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Read, discuss, and send the FAA your comments, pro or con, on proposed rule makings or administrative policy changes. Remember — it's your blue sky and freedom to fly that may be affected.

President's Column

Ninety-Nines is a democratic organization, and as such it affords each member certain privileges, among which is the "Freedom to Choose." Not only is it a privilege, but also an obligation to choose the policy which our Ninety-Nines shall follow by choosing representatives who are capable of such leadership.

It is again time to cast your ballot for those representatives who will lead you in the coming year, and only when you fulfill this obligation can you have the kind of leadership you desire. The casting of your ballot involves a three-fold responsibility. First your responsibility to have determined the qualifications and ability of those seeking office. Second your responsibility to cast your ballot for those best qualified for the office they seek. Third each candidate's responsibility to the Ninety-Nines to do the job she is elected to, to the very best of her ability.

Many of you who are new in the Ninety-Nines will be voting for the first time. You may feel that because your ballot is numbered your vote is not secret. But the BALLOT IS SECRET. No record is kept as to which numbered ballot each individual member receives. To assure you a fair election, the number of ballots printed is the same as the number of members eligible to vote. Inactive and Life Members are not eligible to vote. By numbering the ballots, the Tellers' Committee is able to detect an illegal ballot.

All ballots are opened in the presence of the entire Tellers' Committee at the convention site, prior to the International Meeting. The envelopes are checked for duplicate numbers, then opened, and the ballots removed. All envelopes and ballots are saved separately. After the ballots have all been opened, they are counted off into piles of 25 and clipped together with a tally sheet. The results of each group of 25 are recorded on a separate tally sheet to make a recheck easier, should this be necessary, because of a close result for any office, or if such a re-count is requested. (At one time an office was won by ONE vote; a re-count was taken with the same result.) Complete Grand Tally Sheets are filled out in triplicate and signed by each member of the Tellers' Committee. One each of these

sheets are placed in three envelopes and sealed.

Utmost secrecy is mandatory by each members of this committee. Only the President and Secretary may check the results. One sealed envelope may be requested by them during the Executive meeting prior to the Convention. The other TWO are to be presented when the Tellers' Committee Report is called for at the convention meeting.

Because THE BALLOT IS SECRET, we are unable to publish a Scoreboard as to the number of members in each chapter or section who voted. Only YOU will know if you have exercised your privilege and fulfilled your obligation by casting your ballot. YOUR VOTE is important. It may be the one that determines whether you have the leaders you desire for this coming year. Be certain that you do not forfeit your "Freedom to Choose."

Sincerely,

Ruth Deerman, President

Coming Events

May 15, 1965

All-Woman New England Air Race
Burlington, Vermont

May 26, 27, 28, 1965

IAR. Impound Inspection May 24.
Awards Banquet May 29.

June 12, 1965

San Diego - Fallon Fun Race

July 3 - 7, 1965

AWTAR from El Cajon, Calif.,
to Chattanooga, Tennessee.

July 8, 9, 10, 1965

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Chattanooga, Tennessee.

September 1965

Southwest Section Meeting,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

September 24, 25, 26, 1965

South Central Fall Section Meeting
Wichita, Kansas

We Made Congressional Record

Like the ripples on an ocean, how far-reaching their effects. The "COLT FOR KIM . . . and the women of Korea" project has resulted in a tribute for the 99s in the Congressional Record, Feb. 9, 1965.

It isn't often that the NINETY-NINES make the Congressional Record, hence I thought this insertion would make every 99 very proud.

KAY BRICK
Chairman, AWTAR
Past Intl. President

Washington, D.C.
Congressional Record
February 9, 1965

"Tribute to ROBERT A. LEWIS"

"MR. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to insert into the RECORD the text of an interview with ROBERT A. LEWIS, a former resident of Conn., now a U.S. Foreign Service officer. MR. LEWIS recently returned from Korea where he became famous as the "Flying Consul.

"The consular district in which MR. LEWIS served included all the land south of the political demarkation line dividing the Korean peninsula. In this area there are approximately 10,000 American civilians and 50,000 American servicemen. In order to take care of the problems of these many American citizens and to protect U.S. life and property, MR. LEWIS learned to fly. Remarkably enough, he learned to fly in a private plane which had been purchased with green stamps contributed women pilots in the U.S. as a gesture of admiration for CAPT. KIM, the only licensed civilian woman aviatrix in Korea.

"The story of MR. LEWIS' adventures as flying consul makes exciting reading. By his imagination, by his dedication to duty, and by his courage, he has upheld the best traditions of the American Foreign Service . . .

"There is only one U.S. consulate in the Republic of Korea," says MR. LEWIS. "The consular district whose HQ are at Seoul . . ."

"Finding an airplane and an instructor was not easy for MR. LEWIS, despite the presence of many military aircraft, both American and Korean. Private flying has not developed for the simple reason that it is an expensive hobby and few Koreans can afford it.

"LEWIS' problem was solved one



Chattanooga Retail Merchants' Association, Inc., Promotions Committee, meet with Tennessee Ninety-Nines. Left to right, seated: R. A. STRAUSS, President Retail Merchants; MRS. LEROY JONES, R. C. WORLEY. Standing: MRS. TARBELL PATTON, Tennessee Chapter Chairman and Terminus Chairman; MILTON C. ITINGER, SARA DUKE, MRS. ARVIA ASHLEY and MRS. JOHN I. FLEWELLEN.

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Welcome 99s:

The Chattanooga Retail Merchants Association is pleased to join all citizens of our area in welcoming the 99s to our scenic city. We are proud indeed that you have chosen Chattanooga as the terminus for the 1965 Powder Puff Derby. For those who have never been to Chattanooga, we guarantee that you will be fascinated by all the natural beauty surrounding our city.

We know you will enjoy seeing the latest and newest in fashions from the

major markets all around the world displayed in our stores, and we feel that shopping in Downtown Chattanooga compares favorably with any of the larger cities in our great country.

We look forward with great anticipation to your visit and hope and pray that each of you will have a safe and pleasant journey with excellent flying weather.

Sincerely,
R. A. Strauss
President

day when a CAPT. KIM, a young woman and the only licensed civilian woman aviatrix in Korea, came to the American Embassy to obtain a visa to the U.S. Somehow her story had captured the imaginations of a group of lady pilots in this country known as the "NINETY-NINERS." These generous ladies organized a campaign to save green stamps in order to purchase a Piper Colt for presentation to CAPT. KIM. The latter came to N.Y. last year to take possession of the plane, brought it back to Korea, and set about organizing a club to train other Korean lady pilots.

"It was with this aircraft of CAPT.

KIM's that MR. LEWIS learned to fly. His instructor was a retired officer of the Korean Air Force . . . (his experience flying about Korea) . . . The fact that he could fly opened new horizons for Consul LEWIS, who believes that he has demonstrated with an airplane that Foreign Service officers with a willingness to sacrifice in this way from their own financial resources can obtain important returns for their work and their country.

"MR. LEWIS, who prior to his Korean assignment had held Foreign Service posts in Cairo, Paris, Athens, and LeHavre, is currently assigned to the Dept. of State in Washington."

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ATTENTION!!

ALL NEWSLETTER REPORTERS
THERE WILL BE NO JULY NEWSLETTER—NO JUNE 20 DEADLINE!!! This is normal operating policy. However, the JULY 20 DEADLINE will be most important to cover the AWTAR, Convention and all activities for June and July.

P.S.—THERE'S STILL THE MAY 20 DEADLINE!

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NEW APPROVED ITEMS FOR SALE
MINNESOTA CHAPTER — Bronze Key Chains, approximately 1¼ inch diameter, with 99 insignia on one side and with "International Organization of Women Pilots" around the perimeter on other side. \$2.50 each.

IOWA CHAPTER — Postcards with 99 compass rose in upper left corner. \$1.00 for 50 cards.

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A REMINDER TO NEW, OLD OR TEMPORARY NEWSLETTER REPORTERS & CONTRIBUTORS

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3. PAGE NUMBERS — In upper right corner of EACH page "Page _____ of (total pages)." .
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Special Notice

Correction of by-laws as printed in current 1964-1965 roster page 120. Section 2. A. (1) Should be corrected to read as follows:

Section 2.

- B. No member shall permit the membership roster to be used for commercial purposes without approval of the Executive Committee.

Keeping Up

All Ninety-Nines are reminded to inform themselves regarding the proposed aircraft use tax and fuel tax and register **individual** opinions and comments with their Congressmen.

Such legislation as this proposed tax and fuel tax has implications for every pilot in every category.

It is YOUR Government, it is YOUR responsibility to keep informed and to take considered action if indicated. — The Executive Committee.

Effective April 4, 1965, the FAA restored the 25-hour requirement for a helicopter rating: A pilot holding an airplane rating who applies for a rotorcraft rating must pass an appropriate flight test and in the case of helicopters, have had a total of at least 25 hours of flight instruction from an appropriately rated flight instructor and solo flight time in helicopters, at least 5 of which were solo. This 25-hour requirement has the near unanimous approval of everyone in the helicopter business.

but attach names and information to the back — near the bottom — of the picture with Scotch tape for removal in printing. If you wish photo returned, include name and address for mailing with your "caption" information. Photo credits must also be specified.

6. PLEASE DO NOT use "Ninety-Niners" or "99ers" and all Editors must have bushels of apostrophes — removed from 99s and 49½ers!

Being Editor may be a frantic, once-a-month composite of 82 Chapter Reporters, 23 Committee Chairmen, Charter Members, Members-At-Large, Executive Committee, International Officers and various special columns — but it is most interesting and educational. HOWEVER — complying with the above procedures could really expedite publishing the Newsletter.

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Members-At-Large

March 4, 1965
Portuguese Embassy
1 Calle Del Pinar
Madrid, Spain

ISABEL MATHIAS

Dear Ruth,

Thank you very much for your letter of June last year, and your note of the 2nd of March, and forgive me for not having answered you sooner as I should have done. I was away from Madrid, on a long leave with my husband last summer and your first letter reached me very late. Anyway here I am to try to tell you all about me as a Ninety-Nine at large.

(Will you please, by the way, forgive all my English mistakes).

I was born in Lisbon, Portugal, 30 years ago, and I have been a Ninety-Nine for the last 10 years. As a matter of fact, I already have had a column in the 99 News, about my activities on flying and parachuting, some 5 or 6 years ago.

I started flying when I was 18 at the "Portuguese Aero Club" (Lisbon) and got two degrees on parachuting (automatic and free falling) at Biscarrosse, France, in 1956 and 1957. I also have a "E" license on gliding.

As a pilot I had the opportunity of flying several kinds of planes, available at our Club in Lisbon, Tiger-Moth, Pipers, Tri-Pacer, Cessna Navion. I also had the opportunity of participating in several flying competitions held in my country: Aerial tour of Portugal, in 1956 and 1959; national aerobatic championship for private pilots in 1956, 1957, 1959 (in 1959 I was lucky enough to manage a second, being the only woman participating in that competition); and other sorts of inter-clubs flying meetings or rallies in Portugal.

As a parachutist (French license for free falling No. 752) I had the privilege of being invited by the Aero Club in Angola and Tocambrque (Portuguese Africa) in 1959, where I jumped in special flying shows.

I was married in 1961, in Lisbon to a Portuguese diplomat, and I must admit that my flying activities, due to my husband's official life, and two children I had in the meantime, lost a lot of intensity and became more and more sort of a hobby only possible on week-ends or on vacations. In 1961 my husband was appointed to South Africa where we spent almost three years before being transferred to Madrid,

Spain, where we now have been living for the past 18 months.

In South Africa and in Spain I have been always managing to fly — got a South African license and a Spanish license but it is as I told you during our holidays in Portugal, that I have more opportunities to fly.

I am not, therefore, in a position to inform you with more details about flying in Spain, because I am not Spanish.

However, I have a Spanish girl friend who at the moment is the only woman pilot at the Royal Aero Club (Spain, Madrid). I got in touch with her and told her all about the 99s and gave her your letter which she promised to answer. Would you like to write her? And send her an application for her to become a "99"? MISS CARMEN CAVESTANY, Lagasca, 88 - Madrid.

In Portugal, I know well ANNE-LIESE PINTO, who has become recently a 99. As you could already see she is a great enthusiast of flying and a very capable pilot.

I will be very happy myself to be able to send you all other kinds of news, as I follow always with the same enthusiasm the activities of the 99s and of everything else regarding planes, flying, etc.

With my very best regards,
Yours sincerely,
Isabel Mathias.

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April 6, 1965
4 - 79 Sangda - Dong
Yondungpa - Ku
Seoul, Korea

KYUNG O. KIM (MRS. BYUNG MO LEE)

Dear Ruth:

We have such beautiful season in Korea but we can not flying, because we have such strong wind every day, but I am sure that we can fly after this spring is past.

Now I must tell you about myself. I married on the 15th of March. There were a lot of people and they all congratulated on us. Now we are living in a new house and happy. My husband is working for Aviation Section of the Government of Republic of Korea, and he is the Chief of the section. My husband and I hope to come see all 99s some day.

Please give my love to all dear 99s.
Love,
Kim.

P.S. Here I am sending a picture which was taken at our wedding day.



Mr. and Mrs. Byung Mo Lee. Mrs. Lee is the former Kyung O. Kim.

Karlsruhe - Durlach
Lamprechsts 11,
Germany

UTA RENATE KIENLE

Dear Ruth,

I thank you for your letter. I have found several negatives of the plane, which I have built. I hope you use them. (Ed. Note: See April News) For the past ten years I have built more gliders and a motor plane even. If you have a sail-plane, you want also a transport-car.

We have built two transport-cars in the last month. The next year for me is the year-controll at our sail-plane on a correction on the profile. I have many joys in this work and spend all my free time in the work-room on the aero-plane.

Yesterday I received a letter from MRS. LORRAINE McCARTY with the invitation to the Powder Puff Derby in 1966, and she has written me, that I can live at her place, if I travel to the U.S.A. In Germany I will attempt, to find a sponsor, so I can travel to the U.S.A.

Please excuse my English language, but I have little time to learn this.

Best Always,
UTA RENATE KIENLE

SEE YOU IN CHATTANOOGA
IN JULY

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April 1, 1965
Fenwick, Ontario,
Canada

DOROTHY RUNGELING

Dear Ruth,

It must be months ago since I received your little memo asking about my flying activities and I should be spanked for not having answered sooner, but I have just not been doing any flying. It sure sounds queer for me to say that but the last few years have found me in and out of the hospital three times, so I just get nicely going again and something else happens. I hope that it will be clear sailing from here on through.

Last year I think I was airborne three or four times. Went to Montreal to bring back a plane for a weathered-in friend and it turned out to be solid instrument flight all the way home, some 350 miles. Went up a couple of times just to fly around and then entered the SMALL Race, and that is the extent of my flying. I haven't even been up in 1965. Here in Canada we have to take a check ride for instrument ticket every six months for commercial, and every year if you are flying privately. If you go more than two years you have to re-write your written exams. My two years is up next month and I just don't know if I'll let my ATR go or not. I hate to, but it means a lot of practice to get good enough for the ride. They really give you a going over here. I have gone as far as to send for rules and regs for the New England Race and the IAR and hope that I may get into one of them, but a person gets so out of practice!

We had the pleasure of hearing JERRIE MOCK speak at a COPA dinner in Toronto recently. She was very interesting and we enjoyed it immensely, as did everyone else.

Well perhaps I'll have a little more to report later on in the year. I certainly enjoy the News Letter and reading what everyone else is doing, but the names are changing so fast, it seems as though I don't know many of the 99s any more.

Best wishes to you,

Sincerely,
Dorothy Rungeling.

Our Pending British Section

By JANET FERGUSON

No meetings to report since the ATA dinner—our April one is to be a business meeting at the end of the month. So we just have news of members . . . SHEILA SCOTT, our Governor, has started her flying "season" with a vengeance—she made a flying visit, by Comanche, to a good proportion of European countries, all within a week. From now in, it will be difficult to keep track of her!

GILLIAN CAZALET has just started work with Hunting Surveys, the biggest air survey company in England. She will be flying single-engine Austers on oblique photography, Rapides on survey work — (the Rapide is an eight-seater, twin-engine biplane with conventional gear—if you can picture it!)—and as co-pilot on DC3s, again for survey work. This will give her quite a variety of flying, and on Huntings' side they're lucky to find someone experienced and licensed on all three types of aircraft. Meanwhile GILLIAN is continuing to work for her Airline Transport Pilots License on the side.

ELIZABETH OVERBURY is still working for her ALTP as well, and doing freelance flying in her spare time.

BERYL SANDERS has passed her Instrument Rating test—many congratulations to her—and is apparently now on her way to Singapore in a DC3! The full story will have to wait until the next issue as I have heard no more than that myself and am longing to know the details.

BETTY CONES and her 49½er ERNIE have been personally involved with the recent Government decision to scrap the TSR2 (the new supersonic tactical strike aircraft for the R.A.F.). ERNIE has been working for the British Aircraft Corporation on the TSR2 for the past year and this decision means that he's looking for another job. Meanwhile the house that they're building near Boscombe Down (so that ERNIE could be near his work when the TSR2 moved down there) is making rapid progress—not much use, without the TSR2 to go with it!

Ending on a personal note, I recently left the London School of Flying to

try my hand at freelancing. At the moment things are quiet but I have hopes that the work will build up and that I'll be able to widen my experience beyond the limits of instructing—which is the whole idea.

Our Charter Members

Two more Charter Members have been located:

MARJORIE MAY LESSER VAN AN-TWERP (TOWNSEND S.)—84 Buckingham Road, Upper Montclair, New Jersey.

RETHA McCULLOH CRITTENDEN (E. C., JR.)—514 W. Thompson, Temple, Texas 76501.

This leaves 30 still unaccounted for.

RETHA McCULLOH CRITTENDEN

March 27, 1965

Dear Mrs. Deerman,

Today I received a letter from MRS. CORNELIUS E. HAGAN of Spokane, Washington, relative to "lost" charter members of 99s.

Since I am listed as one of those missing, I was told to get in touch with you as soon as possible.

I am now MRS. E. C. CRITTENDEN, JR.

514 W. Thompson
Temple, Texas 76501

She mentioned a nice surprise for us and I am very anxious to hear about it.

Sorry I cannot help with the whereabouts of others on the list she enclosed.

Sincerely,
Retha McCulloh Crittenden
(Mrs. E. C., Jr.)

Dear Mrs. Wells: (Faye Gillis)

As a charter member of the 99s (license 5260) I am greatly interested in the April 25 meeting to pay tribute to AMELIA EARHART and MRS. SMITH. As RETHA McCULLOH I received my license in 1928 (29?) in Beaumont, Texas. I am no longer active in flying circles but have never lost interest in the activities of the 99s. I have a wonderful scrapbook of mementos which include letters from MISS EARHART, OPAL KUNZ, BLANCH NOYES and many others.

If possible I would like to have pro-

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grams of the meeting, or of course, an official first day cover. I hope it is not unethical to ask.

May the day be a success in every way.

Sincerely,
Retha McCulloh Crittenden.

Dear Ruth.

This has been a happy and exciting week. First your wonderful news of Life Membership in Ninety-Nines, then a friendly letter from BEVERLY GREGG of Austin. Finally, I received the March 1965 issue of Ninety-Nines News and my membership card. Thank you for everything.

It is possible that my record can be found under the "J's". In 1930 I married a young pilot WILLIAM G. (BILL) JOHNSON who was drowned in an accident a year later. This was in Beaumont, Texas where I learned to fly. So for years I was RETHA McCULLOH JOHNSON and corresponded with several of the charter members from time to time.

The 49½er card interests me. My husband "CRIT" CRITTENDEN never flies except as a passenger on business trips, but I think he will be pleased if I can get a card for him.

I have many collectors items such as 1928-29 copies of 99 News letters. There was the thrilling time when my picture was among those appearing in the September 1929 Liberty Magazine. The publication has long since fallen by the wayside but it seems I'm still around!

Always,
Retha Crittenden.

