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# President's Column

Seems that our Flight 99 ran into some turbulent weather en route. The storm was not "arctic," or "Gulf," but ROSTER!

When I took office, I very confidently said, "If we don't accomplish anything else this year, the Roster is going to be out EARLY!" Now, from past experience I should know that

### **Coming Events**

March 4 & 5, 1966

ANNUAL CONVENTION
AUSTRALIAN SECTION 993 &
AUSTRALIAN WOMEN
PILOTS ASSN.
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

April 4-6, 1936
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Okla. City, Okla.

April 15, 16, 17, 1956 SOUTHWEST SECTION SPRING MEETING Las Vegas, Nevada

May 7 & 8, 1966

SPECIAL FLY-IN

CANBERRA, A.C.T., AUSTRALIA
at the invitation of

His Excellency the Governor General of Australia and Lady Casey

May 20, 1966

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION SPRING MEETING Denver, Colo.

June 28, 1966 AWTAR Impound

June 30, 1966
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
Seattle, Washington

**July 2-5, 1966**AWTAR
Seattle, Wash. to Clearwater, Fla.

when I say something so definite, it is just not going to happen! And it didn't!!

Headquarters assured me that the Roster went to the Printer within one week after the deadline for dues . . . what happened after that is still sort of a mystery. Let me assure you, there are going to be some changes made!! We may run into some other type of 'weather,' but it won't be called Roster'!!

The Executive Board meeting will be held in Oklahoma City, April 4th thru 6th. If you have anything you would like for us to discuss while at the meeting, please write to me before March 20th, so it might be added to our agenda. Several people have asked me why the membership wasn't notified of the date of the Board Meeting. There is no reason why you shouldn't know, and we welcome your suggestions and ideas.

Last week, I flew 65J to Nogales, Ariz., and spoke at a luncheon of the Zonta Club. The weather was beautiful and I had a wonderful time. Fran Francis, Tucson Chapter, met me at the airport and drove me to town. I just hope we created enough interest that there will be a new Nogales Chapter of 99s.

Sunday, the Phoenix Chapter is having its annual luncheon at Carefree, Ariz. Last year we had about 125 visiting 99s from around the Southwest Section. We hope to have at least that many, and maybe more, this year.

Chas, and I are very thankful that our son-in-law, David Pine, has returned home safely after  $5\frac{1}{2}$  months in Viet Nam. While there he flew 143 missions in a F100.

We are going to try something a little different than has been done before and we hope you enjoy it. Starting with next month's News, we are going to 'spotlight' an Executive Board Member. Feel perhaps, in this small way, you might get to know each of us better.

Be sure you each send your Chapter's news in each month. It is through the News that we get to know you better and can participate in your activities.

Happy Flying . . .

Alice Roberts

### **Notams**

ATTENTON LOS ANGELES AREA NINETY-NINES . . . The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, assisted by the California Aerospace Education Assn., Calif. State College at Los Angeles, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, is sponsoring the Fifth Women's Space Symposium February 22, 1966. Women high school seniors and their teachers from the Los Angeles area are being invited to participate in a full day's program on career opportunities in the aerospace industry and related fields.

Ninety-Nines and other professional women are invited to attend to confer with the girls during the no-host lunchcon. This is an opportunity to meet with the teachers and show them that there is an important place for women in the aviation/aerospace industry. The Symposium will be held at San Fernando Valley College. Tours of the facility and NASA exhibits will be conducted from 9-10 a.m. and from 2-3 p.m. From 10-12 a panel will discuss the pros and cons of careers in Aerospace for women and will answer questions from the audience (our own 99, Betty Miller, will be a member of this panel).

Please advise Miss Harriet E. Porch, Program Chairman, 1101 Lincoln Blvd., Apt. 3A, Santa Monica, Calif. 90403 (home phone 451-0231; business phone, ext. 427) if you attend and if you are interested in helping form a standing committee that would be available to meet with any young women interested in aerospace careers between Symposia.

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INSTRUMENT REFRESHER SEMINAR . . . North Minneapolis, Minn. Nona Quarles, Special Assistant, FAA General Aviation Affairs, advises an open invitation has been extended to Ninety-Nines to attend an Instrument Refresher Seminar, conducted by FAA Academy Instructors and sponsored by the Minnesota Dept. of Aeronautics, scheduled as follows: March 12, 1966, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and March 13, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Seminar is to be held at the Civil Defense Center in the suburb of Arden Hills, Minn.

ED NOTE: Speaking from personal experience—recommend that as many 99s as possible attend all flight seminars available in their area—whether you fly for pleasure or professionally.

### AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP

By 15 February all applications for the Scholarship Awards for 1966 will have been evaluated by the Section Scholarship Chairman and her committee members; and those scoring highest will have been submitted (on a quota basis of one per each 100 members or major fraction thereof) to the Trustees for further judging. During the next several weeks each trustee carefully weighs each entry and finally lists each of the twenty or so applications in order of excellence. The five who score highest, based on the judgment of the five Trustees are then sent to each of the three honorary judges upon whose shoulders falls the task of actually selecting the winners. These "outside" judges are men and women individually prominent in different fields of aviation — such as the military, government, commerce, etc., and each has an actual working know-

Bids for stenotypist for International Convention, Seattle, Washington, June 30 - July 1, 1966, are now being accepted. Any Ninety-Nine who would like to have the job contact Betty McNabb, 926 Third Ave., Albany, Georgia, prior to May 1, 1966.

### Special Notice

TO: All Committee Chairmen and Section Governors

FROM: The President of the Ninety-Nines, via the International Secretary HAPPY NEW YEAR

It's time to get those semi-annual reports together. We know that because of the lateness of the roster, some of you won't even have had a chance to contact your vis-a-vis in the Chapters, but please get your requests out STAT (Medical for fast), ASAP (military for fast) or PDQ (slang for fast)—in short, please expedite.

Because the Board Meeting is also almost upon us.

May I ask for a February 25th deadline to the Secretary (me). Reports should be brief, on white 8½x11 bond, and made according to the instructions in your SOP.

Thank you and Happy Landings —
Betty McNabb
for Alice Roberts and
the Exeutive Board

ledge of the pilot's world and the various ratings and/or skills for which the Award will be used.

All of this requires a significant number of hours, from the Chapter members who originally select the candidates who shall apply, to the honorary judges who make the final decision. We are most fortunate in that we pay nothing for this time. So—save for actual cost of paper and printing of application blanks, special instructions, postage, etc., all contributions to the Fund are applied toward the Scholarships.

Memorial and individual contributions as well as donations for the First Day Covers are deposited 100% in the Trust. Chapter donations are divided 50% in the Trust 50% toward the current year's Scholarships. By the terms of the agreement which established the Scholarship in 1941, the Trustees are limited to insured savings accounts or "Blue Chip" stocks and bonds for investment. Granted this is no way to make a million dollars overnight, but it won't all disappear overnight either.

Now that all of the Chapters are well organized for the year with bulging treasuries is an ideal time to make your annual contribution to YOUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND, and to secure some of the "Special AE First Day Covers" from Fay Wells, Washington Chapter or the regular covers which are given with a \$1.00 minimum donation to the Fund and may be ordered from 99 Headquarters or Betty Gillies.

PLEASE send all checks made out to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund—directly to Treasurer Betty Gillies, P. O. Box 625, Rancho Santa Fe, California 92067.

> Deedo Heise, Chairman Trustees Amelia Earhart

Memorial Scholarship

P. S. All donations to the Fund are tax deductible.

### PLAN AHEAD

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# AWTAR Powder Puff Derby

Marion Andrews Lopez, Reporter

Although things have been kind of sticky around New York, what with blackouts and subway-bus strikes, it seems that the labels on the envelopes of the PPD Flyers sent out to all 99s were not. Several were returned to AWTAR Headquarters minus labels and a few came back with wrong addresses. If you have not received your Flyer together with route map and general info sheets on the 1966 Powder Puff Derby, send name and correct address to AWTAR Headquarters. A copy will be sent to you post haste under sticky label.

The major change in the 1966 race as announced in the November Powder Puff Derby Flyer is that co-pilots may now pack away their track shoes or look to other races for running because there will be no running to the clock. This year, contestants will fly-by the time line and be timed by an official timer at each stop of the 12 legs.

The long range factor of the airplane has been evaluated for the new list of handicaps and if you have been seeing nothing but Cherokees flying over Southern California, it is because the West Coast contingent of the Board have been flying everyone they could get their hands on for handicapping.

The Powder Puff Derby made Hedda Hopper's column "Hollywood"—teamed Betty Miller with Susan Oliver for coming PPD.

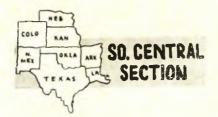
Two new members we welcome aboard the Board of AWTAR are Ruby Keaveny and Betty Lambert, both on the West Coast.

For winter dreaming and spring planning, the 1966 Powder Puff Derby Information Kits containing new handicaps, new rules and regulations, new procedures, application forms, etc., are now ready. Send 50c for complete kit to:

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Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, N.J.

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#### EL PASO CHAPTER Mary Olmstead, Reporter

How can we ever thank the six wonderful gals of the Albuquerque Chapter who were on hand to greet us January 15th—who waited over an hour for all planes to arrive—drove us to the FFA Control Center, waited some more, then drove us back to Coronado Airport and, in our case, even drove us to the home of our friends.

To LILY SANDOVAL, Vice-Chairman; COILA MOELLER, Secretary; SHIRLEY MORRIS, News Reporter; IRENE KAY, Membership: RANDY SUTHERLAND and PHYLLIS DIEDRICK our heartfelt thanks. We can appreciate what it meant for you to leave your husbands and children on such a beautiful day when you might have been with them flying off somewhere in the bright blue yonder. Again a thousand thanks. (We sure liked your pretty white nylon 99 jackets).

Eleven planes arrived at Coronado Airport with 24 people. From Tucson came PATSY BROOKS, Chairman, and her 491/2 er, BOB, and VIRGINIA ED-WARDS, Membership, and her 491/2er. LUM, each flying their own plane. After the tour, they planned to spend the weekend in Albuquerque. LELA CARWARDINE flew herself up from Las Cruces, LELA will soon be Mexicobound in her little pink and silver bird. RUTH DEERMAN and WIN GRIFFIN arrived in 992F, Chairman EVELYNE WASSER flew her Cessna with MAJOR H. E. UNDERWOOD of Biggs AFB as passenger. JOSH KAHN, President of the El Paso Instrument Pilots Club. flew his Bonanza with co-pilot DR. LEON KRUPP, student pilots LOUISE CROSS and GRACE SANDERS and FFA weather briefer DORIS SHREVE as passengers. ALLAN KAHN, JOSH's son, flew his Cessna with his wife and two daughters who visited relatives while ALLAN took the four, GERALD McREYNOLDS flew his Cessna with future 99, NOMA, his wife, as co-pilot and sons, GERALD and ROGER, in the back seat, JIM SANDERS, GRACE's husband and also a student, flew his Cessna solo. Prospective 99 MARY BESS CLAYTON was pilot in

a rented Cessna with her husband. DR. RALPH, in the co-pilot's seat. My 49½ er, NOEL, put the Albuquerque Center to work by filing IFR both ways, and that gave yours truly-copilot MARY, a relaxing trip in our Cessna. In our group of 24, 17 were licensed pilots. Three had multi-engine ratings, seven had commercial, five had Instrument and one had helicopter and instructor ratings, four were students who have completed solo crosscountry trips. Only three, the FFA gal and the two teen-agers were ticketless. Our tour of the Center was well worth the trip. Our thanks to the Staff at the Center for their time and patience.

Hats off to our MARGARET HALLO-RAN, who was elected to the Board of Directors of the El Paso Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. When one learns of MARGARET's many years of charitable and welfare work, it's easy to see why she was elected.

MARGARET has served as Vice-President of Our Lady's Youth Center Board of Directors and was instrumental in obtaining a camp site for underprivileged children. She instituted the program, obtained the swimming pool and showers for the camp—now known as Camp Juan Diego. A dormitory on the camp ground is called Halloran Hall in her honor.

She organized the Guadalupe Thrift Store and serves as its chairman. Last year she was semi-finalist in the Lane Bryant Award—given to the outstanding volunteer humanitarian in the social welfare field.

Besides being a pilot and currently Secretary in our Chapter, MARGARET also belongs to the El Paso Aviation Association and to the Mother of the Americas' Apostolate.

And with our congratulations to MARGARET, we say adios, Amigos.

#### KANSAS CHAPTER Mildred Early, Reporter

We had a delightful Christmas party December 12th, arranged by BETTY BUCKMAN, P A U L I N E OTTAWAY, JEAN MURRAY and MARGE CRAWLEY. Instead of a gift exchange, we all brought clothing, food, toys and cash for a very needy family. The thanks and appreciation from the mother and her six children were very gratifying to all the 99s who participated. GARNETT HASTINGS and GENE NORA JESSEN held their annual Christmas party for the OLIVE ANN BEECH

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Aerial view of airmarking done at Smith Center, Kansas, on November 20th by the OLIVE ANN BEECH Wing Scout Troop No. 149 and the Kansas 99s.

Photo: Courtesy Beech Aircraft Corp.



Kansas Chapter of 99s taking gifts to a needy family they "adopted" for Christmas. From left to right: GARNETT HASTINGS, GENE NORA JESSEN, BETTY BUCKMAN, PAULINE OTTOWAY and MARILYN COPELAND.

Photo: Courtesy Beech Aircraft Corp.

Wing Scout Troop No. 149 on December 6th. Twenty-seven wing scouts attended and were shown two films, courtesy of Cessna and Beech respectively. The January 3rd meeting of the Wing Scouts was a program entitled "Why An Airplane Flies".

JOYCE FUNSCH and MARY AIKINS

flew to Washington, D. C., in mid-December to attend an organizational meeting of the Aerobatic Club of America, a division of the National Aerobatic Association, during which the bylaws were set up and election of officers was held. JOYCE was elected as Secretary-Treasurer and MARY. assistant. They were accompanied by JOYCE's father, DEAN CASE, and HAROLD KRIER. This week JOYCE is in Palm Beach, Fla., attending the AOPA Clinic.

MARILYN and JOHN COPELAND. daughter and JOHN's mother had a marvelous trip during the Christmas holidays to Mexico City and vicinity. JEAN MURRAY, after much difficulty, made it to Phoenix. With low ceilings, etc., decided to drive in a new Country Squire. After a blow-out and a near miss on icy highways, finally made the trip in a Cessna Skyhawk and had a wonderful time, JEAN said they had some wonderful views of the worst floods in Phoenix's history, GENE NORA JESSEN recently spent a weekend in Stillwater to update her Flight Instructor's rating and lucky JEAN NOBLE is heading for Acapulco this

PAULINE and EDDIE OTTAWAY, LAVETA and ELMER HAHN just returned from the Flying Farmers' "Aerial Bridge of Friendship" tour to Costa Rica. PAULINE reports there were 16 planes from the U.S. and Canada and they had a fabulous time. They were greeted by the President and First Lady of Costa Rica and treated royally on the entire tour!

