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DEADLINE FOR NEWS—

The 20th of the Month

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President's Column

Just returned home after attending the North Central Section Meeting held at Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. What a perfectly lovely setting for a Section Meeting.

It was also nice to know that we might have been the means of saving an airport! The Eldon Airport was doomed! Then when the City Fathers heard that there were going to be a group of planes flying in, they resurfaced the runway, set up a radio manned by a local Ham, served us coffee and donuts on arrival and are all excited about the activity.

It was interesting to see the townspeople parked all around the airport to see the planes come in. And I must say they saw some interesting approaches. There was quite a crosswind and the runway left no room for wavering. I must go practice more short field landings!

My thanks to the Cape Girardeau girls for their thoughtfulness in updating my 99 ring. They had the President's blue sapphire put in the hub of the prop on my ring. I am so pleased!

I also had the pleasure of participating in the presentation of the Charter to the Florida Space Port Chapter. We met in Melbourne, Florida, and the dinner meeting was at The Pines in Eau Gallie. They had a wonderful turnout and are most enthusiastic about being a Chapter!

Your Executive Board met in OKC the first week in April. We were happy to have first hand reports from Mary Lester, Headquarters Chairman; Dottie Young, News Editor, and Gene Nora Jessen, Public Relations Chairman. Seems you can accomplish so much more 'talking' than 'writing'.

Flight 99 in on Final Approach so be sure you check your check list for landing which should include . . . reserving the dates for convention and race start, reserving the family plane for the trip, having your reports in triplicate (on 8½ x 11 white paper) for the records, being prepared to give your report orally, instructing your delegates, and being ready to be a contributing member.

In the last column I reminded you to send your contributions to the A.E.

Fund. Am now giving equal time to remind you to contribute to the AW TAR. You will be receiving a letter from Lorraine McCarty, Fund raising Chairman, reminding you of the need. So send in your contributions for the 1967 race before July 1st!

Let me be the first to extend a welcome to the new South Louisiana Chapter. We are happy to have you!

Don't forget our date in Seattle! See you there.

Alice Roberts

VIGNETTES



Ruth Rueckert
Int. Treasurer

My private license flight test was taken on November 2, 1929. (Note the date — too late to be a Charter Member!). Pilot's license No. 10211 has been a proud possession ever since and membership in The Ninety-Nines, from April 1930 to date, has been a personal, pleasurable satisfaction. However, President Alice Roberts requested the members of the Executive Board to tell about one's activities outside The Ninety-Nines and aviation fields.

My family consists of 49½er Fred, an automobile man all his life, except for his service in the Air Force; our daughter, Marsha, a student at Sacramento State College, with a teacher's credential in mind; and one sassy Siamese cat, Frosty, eight pounds of dainty femininity.

Our home in San Francisco, west of Twin Peaks, 10 blocks east of the Pacific Ocean, 10 blocks North of the Zoo, 10 blocks South of Golden Gate Park, is on the northern and western flight patterns of SFO. From the picture windows we see Farrallone Islands and traffic on land, sea and in the air.

Hobbies: Collect wild game recipes, as Fred loves to hunt but will not kill unless I can cook the game . . . and brailling. This is a most rewarding

hobby. Since 1954 I have been a certified volunteer braille transcriber and a member of the Golden Gate Braille Transcribers, Inc. Our group's chief accomplishment was getting the blind children out of "isolated institutions" into the City "sighted schools". The San Francisco unified school district then directed the group to braille the text-books for these blind students. From first grade to junior high school, we supply math, music, foreign language and English brailled books. One printed text-book transcribes into from one to twenty-five volumes of braille. We also shellac and bind these books.

For security in our old age, Fred and I invested in an apartment house in the Bay area. It aged us considerably in renovating it! But we have become expert plasterers, painters, tile-setters, plumbers, carpet layers and carpenters. Otherwise, I work at temporary jobs: telephone and PBX operator, dictaphone transcribing, filing, etc., and thanks to Susie Sewell, am becoming a double entry bookkeeper.

Hope to see you in Seattle, at Convention.



Betty McNabb
Int. Secretary

I had never been inside a hospital when the chairman of our woman's league informed me that I would obtain my service hours by working three hours a week at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Ga. I was, in fact, not only unfamiliar with hospitals but I was healthy and had been raised in a Christian Scientist family. The year was 1935.

Now, 30 years later, I'm consulting on medical records for so many clients that I have to fly to see all of them.

After taking the Phoebe Putney assignment — in due time the hospital superintendent offered me a job. For the next seven years I did the medical record work, such as was done, in a hospital. Then came the war and we went to Jacksonville, Florida, where

my husband was to be stationed as a Coast Guard officer.

I took a job teaching school. True to form, I was miserable. It wasn't my first try at it. A nurse who lived in the same house with us encouraged me to take a job at St. Vincent's. Alice Christian, RRL at St. Vincent's, said one day, "Why don't you get registered?" For seven years I had been busy with medical records but had never heard of the AAMRL!

So I studied, although any sort of text-books were few and far between, and with Alice's long hours of coaching — I passed the examination. The acquisition of two college degrees simply didn't rank with my pride and delight in the RRL that I earned and that pride is still with me.

Two years as surgical secretary at St. Vincent's was topped by a year in the Women's Army Corp as a non-commissioned officer in charge of medical records, surgical section, at Camp Butner Army General Hospital, Durham, N. C.

When the war ended, I returned to find Phoebe wasn't the same 25-bed hospital any more. Over the years it has expanded to some 290 beds and now we're building a new hospital. At the same time, concepts and methods changed in medical records and the AAMRL grew in scope. I went to workshops and conferences, including the First International Congress in London. I became secretary and then a vice-president in the AAMRL.

In 1948, when matching Federal funds produced a rash of small hospitals all over the South, I took to the highway to teach the staffs of these new hospitals medical record procedures. My schedule called for five days a week at Phoebe and a horrible week-end of 500 to 600 miles traveling to other hospitals. Besides hating to drive, some two years of this and my husband was threatening to swap me in on a new model.

By 1951 I decided to go for broke. There were landing strips at most of the little towns I visited. It seemed a possible solution.

A tall, thin, sad man undertook to teach me to fly. When we parted company he had quite a lot of gray hair and I had a private license. And I had something else. A new love that has proved to be an enduring one. Flight. The combination — of medical records, with its demands to stay alert, to study

and to develop every possible potential; and flying — which demands another type of alertness and proficiency and develops another set of skills — has certainly kept me on my toes.

Medical records-cum-flying also opened another door and a rewarding vocation to me — Civil Air Patrol and Aerospace Education. Never an intrepid pilot, I was slow to gain confidence, got myself lost at frequent intervals and sought any means available to upgrade my flying proficiency. One such means, I believed, was an "aviation" workshop at the University of Colorado. It turned out to be an aviation 'education' workshop sponsored by an organization of which I had never heard, the Civil Air Patrol.

I returned from that workshop with a new interest which is still very much a part of my life. I now vary my medical record workshops and speaking engagements with talks to civic clubs and college-level aerospace workshops, and sometimes instruct in these workshops.

Over the past 13 years flying has become so much of an asset to me that I have found it valuable to be checked out in 13 aircraft, to get single and multi-engine ratings and a commercial license plus an air taxi certificate.

I had the good fortune of being the first woman ever to complete the USAF War College non-resident course, which I did in connection with my CAP interests. It took about four years. Prior to completing the course, also in connection with my flying and CAP interests, I had taken the officer candidate extension course of the Air Force Institute and also the USAF squadron officer course (my rank is now Lt. Colonel), and I had attended the Command and Staff School. Many phases of my Air Force academic work have contributed greatly to my general administrative and management know-how in medical record science.

Between the two activities, medical records and flying, I have garnered an incredible number of rewards and experiences. Very important is the deep satisfaction I feel in being a part of the young medical record profession as it has grown into a strong, necessary and recognized part of the American medical scene. I'm continually enjoying the plain fun of taking off in the little airplanes to visit new airports, cities and hospitals, to make new friends and feel that perhaps I have given my beloved medical record profession a helping hand along the way.



Najeeb E. Halaby, Senior Vice-President and Director of Pan American World Airways.



Jerome Lederer, Director of Flight Safety Foundation, Inc.



Chet Moulton, Director of Idaho Department of Aeronautics.

Honorary Judges For 1966 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Awards

We have three very prominent gentlemen as Honorary Judges for the 1966 Amelia Earhart Scholarship Awards and the following is a brief summary of their biographies:

NAJEEB E. HALABY is Senior Vice-President and Director of Pan American World Airways. Prior to this position, he was designated by President Kennedy to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency. He started flying in 1933 and was an Army Instructor in 1940 — later production test pilot for Lockheed Aircraft Corp. During WW II he established the Navy's first Test Pilot School, flight tested the first American made jet aircraft, the Bell P-59, and made the first continuous transcontinental jet powered flight. He also served as assistant chief of the fighter section at the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland.

After WW II, Mr. Halaby became Chief of the Intelligence Coordination, Dept. of State, later serving as Foreign Affairs Advisor to the Secretary of Defense. He was first chairman of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Military Production and Supply Board. In 1952 he became Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the International Security Affairs. In 1955 he served as Vice-Chairman of the White House Advisory Study Group

whose report led to the creation of the Federal Aviation Agency.

JEROME LEDERER is Director of the Flight Safety Foundation, Inc. He is a graduate of New York University and in 1926 was Aeronautical Engineer for the U. S. Air Mail Service when the Post Office Department operated the only transcontinental air mail service in the U. S. For ten years he was Chief Engineer in charge of loss prevention for Aero Insurance Underwriters Co. In 1940 he served as the first Director of the Safety Bureau of the Civil Aeronautics Board. During WW II he became Director of Training of the War Training Institute established by the airlines to train pilots, navigators and mechanics for the Air Transport Command. After some 10,000 had been trained, he returned to the insurance field and also became Consulting Operational Analyst for the U. S. Air Force. In 1948 he became the Director of Flight Safety Foundation and also serves as Director of Cornell-Guggenheim Aviation Safety Center.

Mr. Lederer's distinguished contributions to air safety have been recognized by the important awards listed: Special Testimonial of Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences; Arthur Williams Memorial Medal; Von Baumhauer Medal of Royal Dutch Aeronautical Society;

Monsanto Aviation Safety Award; Daniel Guggenheim Medal; Special Honorary Barbour Award; Wright Brothers Memorial Award in 1965.

He has also served as a member of the Aviation Facilities Survey Group of the Bureau of the Budget, which led to the organization of the Federal Aviation Agency; as a member of the Jet Task Force of the International Civil Aviation Organization; and of President Kennedy's Task Force on National Aviation Goals. He is a member of the Research Advisory Committee on Operating Problems of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

CHET MOULTON is Director of the Idaho Department of Aeronautics. In 1935 he was Manager of the Idaho Motor Transport Association. During WW II he was a Flight Instructor in the Air Force Cadet Training Program. He was President of the Boise Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1940 and received the "Distinguished Service Award" in 1942 for his work in bringing the only non-college Civilian Pilot Training Program of the Northwest to Boise. He was appointed Director of the State Department of Aeronautics in 1946 and has been featured several times in national publications for his work in furthering the aviation development of Idaho, organization of the

first state operated search and rescue unit in the nation, the development of recreational attractions for aerial visitors. He has been Vice-President of the National Association of State Aviation Officials as well as a member of the Board of Directors for that organization, the National Pilots Association, and the National Aeronautics Association. He is charter member No. 3 of the Live Cowards' Club and is honorary member of the International Flying Farmers and the Society of Airway Pioneers.