March 22, 1965
Box 588
Sedona, Arizona 86336

PHYLLIS FLEET CRARY

Dear Ruth,

Found the copy of your letter of Feb. 27 awaiting me when we returned from Mexico much earlier than we expected because of medical problems.

Thank you very much for the Life Membership card to the Ninety-Nines. I shall treasure it in the future and enjoy the memories of my flying days it brings back. Also had a letter from H. GLEN BUFFINGTON which I shall try to answer today as we are leaving

for Hawaii tomorrow to recuperate from our Mexican experience!

In our little village of Sedona (unincorporated) there are two old time Ninety-Nines who joined in the early 30's—GEORGIALEE VOIGHT McGAFFE (31) and her sister-in-law VIRGINIA RUSSELL COFFEE (33?), as well as an active member, BETTE M. SHARMAN, with the Phoenix Chapter. MRS. SHARMAN is going to take me to the Phoenix meeting when we return from Hawaii in two months.

Under separate cover, I'm sending you a copy of a booklet written by my husband about our travels "Around the Pacific".

Think you'll be interested in the marked paragraphs on page 59 and the picture on page 70. Unfortunately we never edited the copy as we did not know the articles (which my husband had hurriedly typed up to keep as a memento of our trip) would appear in print.

I'm sorry that I don't know the current addresses of any other Charter Members. If you need to get in touch with me, please mail to our Sedona address and it will be forwarded to us. Glad you sent a copy of your letter as I never received the original sent to Acapulco.

Perhaps our paths will cross some day, in the meantime, thanks again.

Happy landings.

Phyllis Fleet Crary.

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March 23, 1965
807 Winans Way
Baltimore, Maryland 21229

THELMA ELLIOTT GIESIN

Dear Ruth,

Please forgive me for having taken so long to reply to your letter. I'm sure you can understand how easily one can lay aside a letter with every intention of answering it in a week or two, then suddenly discover that the weeks have stretched into months.

Not long ago, while assorting some trinkets which I value, I came upon my "99" pin; the one that has a tiny diamond in the propellor hub signifying a charter member. Thus, I was twice reminded of many years of flying—years that were inspiring, educational, and sometimes even adventure-some. Of course, my aeronautical escapades from 1928 to 1954 would seem rather tame to our present day flyers.

It has been over ten years since I've done any active flying, and my

license has expired too.

I did not realize the Ninety-Nine Organization was extant. I doubt that I shall have the opportunity to take part in any of your activities; nevertheless, I am delighted to know that I am now a Life Member.

I wish I could help you locate some of the Charter Members. However, it has been so long I'm afraid the names have faded from my memory.

At the moment I can't think of anything worthwhile to contribute to the Ninety-Nine News. You may be sure, though, if any bright ideas do develop I shall be happy to pass them on to you.

Thank you for writing me.

Sincerely yours,
Thelma Elliott Giesin

March 21, 1965
17 East Lake Street
Skaneateles, N. Y. 13152

JEAN DAVIS HOYT

Dear Ruth,

My apologies to you for not answering your kind letter at once. Normally my life is very quiet, but the past two weeks have been bedlam for all sorts of reasons including unexpected guests. I literally have not had time to thank the Ninety-Nines for presenting me with a Life Membership. I do hereby.

All information I had kept about the organization and its original members I have sent to MR. BUFFINGTON. All information about me is most uninteresting. I haven't flown since the depression caught up with me. I am now retired from a busy life—living alone and traveling as much as I can afford. Most of my trips are by ship, because

I enjoy life on the water and have lots of time to spare. I fly when I am in a hurry, and isn't that a fine statement from an old pilot?

Your letter was much appreciated, I agree with you "were it not for charter members Ninety-Nines would not be". I am glad that I was one of the original twenty six who met at Valley Stream.

I thank the Ninety-Nines for taking me back into the fold.

Most sincerely,
Jean Davis Hoyt

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THELMA BURLEIGH JOHNSTON

Dear Ruth,

It is a distinct pleasure and honor to receive the Life Membership to the Ninety-Nines. I have fond memories of that experience in my life. I abandoned flying in favor of marriage and children.

My son GARTH was in the airforce but was not permitted to fly because of a missing tip on one index finger. He has since done some private flying.

If you know my feelings the first time I soloed, you can understand why I am doing what I am now. When I got up there in the silent blue, I felt alone with the creator. There was no one in all the world but He and I. I never was what was termed a religious person. I never attended church, but in later years, the passing of a beloved child, turned my thoughts to other than mundane things and I started searching for truth. The search has led through study of various religions, "cults" and philosophies, culminating in the contact of DR BLANCHE PRITCHETT and study of her ORBIT material. This is what is known as New Age Teaching and corresponds to the "new age" teaching of Jesus in his period of time. Every new age has brought its leader (teacher, savior, aviator) and this age (the age of Aquarises) is no different. In Jesus Time it was the age of Pisces (the fish) the 24th chapter of Matthew carries prophecies for this time as does also Revelations. As of now I help with production of this new age literature, including two books.

My hobbies up to the time of moving here last November, are greenhouse gardening and ceramics. I had a small studio and my own ceramic molds, slips and glazes.

We are located in a beautiful setting of snow capped mountains and have just been treated to two weeks of gorgeous sun, after two months of clouds and rain. The house we had to move into is far too small and we have been looking at larger places and came across one back across the border, so may be moving if we can sell our farm back in Mora, Minn.

I have no contact with any charter members but if I should hear of any will certainly let either you or GLEN BUFFINGTON know.

Please convey my thanks to those

responsible for the Life Membership card.

Most sincerely,
Thelma Burleigh Johnston.

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43 Essen-Ruttenacheid
Valentinenstr. 1, Germany

THEA RASCHE

Dear Ruth,

I can imagine you are very busy organizing all the meetings of your 2200 aviatrixes. When I can make it possible I love to come see you and learn all you know. The most are also new for me. The oldtimers became old, but are always read to help with advice and this is sometimes also very important.

How many American girls are now coming to Europe at the end of August? I can write this to MR. LUZ, that a good meal is ready for them as his guest and to show you his famous airport.

About the questions concerning European flying, which is different from American sportflying and aviation. The whole situation of your sportflying just for girlflyers, it is easier for you to get jobs in aviation and to fly for firms of aviation. Here it is very much the "money question" and more a very expensive "hobby" for the most of you fly with aviation clubs. To meet us as you do it yearly and more often is new here for women flyers. This does only the Aero Club of Germany. We never had a woman aviation club only for us. Through this last war and the whole political situation after the war made many things different. You are only one great country and had never a war in your own country lately.

Just since my last trip my heart got pretty bad and so quick I am afraid I cannot fly again.

And now all my best wishes for you and many happy landings further.

Very fondly, Thea.

March 29, 1965
838 S. San Gabriel Blvd.
Pasadena 10, Calif.

MARGARET WILLIS SMITH

Dear Ruth,

Thank you so much for your get well card and personal note. I can only say I am quite envious of the girls who have an opportunity to go in to the more advanced forms of aviation. If I can be of any help to the 99s, I should be delighted.

Thanks again for your thought.

Sincerely
Margaret Willis Smith.

Committee Reports

AIR MARKING REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION — Air marking Chairman EDIE MAXIM reports this month:

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

Beverly Lang, Chairman

Most of Ohio's air markers have been installed through the program administered by the Division of Aviation. However, several industries and organizations throughout Ohio have marked their communities at their own expense.

700 air markers were installed between 1950 and 1959. In 1958 a marker was installed at each of the 17 interchanges of the Ohio Turnpike. The last year any painting was done was in 1962 when 100 were painted. None have been done since. This year the Division of Aviation will send out questionnaires to several hundred aircraft owners asking whether they feel air marking is necessary. This program will be dropped if this survey is unfavorable.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

Joan Schoger, Chairman

The Chicago Area Chapter will be working very hard on air marking this year.

So far, the program has been on a local basis with the 99 group. This year, however, they have received word that there is a fund being set up in Springfield of \$5,000 to be used for air marking. JOAN plans to fly there to get information first hand. This chapter hopes to have a meeting with the rest of the Illinois Air Marking Chairmen in the next few weeks. Sounds like Illinois is going to be well represented on the air map!

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

Ruth Taksel, Chairman

The most active air marking program in Missouri is carried out by the Missouri Pilots Association, working in conjunction with the Kiwanis Clubs throughout the state. During the past two years, air markers have increased from 3 to 60. In 1964 Missouri was

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first in new air markers. This chapter has begun to work and will soon paint their first air marker. The State Aviation Director is most cooperative, but has limited funds. The M.P.A. coordinates the program, lines up towns and roofs, etc., gets funds from Kiwanis and has a commercial contractor do the work.

INDIANA CHAPTER

Esther Berner, Chairman

The Air Marking program in Indiana is accomplished by a combination of 99s, the Air Traffic Control Association and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the State Aeronautics Commission. 53 markers were installed in 1964 and building releases have been obtained for 15 more to be installed as soon as the weather permits.

The 99s raised most of these funds for air markers last year by sponsoring nine air-lifts throughout the state.

IOWA CHAPTER

Peg Ong, Secretary

PEG reports a good program. The 99s offer assistance every year to the State Aeronautics Commission.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Air marking accomplished by the Michigan Department of Aeronautics. No markers were put in in 1964.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Joyce Johnston, Chairman

Minnesota Aeronautics Commission completed 300 air markers in 1959 and '60. Since then nothing. This chapter has begun to work up interest in this field and has gotten an okay from the Department of Aeronautics.

Armed with a list of markers completed and Michigan sectionals these gals are going to sit down and plot their course of action. How soon they can accomplish something is hard to say as they work with such a small nucleus. At the moment lack of funds has them stymied. At the moment they are working hard on the Fall Sectional to be held there.

WISCONSIN

Ramona Huebner, Secretary

RAMONA reports Wisconsin Aeronautics Commission has done this work for a good many years and will continue. They do an excellent job and know they can call on the 99s for assistance.

Air Marking Committee
Muriel Dykema, Chm.,



Lee D. Hagemeister, Estes Park, Colo.



William B. Roberts, manager, Marketing Dept., Aviation Division, Standard Oil Company of California, Western Operations, San Francisco, Calif.



Dr. Mervin Strickler, Jr., Chief Aviation Education Division, General Aviation Affairs, Federal Aviation Agency, Washington, D. C.

Honorary Judges For 1965 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Awards

The Honorary Judges for the 1965 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Awards are three very distinguished gentlemen. Pages of the Ninety-Nine News could be filled with their biographies, but the following is a brief resume of each of the Honorary Judges, pictured above:

MR. LEE D. HAGEMEISTER is in the grain business and has been a pilot since 1946. He uses his Beechcraft Bonanza to supervise wheat land in Western Nebraska, and a ranch in Wyoming. He taught his three daughters to fly, and two sons-in-law. He became active, and was an officer, in the Nebraska Flying Farmers; then through the offices of the International Flying Farmers, being a Past-President of same.

MR. WILLIAM B. ROBERTS is a Licensed and Registered Professional Engineer. He worked for Bell Aircraft on the P-59, the first American rocket, the XS-1, and on the production and flight testing of the B-29 Bomber. He served in the Air Force at Edwards Air Force Base in flight research and development work, and upon release from the Air Force, was employed by Standard Oil Company of California. In his duties with this Company, he uses a Beechcraft Baron. He is a

member of FAI, NAA, AOPA, Institute of Aerospace Sciences, the Caterpillar Club, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee, an officer of (S.F.) Bay Area Aviation Com., Kiwanis Club (Past Charter President), Chairman of Local Georgia-Tech National Alumni Association, and a member of Alpha Tau Omega International Alumni Association.

DR. MERVIN K. STRICKLER, JR., is a former Chief Instructor for the Clearfield Aviation Institute, and served as a bombardier-navigator Instructor during WWII. He originated and headed the U. S. Army Air Corps College of Aeronautics at Las Vegas Army Air Field in 1945. He was granted Doctorate in Education by Stanford University in 1951. Formerly Director of Aviation Education for Civil Air Patrol, he was cited when the Frank G. Brewer Award was presented to CAP; he was awarded the Air Force's highest civilian award, the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service, as well as a Meritorious Award by the William A. Jump Foundation for Exemplary Achievement in Public Administration.

He is an Associate Editor Education Magazine, Vice - President of the National Aerospace Education Council, member of CAP Aerospace Education Advisory Committee, FAA representative to the Consumers' Advisory Council, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Keystone Junior College in Pennsylvania.

The Ninety-Nines and the A.E.M.S. Trustees are indeed fortunate to have had these gentlemen consent to judge this year's five finalists from the original fifty-one applicants. The Chapter members who elected a representative to apply for the scholarships, and the Section A.E.M.S. Chairmen who evaluated these applicants, sending 20 to the Trustees, are commended for a job well done. For the Trustees, it was not easy to eliminate 15 from the 20, as all applicants were of a very high caliber. The Honorary judges will find it difficult to select the three winners from the five finalists, and the Trustees wish there were five scholarships to offer.

In the future, with larger Chapter Contributions and more Memorial gifts from generous donors, it will be possible to grant more scholarships to deserving Ninety-Nines.

**SEE YOU IN CHATTANOOGA
IN JULY**

POWDER PUFF DERBY

WAYS AND MEANS

DO YOU KNOW

that this race was started in 1947 by a few Ninety-Nines on the West Coast. It functioned "from a kitchen table" until 1950 when it was felt that the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race should be operated by an incorporated board to protect 99s from possible liability. All members of the board have always been 99s.

DO YOU KNOW

that Section "g" under PURPOSE in the Articles of Incorporation, non-profit, of AWTAR Inc., dated Aug. 19, 1950 says:

g. to conduct an annual All-Woman transcontinental air race designed to provide safe competition in cross country flying for women: to provide a controlled event that will attract favorable comment, thus advancing the cause of women in the field of aviation; to create activity in private flying, thus contributing to the progress of personal aviation; to demonstrate that flying is fun as well as a means of time-saving transportation; and to attract the general public to both private and commercial aviation by establishing favorable aviation propaganda, **THUS MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TO THE AIR AGE IN WHICH WE LIVE.**

DO YOU KNOW

that more and more Ninety-Nines individually are starting to see themselves as the people responsible for the perpetuation of the finest, most beloved and well-known races in the country . . .

DO YOU KNOW

that each year the AWTAR Board holds their breath while still moving forward at a fast pace . . . until INDUSTRY donates . . . this is why the "Little Ninety-Nines" donations must be known a year in advance.

DO YOU KNOW

that this committee has been reading in this Newsletter of the many projects that the Sections and Chapters have been undertaking in order to raise money for the AWTAR . . . we are proud of the ingenuity and resourcefulness and hard work and INTEREST that is evident . . . some of the Chapters have already sent in the equivalent of \$5.00 per member.

DO YOU KNOW

that the amount donated to date by the Ninety-Nines towards the 1966 Powder Puff was brought to exactly 3,000 dollars by an anonymous donation of \$1.50 at the Michigan Chapter meeting so that we could report to you in round figures . . . but, isn't three thousand dollars a LONG WAY FROM OUR GOAL. **ALMOST AS LONG AS THE DISTANCE FLOWN IN THE AWTAR.**

DO YOU KNOW

that as I was writing that last line, my son brought me a letter from San Gabriel Valley Chapter with the promise of a check for \$1,000 . . . this is by far the largest amount donated by any Chapter, and they raised the money by a two-cent a pound air-lift with the AWTAR specifically in mind . . . this makes an even \$4,000 as of April 14, 1965.

DO YOU KNOW

that the San Gabriel Valley Chapter did this with only 28 members . . . **GOOD FOR THEM!**

DO YOU KNOW

THAT IT IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE NINETY NINES SUPPORT THOSE IN INDUSTRY WHO ALSO SUPPORT THE RACE: they are also life blood for the Powder Puff . . . and we must keep them happy.

DO YOU KNOW

that ALL SPONSORS are important, but especially: as of April 15:

Champion Spark Plug Company	AC Spark Plug Division GM
Shell Oil Company	Continental Motors
Humble Oil & Refining Co.	McCauley Prop
Air Facts Magazine	North American Aviation
Flying Magazine	The Leslie F. Muter Co.
Hawthorne Aviation (Bevo Howard)	Rudolph Chalow
Aviation Insurance Managers	Glenn Buffington
Norman Smith Trucking	

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FLYING TIGERS

DO YOU KNOW

that one team was told after a race by their sponsors PR firm, that thru media of TV, radio and interviews, that they had contacted over 20,000,000 people . . . and much of this in the NYC area, the hardest area to get publicity . . . this shows the power of the Powder Puff for your sponsors . . . **NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A WOMAN . . .**

DO YOU KNOW

that Atlantic City told the AWTAR Board that the Powder Puff Derby gets more publicity than any other event other than the MISS AMERICA Contest . . .

DO YOU KNOW

that AWTAR Headquarters needs your Chapter orders for the official 1965 Race Program . . . tell your chairman NOW your wishes . . .

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DO YOU KNOW

that due to the fact that one-third of the entries come in the last day . . . there is a terrific strain on the editor of the program. There is the processing, editing, proofing, adjusting lay-out depending on the number of entries . . . and get all this done so that the finished programs will be able to fly West and be dropped off along the way . . .

DO YOU KNOW

that Marion Lopez is complying with suggestions that there be an airplane on the official program . . . she says, ROGER, WILL DO this year . . .

DO YOU KNOW

THAT AN ADDITIONAL WAY TO HELP THE POWDER PUFF IS TO GET YOUR ENTRIES IN FOUR OR FIVE DAYS AHEAD OF THE LAST DAY. There is so much data processing to be done, programming for the setting up of results, forms to be filled out, lists to be made and sent to all people vitally concerned, such as the race personnel ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY . . .

DO YOU KNOW

THAT this committee THANKS YOU FOR THE NOTES YOU'RE ENCLOSING with your checks . . . we know you want the AWTAR to continue but we're so glad when you take the additional time to write . . . WE THINK YOU'RE GREAT!

DO YOU KNOW

THAT a letter from one of the "Little Ninety-Nines" says "I have been delinquent with the voluntary \$5.00 per member annual donation. Here are five back payments. I MAY NEVER ENTER THE AWTAR, BUT, I WANT IT THERE IN CASE I GET THE URGE."

LET ALL THE NINETY-NINES GET UP NOW, AND GET THE URGE! AN IRRESISTIBLE URGE! AN URGE THAT CAN ONLY BE SATISFIED WHEN YOU SEND ME A CHECK, made out to AWTAR, Inc., and mail to me:

LORRAINE C. McCARTY, Chr.
Ways & Means, AWTAR
1112 Pinehurst, Royal Oak, Michigan 48073

Powder Puff Derby

By Marion Andrews Lopez

Lots of Big, Big News this month. 26 Powder Puff Derby entries, from the 186 kits requested thus far, were returned with the opening day postmark of April 15th.

We are happy to report that LORD AND LADY CASEY of Melbourne, Australia took time out during their short stay here to honor us by drawing these first entries for start position. The CASEYS were en route to England where LORD CASEY will attend the House of Lords. MAIE is the patron and a member of the Australian Woman Pilots Association and of course a member of the Ninety-Nines. They both learned to fly in the United States in 1938 before LORD CASEY served as the first Ambassador from Australia to the United States. They returned to Australia with a Fairchild 24 and report that it is still flying in North Queensland. They now fly a Cessna 180 from their own flight strip in the land down under.

The proud pilots of the first six planes will line up as follows for take-off on the big day, July 3rd:

No. 1—MARY ANN NOAH and MARY AKINS.

No. 2—MARGARET RINGENBERG and daughter, MARSHA.

No. 3—MARION BETZLER.

No. 4—ALICE HAMMOND and JEAN PEARSON.

No. 5—BERNICE STEADMAN and MARY CLARK.

No. 6—PAT GLADNEY and JEANNE McELHATTON.

Fourteen states were represented among the initial entries.

In addition to donations already reported to you in this column, we have received since the last report, contributions from the following: Champion Spark Plug, Air Facts, H. Glenn Bufington, Hawthorne Aviation, Rudolph Chalow, N. S. Smith Trucking (for a leg prize or a special award) and the

Los Angeles chapter leg prize or special award in memory of ELSIE SMITH.

