at Mattoon and then was to go to Florida to pick up her mother. Hope she was able to stop and catch her breath down there a few days.

Dee Adamson and Theo Sommer have their Cherokee for the AWTAR. Their plans can now be really laid out and hope a wonderful flight and luck carries them on through to the end.

Bonnie and Bob Ferrell made the drive up to the University of Illinois campus for Mother's Day weekend. Bob and Sam Warren enjoyed golf at Mattoon while we had our meeting. Our June meeting will be at Eldorado on June 7. The Harrisburg airport is almost within sight of the Ferrell's home. Cape Girardeau, St. Louis and any other neighboring chapter—this will be a noon meeting. Food is to be a pot-luck, casserole or whatever you want to call it—meal. In other words, bring some food and come on over. We would love to see and meet you.

Betty Common and daughters will be heading for a Florida vacation in June. Connie Gernon and daughter hope to make the trip to the World's Fair. Rose and Frank Andrew and family will leave the middle of June for Ft. Collins, Colo. Frank will be busy at Colorado A&M for a couple of weeks.

Rose and Frank were guests of the Livingston County Flying Farmers in April. They were able to have a good visit with the Lentmans that evening and am sure the group enjoyed the information Frank was able to bring to them.

Doris Bullock, a former member of our chapter who has been a member of the physical education department



here at Illinois for several years, passed away May 8. She and Bill and little David had moved to Boulder, Colo., in February. Her illness had been for quite some time and she and little David were at Tucson with her mother and she entered the hospital there. D. J. and Bill had been active with local flying groups in our area all during their stay here.

Mrs. Carmon Skow of Decatur is a new member. She has been able to attend several meetings and we are very happy to have her with us. She has had an interest in flying for several years. The private pilots license has finally been attained and we welcome her. Mrs. Mary Jones of Champaign has received her pilot's license also and she will soon be joining our group. Mary also enjoys the golf links though so we wonder how much we will see of her this summer. We hope that they both have many happy hours of flying.

### **"35 SKY BLUE YEARS"**

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

**By Irene Rawlings**

The April meeting of our St. Louis Chapter was held at River Bend Estates, at the lovely new home of Edith Olovitch, 159 Ridge Crest Drive, Chesterfield, Mo., with Dorothy Wheeler co-hostess. Business for the evening was preparation and detail on St. Louis Day at Cape Girardeau, on July 6th, helping to man the time clocks for the AWTAR. We are looking forward to this very exciting event.

We are making plans for a hangar dance at Walston Civic Memorial, very soon, and hope to arrange for a penny-a-pound flight for one of our summer money making projects. We welcome a brand new member, Valera Johnson, who was pinned by our Chairman Rosemond Joly. The Cape Girardeau fly-in luncheon date was changed from the 10th of May, which just happened to be Mother's Day, to the following Sunday, May 17th. The Aero Club of St. Louis has announced the Aero Club Race date, August 22nd. The Experimental Aircraft Show at Rockford, Ill., will be August 4th to 9th. A very interesting event for an October date presented by the Air Force Association, at the Washington University fieldhouse, October 3rd, "The Aero Space Exhibit."

In August we will have our annual swim party meeting, at Golly and Jack Miner's beautiful home, and

speaking of the Miner's they celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary April 29th, congratulations, and many more, from all of us. The business meeting over, we enjoyed coffee and our hostess gave us a guided tour of her and her 49½'s beautiful new home. There are some of the most interesting paintings by Edith, this writer has seen. Good luck to you both, in lovely River Bend Estates.

Adela Scharr informs us that she will start a Reserve Officers' orientation course June 14th through 26th, at the Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala. Adel's certificate of completion of Command and Staff College, extensions course, lasted three years. Congratulations, Del!

Valera Johnson from Vichy, Mo., flies a Skylane 182 Cessna, and is working on her commercial. Jan Pocock was guest also. Ruth Taksel flew to Tulsa and Miami, just for fun. Ruth also is entering the Sky Lady Derby, in June in a Comanche 180. Golly and Jack Miner made a flying trip in the 210 Cessna to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and very interesting and exciting note, Golly tells us they were sandwiched in for a landing between the very famous Blue Angels at St. Petersburg.

Our St. Louis Chapter, for the May meeting, had the honor of an invitation from the Cape Girardeau Chapter, to a fly-in and a joint meeting with them, starting at the Cape Girardeau Airport. The weather cooperated and we had one of the most beautiful flights starting from Weiss Airport, in a nice new 205 Cessna, with 99 pilot Margaret Orscheln at the controls and Loretta Slavick, co-pilot. The passenger list included Laura Sellinger, this writer, Irene Rawlings and guest Margaret Walsh. We were personally welcomed by Alice Godwin, Chairman, and our Royal Red Carpet started right there. We caravanned to the Holiday Inn, for a very fine luncheon, and following good food and conversation, we were invited to tour The Rose City and view the beautiful flowers, lovely homes and points of interest in Cape Girardeau. We returned to the airport and held a short meeting, on the Powder Puff Derby plans, the entrants have a real treat in store for them at the Cape stop. The Chamber of Commerce and all the businessmen and residents are working to make this a very successful event. St. Louis Day, at the race is Monday, July 6th. We will be well represented we are sure as many of

us plan to be there.

Our dinner companion was Polly Freytag from Kennett, Mo. Nadine Heier invited us for the Rose Tour, Margorie Phillips was our driver and guide in her air-conditioned car, Millie Limbaugh, news correspondent, was busy, busy, busy! Marge Hall, secretary who flies a Bonanza, had just returned from Tulsa, where she had taken Best of Winners with her entrant at the Boxers' Show. We reluctantly watched the clock speeding on this wonderful occasion. Mary Elders from Cuba, Mo., who flies a Skyhawk and has her own airport, called Flutter Bug Roost, we hope we get to roost with you real soon. Mary's guest was Edith Doyen from Cuba, Mo. Just before take-off for home, Mr. G. D. Fronabarger took pictures of the whole group. Our St. Louis Chapter, extends the warmest thanks to all of you, for one of the most pleasant and fun fly-ins we have ever had, again thanks.

In a previous edition we promised you more from Margaret Orscheln, on Hawaii, she reports the wonderful time with Ninety Nine Dorothy Kelsey from Honolulu, in a 175 Cessna Margaret and Dorothy hopped from Honolulu to Molokai and the leper settlement at Kolaupapa, on to Hana, and Margaret says this is the most beautiful private strip she had even been on. From Hana to Kahului on the island of Maui, on to Hilo on the big island of Hawaii, direct return from Hilo to Honolulu, a two day trip and a campout on the beach at Maui. Our Ninety-Nine member Dorothy, helped to make this very extra special, this writer shall thank you, again for Margaret. Loretta Slavick has just returned from Washington, D. C. via Aero Commander from a board of directors meeting for NAA. Loretta leaves this week for Miami, Fla., via Convair to be present at an Aviation Space Writers Association meet. We also want to say a great big thank you to the party, east of Dayton, Ohio who went to all the effort to write a big hello, written on the field, this of course was for airplanes only to read, but whoever you are, a great big thanks! Dorothy Haupt has just checked out in a B model Bonanza, she also reports being weather out en route to Albuquerque, N. M. Dorothy Rumsey is now a Blue Seal Pilot. Congratulations! Our Chairman Rose Joly and Valera Johnson attended the MPA Convention at The Lake of the Ozarks.



## INDIANA CHAPTER

By Martha Holst

Indiana 99's met in Muncie Sunday, May 17. It was a lovely day with 38 members and guests on hand for an interesting program. The program was the showing of the Gyroplane Muncie 18, a new flying machine to be on the market around the middle of May. We'll be watching for them! Both on the market and in the sky!

COMPANY! Leah Warren from the Central Illinois Ninety Nine group, her 49½'er and 23¾'er, were guests at our Muncie meeting.

Janice Hance, a prospective member from Richmond also was a guest.

The pot of gold at the meeting was won by Martha Ozbun. She should come to the meeting more often! Her daughter, Janet Sue, was a guest.

Special celebration at the meeting resulted from Bill Richards, Glo's 49½'er, having a birthday. As a surprise, Peggy Coulter presented him with a birthday cake. Naturally the gang came through with a very melodious Happy Birthday song!

Amelia Earhart medals were presented to five of our members, from the chapter, by Peggy Coulter. These medals were earned by outstanding work during the stamp celebration last July. They were Jill McCormick, Tannie Schlundt, Mid Cassidy, Delia Sanders and Rae Cawdell.

Indiana 99's don't stick strictly to flying in case you hadn't noticed. A booth is being planned for race day at the 500 mile classic at Indianapolis to sell eats for a money making project.

Sophia Payton drove in the Indianapolis SCCA Braille Rally. 500 mile, next, Soph.?

Tannie and Paul Schlundt just returned from Athens, Ga., where they spent Mother's Day with Tannie's mother and son, Wayne, who is attending the University of Georgia, and her sister and family, the Porterfields.

Dorothy Pilsitz has just been named officer for Portage Composite Squadron (12133) Indiana Wing.

Charlene and Walt Falkenberg announce that they are the proud owners of a brand new 1964 Cessna Sky Hawk since last meeting.

Indiana 99's were represented at the convention at Bellaire, Mich., by: Tannie and Paul Schlundt, Mid Cassidy, Billie Smith, Glo Richards, Ethel and Rusty Knuth, Betty Kay Smith and her husband, and Harry and Delia Sanders.

Airlifts to date in Indiana sponsored by the 99's, et al, have been going great in spite of low ceilings and no visibility on some scheduled dates. Airlifts have been held to date at Metropolitan, Indianapolis, Sheridan, Muncie and Bloomington. Yet to come are airlifts at Hobart, May 10; Griffith, May 17; Richmond, May 24; Seymour, June 7, and June 14 one will be at Shank's Airport. What a project these airlifts turned out to be!

## "SEE YA IN CINCINNATI"

### MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Ginny Mayer

Our Minnesota Chapter of the 99's was represented by Jane Reeves and Ginny Mayer at the north central states spring sectional meeting, at Antrim County Airport, near Bellaire, Mich., on April 24, 25 and 26.

The weatherman was very cooperative and many attended the gathering. The business meeting, plus a square dance, tours around area, interesting entertainment, and a fine dinner were based at her "Shanty Creek Lodge" overlooking Lake Michigan.