Mustn't forget to mention our highly successful airmarking mission with the Wing Scout Troop No. 149 on November 20th at Smith Center, Kansas. The weather man cooperated beautifully and nine airplanes departed Wichita, carrying 23 Wing Scouts and 12 99s. Everyone had a wonderful time and the Scouts loved the flying!

On January 8th, our meeting was held at the Municipal Airport, Wichita. This was our "Guest Day", and after a short program "Highlighting 99s", we toured the airport facilities and had luncheon. Our day was highly successful-of the 18 guests, 13 were pilots and the others, student pilots! Poor ole Montana! It's their misfortune but the Kansas 99s great fortune to have MARY JO JANEY with us! She has accepted a position with Cessna in the field of Aerospace Education — "Area of a Woman's World". For all of her 99 friends, her new address is 5801 Memphis. Wichita, Kans.

The month of January finds all of our 99s in the Wichita area busy helping with three March of Dimes Airlifts, held on three consecutive Sundays.

To all the 99s everywhere, the Kansas Chapter wishes you many happy hours of flying in this New Year!

#### SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER Marian Burke, Reporter

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Guess it's time to get back to planning new things for 1966.

The San Antonio Chapter will soon begin making plans for the March 20th fly-in at MARIAN BURKE's ranch. We had a good turnout last year. We hope to have more this year.

Part of the proceeds go for airmarking in Texas so let's all plan to come and help a good cause. Remember the place — MARIAN BURKE's ranch (18 miles north of San Antonio) on San Antonio Sectional Chart. The time—March 20, 1966. Serving of food begins at 12 o'clock noon. Please remember to call BURKE ranch unicom before entering pattern.

It will be lots of fun for \$1.50 per person so load up your planes with family and friends and we will plan to see you Sunday, March 20, 1966. More information will follow.

### SHREVEPORT CHAPTER Martha Christy, Reporter

If you haven't looked closely at a Shreveport Sectional recently you may have overlooked a small field southeast of the city. It has been growing recently, according to SARAH HENLEY and SARAH is one of our most active Lucien Field enthusiasts. She does most of her local flying from this field and spoke glowingly about the resurfaced runway, new lounge, etc., but what appeals most is the fellowship among the pilots.

Our youngest pilot, PEGGY SUE WENK, is bringing a new associate into our group. On the 28th of January we welcome a new 49½ er, her husband! PEGGY has been a delight to our Chapter, a flight student of HELEN HEWITT while still in high school and the youngest licensed female pilot in our area, I believe. PEGGY expressed concern about the cooking that somehow falls into the marriage pattern. We hope to have helped solved the problem when, along with a delightful buffet at the home of DOTTIE PORTS, our Chapter Chairman, JOAN CAR-ROLL presented PEGGY with a cook book, "Flying in the Kitchen". The members compiled it of instant, easy recipes, the type she can turn out gracefully when she has had to extend her flight plan. More about the wedding next month.

CORRINE STRICKLAND has been unable to fly for almost two years and

started back just recently. We are all delighted that she is once more able to fly and pleased to hear how fast it comes back when you have been away from it awhile. It even surprised CORRINE, she had expected to be much longer getting the feel of the plane but sounded so confident that you just know she did well.

Our organist pilot, JERE SAUR, has been confining her flying to the keyboard, now there is a gal with talent! She hostessed the Christmas party (and it was our very best) and then gave a recital at the church the following Sunday evening!

The January meeting was postponed a week due to illness in the family of JUDY MOORE. We are all anxious to see JUDY'S new home, the address sounded rather complicated to locate but HAZEL NEALY volunteered to navigate to the site. HAZEL can do it, she is good with those road maps, has even been known to carry them in the plane. The program will be educational, a type we have from time to time. Everyone brings several questions and tries to keep the gals on their alert answering . . . proves to be very stimulating. Excuse me now, I must "bone" up.

### TULSA CHAPTER Jean Engler, Reporter

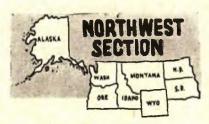
Guess who didn't get the December newsletter written? The month came and went before my brain switched into gear.

COLLEEN's Christmas party was delightful in her new home, which is all Spanish flavored. Most of our members and 49½ ers were there, along with guests DIANE and KING KIRCHNER.

We gathered at the HELLMAN's for our January meeting. MARY SHAD-DOCK, DOROTHY JOHNSON, BETTY NATION, MARY STURGIS, SHIRLEY GREENBERG, NANCY CAIN, MARY THAREL, ANNAHLEE JONES, LOIS MARTIN, COLLEEN WHITE, BETTY PLUMMER, JAN MAURITSON, AG-NES HELLMAN, FRIEDA GUILD and me. We were joined by CARL GUILD, DON MAURITSON, WALT PLUMMER. PAUL HELLMAN and JOHN ENG-LER. DR. JOHN ELLIS, who is with the FAA Flight Surgeons Office in Fort Worth, treated us with a very interesting program on the effects of alcohol and drugs on the pilot. Sorry some of you missed the meeting as the case histories of fatal accidents discussed will not be forgotten by any of us.

On Saturday, April 2nd, the 99s from Kansas, Oklahoma and Tulsa Chapters will meet at Ponca City with the Flying Farmers. Anyone planning to go should get in touch with LEA BAKER.

Not much news. ANNAHLEE went to Chicago, JAN to Houston and BETTY NATION to everywhere. AGNES took off this week for some interesting spot. JUDY HELLMAN came home from San Diego for the holidays. Got a note from GAY McCAULEY out San Francisco way. That's about it. See you.



#### ALASKA CHAPTER Ruth O'Buck, Reporter

In December we decided to dispense with our regular meeting and have a Christmas party instead. Our husbands and guests were invited. Enjoying steaks and dancing at the Pink Poodle were MARIAN and BILL ZEAGEL, NANCY KESLER, LAVELLE and DICK BETZ, RUTH HURST, PAT McGEE, RUTH and JOHN O'BUCK, PAT and DAN GILDA, DOLL and DON BOOTH and JESSIE and JIM DODSON. We also had a number of additional guests.

A lot of us have been voluntarily grounded these cold days. When the temperature is 20 below zero you think twice before braving the cold to preheat, remove wing covers or a layer of snow and frost and then freeze in an airplane besides. Super Cubs are not noted for their abundant cabin heat.

MARIAN ZEAGEL was hostess for the January meeting. As the temperature was way, way down there that night we really enjoyed the fire going. in her fireplace. Braving the cold were HELEN STODDARD, NANCY KES-LER, RUTH HURST, JESSIE DOD-SON. RUTH O'BUCK, STEPHANIE NEWELL, BLANCHE KRAGER, PAT' McGEE, CAROLYN KENNEDY, La-VELLE BETZ, and PAT GILDA. We discussed the Air Education Program in Anchorage schools and decided to get a little more information about it and see if we might assist. This year we decided not to have a joint dinner with the Zonta as too many of us were going to be out of town at the time and we felt that as an organization we could not have a very good turnout.

MARIAN ZEAGEL, PAT McGEE, STEPHANIE NEWELL, and RUTH O'BUCK have been spending some time on the ski slopes. Seems like there's a difference between flying and skiing in cold weather. We have had some excellent skiing this year. RUTH O'BUCK spent a couple of weeks flying for Barton Air Service, one of the local operators, while BILL BARTON went south.

Our February meeting will be held at the home of NANCY KESLER.

### MONTANA CHAPTER Bev Ledbetter, Reporter

The weatherman waits until the weekend to forecast bad weather and as unpredictable as the weather can be, that weatherman never misses if it is a 99 weekend meeting. The Havre meeting was cancelled because of snow, not just in Havre but all over the state.

Our Canadian member from Calgary, ELEANOR BAILEY, arrived with two guests, FLORENCE JENSEN and LOIS MARSHALL. The weather North was beautiful. The Havre members, LAULETTE, SHAREL and BEVERLY, along with ELEANOR, FLORENCE and LOIS were treated to lunch at the Elks Club by FRANCES HENSLEY. We did discuss ideas for the coming race. The meeting was postponed one week and will be held in Great Falls.

A letter from ELSIE JOHNSON, Missoula, told of her holiday trip to Long Beach, Calif., serving as a stewardess on Johnson Flying Service DC-4 chartered by the Bobcat football team for games there. She enjoyed the Rose Bowl game and parade on color TV rather than fight the crowds. A visit to Disneyland, Marineland and other points of interest in the area was part of the trip.

She also served as stewardess on a Grissly football trip to Madison, Wisc., and Peoria, Ill., and visited relatives in that area.

The warm Arizona sunshine was enjoyed by PAT and JACK ROEMER when they flew to Phoenix in their Cessna 182 recently.

Winter months in Montana are the best for having the airplane in the shop for repairs. KARIN RIBI, Hamilton, is grounded while their 175 is being overhauled.

The new year brings new airplanes and the salesman for each new model is busy demonstrating to the flying public the reason why you should buy a 1966 model now. Some of the members flying different airplanes have been: PEARL and BRENT MAGILL, a Maule; ELSIE JOHNSON, a Cessna 210; BEV LEDBETTER, a Cherokee 180. I also had a demonstration ride in a Cessna Super Skymaster. The salesman demonstrated what he called a canyon turn-around, which was very effective. A real sensation for me in the back seat, but a life-saver for all those in the airplane in case of emergency.

The January meeting in Great Falls will settle the type of race we will have for Big Sky Race No. 3 this summer. The Race Chairman will be announced and the route of the race should be decided

### PUGET SOUND CHAPTER Juanita Matheson, Reporter

The Puget Sound Chapter of the 99s, one and all, had a very Merry Christmas starting with our annual potluck supper. We gathered together with our 49½ ers at MILDRED PEARSON's home for dinner and exchanged gifts. MILDRED had not one but two trees beautifully decorated and everything was all aglow with lights and festive trimmings.

One of our prospective members went to Whitefish, Mont., for a skiing holiday. JEANNE REEVES reports there is nothing like Montana for good snow, skiing, excellent food and lodging and even friendlier company. We may lose this gal to the Big Sky Country yet.

BETTY CURRAN tried for a flight to Baton Rouge, La., to spend the holidays with her son, RUSS, and family but winter weather here and all over the rest of the country prevented her going. She has hopes of making the trip in February. Better luck this time, BETTY.

MARGARET AMES and husband, PERCY, are planning a plane vacation in their 210. They are joining a group and flying to Mexico for the month of February. Sounds exciting, they expect to go where and when the mood strikes them. Reports from other friends say the weather down south of the border is positively elegant, in fact hot.

BETTY VAN BUSKIRK and husband, DR. LYLE, are going to attend a medical convention in Los Angeles in March.

Our January meeting was held at the home of MARGARET AMES located on Lake Stevens. We discussed the oneday Sectional Convention to be in Everett on April 16. Our chapter will be hostess and we understand there will be about 50 members in attendance. Those who fly in will be housed at the Monte Cristo Hotel and dined at the Alpine. All this means extra meetings and work parties for us and we are looking forward to the activities. These are advance preparations for the 1966 AWTAR with the starting point in Seattle. See you all in the Queen City for the Big Race!

### WYOMING CHAPTER Dorothy Misner, Reporter

The January meeting of the Wyoming Chapter of 99s which was to be held in Lander was postponed. Not that some of us didn't try. PAULINE POWERS accompanied by a guest, MRS. RAY COX, drove from Greybull to Worland to continue on to Lander with NIKI WEAVER and BETTY ADAMS, in BETTY's Cessna 172.

The weather report before departure didn't present any problem, but upon contacting UNICOM at Lander, the report was a 40 knot crosswind, gusting up to 45 knots. Needless to say BETTY ADAMS and her passengers, disappointed of course, did a 180 and returned to Worland.

Since it was previously decided not to have a weather date, we will try again the second Saturday in February, destination Lander.



### BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER Eunice Dickey, Reporter

The January meeting of the BFL 99s was held in the home of BEVERLY NEWTON, our newest member who recently moved here from Chico. Those attending were EDNA LONG from Delano, ALICE PEMBERTON, PRISCILLA SPENCER, RHODA THOMPSON, MARIANNE LAXAGUE, JUNE EDWARDS and EUNICE DICKEY. The program was a film, "Wings for Adventure". At the December meeting a film on Baja, Calif., was shown and these always add so much to a meeting.

The home of EDNA LONG in Delano will be the place for the February BFI. 99 meeting. It will be held on the 20th at 2 p.m. and everyone is looking forward to it.

RHODA THOMPSON says she won't be able to attend the February meeting as she and 49½er WARREN will be on a month long vacation in Mexico, flying their plane, of course.

MARIANNE LAXAGUE flew to Lindberg Field last week, spent the day at the San Diego Zoo and then on back to BFL. She said the weather was good both ways which is something for this time of year.

FLORENCE and GLEN MOODY flew to Indianapolis in December to spend the holidays with their son. They drove back, stopping at Carlsbad Caverns for a tour there.

May promises to be a busy month for those interested in aviation in Bakersfield. The Hayward-Tucson Air Race is on May 14th and 15th and Bakersfield is a required stop. The BFL 99s will have a coffee booth set up for the participants with MARIANNE LAXAGUE as Chairman.

Remember the Pendleton Air Race? Well, it is now called the Bakersfield 100 and will be held for May 19th through the 22nd at Minner Field. This is a stock plane, closed course race and promises to be very interesting. The BFL 99s has been asked to be in charge of information booths to answer the public's questions about the coming race. These booths will be open the week before the race and RHODA THOMPSON will be in charge of them, with all the BFL 99s helping out. RHODA is our Chapter's representative on the Aviation Committee of the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce.

JUNE EDWARDS has consented to be Chairman to promote aviation education in Bakersfield. MARIANNE LAXAGUE and RHODA THOMPSON are her co-chairmen. All BFL Chapter members are urged to contribute their ideas.

JUNE EDWARDS is news editor for the first women's agricultural television program to be released this month. She is certainly well qualified, having worked in this field before moving here and her husband, WAYNE, is a crop duster. We wish you much luck, JUNE.

#### BAY CITIES CHAPTER Gladys Cobb, Reporter

Our Air Marking program has moved into high gear, January 29, 1966, is the big day for Oakland Airport. Everything and everyone is really — all we need is the cooperation of the weather man for a few days. We also have the green light for marking the Alameda Naval Air Station and hope to complete it soon after Oakland.

We have missed NANCY LYNAM but have heard she is a busy gal instructing CAP students and Navy wives. MARGARET GERHARDT's daughter, JOANN, has five hours in a Cessna 150 as a member of the U. C. Flying Club, GAIL LANE and DEBBIE BYRAM flew to Rio Vista for lunch and visited with LaRUE BROWN from Sacramento.