AWTAR Powder Puff Derby

By Kay Brick

37 numbers for race positions were pulled April 21st by CAPT HAROLD E. GRAY, President of Pan American World Airways, at New York City in the Pan Am Building. Pilots of first ten airplanes are:

- No. 1. MARY FRAN SEIDL (Texas)—Mooney Mark 21.
- No. 2. JEAN BONAR (Ohio) and PAT COLLIER—Beech Bonanza.
- No. 3. EMMA McQUIRE and CAROLE DUNN (Calif.) — Cessna 172.
- No. 4. BETTY CURRAN and BETTY VAN BUSKIRK (Washington)—K Bonanza.
- No. 5. MARY AIKINS (Kansas)—Cessna 182-J.
- No. 6. BARBARA WILLIS (Calif.) and PATRICIA KNOOP (Ohio) — Cessna 182.
- No. 7. JACQUELYN MARKHAM and daughter LINDA (Mich.) — Beech Debonair.
- No. 8. PAULINE GLASSON and ARDATH McCREERY (Texas) — Cessna 175.
- No. 9. DOROTHY JENKINS and BEA MacPHERSON (Ariz.)—Cherokee 180.
- No. 10. BETTY JO REED & JEANNE WARNER McLEISH (Colo.)—Mooney Mark 20.

Fifteen states were represented among the 37 opening day postmarks.

Marion Lopez, Reporter

Contributions from industry about equals those of last year even though we have not heard from some old faithfuls. However, the Chapter contributions are far behind. Please send your donations to AWTAR before June

15th so that they will be included in the record for Convention.

The official hotel at the start of the race is the Olympic in Seattle. At the terminus in Clearwater, it will be the Jack Tar (Ft. Harrison) Hotel.

A Pitney-Bowes postage meter slogan was activated at AWTAR Race Headquarters on April 4th. For the benefit of collectors, a limited number of first day of use covers with the slogan were prepared. These covers are available, under cover, at 20c each.

Meter ad plates, especially designed for the 20th Anniversary Powder Puff Derby are now available for use in Pitney-Bowes postage meter machines, by your sponsors or interested companies. Use of these will, of course, create more interest in the race.



Design "A"



Design "B"

Design "A" is \$15.00 each for 'R' and 5300 meters. Design "B", \$10 each for 'DM' and 'DM-3' desk model postage meters. Plus 25c postage charge per plate.

Send meter model number, Company name and address, design and quantity desired together with remittance (made payable to AWTAR, Philatelic Division) to AWTAR, Philatelic Div., Box 413, Teaneck, N. J. 07666.

Reservations are now being accepted for the cacheted envelopes franked with Amelia Earhart stamps which will be flown by the official race plane in honor of the 20th Anniversary of the Powder Puff Derby.



Cover Design

These covers will be imprinted with the official Simplex Time Stamp at both start and terminus of the race and dispatched to the addresses from the Clearwater, Florida, Post Office. Peelable labels will be used so that clean covers can go into philatelic collections. Upon receiving your order, AWTAR will send you the necessary number of labels so that you may type or print the names and addresses of the recipients of these souvenirs.

These commemorative mementoes will be sold for the benefit of the AWTAR sustaining race fund at 35c each, 3 for \$1.00, or 100 for \$25.00. Sponsoring companies should be advised of their availability in the larger quantity at 25c each in lots of 100. Checks should be made out to AWTAR, Philatelic Division. Remittance must accompany order. Address. Box 413, Teaneck, N. J. 07666.

Requests for 1966 Race Kits have exceeded all previous years. They are still available by sending 50c to AWTAR Headquarters, Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, N. J. 07608.

Deadline for entry June 1, 1966.

AN AIRPLANE'S BEHAVIOR IN THE AIR IS DEPENDENT ON WEIGHT AND BALANCE!

SPECIAL NOTICE

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.

IMPORTANT MEMO FROM THE EDITOR

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Coming Events

May 20, 21, 22, 1936

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION
SPRING MEETING
Denver, Colo.

May 21, 1936

AWNAR
Burlington, Vermont
Sponsored by
New England Section

June 11, 1936

SAN DIEGO-FALLON FUN RACE

June 17, 1936

SKY LADY DERBY
Little Rock, Ark.

June 28, 1936

AWTAR Impound

June 30, 1936

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
Seattle, Washington

July 2-5, 1936

AWTAR
Seattle, Wash. to Clearwater, Fla.

NOTAMS

BRITISH TOUR

You may have seen from The Newsletter that we are trying to arrange a programme for some Ninety-Nines to visit the British Section and Farnborough Air Show in England next September. I am writing to you to enlist your aid in letting your own Ninety-Nines or Committee know how much we hope to have some of them with us, and to tell you that we are looking forward to the chance of returning in a small way at least some of the wonderful hospitality some of us have enjoyed in the past with you.

We hope we can give you a wonderful time and that there will be many memorable and unique occasions. We would, of course, like to have as many as could come, but feel that we can probably only cope with 30. Naturally, we would have liked them to be our complete guests, so to speak, but quite obviously this would be far beyond our financial resources; so, alas, the best we can do is keep the costs as low as we can.

We are planning this visit together with BOAC since there are a number of ways in which they are able to help us. Also, so that the arrangements may be as simple as possible, Fay Gillis Wells has very kindly agreed to act as go-between for interested Ninety-Nines, myself, and Tony Linney of

BOAC in Washington, since the final actual travel details will be through him.

Please get any interested Ninety-Nines to inform Fay or me, using the words "British Tour" on the envelope to facilitate secretarial work!! Of course, we hope we may have the pleasure of meeting you yourself over here too.

With best wishes from the British Section,

Kind regards,
Sincerely,
Sheila Scott
Governor British Section

Jerrie Mock set a new world non-stop distance record for women, April 9th and 10th, flying a 4,500 mile great circle route from Honolulu to Columbus, Ohio, in an elapsed time of 31

hours and one minute. She broke the former record of 3,671.432 miles set by three Russian women in a twin-engine seaplane in 1938. Jerrie flew a Cessna 256. Congratulations, Jerrie, on this new record!

CONVENTION GOODIE: The Victoria, B. C., Chamber of Commerce is planning a big welcome for 99s that take the boat trip to Victoria during the pre-race events.

Thanks to Rolfe Johnson, Executive Secretary of a new organization "The Flying Engineers", for the nice write-up entitled "The Pretty Pilots" about The Ninety-Nines in their first Newsletter. Astronaut James Lovell was presented No. 1 membership card at their organization ceremonies in Milwaukee last month.



All-Ohio Chapter Coffee Mugs. Cost per set (4 mugs), \$3.00 which includes mailing direct from factory. Send order and check to . . . Rosalie M. Bracht, 2186 14th St., N. W., Akron, Ohio, 44314.

POWDER PUFF DERBY WAYS AND MEANS

DO YOU KNOW: that this year is the TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY of the Powder Puff Derby

DO YOU KNOW: that this race is the longest, most consecutively run, BIG race in the United States, including the Thompson, Bennett, Bendix, Pulitzer and Schneider

DO YOU KNOW: that THE NINETY-NINES can be exceptionally proud of this record . . . all this done ENTIRELY BY VOLUNTEER WORKERS in order to keep this OUR RACE

DO YOU KNOW: that this is the year of the RACE THAT ALMOST WASN'T . . . 1966, the race that was saved by the love letters from Ninety-Nines and the checks that accompanied most of these letters to a total that has never been equaled, \$8324.27

DO YOU KNOW: that to the day of writing this column for the 1967 race, there has been only TEN CONTRIBUTIONS received . . . from the Ninety-Nines who had RESOLVED not to let this race pass into history . . . only ten, totaling \$252.00 as compared to \$4295.00 at this time last year

DO YOU REMEMBER: that the POWDER PUFF DERBY is the most binding force in The Ninety-Nines

DO YOU KNOW: that Article II, PURPOSE, in The Ninety-Nines Constitution, **could have been** specifically written with the Powder Puff in mind, look it up in the back of the roster

DO YOU KNOW: that we hope that you have had time to thoroughly look over the 1965 operating statement you recently received in my letter to all The Ninety-Nines

Look at it carefully . . . notice for instance, the income from program sales, and further down, the costs for program sales and freight on programs . . . this is a visible example of WHERE THE MONEY GOES . . . and it could have so easily been into the black if The Ninety-Nines had pushed and promoted this one part

DO YOU KNOW: that this is **ONE** of the answers to **WHERE DOES ALL THAT MONEY GO**

DO YOU KNOW: that each year the AWTAR Board has to ask and wonder **WHERE DOES ALL THAT MONEY COME FROM**

DO YOU KNOW: that this year we have something special to help The Ninety-Nines raise more money towards expenses . . . TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY COVERS bearing the official insignia of the 1966 race

DO YOU KNOW: that these will be increasingly valuable in years to come . . . and for the small cost involved, you should be able to persuade many, many of your friends to buy . . .

DON'T FORGET . . . EARLY ORDERS FOR THE COMMEMORATIVE COVERS . . . this will be Power for the Powder Puff

DON'T YOU FORGET: that all these things will help to add up to a total that will let the Powder Puff Derby continue to be THE RACE . . . THE BIGGEST RACE . . . OUR RACE.

. CONTRIBUTIONS

. SALES of 20th Anniversary Covers

. taking the responsibility of selling PROGRAMS

. PROMOTION AND SALE of the Postal Meter Ad Plates (this doesn't put money into AWTAR funds . . . but the advertising value is great . . . for now and future years

DO YOU KNOW: that we wish you good flying, more ratings, and welcome you to participate in the Powder Puff Derby.

DO YOU REALLY KNOW that the POWDER PUFF DERBY **DEPENDS ON YOU** ? ? ? ?

DEPENDS ON YOU: to send your contributions and orders to me

Lorraine C. McCarty
99-AWTAR Ways and Means Chairman
1112 Pinehurst
Royal Oak, Michigan 48073

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions have been submitted for your consideration at our International Convention in June:

1. Constitution—Article III, Section I, A(2), Page 124: "Is recommended by an Active Member and accepted by a three-fourths majority of the Chapter; or if no Chapter exists, by a majority of Section officers, including the Section Membership Chairman; or if no Section exists, by approval of the Executive Board as a Member at Large."

2. Constitution—Article IV, Section I, E, Page 125: "The Executive Board shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three additional members from separate Chapters not already represented on the Executive Board. The three additional members shall be elected by the delegates present at the Annual International Meeting. The immediate Past-President shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Board. As such, she shall be authorized to attend all meetings thereof and shall be entitled to all privileges as other Board members except the right to vote."