Max Conrad, the guest speaker, was welcomed by all, and a wonderful story of his latest "partial" cross-ocean single engine flight amazed all.

May 24 meeting—a fly-in at Austin, Minn.

## "1929-1964—35 Sky Blue Years"

### OZARK CHAPTER

By Hazel Matz

The May meeting of the Ozark Chapter was held in Lebanon, Mo., and guess what? Even our chairman, Jean Fuldner, made it this time. In fact she brought our newest member, Jean McClearnon, with her. Congratulations, Jean, and welcome. She also stopped in Springfield and picked me up but I won't tell what kind of flight we had. If the remuneration is great enough though we might tell where the nudist colony is located.

Others present at the luncheon meeting were Mrs. J. (Billie) Thompson and Mrs. Rollin (Barbara) Flood, both student pilots from Lebanon; Mrs. Edythe Vernon, Mrs. Velma Hite, Mrs. Patty Hurst, Miss Mabel Walworth, Mrs. Mayme Burtin and myself, Miss Walworth is an aunt of Patty's visiting from Omaha, Neb., who is even older than I am, and has yet to have a ride in a "little" plane but has committed

Patty to a ride as soon as possible.

Another new member has been added to the family. HONEY—a supercruiser recently purchased by Mayme. And she really is a HONEY. Right now Mayme is having trouble with her though because of a "misplaced" little wheel. It seems to be on the wrong end of the plane. I am sending a picture of the little bird to Donna but don't know if it will be reproduced in the News. Incidentally, her husband does not fly.

Business? Well, believe it or not, we really are working on the 1965 Spring Sectional. Details will be coming soon—we hope.

We are sorry no one from our chapter will be entering either of the derbys this year but Springfield is on the alternate route for the Sky Lady Derby, which we will gladly greet, and we are trying to cooperate with the Cape Chapter on the Powder Puff.

Velma Hite was in charge of the program and really fouled us up with an Exam-O-Gram on Interpreting Sectional Charts. Do you remember what all those little clear circles, darkened circles, circles with and without protrusions, stars, etc., really mean? The best scores were made by two students!

Flying activities have been somewhat limited mainly because of almost constant strong winds, thunderstorms, etc. Jean seems to be doing the most flitting around, having made a trip to Kennett, Mo., where we saw some of the Cape girls, and Lake Ozark, Mo., where the annual Missouri Pilots Association convention was held. She has also made two trips into Arkansas and heaven only knows where else.

Our next meeting will be in Springfield June 13, at the airport. Come see us.

## "35 SKY BLUE YEARS"

### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Dora Fritzke

Florence Toney was hostess at our April meeting. She had invited one of our newer members, Darlene Radtke, to talk to us about parachute jumping and wing walking, she is adept in each. Darlene has a number of jumps to her credit, and has both jumped and wing-walked in air shows. She brought a lot of the required paraphanelia, and explained the use and desirability of each piece. We were most impressed with the size of the jump boots! Also Darlene showed slides and movies of some of her per-



formances, and then answered all our questions. We thoroughly appreciated the program, and are very proud of Darlene.

Anne Roethke flew to Oklahoma City to attend an executive committee meeting, and finally had a chance to really use her instrument rating.

Also, Ann and Deedo flew to the North Central Section convention in Michigan, and both report the usual excellent time. Somehow everyone expects unusually good programs from the Michigan girls, and they never let anyone down.



#### **COLORADO CHAPTER** **By Marilyn Nordstrom**

With the advent of blue skies and fair weather, Colorado 99's are back in the sky for sure. We heard nothing but glowing reports on the South Central Sectional meeting from all Colorado members who attended. Fredda Turrill loaded her plane with Betty Cannon, Sue Everett, and Ruth Mugele (who by the way celebrated her wedding anniversary the night of the banquet) for the flight down. Betty Pfister from Aspen joined Pauline Meighen and Marge Dunn from Colorado Springs. They experienced radio trouble on the way, but did make it also. Donna Myers completed the Colorado contingent going via airlines. They all report "best ever convention, so many hard working gals, and this will be hard to top."

Our congratulations to Marion Tankersley on receiving her commercial the 29th of April; to Mary and Dave Robb, Evergreen, on the arrival of Kevin David, 24½; and to Helen Maxson's daughter, Margie, who recently soloed. Gwen Chaven, Greeley, has been working hard on her instrument rating. She flew her first payload recently from Greeley to Flagler.

At our May 8th meeting at Marilyn Nordstrom's, we accepted with regret the resignation of our treasurer, Ethel Freize. Ethel is being transferred from Colorado Springs to Indianapolis on June 1st. However, she only has two more years to go before retirement from the Air Force. We hope she

comes back to Colorado to make her home. Lots of luck and all our best wishes, Ethel.

Pat Luther was appointed to fill out Ethel's term as our treasurer. Those in attendance at our May meeting were: Marion Tankersley, Fredda Turrill, Donna Myers, Pat Luther, Helen Choun, Ethel Frieze, Grace Mayfield, Gwen Craven, Helen Maxson, Mary Frenzel, Lynn Pfleegor and Jan Vawter. Next month we meet at Mary Frenzel's new home on June 5th. Till then, happy flying.

### **"SEE YA IN CININNATI"**

#### **DALLAS CHAPTER** **By Sally Brown**

We had a very nice covered dish dinner for our April meeting. We prepared our best recipes, sampled them, and sold the recipes to fill our chapter's coffer. This was most successful and proved that we are at "Home on The Range" as well as in the "Blue Skies."

Marge Barr, Martha Ann Reading, Pat Jetton, Jo Allison, and Doris Weller went to the Sectional at El Paso. Others had planned to attend, but out-of-town guests, baby sitting problems, and sickness caused us to stay at home and think about all the fun the others were having.

Joan Huckeba and Pat Jetton are flying the International Air Race from Monterrey to Florida. We wish them luck and speed.

Mary Ann DeForest made a trip to Miami for a teachers' convention and Kathy Long flew to Houston for an oil convention, increasing our convention hours as well as flying hours.

#### **EL PASO CHAPTER** **By Mary Frances Seidl**

Wow—Geewiz—Zoom, we're still delighted and excited over the wonderful turnout for our Cloud Hoppers Round-up! The thrill of it all isn't gone because every day we receive wonderful letters of thanks. The gratifying results were indeed a truly rewarding experience for all the chapter. To each and every member, my deepest appreciation for the expression of loyalty in the effort displayed by EACH OF YOU! It never could have been a success without YOU!

The flying has been curtailed—just can't imagine why! I did get to Utah the week before the sectional. At present writing I'm in Green River, Utah, on missile business.

Dolls, now that the 99's have had such good press, I think we should attempt to keep it up by offering to ferry handicapped children to Kerrville, Texas, where they can attend a special camp sponsored by the Lions Club. If you don't want to fly and your husband can, get him to do the job and we still get credit. Come on, gals, if you can lay a hand on a plane, do be a crutch in our little lift. Their trips depend on you.

I thought sure I'd gone and done it! Moab, Utah, is an uncontrolled airport with the exception of Frontier Airlines, who maintain their own radio communications only. My first attempt proved so lousy, I decided to go around. For anyone not familiar with this spot, it's located in a deep canyon with 3,000 feet of walls rising sharply on each side. It gradually widens into a wider valley, but irregularly inasmuch as for a while the right side seems wide enough to turn, then suddenly almost it isn't but the left side looks good. Well, I obviously got around or I wouldn't be writing about it. I made a beginner-type landing. After I taxied to a stop at the fuel tanks, a gentleman stepped forward — handed me his card. (I thought maybe he wanted me to stunt fly after my exhibition.) He asked to see my pilot's license and medical, followed by "That was a rather unorthodox approach go round." When next you see me with newly acquired white hair, you already have the explanation. As I search for the requested items, I thought, "Well, it was rather poor, but I didn't think it was that bad." As I searched on, he said that I had as much junk as his wife, but just in a smaller container. I found that for which I searched and as I handed them to him I asked, "Are you going to file on me?" He said no—just treating me the same as the rest. When he noted that I was from ELP he asked if I knew McClain, said they'd worked together out of SLC—and said we'd be seeing more of this type spot check in the future. He also checked aircraft engine and log as well as registration. So, be prepared, make those approaches and landing perfect—FAA may be watching you. By the way, there is 150 feet difference in the runway from one end to the other. Always land uphill and take off down. The correct approach as explained to me is you sweep across the field at a level with the ridges about 7500 feet—make a close 180 degree turn over the city of Moab—then let down for land-



ing. Frontier's radio frequency for Moab is 129.3. If any of you Tulsa gals read this, tell McClain, who is now there, that a Roger Chastaine sends his regards. Please don't—the above related episode—cause I plan to stop and chew the fat with him on my way to Chicago—in a week or so.

Land pretty—you've got the FAA watching!

## **"1929-1964—35 Sky Blue Years"**

### **MIDLAND CHAPTER**

**By Mildred Goodson**

Just can't quit talking about the most wonderful time shared by all who attended the Spring South Central Sectional made possible by the El Paso Chapter. Velma Copeland and daughter, Terri Lee, Mary Erwin and 49½er Curtis, Barbara Speed, Mildred Goodson and her 49½er W. T., were there in person. Those girls in El Paso Chapter are due praise for the job "well done!" Also the city of El Paso which showed complete cooperation with the Ninety Nines.

We had our regular meeting in Midland terminal, Saturday, 15th, on the mezzanine of the terminal building. Two visitors who we will soon have as members, Mary Jane Mayes, newly licensed pilot, and student pilot Pauline Makos. These girls show enthusiasm that just radiates. Louise Hodge, daughter of yours truly, and grandson, David, were visitors.

With the AWTAR getting closer, our Charlotte Hunter has her committee lined up for the Amarillo stop. We now have a new chapter being presented their charter at the spring sectional. These girls will help, since Amarillo is their headquarters. Congratulations are in order for this new chapter.

Wink Airport dedication is tentatively set for June 27. Nancy and Jim Brumlow are managers and have extended our chapter an invitation. Nancy belongs to us! We will have our next meeting there.

Our news reporter was unable to attend the meeting due to illness of her mother, so again I am pinch-hitting for her. We hope Hettie will be able to be there next month and her mother improves—Girls, keep flying!