We had a wonderful meeting in November with RUTH JAQUOT as our gracious and talented hostess. It is unfair for one person to have so many talents and some of us so few. As evidence of this RUTH displayed pictures, lamp shades, artificial fruit and butterflies crafted by her in plastic and hard work. As our guests in November we were pleased to have EDNA BAKER of Alameda, student pilot with 26 hours and a passing grade on the written examination; LUCY JONES, a student from Concord; NANCY WALLIS, with three solo flights; and BARBARA MORSE, also a student. We hope to welcome all these girls as members before the new year is gone.

### By Elly Jones

The spirit of Christmas reigned supreme at the Bay Cities Chapter annual Christmas party held December 4 at the lovely home of GLADYS and RAY-MOND COBB in Castro Valley. In addition to the yule decorations and tree, RAY took this occasion to display some of his beautifully hand crafted vintage model airplanes.

The Bay Cities members were honored to have as a guest to their Christmas party MRS. ETHEL KIBBEE who flew solo in 1910 and is acclaimed as one of earliest of women pilots.

The piece'de resistance for the affair was GLADY's lovely sister, BETTY OLENDER, acting as "Dispensor of Good Cheer".

Those in attendance, in addition to GLADYS and RAY COBB, were HIA-LEA and HARRY REILICH, JAUNDA and CARL BIGELOW, RUTH and JOE MAGILL, ELLY and ROY JONES, MAXINE and ED CARLSON, RUTH and LYLE JACQUOT, MARGARET and JOHN GERHARDT, GAIL and FIELD-ING LANE, DOROTHY and DAVE GARLEPP, MIRIAM BRUGH, RUTH RUECKERT, ELEANOR WILSON and MYRTLE WRIGHT. Included on the guest list besides MRS. KIBBEE were BERTHA DYESS, BETTY and AL HERNDON. The members of the Bay Cities Chapter extend their best wishes to all 99s and their families. Happy flying in '66.

### EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER Dottie Sanders, Reporter

Working with the Aviation Commit-

tee of the El Cajon Chamber of Commerce, plans are being formulated for a fly-in at Gillespie Field the first weekend in October, 1966. Contrasting displays of 1967 aircraft and antique aircraft are planned together with an interesting program of events, details of which are still in the planning stage.

Our hard-working Past Chairman, ISABELLE McCRAE, is in the news again having submitted her application to the Sectional Amelia Earhart Chairman as our candidate for the 1966 Amelia Earhart Scholarship. She is applying for her Instrument Rating and a refresher course for her Instructor's Rating

Meantime, JEAN BUSSY, our Board Member at Large, is a busy gal playing tennis, skiing and studying ballet besides working with her husband in their mortgage business. Ida Gay has been devoting most of her time in her job, having been promoted from Secretary to the Superintendent of the Sears San Diego Store to Secretary to the Manager of Sears new store, to be opened soon, in Chula Vista in the South Bay area of San Diego-same boss, new job, AILEEN SAUNDERS is settled in her brand new home at 4346 Berwick, San Diego, and HAR-RIET ALLEN is forever busy with the local Sierra Club, which now boasts over 900 members in this area. Happy flying 'til next month.

#### FALLON CHAPTER Elaine L. Brown, Reporter

This seems to be the month when all flying news is at a standstill and I wish our editor would consent to printing a few good space filling recipes, or at least a short description of one of our member's recent operations.

To make matters worse, I am sitting inside on a glorious sunny day listening to the tower on our wee Channel Master and watching my 49½er splutter through his third practice commercial examination. So far we have heard LOIS BROWN leaving for Fallon in her twin Comanche to see FRAN and GUS GUSTAVSON, no doubt to discuss plans for her participation in the forthcoming AWTAR, lucky LOIS, and maybe peek in on her "See-Bee" to see whether the wings have been removed for the trip to Lakeport where they will acquire an extension, for greater lift, FRAN tells me. Hope LOIS will give the engine of our 175 a friendly pat while GUS and his crew straighten out a few bends acquired in a ground mishap. The major overhaul ought to make it and us feel a lot better. FRAN says her two gal students in an Ercoupe and Cessna 170 are coming along beautifully and will soon join our ranks. Also keeping her flying hand in the Fallon pattern is PAT HENNING in her 175.

My wee Channel Master reports DE BEAR in and out of the pattern every hour of every day. DE has students lined up waiting and no wonder. The combination of DE for an instructor and her beautiful new gold Musketeer is a hard one to beat.

LOIS BROWN reported an "instructive" trip to San Jose where she piloted three men including her pilot husband, one private pilot and her flight instructor down for a look at the new Pipers. All went well in spite of "the brass" aboard.

JANE JANSSEN reports spending a wondrous afternoon along with her 49½er, BILL, surveying the tremendous accomplishments of JOYCE and BOB BEAIL. JANE is quite convinced that the BEAIL's Taylorcraft will soon be a classic. They have completely redone it themselves right down to a teakwood panel, heavenly foam backed pale blue suede cloth for doors and headliner as well as a full exterior paint job in white with red and black trim.

Our Chairman, BERTHA CLINE, is still commuting between Schurz and Tonapah in her trusty 175 Cessna.

LOIS WILLIAMS recovered from her skiing accident just in time to make use of the desert sheep tags she and husband, DAVE, were lucky enough to draw. They've substituted their wings for a pair of horses (just for 10 days) to travel the rugged Nelson Desert Sheep Country of Southern Nevada.

Saving the flying face of our Chapter for this month are DOROTHY STAUFF and her 49½er, CARROLL, who are still on their two week trip through Mexico in their 182. This is the second Mexican venture for the STAUFFS and we hope they'll bring some of that warm sunshine home with them soon.

Our trip of the month award goes to FRAN and GUS GUSTAVSON. Seems FRAN spent two weeks over Christmas with her mother in Newman, Calif. GUS was so happy to see her he drove up to Reno from Fallon to meet her and then over to the BROWNS (reporter Brown) to celebrate their wedding anniversary. As they left—so went the mailbox! We hope to have No. 1, a rotating beacon on the new box, and No. 2, a wee mailbox trophy displayed along with GUS' other flying trophies!



Shown after the airmarking was completed on Selma Airport are, left to right, Fresno Chapter 99s GINNY RUSSELL, HELEN SMITH, DIANA LORENZ, MARIE KEMPLE, CAROL BUGAY, VOLINE DODGSON and MARY HOLD.

### FRESNO CHAPTER Ginny Russell, Reporter

The December fog may ground Fresno pilots, but it proved to be a propitious time for the Fresno Chapter to airmark nearby Selma Airport runway. Intrepid Airmarking Chairman CAROL BUGAY planned the project including construction of templates for the 20-foot-high letters. MARY HOLD and HELEN SMITH did an accurate job of chalk-lining the measurements while VOLINE DODG-SON and GINNY RUSSELL toted templates. DIANA LORENZ and MARIE KEMPLE supervised the application of 426 square feet of paint! The Fresno Ninety-Nines Chapter plans to continue this phase of its flying-associated activities on other air strips in California's Central Valley.

The fog did lift sufficiently to view the finished product of the airmarking and to enable a portion of the membership to participate in December's flyaway to Nut Tree for lunch and Christmas shopping.

The annual Christmas party, replete with 49½ ers and many guests, was festive and jolly for all. In addition, DR. MARVIN SIMMONS enlightened all present with his timely message on "Alcohol, Drugs, and Flying".

Chairman HELEN SMITH flew six

hours on a search and rescue mission for a missing plane. CAROL BUGAY, after jetting to New York for the holidays, experienced the excitement of piloting some 1966 light aircraft to Atlantic City and to the tip of Long Island.

"Ground School Workbook," by member BETTY HICKS, has been published by Iowa State University Press. In addition, "Flying the Mountain Wave," an article written by BETTY and IRENE LEVERTON, has been reprinted in Flying Magazine annual, And to round out an already busy schedule, BETTY teaches ground school for the Flying Bulldogs, Fresno State College Flying Club.

(ED NOTE: BETTY HICK's Ground School Workbook has been written for Private, Commercial and Instrument students; contains capsule course, tests and answers on Navigation, Meteorology, Theory and Practice of Flight and FAR. A worthwhile addition to any pilot's library, it can be purchased for \$4.95 from the Iowa State University Press, Ames, Iowa, or from any local book stores.)

### LAS VEGAS VALLEY CHAPTER Gerry Whitton, Reporter

April 15-17, 1966—Southwest Spring Sectional—Las Vegas, Nev. Mark your

# LAS VEGAS Ulelcomed YOU!



PATRICIA LAMBART, left, Southwest Section Governor, announces the selection of the LAS VEGAS VALLEY CHAPTER as the Hostess for the SW Spring Section Meeting which will be held at the Stardust Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada April 15 - 17, 1966. Accepting for the LVVC is JUANITA DALY, Vice-Chairman, and FRAN JOHNSON, Chairman. At right is RUTH RUECKERT, International Treasurer, Southwest Section Member.

calendar now. Any 99 visiting within our Section at that time is cordially invited to attend.

Your News Reporter for the month of December made a glaring error in identifying the two beautiful ladies in the photo with FRAN JOHNSON at the White House . . . the lady on the LEFT is HELEN GANSS and the lady on the RIGHT is our own Charter Life Member, FAY GILLIS WELLS.

CONGRATULATIONS . . . Sherman Fairchild International Air Safety Writing Awards. Honorable mention to TONY PAGE, Fort Worth 99; and to FAY GILLIS and LINTEN WELLS.

Washington, D. C., a citation for the Storer Broadcasting Co., Washington Bureau

December at the White House was a memorable occasion when LCDR. JACK SMITH accepted the posthumous presentation of the HARMON TROPHY for JOAN MERRIAM SMITH. February marks the first anniversary of the untimely death of our two illustrious members, TRIXIE-ANN SCHUBERT and JOAN MERRIAM SMITH. The JMS Memorial Fund has reached the 50 percent mark. Two of our LVVC 99s, who also are members of Civil Air Patrol, had the unpleasant

task of participating on the search and rescue mission for one of our 99s, JANE REEVES. Our condolences to her family and to her Chapter members.

DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT . . . if you hear that Thunderbird Field, here in Las Vegas, is closed. It isn't. It just has a new name: LAS VEGAS AIR TERMINAL. When in the area, intending to land, call Terminal UNICOM on 122.8 for airport advisories. The new operators promise that when the construction dust settles that they will have the most modern and friendly service in the West.

KUDOS to our immediate Past President RUTH DEERMAN for the terrific job in bringing our Charter Member list up to date.

We continue to read about 99s visiting Las Vegas. Why don't you give one of us a telephone call?

Our project for '66 is to erase the mystery (it seems) of what a 99 represents . . . let us all get on the band wagon of our President ALICE ROBERTS and indoctrinate the public.

You Minnesota 99s are certainly fortunate to have WCCO-TV executives so air-minded. We had the extreme pleasure of visiting with SHERM BOOEN while he was in Las Vegas with the Aviation Writers Convention. His weekly TV program "World of Aviation" seems to be the only aviation program of its kind in the world.

Having a Penny-a-Pound Airlift? Buy our FIRST AIRPLANE RIDE cards and sell them to persons to whom you give their first airplane ride. Carry a few in the glove compartment of your "bird". With all of the beautiful 99 articles for sale, it is amazing that we don't see more of the items in appropriate places.

#### LONG BEACH CHAPTER Carole B. Dunn. Reporter

Our Christmas party at the Long Beach Yacht Club was a big success. Eighty-eight members and guests came and we enjoyed hearing a guest and prospective member, RACHEL MUNDINE, sing with the band. While we were enjoying our evening, our BETTY FAUX was just landing in Brisbane, Australia on her ferrying trip from Oakland, Calif. BETTY ferried a Piper Aztec for Avis Rent-a-Plane of Australia, for a total mileage of 8,416 s.m. via Honolulu, Canton, Fiji, New Hebrides to Brisbane and Sydney, for a total of 53 flying hours.

For our January meeting BETTY showed her slides and 16mm films of



BETTY FAUX, Long Beach Chapter 99, and Aztec N4616P at Port Villa, New Hebrides. One of her stops on her solo flight from Oakland, Calif., to Melbourne, Australia, December 11 to December 22, 1965, 8416 statute miles, 53 hours.

her trip and it is always a delight to listen to her commentary. She said there were no mishaps along the way, except when she lost sight of her two companion Aztecs for about three minutes but that was remedied when she hollered "help" and they slowed up to allow her to catch up, as she had the heaviest plane. I'm sure BETTY would be more than happy to show her films to anyone wishing to see them. If you do call her, ask her about GEORGE.

It was nice to see DUDLEY GREER at the Christmas party and January party. MARGARET CALLAWAY brought a prospective member, MARY CHUMLEY, to the January meeting. CLAIRE WALTERS has been getting quite a bit of co-piloting time in a DC-3. FRAN BERA's husband BOB tried out his reconditioned midget racing plane at LGB Airport, he was in the pattern when the engine quit—guess its more reconditioning before the race. See you in the Hayward Race, BOB.

#### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER Rachel Bonzon, Reporter

In December the Los Angeles Chapter was entertained by ANN and MAURY LODWIG (and especially by daughter SUSAN in a Santa Claus red sleeper suit) at their hospitable home in the crisp, clear mountain air of Topanga Canyon. VIRGINIA SHOWERS reported that she began to fly when husband GLENN once suggested, "Let's take flying lessons," which they both did, whereupon he up and bought a sailboat. Son NEAL SHOWERS has now started to fly. It was good to see DRU BENEFIEL as she is never able to come to Tuesday meetings. DRU and BOB have sold their Cessna 120, and are making progress with their homebuilt Tailwind.

Our January meeting was held at the home of JEAN IVANOFF in Torrance and there it was good to see BETTY DUPORT, who is rarely able to make meeting because of the late-afternoon and all-weekend hours of the real estate business, BETTY reports business good, so that flying time is little. It was a pleasure to have MARY DORR with us, in between speaking trips and radio and television work. MARY reports some progress on the DORR family project of outfitting a PBY for a world cruise. (First item to be finished: the cocktail lounge in the bubble.) Still in process: rewiring the galley, installing bunks, paneling, and upholstering, so that mother, father, five children and grandmother will have comfortable accommodations. It will be a dream of many years come true.

BEULAH and BILL KEE flew to Ventura County on January 2, to find surface wind strong and icy, plus the indignity of a closed coffee shop. Most of us have been too involved with the holidays to get out to the airport recently.

And so time flies - more than we do.

### MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER Eleanor Carlson, Reporter

HELEN SHROPSHIRE here, reporting for weathered-in news reporter, STORMIE CARLSON. STORMIE went back to Florida to pick up a Cherokee, has been gone 11 days and is sitting it out in New Mexico as I write this.

What with the holiday season and personal vacations, our Chapter hasn't done much Chapter work. Secretary OLGA SCHEFFLER spent a month on a fascinating trip to Alaska. GENEVA CRANFORD and her 491/2 er flew their Bonanza back to the mid-west to visit relatives and on to New Orleans. And I could spend all night telling you of my 10,000 miles jaunt. We were entered in the Third Bahamas Flying Treasure Hunt, our third one. My 49½ er had some business in Rochester. N. Y., so we went back the northern route - SLC, Cheyenne, Des Moines, then down the east coast to Florida.