3. Constitution—Article IV, Section I, E, Page 125: "The Executive Board shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two additional members from separate Chapters not already represented on the Executive Board and the outgoing President even though her Chapter is represented on this Board or three additional members from separate Chapters not already represented on the Executive Board when there is no outgoing President. The two or three additional members shall be elected by the delegates present at the Annual International Meeting."

4. By-Laws—Article XV, Section 2, Part A, Page 134: "New members joining on or after March 1 will pay \$5.00 dues plus \$5.00 initiation fee. New members joining on or before February 28 will pay \$10.00 dues plus \$5.00 initiation fee. Both dues shall only carry them to the beginning of ensuing year."

5. Standard Constitution for Sections and Chapters—Article IX, Section 2 and 3, Pages 137 and 138:

Section 2, Officers: A. "Elective officers of the Chapter shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary-Treasurer may be a combined office, and a three member Nominating Committee. (1) Officers shall be Active Members in good standing.

Section 3, Elections: A. Officers shall be elected in the same manner as set forth for Section Officers, (Art. IV, Sec. 2, Std. Const. for Sections and Chapters). (1) The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members, elected by direct ballot each year. The member receiving the largest number of votes shall serve as Chairman. (2) The time of the election shall be as soon as practicable and not later than October first. (3) No Chapter officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

A copy of these resolutions along with the Chapter's reasons for submitting the above, the Resolutions Committee recommendations to the Executive Board and the Board's recommendations is being sent to all Governors and Chapter Chairmen. It is hoped in this way that the above resolutions can be thoroughly discussed in your various Chapter meetings and your delegates instructed on how to vote at our forthcoming Convention.

Virginia Thompson,
Chairman
Resolutions Committee

International Convention and Powder Puff Derby JUNE 30, 1966 Seattle, Wash.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

The stream slowed to a trickle and finally drought hit; the spring has evidently dried up and our membership survey is doomed to be tagged "just one more unfinished project."

Some of you conscientiously expended the effort for an excellent and comprehensive survey—one of the finest and most prompt came all the way from England. Others completed their assignment in a perfunctory manner—perhaps not understanding the importance of details and thoroughness. For the rest, the survey was just too difficult or time consuming and it was ignored. This last group has negated the efforts of those of you who worked so hard, for without nearly 100 percent return, the survey is of little value.

Before we can successfully initiate publicity projects for our organization,

we must know more about our individual members. No one person can know all of you and what you are doing and have done both within and outside of aviation. Take it upon yourself to write me about yourself or others in your Chapter whose story could contribute to our publicity program. We can sell flying by telling others about ourselves; we are ordinary women from all walks of life bound by our common love of flying.

Don't be the procrastinator who lets us down. As the kids say, would you believe a 34.5 percent return? Is your Chapter stylishly in the majority with the disinterested? If the shoe fits . . .

Gene Nora Jessen,
Chairman

SCRAPBOOK

Stop - look - and - READ and HEED. Your Spring Section meetings are now a memory. Have you saved the memories by gathering your publicity clippings? Are your members aware of the importance of preserving re: the scrapbook—these memories?

Your Section Scrapbook is as important to keep as your Chapter Scrapbook and your International Scrapbook. They all play a part in keeping a picture history of your activities and the activities of your members.

Powder Puff Derby time is near—clip-clip-clip. Do not put it off, send your clippings today.

Thank you for your cooperation and I am looking forward to a gluing good time.

Charlotte Dodson,
International
Scrapbook Chairman

AIR MARKING

The International Convention is June 30th, and that date will be here before we know it. Time now, to take count of Air Marking achievements since last year's Convention(also list plans for future markings.

This Committee requests that each Chapter prepare such a report, forwarding this on to the Section Air Marking Chairman, who should consolidate the reports into a report for this Committee. May we please have these by June 1st? This will give us time to prepare our annual report for presentation at the Convention.

Many thanks to you all.

Your Air Marking Committee
Frances Peacock (Georgia),
Chairman
Marilyn Schulz (Abilene)
Blanche Noyes (Wash. D. C.)

AIR MEETS

16TH ALL WOMEN'S
INTERNATIONAL AIR RACE
MAY 25-26-27, 1966

Notes On The Race

Mileage between stops according to an official survey by the U. S. Dept. of Commerce:

	St. Mi.
Harlingen to Monterey	156.88
Monterey, Mex. to Alice, Tex.	189.12
Alice, Tex. to Waco, Tex.	272.71
Waco, Tex. to Alexandria, La.	291.30
Alexandria, La. to Laurel, Miss.	185.65
Laurel to Tallahassee, Fla.	298.60
Tallahassee to Orlando, Fla.	222.19
Orlando to West Palm Beach	149.62
Total RACE MILEAGE	1609.12

All contestants make their own reservations at hotels. Sun Valley Motor Hotel, Harlingen, Texas, \$7.50; Ancira Hotel, Monterey, N. L. Mexico; Holiday Inn, West Palm Beach, Fla.

Please state on your reservations that you are with the All Womens International Air Race, the Angel Derby.

Please remember that no slacks, shorts, or short-short skirts are allowed in Mexico. Casual attire is appropriate in Texas and in Florida.

Positive identification in Alexandria and Laurel means a fly-by which will be explained in detail at the pre-race meeting. Radar identification at other stops will be sufficient. All details will be given at the pre-race briefing.

Do not forget to have written permission from the owner of the plane you are flying to fly it into Mexico. Also, proof of citizenship as well as recent vaccination is required in Mexico as well as in the United States according to a ruling in effect in Mexico since March, 1966.

Good luck to all of you and I'll be seeing you in Harlingen.

Vera M. Bratz,
IAR Chairman, 1966

The Florida Air Pilots Association regrets that the plans for a 1966 Florida Air Tour had to be cancelled. Evidently our planning was insufficient or our presentation lacked appeal because not enough registrations were received to conduct the tour.

However, plans are now being formulated for a package tour next year, with advance publicity and more detailed information.

Though we are disappointed, we are looking forward to having you with us in the spring of 1967.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Davidson



Margaret Kentley, Governor Reporting

Lots of excitement this month, the most joyous being the engagement of BEVERLY SHAW to MICHAEL SHAE of Los Angeles! MICHAEL stole her heart while she was working in the Santa Monica Hospital last year and this Easter he flew out here with the ring. At first we feared we were going to lose BEVERLY to the Great U.S.A., but now we know that MICHAEL is coming to live here next year!

ANNETTE MURPHY and BEV SEADE won the Women's Section of the MOOMBA MOBILE Air Race—two days flying around Victoria on a narrow, exacting 1000 mile course. There were 100 aircraft in the race and the six all-women teams included PEG KELMAN's and FREDA THOMPSON's.

ROSALIND MERRIFIELD was awarded the Australian Women Pilot's Assn. NANCY BIRD AWARD for 1965, for the Australian Women making the greatest contribution to Aviation, the Pilot of the Year Award. She truly deserved it for her three Pacific Crossings.

It was so nice to see TIMMIE TIVER, her 49½er, HAROLD, and baby ELIZABETH at the Melbourne A.G.M., most of us had not seen TIMMIE for a couple of years.

Everyone who possibly can is heading for Canberra on 7th May for the Special Fly-in and Dinner at Government House as guests of Their Excellencies. There should be a great roll-up of women pilots, a rare occasion for "best bib and tucker" and long white gloves!

Cheerio!

BRITISH SECTION

Janet Ferguson, Reporter

Two new jobs and an award to report. First of all the award.

CHRISTINE HUGHES, one of our newest members, has been awarded the AMY JOHNSON Scholarship which

will enable her to obtain an assistant flying instructor's rating. We are all thrilled about this and know she will do a good job. Many congratulations to her from the rest of us!

GILLIAN CAZALET has joined the airline brigade—more or less anyway. She has left HUNTING Surveys and is now working as First Officers on a DC3 for the biggest charter/air taxi company in the country. GILLIAN is no stranger to charter flying in a Dak as she did a longish stint with another company a year or so ago.

The other new job involves CHRISTINE HUGHES again, who has left the offices of Flight International to work for BRITTEN-NORMAN, a go-ahead aircraft manufacturer on the Isle of Wight. The company is building an enterprising "utility" twin-engine aircraft for feeder-line work, freight, air survey, etc., and CHRISTINE's job will involve the sales side of the business and will include quite a lot of demonstration flying of the aircraft. When she has her instructor's rating she will also be instructing for the firm's flying club in her spare time. It sounds like a really interesting set-up.

CLAIRE ROBERTS is busy free-lancing before she and CHRIS start their flying season with the de Havilland Dragon. During the winter CLAIRE took over my cattle-flying trips as I was involved in a temporary freight charter job. With CHRIS as engineer, CLAIRE took pedigree cows to various parts of Europe and had the doubtful pleasure of carrying some new "passengers" back from Sardinia—a load of highly excitable miniature horses. At the moment CLAIRE is doing survey flying and other photographic work.

YVONNE POPE dropped me a line just before setting off for two weeks' vacation to South Africa with her two sons, JOHN and CHRIS. It will be the boys' first trip to YVONNE's "home-land" and she hopes it will be a wonderful experience for them.

Sad to say, we have no candidates for the AMELIA EARHART Scholarship this year, due to the new two years membership requirement. However, we anticipate a goodly bunch to choose from next year.

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



CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

Ruth P. Buckley, Reporter

The Connecticut Department of Aeronautics publishes a newsletter for the benefit of the licensed pilots within the state. Concurrent publicity had been flown to the airports announcing that MR. MAX CONRAD would be guest speaker for the Connecticut Chapter of the Ninety-Nines. And thus, announcement of the pending dinner, plus information on "What Is a Ninety-Nine?" was in print for all to read.

With acuminous procedure, the membership, under the direction of CHRIS WINZER, went full-speed ahead toward completion of all details for the April dinner. There were several gavel-less meetings. We discovered to our own delight that we are also a creative group! Thanks to EVELYN MURCH, TETA GUNTHER and PEG DAVIDSON, the Chapter arts and crafts crew had cartons of supplies from which to create table centerpieces, which were given as door prizes. We met at PRIL LOVERIDGE's home and left her a week's worth of watering the greens used in the centerpieces. Along to help were ELLEN PURDY, MARILYN HUBBELL, CYNTHIA KEMPER, RUTH BUCKLEY and CHRIS WINZER. Other lovely prizes were donated by Fuller Brush, a bath set; Charles of the Ritz, a travel kit; and a handsome FM-AM transistor radio given by the E. J. Korvette Department Store.

It was with pride and pleasure that CHRIS opened the events of the evening with 200 people in attendance. The Connecticut Chapter and guests bestowed their welcome to MAX CONRAD with a standing ovation. Our accolade of appreciation to a magnificent man. For us MR. CONRAD appeared as a most humble and unassuming man—a remarkable person and a remarkable pilot. It was a wonderful experience—listening to one who does not extol his artistry of flying but designs an artistry through the interpretation of what and how he feels. His living faith has created Let's Fly.