## **"35 SKY BLUE YEARS"**

### **OKLAHOMA CHAPTER**

**By Nema Masonhall**

Our joint meeting with the Oklahoma Flying Farmers went astray weather-

wise and only Skip and Ruth made it down to Lake Texoma, Carol, Arlene, Jane, Mary, Trish, Marie and Broneta were already there. Lovely OFF convention, but not so for our meeting. Ama Lee Jameson, Texas Flying Farmer queen and 99, was there, nice to see her.

Velma took her son and grandson back to Chicago via the 170. Jane and Rogers had a quick trip to Laramie, a little weather in Denver area, too. TWO of our chapter members have been appointed to the 32 member Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation to the FAA: Dottie Young and Jerrie Cobb. Congratulations, gals, it's a nice honor for us, too.

The SCS in El Paso was a HUGH SUCCESS. Nine of us made it and four of the 49½ers: Chuck and Jean Thomas, Ann and Elvis Johnson, Carol and Ferd Waddell, Jane and Rogers Abbott, Susie Sewell, Dottie Young, Arlene Walkup, Broneta Evans and your reporter, in three Cessnas and three Pipers.

Had the pleasure of seeing our former Oklahoma 99, Sally Broyles, who has just written a book on Ground School, An Introduction to Aviation and a real fine one, so I hear. Also, Billie Holmes, now a member of the new Top of Texas Chapter, hate to lose you, Billie, some of these other chapters are breathing down our necks membership-wise and we best be busy if we're to retain our largest chapter laurels.

Had the pleasure of talking briefly with Betty Miller, who recently ferried an Apache to Australia, nice gal, at the SCS. Happy to see so many of the SWS gals, the Sectional looked more like the Convention, there were 147 99's there, the same as our last year's Convention in OKC, how about that?

The El Paso Chapter and sponsors are certainly to be commended for such a wonderful Sectional, it was the GRAND DADDY OF THEM ALL. Even Mayor of El Paso and the Judge soloed in commemoration of Aviation Week in that fair city—no pikers, those Texans.

Understand one of our former Oklahoma 99's is about to leave her single bliss, is that right, Gene Nora? They are at least keeping it in the Beech family.

Velma and Broneta are busily planning an European tour. Velma has gone ahead of Broneta, who will join her in Frankfurt, Germany, touring Alaska, Russia, etc.

Kim Bailey, our prospective 99, won TOP WOMAN PILOT at the NIFA meet in Bozeman, congrats, Kim. Skip had an operation, doing fine. Rita's mother passed away, so sorry to hear of it, Rita, and our sincere sympathy. Jeanne Andregg has passed her basic and advanced ground school instructorship.

Eleven stalwarts attended the May meeting at Jane and Rogers Abbott's lovely home Sunday: Alma Wilson and 49½er Comanché in from Pauls Valley, Ann Johnson and Elvis in their Cherokee, Jean and Chuck in their 195 and Arlene in 56T. Others flying the concrete beam were: Beth, Dorothy, Emily, Nema, Jeanne Andregg and 49½er from Norman, Susie, and Jane and Rogers. It was decided to present in behalf of the Missouri Valley Chapter a nice trophy to the gal from the SCS who has the best score in the PP at the Fall Sectional in Dallas. Sorry we goofed, NV gals, hope this makes it up to you all.

### **TULSA CHAPTER**

**By Jean Engler**

April wasn't too active up this way—what with tax reports and junior going off in that space coupe with Moon Maid, we didn't have much time for foolish things like flying. But then along came the trip to El Paso and were we ever royally received. Our 49½ers who went along for the ride were so impressed I'm afraid they'll turn up at all Sectionals in the future. We're sorry all of you didn't make it, but Annalee and Jimmy Jones, Agnes and Paul Hellman, Jan Mauritson, Lee Baker and Johnny and me were there—wow!

Jan has a note from Gay McCauley if any of you want to drop her a hello-dere. Mary Burke has moved to Houston. Job sound great.

Dorothy Rice let us come over for the May meeting. Along with Lois Martin, Jan Mauritson, Mary Shaddock, Agnes Hellman, Coleen White, Faye Sullenger, Annalee Jones, Lee Baker and me, we had two guests. Liz Ellis with a brand new private ticket and Mary Larson who is working on one.

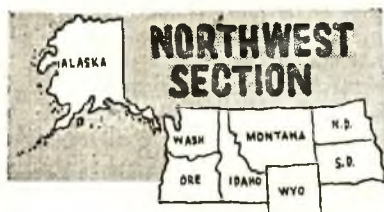
Coming attractions: Judy Hellman off to Stillwater to bid a fond farewell to the Flying Aggies and then to Las Vegas with a group of lucky ones. Annalee Jones only went to New Orleans, Dallas and El Paso last month, but now she's going to Mexico



for a month. We keep telling her to get out of that rut.

Well, gang, by the time this reaches the Van Son ink we will have made some of the Powder Puffers comfortable and hope they will think kindly of our efforts, cause we love every minute of it. See you.

## "WASP REUNION"



### ALASKA CHAPTER

By Lavelle Betz

How does it feel to be in an earthquake? One feels helpless and alone and for the most part afraid—especially afraid for the safety of your family and friends. The following is an account of damage to 99's and their families.

Pat McGee and family were just preparing to sit down to dinner. Nine year old Kim had just set the table with her china. At the moment it struck, Pat was searching for a pin to hold up her jeans. As the earth shook and all hell broke, Kim hovered over her dishes herding them back on the table as each piece neared the edge crying, "Oh, Mother! Oh, Mother!" She did not lose one dish! Pat, in the meantime, was kept busy grabbing for her slipping jeans and closing cupboard doors as they each one in turn opened and threatened to send forth a murderous rain of fishes and food.

As soon as the earth stopped shaking, Pat's other children showed up with some neighbor's children barefoot and without jackets. She did not at first realize how serious it was until one of her older boys came running home and said, "Mother! Quick bring ropes and ladders. The end of the street sank and all you can see is the rooftops of houses. There are people down there trying to get out."

The McGee home is only four houses down from the drop off—the part where 77 homes were destroyed and 300 others severely damaged. It sustained \$10,000 worth of damage.

As the quake struck, everyone was immediately cut off from the outside world. Our heat and lights went as well as all public water supply. Every family had to substitute some kind of

heat and lights that night and for several nights thereafter. The McGee family is still living there, even though the turnagain area has moved 10 feet closer to the inlet. The telephone cable serving that area was stretched so tight by this movement that it finally gave Friday, April 17, leaving them again without any contact with the outside world. The service has since been repaired. The only water service now is through irrigation pipes—a temporary setup, but better than packing it in barrels in the car.

Don and Doll Booth lost their lovely home. It is now sustaining more damage as the breakup (thaw) continues. Two cracks went through their house—one on each end—causing the house to buckle and break off on each end. They did salvage their furniture, with the exception of a few dishes. Their home, valued at \$42,000 before the quake, is a complete loss.

Helga Bading stood hypnotized as she saw Campbell Lake break up in two minutes and 40 seconds. It started heaving up and down, breaking the three foot thick ice and sending huge waterspouts high in the air. Then as the roar of breaking ice continued, she saw the dam break and drain the lake. Even though the Bading home sustained \$15,000 in damages, Helga still has her sense of humor. She told me jokingly, "We now live on Campbell Mud Flats instead of Campbell Lake." Prior to the quake, one could tie up their floatplane at the Bading's dock.

Marion and Bill Zaegel lost their fireplace. Bill was home alone at the time of the shaker and he reports the stones started flying out of the fireplace as if jet propelled. He quickly got out of the living room until it was over. Then dashed downtown to church to find Marion safe and sound even though she was only one block from some of the destroyed downtown area.

Marlene Hardesty and husband, Bud, were having coffee at a cafe near Merrill Field when it hit. Marlene rushed home to check on her mom and children while Bud dashed back to the hangar which had collapsed. On the way down Fifth Avenue, Marlene began seeing collapsed and wrecked buildings. When she saw Penney's, she really became frightened for the safety of her little family. She arrived home to find them safe but in a frightened state. They had all stood in the back door and seen the apartment house facing the alley behind them split apart and part of it fall into a crevasse. Their

house was facing K Street and was on the edge of the crevasse which went between K and L.

Ruth O'Buck and John were both home. She had all three cupboard doors open. Ruth just stood in her kitchen as the intensity of the shocks grew stronger. Then when the glasses began flying clear across the room, she decided "This was for real." She tried to run out the back door but was momentarily trapped by her new skis falling across her pathway and then the door stuck. Finally, she reached the outside but was thrown to the ground by the force of the shock waves. She alternately crawled and walked to the front where some strange things were happening. Her truck was doing a wild jig around the driveway. The street was waving up and down like an ocean and down this came a terrified neighbor's boy trying to reach home. He kept falling and getting up and trying again. Ruth reached the truck and set the brake, thinking this would help keep the vehicle still—it didn't, however, due to the bouncing around that was going on. She finally reached John who had gone out the front door and grabbed his coat. Together they bounced around like toys. John, whose job is with the telephone company in Anchorage, was kept extremely busy for several days repairing telephone lines and poles. Ruth said for the next three days she was in the air more than she was on the ground. She saw so much of the damage from the air that she finally just refused to look when she flew another party over the devastated areas.

Pat Gilda saw the Anchorage dock cranes go while she hung onto her porch post for support. Her glass front china cupboard went over but strangely, she lost only two cups and saucers. Her trial by quake began when the shaking stopped and she had to carry water from the safety building under armed guard as their home is on Third Avenue near the destroyed downtown area. She said their Easter consisted of a walk to Ninth Avenue and an Easter dinner of "C" rations and HOT coffee! Their heat and water facilities were some of the last to be restored.

Jesse and Jim Dodson at one time had 19 people under their roof at one time. Their home being one of those not badly damaged. They thought for awhile they were going to lose it when a fire broke out and they had to call the fire department. All 19 people were



there at the time! No damage, though, I'm happy to report!

Helen Stoddard was shopping in Caribou's in Spenard and tripped over fallen objects getting out. Luckily, the huge glass windows had already broken before she ran out.

Yours truly was just preparing to put dinner on the table when I heard and felt the rumble. At first, I thought, "Well, just another one of those tremors we get at this time of year but a little harder than usual." As the shaking increased and the dishes began to go, it seemed as if the house would collapse around us. My husband, Dick, yelled, "Everybody out!" We ran out and as we counted noses found that we were minus one 13 year old, Becky. She was barefoot and oil painting so hesitated longer than the rest of us. When her books and horse collection began leaving the walls she decided it was time to exit! The trees were whipping from side to side, cars were jumping up and down and from side to side so were the houses. The street was heaving up and down as the giant shock waves coursed through the area.