I logged over six hours of actual instrument time before we reached Ft. Lauderdale. While getting a weather briefing in the FAA station in Harrisburg, I was confounded to hear a slightly familiar female voice requesting an IFR approach, identifying herself as Comanche 5017P. Suddenly I realized the FAA boys were having a little fun with me by playing back the tape on my clearance of the night before, and they all had a good Ha! Ha!

The Treasure Hunt is always a memorable flying experience, meeting old friends, making new ones. There were 99s from Canada and far-flung points of the States. Several won awards. My envelope read "For Sportsmanship". PAGE SHAMBURGER (Carolinas) accepted a beautiful trophy on behalf of all the 99s present, which I understand will be on display at Headquarters in OKC.

After the Bahamas we went on to Mexico to participate in the Mexican Flying Fiesta. BARBARA BROTHERTON (Greater New York) breezed in in her new Comanche 250. There is a delightful person who continually brightens the days for everyone. JERRIE MOCK was there, signing

autographs and being interviewed and photographed, assuring everyone the hardest part of her famous flight was the paper work. I received a beautiful diploma but would have loved to have brought home one of the handsome, hand-wrought silver trophies.

On the way home, we stopped off at PHX and had breakfast with President ALICE ROBERTS and Governor PAT LAMBART. Now, there are two charmers who make you proud to be a member of the fair sex!

Arrived back in Monterey in time for our Christmas party at STORMIE CARLSON's home, which sets high on a hill, overlooking the entire Monterey Bay area. The moon was full, cutting a shimmering path on the bay, the multi-colored lights twinkled about us and we could watch the planes coming and going on our airport in the distance. A lovely Christmas setting, a beautiful ending to our first year.

We are starting 1966 with two new 49½ers. ZOE DELL WEST now MRS. NUTTER and ARDELL HAUK now MRS. (DR.) HAND. Congratulations to you two boys for picking such great girls.

Bless you all—99s. I'm proud to be aboard.

### NORTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER Ruth Smith, Reporter

The first meeting of the new year found eight 99s and two guests gathered for a buffet luncheon and business meeting at the Holiday Inn.

We discussed many aspects connected with our proposed penny-a-pound later in the year. We are still hopeful that some local organization will supply our gas.

MARY ELLEN suggested that we keep a list in the front of our scrap-book, for guest names. In the year and a half our Chapter has been organized, we have had many guests.

Chairman HELEN LAWRENCE mentioned that the Spring Sectional will be in Las Vegas in April.

JUNE ELY and 49½ er LARRY flew to Mexico over the holidays. They had good weather throughout the trip. Got in quite a bit of sightseeing. LARRY was a little under the weather for about a day and a half, felt fine then for the trip home.

BETH flew our Mayor to Tueson recently to see Astronaut FRANK BOR-MAN.

My 49½er, BILL, and I flew to Phoenix recently to see the flood damage caused by the Salt River. Also flew over the lakes in the Salt River chainall were full and overflowing. We flew to Lake Havasu the following Sunday and had lunch, it was a beautiful day for flying.

JEAN KNOTT is our second 66, she was recommended by BETH WRIGHT. JEAN is very enthusiastic about learning to fly and to became a member of our Chapter.

DOT WARD made arrangements for several members of the Flagstaff High School Aviation Science class to take a cross country trip recently. Three planes belonging to the local flying club were used, club members were the pilots. DOT and another club member went along in the club's Cessna 150. Stops were made at Prescott, Sedona and Winslow and back to Flagstaff. The stop at Prescott included a tour of the FSS facilities.

We had a first hand report from MARY ELLEN about the Fall Sectional at Salt Lake City. She came prepared to spend the night with HELEN if necessary. Decided to take off for a quick look toward Holbrook, the weather looked clearer toward the East so she was able to go home.

JUNE called LARRY in Williams, he and daughter CAROL flew over in their Tri-Pacer and escorted JUNE and passenger DOROTHY WILLIS home. They did a little formation flying BETH said, HAPPY FLYING.

### PHOENIX CHAPTER Virginia Moser, Reporter

Happy to announce that RUBY SHELDON, one of our newer members, received her C.F.I. rating January 10th, Congratulations!

JUANITA NEWELL and her husband have recently been bird and deer hunting and all reports indicate that it was quite a success. SUSAN and JOE STORM and their two daughters made a recent night flight to Tucsonvery enjoyable as it was a lovely moonlight night.

Our two gals, MELBA BEARD and JUANITA NEWELL, have been quite busy lately attending Zonta meetings. On December 13th they were guest speakers at Tempe and then January 11th TRUDY MURPHY, RUTH REINHOLD, JUANITA and MELBA flew down to Yuma to attend another Zonta meeting, held at the Stardust there, where MELBA and JUANITA also spoke. They are doing a world of good in acquainting people with the 99s.

We had word from one of the Charter Members of the 99s, VERA DAWN WALKER, living here in Phoenix, that she enjoyed a recent visit to Palm Springs, Calif., and saw many of her old flying buddies. She is presently doing research work on an article about the first Powder Puff Derby back in 1929, in which she was a participant. We hope to get her to one of our meetings quite soon so she can relate some of her memorable experiences.

### REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER Phyllis Cantrell, Reporter

Our get-together for the month of December was a Christmas party in the form of a smorgasbord dinner at the home of ANITA WOREL. ANITA and 49½er JACK live in a lovely hillside apartment overlooking San Francisco Bay. Those in attendance were BETTY FOSTER and 491/2 er BOB, MYRTLE WRIGHT, REX and PHYLLIS CAN-TRELL, JUNE O'DONNELL, BECKY LIGHTFOOT and 491/2 er PHIL, and BETTE SMITH and 491/2 er BOB. The indoor, heated swimming pool adjoining the apartment was inviting but didn't coax anyone to swim. ANITA and JACK had just returned from a week's vacation in Hawaii, They had a wonderful time as who wouldn't? ANITA checked out in a 172 over there and took her party on a sightseeing tour to one of the other islands. She also has a lovely suntan which was envied by all.

BETTY FOSTER has had another speaking engagement this month. She spoke to the Petaluma Lion's Club on our favorite subject, "The Powder Puff Derby". BETTY and PHYLLIS CANTRELL are going to be guest speakers at the Zonta Club's annual AMELIA EARHART dinner on January 27th. PHYLLIS will show slides taken on the '65 AWTAR, ANNA BRENNER will be the hostess for the affair. Our January meeting was held at the Coddington Airport, Santa Rosa, and attended by ANNA BRENNER, PAT STOUFFER, BETTY SMITH, ANITA WOREL, MYRTLE WRIGHT, BECKY LIGHTFOOT, LOUISE MON-TERO, HAZEL BERTAGNA, BETTY FOSTER, and PHYLLIS CANTRELL.

Some of our girls are working on new licenses and ratings and we should have some reports of writtens passed by next month. See you then.

#### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER Ruth Ebey, Reporter

Cur first 1966 meeting was held at BETTY LAMBERT's home and was suffused with an air of excitement:

First, EVELYN TRIMBLE came in

all bubbly because she'd just gotten her instrument ticket.

Then STELLA HARDIN announced that she will be a grandmother—for the first time—in April.

Next, MARTHA MULLEN arrived beaming from ear to ear because she and JOHN finally have a plane—a Debonair. She even had color prints to show!

And, thanks to MARGARET MOODY and her various committees, the details of this year's San Diego-Fallon Fun Race are beginning to fall into place.

TERRY and AL VASQUES had planned to go to Tampico, Mexico, during the holidays, but because of weather they got only as far as Guaymas.

RUBY Keaveny is planning to go to New York (and possibly Florida) with ALICE ROBERTS on AWTAR business in February. Then, in the spring, she will go to Seattle in connection with the 1966 race start. She's looking for an opportunity to go to Wichita to take the Lear jet ride her cousin has offered her.

MARIAN and GERRY BANKS started out New Year's weekend for Guadalajara, Mexico, but engine trouble stopped them cold in Phoenix—they got to visit with ALICE ROBERTS and PAT LAMBART, anyway. GERRY is sailing in the San Diego-Acapulco yacht race at the end of January. MARIAN will fly their twin Comanche (another yachtman's wife is going along for company) to meet him in Acapulco. And in July they are going to Tahiti (by airline—not in the Comanche).

#### SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER Betty Humble, Reporter

1965 seemed to be a busy year, but 1966 already promises many exciting things to come. Who said things would slow down after Christmas?

New Rating Department: VIRGINIA WEGENER received her Flight Instructor's Rating and has opened a flying school (GINNY's Flying School) in conjunction with her husband's aircraft sales company. Congratulations, GINNY! VIRGINIA's daughter DIANE also made news by making her first solo flight and getting her drivers license the same day—her 16th birthday. Another mother-daughter AWTAR team in the making!

JANE HAAG is the new Secretary-Treasurer for California Flying Farmers and will be traveling to Lake Havasu for the first meeting of the year. JANE and 49½ er ROY have been to Yuma, Sacramento, Oakland and



Another 99 breaks through! ARDIE TRENHOLM, San Fernando Valley Chapter 99, does the KGIL Sky Watch. ARDIE, a pretty blonde pilot, criss-crosses the Valley skies in a Cessna 172 — flying in her stocking feet while reporting who is blocking traffic and where and for how long. She starts at 0725, flys until 0840 — then again from 1625 to 1740. Her excellent mike voice is much appreciated by all Valleyites.

Santa Maria recently on church business

JUNE DENNEY and husband JOHN flew a Debonaire to Miami on a business-pleasure trip. Miami gave them three days of rain and several chances to use John's Instrument Rating, JUNE logged some good co-pilot time too. They also enjoyed a stop-over in gay New Orleans.

Chapter Chairman SHIRLEY GIL-MORE was guest speaker in January at the Arcadia Zonta Club meeting—January is AMELIA EARHART month. SHIRLEY and 49½er CARL have also been busy with their newly acquired cabin in Big Bear. They spent the post-Christmas week at the cabin with lots of snow and 70 knot guests during the big storm. Luckily they did not fly in. Come Spring and good weather, SHIRLEY has promised us a fly-in! We'll all have to bone up on our high altitude landings and take-offs, gals.

POLLY STOEHR participated in the Texas Air Tour last Fall with ZADIE BUNKER, the flying great-grandmother from Palm Springs. Later POLLY took student pilot EDNA BIVENS to Wichita for a Flying Farmers workshop. No wonder the Bonanza

is getting a new engine now, but soon POLLY will be off and flying again.

NORMA and NATE WILCOX will be moving soon to the San Diego area (Solana Beach). NORMA is one of our Chapter's Charter Members and we will certainly miss her. We wish NATE lots of good luck in his new venture! Our loss is San Diego's gain, though, so San Diego Chapter take note!

Keeping Current Dept.: GERTRUDE and EVERETT BARNES flew to Alturas for some duck and goose hunting. BETTY HUMBLE and 49½ er ARNOLD relaxed (?) in Las Vegas and Grand Canyon for a few days after the holidays. Such beautiful flying weather at Christmastime. Glad to see LIBBY KIRK back at our last meeting after recent major surgery. She hopes to get back into the air VERY soon.

### TUCSON CHAPTER Maggie Schock, Reporter

opened and the windows of heaven were opened and the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. Well, it didn't rain 40 days; but it rained for more days than it ever has before in Tucson and we hope ever will again. Just as we started leafing thru old

catalogs looking up ads for Edo conversion kits, it stopped. That big wind that swept suddenly across the nation at this point was the Tucson 99s giant sigh of relief. Normal rainfall for TUS in December is .92. This year we had 5.02. Now the sun is out again and the weeds are growing and we are all back to flying.

Our newest Tucson 99 and former Charter Member of Dallas Chapter is BETTE BELLE INGWER, who managed to miss all the rain when she and husband CARL took off in their Grand Commander just before Christmas for a trip to Palm Beach with their family. They arrived in New Orleans between two storms bringing the first sun in 10 days; then on to Florida in CAVU weather for a Christmas visit with CARL's father, Returning via Dallas and Las Vegas, N. M., where they spent a few days at their ranch, they loaded the Commander once more and headed for home, only to be stopped 75 miles short by rain. A couple of hours on the ground at Wilcox and they were able to get off again and reach Tucson for New Year's Eve. Flying can be so wonderful and so fast and so frustrating! CARL and BETTE BELLE are owners of Mercury Aviation at Tucson International Airport. Stop in and see them if you are going cross country. We can recommend the excellent service and friendly personnel. I always like to stop where a big 99 is doing business, don't you?

IRVING AND SYLVIA BARTZ were off again last month for Mexico. This time with SYLVIA's brother as company in the Mooney and a Bonanza full of physicians flying wing, their destination was a very picturesque spot on the east coast of Baja, Calif., called Mulege, pronounced Mool-a-hay. It is about 450 miles from TUS and is a favorite of the Underwater Sportsman Club of Tucson; another affiliation of the very active BARTZ family. There are several good strips down there and SYLVIA and IRVING usually use the one on the south side of the river near the hotel. Good accommodations and reasonable rates. If you want real "casual" living; grass huts on the beach and the whole bit; they can be had for \$8 per day including meals. The BARTZ are planning to take their two sons down over Easter and all go native. Break out my ukulele and let's all sing Sweet Lalani,

SHIRLEY MARSHALL was in Flagstaff to introduce Flaggs Chapter Chairman HELEN LAWRENCE to the people in the circulating library of the college so she will have her contacts all established when they take over Northern Arizona's Air Age Education. The Flagstaff Chapter plans a Pennya-Pound in September to raise money for just this purpose. We know they will be very successful and we wish them good weather and heavy crowds. Not necessarily "big"—just "heavy".

BARBARA and JOHN WELSH are the proud owners of a new Comanche and are rapidly covering all the best luncheon spots in Arizona, Carefree Inn just northeast of Phoenix was the most recent stop with a return trip scheduled January 23rd, when the Phoenix Chapter has their annual luncheon and style show there. CAROL and DON EWING plan to hop over from Phoenix where they will be football weekending and several other ships from Tucson will join the group. Everyone raved so about the food and show and hospitality of the Phoenix Chapter last year that it is a must on our January agenda.

BONNY FEATHER's daughter, BO-NICE, has started flying lessons and the two of them flew their Skyhawk to Fullerton for a Christmas party with husband LEROY. When both came to ready things in Tucson for the holidays, LEROY followed a few days later via commercial. The party didn't last THAT long; LEROY lives in Fullerton part of the time! This, of course, gave BONNY an excuse to fly him back to Fullerton after Christmas. A funny little situation arose when she landed at Orange County to let LEROY pick up his car. The tower didn't want her to taxi to the Terminal unless she had a passenger. Well, she did, so they did. Let her, that is, Anyway, it was funny when BONNY told it.

BYRD GRANGER had a short visit with LOUISE SACCHI while she was in Washington recently and DOROTHY JENKINS spent the lunch hour at Freeway Airport with JUANITA NEWELL last week when she flew down from Phoenix. Good thing JUANITA came or we might never have known the date of the Carefree Luncheon.