To share this special evening with us in Stratford, Conn., were many friends who had traveled many miles. From the Greater New York Chapter came JEWEL VOM SAAL, SELMA CRONAN, MINA ELSCHNER, GLORIA HEATH, KAY HILBRANDT, BETTY PATTON

and DORIS RENNINGER. From the Long Island Chapter came RUTH DOBRESCU. From the Northern New England Chapter, PAT RUSSELL. How fortunate we were to have two Governors with us: DORIS RENNINGER and PAT RUSSELL. LOIS AUCHTER-LONIE, ISABEL BLODGETT, JANET BOLLES, MILDRED DOREMUS, LOIS MILLER, Chairman FRAN PORTER, RAE TOBER and MARIE SEAVER came from the Eastern New England Chapter.

And not to be left out are the members of this chapter who shared in the preparations—RUTHIE BUCKLEY, GINNY CARRICATO, PEGGY DAVIDSON, PRIL LOVERIDGE, MARY HORTON, TETA GUNTHER, MARILYN HUBBELL, CYNTHIA KEMPER, EVELYN MURCH, ELLEN PURDY and SHARON SIMMONS. CHRIS reports that she received many letters and telephone calls congratulating us on a most successful evening.

At the head table sat our toastmaster, DR. JAMES CRANE, for 25 years an FFA Flight Surgeon; PAUL ANNABLE, Commissioner of the Danbury, Conn., airport; CHRIS WINZER, our Connecticut Chapter Chairman; MAX CONRAD; STANLEY KONECKO, President Danbury School of Aeronautics; PAT RUSSELL, Governor, New England Section; and COL. HENRY WETHERELL, Director, Connecticut State Department of Aeronautics.

MAX flew into the Danbury Airport in his Aircoupe N123LF, which he plans to use for his attempt at a new closed course record for light aircraft. While here, he was CHRIS and TED WINZER's house guest.

See you on horseback next month. We're bound for the Flying W Ranch, Medford, N. J. We hope it is CAVU this time, having failed to make it for our last scheduled meeting there. We are looking forward to having a few words from BILL WHITESELL, the owner of the ranch, and GAY MAHER, flight instructor and Chairman of the Garden State Chapter.



GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER

Charlotte M. McCollum, Reporter

We have lots of activities coming up in the near future. Most of them I'm sure you have all heard about, but will do a quick review. Our rummage sale is set for May 14th at Red Bank Air-

port, co-chairmen MINA ELSCHNER and MARGARET LAUDENSLAGER worked hard. Our Section meeting on May 6th at Princeton, N. J., looks like it will be most interesting and we're all anxious to meet and hear COL. RAY VANDIVER, who is coming all the way from California. And our Penny-a-Pound plans are coming along nicely for June 5th, rain date June 12. Chairman KAY HILBRANDT says she is still looking for planes, pilots, and ground crew.

Congratulations to BARBARA BROTHERTON on passing her Instrument Written. Your reporter, however, is still sulking. Just goes to prove beauty really doesn't win out over brains.

MINA ELSCHNER is flying the New England Air Race and SELMA CRONAN hopes to. BARBARA BROTHERTON and RUTH BLISS have entered the International Air Race, co-pilot and pilot respectively, as has PAT WILSON, who will co-pilot for DOTTIE JULICH. Haven't any definite news on any AW-TAR entrants from our group yet.

JULIE VOM SAAL took a helicopter orientation ride and RUTH FORCE has been flying HARVEY JACOBSON's helicopter, which is based at Morristown. HARVEY has offered us the use of his helicopter for our Penny-a-pound—greater love hath no man.

AGGIE ZWEIDINGER leaves for Europe for her son's wedding, after which a tour, the first part of May. MARION LOPEZ and her mother go to Tucson and Phoenix.

BETTY PATTON and SELMA CRONAN took a troop of Cub Scouts on a tour of Teterboro Airport and gave each of them an airplane ride. SELMA also attended the Press Presentation of the Aero Commander 200 at the factory at Albany, Ga.—said she had a very thrilling day.

And last, but not least, RUTH BLISS is a grandmother again—a baby boy. RUTH, who flies charter flights in her spare time, says the initial reaction of some of her passengers on meeting their pilot is quite interesting. I suppose for those not aware of "us girls" diminutive RUTH would be a surprise. Anyway, congratulations to Grandma.

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

Honey Kate Trattler, Reporter

Long Island's April meeting was held at the Marcperrie Restaurant, close by Republic Airport, on the evening of the 12th. The future of that field is of vital interest to us all—and we met

to determine what could be done to help save it for general aviation.

Our guests were HANK BORNER, Aviation Editor of The Long Island Commercial Review; JAMES PYLE, Director of the Aviation Development Council; and L. W. HELMUTH, Director of Contracts and Services for the Fairchild-Hiller Corp.—and the evening's discussion centered on means we could use to reach a sometimes antagonistic public. We resolved to speak about the need for a general aviation field to as many people as possible—to service and social organizations, PTA's, etc.—and to women, especially if some could be won over, the going would be a great deal smoother. With this in mind it was decided to Republic Field in late July or August (any help offered would be tremendously appreciated). Also discussed at the meeting was the beautiful mohair sweater knit by VIOLA GENTRY. It will be raffeled off—proceeds to go to the AMELIA EARHART Fund and Long Island's contribution to the Powder Puff Derby.

There are plans, too, for the New England Air Race—ELLIE McCULLOUGH will be entering—also DORIS ABBATE and DOTTIE BOCK. MARION-ALICE WYATT and JOAN FLEISCHMANN will race as well, in MARION's "Runamuck Airliner" (Cessna 140).

Other busy gals: ELLIE McCULLOUGH to ferry a Mooney Mark 21 from San Antonio to Wichita on April 18th and then a Skyhawk from Wichita back to Long Island for Mac Aire.

MARGE GRAY will be off to McGuire Air Force Base on May 8th for her annual two week tour of active duty as a ready reservist in the Air Force.

DOROTHY JULICH plans to fly the Angel Derby with Greater New York Chapter's PAT WILSON (in DOTTIE's Comanche).

RUTH DOBRESCU, Chairman of the "66's," has held some successful meetings for her fledgling pilots in Ramey's classroom at Long Island Airport. RUTH also will head up a fly-in. We hope to have date and airport set by the next issue.



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Marion Dunlap, Reporter

For our April meeting members of

the Central Pennsylvania Chapter will fly to Princeton, N. J., April 30, to participate in the Penny-a-Pound sponsored by the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter.

HAZEL BARTOLET, CAROLYN HARBOLIS and HELEN SHEFFER will journey to Washington, D. C., April 22, for the Middle East Spring Sectional.

Plans are well made and everything and everybody ready to go for our Penny-a-Pound to be held Sunday, May 15, at University Park Airport, State College, Pa. The State College and Milesburg Civil Air Patrol Cadets are going to help park cars, load and unload aircraft.

ELLEN ROTTSCHAFER and MARION DUNLAP plan a day's trip in ELLEN's Tri-Pacer. MARION just returned from West Palm Beach, Fla., after spending the Easter vacation there.

A couple of us are going to have an outdoor picnic in the very near future at an airport, invite quite a few people and then supply them with cans of Cleaner and wax, lots of polishing cloths so we can give our planes a spring cleaning. We have tried this before and it really does work.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Caroline Bregler, Reporter

It was recently reported that IRENE WIRTSCHAFTER was having fun traveling thru Northwestern Canada. A letter from IRENE informs she was working (U.S. Internal Revenue Representative to Western Canada) in Canada but she had some real thrills in a Navy trainer. She was made an honorary submariner and has been presented with an RCMP emblem. Also IRENE has been given the opportunity to talk with flying clubs. She attended Parliament in Victoria and has been honored by many official parties.

On her way to Canada IRENE stopped in Chicago, San Francisco and Seattle, sounds like she is having a lot of fun even though it is a business trip.

In March the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter held a dinner event with LEO MARSHALL as a guest speaker. LEO gave a very humorous talk entitled "Aviation Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." DR. HELEN ZUBROW was hostess for this event and did an excellent job.

In April, the Spring Sectional will be held in Washington, D. C., where they have planned a weekend event to begin plans on the 1967 Convention.

We are happy to welcome VIRGINIA SWISHER back to our Chapter. VIRGINIA has transferred from the Central Pennsylvania Chapter.

It was reported in a local newspaper that LOUIS SACCHI just completed her 25th solo flight across the Atlantic, but according to LOUISE the number is 53. Congratulations.

On April 30, the Chapter will sponsor a Penny-a-Pound at the Princeton Airport. ANNE SHIELD will be chairman of this event with HELEN ZUBROW co-chairman.

Under the date-to-remember column mark the Chapter meeting for July which will be the Treasure Hunt and I understand BERTIE PETERSON is planning a really tremendous event. So let's all plan to fly in July.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

Mary "Mitzi" M. Keller, Reporter

The Sixth International Philatelic Exhibition will be held in Washington, D. C., beginning May 21st. The Smithsonian Institute is going to display our Howland Island cover in their exhibition, next to a cover of Lindbergh's trans-Atlantic flight. Our cover, the only one cancelled on Howland Island, bears the date May 21st, which is the date the exhibition opens and also is the anniversary date of AMELIA's solo flight across the Atlantic in 1932.

At our Section meeting, copies of "The Ligue Internationale des Aviateurs Certificate," given to The Ninety-Nines for its salute to the Flying Chain of World Friendship, will be on display for sale @ \$2.50 each.