As I looked around and saw everyone still safe I felt momentarily relieved until I heard the ground beneath our feet begin to crack. I thought, "This is it. We're all going to be swallowed up." I closed my eyes and prayed. At that moment, the shocks began diminishing and then stopped.

We then ran back in to survey the damage. My dinner was on the floor along with four gallons of hot water. Our chimney was broken along with my china cup collection and dishes. We had been without heat since Wednesday before the quake due to having natural gas installed and did not get heat until late the Tuesday after the quake. I had to heat all dishwater on top of the propane stove. Thank God we had nearly a full bottle of propane. We used it for heat, sterilizing water and cooking.

My husband dashed down to check on an elderly friend who had been sick. Her house was one of those that went into the crevasse between K and L Streets. She was in it but was unharmed.

That night as we sat around my lantern light and listened to the transistor, no one knew how seriously damaged the runways were or when we would ever get any outside contact. From the reports over the radio, I gathered it would be quite awhile. I

sat down that same night and wrote four short notes telling both my folks and Dick's that we were safe and not to worry. I said another prayer that night hoping that the mail would go through. A plane left here the next morning with a load of mail similar to mine.

My greatest worry, along with every other homemaker in the area, was that we would get hold of some contaminated water. Every well was potentially contaminated and had to be treated as such. I never knew I would use so much clorox in so short a time!

Many of us have lost friends and belongings that that can never be replaced, but for the most part there are no tears for material loss—only tears for friends and relatives. It has been a hard blow to Alaska. We still do not know how much will be done to replace lost roads, etc. We do not know if the retroactive insurance program will pass or not. This is the one hope that many homeowners are hoping will come through. If it does, they will have a chance to start over again. Otherwise, the future does not look promising.

There are volumes of stories I could write if I had the time and space but I have purposely stuck to the 99's because I know you have probably seen all of the others in the news releases.

I have purposely omitted Gwen's story because I have asked her to tell it in her own words. She was on her way to Seward and saw a river run backwards.

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## "1929-1964—35 Sky Blue Years"

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### **EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER** **By Mildred Shinn**

Eastern Washington Chapter was invited to tour the flight simulator area and combat operations of the 142nd Air Defense Wing at Geiger Field, Spokane, recently. Here the situation was black-out curtains and on your toes for unexpectedly that morning at 4 a.m. the guard had been called out (as evidenced by shadowy whiskers on many of the officer's faces!) and a "fallout" situation was on. The Scorpions (F-89J's) were being sent up into the blue as a surprise attack in the Northwest was being enacted. This was a real extra treat for the 99's and though a few spots of necessity were "off or out of bounds", the 99's still were allowed to go right along as scheduled and really see our 800 Air National Guardsmen in action. It was good to know of the 24-hour alert which

is carried on by this Guard unit and to learn more about the 116 Fighter Interceptor Squadron. More personal interest was shown in the Air Guard since Col. Harry Harper is Ginny's husband and active with this unit.

Since our Newsletter reporter, Helen Crum, has been battling a very serious flu and pneumonia siege in a New York hospital, we are trying to put together the local news. Word has been received that Helen recognizes her family now and they shall try to fly her home to Yakima soon. Not the best way to end a vacation but we are all much moved to know she is on her way to recovery and flying again.

Bonnie Henson is off on a picture-taking jaunt to Death Valley and thence to Mexico for the months of April and May. These flying farmers "flit" off their own strips whenever the land does not demand their presence so we should hear some interesting word of her vacation soon. Georgia Connick has pushed flying aside to tour the bowling tournaments.

Yakima seems to be in the news. Instructor Helen Ernsdorf has been appointed the 2nd flight examiner for that area. We are mighty pleased and proud of her flying record. Gini Richardson has been appointed on the National Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation, so maybe some of the national and FAA rules may be guided by this group of women. Make your suggestions to this committee!

At Pullman, Wash., we find Minnie Boyd just returned from the Hawaiian Islands and flying her 180 Cherokee around the state of Washington quite a bit. This week they are all off to Portland to the Regional Flying Farmers convention as well as a joint 99 meeting with Oregon. Lygie Hagan plans to be there and probably many others. Lygie has just returned from Oklahoma City and the board meeting. Her trip was partly via her Comanche, partly by airline and finally auto as she covered a good share of the United States during the past week or so. Terry Becker of Pullman is about to take off for Scotland with her husband and we hope she will report on flying over there.

From Spokane, we have news that Ginny Harper is burning up the skies, and about ready to fly her commercial. Her commercial written has been tucked away and that in itself is a commendable item. Barbara Thisted reports a few more trees off their future air strip. Alice Kennedy's Piper





Eastern Washington Chapter on tour of flight simulator, 142nd Air Defense Wing, Air National Guard. In the picture the Air Guard Sgt. had just finished demonstrating the flight simulator; explaining the fuel system board; and as Barbara Thisted, the Eastern Washington Chapter chairman, sat in the injector practice seat, the Sgt. was explaining the complicated helmet worn by the pilots. From left to right — 99's Ginny Harper, Spokane; Minnie Boyd Pullmand; in rear Jean Carbon and Mike Harper, Spokane; in white coat and hat, Terrie Becker, Pullman; Barbara Thisted, Mildred Shinn and Lygie Hagan of Spokane; and Helen Dewey, Omak, Washington.

(Official Photograph, 142nd Air Defense Wing, Spokane, Washington)

still in the air occasionally in spite of the snowy winter. Everyone is planning for the summer air tour, which Alaska promises to join, as the states of the Northwest join on an air tour to Boise, Idaho, for their fall sectional.

### "35 SKY BLUE YEARS"

#### FAR WEST CHAPTER

By Margaret Layton

March 18. Carole Phillips of Nanaimo, B. C., flew over for our meeting at Port Angeles. She is instructing and we're always glad when she is able to have the afternoon off to join us.

During the winter months, the coffee shop at Port Angeles is open only on the weekend. Marilou Fairchild was kind enough to open the coffee shop

for our meeting and we are most grateful.

April 15. This was our day to visit the Seattle Flight Center located at Auburn, Wash.

In the morning the weather left a lot to be desired. Barbara LaRue, Mary Kochanek, Marilou Fairchild and I drove over via Seattle.

Elene Duncan met us there. She had gone over the previous day to do some shopping.

Marion Morton, Van Adderson and Maxhine Fancer of Western Washington Chapter joined us to make a nice group for the tour.

It was a most interesting afternoon. We were conducted through the Center and each phase of operation was thoroughly explained to us.

#### MONTANA CHAPTER

By Betty Nunn

There was no May meeting for the Montana 99's. There were many other activities going on, and most of us participated in some of these. First was the Montana Pilots Association convention held in Billings the first weekend in May. Selma Fastje was chairman of events, so we know that she has been a busy gal. Louella Nelson, who has been state secretary for MPA this last year, has been extremely busy and glad to wind up her job. Her airplane is being put back together again, so she will be flying again soon.

The second weekend of May, the Flying Farmers held their convention in Great Falls. Verna Wood was crown-



ed International Flying Farmer Queen by our boss, Chet Severson. Verna plans on going to the National Convention in Florida later this summer. Mary Jo Janey, Aviation Education Supervisor for the Montana Aeronautics Commission, was the guest speaker at the banquet. Chet said her talk on the history of aviation was one of the most interesting he has ever heard, and he has been in this business many years.

Pearl Magill and her husband have been on a flying vacation to California. Pearl will be the new secretary for Montana Pilots' Association. This is not a new job for Pearl, as she was secretary several years ago.

On May 15 and 16, the National Intercollegiate Flying Association meet was held in Bozeman. We haven't heard how many participants were gals. Maybe we will hear by next Newsletter. The same weekend an Air Fair was held in Missoula, sponsored by the Missoula Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Northwest Sport Parachute Club. Highlights were sport parachute competition with entries from nine states and Canada. The three women achieving the best scores will receive special prizes, however they were competing with the men. A fly-over of planes beginning with the most ancient vintage and progressing to the most modern was staged with trophies awarded to the most ancient still flying, the most modern and the most unusual.

Chairman Elsie Johnson is off on her vacation this week. I haven't heard where she is vacationing but hope she has a good time. Betty Nunn celebrated Mother's Day by flying to Dillon via Skylane to visit her three grandchildren. Hardly had time to spoil them in just one day.

The meeting in June will be held in Great Falls with an attempt to get some of the Canadian gals down and get acquainted with them. We invited them to Havre in March, which is closer to the border, but conflicting dates kept them from joining us. We will be looking forward to meeting these gals.

## **"NORTH CENTRAL'S 30th ANNIVERSARY"**

### **SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER**

**By Mabel Anesi**

Fourteen attended the April meeting at Rapid City on the 18th. The dinner meeting was held at the Valley Hi Country Club at 7 p.m. With four of

our members working with weather (Georgia Fike with the weather bureau in Lander, Jo Ann Thomas, Jean Tough and Dorothy Lee at the FSS in Rapid) I don't understand why they can't arrange perfect flying conditions in all directions so that we all might attend.

Carol Rayburn, our flight instructor-university student, flew in from Brookings; Chairman Maxanna Carlson and Secretary Wanda Busfield drove from Belle Fourche; Wilma Jacobson and 49½er Ted drove from Hot Springs. The Rapid City gals were all present: Olive Jacobs and 49½er Ted, Jo Ann Thomas and her father, Dorothy Lee, Jean Tough, and prospective member Lennette Macy and husband, Ralph. New member Ellen Kelly from Devils Lake, N. D., was welcomed.

Your reporter and 49½er Ed Anesi were on a three day vacation in Las Vegas, Nev., which extended to five because of weather. One of us will just have to get an instrument rating so this won't happen again. Too many days at the slot machines can give you an awful backache, and laboring over a "21 table" can be exhausting, when you work at it morning, afternoon and night.

Kay Vogel is leaving May 2nd for Miami, Nassau and hoping to return by way of her home town, Portland, Maine. Sounds like a wonderful trip, Kay, and we'll expect to hear all about it.

The Dickinson, N. D. Club, of which Audrey Baird is a member, just bought a new Skylane; Audrey will be sure to attend all our meetings now.

Dorothy Lee mastered her flight check in April; after four months on the ground with a broken leg, she couldn't have been more excited if it were her first solo flight.