The air over Roosevelt and Apache Lake must be a high density area. Everyone we have talked to recently has been sightseeing in that region. LORRAINE YOCUM included it in her flying while breaking in the new rings in the Bonanza and MIRZA CLARK was there rubber-necking in her 172 as well as half my flying club in our Cessnas.

KEN and VIRGINIA COOK have been flying their new Foothills home for the past few weeks and I'll bet it's hard to handle on final. All those rocks in the driveway!

We gained BETTE BELLE and lost MEG GUGGOLZ this month. MEG has transferred to the Albuquerque Chapter and we will miss her terribly. We aren't "handing her off" to you girls up there; we are barely letting you drag her away as we cling doggedly to one arm and a leg. Treat her nicely or we will descend on you enmasse—enraged!

LAURA BOHANAN has also left us—again; but not for good. (Does that automaticaly mean—for bad?). Anyway, for good or bad, LAURA is living in Colton, Calif., for a few months as EARL has a new job there. Land at Morrow Airport, call and LAURA will come get you. Where she will take you I don't know; but at least you'll be "got".

PATSY and BOB BROOKS and VIR-GINIA and LUM EDWARDS flew to Albuquerque in the BROOKS' "Baron Grinit" for a trip thru the ATC Center last weekend. Quite a few girls from there and El Paso were present along with our MEG GUGGOLZ and RUTH DEERMAN. They were quite impressed with the installation and learned a lot. PATSY is working hard on her instrument rating and every little bit of information helps. A funny ending was put on the trip when BOB BROOKS came face to face with BING CROSBY in the Tucson Terminal building. Conclusion jumping landed the opinion that he and many of the other people jamming the terminal were waiting out weather to get to Los Angeles.

We have had our bad weather for the year! Nothing but clear skies from now on. Let's clutter 'em up with airplanes!



#### Margaret Kentley, Governor

I'd like for the girls in the USA to know about our Annual General Meeting and Convention in Melbourne on the 4 and 5 of March and the Big Fly-In to Canberra on 7 and 8 of May.

The Canberra Fly-In is a special week-end for Women Pilots. If you are contemplating a trip to Australia, come and join us. WE ALWAYS HAVE FUN.



Some of the British Section Ninety - Nines: MARGERY DYKES, CHRISTINE HUGHES, PAM HUNTLY, JOAN WAUGH, FREYDIS SHARLAND, SHEILA SCOTT, DAWN TURLEY, THEA ADAMS, GILLIAN CAZELET, JANET FERGUSON, BETTY CONES, YVONNE POPE, ELIZABETH OVERBURY and DIANA BARNATO - WALKER.

# BRITISH

Janet Ferguson, Reporter

First of all we warmly welcome two new members:

CHRISTINE HUGHES has the British Private License, learned to fly in 1960 and since then has been steadily building up her hours in a variety of light aircraft to a total of 300. She has air-toured in France and this country and had a very active summer last year: she started air racing with considerable success — 2nd plane in The Ninety-Nines Trophy and 7th place in

the Kings Cup Air Race; she won the Aircraft Recognition Trophy at the Jersey Rally and the Ladies Prize at the Dieppe Rally. CHRISTINE works for "Flight International" magazine as Secretary to the Production Editor and in her spare time flies for the Girls Venture Corps, giving the girls "air experience" flights.

SUE PHILLIPS has the British Private License and is well known for her parachuting achievements, being ene of the pioneers of sport parachuting in this country. Her first interest in aviation was gliding, which she followed enthusiastically until 1956 when she started parachuting. SUE trained to a very high standard of parachuting, including both night and sea drops, and represented Britain in the interna-

tional championships. In 1958 the first national parachuting championship was held in Britain and SUE beat all comers (mostly men) to become the first ever British parachute champion. She was also the first woman to qualify as a parachute instructor and later formed her own parachute club. Unfortunately, all this came to an abrupt finish when SUE broke her back jumping. since then she has had to put all ideas of parachuting out of her mind. She did, however, take up aerobatic flying and reached competition standard under the tuition of PETER PHILLIPSwell known Tiger Club aerobatic pilot, who later became her 49 er. They now live close to Goodwood airfield (the motor racing circuit) from which PETER demonstrates and sells the Victa Airtourer, the attractive little Australian training and touring air-

We were very pleased to receive Christmas greetings from the Australian Section. Thanks a lot, and best wishes to you all for happy flying in 1936. We also received cards from many friends in the U.S., from the President (of the 99s—not LBJ!) downwards. Many thanks to you all.

While we're in a thanking mood, SHEILA asked me to express her thanks to all Ninety-Nines who helped and entertained her on her last visit—in particular DORIS RENNINGER, who met her at the airport in the middle of the night, and FAY GILLIS WELLS in Washington. SHEILA was most upset to have missed, as so many others did, the New York Chapter dindinger, when a blackout contrived to disrupt the occasion.

ELIZABETH OVERBURY has been appointed a member of a Training Study Group set up by the British Airline Pilots Association to study the training of co-pilots. This is a great bonor for ELIZABETH and a "shot in the arm" for women pilots and particularly The Ninety-Nines. ELIZABETH starts a turbo-prop course with her airline on February 7th—there's no doubt that her company is extremely pleased with her work.



### CONNECTICUT CHAPTER Ruth P. Buckley, Reporter

The Connecticut Chapter devoted January 11 to a tour of the Avco-Lycoming Corporation at Bridgeport, Connecticut. PEG DAVIDSON and EVE-LYN MURCH flew into Bridgeport Airport. Avco - Lycoming covers many acres with part of the complex situated at the perimeter of the airport. PEG piloted her White with Yellow Cessna 205.

PEG and EVELYN joined the remaining membership touring the facilities. Also observing the gas turbine engine were members RUTH BUCK-LEY, MARY HORTON, CYNTHIA KEMPER and SHARON SIMMONS with her guest JANET BURNETT. The primary source of concern on the tour was the Lycoming T-53 gas turbine engine. This noteworthy engine was developed under the sponsorship of the



SHEILA SCOTT introduces one of the newest and the youngest British Ninety-Nines, 19-year-old THEA ADAMS, to the British Section members.

U.S. Army and the U.S Air Force. As we toured, we observed manufacture, assembly, testing and application. All requirements toward impletion of a gas turbine engine. Tour guides were MR. RICHARD LAMPLE and MR. ALFRED GORSKI, Senior design engineer. Both company representatives discussed with us the general principles within the unit, using terms such as compression, turbine, blades, economy, weight, horsepower, metals and fuel. And lastly the types of aircraft using the turbine engine.

To those recalling a recent TV program, "To Tell the Truth," Connecticut Chapter member JERRY GARDINER appeared a contestant-participant.

Greetings to PRIL LOVERIDGE. PRIL now residing in Fairfield, Con-

necticut has transferred into the Connecticut Chapter from New York-New Jersey.

To the flying-in pilots attending the April MAX CONRAD dinner, Nutmeg hospitality is cordially extended. All incoming flights will be met and transportation furnished to the selected banquet hall.

### EASTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

#### Lois Auchterlonie, Reporter

Our November luncheon meeting was held in Worcester, Mass., with ceiling zero, so 20 members and guests flew in on 4 wheels. MARIE LEPORE spoke on aerospace education with her usual spontaneous enthusiasm — and it was catching! HARRIET ABBOTT reported

the raffle return for the 3-band transistor radio was very good. Several guests included 99 Members-at-Large, YAEL ROM of Israel and LAURA McGLASSON, and a former Governor of New England Section, SALLY DRIVER, who brought an interesting scrapbook of 1952-54 period.

PAT JONES and husband DON flew the Fall Foliage Race sponsored by Vermont International Airways — placing second. PAT reports the "foliage" was beautiful altho the weather was not the best for races.

In December the Chapter's Christmas Party was held at the Merrimack Valley Inn in North Andover during a snowstorm. After a lovely dinner GERT and ROY McGRATH showed color clides of the 1965 AWNEAR held at Burlington, Vt., and also the Groton airmarking venture. Special guests were the manager of the Lawrence Airport and his lovely wife; they reminisced about the two AWNEAR starts from their airport.

During the holidays LOIS WARTMAN flitted to Bermuda for some sunshine between her judo lessons. LOIS and CARL AUCHTERLONIE coml'd to Wichita for Christmas and then on to Phoenix for some golf. LOIS had the pleasure of meeting with Prexy ALICE ROBERTS before leaving as the worst flood in 25 years hit Phoenix — the end of the runway was under water as the jet took off.

Congrats to CAPT. MARGARET Mc-FARLIN who has obtained her multiengine rating. Her busy schedule as nurse at Westover AFB keeps her from attending many 99 meetings, so we all visited her at the last Section meeting!

Our past Chairman CHRIS SEAVER is in orbit again with the arrival of daughter JAN's new baby—a boy! She had just got her feet on the ground after her son's baby girl arrived a few months ago.

In January, the Chapter held a dinner meeting at the Iron Horse Restaurant in Norwood, where MR. EVERETT FAHEY of FAA spoke on "Causes of Light Airplane Accidents." Chairman FRAN PORTER held a short business meeting prior to the dinner attended by 34 persons, including four prospective members.

Welcome aboard to DOROTHY TUL-LER, who was "pinned" at the January meeting. DOROTHY obtained her license in 2 months and is now working on her instrument rating. A very busy gal, she is a reading specialist with the Acton - Boxboro High School, a flight



New 491/2ers, BILL WAUGH and JOHN DYKES, being sworn in by Chief 491/2er ERNIE CONES at the British Section's Thanksgiving Party.

dispatcher with Executive Airways, and finds time to work with reading problems of the underprivileged.

Fifteen-minute radio programs "People in the Air" were recently originated by JANET BOWLES and ARTHUR B. JONES to promote interest in general aviation and in the new airport scheduled to be built in Brockton, Mass. ART is the Airport Commissioner and Asst. Manager of WBET Radio, where the 10-week program series were broadcast. The programs included interviews with people active in general aviation such as . . . charter pilots in air taxi and light cargo delivery work; a flying 16-year-old who plans to make aviation his career; 99 ALICE MANS-FIELD who works with towing banners and aerial advertising; two flying businessmen; an officer of America's oldest flying club; a spray plane pilot working for local cranberry industry and in mosquito control; a flying fish spotter for swordfish boats; and a local flight instructor. The shows brought forth many questions from the public that their guest experts answered. JANET reports that the series stirred up considerable interest among local business men as to ways they could use general aviation and the new airport to serve their business needs. After a 6-year battle to get approval and funds

and local backing for the Brockton Airport, JANET and ART feel these informative radio programs may contribute toward airport completion in 1966!



### GARDEN STATE CHAPTER Nancy Smyth, Reporter

On January 16, 1966, the 99s of the Garden State Chapter met at Bader Field in Atlantic City for a luncheon and business meeting. ANNETTE GINSBERG, MARY ROSE MYER and FAYE STRICKLER were our hostesses and did a wonderful job of preparing the luncheon, with favors for all. MR. CURT YOUNG of Young's Flying Service, Atlantic City, New Jersey, showed a short film and gave a brief, but interesting, talk on the benefits to a community derived from general aviation.

The 99s present were ANNETTE GINSBERG, MARCIA MUSSON, NANCY SMYTH, MARY ROSE MYER, GAY MAHER, FAYE STRICKLER and two new members, PAT MARCMANN and ETHEL SHEFFLER. We were greatly outnumbered by our 66s—when

they all get their ratings we will have quite a large group.

At the business meeting the following project was suggested: Letters to the Director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey suggesting that the local charts be revised to include local landmarks used by the control towers as reporting points. We feel this information would be most beneficial to any pilots, particularly at large airports when the pilot is unfamiliar with the area and it is a busy field. We would appreciate any ideas and/or help you can give us on this and if you feel the idea has merit, please write to The Director, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Washington 25, D. C.

Our next meeting planned is a Valentine Party at Flying W Ranch, Medford, New Jersey. At this meeting we will present our 49½er cards. Coming up in the near future is a panel discussion with flight instructors on "How to Fly a Pattern" and our Penny-A-Pound at Mercer County Airport in May.

### GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER Barbara Brotherton, Reporter

If this news letter doesn't have its usual professional sound, it is because our regular reporter CHARLOTTE McCOLLUM and 49½er JIM are at this very moment Comancheing their way from island to island in the sunny Bahamas.

Just before she left CHARLOTTE made like an Air Taxi and flew BARBARA BROTHERTON to Montreal to retrieve BARBARA's weathered - in Comanche. Played two-Comanche-tag all the way home after a pleasant visit with Canadian and Amercan Customs.

We are mighty proud of SALLY BUE-GELEISEN, hope you all have been reading her regular and interesting column in Flying Magazine.

Congratulations are in order for another one of our talented Chapter members. SELMA CRONAN's Aviation Books for Children are being published!

ARAX SIMSARIAN hasn't had the ride she won with traffic reporter FRED FELDMAN because she has been vacationing in St. Thomas.

KAMALA VOSS is vacationing, too, in California.

We have two new members, RUTH FORCE and VERA FINLEY. They are more than welcome because our Chapter keeps dividing like an amoeba and their talents are many and needed.

Good things seem to come in twos.

we have two applicants for the A. E. Scholarship, KAY HILBRANDT and RUTH BLISS. Both KAY and RUTH should win and the Chapter's blessings and good wishes go with both of them.

Our "Beloved Leader," JULIE VOM SAAL has planned some wonderful meetings, but the sad truth is she is having troubles! Our fall meeting was pretty well ruined when the great blackout hit New York on our meeting night. She gathered her resources and got together a wonderful program for January-you guessed it-the Transport Workers Strike and no meeting! Now she tells me that on February 12th she has the best yet planned, with a visit to the Mid-town Heliport and chances for six lucky 99s to receive free orientation rides in whirly-birds, donated by BRYAN ROWLAND of Hel-Aire Copters. By the time this news reaches you, you will know the worst. Either the biggest blizzard has struck New York on February 12th since 1880 or they dropped the Bomb!

Whatever happens, JULIE and 49½er DR. FRED VOM SAAL plan to fly their Cessna 182 to New Orleans and on to Veracruz, Mexico, the end of February. That is one lady pilot who needs a rest from earth bound frustrations!

### LONG ISLAND CHAPTER Honey Kate Trattler, Reporter

We've just added three new names to our Long Island roster. ELEANOR REICHENBACH has transferred from the Greater New York Chapter; and MARION-ALICE WYATT (who earned her private ticket in just two months) and JOAN FLEISCHMANN are brand new 99s. We are delighted to have them with us. MARION, by the way, received quite a Christmas gift from her 49½er—one third interest in a Cessna 140.

ELLIE McCULLOUGH and MARGE GRAY flew a Cessna 172 down to Atlantic City to attend the Garden State

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Seattle, Wash.

January meeting; and rounded the trip out with some sightseeing over Washington before heading home.