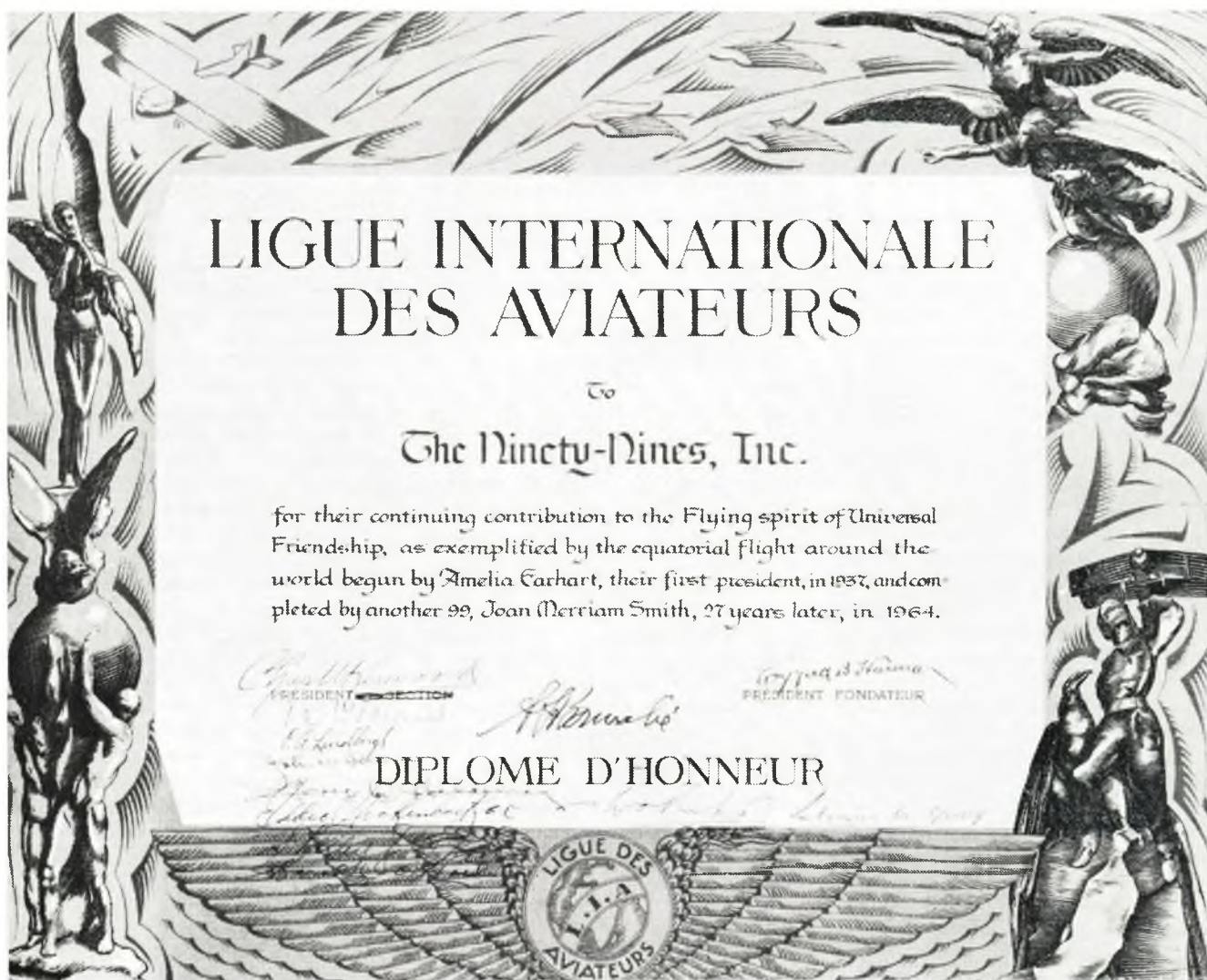
It was fitting that JOAN MERRIAM SMITH, who completed that 99 Friendship Chain, was posthumously awarded in 1965 the Harmon Aviatrix trophy for the greatest feat of the year. The names on the certificate are really Greats. Sale of these copies will be used towards our 1967 Convention, in Washington, D. C. This should be a proud 99 display when framed on any wall whether it be home or office. Contact FAY WELLS or MITZI KELLER for orders.



CAROLINAS CHAPTER

Bebe Ragaz, Reporter

The 99s had their March meeting in Charlotte, N. C. We had as our guest MARTHA TOBSY, Southeast Section



The Ligue Internationale des Aviateurs was founded in Paris in 1925 through the efforts and initiative of CLIFFORD B. HARMON, pioneer Balloonist and Aeronaut, whose license was No. 6. The purpose of the Ligue — a bonding together of aviators throughout the world that they may benefit through the friendship and sportsmanship which ensues wherever airmen foregather. The Ligue's certificate was presented to The Ninety-Nines for its salute to the Flying Chain of World Friendship. The names on the certificate, reading from top to bottom, beginning at the left are: CHARLES W. KERWOOD, President; COLONEL WILLIAM THAW, original member and officer commanding L'Escadrille Lafayette; COLONEL CHARLES A. LINDBERG, COMMANDER JOHN W. ISEMAN, CAPTAIN GEORGE W. HALDEMAN, CAPTAIN EDDIE RICKENBACKER, SHIRLEY J. SHORT and COLONEL HAROLD E. HARTNEY. In the center: ADMIRAL ALAN F. BONNALIE and AIR MARSHALL BILLY BISHOP. Below the signature of CLIFFORD B. HARMON is COLONEL CLARENCE M. YOUNG.

Governor. We would have had our Chapter Chairman but she had car trouble on the way and did not make it. LOUISE SMITH, LOUISE THADEN, EMILY and STAN KELLY, BEBE RAGAZ and NANCY WRENN attended. It was announced that PAGE SHAMBURGER was the Southeast Section A. E. Scholarship applicant and we all wish her well.

On April 17th there will be a fly-in at Wilmington, N. C., in conjunction with the Azelea Festival. Breakfast

will be served at 9:30 a.m. in Pennington's hangar. There is a fine program lined up for the day.

The Southeast Section meeting will be May 6, 7 and 8 at Chattanooga, Tenn. All members are urged to attend.

Luggage Tags for sale—\$1.50, write PAGE SHAMBURGER.

FLORIDA GOLDCOAST CHAPTER Dottie Harrison, Reporter

Welcome to the new Florida Spaceport Chapter! Charter presentation

ceremonies were held at Indian Harbor Pines Motel in Eau Gallie March 26. On hand to welcome the 13 Charter Members of the new Chapter were ALICE ROBERTS, International President; BETTY McNABB, International Secretary; MARTHA TOBEY, Southeast Section Governor; ALICE HAMMOND, former International President; ANN ROSS, Chairman of the Florida Goldcoast Chapter; NORMA CULLER, Chairman of the Florida Suncoast Chapter; BARBARA BANCROFT, Char-

ter Member of the 99s, and State Representative JAMES PRUITT, who made a speech of welcome to the seventy people present at the banquet. There were also delegations from the Goldcoast and Suncoast Chapter. We're especially proud that our Chapter sponsored this new Chapter, whose members include CY BEERS, Chairman; BETTY SHERMAN, Vice Chairman; OLGA WILKINSON, Treasurer; ANN CONWAY, Secretary; SARA CARMICHAEL, HARRIET DODD, SHIRLEY PAGE, BARBARA HAZARD, RICKEY CUNNINGHAM, CAROLYN BASEMAN, DOROTHEA McNAMARA, and MARGARET STANNAH and GENEVIEVE PERRY, who transferred from our Chapter. SARA and GENEVIEVE made all arrangements for the weekend and banquet and ANN CONWAY did the art work for the banquet, which was really delightful. The following Sunday morning, a tour of Cape Kennedy had been arranged and all of us who took it were most impressed.

Our April meeting was a dinner meeting at the Hofbrau Haus Restaurant in Hallendale. There were eleven members present and one guest. We were happy to hear that our Membership Chairman and Parliamentarian, MIRIAM DAVIS, has been elected President of the Dade County Federation of Women's Clubs. Congratulations, MIRIAM.

MIRIAM flew her Aztec down to Key West to pick up some delegates and took them over to Clearwater. It was one lady's first airplane ride and MIRIAM said she really enjoyed it.

VIRGINIA BRITT and her husband, DUNCAN, flew over to Mobile for the Easter weekend and report they had a wonderful trip. BETTY TRACY flew to Virginia for the Easter holidays in her Tri-Pacer with her son. On her return, she made a trip to Freeport, Grand Bahama Island, and another to Melbourne, where she is building a house. DOTTIE SHAW and her husband, "BOOTS," flew up to Orlando for lunch a few weeks ago.

LOIS PORTER brought a Cessna 150 to Miami from Detroit and got seven hours actual instrument time.

MIRIAM DAVIS, DOROTHY DAVIDSON and FRED A GOKEY, with their 49½ers, flew over to Tampa for Easter. They had dinner with Suncoast 99s NORMA CULLER and BETH REID and their 49½ers. DOROTHY, FRED A, MIRIAM and LEE AVERMAN flew over to Lake Wales the following weekend to see the Black Hills Passion Play.

MAGGIE FIELDS is joining the Jet Set! She and her mother are jetting to England and Ireland for three weeks in May. Sounds like a wonderful trip, MAGGIE.

The International Air Race is May 21 to May 28. We're looking forward to seeing a lot of you at Palm Beach Interantional Airport. Happy Flying.

**Welcome
and
Congratulations
to our new
Florida
Space Port
Chapter**

**FLORIDA SPACE PORT CHAPTER
Martha Tobey, Governor
South East Section**

On November 2, 1929, the first meeting of The Ninety-Nines was held. This group met in a busy hangar and served themselves tea and chocolate leaves from a mechanic's bench. How times have changed! On March 26, 1966, almost 37 years later, our newest Chapter, the Florida Space Port Chapter, received its Charter. Most appropriately, this ceremony was held at Indian Beach in the very shadow of the launching pads at Cape Kennedy.

This group met for dinner at the lovely Indian Harbara Pines Inn. ALICE ROBERTS, International President, presented the Charter, and BETTY McNABB, International Secretary, gave a fine talk about The Ninety-Nines. Also present were ALICE HAMMOND; BARBARA BANCROFT, a Charter Member; ANN ROSS, Chairman of the Florida Goldcoast Chapter; NORMA CULLER, Chairman of the Florida Suncoast Chapter; large delegations from both the other Florida Chapters, and a great many 49½ers. After a successful launch, this Chapter can only go up. The Southeast Section is very proud of CY BEERS, Chairman, and the Florida Space Port Chapter. We are happy to introduce them to you.



BETTY SHERMAN (MRS. FRANK), Ormond Beach, earned her private license in 1964 and freely admits flying for pleasure is her most important work and hobby. Her husband does not fly. They have one small daughter. BETTY is also a Grasshopper and the Space Port Chapter's first Secretary.



CLYDIS "CY" BEERS (MRS. DONALD H.), Ormond Beach, is Florida Space Port Chapter's first Chairman. A former member of the Florida Suncoast Chapter she transferred to this Chapter at its organizational meeting. Her resume appeared in the October 1965 issue of The News.



GENEVIEVE F. PERRY (MRS. ROBERT), Melbourne Beach, is a transfer from the Florida Goldcoast Chapter. She has a master's degree in psychology from San Jose State College, Calif. Her 49½er is a Pan Am Engineer at Cape Kennedy and also a pilot. They have a flying poodle "Powder Puff." GENEVIEVE'S other hobby is scuba diving and hunting for relics and shells off the coast of Florida.



SARA CARMICHAEL (MRS. GLEN), Melbourne Beach, received her private ticket in only three months in 1965 after being urged by her husband to do so. They have two sons who accompany her while she rapidly builds up time in the family Bonanza. SARA holds membership in the AOPA, Flying Farmers and Grasshoppers.



SHIRLEY PAGE (MRS. DONALD), Deland, is a native of Florida. She earned her private license in 1963 after her husband and a friend bought and rebuilt a damaged Er-coupe. SHIRLEY is the pilot in the family and her best passengers are her non-flying husband and their five children. She is a member of the Grasshoppers, AOPA and CAP. She has a M.A. in Education and teaches part time in the Adult Education programs in Volusia County.