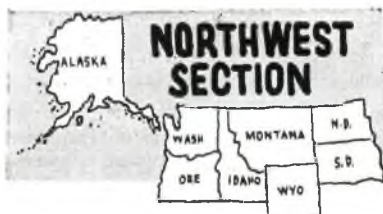
More Big News! The 1966 Powder Puff Derby starting in Seattle, Washington will terminate in Clearwater, Florida.

Don't forget, entries for the 1965 Powder Puff Derby must be postmarked not later than June 1st, 1965.

Chapters wishing to order official Air Race Programs at 75c each should send their orders together with check by June 1st to: AWTAR Headquarters, Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, New Jersey.

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EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Helen R. Crum

We had another break on the weather April 3rd resulting in a most satisfactory meeting at the Yakima airport before luncheon at the new restaurant. Chairman BARBARA THISTED and MILLIE SHINN flew together from Spokane. GINNY HARPER, NITA HOYLE and BOBBIE PRICE came in a Cherokee. KAM HITCHCOCK and BEVERLY McCALL flew in from White Swan, and MINNIE BOYD brought TERRIE BECKER from Pullman. HELEN DEWEY drove from Omak. CHERIE YATES, ETHEL WIKSTROM and HELEN CRUM made up the group.

LYGIE HAGAN was in Phoenix at an executive board meeting, having flown as far as Salt Lake City with her husband in their new 250 Comanche.

DOROTHY NETTLESHIP from Yakima was accepted as a new member. She flies a Cessna 210 and has her private pilot's license.

GINNY, with a gleam in her eye, announced that she definitely will be in her second race this summer. She "just happened" to have a newspaper picture of her son who recently has joined the National Guard along with his father who has been a flying member for some time. GINNY and MILLIE, with their two teen-age sons as navigators, flew to Omak to see HELEN not long ago.

For the thirteenth time GINI RICHARDSON will also be in the race. She could not join us for the luncheon because she was involved in a local ice skating show.

BARBARA explained the activities in connection with the dedication of the new administration building at Geiger Field in Spokane May 8th and 9th. The 99s are giving the dinner the first night in honor of JERRIE MOCK and will be with her the next afternoon when she meets the public. Our board will take care of the necessary chapter business.

Many suggestions were made during a discussion of how to publicize better the activities of the 99s. The Spokane group has been on a TV program in connection with the dedication program, and have offered to assist in transport-

ing the Flying Farmers from the airport during their Tri-State meeting in May. A committee will meet with the Washington State Aeronautics Commission to become acquainted with the commissioners, and to familiarize themselves with any aviation matters discussed by legislators. Meetings with several Chambers of Commerce in our area may be arranged. If possible the June meeting will be in Omak where numerals will be painted on the runway at the airport.

The accounts given by the eleven members who participated March 18th in the all day intensive aerospace physiological training and briefing session at Fairchild Air Force base with time in the altitude and decompression chambers were most interesting to those of us who were not there. During the eight hour briefing officers discussed hypoxia, dispersion, bail-out, use of parachutes and ejection seats, when and how to use oxygen. The varied reactions during the tests proved to be amusing and valuable experience. Your reporter was pleased to know that the flying grandmother among the eleven could more than hold her own.

FAR WEST CHAPTER

By Mary Kochanek

March 24th turned out to be a beautiful day for our fly-in meeting at Bellingham. It was nice to get together again after all the bad weather. We learned that LYNNE and DICK MEHLBERG had just returned from a very enjoyable skiing trip to Mt. Baker. Visiting was DONNA CABRAL, float plane pilot, who is a prospective member. BARBARA LaRUE flew up from Port Angeles, and flying up from Port Townsend with MARGARET LAYTON, was her sister, HELEN COATES. She and her husband are here from Yankton, South Dakota. As a part of their 14th Wedding Anniversary celebration, DAVE and MARY KOCHANNEK flew down to Bellevue for lunch and stopped by for the tag end of the meeting at Bellingham.

On April 9, our chapter sponsored an Art Show at the Dungeness Community Clubhouse, which was acclaimed a great success by viewers, artists, and Ninety-Nines. Along with favorable comments were suggestions that this be an annual event. There were 150 paintings on display. Several were flown down from Bellingham. The artists were especially pleased because 10 of

the paintings were sold. Much of the success is credited to all the volunteers who helped hang paintings, pour coffee, and serve refreshments.

BARBARA and EVAN LaRUE and family are on their long delayed vacation to Disneyland. All the floods at Christmas time forced them to postpone the trip at that time. This time it was a near thing too. Either it was an overhaul on their car, or buy a new one. So after a week of chaos (sewing, working on the Art Show, worrying about the car, etc.), they left Saturday morning in their brand new station wagon. BARBARA plans on sleeping all the way to California.

On May 22 is our Annual No-host Luncheon in Port Angeles—to which we welcome all Ninety-Nines.

IDAHO CHAPTER

By Jacque Batt

Flying weather in Idaho has been perfect for almost three weeks, but I do not believe that many of our 99s have been taking advantage of it as I was not able to obtain very much flying news. However, our chairman FERN LAKE, has been out flying just for fun and also logging some night hours. HILDA ELLIOTT would like to be flying, but she has been extremely busy in their lumber business plus finishing the Boise house and office. She hopes to be able to go to work on her commercial soon. JACQUE BATT and 49½, PHIL, had a quick trip to Martin Field at Walla Walla, Washington, two Sundays ago. The staff at Martin Field was as hospitable and helpful as always.

On St. Patrick's we met at the Downtowner in Boise. It was an evening meeting and we had two of Idaho's "flying legislators," DARRELL MANNING and PHIL BATT, as guest speakers. Present at the meeting were 99s FERN LAKE, GAYLE EVANS, FRANK BROWN, EULA LOGSDON, CAROLYN GREINER, HILDA ELLIOTT, VELDA BELL, BARBARA HORNBACH, LUCILLE TAYLOR and JACQUE BATT. We were pleased to have two 49½'s present also, GLEN ELLIOTT and DALE GREINER. Following our session with the legislators there was a short business meeting. The main topic was our annual hangar dance which is the fund-raising project of the year. GAYLE was the only member on the committee present, but she reported everything to be progressing fairly well. More news on our dance next month.

OREGON CHAPTER

By Rivka Pratt

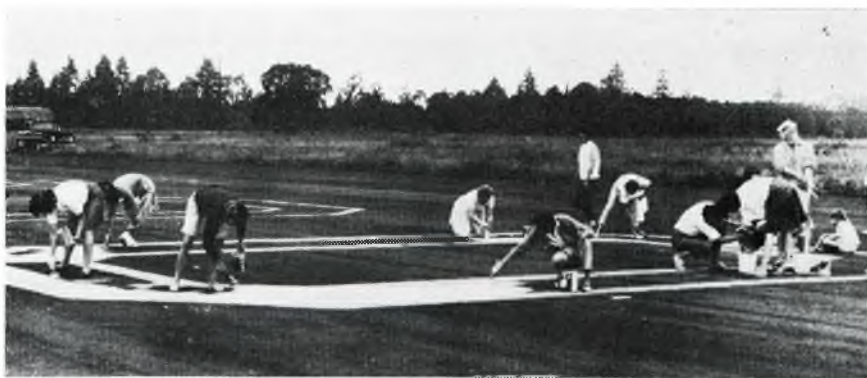
Although we have been very active throughout the winter and spring months, many things have kept this news letter from being written. So I will try my best to bring you up-to-date on our activities.

To reminisce, on January 17th, RUTH WIKANDER, with co-pilot JUANITA ELLINGSON flew an ambulance trip to Oakland, California. The entire trip, 10½ hours, was IFR, with plenty of ice.

Our January 21st meeting was hosted by ANN BROWN, NANCY EDWARDS, JUANITA ELLINGSON and MARGARET TEUFEL at Flightcraft. After a short business meeting and a sack lunch, a tour had been arranged for us to tour the Portland Air Base. We were transferred across the field in busses. As we pulled up to an active runway we were stopped to let a jet take off. It was the first time we had to hold for an F-102 while in a bus. Plans were discussed that we might be able to have a float in the 1965 Festival of Roses Parade in June. LILLIAN BILLINGS, ANN BROWN, and JUANITA ELLINGSON were appointed to find out the necessary information.

Our February meeting was planned for Saturday, February 20th, to give those of us who have to work for a living a chance to attend. In spite of the cold, windy day there was quite a crowd assembled at the Scappoose Airport.

BOBBY HAYS and MARCELLA OTHUS were our hostesses and because of the lack of accommodations for a meeting place, the meeting took place on the form of a picnic to which a great deal of pleasure was added by two lovely apple pies baked by an old-time pilot at the airport. MARIAN BUSBY brought us the initial plans for the float to be entered in the Rose Festival Parade "Out of the Scrapbook" and the wonderful information that Portland General Electric would not only furnish the chassis and engine for the base of the float, but would take care of all the engineering details and even furnish an artist to complete the plans. JUANITA advised us that the Rose Festival Association would issue us 1000 Rose Festival Buttons advertising the festival which we could sell outside of the Portland area to help us finance our float. Note: they only cost a dollar, girls, and we have to sell them "outside of Portland" so if you feel like helping, contact JUANITA ELLINGSON. I almost forgot, NONA PLAMON-



Oregon Chapter 99s painting the O in Scappoose at one of their "work" meetings.

DON furnished the coffee for our picnic. Because of the windy day the contests planned were postponed until March 9th at Aurora airport.

New members include ROSETA BURNELL, ETHELYN OPHEIM, ETHA ELMORE, JAN AMUNDSON. JANE CAPIZZI has returned to Salem so has transferred back into our chapter. Welcome home, Jane! Another transfer is JOANNE NELSON, who came to us from Washington. JOANNE and her 49½ BILL are back from a trip through Europe. Lucky people!

The committee for the Petticoat Derby are MARCELLA OTHUS, JOAN BUERRMAN and GRETCHEN FRASER. They were appointed just before the January meeting and before the meeting was over they had their helpers already on the job, with plans almost completely worked out. There will be divisions for Private Pilots and Commercial Pilots this year.

The "fun-day" at Aurora airport on March 9th was a huge success. The skill testing, under the direction of BOBBY HAYS, included a blind-fold cockpit test which was won by JOAN BUERRMAN, hands down, proving she knew her instrument panel in the dark. JOAN's 49½er DON helped MARCELLA OTHUS and JOAN with the judging of the other tests which resulted in a tie between VIRGINIA GILLILAND, JEAN ABBOTT and PEG MORGAN. The tie was broken by a trip to McMinville Airport where spot landings were made on the "E." JEAN won. After the meeting, it was such a lovely day for flying, three planes flew to Pa-

cific City for a stroll on the beach. JEAN ABBOTT and her 49½er RAY; BETTY PRAKKEN and her 49½er GORDON; PEGGY MORGAN in her "Mooney Mite" and JUANITA ELLINGSON and RUTH DOLAND. Quite a day!

JUANITA ELLINGSON has been doing a bang-up job on publicity. Each month she has been featuring a "99 of the Month" in the Northwest Flyer. RUTH WIKANDER had a pleasant trip to Yakima for lunch with a prospective member, MRS. HERB HUTTON. Ruth and her mother spent a pleasant day in Victoria recently visiting many historic places as well as the Buchert Gardens. They also saw several of their Canadian pilot friends at the airport.

RUTH WIKANDER received her Instrument Instructor Certificate this winter. VIRGINIA GILLILAND is checking out in a 'copter. EVELYN RATCLEFF just got her Flight Instructor Rating and is planning to check out her son in August on his birthday. BONNIE BRADFORD will help run one of the time clocks en-route for the 1965 AWTAR. This will be the third year BONNIE has performed this service. If any of the rest of you have gotten additional ratings please let your News Letter writer know before the due date of the next one. It is impossible to send out the news of your advancement unless we have it at hand. Also, anyone making trips — please pass the word along. It is always interesting to know what 99s are doing.

JUANITA ELLINGSON took her group of eight Bluebirds on a trip to Flightcraft and the Portland International Airport radar room and tower on March 13th. The fellows on duty in the radar room turned one scope over to the little girls and adjusted it so they could pick out the mountains they knew, watch a plane come in, hear the

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pilot talk with the tower, etc. The mothers were so enthused they wanted to horn in on the little girls' fun so they were treated to a trial run the day before. A good time was reported by all and according to JUANITA "Some of those little gals were real sharpies and may be future pilot material."

On March 19th our meeting was held at the Eugene Airport with FLOR-ENCE GROESBECK, VIOLA WALKUP and LOU WICKS, hostesses. We brought a sack lunch and coffee and desert were furnished. EVELYN RATCLEFF and DORI LOHR presented the Chapter with \$25.00 to contribute to the 1966 AWTAR.

April 28th our meeting will begin with arrival at Flightcraft from where the guests will be transported to Bart's Wharf for lunch. LILLIAN BILLINGS, GRETCHEN FRASER and BETTY PRAKKEN are hostesses for this meeting. DON WANAMAKER, President of the Oregon Pilots Association, will be a guest and will present the JOAN MERRIAM SMITH Memorial Trophy to MARCELLA OTHUS for use in the 1965 Petticoat Derby. SAM YATES, Chief Flight Service Stations, Area Coordinator for Portland FAA will be the guest speaker. His subject will be the FAA Story or "The Dog and the Pony." Other guests will be JEAN PERRENT, Salem, and BOB BRYAN, Director of the Portland Rose Festival Association.

The big project for the Oregon Chapter as of now is the float for the Rose Festival. Theme of the parade this year is "Out of the Scrapbook." We need all the help and cooperation we can get from all of the members. If you are not asked, please volunteer; maybe the person calling you was unable to reach you.

Remember the date of the Petticoat Derby — August 28th. Take-off from Flightcraft; terminus at the Village Green, in Cottage Grove, Oregon. Registration forms will be in the mail shortly after June 1st.

SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER

By Mabel Anesi

I made five attempts at long distance calls to North and South Dakota to collect news to make the deadline for the Newsletter. I finally reached KAY VOGEL in Bismarck, who was very absorbed in a foursome of Bridge at a friend's house. She helped me all she could, but there is very little news from our chapter for the month of March.

The meeting scheduled for the 20th was all but cancelled due to weather.

KAY and AUDREY BAIRD attempted to fly in, but had to turn back at Lemmon. The Rapid City gals got together, but there was no formal meeting.

We are very proud to make one announcement: BETTY DAVIS achieved her Commercial License!

KAY VOGEL will be our hostess in Bismarck on May 1st. She is planning a lunch at the Country Club, an afternoon of golf for our 49½ers, while we are absorbed in watching an interesting film from the FAA. Weather date will be Rapid City on May 8th; reason for change of location: KAY and her 49½er will be flying to Maine for a two week vacation.



**Rhona Fraser, Wellington,
New Zealand. Member of
Australian Section.**



RHONA FRASER writes that she is planning a visit to the U.S. in 1966 and hopes to participate in the AWTAR. She also sent a copy of the New Zealand Air-Women's Association News covering their many activities.



CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

By Jerry Gardiner

The first year anniversary of the Connecticut Chapter was celebrated by hosting the Spring Section Meeting for New England at Groton, Conn., with CAVU weather bringing out 43 members and guests, most flying in rather than driving!!!

While husbands and guests were conducted through the Groton Plant of the Charles Pfizer Co., the largest antibiotic plant in the world, the Section 99 meeting (business part) was attended to with Gov. PAT RUSSELL presiding. The main topic being the forth-coming New England Air Race, May 17th, in Burlington, Vt. This annual event will this year be conducted in conjunction with "Armed Forces Day," the Air Force at Burlington assisting.

With lunch, movies of last year's AWNEAR were shown by CHRIS SEAV-ER, Chairman of the Eastern Chapter, the highlight of the movies being ISOBELL BLODGETT's (OUR Flying Grandmother) ride in the Jet T33, as a prize for placing first!

The Conn. Chapter's First Anniversary cake was cut by Chairman PEG DAVIDSON, while the members of the Chapter received 99 mugs, presented by PAT RUSSELL, for the Chapter having the "mostest" present at the meeting.

All 99s, including visitors from N.Y.-N.J. Section (we were honored to be visited by their Gov. DORIS RENNIN-GER, also), husbands and guests then did a fast tour of the Submarine Base and the S. S. Sablefish just back from the Mediterranean, and then back to the airport so all planes could get home in time for the Lady Pilots to color Easter eggs, for the next day was Easter.

EASTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

By Isabel Blodgett

March 27th found some 17 of us at Charlie's Steak House, at Lawrence Airport, for the March-April meeting. We welcomed aboard three new members: GERTRUDE McGRATH, PAT JONES, and HARRIET ABBOTT, and also, in absentia, HELEN HASSEY. Informa-



Connecticut Chapter celebrates their First Anniversary by hostessing New England Section Meeting. LOIS WINZER, JEWEL VON SAAL, MARILYN HUBBELL, MINA ELSCHNER, CHRIS SEAVER, MILDRED DOREMUS, DORIS RENNINGER, MARY HORTON (hiding) TETA GUNTHER, EVELYN MURCH, PAT RUSSELL, PEG DAVIDSON, JERRY GARDINER, CHRIS WINZER, kneeling: ELAINE M'CABE, FRAN PORTER, LOIS AUCHTERLONIE.

tion packets were on hand for the All-Woman New England Air Race, scheduled for May 15th at Burlington, Vermont. While the race committee keeps busy planning this event, prospective contestants are already exploring the Vermont area.

MILLIE DOREMUS reported on plans for the "spring painting" which will initiate the air marking project in this area, and LOIS AUCHTERLONIE promises to demonstrate the tricks of the airmarking trade, learned when she was with the Kansas chapter. After luncheon MILLIE DOREMUS showed some fine aviation films: Early Flying and Wild Life in the Bahamas.

Notams: DOROTHY PULIS is working on her instrument rating; Ninety-Nines note pads may be ordered from LOIS AUCHTERLONIE, 26 Agawam Road, West Acton, Mass. 01780.



New members of Eastern New England Chapter receive their Ninety-Nine pins: (left to right) GERTRUDE M'GRATH, PAT JONES, MARRIETT ABBOTT, and CHRIS SEAVER, Chapter Chairman.

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GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER

By Charlotte M. McCollum

Our Weather Seminar, held at La Guardia Airport March 7th, was a resounding success with over two hundred people attending. A vote of thanks should certainly go to the U.S. Weather Bureau, the Aviation department of the Port of New York Authority, and to La Guardia Airport officials for their most helpful cooperation. Without their combined efforts, the success of the program would have been doubtful.

Air - marking Chairman BOBBY PRESTAS did a fine job organizing our first project. Anyone flying over Kobelt Airport in Wallkill, N.Y., may admire our artistic achievement on the lower hangar roof. PEGGY BOREK came up from the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter with their templates and helped BOBBY with the initial lay-out—really the hardest part of the whole job. Without PEGGY, I'm convinced we would have been there until after dark! A gratifying group of girls showed up, fifteen in all, to make the job go quickly. The work crew consisted of BOBBY PRESTAS, PEGGY BOREK, PAT WILSON, BARBARA BROTHERTON, DORIS RENNINGER, KAYE HILBRANDT, MINA ELSCHNER, CONNIE HAHN, LOIS FAIRBANKS, CHARLOTTE McCOLLUM, JULIE VOM SAAL, BETTY SUFFERN, GAIL BROWNLEE, AGGIE ZWEIDINGER, and CLAIRE GOOD. 49½ers HENRY RENNINGER, JIM McCOLLUM and MARC SUFFERN were also on hand, along with HERB FISHER and his son, and ROY RYDER. BOBBY and BILL KOBELT say a heartfelt "Thank you" to all those who participated, and we all appreciated the apertifs, cookies, cup-cakes, and doughnuts brought by LOIS, PAT, DORIS, and GAIL, respectively. One of the first admirers of our handiwork was SELMA CRONIN, who flew over and "Uncommmed" her regrets at not being able to join us. Did you have a camera with you, Selma?