HONEY KATE and 49½ er CHARLES TRATTLER winged up to Stowe, Vermont, with a couple of daughters for some New Years skiing. Not much snow — the Debonair got most of the exercise.

DOROTHY JULICH entered the Bahamas Flying Treasure Hunt on November 15th, and enjoyed herself tremendously. At the end of the festivities, she and eight other 99s who joined in were congratulated and presented with a plaque by the Governor of the Bahamas. DOTTIE also flew the Pylon Race in Las Vegas early in October—and highly recommends that more of us come along next time (only six 99s were there).

### WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER Terri Pirrung, Reporter

On December 22nd we enjoyed the warm hospitality of LORRI and GEORGE MOORE when they hosted a 99 Christmas party in their home. It was a most pleasant evening with the conversation going from flying to scuba diving, the electron microscope, labor and of course the health hazard of smoking. We were all interested to hear of DR. MOORE's experiences with the government - from our local City Council to U. S. Congressional Committees. Two of our gals who are dyed in the wool cigarette smokers seemed to be having withdrawal symptoms because they felt they should refrain from smoking for the evening.

Attending were ETHEL FEDDERS, CECILIA KENNY, JOANNE KOHLER, NAOMI and JIM MEEKER, DORITA NORTON and guest DR. BARBARA CHICK, DORIS and HERB CULP and yours truly with 49½ er ED.

Congratulations to DORIS CULP on being one of those chosen by Cornell Aeronautical Labs to participate in their FAA sponsored project for investigating flight in simulated limited visibility weather. The CULPs recently flew to Ohio looking over prospective colleges for daughter MERRILEE and just missed being weather-in for five days. DORITA just returned with a dark Florida tan. Besides diving and deep sea fishing she managed a swim with Mitzi the dolphin (alias Flipper). Was nice to hear from former chapter member SUE HOFFMAN. She is doing quite a bit of flying and working for a commercial ticket. SUE said she is also active in the Florida Chapter,



VICE - PRESIDENT HUMPHREY standing beside MRS. ANN MERRIAM and LT. COMMANDER JACK SMITH after the posthumous presentation of the Harmon International Trophy to JOAN MERRIAM SMITH, "the world's outstanding aviatrix for 1964".



### WASHINGTON D.C. CHAPTER Mary "Mitzi" M. Keller, Reporter

December was full of social activities; ADELAIE TINKER returns from two years 'stay in Pakistan, NANCY LYNAN, aside from her instructors duties, planned and staged a Christmas Follies Revue for the Patuxent Officers Club, Patuxent Naval Test Center. She danced and sang to the delight of her 49½er Test Pilot, DON, stationed there. LAURA ZERENER, in a Cessna 172, with her son and daughter-in-law started for Detroit only to be forced down by had weather. They

landed, rented a car and drove the rest of the trip. Returning, LAURA picked up her plane, flew out of light snow showers into clear, and home safely. VELTA BENN has been nominated Vice-President of the Washington Air Derby Club. JEAN MULCHER is in the Washington Sanitorium with a pulled or torn disc. Cards would help cheer her up as she has only been in D. C. a couple of weeks.

KAY BRICK and BARBARA EVANS, in town on a business meeting, were overnight guests at C h a i r m a n JO EDDLEMAN's home. Flight Surgeon OSMON BARR died during the holidays. DR. BARR's history of flying was a legend of firsts and his book about the body and flying is well worth reading. JEAN ROSS HOWARD, Whirly-

Girl, busy with the Helicopter Forum. I do hope all have had a chance to read JEAN's excellent article in The Flying Physicians Magazine. Another 99, VERA FOSTER ROLLO, has written a book; Title, My Maryland. Sound great? Surprise, it has to do with women in flying.

BEA WILDER and MARYANN JES-SUP, daily flying at Godfrey Field. BEA feels a true 99 is one who gets out and flys. ALICE FUCHS makes newspaper headlines. Your reporter and 49½ flew the family Aztec to Miami nonstop, 4:45, then on to Key West to play Santa to the grandchildren. Returning via Bimini for some fishing. RUTH BARCLAY and 49½ back from a flying trip. RUTH's husband, BURIL, is president of the OX5 Club this year.

Since LIBBY NETCHER moved to Florida, MARYANN JESSUP has the job of Chapter Secretary. LIL CHESNES, sporting a wig at a dinner, had everyone guessing who the beautiful girl was.

Dec. 14th, FAY GILLIS WELLS and Chapter members met in the Indian Treaty Room in the Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C., with MRS. ANN MERRIAM (JOAN's mother) and COMDR. JACK SMITH, JR. (JOAN's husband). VICE-PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY was there to present posthumously the 1965 Harmon International Aviation Trophy Award to JOAN. MRS. MERRIAM flew up from Miami for the ceremony, in spite of a broken ankle; the Navy flew LT. COMDR. SMITH back from Saigon, Viet Nam, so they could receive the Award together. VICE - PRESIDENT HUMPHREY described how she fulfilled her ambition and did the incredible-completed AMELIA EARHART's equatorial route around the world which had not been challenged in 27 years since AMELIA disappeared off Howland Island in mid-Pacific in 1937. Of all the world flights, only JOAN's crossed the Equator and she crossed it four times. VICE-PRESIDENT HUM-PHREY added he was mindful of the inspiration JOAN has left with the women flyers of the world as he presented the Harmon Trophy, "given to the world's outstanding woman pilot," 19 JOAN's mother and husband, MRS. MERRIAM and COMDR. SMITH attended the Harmon Trophy Dinner that night. Although there was no time left for our Chapter to entertain, we sent MRS. MERRIAM a corsage of orchids, which she wore at the ceremony, and a telegram of good will to both.

Dec. 17th, the Wright Memorial Dinner. Recipient of this year's trophy is JEROME LEDERER, Executive Director of the Flight Safety Foundation. Of the approx, 2500 attending, your reporter and 49½ er spotted only a few 99s: NONA QUARLES, FRAN NOLDE and JEAN HOWARD. Highlights of the program was a huge hand suspended in space, soft lights touching it as it gently turned in space above our table. It was a replica of the glove ED WHITE lost as he stepped out into space. Next, movies were shown of the Gemini 6 and 7 meeting, blast off, etc. All ended with dancing.

Dec. 11th, Chapter Christmas party held at the home of Chairman JO ED-DLEMAN. About 35 members and guests enjoyed the delicious buffet and



VICE - PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY presenting the Harmon International Trophy Certificate to MRS. ANN MERRIAM, JOAN'S mother, and to LT. COMMANDER SMITH, JOAN'S husband, at the December 14th ceremony.

surprises. Food was collected for a needy family.

Jan. 12th, joint Zonta and Ninety-Nine meeting at the Kennedy-Warren Hotel. BLANCHE NOYES was Chairman of this delightful meeting. Cocktails, music and lyries sung by a Princess; fillet for dinner; speaker LOMA MAY, comedienne and 99 from Michigan. BLANCHE paid tribute to JOAN MERRIAM SMITH and AMELIA EAR-HART, for whom this dinner was held. Some of those present from our Chapter were JO EDDLEMAN, VIRGINIA THOMPSON, HAZEL DWIGGINS, RUTH BARCLAY, HEDY JAFFE, MARYANN SHELLY JESSUP, your reporter and 491/2 er. Also ROSEMARY LANE, RUTH FRECKLETON, VERA FOSTER ROLLO and others I'm sure to have forgotten.

Jan. 14th, business meeting in the beautiful home in Georgetown of our bride, MARYANN (MRS. JESSUP). Plans were suggested for the Spring Sectional. FAY WELLS is hopeful for a big hangar dance at National Airport, RON's at the Twin Bridges Motel. Flyers will be out soon. Discussions about 1967 Convention left little time for Chapter business. But I must admit we really had the cream of the Chapter present to suggest and give

past "know how" on conventions, etc. Chairman JO said even the newest prospective members would be called upon to work. On hand were FRAN NOLDE, BLANCHE NOYES, NONA QUARLES, VIRGINIA THOMPSON, BETSY KELLY WEEKS, HELEN FAULKNER, BETTY CAMERON, LAURA ZERENER, JANE RALSTON, EVE McILVEEN, MARYANN JES-SUP, FAY WELLS, HAZEL DWIG-GINS, BEA WILDER, DORIS WHITE, LIL CHESNES, BILLIE MYERS; BEA's guest, LISA CARPENTER and me, MITZI. VELTA BENN and NAN-CY LYNAN were in Palm Beach instructing with AOPA clinic.



ALABAMA CHAPTER
Betty Rowe, Reporter

Hello from the Alabama Chapter. The January meeting was held on the 5th ir the lovely Calloway Gardens in Georgia for a buffet luncheon. We were very honored to have the Georgia Chapter meet with us and the ex-

change of news and ideas was informative, helpful and most enjoyable. We hope we can do it again.

Alabama members present were: DONNA WILLARD, LOIS BATES, MARION MAY, JEAN LANE, Chairman BENNIE PETERS, JUANITA HALSTEAD and her 49½er, FOY, BETTY FERRELL and her 491/2 er, LEW, SUSAN WITT and her 491/2 er, ARCHIE, Guests were PEGGY HAYS, KATHI LANE (JEAN's daughter), CHARLENE and ARCHIE III, the WITT children. We were very pleased to make friends with the following Georgia members: DOLORESE LOWE and her 491/2 er, ROBERT; MARY KNOTTS, MARY LEE NIX, CAROLYN KENNEDY and her 491/2 er, HOWARD; LOIS LACY and her 49%er, GEORGE; MARY HENDERSON, CAROLE HARP, JEAN VOYLES, HOLLY SMITH and her 49½er, CRAIG; CAR-OLE LOWERY, BETTY McNABB and LOW LACY, guest. Alabama members were reminded to mail their 1935 merit points for the Achievement Award to MINNIE COGGINS or bring them to the February meeting.

Despite the winter weather, Alabama 99s keep flying. SUSAN WITT is busy working for her multi-engine rating so she can take her turn at the controls of the WITT Piper Twin. Good luck, SUSAN! JUANITA HAL-STEAD and her 49½er, FOY, have been "ball-gaming" by air. New Years week-end found them flying to Miami to watch Alabama's "Crimson Tide" win the Orange Bowl game. On January 8 they flew to Mobile for the Liberty Bowl game. BETTY FERRELL recently returned from a successful trip to Europe. She had her license validated to fly in France and flew a Jodel out of the Paris Airport at St. Cyr, which is about 20 miles from Paris, Sounds like a marvelous trip!

That about "weathers in" the news for January. The February meeting will be on the 6th in Montgomery. See you there!!

### GEORGIA CHAPTER Frances Peacock, Reporter

With the temperature near the freezing mark, CAVU flying conditions lured a large number of Georgia and Alabama 99s and their guests to Ida Cason Calloway Gardens at Pine Mountain. Georgia, for the January joint meeting of the two Chapters. Approximately 35 members and guests arrived by air at the Gardens strip to be transported by the ever-hospitable Calloway



Women pilots hostess the First-Year Open House at Aero Commander's new plant in Albany, Georgia. Left to right: BETTY McNABB, Ninety-Nine International Secretary; LT. CAROL PROCHINSKI, USAF, student pilot; CAROL LOWERY, Secretary, Georgia Chapter 99s; CAROLYN KENNEDY (Parrott, Ga.), Georgia Chapter Chairman; and HOLLY SMITH, private pilot and newest member of the Georgia Chapter.

Gardens management to the Holiday Inn for lunch and meeting. The trip from the strip through the Gardens to the Inn, past the three golf courses along the winding trails, will be a delightful memory of lush holly and camelias.

The planes arrived full. LOIS and GEORGE LACY came in their Mooney from Atlanta bringing their daughter, LOU, and JEAN VOYLES, who arranged the meeting. MARY HENDER-SON, of Chamblee, flew her Skylane accompanied by BETTY BENNETT and CAROLE HARP, also of the Atlanta area. MARY LEE NIX, in a Cessna 172, brought a guest student pilot. From Conyers, DOLORESE LOWE, who is actively engaged in training students, brought her husband in a Cessna 180. Our Chapter Chairman, CAROLYN KENNEDY, and her husband, from Parrott, arrived in their Comanche accompanied by our Chapter Secretary, CAROL LOWERY, of Albany. Our newest member, HOLLY SMITH and her Marine Corps husband, of Albany, flew in in their Luscombe. Although BETTY McNABB, International Secretary, had sent word she would not be able to attend she managed to get to the meeting in her Bonanza, showing up in full CAP uniform having come directly from a CAP meeting at Nashville.

Approximately 18 members and friends of the Alabama Chapter crossed the border to meet with the Georgia girls.

During the business meeting, which followed lunch, discussion continued concerning responsibilities connected with the AWTAR "must stop" at Augusta next July. It was reported that the publicity kits had been sent to FRANCES PEACOCK and VIRGINIA KLEEB, who have agreed to work on this committee.

MARY HENDERSON extended an invitation for the Chapter to meet in February at her home in Chamblee.

CAROLE HARP, who is in charge of RON Kit sales, reported kits still available, both "Hers" bearing the 99 emblem, and "His" plain in black.

So far, in Georgia, winter has not grounded the 99s. All keep actively flying and looking forward to meetings of the Chapter all of which are fly-in meetings.

#### MEMPHIS CHAPTER Mary Stanley, Reporter

Under sunny, warm skies five planes arrived at the Heber Springs, Ark., Airport for our December meeting. Those present were: MARTHA and FRANK TOBEY, NINA JOE and WAYNE WITHERINGTON, VIRGINIA and EVERETT PROCTOR, INA and MIKE WALKER, GERRY and BILL BAKER, CHRIS BROWN, HILDA SAVAGE, POLLY DUNCAN and your reporter with 49½er, JOE. I had spent the previous week checking out in and soloing our local T34 in order to fly therein to Heber Springs, attired fittingly in uniform with wings, etc.

We adjourned from the airport to the nearby Swedish restaurant for their smorgasbord and a short business meeting, presided over by our Chairman, CHRIS BROWN. Among other business items was the announcement that INA WALKER is the new Southeast Section Air Marking Chairman. We were interested in HILDA SAVAGE'S account of a recent flight as co-pilot of a Cessna 206 from Kansas City to Freeport, Grand Bahamas.

We had received an invitation to the Mississippi Chapter's Christmas party, and MARTHA and FRANK and CHRIS flew the TOBEY'S Skylane down to Ocean Springs for the occasion. In addition to the party they toured Ferson Optics, a precision optical company which made the windows for the Gemini capsule, and for which JANET GREEN is Secretary-Treasurer.

On Jan. 8 our monthly meeting was held at the Admiral Ben Bow Inn near Mcmphis Municipal Airport with the following members present: GERRY BAKER, VIRGINIA PROCTOR, ROSEMARY WILLIAMS, NINA JOE WITHERINGTON, POLLY DUNCAN, BONNIE WHITELEATHER, HILDA SAVAGE, INA WALKER, MARTHA TOBEY, CHRIS BROWN, MARY STANLEY and JUNE KUYKENDALL.