CAROLYN BASEMAN (MRS. JAMES), Deland, is a native of Wisconsin. Her pilot husband owns a Mooney Super 21 which they fly for business and pleasure. She received her private license in 1965. The BASEMANS have six children. CAROLYN is a member of the Grasshoppers and plans to enter the IAR this year. She hopes to fly in the Powder Puff Derby some day.



BARBARA HAZARD (MRS. JAMES A.), Daytona Beach, is a Wisconsin native and a newcomer to flying. She received her private license in 1965. She and her dentist husband, who is also a private pilot, have three children. As members of the Halifax and Daytona Beach Aero Clubs they have access to several aircraft and have enjoyed flying family vacations to Wisconsin and Nebraska.



ALINE "RICKY" CUNNINGHAM (MRS. GARY), Daytona Beach, earned her private license in 1962 in her husband's Cessna 170 and immediately had to learn to fly again in a Bonanza as he literally sold the airplane from under her and bought the Bonanza. **RICKY'S** forte is navigation for **GARY** on numerous trips to her native Illinois and for business. They have three eager-to-fly children, including identical twin sons and a younger daughter. **RICKY** takes time off from a busy schedule of civic activities and working in her husband's business to join the Grasshoppers on their fly-ins throughout the state.



ANN CONWAY (MRS. LOUIS), Daytona Beach, who has a non-flying attorney husband, earned her private license in 1964 and flies a Cessna 172. She has one son and says flying has been a life-long desire. She spends a good part of her time making plaster cast wall plaques and other art objects. She is the Florida Space Port Chapter's first Vice-Chairman.



OLGA WILKINSON (MRS. EDWARD), New Smyrna Beach, is a native of Mexico and earned her commercial ticket in 1965. She is Secretary - Treasurer for **WILKINSON Aviation, Inc.**, and does some charter work and sight-seeing rides. She is a member of the AOPA, Florida Aero Club and the Grasshoppers. They have two young daughters. **OLGA** is the Florida Space Port Chapter's first Treasurer.

DOROTHEA MACNAMARA (MRS. ROGER), Orlando, received her private license in 1962 and flies with her pilot husband in their Cessna 170. She is also a member of the Grasshoppers and is currently writing their Newsletter. The **MACNAMARAS** have three grown or about grown children. Their daughter is about to be married and **DOT** is knee-deep in wedding arrangements.



HARRIET "HAPPY" DODD (MRS. PAUL MELTON, JR.), Daytona Beach, is a native of Pennsylvania and is a nurse. Her husband is an Orthopedic Surgeon and a private pilot. He has just become instrument rated and is about to become a commercial pilot. **HAPPY** began flying in 1964 soon after her husband started and earned her private license in a few short months. They are expecting a little co-pilot in June. **HAPPY** is a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Volusia County Medical Society and Daytona's Guild of the Museum of Arts and Sciences.

MARGARET E. STANNAH (MRS. ROBERT E.), Orlando, is a former member of the Florida Goldcoast Chapter. She began flying in 1943 while living in western New York State. She obtained her private license in 1950. In 1953 she flew as co-pilot in the IAR from Welland, Ontario, Canada, to New Smyrna Beach, Florida. She belongs to the Astronautics Flying Club, Inc., and to the Grasshoppers. **MARGARET**, who's non-flying husband often goes along to navigate, flies a Cessna 172. She is also a medical secretary.



BLANCHE NOYES (center), Chief of Air Marking for FAA and member of the International Air Marking Committee, with **JOHN H. BENNETT, SR.** (left), Director of the Aviation Division of the Georgia Department of Industry and Trade, and Georgia **GOVERNOR CARL E. SANDERS**, on the occasion of **BLANCHE'S** visit to Georgia to inspect 71 recently painted air markers.

GEORGIA CHAPTER **Frances Peacock, Reporter**

A tour through the Lockheed-Georgia plant at Marietta and a "treasure hunt" in south Georgia were recent activities of Georgia 99s.

The Lockheed tour, in late March, was attended by a representative contingent of 99s and 49½ers who were transported around the extensive grounds by bus and treated to lunch in the Mahogany room, Lockheed's executive dining room.

The Lockheed-Georgia Company, a giant in the aircraft industry, employs 20,000 people who are drawn from 70 counties. The most recent contract awarded to Lockheed was for develop-

ment of the giant C5A, ten of which could have handled the entire Berlin airlift, which required more than 140 C-54s. A view of the mock-up of this huge plane, which will be capable of flying at jet speed from inland United States to virtually any point of a battle zone in the world then landing on a short, relatively unprepared field of 4000 feet, was one of the highlights of the 99 tour. The C5A will weigh nearly 350 tons. After landing it will kneel to truckbed level for loading and unloading operations raising its visor nose upward above the fixed crew compartment and opening the large rear doors simultaneously for off-loading or loading of both cargo at both ends of the

plane. With a length of 226 feet, wing span of 222 feet and height of 62 feet, this plane will be built in a building covering 75 acres under one room.

Following the Lockheed tour, the 99s visited CAP headquarters at nearby Dobbins AFB, where **DOLORES LOWE** discussed the CAP squadron she is organizing in the Conyers-Covington-Lithonia area.

On a bright, warm Sunday in mid-April, 99s and 49½ers converged on Albany for a 200 mile round-robin "treasure hunt" planned and directed by **BETTY McNABB**. When all had assembled, **BETTY** handed out the clue sheets to the 16 contestants. Soon, all planes were in the air headed on a course of 308 degrees (plus or minus) hunting for an airport, the last letter of its name being the same as the first letter in the name of the contest "Let's All Fly." This turned out to be Terrell, at Dawson, where we had to count the buildings on the field. From there another plus or minus heading directed us to Kennedy strip at Parrott, then a still new heading brought us over Americus to count paved and clay runways and to answer other questions pertinent to the airport. Other airports on the hunt included Cordele, brand new Ashburn (not on the chart), Tifton and Moultrie. The planes all landed at Tifton for the contestants to have a picnic lunch and business meeting. Former 99, **RUTH MILLER**, was on hand to greet us as we landed at her home base.

CAROLYN and **HOWARD KENNEDY** won the door prize given by the Tifton operator, then went on to win the "treasure hunt" by having a perfect score. We all should have known that Lindbergh was the famous pilot who learned to fly at Americus, but only the Kennedys knew this. A 3-way tie for second place required a drawing, with **HOLLY** and **CRAIG SMITH** winning. **FRANCES** and **JACK PEACOCK** won a prize as did **JEAN VOYLES** and **FRED** and **CAROLE HARP**. Door prize for the men was won by **JACK PEACOCK**. Prizes included \$15 worth of merchandise given by the base operator at Albany, a charm engraved "A date to remember—99 treasure hunt" was given by an Albany jeweler. Other prizes were given by the Aero Commander folks at Albany.

The circulating **KENNEDY** trophy for closest ETA to meetings is back in Atlanta again, on display at the **PEACOCK's** house.

DOLORESE LOWE recently added a multi-engine rating to her list of ac-

accomplishments, and immediately took off in an Aero Commander with seven aboard for the auto races at Daytona Beach.

SANDRA KILKELLY, who had a base operation at the Covington Airport and a Piper dealership, was approved for membership in the Chapter.

BETTY McNABB attended the Florida Space Port Chapter charter presentation recently, where she made the historical address. A tour of Cape Kennedy was given to the group the following day. BETTY made a trip to Ellington AFB in Texas for a CAP briefing recently, and was also on hand at Oklahoma City for the April meeting of the Executive Board.

Coming events for Georgia 99s include Section Meeting in Chattanooga the first part of May, followed by a fly-in meeting at Covington the middle of May, clocking the IAR at Tallahassee and then in July the AWTAR in Augusta. Plans are also being made now for the Fall Section Meeting in Atlanta.

We still have RON kits for sale.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

Mary Stanley, Reporter

Our ever efficient Active Chairman, GERRY BAKER, had arranged a fly-in at the Cherokee Village Airport, Hardy, Ark., for our April 2nd meeting. We were instructed check with Unicom for transportation to the Cherokee Village Inn for lunch and a business meeting. The excellent, but unattended, field was alleged to have a telephone in case radio communications failed.

The morning brought strong headwinds, smoke from forest fires and plenty of thermals. The slow progress caused part of the group to go back to Memphis but several planes planned a lunch-time ETA. CHRIS BROWN and ROSEMARY WILLIAMS arrived early as ROSEMARY had to hurry back to Memphis in the Bonanza in order that she and BOB could keep a dinner date to New Orleans in it. (ROSEMARY had also flown to New York recently.)

POLLY and HOWARD DUNCAN also flew in from Memphis early in a Mooney. (POLLY has recently retired and hopes to fly the AWTAR solo again.) JERRY GUTHRIE, with sister, JEAN CASHION, flew in a Colt and were waiting for transportation when to their dismay 77 Alpha from Wynne, Ark., entered a downwind leg, with a landing to the north, though the wind was 180 degrees at about 15 knots. VIRGINIA PROCTOR was following instructions from Unicom (located some

miles away) and since the field slopes steeply to the north it was a perfect landing. GERRY BAKER and your correspondent, the passengers in 77 Alpha, were most impressed.

When we had all gathered at the Inn for lunch we discussed at length the whereabouts of the rest of the planes expected, but eventually proceeded with lunch and our business session. As we finished the local constabulary came racing down the highway with INA and MIKE WALKER and HILDA SAVAGE. Their Mooney had no radio and the telephone at the airport was locked and they had been stranded for an hour. As this group finished lunch, the police again appeared this time with ANN HATTEN and her guest, ANN WILSON, a student pilot. Both these girls are based at the Millington Naval Station and belong to the flying club there. They had brought the club's T-34. Due to radio and gas tank troubles they had landed at Walnut Ridge. ANN WILSON had about six hours instruction time and this had been a real adventure, I'm sure.

JEAN CASHION, JERRY's sister,

International Convention and Powder Puff Derby

**JUNE 30, 1966
Seattle, Wash.**

received her private license a year ago and we hope that she will decide to join us, though this logistical flop may cause mental reservations about our meetings. Most of this one was devoted to future plans. We have been invited to join the Arkansas Chapter in Little Rock for lunch April 30. Many of our Chapter will be in Chattanooga for the Southeast Sectional early in May.

MARTHA TOBEY, our Southeast Section Governor, is doing an unusually fine job of visiting as many Chapters as possible. Since our last meeting she had been to Alabama, North Carolina, Florida and Chattanooga.

JOE and I are planning our annual fly-in here on our farm strip (MARY STANLEY on the map) for June 4, with June 11 the rain date. All Memphis and Arkansas 99s and 49½ers are hereby invited, along with all prospective members and all you other 99s and

friends we have informally invited to this affair during the past year. Aerobatic flying, hangar flying, lunch, water sports, etc., will be featured as usual. All we need to know ahead of the date is the approximate number for lunch. The Unicom will be manned and transportation will be waiting.