While BETTY SUFFERN and her 49½er were vacationing in Melague, Mexico, in February, a caravan of nine planes flew in to the 3,000 foot strip from the Seattle, Washington, area. BETTY says the planes ranged from a Piper Aztec down to a Cessna 172. Among this group, BETTY met two 99s

from the Western Washington Chapter, ILOVENE POTTER who has Instrument, Multi-Engine and Helicopter ratings, and TERRY KELLOGG who has Commercial and Instrument ratings. The group had brought with them a new orange wind sock to give to the airport. Apparently wind socks are few and far between in some sections of Mexico, and when they go to an airport without one, they always have a sock on hand to donate. A most commendable practice, I would say, and one other flying groups might emulate.

Congratulations go to ELLIE McCULLOUGH. She now has her Commercial rating. What next, ELLIE?

Our Penny-a-Pound Chairman BARBARA BROTHERTON is at the moment working hard on the multitudinous details which go with such a task. By the time this is printed all should know the date is set for June 12th, rain date June 13th, at Morristown Airport. The Ground Crew Co-Chairmen are PAT WILSON and CHARLOTTE McCOLLUM, and Publicity Chairman is BOBBY PRESTAS. If you have not already sent to BARBARA the form designating in which capacity you will be available to help, please do so without delay. As you know, people were turned away last year mainly due to a lack of an adequate number of planes and pilots. I understand the Ground Crew was pretty bushed, too.

My 49½er and I spent a very pleasant day at the Piper Plant in Lockhaven, Pennsylvania, the first part of the month. Had a nice chat and delicious lunch with MR. HOLMES while a couple of odds and ends were being done on 39 Papa, and were quite intrigued with seeing what our Comanche looked like in the embryonic stage while going on the factory tour.

The Sectional meeting is to be held May 8th at Maquire AFB. Hope to see you all there, and at the IAR and the Penny-a-Pound. Looks like its getting to be the busy season!



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Caroline Bregler

Spring arrived March 20th—at least that's what the calendar said! The Eastern Penna Chapter of 99s had to postpone a Flying Treasure Hunt because of snow. After several postpone-

ments the Treasure Hunt was held on March 28th. After a briefing by HAZEL BARTOLET and her 49½er at Wings Field, Norristown, the sealed envelopes were passed out to the pilots. All pilots were 99s, but co-pilots could be 49½ers. First to depart was NANCY DIEMAND with co-pilot BETH STURTEVANT. Then came HELEN ZUBROW and co-pilot ANNE SHIELDS, followed by PEGGY BOREK and co-pilot ALICE HAMMOND; ANNE WINSOR with 49½er PAUL; CAROLINE BREGLER and co-pilot MARIE D'ALTERIO; VIRGINIA SWISHER and co-pilot ANN PENNINGTON (a prospective member) and last but not least BERTIE PETERSON with 49½er GEORGE. A real big salute goes to HAZEL who put in a lot of time and work to organize the Treasure Hunt. HAZEL, who flies out of State College, Penna., is chairman of our Chapter's "Flying Activities Committee."

Upon leaving Wings, that is, if you were fortunate to know where you were heading, you set your course for Garden Sport Airport outside of Lancaster. After a chance to stretch your legs and a cup of coffee, you were back in the plane ready to open the second envelope which eventually took you to Pottstown Airport and then on to Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton Airport where we turned in our completed information sheets and had lunch in the Terminal Building. Following lunch HAZEL announced the winners, who were: first, BERTIE PETERSON and 49½er GEORGE; second (a tie), PEGGY BOREK with ALICE HAMMOND and CAROLINE BREGLER with MARIE D'ALTERIO; and third, HELEN ZUBROW with ANNE SHIELDS. Charm bracelets were awarded to the winners.

A business meeting was held and plans were made for our May Penny-a-Pound at North Philadelphia Airport on May 15th. ANNE SHIELD is Chairman for this event.

There was no business meeting in April as the Section Meeting was held at Annapolis, Maryland. The hostess for this was the Maryland Chapter, who really did a tremendous job. They handled the meeting like old pros even though it was their first time hostessing the Section meeting. They collaborated with the weatherman, for sunshine and perfect flying weather.

Early arrivals toured the Naval Academy at their leisure and then returned to Carval Hall Hotel for lunch which was followed by a business meeting conducted by MARIE D'ALTERIO.

Recently GAY MAHER was guest speaker at the Warrington Flying Club's annual dinner held at the Flying W Ranch. GAY holds the record for the longest solo cross country flight in a helicopter.

On April 10th your reporter made her first long trip in a single engine plane, a Cessna 182, to Detroit, Michigan, via Buffalo, New York. I am happy to say the trip was made according to plan. Flying conditions could not have been better. The only problem I have is the kind of farms they have on the Canadian side of Lake Erie. They have many barns, and my curiosity has the best of me. If anyone, knows, please drop me a card.

Now that the nice weather is here — let's go flying.

MARYLAND CHAPTER

By Ada Mitchell

The Section meeting has come and gone. It was OUR FIRST. Regardless of what anyone tells you, we did a bang-up job. In fact, if those of you that went away with some of the door prizes don't like them, we will be glad to have them back. LEAH STINCH-COMB was Chairman, but that was in name only, as every girl in the Chapter helped—we had no committee, it was team work. I am very proud of every girl in the Chapter. And as far as those 49½ers, we have the cream of the crop. I must admit that we have to depend on them to carry the load for us.

We love Annapolis with all its legends and the wonderful Naval Academy.

We have complimentary words from the Chamber of Commerce, and the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Aviation Board. It was the first meeting of any FEMALE AVIATION group for them. I was told that when the beautiful Municipal Airport of Annapolis is dedicated, the Ninety-Nines would have a part in the dedication.

Anyhow, the Maryland Chapter is now on the map and we intend to pave the highway in the sky with more planes piloted by females. You all come to see us, we have enough airports in our midst. And did any of you all recognize ELLEN BATEMAN on "TO TELL THE TRUTH"?

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Jacqueline M. C. Smith

April certainly has been a windy month and on one of these very windy days, the Sectional Meeting of the Middle East was held in historic old Anna-

polis. After some informal touring of the Naval Academy, etc., a delicious luncheon was held in the dining room of the Carvel Hall with many, many wonderful door prizes being won. Our Washington Chapter was well represented by three Charter Members — BLANCHE NOYES, FAYE WELLS and NANCY TIER. Also present from the Washington Chapter were BEA WILDER, LAURA ZERENER, DORIS WHITE, HAZEL DWIGGINS, JANE RALSTON, EVE McILVEEN, JACQUELINE SMITH, MARY ANN SHELLEY and IOLA MOMBRUN. The Maryland Chapter did a very good job of being hosts at this meeting. IOLA, BEA and HAZEL flew in to the meeting in a TriPacer.

MARY ANN SHELLEY is going to England to attend the International Sailplane Meeting at Cerny Airport May 25th to May 29th. Have a wonderful time, MARY ANN, and good luck from all your fellow 99s!

JANE RALSTON and EVE McILVEEN flew to Leesburg to attend a meeting of the Flying Farmers of which EVE is a member. Eve's 49½er flew with them in their Bonanza. EVE also flew with her 49½er in their Bonanza to College Station, Texas, to visit some fellow members of the Flying Farmers.

Former chapter member JANET HITT has submitted her application for the Amelia Earhart Award. JANET is now living in Hawaii. We are all pulling for you, JANET!

BEA WILDER and HAZEL DWIGGINS attended the FAA Maintenance Seminary at National Airport here in Washington on March 24th. They tell me they were the only two girls among many, many men and were very much embarrassed. Now, isn't that a hardship?

BEA WILDER flew down to Raleigh, N.C., a few weeks ago in the TriPacer. She tells me that coming back she paid an unscheduled visit to Blackstone Air Force Base. Some wind!



FLORIDA GOLDCOAST CHAPTER

By Jan Wagner

How do you like our brand new name?? We have just been granted permission to do so; since we sponsored the Suncoast Chapter on the west

coast of Florida. Now, all that is necessary is to have the northern part of the state start a chapter also. We find that our meetings are being well attended; so this proves that more and more girls are vitally interested in the betterment of aviation.

VERA BRATZ, general chairman for this year's I.A.R. is busy commuting back and forth to the New York area, taking care of all the last minute details. It appears that the start of the race will be just as rewarding as the terminus of the race. So, all in all, this will be a race to remember—according to the reports from HANS GROENOFF, our coordinator with the assistance of the Bahamas Board of Tourism. They are leaving nothing to the imagination: as being reported; all the events this year will be breath-taking and in reality. Quite a few entries are already — so, procure your sponsor and top your tanks and you are off for a thrill of your life!

Just received a note from my daughter, MRS. JACKIE DAVIS, that she has just become a new member of the All-Ohio Chapter. I am so thrilled to know that she will gain much knowledge and further her love for aviation, as well as gain a host of fine friends.

DOT HARRISON (pilot) accompanied by DOT SHAW recently flew to one of the local Grasshopper meetings. Seems like they were advised that they might encounter some local thunderstorms; so, on the pilot's better judgment, cancelled their flight plan and stayed the night in Fort Meyers. BETTY TRACY told me that she attended the same meeting and came on to Fort Lauderdale, and did not even see anything that resembled a thunderhead. That is O.K., DOTTIE. I admire your respect for weather. MIRIAM DAVIS, from Miami, accompanied by a friend, attended the meeting also.

GEORGIA CHAPTER

By Betty McNabb

Sometimes I think my copy is nothing but luncheon menus and transportation notes. Think I'll try a new, word-saving, but still (I hope) informative format:

April: Callaway Gardens, Georgia. Why? Gorgeous spring azaleas festival, plus cottages, swimming, boating, water skiing, woodland trails, horses, picnic tables, a jewel of a chapel, good strip, wonderful food, golf, fishing — try it sometime. SUPER.

Who: Atlanta: FRANCES and JACK PEACOCK, Cherokee. MARY LEE



Ninety-Nine **FRANCES (MRS. JACK) PEACOCK**, Chairman of the 99 Airmark-in Committee for Georgia, with **Fulton County Representative WILSON BROOKS**, proudly watch Georgia's Governor, the **HONORABLE CARL SANDERS**, sign Georgia's first airmarking bill. Ninety-Nine airmarking activities, supported by **JOHN BENNETT**, Aviation Representative to the Board of Industry and Trade, interested **REPRESENTATIVE BROOKS** who introduced the bill, which will give the Board the right to enter into contracts for the airmarking. Present plans call for airmarking 200 Georgia cities and towns.

NIX, Cessna 150. (MARY LEE overcame many obstacles to get her ticket, proudly flew JEAN VOYLES down.) Albany: BETTY McNABB, Bonanza. Passengers: BILL, CAROL, and small JODY LOWERY, DOLORES LOWE. Tifton: Driving. RUTH, JIM, VIRGINIA MILLER, and RUTH's mother from Canada, with a guest. Columbus: Driving. BARBARA SHIRLEY, prospective, with husband and two sons. Valdosta: Driving. FRANCES NICHOLS and her mother. Parrott: Comanche. CAROLYN and BIFF KENNEDY.

Agenda: A wonderful lunch, business meeting, husbands and children wandering around the beautiful grounds. B. McNABB won the Kennedy ETA trophy for the first time it has been awarded since the McNABB Tin Plate was retired by CAROLYN KENNEDY, who won it three times in a row.

Activities: RUTH to south Florida to jaunt about in the MILLER cruising boat. CAROLYN to Indianapolis to the Flying Activities Committee meeting. BETTY to Phoenix to 99 Board meeting, picking up JOAN HRUBEC in El Paso, both airlining thence to Phoenix and back, and a nice flight back to

Panama City and Atlanta in the Bonanza.

May Meeting: At sectional Asheville, N.C.

June Meeting: At Beachwood, Panama City, Florida. (Georgia 99s get around.)

ANYBODY FOR RON KITS?

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

The Tennessee Chapter has been going great guns and most of the meetings have been with other organizations that are really getting to know Ninety-Nines. Like our president said, "We really have a job to sell to the general public." So when you go **downtown** (sounds like a new song) and say 99, they don't ask if that is a new restaurant in town. Believe me, Chattanooga is taking a new look and has gone all out to help us in every way possible. For instance, the Chattanooga Merchants Association, Inc., has announced a fashion show to be given for the 99s while they are here in July at the Tivoli Theatre. Their letter of welcome can be found in this issue. **THEY HAD TO BE SOLD.** Now we are having a display in the many downtown store



I am "Billy Bragger" of Chattanooga, Tenn. I am also the son of **TARBELL PATTEN**, 49½er of **DOROTHY PATTEN**, Tennessee Chapter Chairman and Terminus Chairman for 1965. "Billy Bragger" is a cartoon character that has red hair and wears a confederate hat and brags about Chattanooga every chance he gets.

I would like to invite all 99s to Chattanooga the week of July 4th. Chattanooga is an **ALL AMERICAN CITY**, home of the first Coca Cola Bottling plant, and the Electrical Center of the Nation. As you see I have a big job to do as Billy Bragger.

I was elected to serve this year as Billy Bragger since I looked enough like the cartoon fellow, and I would like to be on hand to greet each of you as you arrive at the Chattanooga Municipal Airport. **SEE YOU IN JULY!**

windows, street banners and the works. We hope to hold a few surprises for you, too.

I knew I would wind up writing about the Derby and Convention, but if it would help some of the other chapters, we would like to say go **DOWNTOWN** and tell them your story, and we won't need Milltown. I know for a fact this

will help each and every member and chapter.

The Tennessee Chapter had a meeting in the conference room of the airport manager here in Chattanooga. We hoped some of the out-of-town members would get to come but didn't have any.

We do have some new members that we are very proud to introduce to you: BEA REID of Chattanooga, FRANCES SMITH of Jamestown, CHARLOTTE OLSON, MD of Crossville, and LADY GOODSON McREYNOLD of Knoxville, Tenn.

We do agree RUTH on your Operation SCOPE. Set Concrete Objectives, Pursue 'Em.

SEE YOU IN CHATTANOOGA.



ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Edy Maxim

Weather for the March meeting? The usual, Snow. Almost all drove. However, we had MARION and HAROLD STACKS with HELEN and JIM SAMMON as passengers fly into Canton-Akron Airport in the Cherokee. CONNIE JONES and JEAN KING, in a 182, made it only as far as Akron Municipal Airport. Some kind soul at that airport most graciously provided ground transportation for them to CAK Airport. VIRGINIA SCHUMACHER, HELEN and FRED MORGAN Comanche'd in through the snow flakes. From Dayton, too, AUTRIE LEHR, CLARA THARPE, JANICE KUECHENMEISTER and LEE ROCK made an effort to wing it in. They did the good ol' 180-degree turn.

Attendance: MARILYN COLLETTE and JEAN HIXSON, hostesses. MARY SCHEAFER, MARION STACK and HAROLD, JEANETTE JENKINS, JACKIE ENDSLEY, TRUDY STOUGH, RUTH LOVE, JOAN HRUBEC, MARGUERITE O'ROARK (guest), JEANNE FUNK, BOBBIE BUEHLER, JUNE KLINE and FAYE BUCKLAW (prospective 99s), JOANN STYPE, CONNIE JONES, JEAN KING, ROSALIE BRACHT, HELEN and JIM SAMMON, PAT ROGERS and MYRON COLLIER, EDY MAXIM, HELEN and FRED MORGAN, VIRGINIA SCHUMACHER, MARGE GORMAN and her sister, MRS. HARNED.

Guest speaker for the day: BILL.

SPARKS. Subject: Sailplaning. His sailplaning enthusiasm followed after he curiously ordered a \$1.00 soaring kit. Then, upon attending "Operation Snowbird" at Elmira, New York, he finally went up for his first glider flight. This did it. He immediately ordered a Schweitzer kit, which both he and his wife GENEVIEVE assembled. He already has many of his ratings and his enthusiasm for the sport has him now going for competition.

GENEVIEVE has soloed and will soon have her rating. We look forward to having her a member of our chapter. Interesting note: Although U.S.A. has gotten into soaring competition much later than many other countries, it has caught up splendidly with the sport. U.S.A. now holds records for altitude, distance and speed.

ROSALIE BRACHT left March 24th for Miami, Florida, and the Bahamas for a two-week vacation. Flying to the Bahamas and Key West.

ED and JEANNE FUNK and WAYNE and BOBBIE BUEHLER departed March 27th for Florida in the Wooster Airport "310."

CONNIE JONES departed March 27th for a week of skiing at Squaw Valley. Trip via Denver and Salt Lake City.

FLO and DOC BOND departing approximately April 14th in their Tri-Pacer for points south and southwest.

PAT ROGERS had a fine article in E.A.A.'s March issue of "Sport Aviation" magazine. This is the interesting and detailed experiences of Bonanza "TAR 45," teamed by JEAN BONAR and PAT on the '64 Powder Puff Derby.

Wooster has four new woman students: JUNE KLINE, FAYE BUCKLAW, BLANCHE SHELLEY and HELEN BAUCHER. Real proud of BLANCHE SHELLEY. She is 65 years young.

The BONARS are flying the Bonanza to San Francisco the first of April.

AUTRIE LEHR has passed her commercial written.

HELEN MORGAN has been busy doing nite landings—the only time she's been able to get the plane.

Hear that MARY SCHEAFER's son, HARRY, JR., will soon be taking his private written and flite test.

Going on the I.A.R.: JEAN BONAR and PAT ROGERS, CONNIE JONES, BOBBIE NETZLEY, MARION BETZLER, and RUBY MENSCHING.

BETTE WARNER is working in the sales department of Ohio Aviation Company, Cuyahoga County Airport, selling Beechcraft.

PEGGY CLINE has passed commercial written.

JERRI MOCK picking up new Cessna and expected back in Columbus April 7th.

MIXIE HECKELMAN has a dual wheel in their "M" Bonanza and is now in the left seat and really enjoying the Beech.

HELEN SAMMON flying a Cherokee reports it "flies like a dream." MARION STACK and HELEN plan to fly to the Sectional.

JOAN HRUBEC enjoyed flying to Flint, Michigan, to have Sunday dinner with BERNICE and BOB STEADMAN.

The 99 Executive Board meeting in Phoenix was attended by JOAN HRUBEC, who met BETTY McNABB in Dallas and co-piloted the Bonanza on out to El Paso. Weather interrupted the remainder of the flight, so they airlined on to Phoenix. The return route via Texas, Louisiana, with a "Ron" in Panama City, Florida, for a short visit with BETTY's 86-year-young father, MAJOR WOOD. JOAN arrived at the URBANA, OHIO, meeting via airlines from Atlanta.

MARILYN MILLER checked out in a Cherokee.

PEGGY CLINE checked out in the Musketeer II by BETTE WARNER.

BETTY WARNER got a current check ride in the Debonair.

BONNIE and LEE MILLER left for a vacation in Hawaii on April 10th.

BEVERLY LANG leaving soon for a trip to Europe.

BUNNY FOLEY has been to Washington, D. C., twice in the past month, and she will be attending the "Aerospace Medical Association" meeting in New York in April.

Incidentally, "BUNNY" FOLEY is a mother (???). There are five new tiny (wild) bunny rabbits at her house.

The "All Ohio Safety Congress," Wednesday, April 7th, at the Columbus Plaza, and the panel discussion of the Ohio Aviation Trades Association, was attended by many of the area 99s who enjoyed hearing FRANK KINGSTON SMITH speak on "I'd Rather be Flying." This must be true, as he has made 43 trips to the Bahamas in the last two years! And, that is just one spot.

Highlight of the day was serving breakfast at the Ohio University Airport for GOVERNOR RHODES, LT. GOV. BROWN, and legislators and directors of the state government office. At least 50 legislators were taken for plane rides, sponsored by airport op-

erators and dealers. Nine of these men were up in a plane for the first time. NORMAN CRABTREE, director of aviation, felt the project was indeed successful. 99's helping with the breakfast were MARILYN MILLER, MARION BETZLER, PEGGY CLINE, CLARE THARPE, HELEN MORGAN, AUTRIE LEHR, BETTE WARNER, MIXIE HECKELMAN and VIRGINIA SCHUMACHER.

"MUGS" ANYONE?