Lennette Macy received her private license April 30th. She has been coming to the last three 99 meetings as a guest, so now we can accept her as a member!

Returning from her check ride, her instructor called Dorothy Lee, on duty at the flight service station, and told her she could collect dues now from Lennette. We have still another new member! Geneva Oliasn from Dickinson, N. D., just joined our group. Glad to have you with us, Geneva!

We're all looking forward to our next meeting which is scheduled for Casper, Wyo., in conjunction with the Flying Farmers state convention. Through much hard work by Jeane Krause, our Casper member, we have

been invited to participate in all the activities. While doing all this research for our next meeting, Jeane and 49½er Kon were taken in as associate members of the Flying Farmers, without even buying a farm or ranch first! They've also scheduled CAVU for those three days and are inviting all the 99's to be guests for breakfast before "fly away" time Sunday morning.

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### **BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER**

**By Jo Murphy**

Attending the SW Sectional meeting at Hawthorne in April were Florence, Priscilla, Edna, Achsa and Penny. A very nice weekend was reported.

Laurine hosted the April Chapter meeting at her home. Edna, June, Achsa, Bobbie and friend, Florence, Priscilla and Laurine and guest.

Peggy Archer tells us she has purchased a Mooney Mite and has done considerable local flying in it. She plans to participate in the Merced fly-in in June. Good girl!

June Edwards recently attended a general meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Crop Dusters. She was most disconcerted over the fact that out of the several articles submitted to Bakersfield's largest newspaper, only seven lines appeared in print, whereas the smaller news bulletins printed articles in title and every line! June hopes to not only cover and write about future "ag" meetings, but also, as she says, "get our 'feet wet' with other aviation activities."

Last month Rhoda and Laurine, with respective 49½ers, were among "Les L'Avion Gourmet Gad Abouts" who flew to Columbia for a Sunday dinner and enjoyed visiting the restored ghost town. Seven private planes carrying 28 members made the flight. A previous flight, by the same group, took them to Santa Inez where they had smorgasbord in the famous quaint little Danish settlement of Solvang.

Jo Murphy's Cessna 180 recently underwent a "face lifting" but is back in operation now. After flying it for the first time the other day, Jo reports that what with a new engine, new interior and new paint job, it's just



about like having a new airplane! She and her 49½er are planning their first fishing trip of the season to Lake Tsuniah in British Columbia. They have made several flying trips up there in the past and have always brought home their limits of beautiful Kamloop trout. This is a spot that can only be reached by flying in so its beauty and abundance of fish have been well retained. At the same time, you have all the comforts of home in a beautiful big log-built lodge with all meals served family style and simply delicious!

Jo and her family are also in the midst of planning the "Maiden Voyage" of their ordered but yet to be delivered camper (which of course had to be a sky rider!). Their first trip will take them to Yellowstone National Park which will be a first for Jo and her two daughters, Renee and Mary Jo. Looks like a summer of fun ahead after that awful hard-working tax season!

Mary Ann Laxague, our very newest member, just had a most interesting trip to Mulege, Mexico, in a Cessna 182 with three pilot friends. Leaving Mulege they planned to stop at Santa Maria Ranch but uncooperative headwinds changed their plans. Coastal fog also interfered so they went on to Mexicali, returning home on Monday. Quite a jaunt for a brand new pilot, and she did most of the piloting.

Our Chairman Alice has been on the sick list for the past three months but hopes to improve enough to be in Fresno in July.

Encouraging Note: Florence Moody sez (with 2½ hours of IFR behind her at the time) she thinks practicing instruments seems easier than VFR flying!

Laurine is offering transportation to and from Fresno Sunday, June 28, returning Tuesday, June 30. Please contact her if interested.

Thanks to San Fernando Valley Chapter for a copy of each issue of their "Aux Tank." Nice to keep up with our neighbors.

Hope you've all read Betty Hicks' article in May issue of "Flying." She gives our Weather Bureau a good plug. Besides, the article makes good sense.

#### BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Ruth Magill

"Hayward Ground Control, Cherokee 09W requests taxi instruction to the Hayward City Hall, over." We have no record of the conversation in the tower



Joan Merriam being presented a silver bracelet, with copper 99 insignia inscribed, "To Joan for her Round-the-World AE flight, March, April, 1964", by Mary Fields for the Bay Cities Chapter, with Eleanora Wilson looking on. (Credit Carl Bigelow Photo)

after that one! Anyway, Mary Fields was serious. She taxied the Cherokee, with police escort, up the city streets to the Hayward City Hall where the plane was on display in connection with the city open house. Taking aviation to the people is a 99's duty, naturally.

Nancy Lyman and Mary Devaul both entered the Hayward to Las Vegas race. Mary placed 10th, received a plaque and the plaudits of the people. After she got home, proud of her first racing prize, she received an apologetic telephone call—she was 11th instead of 10th and only 10 prizes were given. The racing committee could not take the trophy given her by her children, a mounted model plane, with the carefully lettered caption: The Best Flying Mother in the World."

Gladys Cobb fell off a swing at her cabin near Sonora and sustained severe injuries. She is navigating on crutches for a while.

At our dinner meeting in the New South Restaurant Al Kirchmyer presented a plaque for "Outstanding Contribution to General Aviation" because of our participation at the Sport Show in the Cow Palace. Eleanor Wilson accepted it graciously for all of us. Eleanor should bring it out for us to see at each meeting to keep us on our toes.

Wray Misener is flying the AWTAR with Dorothy Kelsey, a Bay Cities member who lives in Hawaii—a little far to attend meetings regularly. Wray has been flying with two Seals Hockey Players who want to earn their wings.

Maxine Carlson, after 12 years off from flying to launch three small Carlsons, was thrilled to get back in the air. But doing dual today over San Francisco Peninsula is a real test of character. The sights are so fascinating she has trouble concentrating on flying.

Gail Lane took to the commercial



planes for a trip to Hawaii and one to Las Vegas. Don't know if she won any of the scarce silver dollars or not.

Caroline Schmidt's husband was injured in an auto accident. We are glad to report he is recovering satisfactorily.

49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>er Harry and Hialeah Reilich, Elly Jones and Ruth Rueckert flew to the Sectional at Hawthorne in the Reilich 182.

On Tuesday, May 12, Joan Merriam landed in Oakland! Mary Fields did a bang-up job in preparing for her arrival. There were around 300 press, 99's and citizen fans to greet her upon arrival at 9:12 a.m. to Oakland International Airport. Joan looked much better on landing than she did upon taking off, despite the many trials and tribulations of her flight on the Amelia Earhart route. Now here is a girl we can all be proud of!

Everything went very smoothly and after a brief period of photo taking and a few presentations at the airport, Joan was escorted upstairs to the conference room for press interviews which lasted about one hour. It's amazing to reflect how Joan could be so courteous and capable after that long and sleepless flight over the Pacific Ocean; but all questions were answered completely, and autographs were signed right and left.

After the conference Joan was driven to the Edgewater Inn, by Ruth Rueckert, where she had coffee with friends from Monterrey and Las Vegas and two sponsors from Long Beach. After which Joan managed a couple hours of sleep and a trip to San Francisco to tape the Ernie Ford Show to be shown on June 10th.

At 7 p.m. everyone attended a champagne reception before dinner. Those attending were Joan, Mary Fields and Rafael, Ruth and Fred Rueckert, Juanda Bigelow, Chairman Eleanor Wilson, Rita and Al Hart, Hialeah and Harry Reilich, Elly Jones, Gladys and Ray Cobb, Hazel Miles, Juno and Rusty Clark, Miriam Burgh, Caroline and Hank Schutt, Ruth Magill, Jean Tinsley, Fran Grant, Ruth Jacquot, Gail Lane, Helen Kelton, Ardith Hamilton and husband, she's a prospective 99, Irmgard and Herman Beasley also a prospective member, and our guest Eileen Rasmussen, sister of Gladys Cobb; all expect Joan from Bay Cities Chapter. Other chapters represented were: Santa Clara Valley, Ruth Gamber and Marion Barnick; and Redwood Empire, Chairman Myrtle Wright, Bar-

bara and Victor Graber, Phyllis Cantrell and twin daughters, Peggy and Sandy, Becky Lightfoot, Bette Smith, Pat Stauffer, Gladys Haney, Lillian Costa, and Vilma Denny and her husband, 48 in all.

At 8 p.m. we all moved into the Matador Room as best we could and sat down for a prime rib dinner. The high point of the dinner was a presentation to our guest of honor for the occasion, Joan Merriam. Eleanor Wilson introduced Joan and persons seated at the head table, and Mary Fields presented Joan with our momento, a silver bracelet with copper 99 insignia engraved "To Joan, for her Round-the-World AE Flight, Mar. April 1964". In return, Joan presented Eleanor with two AE covers canceled in Oakland and New Guinea, one dated March 17 and the other on May 12, 1964. These we will treasure and preserve in our scrap book. Joan also gave us a talk on some of the places she stopped on her flight, during which we all listened, entranced. This was indeed a flight to remember.

Mary had breakfast with Joan on Wednesday morning and Elly and Roy Jones met them at the airport for a 9 a.m. takeoff. We are all sorry Joan had to leave us so soon and hope you will come back to visit us again soon, Joan.

At our regular meeting on Friday, we held a "Gladys Cobb Night" during which Gladys showed her movies of Joan's arrival in Oakland before her flight, and those taken on a flight to Miami and back in their Cherokee. In return Elly Jones presented Gladys her very own girdle with purple heart attached, and a certificate welcoming her into "The Flying Order of the Purple Fanny." So far Gladys has an exclusive membership in this club and we wish no one else the honor because it's a hard way to go. During this time there was much merriment, as you can imagine. We all drank a champagne toast to Gladys (Mmmm, Mary, where did all this champagne come from?) and took pictures and Gladys told her hilarious? story. (For details be sure to ask Gladys next time you see her.)

Our hostess, Juanda Bigelow, served fruit salad, coffee and cookies and we all chatted for a while about past and future events, and visited with our guest, Karen Gartside. Karen is a student pilot and she and her husband, Wayne, fly the family owned Bonanza out of Livermore Airport. They are

planning a trip to the Fallon fly-in in June.

It was nearly the bewitching hour when we finally dribbled out the door after a full and rewarding evening.