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

Jean Hodges, Repodter

CAVU! For the first time in months we enjoyed beautiful flying weather on meeting day. Our much delayed spot landing contest was the highlight of the April meeting. Greenwood hostesses PEGGY McCORMICK, MARGARET SHIPLEY and JEAN HODGES being the newest additions to the Mississippi roster, welcomed the opportunity to meet members from all over the state. First to arrive in a sporty red and white Cessna were ETHEL RADZEWICZ and BERNICE KELLY from Jackson. Leaving Ocean Springs in an Aero Commander, JANET GREEN made passenger stops in Gulfport and Hattiesburg, picking up members SAMMIE DANIEL, JESSIE MILLER and ESTHER HALL plus guests JOAN FERGESON and her daughter, CINDY. Arriving from Greenville with DOT ETHERIDGE in a Cherokee Six were guests ORA VEST, DEBBIE COLEMAN and JULIE WILCOX. Also arriving from Greenville in their Cherokee were LUCILLE WOLFE and 49½er BOB.

After coffee and donuts, professional pilots BILL FROST and CHARLES ALLEN judged the competition. Mississippi flags marked the spot of each touchdown. Powdered lime flew as first place winner, DOT ETHERIDGE, hit the line itself thus gaining possession of the rotating trophy, a beautiful silver tray. Thirty members and guests enjoyed smorgasbord at the nearby Travel Inn. At a brief business session conducted by JESSIE MILLER, tentative plans were made to tour the Mississippi Testing Facility this summer. GOV. JOHNSON has agreed to proclaim the week of May 22-29 as Women in Aviation Week. Discussion of IAR and Sky Lady Derby revealed that we have two entries in each race. The hostesses presented custom-designed flight kits, each individualized with a silhouette of the member's own airplane, and filled with appropriate items donated by local manufacturers and business men. Cooperation from every point of the compass, from weather to community, combined to make a memorable day.



ALL-OHIO CHAPTER Edy Maxim, Reporter

Many thanks to our hostess, BESSIE CATON, for the arrangements for the March 20th meeting in Zanesville. Approximately 30 were on hand for the meeting, and 45 for luncheon.

BETTE WARNER delivered a Musketeer to Dayton Electronics Corporation in Dayton.

MARION BETZLER is instructing, full time, at Lane Aviation at Port Columbus—primary and instrument.

LEE ROCK in New York City, on March 23-24, taping a TV appearance which was televised on "To Tell The Truth," Thursday, March 31st. LEE is a mechanical engineer at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton and designs space suits.

JOAN HRUBEC departed April 1st for Oklahoma City—Executive Board meeting.

The MALMS will be returning to Cleveland sometime in June, leaving China Lake, Calif., where DR. MALM has been on Navy duty these past two years. Recently they had a fine weekend in Phoenix—via Debonair. In March, a bit of vacationing in Florida.

MARION and HAROLD STACKS executed a quickie four-day to Florida in their Cherokee.

CONNIE JONES checked out in a Bonanza. CONNIE still in constant demand at the Sohio Speakers' Bureau. Her recent "Flighty Ladies" talk given to the Lake County Scottish Rite Society on Ladies Night.

Our welcome to another new member! MURIEL MOTTS of Westlake has her own Aircoupe and approximately 75 hours pilot-in-command time. Her 49½er, HOWARD, is not a pilot—yet. We think, in time, he'll take to the wheel, too!

PAT FAIRBANKS of Cincinnati is another of our Chapter members who is a full-time instructor. She received her rating in November '65. Actually, PAT has been a pilot since 1948, but took time out soon after she acquired her private license for housewife-mother duty. In 1960, she started working in the office of Cardinal Air Transport (her husband DON's company) at Lunken Airport. In the spring of '65, she decided she should also be doing cockpit duty to better benefit their com-



Chicago Area Chapter's DORIS MULLEN receiving her Helicopter Instructor Rating from FAA Examiner THEO MOORE at DuPage County Airport, West Chicago. DORIS is the first woman Helicopter Instructor in the entire Chicago territory.

pany. With DON as instructor (that was rough but she learned much) she earned her commercial by August and is now working on multi-engine time. Incidentally, her first student pilot signing on for training was their younger daughter, CAROL.

LOIS and JULIAN SCHMIDT and son, DAN, accomplished an exciting and successful fishing vacation quickly, using their blue and white Bonanza "Bonnie Bluebird" to get to Freeport in the Bahamas. First day, fishing aboard a charter boat—catch: grouper, amberjack and barracuda. Second day: "Old Blue" hit JULIAN's line! Two hours before the 250 pound marlin could be brought on the boat. LOIS became temporary skipper on the flying bridge, while the men hauled the 10-foot beauty aboard. After its trip to the taxidermist, "Old Blue" will have its new home on the wall of the SCHMIDT's cycle store in Cleveland.

New to PAULINE EK and her 49½er—a "172." PAULINE will be going after more ratings.

JOHN and EDY MAXIM scheduled for a brief vacation. Pan Am flight to Trinidad and from that point, a few days on board Alcoa Steamship Company's bauxite ore carrier to Surinam.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER Mary Shumway, Reporter

Yours truly and partial panel (I mean partial family) having just returned from Sectional Convention at

the Lake of the Ozarks want to congratulate Cape Girardeau Area Chapter on their planning, choice of locations and wonderful hospitality enjoyed by all. Tours, events and renewing acquaintances made the weekend all too brief. Chicago 99s attending were LOUISE KOKESH, EVA WHITE, RICK COOLEY, GERRY KRAUSE, ALICE HAMMOND, TRACY PILURS, VIRGINIA COFFEEN, VIRGINIA RABUNG, MARY SHUMWAY and respective 49½ers. Weather slowed most of us up going down but weather was just right going back.

At our recent annual Achievement Awards Banquet at DeLeo's in Chicago the two top awards went to our two Powder Puffers, JOAN SCHOOLER and SUE ROSCOE; third, Chairman LOUISE KOKESH; fourth, MARY SHUMWAY; fifth, BOBBIE JOHANSSON; sixth, GERRY KRAUSE. Piper dealer GEO. EDGE CUMBE entertained with brief talk and Bahama movie. Special guest was LOIS FIEGENBAUM, Chairman of Cape Girardeau Chapter. The dinner, entertainment and awards (and aviation talk) made for a well-rounded evening ably chaired by IRENE GABRIEL and committee.

TOM LIVINGSTON writes that he and his Chicago 99 RUTH vacationed in Florida this February and had the privilege of getting thirty minutes of dual instruction in Goodyear's Blimp "Mayflower." Of special interest to



The Chicago Area Chapter Achievement Award Winners, left to right, **JOAN SCHOGER**, 1,257 points; **DR. SUE ROSCOE**, 985 points, and **LOUISE KOKESH**, 761 points.

them was the fact that the blimp is fully certified for IFR and even equipped with dual ILS, with a top speed of 35 mph. Wish I had more info as it raises more points of interest as can it make go arounds, flap landings, etc., etc.

ALICE HAMMOND surveyed some Midwest and Southern stops for the Powder Puff Derby and says everything is A—OK! **ALICE** can't take 88C on the race this year as he passed his tenth birthday, so it is the first time in years **ALICE** hasn't been the first applicant for the race.

RICK COOLEY tells us she is now fully qualified in the "Mixmaster" 84X (Skymaster to you!). She and 49½er **DICK** (a United Captain) fly a milkrun up to Green Bay, Mich., on his off days to conduct his archery manufacturing business. They are well qualified as expert archers in the pursuit of deer, moose, pheasant, elk, you name it. They have exceptional movies of hunting and bush flying in Alaska.

LOUISE KOKESH's 49½er **RAY** was on his way to Joliet to sell his Bonanza recently, when prop went out breaking the stops in IFR weather and having to make a go around with minimum power, but landing safely second time around and shakily walking away. Told him we now had something in common as had my first real emergency the week before. Oil congealed from cold on climb out, so prop went out, but had lots of altitude and airport seven miles away so O.K. Love that altitude.

DR. SUE ROSCOE and our new member **KATIE BOYD** were featured in Chicago American magazine in a write up on "Women in the Cockpit." They're two very capable gals and full page spread was enjoyed by all.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER **Amy Laws, Reporter**

Are we ever proud! Just came back from the Spring Sectional meeting, at the Lake of the Ozarks, the proud possessors of the Traveling Trophy for best attendance. Fifteen members of our Chapter were there—so the Silver Bowl is ours—hope we can keep it awhile. **IRENE RAWLINGS**, our Chairman, plans to show it off this week at our regular meeting of which she is hostess. You can bet it will also be prominently featured in September (Saturday, the 17th) at our Silver Anniversary Dinner-Dance.

Congratulations to the Cape Girardeau Area Chapter girls who were our hostesses. **LOIS FIEGENBAUM**, their Chairman, promised us surprises galore and they kept their word. We say this after attending every convention but, honestly, this was the best ever. Never saw so many attendance prizes.

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EDITH OLOVITCH won a pilot's log book which had been donated by **Sheldon Stafford** of Kansas City. Those of us who didn't win were made happy by a Wayne King stereo album.

Weather in the St. Louis area was tricky on Friday when most of us went up—but we managed to get through a stationary front and found CAVU conditions in central Missouri. **KIT HEACOCK**, **DOROTHY HAUPT**, **DONNA RAE HOPPER**, **LOIS SHAFER** and **AMY LAWS** all flew in to Eldon, Mo. **IRENE RAWLINGS**, **SYLVIA BLOOM**, **LORETTA SLAVICK** and **LAURA SELLINGER** like to live dangerously—they drove. **VAL JOHNSON** and **RUTH TAKSEL** had their share of headaches. They started out in St. Louis Flying Club's (**TOM FOSTER**) helicopter, changed to **TOM's** Aztec which had to come and get them at Vichy Airport where they were grounded, not by weather but by an oil leak. They made it in time for the buffet supper. Saturday, St. Louis was really socked in—zero-zero conditions. **FRAN HENKE**, **RUTH LAKE** and **GOLLY MINER** made it in **FRAN's** Cherokee by lunch time however. So did **EDITH** and **AL OLOVITCH** in their Cherokee 140. **LOIS SHAFER** made two trips—Friday, she and 49½er flew in to set up a Mooney display (they are dealers at their new Lakeside, Ill., airport), went home, and Saturday brought back her two children and student pilot, **FANNIE JENNINGS**.

Again we say, these conventions are the greatest. What better way to meet sister 99s, or renew old friendships? An added bonus was seeing **ALICE ROBERTS** again, our International President, who gave a great talk at the luncheon.

At this writing, **KIT HEACOCK** is in a state of nerves—her Instrument check ride is scheduled for this week. Lots of luck, **KIT**.

VAL JOHNSON turned us green with envy. She and 49½er **BELMONT** are going to London, England and Copenhagen, Denmark on a business trip late in April.

RUTH LAKE announced that she has received 33 applications for the Sky Lady Derby due to be held in Little Rock, Ark., June 17, 1966. Sounds like a great race—let's all get in it.

RUTH TAKSEL flew **VAL JOHNSON** and **AMY LAWS** down to Memphis, Tenn., in her Cessna 210. **RUTH** has been commissioned by Holiday Inn Magazine to do a monthly column and her first article on her flying experiences will be in the May issue. The

lady editor, LOIS CROWE, and RUTH had many things to talk over and did so at a most delightful luncheon at the Embers Restaurant in Memphis.