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Dolores Adamson

Our April meeting was really a gala affair! We met at Capital Airport, Springfield, Ill., to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our chapter. The original list of reservations numbered nearly 100, however, due to adverse weather, many people who had planned to fly in were unable to make it. We feel very fortunate that 48 persons were able to attend and help us celebrate this milestone in the history of the Central Illinois Chapter.

Our hats are off to HELEN GREINKE who suggested this anniversary meeting and who, assisted by DEE ADAMSON, worked so hard to make it a success. We are indebted to HELEN for the invitations which were sent, the programs which were given to each guest and the lovely keepsake booklets which were given to each of the ladies present. In the near future, we hope to mail one of these souvenir booklets to those of you who were unable to attend. ADDIE O'BRIEN served as our very capable mistress of ceremonies. MR. J. E. WENZEL, director of the Department of Aeronautics for the State of Illinois, gave the official welcome to the group. We were honored by the presence of SARAH GORELICK, governor of the North Central Section, who brought us the congratulations of the Section. When Governor GORELICK says she will be there — she WILL BE THERE! She rose to the challenge presented by unfavorable weather and finally arrived by bus from St. Louis. Our Governor certainly has an ample quantity of perseverance! At the conclusion of the festivities, Chapter Charter Members ADELAIDE O'BRIEN and HELEN GREINKE were presented crystal trays engraved with the Ninety-Nine emblem in recognition of their 20 years of continuous membership. This presentation was made by DOLORES ADAMSON, our chairman, in behalf of the current members.

A real highlight of the meeting was the appearance of the HONORABLE OTTO KERNER, Governor of the State of Illinois, who spoke to us informally on the subject of aviation in our state. We were honored, indeed, by the presence of Governor KERNER, and our thanks to 49½er ED JENISON for his last minute arrangements which made this possible. Our thanks also, ED, for the lovely anniversary cake which was enjoyed by all.

The lovely centerpiece, depicting the numerals "99" rising above white clouds with a blue airplane overhead, was the creation of MISS LUCILE DRAKE, a florist from Newman, Ill., who was the guest of DEE ADAMSON. The "N" number of the plane? "99", naturally!

Congratulatory messages were received from President RUTH DEERMAN, Vice Governor MARY CLARK, Past President JEANNETTE LEMPKE SOVEREIGN and many former members, Chapter Chairmen and current members. So sorry that all of you could not have joined us in this celebration, but keep us in mind in 1970 when we hope to hold a really memorable silver anniversary meeting.

We were all disappointed that our 1945 Governor, HELEN WETHERILL, was unable to make our anniversary meeting. She and SAMMY McKAY were planning to fly down along with two other Michigan 99s, but the weather just wasn't cooperating at all that day. It was a pleasure to see LOUISE and RAY KOKESH and MARIE and MICHAEL CRONIN of the Chicago area Chapter. We also welcomed DOROTHY HAUPT and VALERA JOHNSON of the Greater St. Louis Chapter.

DICK and MARY JONES arrived via Aero Commander — IFR. DICK was trying out his new instrument ticket. Understand that MARY serves as "clearance copier" and is getting in some "on the job training"—possibly in preparation for her instrument rating!

As for other Chapter news, a note from former member KATHLEEN HUDSON tells us that she and DEAN have moved to Peoria and are both presently employed by Caterpillar Company there. KATHLEEN hopes to "retire" soon so maybe we'll have her back with us before long.

HELEN McBRIDE was to undergo surgery the last of March and we all hope that she is making a speedy recovery. Also on the sick list is former

member MARILYN JACKSON MEEKIN who recently underwent serious eye surgery. She invites any or all of us to come to Alaska to visit her.

MARJORIE KELLY drove 49½er FRED to Chicago the week of our anniversary meeting to keep an appointment with an eye specialist for FRED. It has been about 13 weeks since FRED had his unfortunate auto accident and we are all sincerely glad to learn that he is recovering so well. We'll all be looking forward to seeing both of them at our May 15 meeting at Chanute Air Force Base.

JANE SCHMIDT has really been busy with a major remodeling job at her home. They have been able to make a couple of trips to Missouri to visit their son, so she has been doing a little flying. Hope to see you soon, JANE.

It was so good to see LaVERNE and ORLYN LENTMAN at our Springfield meeting. LaVERNE had been quite ill and we are so happy to see that she is on the road to good health.

Congratulations to EULA SCHMIDT who is the proud possessor of a recently acquired commercial license! She and 49½er GUS are also the new owners of a Cessna 210. How lucky can you get?

New member CONNIE GERNON was proudly showing everyone her 99 pin at our last meeting. CONNIE is really not "new" to us—she has been attending our meetings for quite a while and even helped hostess a meeting 'way back when she was a student pilot. Welcome aboard, CONNIE.

BARB JENISON has been busy with Aerospace Education. Hope everyone has seen to it that her list of workshops have been posted in the schools in our areas. DEE ADAMSON is also doing her bit for Aerospace Education by serving as aviation advisor to the Newman Boy Scout troop.

EVELYN FARLEY gave a lecture on flying to an eighth grade science class recently and she must have really done a good job since she has been invited to repeat it at other schools in her area. This is something that the rest of us might think about doing. Those kids are really fascinated by this aviation stuff!

Also on the lecture trail is DEE ADAMSON who recently showed slides and talked to the Lions Club. The question and answer sessions which followed was a beauty! It went on for nearly two hours! It's very rewarding

when the people being addressed are so interested in your subject.

PAT SMITH, JEANNE CROCKER and BARB BRUSSEAU have really been having a ball checking out in the new Musketeer at Marshall County Airport. Bring it to a meeting some day, girls.

BETTY COMMON was back from her Las Vegas trip with hubby DICK in time for the April meeting. Actually, she was enroute from Las Vegas to Florida by way of Peoria and Springfield! Not quite—but she sure does get around! Hope the doctor okayed the Florida trip, BETTY.

THEO SOMMER has been commuting back and forth to Chicago. There was a recent death in her family and she was "elected" to take charge of settling various personal and business affairs. Our sincere sympathy to you, THEO, and we hope that you will be rested and able to meet with us in May.

BARB and ED JENISON recently returned from an enjoyable trip to sunny Florida. By the way, BARB, thanks for the loan of your membership rosters which helped to complete the souvenir booklets.

BETTY C. is back working on her commercial and instrument with the help of her very own Cessna 172—that is, when she is not winging around the country in the twin Bonanza!

Understand that it might be worth while to ask CONNIE G. about the advantages of Aeronca Champ flying as opposed to commercial airlines. Did you ever catch up with your luggage, CONNIE? CONNIE and DEE A. can tell some mighty interesting tales of Aeronca Champ-ing to such "far away" places as New Jersey and Idaho!

ROSE ANDREW'S offspring, TERRY, has a new drivers license, but ROSE, who is a "true-blue" 99, feels sure he would be safer in a plane! Haven't yet figured out just which way she meant that!

ADDIE O'BRIEN is busy as usual with her many civic projects. The last we saw of her, she was on her way to rehearse a church play. ADDIE is also involved with efforts to revive the Springfield Opera.

CARMEN SKOW reports that Bi-State Aviation and the Decatur Airport are planning a big DAY soon to dedicate the brand new control tower. Keep us posted, CARMEN, sounds like fun for all.

We are keeping our fingers crossed

that our attractive 99 name badges arrive in time for our May 15 meeting. PAT S. will bring them with her if they arrive, so be sure and check with her when you arrive at the Officer's Club at Chanute Air Force Base for our noon luncheon meeting. We want to make sure that we are "identifiable" during our tour of the Armed Forces Day displays. Airport diagrams and landing info will be sent out with our Chapter Newsletter. We want to impress our "flying friends"—the United States Air Force—so let's have a 100 per cent turnout.

That's about it for now. Hope to see all of you at Spring Sectional.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Doris Mullen

Signs of spring as viewed by your Chicago Area reporter — mud and spongy turf, numerous people standing about admiring airplanes — especially TRACY PILURS' silver and lavender Smith Miniplane with its mink stick and title "Purple Putty Cat or Phfffttt". SUZETTE SELIG and new spouse telling us she had been weathered out of her instrument instructor's ride with FAA three times. That will cause an ulcer for anyone. Then there was BARBARA WEBER back from Germany.

HELEN SAILER and ROBERTA JOHANNSEN were co-chairmen of this April 11 99 meeting at Chicagoland Airport. Our special program was given by BILL DODD, national amateur aerobatic champion. He had three reels of exciting movies on aerobatic aviation.

SUE ROSCOE landed right on the spot to win the spot landing in her Piper Colt. We were most happy to welcome BRENDA STRICKLER, a transfer from the Hi-Sky Chapter (or Midland). Her former home was Big Spring, Texas.

Recent flying activities include SUZETTE SELIG checking out in a Cessna 310. The CRONINS and KOKESHES flying to the 20th anniversary of Central Illinois Chapter at Capitol Airport in Springfield. TRACY PILURS and BOBBIE JOHANNSEN taking in the FAA fly-in at St. Petersburg, Fla. DORIS MULLEN was co-

pilot in the twin Beech for her 49½er for a weekend trip to a medical convention in New Orleans. Much fun eating raw oysters, attending meetings and enjoying the hospitality of Lakefront Airport. The ROSCOES and KRAUSES were weekenders at the Red Carpet in Milwaukee. DOROTHY WHITE announced the Naperville Business Men's Flying Club has three planes now—a Cub, 120 and a 172. She had some instrument (actual) flying experience with her brother, DR. ROBERT WHITE in his Skylane.

April 23-25 hopes to find this crew in Springfield, Mo., for the Spring Sectional — BARBARA PENCE, VIRGINIA COFFEEN, HELEN SAILER, VIRGINIA RABUNG, TRACY PILURS, LOUISE KOKESH, DOROTHY WHITE, EVA WHITE and ALICE KUDRNA. Your reporter is sorry if she missed anyone.

Four new prospective members were also attending our April meeting. We sincerely hope that none of our Crystal Lake 99s were harmed by the tornado that came along after our Sunday fly-in.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Katie Letcher

According to my last unofficial count we now have 33 members in the Kansas City Chapter. And at our April 1st meeting 20 members attended plus five 49½ers! It certainly is inspiring to see our new members in regular attendance.

We ate "out" this month at the Inn on the Landing here in K.C. and what a nice turnout — so noisy and fun. Lots of hangar flying was done 'cause we didn't get the meeting (business type) started till around 9:30.

A large percentage of the members at the meeting hope to attend the April Sectional in Springfield. Maybe we can win back that trophy this time.

MARGE PARIS is busy planning our penny-a-pound airlift this year. So preparations are in the process. Hope we are as successful this June as we were last year. If you are in K.C. on June 20th come on over to Fairfax Airport for a visit!

RUTH STAFFORD reports she is very busy with a big group of very enthusiastic Wing Scouts. She has been getting the group started.

We had lots of invites for some flying activities this April and May. PARIS asked us up to Atchison, Kan., for the opening of their downtown mall there. JOAN REINDL invited us over

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to K.C. Suburban for a K.C. Chapter of EAA open house in May. MARILYN DICKSON reports that our monthly Sunday fly-out is an invite to a luncheon at Springfield, Ill. Hope there aren't any tornadoes or angry clouds flitting about. So guess better get to flyin' instead of writin'.

See you all next month.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Jane Noyes

Ever hear of a fly-in rummage sale? Well, that is what VAL JOHNSON sponsored as chairman of our ways and means committee. The rummage sale was held in VAL'S home town of St. Clair, Mo., about 50 miles from St. Louis. Several of our members helped, including flying in plane loads of rummage (quite a sight). The proceeds are going to the ATAR — and it was a huge success — made quite a tidy sum.

Here's a few things some of our gals are up to: RUTH LAKE was just elected secretary of the St. Louis Aero Club. She and hubby ED plan a flying trip to Biloxi. JAN POCOCK went for a ride in Monstanto's Gulfstream to Decatur, Ala., and Pinehurst, N. C. DOROTHY RUMSEY flew her 182 to Mexico (can't wait to hear all of the details). EDITH OLOVITCH and spouse vacationed in Nassau. VALERIE JOHNSON helped in an air search for a little boy who was lost in the woods in her area. (In spite of the distance, VAL is 'Johnny on the spot' for all our meetings and activities. This gal is so busy we can't keep up with her—in fact we completely left her out of the Air Tour to Nassau and the Bahamas, and she was very much there!) AMY LAWS recently passed her written commercial, and RUTH LAKE her written instrument. Congrats! RUTH TAKSEL, plus her 210, VALERIE JOHNSON and AMY LAWS planned to fly to DeKalb, Ill., April 8-10 to attend an aviation seminar. The Sky Lady Derby will be from St. Louis on June 24-26, and some of our members plan to participate in that. JUNE EVERS has been hospitalized and is very ill. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Several of us planned to fly to Springfield, Ill., on April 4th to help the Central Illinois 99s celebrate their 20th anniversary; but alas, the weather man didn't cooperate.

Speaking of anniversaries—our chapter will have its silver anniversary this fall — we were chartered in September, 1940. Hope to have our five charter members with us for the celebration.

Our first president, DEL SCHARR, was recently honored in a St. Louis radio program contest "Apple for the Teacher". A 16 year old boy student of hers wrote a touching letter praising her.

Here's a couple of things we have in the works: A fly-in luncheon to the new Spirit of St. Louis Airport on May 1; also, we hope to paint an air marker this spring.

Until next month, bye for now.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Betty Kaye-Smith

April meeting of the chapter was held at Bloomington on the day of the great tornado—weather which meant that only two nearby members from Crawfordsville, RUBY CORNELL and BILLIE ANDERSON, were able to fly over. However, as far as we can determine, all Indiana 99s are okay. Local Civil Air Patrol members (who had been working on the search for Indiana 99 JOAN WILLIAMS who had been missing since March 20th from Gary, Ind.) presented the program. MARGARET PETTY presented a fascinating description of her flight to Rome, and we presented a silver sup to hostess ROWENA MILAN'S potential 99, LISA MARIE. JILL McCORMICK was not able to be there because of hospitalization in Home Hospital, Lafayette, for treatment of arthritis.

March meeting was late in the month, so we missed the newsletter, but it was a memorable one held at the charming Williamsburg Inn in Frankfort, Ind. Hostess MARTHA HOLST (aided by JOHNNIE) set it up there, some 30 nautical miles from Lafayette, her home, so she and JILL could fly through blowing snow, etc. Note: They were the only ones who flew in, but after all, they wanted to keep us a real "flying outfit," and it really cleared up in time for **them** to make it.

Recent jaunts included SOPH PAYTON'S flight to Kerrville, Texas, to pick up a new Mooney for her company, Indiana Aviation, and SHIRLEY MAHAN'S flight to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She and her husband, MARK, and two friends in their Cherokee 180. She and MARK, however, have traded in their Tri-Pacer on a Cessna Skylark. SHIRLEY says she needed the leg room.

JANE ROY, however, after being grounded for all these years, has become boat-conscious — there are such things — and she and husband, JOHN, welcome all 99s aboard — only eight

at once, please. RAE CAWDELL has been keeping busy during bad weather with a part in an Indianapolis Civic Theater production. In May we are all planning on good weather to fly down to BILLIE SMITH'S in North Vernon.

IOWA CHAPTER

By Mary Lou Ballensky

You might say April 11th, 1965, in Iowa was memorable and certainly infamous! Northern Iowa was reeling under devastating spring floods; then along came the "big blow" spawning several tornadoes before moving on to clobber the rest of the Midwest.

HELEN FLAHERTY and EDITH JENSEN had a wonderful meeting planned, but only four members, four guests, two hostesses, and one speaker were able to make it to the Holiday Inn in Fort Dodge. KITTY HACH, LOIS GRANGE, DINNY PHIPPS, and VERNA MAE PROCHASKA were among the luckier ones. GINNY and DON KOESTNER also managed to make it through three miles of mud, via their farm truck.

Colonel MICHAEL J. GALER, retired, drove 160 miles from Albia, Iowa, Saturday evening to be on hand as guest speaker. He retired from the U.S. Air Force December 31, 1964, and gave an excellent talk on the Strategic Air Command. We are certainly disappointed to have missed this, in particular.

PEG ONG sent word they will be moving to Dallas, Texas, as soon as her kiddies are out of school this spring. It was decided to ask PHYLLIS BARBER to take over her duties as chapter secretary.

AMES will be the site of our May meeting. Here's hoping Iowa will be back to normal by then. And, dear HELEN, thank you for sending along notes of your meeting! Obviously, you planned a very special day which only turned out to be special in a very sad way!

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Claire Ojala

The April meeting came to order at the Capitol City Airport terminal. Many attended but because of the severe weather forecasted, automobiles were the mode of transportation. The brave ones flying in were WINNIE DUPE-ROW, LORRAINE McCARTY and mother, and ALICE DAVIS with MARG HATFIELD and 66s BEATE PINDEN DERGE and PAT CLARK.

Our fund raising project proved to

be the most successful and will enable us to proceed with several of our projects.

JUNE GABLER, assistant professor of education at Oakland University and present chairman of Michigan Aerospace Education Committee, was our guest speaker. She stressed the need for Aerospace Education in schools. The elementary classes are well taken care of but the secondary classes are suffering. Their need of teachers with some training in Aerospace is tremendous. Western Michigan, Wayne State and Michigan State are offering workshop courses to help fill in the gap. With the endless number of fields open in aerospace it is mandatory for us to provide these students with the answers to their many questions. They are the keys which will unlock the door to outer space.

MARY CLARK represented the chapter at the recent meeting of the Michigan Aviation Council and gave a very informative talk on the discussions and possible future projects of the council.

After the long snowy winter many headed south for an early thaw. DOROTHY LIGON had a wonderful trip to Florida in her Bonanza. She toured the Piper Aircraft at Vero Beach and met several times with the Florida Aero Club.

Mexico bound was JOAN OLOWACK. She spent the month of March there, flying down commercially.

ANN ENGLEMAN and 49½er, guests of the Dr. WITTERS, were on a Sportsman Pilot Association cruise in Point Clear, Ala. Their second week was enjoyed in the Florida Keys getting a beautiful tan.

CAROL WELCH and 49½er flew to Marathon, Fla., for a week. Several couples made up two planes. Their guests in their twin Comanche were Mr. and Mrs. TONY KIMLEIN of Detroit. They returned by way of New Orleans where they spent several days. Much of the return trip was IFR.

MARY CREASON took a break from her work on the SMALL Race and headed northwest to Sun Valley, while SAMMY McKAY is sunning herself in the Caribbean.

ARABELLA MELICK made a pleasant and comfortable step-up from a 172 to a 210 obtained by her husband and a friend.

BABE RUTH must have had an interesting time one day last month when she took 100 kindergarteners on a tour of the Lansing Capital City Airport.



Left to right: CAROLINE OLSON, SHIRLEY LICKTEIG, BETTY MILLER, BERNICE CROWDER, BARBARA STOIKEY. Taken at the February meeting of the Austin, Minn., Pilot's Club when BETTY MILLER flew in to give a talk on her flight across the Pacific and very interesting it was too! Pictured with her are the four women pilots of Austin—100% 99s.

Start making plans now to participate in the Michigan SMALL Race. Grand Haven is the rendezvous point on October 2. The race board met with the Michigan Department of Aeronautics last month to help with the many details involved.

May happy flying hours with built-in tail winds.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Mabel Barr

Our March meeting was cancelled due to another of our Minnesota blizzards which have become quite commonplace this winter. A lot of the gals are busy flying and studying besides the many other things we work at every day. CAROLINE and RAY OLSON flew to Cosumel Island off the southeast coast of Mexico in February and took a skiing trip to Sugar Hill near Grand Rapids, Minn., in March. Needless to say they enjoyed themselves. BERNICE CROWDER has been flying her husband around Minnesota and Iowa to bowling tournaments. The road conditions have been so bad this winter she's afraid to have him drive! So far, at least, he is the non-pilot in the family. Three of the girls have

completed instrument ground school and two others are working on their instrument tickets.