## **"NORTH CENTRAL'S 30th ANNIVERSARY"**

### **EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER**

**By Doris Ritchey**

The big news for our chapter this month is the two cents per pound flight to raise money for the 1965 AWTAR. It is scheduled for May 24th at Gillespie, Montgomery and National City Airports. Jean Bussey, chairman of this activity, reports we will have 26 aircraft flying. Marian Jeppsen, Ruby Keavney, Betty Lambert, and Jean Copus of the San Diego Chapter and Mac Huntington and Isabelle McCrae from El Cajon Valley Chapter are the gals who will be flying. We are hoping for as big a success as the last one in December. Dottie Davis was hostess for the April 22nd meeting which was primarily devoted to planning the two cents per pound flight.

Both Dottie Sanders and Isabelle McCrae were enthusiastic about the wonderful time they had at the South Central Section meeting at El Paso, Texas. The missile firing was exciting and the food and entertainment was wonderful. Their only complaint about the trip was the rough air and head winds on the return trip in Dottie's Cessna 120.

Our gals in the Aerospace Museum Auxiliary are hostessing special meetings during the month of May which has been designated Project Mercury Month.

Mac Huntington and Ed Watson flew his Tri-Pacer to Iowa and returned in a Cherokee that Mac and Jean Copus plan to fly in the AWTAR.

Dottie Sanders and Leah Liersch attended the Southwest Sectional at Hawthorne. They especially enjoyed visiting the Los Angeles Tower, hearing a recording from Joan Merriam Smith, and Capt. Mac of the Helicopter Patrol.

Some of our gals will be helping the San Diego Chapter with the Truckee-Tahoe Race, June 20th. Aileen Saunders is planning to enter the race.

Barbara Hill was very excited and pleased with her first airline trip. She flew PSA to Sacramento and San Francisco to attend the PTA Convention.

The Gillespie Field administration building and runways will be dedicated on Thursday, May 21, at 10 a.m.



Isabelle McCrae and Dottie Sanders will participate in the ceremony.

Ida Gay will hostess our next meeting, May 27th.

#### **FRESNO CHAPTER**

**By Sharon Wofford**

Much of our meetings are plans for the AWTAR start. Our race start chairman, Dorothy Kent, has been working round the clock getting all the details worked out in hopes that the pre-race week activities will go smoothly.

At our March meeting, Carol Bugay was appointed fly-away chairman. She has been busy planning trips and activities for us gals. Last month a trip was taken to Sacramento to the Spring Fair Quarter Horse Races at the State Fairgrounds. The third race was named for the 99's and Barbara Faller presented the winner with a lovely bouquet. Those that flew-away were Eleanor Mathews and Carol Bugay in their C-175, Dorothy Kent flew with Barbara Faller in her C-210, Betty MacPherson in her Skyhawk had as her co-pilot Helen Smith. One of our student pilots, Mary Schwabacker, had a horse racing that day.

Eleanor and Carol were chaperons for the girls from the Fresno State Flying Club for a weekend of clamming at Pismo Beach. Since Eleanor has been in the hospital for surgery and back flying. Nothing is going to keep her out of the airplane. She has been to Bakersfield and Kennedy Meadows, also looking over some hunting grounds.

Mary Hables and husband have purchased a camper and have had a vacation with it already. Barbara Faller has been getting some practice at Madera, the first flying for her since the birth of her baby. Barbara has been with her husband, Stan, on a couple of outings of the Sheriff's Air Squadron. Dorothy Kent seems to be grounded. Her little C-140 is being painted and it is taking a lot longer than she likes. She did get to go to Napa on an air ambulance case though, but not much fun.

Helen Smith has been to Chowchilla and practicing towards her commercial. Betty MacPherson has been doing a lot of going since she got her new Skyhawk. She has been to Phoenix, Tucson, Oakland, Monterrey, and San Jose, just to mention a few places. Estelle Stacy is back on her feet after a long illness and made it to our meeting. She says she is feeling fine, but must take it easy.

I rode with Barbara and "Mr. 99,"

Stan, to the Spring Sectional and we had lots of fun. We spent Saturday afternoon with Barbara London, Marian Jepsen and Margaret Ross of the AWTAR Board trying to get some more details for the race taken care of Sunday coming home our hearts stopped momentarily with the engine of the plane. Something about the carburetor, but we made it home fine.

We have two new members, Diane Lorenz and Voline Raische. These two gals bring our membership up to 14 and several more students about ready for their licenses.

#### **"35 SKY BLUE YEARS"**

##### **LONG BEACH CHAPTER**

**By Carole B. Dunn**

April saw 15 members and four guests at our meeting at Myrna Shanfield's home. Myrna is one of our newer members and has just passed her instrument written. Madine Parsel and Vee Walensky, Orange County Chapter members visited with us and invited all to their next meeting, every second Saturday around noon at Orange Co. Airport administration building, sort of a coffee-klatch meeting so I understand. We also had two other guests, Grace Moore, a new pilot last June, and Carole Talich, Idaho Chapter member. Carole flies out of LAX, imagine practicing landings and take-offs in the pattern with jets.

Fran Bera has entered the Hayward, Calif., Las Vegas race, a \$1500 purse. Good luck and fast flying, hope she wins. We'll be losing one of our good members soon, Norma Gunderson is moving to Las Vegas. We hope she'll fly back to visit with us often. Ruth Gay is flying XC to North Carolina and New York to see the Worlds Fair and visit with Rita Gibson, our ex-chapter chairman. Margaret Calloway and Mary Pickney are our committee to initiate a two cents per pound flight, our money making project during the grand opening of Torrance Airport on June 14th. Mary Pickney and Mary Wenholtz are flying to the El Paso South Central Sectional, sounds like magnificent fun.

May has been an exciting month for our chapter, seven of us went to the South Central Sectional meeting at El Paso, saw quite a few of our Southwest Section girls there. You might have thought it was our sectional. Betty Miller was honored as grand marshal of the parade for Aviation Week while there. The rest of us enjoyed that

Texas hospitality and wish to congratulate all the El Paso girls on a job well done. They said they'd slim us and they did. I'm sure we all felt like Queens for a Day, all weekend. Our vice chairman, Judy Wagner, won second place in the TAR, Fran doesn't like to talk about the Hayward to Las Vegas Race, also Mary Pinkney, Betty Faux and Emma McGuire, Carole Dunn and Fran are entering the Truckee-Tahoe Race that the San Diego Chapter is organizing.

This week we are all wrapped up in welcoming Joan Merriam Smith home. There will be a dinner for her this Sunday night, 200 reservations so far, at which time Bob Cummings will present her with an engraved silver cup in honor of her Amelia Earhart Round the World Flight. Twenty-six members and nine guests attended our meeting at Mary Wenholtz's home at which Joan told of her experiences and showed us some pictures she was given in Lae, New Guinea taken of AE when she was there. The AE covers she took with her look very authentic. She had them stamped at Lae and when she landed in Oakland and she has signed them. HQ will have these covers for sale soon. Sophie Glutz was late in arriving as she had made a touch and go on the Orange County Airport (she thought) until the El Toro Marine Base advised her otherwise. That's all the news for now, you'll be seeing most of us in the AWTAR.

##### **LOS ANGELES CHAPTER**

**By Vivian Thompson**

The Spring Sectional held here in Los Angeles last month was a huge success. So many of the girls gave so very much of their valuable time in the preparations that we all want to take this opportunity to say what a wonderful job they did. Saturday's luncheon was highlighted by the presence of Captain Shumarker as guest speaker. Also there was the very interesting tape of Jean Merriam's flight. It was most exciting. Saturday evening's banquet had a delightful guest, Rodger Smith, the actor (77 Sunset Strip). He showed and narrated a film of his own private flying which was most entertaining.

A lot of fun was had by many good friends of member Katie Moskow. She gave a lovely cocktail and buffet party for a birthday celebration for her 49½er Gene. Gene Moskow is one of our very active 49½ers and it was a pleasure to help him celebrate.



## ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

By Evelyn Sherwood

"I've heard of the 99's, but I'm not one of them," said Rachel Mundie, her pony tail tossing in the prop wash. "And I'm not sure just how to chock the plane as this is my first stop on my first cross country."

Thon Abbott of the Orange County 99's who had spotted the 20 year old pilot as she parked in front of the flight office at Orange County Airport, immediately tied the plane and welcomed the fledgling birdwoman to a luncheon meeting of the chapter, being held at that very minute in the old control tower.

Rachel wasn't the only member or guest to fly in for the Saturday afternoon May meeting as Betty Sherry had flown from Fullerton for the election of officers and lunch provided by Doris Johnson and Chris Hoffman.

Don Picard of the famous French family of Picard balloonists, invited Madine Parsel, chairman of the chapter, to take a fast flight in the hot air propelled balloon.

According to Madine, she and Don took off at Dana Point, ascended to 3200 feet and then descended to earth. There a bit of difficulty developed in finding a friendly farmer's field to land.

Seems the balloon basket (not really a basket but metal staves) sometimes "drags" and until the basket stops completely, arms and legs are in danger if outside the container.

Madine, our intrepid lady flier, who now has her commercial to accompany the instrument and private rating, said there were many thrills to the balloon bit that isn't in the airplane department.

Chapter plans call for the Fallon, Nev., fly-in and prospects are bright for some contestants for the Powder Puff Derby.

## "1929-1954—35 Sky Blue Years"

### PHOENIX CHAPTER

By Mary Vial

Trudy Murphy hostessed our May meeting, with many present, including guest Stella Lehman of the Greater Kansas City Chapter, student pilot Marty Weber, and Billy Edgerton, a prospective pilot who came with Vee Shawver. Congratulations to Vee, who is our newest member, and to Gretchen Yingling who recently earned her private ticket. With eight children, how did she do it? According to Gretchen, it was perseverance and getting

up at 6 a.m. in order to fly at 7:00. There must have been some good management in there too! Good going, Gretchen!

Our International Vice President, Alice Roberts, told of the gay and exciting South Central Sectional in El Paso, including the missile shoot, parade in a dust storm, horse races, wonderful people and food, and the banquet held across the border in a modern country club. Pat and Ric Lambart and June Kaiser represented us there too. And again, Alice and Chas Roberts, Pat and Ric, carried the flag for Phoenix at the Southwest Sectional in Hawthorne, Calif., along with Trudy Murphy, who gave us a glowing account of that meeting.