JUNE is one of our two new members. She received her private license July 21, 1965. Her husband is DR. CARY KUYKENDALL. She has three children and son, MIKE, 17, is a student pilot. She is a registered nurse and her hobbies other than flying are hunting, fishing and camping in a travel-trailer. Our other new member is ANN HALTON, an occupational therapist at Millington Naval Base. She was formerly stationed on Guam.

Our congratulations and felicitations go to 99 JOSIE McCOY HOWSER and

DR. JOHN HOWSER who were recently married. He is a neuro-surgeon at Kennedy Veterans' Hospital. We understand that JOSIE plans to quit teaching school soon and spend more time in the air. With romance in the Chapter we decided to have a Valentine party Feb. 12 in lieu of our next meeting. This will be in honor of our 49½ ers, whose constant interest and support contributes so much to the success of the Memphis Chapter.

Sunday afternoon flying results in impromptu get - togethers for many of our members at Memphis, Wynne or here at our farm strip near Augusta, Ark. Sunday, Jan. 9, several of us were among the planes landing at Wynne for a coffee break. On the 16th the Cessnas of the BAKERS and PROCTORS from Wynne were among those arriving to watch the Sunday afternoon aerobatic show, taking place on the STANLEY strip here at Augusta. GERRY BAKER flew as copilot in the STANLEY Clip-Wing, going through the complete aerobatic routine used in air shows, finishing with a downwind pass over the strip upside down at about 500 feet with a slow roll on base leg. She was crazy about it. (For the benefit of the FAA — this is a private strip in uncontrolled airspace.)

### MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER Pat Ward, Reporter

The presence of our Southeast Section Governor MARTHA TOBEY (and husband) and CHRIS BROWN from Memphis highlighted our Christmas gathering at the home of our Southeast Section Vice-Governor JANET GREEN in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. The weather bureau had forewarned everyone of our traditional fog and such and kept many away for whom the trip by car would have been too involved. However, those of us who were there enjoyed a lovely evening, with a record number of 491/2 ers. JANET's display of delicious hor d'ourves tempted us into snacking to an extent endangering a sufficient appetite to enjoy the exquisite dinner waiting for us at The Harbor Light. This should be a must for visitors to the Gulf Coast, It's brand new and delightful.

There was little time for a formal meeting, but we did grab a chance to do a quick job of discussing a few small things — in the Powder Room, of all places, while repairing lipstick

and make-up — and to arrange for a date for our next meeting. Several of our number had to take a rain check on the tour of the nightspots after dinner. However, reluctant to part such good company we did stand outside freezing through lengthy goodbyes and — "oh, wait a minute! just one more thing I wanted to tell you!" Our Chapter has many exciting things in store for this year and we always chatter like it's been years since we last saw each other no matter whether it was just last week.

For one thing, we have been invited to hostess a "Stop" of the International Air Race in Hattiesburg, which delights all of us. And we are hoping to arrange a joint meeting with a sister Chapter (the Shreveport Chapter) as soon as we can get together with them. This will be especially "an occasion" for your reporter who is a Louisianian.

Our weather in these parts is somewhat like Mary, Mary Quite Contrary—when it's good it's very good, but when it is bad — well, it's not even good weather for ducks. So our flying activities may be somewhat limited these days, but no less enthusiastic.

My favorite 66, sister-in-law GLORIA WARD, will be a new member by the next report, we hope. Twice she had ferried a new 150 from Wichita to Baton Rouge launching the first time with only 3.8 hours total solo time and less than 20 hours total time. I had an occasion to observe her second trip (trailing behind in another 150 with an ailing radio and generator) and am delighted to report that her ability to fly the straight-and-narrow is above reproach.

And a fair warning to those of our members who never seem to be able to make it to the meetings: Our pet project for this year will be to invite ourselves enmasse, to take our meetings to them. We will need to put ALL our heads together for the upcoming projects we expect to undertake this year. Our Chapter is having growing pains, but the biggest heartache of all is that we never see some of our members at all. So our meetings in the towns where these members live will not, we hope, be an imposition—just a gentle gesture that we value their membership and would like to see them again, and perhaps encourage them to attend the next meeting, please? We don't know where the next meeting will be yet, but you can bet that there will be one and we look forward to it.



ALL-OHIO CHAPTER Edy Maxim, Reporter

And so on into 1966, but first catching up with a bit of the past year's news. The November meeting at Cleveland's Downtown Airport. Attendance good, and although the weather low-low-low, we did have 4 fly-ins. For December — many thanks to AUTRIE and KARL LEHR, who hosted the wonderful Christmas party at their home.

CONNIE JONES has given her "Flighty Ladies" talk to the Bay Village Lions Club, the Pepper Pike Kiwanis and the Painesville Rotary Club. Being listed with SOHIO's speakers' bureau really keeps her busy.

NADINE LEWIS recently appeared on local TV "Here's Dorie" show, and was interviewed re: lady pilots and also her experiences as a female flight instructor.

AUTRIE LEHR flew 13 round robin trips, 35 minutes each, on October 10th, for the State Conservation Tour, sponsored by Springfield Aviation. Also, she flew charter—Apache—to Bowling Green, Kentucky, two times in one day.

BUNNY FOLEY spoke to the Nurses Alumnae of Ohio State University on current research in Aerospace Medi-

A NEW RATING. AN ATR. Just very recently, CLAIRE PHILLIPS earned that top rating in a tri-geared Beech. CLAIRE had that urge to learn to fly at a very early age, through contact with and admiration for a pioneer Cincinnati 99 — EDITH LACKNER, who had been CLAIRE's mother's college mate. Years later—two children and husband later—CLAIRE did fulfill her wish to learn to fly. Now she does much of the family Company flying in their Twin-Beech.

ELLIE MADDOX is working on a multi-engine rating . . . November 5th, ELLIE to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for a 3-hour visit with her parents.

RUBY and JIM MENSCHING'S guests at the November meeting were MR. and MRS. ROBERT SITLER of Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. Both are private pilots and RUTH is joining the 99s.

BONNIE and LEE MILLER spent two week's vacation in Miami Beach, Florida AUTRIE LEHR has been working on her instrument rating. She has had five hours multi-engine time, with two hours of instruments.

JEANNE PARKHURST will soon be flying her Comanche again. It is being all prettied up with a new paint job and a new interior. Then she will continue working on her instrument rating.

CONNIE JONES is ground school instructor for Concord Airpark at Painesville.

JEAN KING's 17-year-old daughter, GIGI, has soloed. As a matter of fact, she is ahead of her brother, PHIL-LIP, who entered the Air Force before he had a chance to solo. However, he plans to continue with his lessons when he is discharged and catch up with GIGI.

SUE GRIFFING's daughter, MELO-DIE, is diligently working toward private and commercial ratings.

MEETINGS: February 20 — Elyria; March 20th—Zanesville; April 17—Akron; May ?, Dayton; June 19—Mansfield, July 17—Painesville; August 21— Columbus; September 18—Cleveland.

MUGS, ANYONE?

### CAPE GIRARDEAU AREA CHAPTER Margie Hall, Reporter

The Cape Girardeau Area Chapter of 99s is really a swinging group.

We had our Annual Party with our husbands in conjunction with our last meeting.

Met at the FRANK HALL's for a cocktail party, everyone arrived looking lovely and in such a gay mood.

This meeting had several little surprises in it.

ALICE GODWIN was surprised with our "OUTSTANDING WOMAN PILOT AWARD", which was presented to her by our last year's winner MARY ELDERS. MARY won the N.P.A. Race last year and this year ALICE won.

MILLIE LIMBAUGH then surprised us again by presenting to our last Chairmen a new pin with the gavel attached. ALICE being our 1st Chairman received one, LOIS FEIGENBAUM as our present Chairman received one and your reporter also was the very happy recipient of one. We were all so delighted and pleased to receive such a tovely token, being Chairman of such a group is reward enough.

Following the cocktail party we enjoyed a lovely dinner, dancing and Bingo at the Purple Crackle Club,

MARY EVANS won a clock radio. The girls who stopped here at the Derby will remember the Purple Crackle.

We are busy with plans for the Sectional here in April. I can assure each of you that the effort should be made to attend, we have some beautiful goodies for you along with what we think will be outstanding guest speakers. MARY EVANS, Convention Chairman, is still running all 4 ways at once and we feel sure they will all converge as one in time for the Convention.

NADINE HEUER, our Powder Puff Derby Chairman, is equally as busy with plans for the stop here.

We hope to see lots of smiling faces here for the stop. Mark your flight plan correctly so it will include a stop at CGI.

We surely missed POLLY FREYTAG at our party. POLLY is to undergo surgery. We all wish her love and a quick recovery.

NELL RICE and DICK left in their 170 for St. Petersburg, Fla., where DICK is to be a guest speaker at an E.A.A. Chapter Meeting. They also plan to visit CURTISS PITTS at Homestead, Fla. He is the designer of the airplane DICK built 3 years ago and of the one he is now building.

EVELYN BRAESE, our Treasurer, is sporting a small cast from the knee down, seems as though something got in her way. But she never slowed down, still running the Dyersburg, Tenn., airport. If you're in that area, drop in. They sure are friendly.

We at the HALL house have been very busy. Our eldest son is learning to fly, the youngest nagging for glider-lessons. MARGIE going to college and helping her 3 Boxer mama's have 3 litter of pups, 49½ taking to the air in the Bonanza to get away from it all. Still we'd like to take time to wish each of you a Most Happy New Year and to thank the Good Lord for women like the Ninety-Nines.

### CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER Dolores J. Adamson, Reporter

JEAN READ reports the happy news that her Cessna is being repaired and will be back in the air soon. It was damaged a few months ago when a tornado blew down the hangar.

Get ready to drool with envy when I tell you what LIBBY ANN DUNSETH is doing! She and hubby, RICHARD, left January 6th for Australia. They planned to fly commercially via Tahiti, Samoa, Fiji and New Zealand.

ROSE ANDREW and family attended the Flying Farmers Christmas party in Peoria the first Sunday in December. She was delighted to see JEANNE CROCKER, EVELYN FAR-LEY and LAVERNE LENTMAN and families there. ROSE'S Ercoupe was getting its annual at Illini Airport, but they were able to obtain a Cessna to fly to Peoria for the meeting, ROSE also reported receiving a nice letter from former member DORA DOUGH-ERTY. Former member MARILYN JACKSON MEEKER who now lives in Alaska was a pre-Christmas visitor in the ANDREW home.

Congratulations are in order for BET-TY COMMON. She is now a member of that very elite group known as "helicopter pilots"! BETTY got her rating in Miami on December 16th while on vacation. She is so taken by helicopter flying that she is considering selling her Cessna 172 and purchasing either a 300 Hughes or a Bell, Her 49½ er. DICK, flew down in their Bonanza and was on hand when BETTY passed her flight test. Must have been a real proud day for the COMMON family! BETTY also reports a very delightful stay in the Bahamas. It must have been a real shock to return to wintry Peoria weather.

DEE ADAMSON motored to Lincoln, Ill., the first part of January to present a program to the Zonta Club of Lincoln. She talked on the Ninety-Nines and the Powder Puff Derby and showed slides taken in one of the years she competed in the Derby. DEE has been invited to put on the same program for the Zonta Club in Danville, Ill., during the middle of January.

Due to our adverse winter weather, our next meeting will not be until Sat., March 5, at Capital Airport, Springfield. Hope we see many of you there.

### CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER Mary Shumway, Reporter

ATC informs us Santa made it back with Rudolph as his transponder and hear DORIS MULLEN gave one of his helpers an assist before Christmas flying Santa (a disguised priest) in to one of Aurora's parochial schools in her helicopter to give the school children a treat and goodies, then 'coptering him out supposedly for the North Pole. (Services donated by DOR-IS!)

SUE ROSCOE became the proud owner of a new '65 Cessna Skylane in December and took off for Phoenix, Ariz, after Christmas with GARTH and KAREN and had some trip! Arrived Wichita, waited, then had controlled radar departure out because of ceilings, got as far as Moriarity, N.M., when sundown came and a gyro went out so made precautionary landing on 2600' muddy strip. Next day revealed frozen embedded mud in fairings which had to be removed, then on to Albuquerque where weather prevented completion of trip so back to Wichita, Here weather stopped them again, so they hopped an Electra back to O'Hare! Frustrations, complications you name it! Their grateful thanks to GEORGIA (Albuquerque 99s news reporter) and GARLAND TILLERY of Moriarity for invaluable assistance and courtesies.

LOUISE and RAY KOKESH, EVA and HAROLD WHITE were part of the Suburban Aviation Club which journeyed to Florida en masse last week and considering the snow this last week it was timed perfectly.

GERRY KRAUSE pooped from the pet supply business after Christmas went commercial to Las Vegas for New Years weekend with RALPH (they are tired when they leave that Bonanza at home).

JOAN SCHOGER had to have her 4115F numbers painted on Cessna's fuselage before Jan. 1st to comply with FAA regulations, seems that "McDonald Hamburger" emblem on the cowling didn't suffice. JOAN even got weathered in last week one night at Janesville, Wisc., because of local conditions!!

Chicago area will miss their new "99" member NONA GUSTAFSON as she and family moved to Marblehead, Mass., last week. 49½ er is actively flying for American and based at Boston. Address is: No. 2 Crestwood Road, Marblehead, Mass. 01945.

Yours truly and her better half really went all out Jan. 1st and traded dear 3588S off for a new '65 Cessna 206U rated 285 HP fuel injected. Those five children did seem to stick out of the windows on 88S and maybe that's why the tail dragged down the runway on take off. (Wonder how a 203 would perform on the Powder Puff. hmmm!)

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all!

### GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

Joy Morrison, Reporter

The Greater Kansas City chapter of the 99s took a hypothetical "fly-away" to a foreign land by having their monthly meeting at the Voo Doo Village, a Cantonese restaurant. Amid the tropical atmosphere, members made plans for the Powder Puff Derby stop in Kansas City. COLEEN GORDON and JOY MORRISON are co-chairmen handling the details.

KITTY HEATH, her 49½er, MICK-EY, and children flew their Comanche 180 to Miami over the Christmas holidays to attend a family reunion. While there they took a hop over to Nassau to bask in the sun. On the way home, they were weathered in. KITTY and children boarded a commercial and MICKEY returned home five days later.

COLEEN GORDON went South of the Border to Mexico and Acapulco over the Christmas holidays. She reports that she loves Mexico but detests "Montezuma's Revenge."

Commanders ALEAH COMBS and her 49½er, BUD, were in Wichita for the CAP Convention in December.

Your reporter had an adventure in January. She was running down the concourse in Cincinnati to catch an American flight for Louisville (thinking she had already missed it) when the flight agent asked her if she would like a direct flight to St. Louis for departure to Kansas City. Thinking this was better she agreed and sat down to wait. After a few seconds, he said "You can board now and oh ves, you're the only passenger aboard". It certainly was grand to have your own private 707 jet for 42 minutes. Later she found out that an earlier flight had had mechanical trouble and this particular jet had to be ferried to Los Angeles.

# GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER Amy Laws, Reporter

This is the time of the year when bears hibernate, school's in session and all lucky people go south with the birds. Along these lines, I find our members busily engaged this chilly, post-holiday season.

We'll skip over fly-gals who are hibernating (and a quick check shows quite a few who are grounded right now because of things like airplanes being in for their annuals, demands of the business world, and just plain cold feet — brought on by the temperature. I hasten to add.)

Half a dozen gals report attending school of one sort or another — not all related to flying, but intriguing nevertheless. SYLVIA BLOOM is taking in the Astronomy course at our beautiful new St. Louis Planetarium; JANE

NOYES is keeping up with her children via a course in Modern Math; JERRY BEETZ is hard at work in Instrument Ground School at Weiss Airport; and BETTYE LISSANT continues to go to night school to continue her education.

Congratulations to KIT HEACOCK who just earned her Commercial Rating. This little girl had accomplished a lot in just a couple of years of flying.

Heard tell that EDITH OLOVITCH and 49½er, AL, contemplate purchasing a Cessna 175. DOROTHY RUM-SEY, after a recent business trip to New York in her new 182 Skylane, found it time for that annual and flew to Kansas City for same. MILDRED JAMES and LOIS SHAFER ferried a Piper Tri-Pacer to a customer in Sioux Falls. They arrived at five o'clock, delivered the plane, and caught an airliner home at five-twenty. How's that for timing for a couple of new privates! LOIS and her 49½er, ED SHAFER, just took over the management of Lakeside, Ill., airport, along with FANNIE and BILL JENNINGS. FANNIE is a student. Good luck on your venture.

RUTH TAKSEL, one of our most versatile and busy members, recently was commissioned by Flying magazine to do an article on flying in Kansas. So she and her flying partner, VAL JOHNSON, did a quick two day tour of that state in VAL'S 182 Skylane. The minute RUTH got home we very quickly gave her the chore of writing the script for our skit at our Awards Dinner to be held the last week of January. More about that event next month.

In case you think Air-marking is a lost cause or you feel just a little frustrated about accomplishing same, take heart at RUTH LAKE's report of a student pilot who, while lost recently, saw the one we put last summer at Troy, Mo., and found his way back from there to his home airport of St. Charles, Mo. Makes us feel kind of good to know we saved someone from Panicsville.

A few days after Christmas the City of St. Louis in connection with Lambert Field Municipal Airport honored the 3,000,000th passenger to its terminal. Sponsored by the St. Louis Ambassadors, businessmen, airlines and flying organizations they gave the lucky recipient all sorts of fabulous gifts, which included free trips, motel week-ends, a washing machine and a freezer to name a few. Our Chapter was delighted to participate and IRENE RAWLINGS presented a beautiful attache case to

the slightly bewildered local lady who turned out to be number 3,000,000 for the year 1965. Who knows she might eventually join us since one of the prizes was free flying lessons, donated by Interstate Airmotive at Lambert Field.

After drooling for years over travel folders on Mexico, I finally found out that it is all they say and more. For those of you who have been there, enough said, for those who haven't, this country is a must. Never have I met more charming and pleasing people than the Mexicans. And the scenery is marvelous! Our only regret is that since there were six of us in our party, we couldn't fly our own Skylane - so we settled for commercial. Braniff lives up to its ads, by the way. Changed planes several times and never did get the same color twice. Can't let this go by without admiring those cute hostesses and their Pucci outfits. The men liked the harem pants best which the girls wore while serving cocktails. (Come to think of it, maybe they don't regret not flying their own planes.) Now that we know the way, we really would like to see more of Mexico via Skylane, not just Mexico City and Acapulco, beautiful as they

ROMANCE DEPT.: Just for the record, so you don't think we are over the hill, we are happy to report that one of our inactive members, VIRGINIA DUENKE is expecting a baby soon. VIRGINIA has been so busy lately running a popular resort at the Lake of the Ozarks, called TAN-TAR-A, that we haven't seen much of her. Good luck and let us know the happy day.

A 1966 wedding held recently in an airplane flying 1500 feet over the Gateway Arch on St. Louis' riverfront, thrilled us because the bride was LOIS SIVERTS, one of our members, and her matron-of-honor was our Chairman, IRENE RAWLINGS. Congratulations, LOIS and 49½er LLOYD BART-LETT.

### INDIANA CHAPTER Billie I. Anderson, Reporter

The Indiana Chapter held their annual Christmas party on December 18, at the home of MID and DON CASSI-DY in Indianapolis. MID's Christmas parties are becoming an institution with the Chapter and an event we all look forward to. As usual the party was a "howling" success and we would like to thank BILLIE SMITH for her delightful punch, HELEN GRAHN for

the fun games and especially the CAS-SIDYs for their wonderful hospitality.

The January meeting was held January 16, at Indianapolis Weir Cook Airport. It's remarkable, but for once the weather cooperated and we were able to fly VFR all the way to Indianapolis and back home again. It was cold but nice. The early arrivals were treated to an interesting tour through the Indianapolis Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC). After lunch we were entertained with some of the most amusing flying experiences of the 99s and their 49½ ers. Believe me, some of them sounded unbelieveable. GARNET MAGLE of Crawfordsville was welcomed as a new member. DAL ARCHIBALD from Bellingham, Washington, was a visitor. SOPH PAYTON, assisted by RAE CAWDELL, mastermined this meeting and it was a good one, including the attendance.

Just after GARNET MAGLE and I arrived back in Crawfordsville after the meeting JILL McCORMICK and CULLIE HOLST flew in from Lafayette to pay us a visit. Since they couldn't get their airplane started in time to get to the meeting they spent the morning changing the oil from summer weight to winter weight (about time, wasn't it?). It was just like having another 99 meeting as we did some hangar flying and discussed the Indianapolis meeting plus the future meetings to be held at Lafayette and Crawfordsville.

Several of our members took advantage of the holidays to enjoy a short vacation. The CARL DYKEMA family flew to Hawaii on the Voyager DC-7 for Thanksgiving. They rented a 172 out of Honolulu to do their own island hopping. There was lots of pineapple and surfing, just not enough time to see everything. Concensus of opinion—let's come back and take our time next year.

BETTY and ELLIOTT KAYE-SMITH flew airlines to Merida, Yucatan, Mexico. Even though Aero-Safara operates a DC-3 and an Apache over to Isla Mijeres, they depended on those old fashioned methods of transportation, car and ferry, as being more dependable. They are now participating in a Sunday evening class being held at their home for a dozen or so pilots from the Warsaw area interested in preparing for the instrument written exam.

JILL McCORMICK spent her vacation at her home in Havford, Pennsylvania. BILLIE and CARL ANDERSON took a trip to Florida in their trusty Bonanza making stops in Jacksonville, St. Augustine, and Miami, Florida. For once the weather was what it was supposed to be, sunny and warm. Made it hard to come back to work and winter weather.

Just have to report that MID CAS-SIDY is having fun with the newly painted trim on their Bonanza. She is even playing at being corporation pilot (errand girl is more like it) flying hose nozzles, etc., around for DON's business.

### IOWA CHAPTER Mary Lou Ballensky, Reporter

The Iowa Chapter of the 99s have made the news again! This time in the January 2nd Des Moines Sunday Register! Under the title "These Women Fly to a Coffee Klatch," LOIS GRANGE, PHYLLIS BARBER, HAZEL SIGAFOOSE, and MARY VERNON looked their prettiest in several pictures taken at the Des Moines Airport and represented the "cream" of Iowa's crop of 99s in an interesting article that followed.

The January meeting was held in Webster City, with EDITH JENSEN and VIRGINIA KOESTNER as co-hostesses. The BALLENSKYS were absent again, so this month my thanks goes to EDITH JENSEN for sending along some notes. Fly-ins included HAROLD and PHYLLIS BARBER, RICK and IRENE GRIFFITH, CLIFF and KITTY HACH, WARD and LEN-ELLE HUNT, daughter MARILYN and girl friend BOBBIE KESSLER, BEA JOBE and ELI ROSEMAN, DON and BETTY JOHNSTON, GLEN and HA-ZEL SIGAFOOSE, NATALIE BROWN and PHYLLIS HENDERSON, and a potential member from Knoxville, PHYLLIS HARVEY. Arriving via the highway were HELEN FLAHERTY and ARNOLD and HELENJANE WEB-STER. Webster City guests included MR. and MRS. DEWAYNE BLAKE. MR. and MRS. PERRY WILLIAMS and MR, and MRS, DALE HILLYER.

The weather was almost "severe clear," which is a wonder for January in Iowa. The dinner and meeting was held at the Willson Hotel.

NATALIE BROWN became our newest members and on her birthday, as well! Congratulations on both counts, NATALIE! JOHN and MARY VERNON forsook our meeting for a skiing trip, as did NATE and DINNY PHIPPS

who will also be vacationing in Hawaii in February. (Sigh!)

Our February meeting will be in Des Moines with IRENE GRIFFITH, BER-NICE MALLOY, BERNICE WILSON, and PAULINE REECE serving as hostesses. I do hope the BALLENSKYs can make it!

### MICHIGAN CHAPTER Pat Clark, Reporter

Our January meeting was held in Detroit where we were invited to join the Zontas for their annual Amelia Earhart Commemoration, LOMA MAY, a Zonta and 99 member, gave an excellent talk on AMELIA EARHART. LOMA MAY mentioned that all through the night of AMELIA's last flight as she radioed "Earhart Calling," a Coast Guard ship answered. She could not hear the Coast Guard radio, for to lighten the load she had left a 20 foot trailing antenna behind at her last stop. Did you know AMELIA EAR-HART wrote a book titled "Just For The Fun Of It." I for one would like to read it. AMELIA's sister is publishing a book titled "Courage is the Price."

Our speaker for the day on the subject "Road to the Moon" was MR. V. J. VEHKO, Director, Engineering Space Division, Chrysler Corporation, New Orleans, La. Congratulations to VELMA DEL GIARNO, the proud owner of her first aircraft, a Cherokee 140.

Congratulations also to WINNE DU PERROW, who passed her agent license exam for Life, Fire, and Casualty Insurance. Now she is going back to flying. CAROLYN GOETCHEUS was voted on to be accepted into the 99s. CAROLYN is the author of a children's book "The Road to Slumberland" by Carol Lynn. Besides writing, she is active in sailing.

PAT HOUSTZ, Dean of Women at Oakland University, applied to be reinstated in the 99s. PAT is the author of "Female Logic" that appeared in the October issue of Pilot magazine.

LEAH HIGGINS spent Christmas holidays in Cleveland.

ANNE HIGGINS flew to Florida for the holidays as did PAT CLARK and family.

ANN ENGLEMAN and 49½er are planning a trip to Carefree, Ariz., in February to be initiated into the Sportman's Pilot Association. They will also tour Southern California.

DOROTHY LIGION is planning to fly husband to Florida Jan. 10th, weather

permitting. On a recent trip to Florida, PAT CLARK and husband FRAN stopped to see CARL BERGEY, and FRED WEICK at the Piper Factory in Vero Beach. We were able to fly a brand new Cherokee 6. Because it had only 1 hour on the tach, it felt a little stiff on the controls. All that room was heavenly after being cramped in our Bonanza with the kids. You can get up and even change seats with the pilot. First time I have ever seen a plane being built. It is quite different from our auto assembly lines. Can't imagine how fascinating to see a fuselage being formed, plastic molded for baggage rack, etc. I advise one and all to go thru an aircraft factory.

### MILWAUKEE CHAPTER Marie A. Mitzenheim, Reporter

HERB and MARILYN RITZMAN invited the Wisconsin Chapter to their home for the January meeting. We flew in to Waukesha Airport and were driven to Pewaukee. The RITZMAN's have their plane in their garage as they are installing electrical wiring and radios. In the spring it will be painted and then they hope to fly it from the field across the highway, rather than tow it again on the highway.

CHAIRMAN TONEY called a rather extended meeting during which committees were appointed to assist RAMONA HUNTER with arrangements for the September Section Meeting to be held in Milwaukee. A count was taken of the number of grandchildren our 99s have.

Messrs. MAYO, HAMMERSTAEDT, and RITZMAN were initiated as 49½ers to the delight of the 16 women present. ANNE ROETHKE read the ceremony and welcomed the 49½s to our group. They were then presented with cards by their favorite 99. Three young women, SHARON, MARILYN MERKL and ANITA NAGY, attended as guests and were impressed by the extensive flying done by the 99s.

ANNE ROETHKE is back after spending the holidays in Florida and Nassau. DEEDO HEISE is adding good humor to our meetings once again after having had surgery, and this reporter managed to get a 172 stuck in the snow! The snow packed runways were slippery and added challenge to our happy landings.

MARIE MITZENHEIM joined the Civil Air Patrol on Jan. 19th and had a two-hour familiarization flight in CAPs T-34 on Jan. 23rd.

### OZARK CHAPTER Hazel Matz, Reporter

Guess what! ANN BRAND attended a meeting! This is the first time many of us had met ANN as she hasn't been able to attend many of our meetings, for which we must forgive her. She works all week at the airport in Miami, Okla., doing office work, making charter flights, giving instruction in land and sea planes, etc. She maintains a home, which includes two teen-agers, does a lot of her own sewing and just to keep busy-gives piano lessons each Saturday. We are so glad she gave her students a vacation so as to attend this meeting. With her was ELINORE MITCHELL, of Seneca, Mo., who is a prospective member. We hope she likes us well enough to become a member of our Chapter.

EDYTHE WILCOX, a former member, also paid us a visit. She isn't quite sure just where she lives now but it is either K.C. or Lebanon or both. Her daughter is in school in Lebanon and her husband who flies with TWA is stationed in K.C. so I guess you could say she commutes. We accused her of living in one house until it gets dirty and moving to the other. We hope she comes back often and makes it on our meeting dates.

And now to the gossip — and believe me some of it just can't be repeated. JEAN and TERRY FULDNER flew to Denver for a few days of business and visiting. MAYME and PAUL BUR-TIN spent Thanksgiving in Montana visiting the "kids." PATTY and BEN HURST were getting ready to take off for Georgia to attend a medical meeting. I guess the most surprising news was about VELMA and CLARENCE HITE, After 5 years of dedicated service, they are leaving the Lebanon airport. We are all going to miss them and their excellent service and hospitality, but the real losers will be the citizens of Lebanon. It will be a long time before they will find someone to fill their shoes. VELMA is going to celebrate her retirement by having major surgery! We wish her luck and a rapid recovery. JEAN McCLERNON and I haven't done much of anything but we did get to the meeting.

MARY ELLEN McCLERNON, our member of just a few months, has moved to St. Louis. She has accepted a job with a travel service that "specializes" in the Bahamas. She spent some time in Dallas and will even have to go to the islands to get first hand information. Poor thing! We all feel so

very sorry for her! I gave her the names of several of you St. Louis gals and hope you like her as much as we

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