JOYCE and BRUCE JOHNSTON'S flying club recently lost its N Bonanza and is purchasing an S model. They have a Skyhawk and just acquired a Travel-Air which makes a well-rounded club. JOYCE and hubby left April 1st in the Travel-Air for Florida and the Bahamas (for fun and sun, we hope). SHIRLEY and JOE LICKTEIG went winter vacationing in Hawaii. Almost looks like we'd like to abandon Minnesota because nobody seems to travel further north during our winter.

Wedding bells rang for AVIS LARSON. She met her husband-to-be while serving with the Peace Corps in Pakistan and now is living in the Chicago area. We lost JANE WHITE to the Chicago Chapter and everyone is very sorry to see her leave but we take this opportunity to tell the Chicago Chapter they are gaining a terrific gal.

OZARK CHAPTER

By Hazel Matz

By the time this hits the press, one North Central Section meeting will be a thing of the past . . . THANK

HEAVENS! As I have said before, it's going to be interesting to see what we come up with. For one thing, the gentleman with the hotel, who has been helping us, has resigned and moved out of town. Do you suppose we could have had anything to do with his decision?

EDYTHE VERNON has moved to Kansas City and we are all very sorry to lose her. But to replace her we have ELOISE CRAIG who recently moved to Springfield from Memphis. We welcome her with open arms — if she'll have us. We were happy to have her and PENNY MORRISET as guess. Members attending were MARY MORRISET, JEAN FULDNER, PATTY HURST, JEAN McCLEARNON and myself. A very small group to get much done, but we tried.

As for news, I have none. We were so wrapped up with luncheons, dinners, tickets, programs, MONEY, etc., we didn't even have time for gossiping.

See you next month with more news — I hope.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Marie A. Mitzenheim

Thunderstorms were predicted for Sunday afternoon so our "fly-in" became a "drive in" and six 99s met at Dodge County Airport near Juneau. RAMONA HUEBNER told us of Wisconsin Aeronautics meeting at Eau Claire and dinner with the governor.

A short business meeting was conducted by Chairman TONEY. Several members are planning to attend the Spring Sectional. Interesting meetings are planned for the summer months and we look forward to flying in.

We drove to the Pyramid (and it is shaped to look like a pyramid) for dinner. VIRGINIA GALLENBERGER told us she is nearly ready to take her written exam for her instrument rating. In about three hours she will have enough flying time so the flight test is near. VIRGINIA will graduate from high school in June.

Driving home we discovered tornadoes were in the vicinity and came upon the ravages of one which had just struck.

Better weather next month!

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SHIRLEY MORRIS, GEORGIA TILLERY, DONNA DOWNEY and MARIE GROSSETETE prepare for Freshaza Dazy Flight over Albuquerque, April 1st.



ABILENE CHAPTER

By Mel Hall

Okay, everybody, same song, same tune, second verse. Old man weather was against us again.

Flying weather around these parts has been very bad for those of us who do not have instrument tickets. There have been a few days when we had hopes that we would have at least a few days in a row of nice weather, but instead one day would be terrible and the following day it would be spring. Oh, well, to look to the bright side, perhaps the rest of the month will be super fine.

We pulled ourselves together last month for a fly-in to San Antonio and meet with the girls there, and as usual had to cancel because of weather. Instead we met at the lovely home of JOY RAMSEY, had some refreshments and lively conversation about the weather and took ourselves off to a restaurant for lunch.

AMBER CREE and AUDREY ANDERS flew to Phoenix for a few days, and had a very pleasant and uneventful trip. AMBER flew her 210 Cessna. Yours truly flew her Apache to Corpus Christi to visit daughter at school and guess what? You guessed it, thunderstorms along the coast and low ceilings enroute to Abilene grounded me, and had to come home by airline and leave the bird hangared down there for three weeks. Finally outwitted the changeable weather though, and got her back last week. Couldn't have asked for a better day for flying.

GLORIA PUCKETT and family are

spending a few days fishing off the coast of Florida and catching some sun.

Hope to have more to write about next time and I will earnestly try to restrain myself from griping about the weather (unless it is really terrible and messes up our plans for the third time). I'll be optimistic.

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

By Georgia Tillery

Planning their Freshaza Dazy Flight over downtown Albuquerque are some of the girls from our chapter: SHIRLEY MORRIS, GEORGIA TILLERY, DONNA GROSSETETE. The event accompanied by a parade marked the beginning of Albuquerque's clean-up campaign.

With DONNA as chairman, we hope Albuquerque wins first in the cleanest city of its size in the U.S.A. this year!

Airmarking is underway in three towns along the Estancia Valley just over the mountains east of Albuquerque. All towns are less than 2,000 but the town councils of Moriarty, Estancia and Mountainair have agreed to finance and have the names painted. Baby sitters are all lined up and we are headed for Lake Texoma in two weeks.

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Janie Oesch

SHERRY O'KEEFE of Denver has joined this chapter. Welcome to the 99s! SHERRY received her private license June of 1963, totaling up around 150 hours to date in many different types of aircraft. She has flown a Cessna 170, 182, and a 150; Piper Colt, a Comanche 250, a J3 Cub, Cherokee 140, 180, 225 and a Bonanza. SHERRY is presently working for Atlas Aviation at Stapleton as a secretary-receptionist. She finished two years at Iowa State University and also attended business college at the American Institute of Business in Des Moines. She has worked as an insurance underwriter, typist, librarian, Civil Defense secretary, and has even been a bartender. Husband JACK is a pilot with Frontier Airlines and has a flight and ground instructor rating in airplane, helicopter and instrument. SHERRY dreams of getting out from behind her secretarial desk so that she can just fly wherever and whenever she wants. To do this she plans to be a commercial, instrument, multi-engine, and an instructor rating.

BETTY PFISTER and husband ART

flew their Comanche to Acapulco for a two weeks stay.

The TURRILL'S Cessna 175 threw a rod while in flight, so—a forced landing in a field north of Stapleton was necessary. Not a scratch to the airframe or prop—but that engine! The real problem was, according to FREDDA, she was without a plane. 49½er LARRY got her a Skylane the next day, and they flew for a weekend of square dancing in Kansas.

PAT LUTHER won the KTLN helicopter ride last week. "It was great fun riding with BILL JOHNSTON while he conducted his "traffic report program" from the helicopter.

JANE WHITNEY is a newly elected officer and board member of the Junior League of Colorado Springs, Inc. She will serve as treasurer-elect.

Our chapter toured the Air Traffic Control Center at Longmont on April 10, 1965.

A three foot bank of snow and a faulty tail wheel can cause a lot of damage! RAY and I found this out when we wrecked our 170. Thanks to those tight seat belts there were no injuries—except to our egos.

Two other new members are CAROL TILFORD who has a private pilots license and has flown a Cessna 150 and a 172 as well as a Piper Cherokee. She is planning to work toward a commercial license. She is most interested in the 99s activities and in meeting "so many women who share my interest in flying". She would be most interested in our flying activities and "any educational programs that will further a pilot's knowledge in the complex field of flying". CAROL and husband, VERNON, live at 1270 S. Gray and have three children, ages 13, 11 and seven. Besides flying they are interested in golf and skiing as well as hunting and fishing.

GAIL E. MITCHELL has a private license and has flown a Champion, Tri-Traveler, Piper Colt, North American SNJ-5. A commercial license is her goal. GAIL is a teacher by profession with three years of experience. Her graduate major is physical education. She has taught in junior high school in Jackson, Mich., and in the junior-senior high school in Louisville, Colo. At present she is completing work on a master's degree at the University of Colorado while working as a graduate assistant in the physical education department. Other than flying, her interests are music, travel, sports of all sorts and sewing. GAIL has traveled

extensively throughout the U. S., with her family as a child as well as a considerable amount on her own. During the past three summers she has gone to Alaska and Canada. Welcome to the 99s you two.

DONNA MYERS and JOHNNIE flew to Phoenix, late in March, to take in an automobile race—DONNA stayed there until April 4th so as to attend the 99 Executive Board meeting, held at the Sky Rider Motel which is at the Sky Harbor Airport. DONNA submitted the following report:

HELEN MAXSON, as a member of the "Race Study Committee," along with two other members of the committee, WIN GRIFFIN of El Paso and BETTY GILLIES, San Diego, met with the Board. HELEN and JOHN were going to vacation a bit after HELEN was finished with the 99 report. It was good to see BARBARA LONDON, Long Beach, who met with the Board as a representative of the AWTAR. The Arizona Chapter transported us to a fabulous steak place in the desert one nite—DOTTIE YOUNG, News Editor, flew in from Oklahoma City with SUSIE SEWELL, Treasurer, amid rain showers —JOAN HRUBEC, Cleveland, Board Member, met BETTY McNABB, Secretary, in Dallas and they had to abandon ship in El Paso and come commercial, as did President RUTH DEERMAN and WIN GRIFFIN. LYGIE HAGAN, Board Member, arrived from Spokane. Vice President ALICE ROBERTS, Phoenix, took good naturedly all the ribbing on "rain showers" during the meet. DONNA ended by saying, "Much work and lots of fun, too."

Anyone flying into Peterson Field, look me up, I am now working for Beeline Aviation as a secretary-receptionist.

NAME TAGS, ANYONE?

DALLAS CHAPTER

By Hazel McKendrick

Big things have been happening to DOROTHY WARREN. Her husband, CHUCK, presented her with a new C310, N599DJ. She also was invited to join the Zonta International Club. She and LUCILLE are planning to fly N599DJ in the IAR and are chewing their nails off waiting their handicap, which had not been received at press time.

Meanwhile, back at her apartment, DORIS WELLER tells me she had sectional charts spread all over the living room, out in front and down to

the swimming pool, in getting ready to fly the IAR with EDNA GARDNER WHYTE.

The Dallas Chapter will be "dress alike" for the TAR stop in July. We all ordered 99 blue dresses and they will have the 99 patch on the front. For those of us who couldn't quite make the size, we ordered the material from the same bolt and will have ours made.

The last meeting was a business meeting held at SALLY BROWN'S house. We addressed envelopes for the sectional and got our dresses and firmed up plans for the TAR stop.

HAZEL MCKENDRICK and family flew to Siloam Springs, Ark., to have a meeting with MARGE NEILSON, HAZEL'S co-pilot for the AWTAR. This was the first "get-togetherness" cross-country for HAZEL and her family, and your reporter is wondering how this trip will work out with son MIKE as co-pilot.

MARTHA ANN READING, JOSEPHINE ALLISON, plus two campers, and a host of children and grandchildren went off to the hinterlands for the weekend.

EL PASO CHAPTER

By Bonnie Link

Our lovely spring weather is putting the gals on the go again, except for a spotty weatherin in. WANDRA EMERSON and 49½er AARON weathered in Minnesota. Then, while we hate to admit it, BETTY McNABB and JOAN HRUBEC flying from the east to the Executive Board meeting in Phoenix, had to leave BETTY'S Bonanza in El Paso and finish the trip commercial. Also attending the board meeting were RUTH DEERMAN and WIN GRIFFIN. They were all very busy.

MARGARET CALLAWAY from Long Beach gave three students their dual cross-country to Fort Worth. On her return trip she stopped in El Paso where she was RUTH'S guest for the night.

We have another prospect for the AWTAR. RUTH FLEISHER is making her plans. We wish her the best.

NEVA PETERS was in an auto accident. We'll take this spot to give her our "get well soon" message.

After the loss of her husband, our dearest member POLLY PEERCE has finished her business and moved to Eugene, Ore., to be near her family, but with a promise to return to visit us soon. Anyone from the Oregon Chapter wishing to make her feel welcome

could contact her at: 663 D, Springfield, Ore.

Our Chapter Chairman MARY FRAN SEIDL hasn't been wasting any time. Just recently returned from flying trip to Dallas with her guest FREDDYE WRIGHT and is currently on a trip to Guaymas, Mexico, with friends and 49½er HANK.

As I understand it we are growing some worthy legs for the AWTAR. Tucson to El Paso, \$150 leg prize courtesy of Champs Aviation and Humble Oil of El Paso. Also a \$200 prize for leg No. 2 (Tucson to El Paso) and \$1,000 for No. 4 (Midland to Dallas) donated by El Paso International Airport in the name of our three fixed-base operators, Champs Aviation, Southwest Air Rangers, and El Paso Aviation.

So until next month when our weather is even better?

**MATCH-BOX SANDWICHES,
ANYONE?**

HOUSTON CHAPTER

By Louise Bickford

MARY COALE returned from a trip to California in time to hold our April meeting in her lovely home. Co-hostess was MAYBELLE FLETCHER. Those two certainly know how to bake good cookies. Twenty-seven 99s, Petticoat Pilots and guests were present, plus a few husbands.

After the meeting WALLY LANGSTON showed two very interesting films; one was a flying-bear hunting trip he took in Alaska, the other was of him doing acrobats in a P51 and another airplane. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed seeing the films.

MARILYN STONEBERG reported that pictures taken by one of the local papers of our airmarking at Baytown have been sent to a Russian magazine. It seems that one of the reporters for the paper saw the pictures and sent them to the magazine to show the Russians that American women do more than sit around and look pretty.

MARY and CONNIE ABLE flew to the Lost Valley Resort in Bandera for the opening of the Frontier Town Hotel, which they helped decorate. They reported a most delightful time. Easter weekend they are holding the first annual golf tournament at Lost Valley and have 12 participants to date.

Just learned that CELIA and HANK PARRISH moved into a new house in Friendswood, which is just a few miles south of Houston. However, that didn't

keep them from attending the Texas State Aviation Assn. flying at Padre Island earlier this month. They reported a very nice fly-in even though they had strong headwinds going down, but the wind held for their return so they made a fast trip home. MARILYN and CHUCK STONEBERG also attended this fly-in.

ARDITH McCREERY and family, from Tip of Texas Chapter, were in Houston and stopped by to visit with CELIA and HANK PARRISH. The McCREERYs were here to attend one of the opening baseball games in the domed stadium.

MARY BURKE is becoming much in demand as a public speaker these days. She recently spoke to the Army and Navy Association on women's role in aviation.

We don't see too much of ORA MAE and BEN BOSWELL these days. They are busy remodeling a house on their farm in Flynn and they just come to the city long enough to pick up a few supplies. Your reporter and family drove up one weekend to inspect the progress, and MARTHA AKINS and family flew up another weekend to spend the night.

The farm is on such a pretty location, and with a 3,000 foot strip at the back door, the BOSWELL'S can expect a lot of fly-in company from now on.

KANSAS CHAPTER

By Garnett Hastings

Our March meeting was a big celebration in Augusta on March 20th, hosted by HELEN LEE, HAZEL GUY and EARLYNE SCHOLFIELD at the Lasso Room of the Ranger Motel—our Chapter's 14th anniversary complete with champagne, lunch, cake and all the trimmings. Three charter members — HAZEL GUY, ANNE WADDELL and HELEN SIMMONS — were paid special tribute. In addition to hostesses and charter members, those present were MARGARET YOURDON, JEAN MURRAY, JOYCE FUNSCH, GARNETT HASTINGS, BETTY BUCKMAN, PAULINE OTTOWAY, GRACE BROWN, ESTHER ISAACS, GENE NORA JESSEN, MILDRED EARLY, ALICE DODD, JUANITA HATTAN, guests NAOMI ARNDT, SUZANNE WARNER, DORIS KOOB, DOROTHY JEAN HOOPES, INGRID DAVIDGE; and 49½ers ROY SIMMONS and ED ISAACS — ED being our interesting speaker of the day.

Kansas Chapter 99s flew in to Abilene, Kan., for their April 10th meet-

ing hostessed by 99 HELEN SIMMONS and 49½er ROY. After coffee and our business meeting we enjoyed family style luncheon and a guided tour through the very interesting Eisenhower library. Besides our gracious host and hostess, those attending were PAT McEWEN, PAULINE OTTOWAY, GENE NORA JESSEN, GARNETT HASTINGS, JUANITA HATTAN, VI RUSH, NEOLA MATSON, MARILYN COPELAND and 49½er JOHN, and guests NANCY WEBB, Wichita; Mrs. POE (ESTHER) BERKLEY, Bennington; FAY TAYLOR, Abilene, and LARRY BANGIOLA, Augusta.

Big plans are being formulated for the Fall South Central Sectional to be held in Wichita on September 24, 25 and 26 under direction of MARILYN COPELAND and her appointed committees. SUNFLOWER SWING-A-ROO complete with treasure hunt, guided tours of the Air Capital major aircraft plants, lovely accommodations at the new Hotel Lassen Terrace, with luncheons, parties, banquet and the whole works — much, much fun. Do plan now to join us for all festivities.

GENE NORA JESSEN and GARNETT HASTINGS wind up another successful year as advisors to the Wing Scout Troop with complimentary airplane rides for all at Beech Aircraft. Last meeting was a study of Airman's Information Manual.

Congratulations to JEAN NOBLE who has passed her written commercial and now for the check ride. Wow! JEAN and MARILYN COPELAND are making big plans to fly the Powder Puff Derby in July. Another Kansas member, MARY AIKENS (who was 1st winner co-pilot in 1964) is flying that same race again with MARY ANN NOAH (winning pilot from Kansas City, Mo.) and they hope to do a repeat performance. We gals at home will be rooting for you all 100 per cent. Best of luck — let's bring home to Kansas another "best". MARY AIKENS has also booked some air shows for the summer, and is flying in the International Air Race.

Our June 5th meeting promises to be a "doozy" at the home of PAT McEWEN, Chapter Chairman, in Wichita.

Some notes received from PENNY WHITE indicate she is having a "ball" on her tour of the South Pacific, and we are all anxious to hear her relate to us in person her many exciting experiences.

GENE NORA JESSEN has recently

flown to California, participated in a Family Fun Fair in Midland, Texas, and is gone now on a tour of five weeks duration in the East.

PAT McEWEN recently flew her children down around New Orleans way for a little vacation. MARY AIKENS flew her children to California, and made a recent trip to Indianapolis, Ind., for a meeting. MARILYN COPELAND and JOHN have taken some short trips with their children, and with that airplane (new one) plan to stay in the air a good bit of the summer.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jan Heins

Our February meeting was held in Fremont with seven 99s, two 49½ers, two 24½s, and one guest, ONA DEAN, present. Final arrangements for our dinner in March for prospective 66s were made. Also discussed was participation in air markings in towns where the Junior Chambers of Commerce were not operating. Fifty dollars was sent to the Powder Puff Derby. JAN MUNKERS had fallen and broken her ankle, which, I hope, is well healed by now.

March 6 found the Paxton Hotel in Omaha "full" with 50 prospective 66s and their husbands despite the ice and snow. LOIS DURHAM did a grand job as toastmistress at the dinner for these interested and interesting gals. GENE NORA JESSEN of Wichita was the guest speaker. Looks as though we "netted" about 20 good prospects to start their own branch of 66s.

In April we met in Omaha with KATHRYN MARSH and ANITA THOMAS of Council Bluffs. Having "typical 99 meeting weather — rain and fog" — LOIS, BERNIE and FLORENCE drove in from Lincoln, JAN from Falls City, and HELEN, KATHRYN, VERDAYNE, and ANITA from the Omaha area with BARBARA KREJCI, JEAN GIVEN and MARY LOU PHELPS as guests. HARRY DIRGO, flight instructor, gave an interesting talk on changes and continual improvement in general aviation. Some of these are the Automatic Transcribed Information Service (ATTS), now on a trial basis; AID desk which is also on a trial basis in different parts of the country, and the Rocky Mountain, Lake and Swamp Reporting Service.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of MILLIE BARRETT'S father.

FLORENCE BORING is going to California to attend a Civil Defense

Evaluation Exercise at Stanford University. Our congratulations go to BERNIE on receiving her multi-engine rating.

HELEN, KATHRYN, VERDAYNE and JAN (all with their 49½ers) plan to attend the sectional at Texoma Lodge, Kingston, Okla., the end of this month.