Hard working and efficient Bev Periman told us of the latest plans for our June flight. We will transport all the girls from Girl's Ranch via our planes on June 7th to Sedona, Ariz., and then on by car to Betty Sharman's fabulous ranch in beautiful Oak Creek Canyon. The Soroptimists of Sedona will furnish ground transportation and food for the picnic, and we give them our hearty thanks for their cooperation. Going along for the ride will be Ralph Painter who will take pictures and gather news for KOOL TV. Thanks to you, too, Ralph, for making this a memorable occasion for these girls who will probably never again have a chance to ride in an airplane.

Wilma Bland is in Hawaii on vacation, lucky girl! Louise Boyd and hubby will fly soon, with another couple as guests in their C-180, to Mexico to take in the sights at Maxatlan, Puerto Vallarta, and possibly Plaza Azul. Louise says they'll do some deep sea fishing and skin diving too!

Juanita Newell reports she had a wonderful trip to El Paso May 9th for the airport dedication. And over the Mother's Day weekend she and Elgin took an ambulance flight to Concord, Calif. They were able to stop in San Andreas to visit old friend and airport manager Carol Kennedy, to attend Juanita's class reunion, and to have a visit with Juanita's 93 year old mother. Jimmy Lou and Frank Shelton will leave May 20th for Vero Beach, Fla., where they will pick up two 140 Cherokees to ferry back to Phoenix. On the return trip they will stop in New Orleans and Washington, D. C., to visit friends.

Mary passed her instrument written, is busy with plans for her daughter's June wedding, and Jesse Wimmers is

working hard for her instructor's rating, as well as getting a few hours in now and then in an Aero Commander, lucky girl.

Trudy Murphy wound up our May meeting at her house with a bang when she brought out a cake decorated with a runway, planes, and blue sky to help celebrate Alice Robert's birthday. Alice will hostess our meeting in June. Welcome to all!

## REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

By Bette Smith

We of the Redwood Empire Chapter who attended the Spring Sectional meeting at Hawthorne were very glad to see old friends again, and to meet new ones. Myrtle Wright and Anita Conley attended the tower tour on Friday evening. Pat Stouffer and I flew down in the club ship, a Cessna Skyhawk, with Pat at the controls. We had a wonderful flight. Rex and Phyllis Cantrell and daughters flew down from Santa Rosa. Carol Bloom, Barbara and Victor Graber flew down in the Graber Navion, from Buchanan Field.

The program was delightful, and the prizes superb! What a sincere pleasure to meet Roger Smith and Capt. Max Schumacher. Since our Anita Conley won the two helicopter instruction flights, we are waiting with interest for May 18 to arrive. We pray for good weather as she will be flying down in her Cessna 170 on Sunday, the 17th. I was so pleased to meet our President Ruth Deerrman. This has been a busy month with all of the activities scheduled.

On Tuesday, May 12, we attended a dinner in honor of Joan Merriam at the Edgewater Inn at the Oakland Airport. Those who were able to attend did so with pleasure. Joan was such a grand sport in answering all of our questions and in giving us her autograph. We know she was exhausted after her long flight from Honolulu, and we appreciated her so. We would sure love to have an autographed picture of her in the future. Thanks, Joan, we appreciate you and all of your accomplishments. It is so good for all of us to get together at these functions, I just love it.

We scheduled our May meeting on the 17th because of Mother's Day falling on our regular meeting day, so we will have our meeting in Novato. I'm afraid it will be too late for my newsletter after that, so I will tell you of our meeting next month.

There are a lot of activities coming up so have a lot of fun, and fly safely.





Sacramento Valley members tour Cartwright Aerial Surveys installation — and received courtesy flights in the 3 passenger Hughes 300 helicopter. Left to right are Carol Sutliff, Genevieve Conlin, Helen Mace, Elaine Lancaster, Carol Hammond, Pilot Harold E. Moore, Joyce Evans, Veja Berry, La Rue Brown, Beryl Eissinger. (Darlene Marsh, and Dorothy Huntley, there, but not able to stay for photographs.) (credit Cartwright Aerial surveys for photo)

#### SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER By Joyce Evans

This is our month for activities! On May 3rd the fly-in dinner scheduled for Napa was held at the alternate—Posey's Restaurant in SAC—due to weather. We had a gay time welcoming our guests and celebrating Carol Hammond's birthday. "Driving in" were June and Jim Devine, Florence and Jack Breen, Carol, Al and Russell Hammond, R. J. and Emma McDaniell, Roy and Donna Martin, Ruth, Al and Gregg Wagner, and their guest from New York, Monnie Sacks, Joyce, Hugh, Matt and Jeff Evans, Veja and Haskell Berry, Marianne McDonald, Gerry Mickelson, Juanita Bigler, Darlene Marsh and her guests, Dot and Fletch Anstess.

On May 8th Vern Cartwright, owner

of Cartwright Aerial Surveys, fulfilled his promise made when we toured his installation in March. Pilot Harold E. Moore demonstrated the 3-passenger Hughes 300 helicopter to 12 eager 99's—Carol Hammond, Edith Brewer, Joyce Evans, La Rue Brown, Genevieve Conlin, Carol Sutliff, Helen Mace, Beryl Eissinger, Elaine Lancaster, Veja Berry, Dorothy Huntley, and Chairman Darlene Marsh, and he patiently answered the countless questions.

Ruth Wagner, Genevieve Conlin and Darlene Marsh traveling in Ruth's Comanche, won a prize at Sectional for coming the longest distance. Barbara Graber flew Carol Bloom in her Navion, and won an hour dual time in a helicopter as a door prize. Veja and Haskell Berry went commercial, and

they all reported it was a most enjoyable Sectional.

Carol Hammond met Donna Martin at Marysville for a picnic on Donna's first solo cross country. Elaine Lancaster has completed 14 hours of instrument flying time. La Rue Brown reported the wonderful experience she gained when she, Norman, and the Bob Watts flew their new twin Comanche from the factory in Lock Haven, via Las Vegas, and adding 33 hours of pilot, co-pilot and passenger time to her log in April.

The Cessna Show at the Nut Tree this weekend was a very popular place—hundreds of planes flying in during the three days. My family and I visited with Cleo, Chet, Curt and Craig Merrill, Betty Boggess, who was representing their Cessna installation at Concord.



and June and Jim Devine and friends. All the Skylarks that made the trip to Guatemala last Spring had a reunion at El Macero last weekend and 26 had brunch at the Nut Tree on Sunday and saw the show before winging back to the L.A. area.

Five planes Lady Bugged to Oroville piloted by Veja Berry, Florence Breen, June Devine, La Rue Brown and Claire Raley. Florence and her daughter, Joyce, plan a flight to Monterrey today just for fun.

### **SAN DIEGO CHAPTER**

**By Stella Hardin**

The Chapter was well represented at the Spring Sectional at Hawthorne. Attending the fly-esta were Mirian Jepsen, Ruby Keavney, Lynn Briggs, Maxine Smith, Gerry Vickers, Terry Vasques, Betty Lambert and Stella Hardin. Admire all the fun and festivities, a birthday party was given for Dottie Sanders and Stella.

Congratulations to Ruth Propsner and Jack Ebey for their wedding on May 2nd. Welcome Jack to the ranks of 49½ers.

Mirian Jepsen must be jet-propelled, she attended the SW Sectional, flew with Betty Gillies to the Cloud Hoppers Roundup in El Paso, made it back to Ruth's wedding in San Diego, entered the International Race at Monterrey, Mexico, and is planning to fly in the Truckee-Tahoe Race with Ruby in June and in the AWTAR with Ginny in July.

Also attending the Cloud Hoppers Roundup were Lois Bartling and Maxin Smith.

Betty Gillies has been asked to serve on the new 32 member Federal Aviation Agency Women's Advisory Committee. She plans to fly to Washington for the committee meeting on May 25th, then to a vacation in Europe with her husband.

Thelma Bishop and Edna Laubenstein are flying in the International Race and also plan to enter the Truckee-Tahoe Race in June.

Next meeting will be on Sunday, May 17, at the home of Betty Gillies, pot luck lunch at noon with swimming or tennis in p.m.

Details are clicking into place for the Howard Fisher Truckee-Tahoe Race. Everyone is working hard to make this a fun race.

### **SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER**

**By Trixie-Ann Schubert**

It's a woman's year in aviation but what Jerrie Mock accomplished in her top of the world flight and Joan Merri-

am Smith in her middle of the world globe girdling makes the rest of our air escapades sound like peanuts. So anyway let's crunch it up and see what kind of peanut butter we can spread for the June issue.

Seven chapter girls planned to fly to the El Paso sectional and missile shoot but got weathered in before takeoff. Smart members Ellen Trindle and Libby Svenson took instrument rated Anna Reitz along and got out through the overcast. They report a fabulous welcome by El Paso Chapter and a sectional get-together that will be hard to top in the future.

Our own sectional at Hawthorne, hosted by Los Angeles, was attended by eight chapter members of SVF. Max Schumacher, helicopter pilot, and actor-pilot Roger Smith were speakers, but the piece de resistance was the afternoon session when a nucleus of 99's huddled around a tape recording machine listening to the in-flight tapes of Joan Merriam made on various legs of the route and flown in by Pam-Am to Joan's Long Reach representatives Sarver and Witzerman. The dramatic flight with all its setbacks could be transcribed into a book as it is and make a best seller.

Florence Dittmar is back from three weeks in Europe where she climbed into a Cessna with a "furrener" who didn't even check mags; just rolled it out and took off, from Munich to Innsbruck.

Lauretta Foy has been appointed director of sales for Hughes helicopters in the San Fernando Valley area by Helicabs, Inc. She's located at Schaefer-Helicabs, Van Nuys Airport. Lauretta as a helicopter pilot and instructor, helps promote charter service and regular flights servicing major hotels in L.A. with the Los Angeles International Airport. "When landing on the lawn at the Ambassador Hotel, Wilshire Blvd., I'm supposed to go into autorotation to cut down the noise level on landings," says Lauretta. About the only aviation rating Lauretta doesn't have is the ATR and she has just taken the written exam for that.

Donna Fisher bought an Ercoupe and has a merry tale of how the exchange came about. This summer she won't be tied to teaching tasks and can really try it out.

Jan Hardin sold her Ercoupe, bought a 1959 Fournier with handsome fully equipped instrument panel. Jan got in another hour and forty-five minutes (in one flight) of glider time at Elsi-

nore; says the gliders fly like Cessna 150's—the latter without engines we presume.

Lois Miles flew two cross countries to Fox Airport and Santa Barbara on IFR to practice instrument flying. Lois, flying solo, Audrey Schutte and Ellen Trindle, Florence Dittmar and Mary Kemper, are our entrants in the Powder Puff Derby. Lois is number 22, coincidentally the same as last year.

Catherine Black, new member, is working on her commercial, owns a 150. Former Pan Am airline stewardess Betty Walkey was a guest. Four planes, eight gals flew into the May Santa Paula fly-in. Mary Johnson flew to Bakersfield. Rose Ford vacationed at La Paz. Lola Ricci kept the Sky Roamer fleet in service with several local flights. Lola also was at Long Beach when Joan Merriam flew in, home after 27,000 miles of flying.

Lois Miles and Audrey Schutte, plane number one, and Jan Hardin and Trixie-Ann Schubert are entered in San Diego's first west coast air race from Lindbergh Field to Truckee at Tahoe in northern California.

Trixie flew the KMPC Air Watch with an announcer-pilot who let her shuttle the helicopter, once belonging to Arthur Godfrey, back and forth across the complex of metropolitan freeways for two happy hours.

Our chapter sent its collective admiration and congratulations to round-the-worlders Joan and Jerri who finished what other women, A. Earhart and Diana Bixby, started. What's left now—except space?

### **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER**

**By Sally Matson**

Shirley Gilmore, 49½er Carl, Dorothy Geddes and 49½er Merlin, along with eight other planes from the Skylarks of Southern California took off on Feb. 14, and headed for Guatemala City, more than 3,000 miles away.

The first night in Mexico was spent in Guaymas, the second in the "His and Her" town of Puerto Vallarta, followed by two nights in Acapulco. There we saw the diving boys, lunched at El Mirador, had dinner as a group at the Ski Club and watched the water ski spectacle, and took an afternoon boat trip through the port seeing the beautiful beaches and gorgeous scenery.

The following afternoon we were in Guatemala City, comfortably ensconced in the locally new Biltmore Hotel. After a city tour, we left for a three day trip by chartered bus, with



guide, to Antigua, Lake Atitlan and Chichicastanango. The Indian market at Chichi is one of the most colorful to be found. In Antigua were were fortunate to see one of the lenten religious processions. The return trip included two nights in Oaxaca, with a guided tour of the ancient archeological zone at Monte Alban, two nights at Gualajara, Mexico's second largest city, and the last night at the delightful Casa de Los Tesoros, at Alamos.

Dorothy was complimented by the Acapulco tower after completing a difficult cross wind landing with a heavily accented "Good landing, honey," and actually serenaded by the tower on the return gas stop. These two gals are really polishing their wings for the Powder Puff Derby.

March 10th found Jane and Roy Hagg and Fred Stoehr en route to Guatemala in company of the California Flying Farmers. Nineteen planes left Mexicali and arrived at San Blas in plenty of time for a pleasant gabfest and a walk on the beach before dinner. The next morning, seven planes (four twins, a Navion, a 182, and a Haag's 172) took off for Oaxaca and Guatemala City.

When you go to G. C. find Jamie Betitia of Clark towers as your guide. He is one of the best guiders we've ever encountered. Jamie took us to Antigua, Parajachel and Chichicastanango. A Cessna 310 was rammed on takeoff by a large buzzard. The tail of the 310 had quite a jagged gash that had to be repaired before it could proceed.

Incidentally girls, Polly Stoehr's 49½'er, Fred, is a marvelous navigator! While 49½'er Fred was flying to Guatemala with Jane and Roy Haags, "Polly" and former 99 Opal Maria Sanders flew the Stoehr Bonanza to Texas and Kansas. Destination was the Iowa State Flying Farmers Convention but snow and ice and wind storm prevented it. So they had more time with our Texas sisters. "Polly's" sister Nell Allender, Dalhart, has jointed the ranks of 99's.

Commercial licenses were being given out on April 28, and Isabel Owen got one. It was such a nice day that the hood wasn't even used. An IFR flight plan was filed with March Air Force Base and an instrument departure made from Braccet. The maneuvers took place over Hesperia (VFR) and an ILS at Ontario on return. It was lots of fun and a real pretty day on top at 7,000 feet! Rain, hail and

winds at Hesperia. Isabel and Libby Kirk are now new 99's.

Norma Wilcox is getting ready to fly the Powder Puff Derby. Beulah Kee of the L.A. Chapter is to go as copilot. They went to Las Vegas to help Jean Rose prepare for a weekend fly-in and an effeciency race. Norma got to fly the Skylane after dark. The Wilcoxes are taking off via air for a two weeks vacation, "just where they happen to light." Last month Norma came home from Lakeview, Oregon. She had spent a week there and she came back to attend the Southwest Sectional at Hawthorne. She got some experience in snow and rough winds.

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

**By Jeanne McElhatton**

One of our wandering members is back! Dell Hauk has returned to the Santa Clara Valley after working in Arizona for a produce company for six months. She and Jackie Petty have located a plane and are getting set to fly the Powder Puff Derby this year.

Can't keep our membership stable—Jo Eddleman's husband, Eddie, will be transferred to Washington, D. C., in June. Jo figures that Texas accent of hers will come in handy. However, in her spare time until June she will be campaigning for Senator Margaret Chase Smith whose headquarters are in San Francisco.

Dorothy Heikkila and husband, LeRoy, spent a week exploring Baja, Calif. They saw some beautiful country taking in Santa Marie, Bay of Los Angeles, LaPaz and Cabo San Lucas. And they did lots of relaxing too.

The Barnicks stuck to the ground for their adventures recently. Spring vacation found Marion and Herm in San Simeon with the children. They had the grand tour of Hearst Castle. They also did some rock hunting on the beach. This winter they went to the snow to try skiing and Marion insists flying is easier.

The Gladneys and the McElhattons have been back and forth to Stockton to get things squared away with our sponsor for the IAR. Pat and Jeanne are going to use the BEI 900 radio in the flight this year. It is the new battery powered "solid state" (no tubes) radio which Bayside Electronics has developed. What a neat little package it is. The gals are going to use one of the carrying cases as a purse, so it will be quite a game to figure out who has the radio and who has the purse.

The McElhattons finally got away on their weekend in Squaw Valley. It is such a beautiful spot even for just looking, but to ride to the top of the lifts and get off to look back at Lake Tahoe in all its glory is a breathtaking adventure. The snow was good and the slopes uncrowded, so the children are spoiled and want to go to Squaw more often now.

Our chapter is quite honored to have member Jackie Joo chosen as a member of the Woman's Advisory Committee to the Administrator. She received a telegram asking if she would serve on the committee and it took very little time for her to make up her mind. Jackie will be leaving for Washington, D. C., next month to be sworn in. To show what a go-getter she is, Jackie almost had Mr. Halaby as a surprise guest at our last meeting! Unfortunately his commitments in San Jose because too involved for him to squeeze us in. We certainly want to give our congratulations and good wishes to Jackie and the other committee women in this new venture.

We were very pleased to have Jackie Petty, Ardell Hauk and Jo Eddleman represent our chapter at Jerry Mock's arrival at Oakland Airport. They presented her with a bouquet of red roses and lots of congratulations. They may have converted her to membership in the 99's according to her husband's comments.

It was a great honor to have Ruth Deerman come our way before the Southwest Sectional meeting. A large group of members were present at San Jose Airport to meet Ruth's flight and then we regrouped at Jo Eddleman's home for a most pleasant buffet supper. A few more of our members joined us after supper and we had some quite lively discussions about 99 activities. We enjoyed having Hialeah Reilich of Bay Cities Chapter present to greet Ruth and join the festivities also.

Two planes full from SCV Chapter (both Cessna 180's) flew to Hawthorne for the Sectional. Don't know how we all got into the planes for the return trip though. The large hats were somewhat foldable, but all those pinatas! Our hostesses, the L.A. Chapter, used very attractive multi-colored high wing airplane shaped pinatas for decorations for the activities. We were able to purchase them afterwards and six came home to northern California. A bit of a tight fit, but lots of fun and they all arrived intact.

The following weekend Pat Gladney



had a hangar party for polishing her pretty Cessna 180. Patty Sherwood, Marg Standish, Pat's daughter and friend, and the five McElhattons showed up for the work brigade. We had to close the hangar doors and wax in the dark because of a severe hail storm. But fortunately there was rum to keep us warm. Must have been an excellent wax job for Jeanne and Pat made the trip from San Jose to Phoenix non-stop the following Tuesday—ground speed 245 mph at one point. Only made two stops all the way to McAllen. Jackie Betty came to see us off on the way to the IAR, along with Dave and Jack, the dutiful husbands, mothers, friends, and their sponsors for the TAR.

#### UTAH CHAPTER

By Sally Wells

Our May meeting was held in the home of Louise Morrison. After the business meeting, Lucile Christopherson showed slides of many countries visited by her and her husband. She has been asked to show more at a later date. Attending were Jessie Carter, Margaret Loy, Eunice Naylor, Virginia Riedel, Lois Frederick, Lyle Beckstrand, Ruth Walker, Marge Mackey, Loretta Gabrielson, Nikki Harding, Maxine Nielson, Louise Morrison, Lucile Christopherson and Sally Wells. Guests attending were Pat Panos, sister of Marge, who received her private license last week. Also Conna Dahl, prospective member.

Eunice was a member of a group of air enthusiasts in four aircraft that spent a weekend in the picturesque canyonlands of southeast Utah. Stops were made at Hanksville, Ol Jato Indian Trading Post, Kanab and St. George. She will also depart for Washington, D. C., May 24 to participate in the FAA's Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation. This will be the first of two or three meetings. We, of the Utah Chapter feel Eunice was a wonderful choice for this committee.

Jessie Carter and husband, Vern, have recently moved to Lehi, Utah, where they have built a new airport. Lucile Christopherson has been very busy at the Draper Airport helping her son, Kent, get established. He and his wife will be the new operators. Lyle Beckstrand recently passed her instrument written and Sally Wells received her commercial license.

Marge and Don Mackey, Lyle and Don Beckstrand, Alberta and Walt Nicholson, and Pat and Tom Panos attended the sectional meeting in El Paso and were all thrilled with the

sights, interesting people, and with nothing but praise for the entire affair. They made us all wish we could have gone. They certainly had high praise for the El Paso Chapter for their perfect weekend.

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