June 6 we will meet in Kearney with LEAH SNART as hostess. We also plan to meet with the Kansas Chapter at Concordia sometime in June.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Nema Masonhall

SPRING HAS SPRUNG AND WINTER HAS WENT, so the Oklahoma 99s are awing again. MARIE KETCHUM, ARLENE WALKUP, MARY CORNELSON flew in for the OFF Board meeting at JANE and ROGER ABBOTT'S, being slightly afoot, I drove. VELMA WOODWARD and BRONET EVANS flew up to Lawrence, Kan., in the 182. ARLENE visited the Tulsa Chapter of 99s. VELMA and BRONETA are on the "Cherokee Trail" quite frequently now. Were in Florida in time for the Gemini shoot, then took a few days in Nassau, then by Cherokee(s) back to OKC. ARLENE attended the Pilots Seminar at OSU. RITA and LEONARD EAVES flew to Newton, Kan., for an EAA meet. SUSIE SEWELL and DOTTIE YOUNG Comanched (260) to Phoenix for SUSIE to attend the EB meeting and DOTTIE visited friends, had dinner with several of the Phoenix 99s. SHARON FISHER is the OSU Flying Aggie Queen and CAROL WADDELL is our new Oklahoma Flying Farmer Queen. Congrats to you both. How about the SOL SMITHS, Trish, our former chapter member, now of Tulsa, 49½er SOL, is the new OFF president, their daughter, PAM, Oklahoma FF Farmerette, and son, GEORGE, is OFF president of the Teens.

Ninety-Nines attending the OFF state convention in OKC were CAROL, OFF Queen; ARLENE, her navigator; JANE, MARY C., SUSIE, BRONETA, MARIE K., and NEMA. Our 99 meeting followed the state convention on Sunday and the following other 99s were present: JO PETROPLY, RITA EAVES, SHARON FISHER, DOROTHY MORGAN, MARY LESTER, and guests LYN WILLIAMS, MARJORIE HUDSON, POLLY RUBLE and TRISH SMITH, T-Town 99. We were most pleased to have also our newest 99s, NA5NCY FRITH, who was pictured in

the Daily Oklahoman's Sunday Orbit featuring the OSU Flying Aggies, and LOU SKILLERN of Ponca City.

Hope you are feeling better, RUTH, we missed you and SKIP and BETH at the meeting.

The JACK KETCHUMS are the WKY, Channel 4, Oklahoma Farmer-Rancher of the Month, MARIE is our chapter vice chairman, and JACK is immediate past president of the Oklahoma Flying Farmers. Congrats to the KETCHUM family for the honor they are bring to their community, the 99s and the Flying Farmers.

Hope to see you all at Lake Texoma.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

By Marian Burke

Gee! It's News Letter time again! Where does the time go? No "new member" report this month but next month we'll have one.

ROSA LEA MEEK from Kerrville is not only the Mooney aircraft dealer in Kerrville, she is now starting a Mooney ferry service. Sounds great! Lots of luck to you, ROSA LEA.

MARIAN BURKE is leaving in a few days for Florida. She's picking up a new Cherokee for the San Antonio Piper distributor. Rumors are that she's flying one in the International Air Race.

MARIAN was in El Paso last week. Got caught in a bad dust storm and she's still cleaning dust off the Cessna 180. She was there visiting her brother in the service and didn't have time to give any of the local El Paso 99s a call because her stay was so short.

Better get the old trusty flyin' machine out and start polishing! It's almost race time gals! Enter at least one — there's at least a dozen interesting races this season. Check the 99 News Letter closely for information.

Till next month, happy Easter and safe flyin'!

TIP OF TEXAS CHAPTER

By Elaine Needham

Hello fellow cloud jumpers! Now that spring is in the air we ought to be also. Have you ever flower-gazed on your local airport, real low, that is? PAULINE GLASSON and I did that last week and got a good bird's-eye view flying low down the runways, much to the wonderment of the tower operators. We told them we were only looking at the primroses in bloom, honest we were!

MARIAN BURKE AND BETSY HOGAN — many thanks from the Tip

of Texas Chapter to your San Antonio Chapter for the \$45 you donated to us from the proceeds collected by the BURKE fly-in. This will be of great help to our airmarking activities.

The penny-a-pound flight held in McAllen recently was a fine success. Four planes from Corpus participated. ARDATH McCREERY'S hostessing was greatly appreciated. Also, LUCILLE VAN TYNE from Harlingen came over in her Cessna 175 to help.

Due to wind and fog the penny-a-pound flight held recently in Corpus Christi was not so successful, but we tried anyway.

PAULINE GLASSON IFR'd to San Antonio on April 13. All went well until she landed — got lost on the ground trying to find the meeting she was supposed to attend.

VEDA TENNENT, our secretary, pulled a neat trick on us. She's moving 40 miles away to Rockport into a nice new home.

ELAINE NEEDHAM and PAULINE GLASSON traveled a 300 mile airmarking trip, completing five airmarkers in one and a half days. In one of the towns we repainted we were told that the mayor had received a letter of thanks from a lost pilot who had seen the airmarker and was able to find his way. We suspect quite a few more pilots have used these airmarkers, but never let us know.

LENA JACKSON won third place for ballroom exhibition dancing in Dallas recently. LENA also did an exhibition dance during PEARL BUCK'S appearance and captured thunderous applause.

Goodbye all you flyin' gals — come on down to the Bluebonnet state and pay us a visit!

TULSA CHAPTER

By Jean Engler

Those of you who thought we had a tornado in these parts last Tuesday night can relax. It was just BETTY NATION zooming around like Superman all day and then providing us with an excellent report on weather briefing. All of us learned a few things and understood a lot more we thought we already knew.

JEAN WILLIAMS, LEE BAKER, MARY KRUTSCH, LOIS MARTIN, BETTY PLUMMER, JAN (back of New Orleans) MAURITSON, TRISH SMITH, SHIRLEY GREENBERG (Slightly damp), DOROTHY JOHNSON, AGNES HELLMAN, SARAH JOHNSON, COLLEEN WHITE, BETTY

NATION, ANNAHLEE JONES, NANCY CAIN and I enjoyed the goodies at the Black Gold Buffet.

ANNAHLEE JONES is back from more shopping trips to New York and Dallas. JOHNNY and I flew the Cessna 411 — turbo and all the works.

We are planning a painting party at Pryor Airport on May 9. All hands grasping paint brushes will be greatly appreciated.

All our love to MARY SHADDOCK. We miss our very dearest 49½, but it's only a temporary separation, not a loss. Aloha, Jimmy.



BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

By Rhoda Thompson

Sky sailing, with all its thrills and beauty, was the subject of the program presented for our April meeting. Mr. FRED HARRIS of the Holiday Soaring School at Tehachapi, was our guest speaker, he brought a beautiful color film on gliding, and then gave the most interesting talk on soil planes and sailing. His school is famous for the number of accident-free students he has trained, and Tehachapi is famous for, among other things—the wonderful AIR for sailing. It seems that, in deciding on a location for his glider school, AIR was the last thing to be considered, and it turned out to be the biggest bonus possible. The thermals in this area are such that you can stay up for hours. We were all so enthralled with the idea of sky-sailing, don't be surprised to hear that some of us have taken it up.

EUNICE DICKEY and JUNE EDWARDS are working diligently on the 66 project. At the last 66 meeting, JUNE presented a very interesting program on her flying experiences, crop dusting by plane and 'copter in the Carolinas, in Florida, and even in Canada. With 6,000 hours to her credit, this girl just has to get her own plane again and get back in the air.

We think some good can be accomplished with this 66 thing. A very lovely lady came last time who had never been in a small plane, but utterly fascinated with trips on larger planes, and with the usefulness and fun of small planes. She wanted to know how to go about learning to fly. We told her. And you know what? I'll bet she be-



AGNES HELLMAN and JEAN WILLIAMS holding a front page of the 'El Mundo', a San Juan newspaper, covering JUDY HELLMAN and her flying machine. She is the youngest flight instructor on the Island, and the only female type.

comes a very good pilot with that keen zest for life that flying seems to give a person.

We have heard from our Bus for Baja project at long last. This was our project last summer, we had an airlift to raise funds to buy a school bus for Santa Maria, Baja, Calif., because they had lots of kiddies but no school be-

cause they had no transportation. At last we hear that the bus is operating regularly, and the school has been painted blue, the leaky roof has been repaired, the large room was divided so as to make two classrooms, they now have lots of desks for the previously empty school. All this work has been done because someone showed

that they cared, and that started things rolling.

MARIANNE LAXAGUE will be leaving for a month-long trip to Germany on May 12, returning just in time to fly in the San Diego - Fallon Race with me.

I took a man for a little ride recently, on a day when the rain was coming down by the bucketful, and every take-off and landing a crosswind adventure. When we got down and he handed me that coveted commercial ticket, I felt it made all that work and money worthwhile.

If there is a shortage of names in our news, it is only because our girls aren't telling me what they are doing lately. I wonder if they are loafing or just being modest?

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Mary Fields

GAIL LANE went on a passenger freighter, the SS Diemerdyk recently to Panama, then flew on Pam-Am and Mexicana Airlines to Merida, Yucatan, Mexico and Cozumel Island. Cozumel is a wonderful place with marvelous swimming and snorkeling. Mexicana Airlines serves free beer!

HI RIELICH has been IFRing all over the state. There's one gal who doesn't let time go back on her. Must be about 20 hours by now on actual instruments since receiving her rating only a short time ago.

New member IRMGARD BEASLEY is a flight instructor at Hayward Air Terminal on Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. And NANCY LYNAM is the proud possessor of a flight instructor rating, also.

Despite the rainy weather everyone seems to be doing a fair amount of flying. ELLY is starting out for her commercial. GLADYS COBB has been all around in her Cherokee. I understand she and a few more of our gals went to Rio Vista and had a little lunch at "The Point". A restaurant on the Sacramento River. You land, call them on the phone and they pick you up and return you to the airport after you have indulged in some mighty fine food. ETHEL SHAFFER has been T-34ing around, MARY FIELDS has been Swiftng, GAIL LANE checked out again and in addition to flying Cessnas has been flying the "S" model Bonanza.

HI and NANCY have been keeping the Soroptimists informed on women in aviation, as well as the public at large. HI spoke at a luncheon on the 99s and NANCY on the AWTAR. Also,

I understand the two of them were on television during the afternoon.

Our annual Founder's Day Dinner meeting was a smashing success. Present was our Hawaiian member, DOROTHY KELSEY. Everyone had a lot of fun at the Sea Wolf Restaurant on Jack London Square.

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By Elly Jones

The April meeting of the Bay Cities Chapter was held Friday, April 16, at the home of DEBY BYRAM. Those present were: RITA HART, CAROLINE SCHUTT, RUTH JACQUOT, MAXINE CARLSON, ENA AYERS, ELEANOR WILSON, RUTH MAGILL, HIALEAH REILICH, NANCY LYNAM, MIRIAM BRUGH, RUTH REUCKERT, ELLY JONES, GLADYS COBB and DEBY BYRAM. Our guest was LORETTA GABRIELSON a recent transfer from the Utah Chapter.

MARG FAUTH flew to Honolulu, will take a steamer cruise through the islands and a rest cure on the beach at Waikiki. CAROLINE SCHUTT added a Mark 12 with VOA4 to her Musketeer and is planning on flying to Tucson for the Section meeting with DEE SOUTHARD. LORETTA GABRIELSON, transfer from Utah Chapter, owns a 140 and is just doing some local flying out of San Carlos to get acquainted with the area. RUTH MAGILL flew to Booneville, Anderson Valley. There is a new development around there; owners will be able to park their plane beside their homes. California has adopted a new ordinance making it legal to taxi on streets in specified districts. A large group of flyers picnicked under their planes in this beautiful valley and looked hopefully at the lots. RUTH and JOE flew to Columbia in a Skylane and joined the Oakland Pilots group on a tour of a gold mine and the old mining town.

NANCY LYNAM and HIALEAH REILICH were invited to appear on a television show "One-the-Scene" to represent women in aviation and aviation as a way of life for women. Hialeah (as secretary of CCAA) flew the REILICH'S 182 to Brackett Field in Southern California recently for an Executive Committee meeting. Passengers were CCAA President T. G. ANDERSON and Legislative Chairman BILL ADAMS of Merced. The flight was a combination VFR and IFR. The IFR was interesting because the freezing level was reported at 5000 feet (snow at 2500 feet). They all jetted home the following day. The REILICH'S



MRS. IDA GAY, El Cajon Valley Chapter Membership Chairman is shown presenting ROSOLYN HEATH and BEVERLY BUCKWALTER with their 99 pins. Also presented to new members is a copy of Chapter By-Laws, Section By-Laws and Chairman duties. Presentation was made at a recent meeting at the home of HARRIET ALLEN, Secretary. — Photo by C. Whited.

all went down the following weekend to bring "Poopsiebelle" (the family 182) back home.

Recently DEBY BYRAM and HIALEAH REILICH flew into Monterey for a luncheon meeting with 14 women pilots to discuss a projective Monterey Bay Chapter. Another marginal day. So . . . IFR home, delightful! For the same meeting, GLADYS COBB had as passengers in her Cherokee her sister, BETTY OLENDER, and ELLY JONES. However, due to extremely poor VFR weather, had to settle for Hollister. Also detoured to Hollister was DOROTHY GARLIEPP and her passenger GAIL LANE. The five "lady bugs" had a rendezvous all their own with a wonderful luncheon at the Don Pacheco Inn.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to HELEN KELTON on the recent loss of her husband, DON.

EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER By Boo Christensen

The big news is the Powder Puff Derby. The El Cajon Valley Chapter of the 99s and cities of El Cajon, La Mesa, Santee and the county of San Diego welcome you to the Start of the 1965 Powder Puff Derby July 3 at

Gillespie Field in El Cajon Valley. We look forward to helping you enjoy a memorable week from June 26 to July 3, which will be proclaimed as "Women in Aviation Week" in San Diego County. The added attractions planned by the Start Committee makes this pre-takeoff week one of continuous fun.

We will be prepared for early arrivals, with transportation from Gillespie Field to race headquarters at the beautiful Town and Country Hotel in suburban Mission Valley. It is a 20 minute, picturesque drive by auto, along the outskirts of the city, and within sight of the Laguna Mountains, which form a backdrop for lovely El Cajon Valley.

Make your serervations direct with the hotel. A registration fee of \$20 will cover the **planned** meals and entertainment and transportation for the five-day program.

We suggest casual clothes to blend with the casual suburban atmosphere—but bring an informal party dress for the cocktail party and pre-race banquet on July 1. By all means bring your swimming suit. A sweater and light evening wrap will be needed as the nights and early mornings are always chilly in this land of "the most

wonderful climate on earth."

Whether you are a contestant in the AWTAR, a friend or relative of a contestant or a 99, you will receive the red carpet treatment from the El Cajon Valley girls and their local supporters, the members of the East County Aviation Committee of the El Cajon Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Join us for the 19th Powder Puff Derby — and continue the fun and the thrill of the race with all 99s to the International Convention at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Your AWTAR Start Committee, ISABELLE McCRAE, chairman; BOO CHRISTENSEN, co-chairman, look forward to seeing you in June.

FALLON CHAPTER

By Joyce Beail

Well, fly people, the time is here again for me to pour out my enthusiasm about the coming Fun Race to you all. When I say "Fun" that's exactly what I mean. That seems to be the main topic of conversation at the Fallon end. No matter whose conversation you might tune in on it goes like this: "Gee, doesn't that sound like fun!" and so on. Well, anyway, as you can see, everyone here is sure getting all steamed up about this San Diego-Fallon Fun Race and it's a chance for women from all over the country to meet, become acquainted and of course to fly. For those who race there is a fine race and they will see lots of interesting scenery, such as the lowest point, Badwater (in Death Valley) and the highest point (Mt. Whitney) in the U.S. proper, and lots of beautiful, beautiful country. For those who love to fly there's lots of room and excitement, so come on Fallon way, we're waiting to greet you.

Since our last Newsletter we have managed to squeeze in two meetings, the previous meeting of March 20, was held in Fallon. This meeting was attended by some of the members from the Santa Clara Valley Chapter flying in for the weekend. Everyone enjoyed a bit of an aerial acrobatic exhibition put on by "old timer" GUSTAVSON and PAT HENING, flying the new Champion Citabria.

Our April 17 meeting was held in the Ambassador Room at the Reno Municipal Airport. MARY BARR and her 16 year old daughter, MOLLY, a new student, flew down from Susanville and BERTHA CLINE flew in from Shurz. Bath reported the air a bit

"lumpy". After lunch we settled down to the most serious business at hand which was of course, winding up the last minute details of the San Diego-Fallon Fun Race of June 12. Committee members were appointed and final plans were discussed.

So far our race entries from the Fallon Chapter include ORA DESTREE and co-pilot EDNA PRITCHARD, student, of Carson; PAT HENNING and co-pilot NORMA BURNETTE, student, of Fallon; BERTHA CLINE of Shurz and co-pilot Jaunda Bigelo of the Bay Cities Chapter.

The one thing that is causing great anticipation of the race at the Fallon end is our display of the trophies which arrived a few weeks ago. They are just beautiful and everyone wishes they could acquire one of these.

An item of importance that came to light at our Reno meeting was the report of HAZEL HOHN (our former WASP member) on having found one of the original 99 charter members. She is BONNIE CHITTENDEN WHITMAN, who now resides in Carson City, Nev. She acquired her license in 1927 and we are anxiously looking forward to meeting BONNIE. She will certainly be a most welcome guest at any of our succeeding meetings and events. WELCOME! BONNIE, from the Fallon Chapter.

A closing thought — if you want to have "fun" come join in on our San Diego-Fallon Fun Race and week-end fly-in on June 12 and 13. Happy flying.

LAS VEGAS VALLEY CHAPTER

By Gerry Whitton

Don't forget that next month is the San Diego-Fallon Fun Race, June 13 to be exact. Let's get behind the girls in this race and plan to see them off from San Diego or be on hand to greet them at the terminus.

Chairman FRAN JOHNSON is busy gathering information for LUV 99s Chapter project, the Wing Scout Patrol. This promises to be both an informative and fun project, and we are all looking forward to the active association of the two groups in September. DAWN OPAT has shown a great interest in this project and is attending the pre-preparation meetings with

SEE YOU IN CHATTANOOGA IN JULY

MARGO BARTLETT, who is field supervisor for the patrol.

Speaking of DAWN, she has returned from the East where she was attending college and plans to stay with us this time. She going to work at the Dunes Hotel. While DAWN would qualify as a Las Vegas show girl, she will, instead, hold the position of computer operator. DAWN also has a new (to her) Comanche and is avidly pouring over AWTAR packets!

Our regular monthly dinner meeting was held at the Alpine Village and our prospective members and guests were NANCY MARSENICH, CAROL RAISIN, and LOIS-ANN LARSON'S mother, MRS. JOHNSON. NANCY is a member of Civil Air Patrol and gave us some real interesting information regarding CAP.

Our best wishes and congratulations go to MARIAN JEPSEN and Dr. GERALD BANKS who were recently married in Las Vegas. MARIAN is on the AWTAR Board and a San Diego Chapter 99. FRAN JOHNSON and NORMA GUNDERSON handled the pre-nuptial arrangements for the ceremony at the Little Church of the West. The honeymoon trip includes picking up a new "Twin Comanche" at the factory. Nice wedding gift!

New McCarren Field Airport manager ERLE TAYLOR, and his wife, have been invited to be our guests at next regular dinner meeting. We are looking forward to hearing MR. TAYLOR'S plans for McCarren Field. He recently transferred here from Midland, Texas, where we understand he had a terrific sendoff from the 99s in that area.

Out of necessity we are writing this before the SW Sectional meeting in Tucson — so we'll give you the details next month. Several of our girls are planning to attend. Also keep in mind it will soon be time to elect delegates to the Fall Sectional meeting in Salt Lake City.

We will be blossoming out in our new summer "costumes" soon — white sleeveless two piece Arnels with white and blue 99 patches. Look for us!

Chairman FRAN has been asked to serve on the Southwest Section's "Woman Pilot of the Year" Committee. ELLEN TRINDLE of the San Fernando Valley 99s is chairman.

Incidentally, FRAN is also chairman of the ad hoc committee to secure information regarding recognition of "JOAN MERRIAM SMITH'S Around

the World Flight". She asks all chapters to please send any newspaper copy regarding the placement of plaques or anything concerning JOAN and this project, to her as soon as possible after publication.

By the time you read this, the much looked forward to Hayward-Las Vegas Air Race will be over. However, we won't be able to give you any information until our next edition. The race, May 15, terminated at George Crockett's beautiful new Alamo Airways Executive Terminal, where NORMA GUNDERSON holds forth. NORMA and 49½er ED, are still looking for a suitable airplane. Meantime, he commutes weekends to their ranch.

BARBARA McCLEMENTS has a new Chevrolet Impala and is busy preparing for a two year sojourn to Canada. LUV 49½er BOB is eyeing an SFO seaplane training base. Sure will need the rating in Ft. McMurray, and understand BARB might also get her seaplane rating. They're still looking for a Cessna 180—with floats, maybe?

LOIS-ANN has accepted the duties of the Membership Committee and will work with NORMA on the by-laws and revisions to the chapter's membership.

JUANITA and MARK DALY are really putting the hours on the twin Beech while visiting in the east and the Bahamas.

PRIS ALEXANDER is now working for Atlas Realty after recently passing her real estate salesman's examination. She also is attending the University of Sou. Nevada, where she is studying for her broker's license. What a combination—with her husband, FRED, a builder-contractor!

It's been a busy month for exam takers. DOTTIE LeMAY passed her insurance broker's examination. She and her 49½er are finally settled in their new home. Husband GENE is busy with his trailer sales business. He has vacation trailers and home sales.

FLORENCE MURPHY keeps on the run with her real estate business—but is taking time off to attend the SW Sectional.

The newly constructed offices of Montgomery Ward is taking all of PAT FLOWER'S time these days.

GERRY WHITTON is on the coast and hopes to fly from there to the SW Sectional with one of the Santa Barbara 99s.

FRAN says, "Keep this in mind—you belong to the 99s but are you a 99?"



PETER AHRENS and ROSALIND MERRIFIELD, Australian pilots flying solo from Oakland, Calif., to Sydney, Australia. **ROSALIND** is newest member of the Long Beach Chapter.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Carole B. Dunn

We all gathered at FRAN BERRA'S house for our April meeting and movies of past Powder Puff Derbies. Three chapters were represented, Long Beach, Orange Co. and Los Angeles. It was quite a turnout, what with 38 members and 10 guests. We pecked at MARGARET MEAD'S pet monkey that was sleeping under a blanket in her room. His name is SAM. The only other male present was HALL CORBETT, flight instructor at Benbow Aviation and our cameraman.

MARY PINKNEY went to the National Hangar Session at Tucson. MARGARET CALLAWAY is now doing a lot of instructing lately. MARY WENHOLZ, JACKIE SEPULVEDA, JUANITA TANGER, CLAIRE WALTERS, BETTY FAUX, EMMA McGUIRE, FRAN BERRA, MARY PINKNEY, RUTH GAY, JUDY WAGNER and myself are all planning to fly to Tucson for the Sectional on April 28th. EMMA McGUIRE and CAROLE DUNN flew to San Diego to join the Coachella Valley girls for a tour of the USS Oriskany aircraft carrier and a delicious lunch on March 27th.

Two of our members are off in different directions. BETTY MILLER flying to Europe and our newest member ROSALIND MERRIFIELD, flying a Piper Aztec to Australia via Oakland, Honolulu, Canton Island, Nandi, then on the Sydney 7,543 miles over water. ROZ will be the 1st Australian woman to fly solo across the Pacific—

East to West. PETER AHRENS, ROZ'S boss and manager of Avis Rent-a-Plane in Sydney is also flying an Aztec on the same route. ROZ had an Australian Commercial License when she got here and two weeks later, after passing the Private Pilots and Instrument writtens, she passed the flight tests also and has left with an American Instrument rating. Quite an accomplishment in such a short time, under the able assistance of our "BET" FAUX. See you Blokes real soon again. (Did I say it all right, ROZ?)

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Florence G. Breen

The saying is, "April Showers Bring May Flowers". If it is true, Sacramento will be covered with flowers. Then how can a reporter write about flying when it has been raining so much?

Our March meeting was jointly held with the Sacramento Sheriff Posse. We had cocktails and dinner at the El Dorado Hotel. Many of you know what an excellent test pilot and also speaker "FISH" SALMON is, so know what an interesting meeting we had. As DARLENE GILMORE has always said, "Just offer food and drinks, and you will get a good crowd", and once again it was so. The women that didn't answer JOYCE DEVINE'S roll call, (we had to have a roll call, as that is a standard procedure with the Sheriff Posse, so we followed suit) were the losers in not attending.

ESTHER PHIPPS took ELAINE LANCASTER flying in the helicopter to El Macero Country Club hoping that they could have lunch with JUNE DEVINE, our chairman. But her son, "PARKY" is a ski instructor, and even they have accidents. PARKY was in an accident and was hospitalized, so no wonder JUNE wasn't home. Happy to report PARKY is up and again playing in the snow. VIRGINIA TOWNSEN and 49½ left for Tokyo, Japan and part thereof. Will be gone three and one half weeks. Some of the Ninety-Nines went down to the Hearst Castle with a Sheriff Posse fly-in. Permission was granted to land at the castle and it is reported everyone had a good time.

For some reason or other, I just can't think of much news to tell this month—is it because I've been pushing to get all my office work and responsibilities in shape so that I can go over and see JOYCE? Today is the day we take the plane at 9:10 P.M. for S.F.

and it is now 4:00 P.M. and I still haven't decided what I'll use to make up the forty-four pounds. Will be gone three weeks, hoping to see parts of Germany, Holland, and Denmark. So until next time . . .

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Ruth Ebey

MARIAN (formerly Jepsen) is blissful as MRS. GERALD F. BANKS. Her new husband is an FAA medical examiner with a predilection for Comanches. MARIAN is busily working for a multi-engine rating so that she can fly their new twin Comanche, which they picked up at Lockhaven, Pennsylvania.

MARIAN and RUBY KEAVENY are going to fly three races, the International, San Diego-Fallon Fun and AWTAR, this year in their Comanche 250.

RUBY and JACK KEAVENY have flown to Porterville a couple of times recently. Most recent trip was just like commuting—left at 9:00 a.m., returned at 1:00 p.m.

Response to the San Diego-Fallon Fun Race has been terrific so far. Others planning to go from our chapter are: TERRY VASQUES and BETTY WHARTON, THELMA BISHOP and her sister as passenger, LOIS BARTLING and BETTY LAMBERT. Preparations for the start are continuing at a busy pace.

LOIS BARTLING attended the International Hangar-flying Session at Tucson conducted March 20 - 21 by NA-JEEB HALABY and his Mexican counterpart to air grievances U.S. and Mexican pilots have about flying in each other's countries. LOIS and 49½er HARRY also flew to Solvang for Easter.

Another Easter outing was enjoyed by BETTY and CLAUD WHARTON and family who flew to Yuma and visited the Territorial Prison there. Young son commented that people used to try all kinds of methods to get out, but now have to pay to get in!

ELSIE and ED WATSON flew their Cherokee to Guaymas, Mexico, in early March.

Two more husbands are being transferred out of the area, so we are losing LILY SANDOVAL to Albuquerque, while MARGARET MOODY leaves in June for a year in Boston. Hopefully, both LILY and MARGARET will return to San Diego. DOTTIE DAUB, are you ever coming back?

HELEN NELSON is transferring



FLORENCE DITTMAR, was named winner of San Fernando Valley Chapter 99s Aviatrix of the Year Award for 1955. The trophy was presented at Pucci's restaurant on March 20th by LOIS MILES, last year's winner and this year's runner-up. MRS. DITTMAR accepted the presentation with a tribute to her 49½er Bob, without whose help and encouragement, she said she could not have achieved these laurels.

from the Santa Clara Valley Chapter.

GERTIE LOCKWOOD spent a most pleasant week recently at the Flying E Ranch at Wickenburg, Arizona.

PAT ADAMS just checked out in a Cessna 195.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER

By Rose Ann Ford

We were somewhat overwhelmed by the tremendous success of our 2c-a-pound Airlift. We flew over 800 passengers, and had to disappoint at least 200 more. We are most appreciative of the cooperation and assistance received from operators, Union Oil Company, commercial pilot friends, 49½ers, the weather man, Civil Air Patrol, F.A.A., airport personnel and other flying organizations in the community. We were also responsible for making this the biggest day in the history of Brackett Field.

**NO JULY NEWSLETTER
BUT DON'T FORGET
MAY 20 DEADLINE FOR
JUNE NEWSLETTER**

Another big hit of the day were the "First Airplane Ride" cards ordered from Las Vegas Chapter. We sold them for 10c each, but had only 100 on hand. We would have used many hundreds more. This brought in a little extra revenue for both chapters. FRAN JOHNSON, Las Vegas Chapter Chairman, reports some chapters are reluctant to use them on these flights because of possible confusion, but we found they worked out nicely. Any questions? Write us.

Incidentally, we have also been having a door-prize drawing at our monthly meetings. Our clever Ways & Means Committee, JEAN SUGDEN and HARRYETTE BARKER, frequently purchase items for sale by other chapters as the prize (flight bag, jewelry, note paper, etc.) Tickets are usually 25c netting a nice little profit in our treasury as well as support for the other chapters.

NORMA WILCOX flew to Lakeview, Oregon, as an attendant on an ambulance flight. The passenger was an 84 year old woman who enjoyed having started with horse and buggy and is now flying. NORMA returned via the airlines—first to Klamath Falls, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Ontario.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER

By Laverne A. Gudgel

Greetings from all of us to you!

The GERALD (MARTHA) GRAHAMS of Antioch Airport were our hosts at the April fly-in meeting with Chairman MARIE McDOWELL flying in from Gustine, TERRY HOLM and myself from Merced. JEAN MURRAY drove over from Stockton bringing EVELYN JOHNSON and MARY LOU FLAGG.

The spring rummage sale was set for May 10, at Modesto and our "Coffee Klatch" for prospective members, May 18, at the HOLM residence in Atwater.

The latest info is that we will have seven members attending the Spring Section meeting in Tucson later this month, with MARIE, JEAN, MARTHA and LAVERNE going by private plane and MARGARET ANDREWS, EV HENDLEY and LAURA MAY CRAWFORD by airliner for an extended stay in the "sunny" city.

Better weather this last month has given us a boost in local and short flights with MARIE making week-end jaunts to Los Angeles, EVELYN to Buchanan Field and Hayward for radio repair. MARTHA reports a prospective Livermore pilot due to the pleasure of her first flight to Nut Tree. JEAN and HARLEY also dropped in at the famous restaurant for Sunday dinner after a quick flight to San Jose.

MARY LOU FLAGG, our new member has recently checked out in a Bonanza and yours truly has been getting a little time in the recently purchased Skylane which, weather permitting, she will fly to Tucson next week. Hope to see you all there!

TUCSON CHAPTER

By Maggie Schock

This month has been full of much doing; but not much flying. We didn't DARE do anything but work on Sectional business; under threat of death from out slave-driving chairman. FRANNY has reached the glazed-eye, far-away-from-it-all, stage by now. She doesn't even break out in a cold sweat anymore when someone asks, "Say, did you remember —?" She just lies there and moans; One more week

and it will all be over. I wonder if she remembered to ———?

LORRAINE and LEE YOKUM invested \$24.00 in a RAMSA card (pays for use of radio and weather facilities in Mexico) and are using it frequently on their trips in and out of Mexico in the Bonanza. Someday their flight plan will arrive here the same day they do.

SHERRY and PANCHE BOISE have put in a cross-runway on their Empire Ranch strip and put it to constant use on their trips between Tucson and Sonoita. Get it on the map, SHERRY, so we can bring out our club ships.

Las Vegas still lures some of our more venturesome members each month to try their luck with the one-arm bandits, cards and dice. BARBARA and DR. JOHN WELSH were up again last month for four days and came home with sore arms and empty pockets. Well, maybe not quite empty. They report a good trip both ways in the Skylane.

BEA EDGERLY is feeling better every day now and is working so hard on her book and paintings that we rarely see her. We lure her back every so often to a meeting; but not nearly often enough.

And "ditto" LAURA BOHANON. Ah, careers, careers. The great big outside world of commerce beckons and just because her initials are L. B. she feels she must answer the call. Are you trying to earn your "J", LAURA? You WERE the one who said my columns were "lengthy", weren't you? This is just a bit of private needling; but we do miss seeing you at meetings, and maybe this will make you come more often; if only to defend yourself!

The ideal way to fly, of course, is to combine it with your work. BYRD GRANGER has been doing just that. Twice a week she flies to Ft. Huachuca to teach writing to the Army Staff. She wrote the "speech" for our chairman FRANCES FRANCIS to deliver at the Sectional next week, and

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used some actual examples gleaned from the Staff writings. It beats any deliberate double-talk you will ever hear. So; if someday a communique is issued from the Army at Ft. Huachuca that is clear, concise and makes sense in a few well chosen words; the credit belongs to BYRD.

If I were the timid sort, the fact that she reads this column each month, (everyone DOES), would intimidate me speechless. However, I have an out. I just blame all errors on the type-setters.

If you fly to Ajo, buzz the town—ah, legal like of course; and PAT GILBERT will come racing out—ah, legal like of course; and meet you. Our future Ninety-Nine, CAROL EWING, used Ajo as a cross-country stop last week and it was comforting to know someone would be there to sign her log book. It didn't work out quite that simply this time; but it is good to know you are THERE, Pat. When are you coming up HERE? We have missed seeing you.

The rain finally stopped long enough last Monday to let GERTRUDE GELDERMAN'S wash dry out so she could get to the meeting at VIRGINIA EDWARD'S. That is river-type wash; not clothes-type. GERTRUDE now lives way out in the Tucson Mountains, the other side of a usually dry wash. Our wet spring has isolated her at times these past few months. Wonder if she has considered putting in a ferry? Now, if the wash was named "Mercy" we would have a real GO GO type place there. You can tell I have a teenager in my house.

See you at the Sectional.

Re: Aero Club Tour

To all Ninety-Nines . . .

Dear member:

For all of you who are interested in the Aero Club Tour to Europe, we are most happy to be able to give you the final details as to cost and the schedule of events.

The price from the West Coast is \$1,208.00 —from Chicago, \$1,021.00 — from the East Coast, \$953.00. This price includes the air fare (based on 21-day excursion fare), hotels (includes twin-bedded rooms with bath), special luncheon or cocktail party with Aero Club, sightseeing, transfers from airport to hotels in Europe, and a professional courier from European arrival to departure. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, Aug. 30, Lv. New York

Assemble in the evening at the Scandinavian

Airlines Terminal for your Royal Viking jet flight to Europe.

Tuesday, Aug. 31, Ar. Bergen, Norway

During your stop-over in Bergen, you will be driven into the town, and arrangements will be made for those who wish to have a Sauna Bath (cost not included). For lunch you will be taken by "Floien Cable Car" to the Floien Restaurant, where you will have a spectacular view of Bergen and the Fjords. (Restaurant cost not included.)

Tuesday, Aug. 31, Ar. Edinburgh, Scotland

Wednesday, Sept. 1, at Edinburgh

In the morning by private motorcoach, for the drive over the Forth Road Bridge to Perth. Inspect facilities of the Airworks Service Training Center. Reception and lunch with members of the Center. Return during the afternoon to Edinburgh. The Edinburgh Festival is taking place during the time you are in Edinburgh, and in order to enhance the pleasure of your stay in Scotland, tickets will be provided for you to enjoy a performance of the "Military Tattoo".

Thursday, Sept. 2, at Edinburgh

Forenoon city sightseeing tour by private motorcoach with guide includes St. Andrew Square, Scott Monument, John Knox's House, Holyrood House, University, Greyfriars and Mound, Princess Street, the Castle and St. Giles Cathedral.

Ar. London, England

Friday, Sept. 3, at London

Morning drive by private motorcoach into KENT. Inspect facilities at Luton Aerodrome and enjoy lunch at the Members Club. Return to London during the afternoon. Arrangements are now being made with the 99s in London for our visit with the Aero Club of London.

Sat., Sept. 4, Thru Sun., Sept. 5, at London

Forenoon city sightseeing tour by private motorcoach, including Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace (changing of the guard), Westminster Abbey (visit including the Royal Tombs), Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Whitehall, the Mall, etc. Trips to important places outside of London are also being planned.

Sunday, Sept. 5, at London

OPTIONAL (cost not included). Afternoon excursion by motorcoach to WINDSOR. Drive

along the West Road to Stoke Poges where visit the Churchyard (Gray's "Elegy to a Country Churchyard"), Eton College, Windsor Castle (visit State Apartments, when open), St. George's Chapel, Runnymede, Staines, Hampton Court (visit Gardens), Hammer-smith and return to London.

Monday, Sept. 6, Ar. Rome, Italy

Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Rome

Forenoon city sightseeing tour by private motorcoach. Includes VATICAN MUSEUMS, the Borgia Suite, Raphael's Rooms and Loggia, Gallery of Maps, Gallery of Paintings and view of awe-inspiring Frescoes of Michelangelo.

Wednesday, Sept. 8, at Rome

Morning visit by private motorcoach to the Italian Aero Club at their Air Field Facilities. Lunch and reception with club members.

Thursday, Sept. 9, at Rome

Day at leisure.

Friday, Sept. 10, Ar. Zurich, Switzerland

Saturday, Sept. 11, at Zurich

Colonel Frei, chairman of Motorfluggruppe Zurich is interested in inviting our group to participate in a program that will include glacier-landings in the high Alps.

Sunday, Sept. 12, at Zurich

Afternoon excursion by private motorcoach to LUCERNE, the cosmopolitan resort in the heart of historic Switzerland. Interesting farms and small villages are seen enroute. At LUCERNE, visit famous "Dance of Death" Bridge, the medieval town walls, quaint water tower, shopping district, lakeside drive, etc.

Monday, Sept. 13, Ar. Paris, France

Tuesday, Sept. 14, at Paris

Forenoon city sightseeing tour by private motorcoach, through ancient and historical Paris via Place des Victoires (charming square with equestrian statue of Louis XIV), "Les Halles" (central market of Paris with 4,000 stalls), along the River Seine past the Louvre (world's largest and finest art museum, former Royal Palace of 2000 rooms). Through the Carrousel (Napoleonic Arch) to Palace of Luxembourg (French Senate) past Sorbonne University, Cluny Museum, famous Notre Dame Cathedral (visit). Thence the Palace of Justice, Place des Vosges (former

sumptuous private city mansions, now small factories) and finally, Sacre-Coeur de Montmartre, beautiful white cupolaed Basilica atop Paris' highest ground, affording an impressive panorama.

Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Paris

Special visit to either the Aero Club de France or the Lique Aeronautique de France. Reception and lunch with the club members.

Thursday, Sept. 16, at Paris

Day at leisure.

Friday, Sept. 17, Ar. Copenhagen, Denmark

Saturday, Sept. 18, at Copenhagen

Special visit to the headquarters of the Royal Danish Flying Club. Reception and lunch with club members at TIVOLI GARDENS and possible dance.

Sunday, Sept. 19, at Copenhagen

Afternoon city sightseeing tour by private motorcoach, including Frederiksborg Castle, Zoological Gardens, Gruntvigs Church, the University City, the Gefion Fountain, St. Albans Church, the Langelinie Promenade, the Little Mermaid, the Marble Church, King's Residence Amalienborg Palace, the Stock Exchange, the National Museum, Thorvaldsen's Museum, the Church of Our Lady, the Round Tower, Rosenborg Castle, the Botanical Gardens and the Museum of Art.

Mon. Sept. 20, Ar. Los Angeles or New York

NOTE: Despite the many planned events on the Tour, there will be ample time for members to spend at their leisure.

El Cajon Valley Chapter
Aileen Saunders

Hangar Flying

We've hung a "gone flying" sign on the hangar door. Hope its only temporary but budget-wise the Newsletter has entered the wrong side of the ledger and we feel news of the members should have priority.

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