ROSE JOLY flew two non-flying friends for a weekend at Excelsior Springs, Mo. Seems they all joined their husbands who were there on business. ROSIE dubbed her Cessna 172, "Rambling Rose," and it lives up to it—never know where it will be next.

Easter weekend, my 49½er and I went up to have dinner with our son, a student at Missouri Military Academy at Mexico, Mo., and who should we run into but one of our potential 99s, SHIRLEY MUCKLER. SHIRLEY is a student, her husband flies a Cessna 205 and she very much wants to get her license soon. We hope she does—she would be a good 99.

See you all next month. Meantime, Happy Landings!

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Pat Clark, Reporter

Eldon City Airpark rolled out the red carpet in the best VIP fashion to welcome us at our Spring North Central Section Convention. Their hospitality will long be remembered.

We had an interesting guided tour of Union Electric Co.'s Bagnell Dam.

Luncheon guest speaker was our International President, ALICE ROBERTS. We all enjoyed her talk on The Ninety-Nines. She asked this question of all 99s: "How many of the International Board Members can you name? Let each one of us get better acquainted with our officers . . . live up to the purpose of the 99s in providing a close relationship among women pilots and to unite us in any movement that will benefit lady pilots or for the good of aviation in general."

MR. "BUD" GLOVER, King Radio Corp., was guest speaker at the Saturday night banquet. Greater St. Louis Chapter won the attendance trophy. BOB PELTO and FRAN CLARK became 49½ers. After taking the oath to support flying of said 99 and keep mouth shut, BOB PELTO asked, "What else is new." At gift time our Chapter appeared to be lucky. JEAN REYNOLDS, MARGARET CRANE, MARY PELTO, ALICE DAVIS, DENISE BEALE and her mother, LYDIA HEATHSCOTT, LORRAINE McCARTY and her hubby, HOWARD, all won gifts. Those of us that didn't win a door prize received a Decca record so no 99 left empty handed.

Many thanks to the Cape Girardeau

Chapter who hosted the convention at The Lodge of the Four Seasons and to MARY EVANS of Eldon, the convention chairman, for a job well done. A great time was had by all.

DENISE BEAL, pilot of a Cherokee 180, hit a fence at the end of Eldon Airpark runway. LYDIA HEATHSCOTT, co-pilot, covered her eyes as the fence came near but all came out "smelling of roses" for the only damage was a few scratches on the paint job of the Cherokee.

BECKY THATCHER and VELMA DEL GIORNO were unable to attend the convention due to illness. A speedy recovery to both of you and we hope to see you soon at our Chapter meetings. JEAN PEARSON has recently joined the staff of the Detroit News as Science Reporter.

We will all miss MARY CLARK'S mother, MRS. T. I. CLARK, who passed away March 17. Our deepest sympathy to you, MARY.

ALICE DAVIS was accompanied by BEA STEADMAN, MARY CLARK and JEAN REYNOLDS to the Piper factory in Lock Haven, Pa., to pick up her new Comanche 260B. I understand she will call it "Pappa" since Pappa gave it to her for a wedding present. The weatherman cooperated both coming and going but socked the Lock Haven Airport in the day they toured the plant. Can you imagine a bad weather approach between those mountains.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Ruby St. Onge, Reporter

The Minnesota Chapter held their March meeting on Wednesday, the 9th, at the Sky Chef Restaurant in the Administration Building at Downtown Airport, St. Paul.

Most members made it for a very nice dinner at 6:30. At 7:30 a brief business meeting was held. DOROTHY WESTLING introduced the prospective members and guest. The two prospective members present were DAUNE GULLARD and LEONA (ONNIE) LUGER, both from Minneapolis. DAUNE flew one of Crystal Shamrock's Cessnas to this meeting with ONNIE LUGER, JOYCE FRANCIS and RUBY ST. ONGE hitching a ride. ONNIE is a new Private pilot. She and her husband, ROLLIE, just returned from a trip to Acapulco, Mexico, in their 172. ONNIE received her Private license the day before they left. What a nice trip for a newly rated pilot.

During our meeting we accepted two

new members. NAN WICKLAND and DOROTHY BOLANDER. Welcome to our group, NAN and DOROTHY. We now have three Dorothys in our group. What a popular name.

Chairman DOROTHY reminded us of the FAA Seminar (Instrument) that will be held at the Arden Hills Civil Defense Training Center, March 12th and 13th. I'm sure it will be worth giving a weekend to.

Following our business meeting we all enjoyed our guest speaker, MR. GEORGE HOLEY, of the Minnesota State Dept. of Aeronautics. He showed us colored slides on airplane accidents in Minnesota during the past three years, with comments on what might have caused them or how they could have been avoided. Then he showed a film "Come Fly With Me Darlene" a new State Dept. film and an excellent one—made with the help of AOPA and the 99s in one of the western states. This was a nice climax to an enjoyable evening.

Our April meeting was held in the home of HELEN MASTERTON in south Minneapolis.

The evening was spent discussing business, as we have had such brief business meeting the last few months.

One of the topics discussed was the Spring Sectional in the Ozarks. RITA ORR and DOROTHY RYAN both plan on attending with their 49½ers, BURTON ORR and GERALD RYAN. RITA will represent our Chairman, DOROTHY WESTLING, as she cannot make the trip. Our Chapter voted to allot \$30 to be divided among 99s attending from our group, to help defray expenses.

Members were informed of the annual March of Dimes Penny-a-Pound Air Rides being held Sunday, the 24th of April. Those pilots who qualify to fly were urged to donate some time if possible.

CAROLINE OLSON, member from

LAST FLIGHT

ELIZABETH JANE REEVES

Member

**Minnesota Chapter
North Central Section**

November 14, 1965

Austin, has a very interesting article printed in this month's issue of the Minnesota Flyer. She tells of their trip to Mexico, South America, and the Caribbean in February. She and 49½er RAY traveled almost 8,000 miles and had some wonderful experiences. RAY received his Instrument Rating just before leaving on the trip. Her story makes any pilot want to get up and go-go-go.

Our next meeting will be a fly-in to Austin, Minn., tentatively set for May 15th with a weather date of May 22nd. See you all there.

OZARK CHAPTER **Hazel Matz, Reporter**

Attending our April meeting were PATTY HURST, VELMA HITE, JEAN FULDNER, EDYTHE WILCOX and daughter FREDDIE, and me. At this meeting we learned that we will be losing our very capable and gracious chairman, PATTY HURST. Her Dr. husband has accepted a position in a hospital at Reding, Calif. We are so very sorry to be losing PATTY but are positive she will add much to whatever Chapter she joins out there.

More bad news! JEAN McCLERNON, a former member, was involved in an auto accident and came out with a couple of broken vertebrae. She is now the proud (?) owner of a body brace which she will wear the rest of the summer. Enough of this kind of news.

Our hats are off to those wonderful Cape girls! What a terrific convention. Our most sincere thanks go to each of them. Those from our Chapter attending the entire meeting were PATTY HURST, JEAN FULDNER, NAOMI JOE WINCHESTER, PHYLLIS DeTAR and me. VELMA HITE attended the banquet and evening activities. A wonderful time was had by all.

To continue a topic brought up in the business meeting at the Sectional, I got out my little pencil and went to work. It was reported that the Ozark Chapter has 18 members. I can find only 14, what with transfers and drop-outs. Three of these have never attended a meeting, one has not attended for the past three or four years, four have attended only occasionally and, with PATTY leaving and another becoming very involved in her work, that seems to leave us with four fairly active members. Doesn't that sound exciting! Guess we all have our problems.



ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER **Shirley Morris, Reporter**

SURPRISE! April Showers! Chairman GEORGIA TILLERY was certainly surprised when the April meeting turned out to be a Surprise Mamma Shower. GEORGIA had surprised all of us by having it announced, in her absence, at the March meeting that the stork would be flying to the TILLERY's sometime in June. Our April hostess, LILY SANDOVAL, used yellow and green as the color theme. The cake, decorated with yellow and green booties, and ice cream were served from the dining table which was graced by a bouquet of yellow daffodils and green tapers. The gift, a lovely gown and matching robe in a sunny yellow, was presented to GEORGIA wrapped in gold paper, carrying out the springtime color theme. GEORGIA was delighted by it all. Aren't surprises nice?

International Convention and Powder Puff Derby

**JUNE 30, 1966
Seattle, Wash.**

There have been several nice things which have happened to our 99s since I last sat down to the typewriter. RANDY and JACK SUTHERLAND's youngest daughter was married early this year, and DONNA and IRBY DOWNEY became Grandparents again. Congratulations! We also have had a lot of traveling 99s. MARIE and NUGGET GROSSETETE took their new camper to Palm Desert, near Palm Springs, Calif., this winter and flew over on weekends for some of that nice warm sun and to do a little golfing. MARIE said they went to Salton Sea for the Easter weekend where some of the family went water skiing. HARRIET NYE has spent the spring on the Mediterranean Sea. Sounds lovely, doesn't it? RANDY SUTHERLAND went fishing. I have been trying to call

RANDY today and since I can't get hold of her, I bet she has gone fishing again! Last time I talked to her, she had just returned from Navajo Lake where the fishing wasn't too good as yet this spring. LILY and SANDY SANDOVAL spent their vacation down at the Big Bend country in Texas. When I asked LILY if they flew, she said they had wanted to do so, but the airfield was too far away from their destination. They have been flying to some Antique Air Shows this spring.

The Albuquerque Chapter has been growing this year by the new 66s that have joined us. In October MARJORY BARRETT and FLORENCE REHM received their 66 pins and in January WANDA COCHRAN and KAY BOND received theirs. WANDA also soloed the day of the January meeting in a T-34 so we brought out the shears and WANDA lost a piece of her petticoat. KAY BOND's solo was in April so last meeting KAY lost a little piece of her's then . . . who's next!

We have had two visitors recently, JOY FEAK, has attended two of our meetings. JOY has her license and we are looking forward to adding her to the growing list of 99s. MARGARET FRICKS came to the April meeting and is our newest 66 candidate.

Congratulations are in order for NADA BORDER, who received her 99 pin at the AMELIA EARHART Dinner that the Albuquerque 99s had with the Zontas on January 19th at the Kirkland Officers Club. It was a fine evening with a large attendance.

Our guest speaker, 49½er BOB MOELLER, brought along one of their high altitude flight suits and we all enjoyed watching it inflate to human form. BOB talked about the 58th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron and their plane, the RB-47. The Zontas and their spouses were really amazed and very interested in learning about the mission of the 58th. COILA MOELLER made the arrangements for the Officers Club and the delicious steak dinner that was served. PHYLLIS DIERRICK was "Director of Centerpieces," cute little Piper Tri-Pacers sitting on Angelhair clouds. It was a lovely evening enjoyed by all.

AUSTIN CHAPTER **Peggy Dougal, Reporter**

We are so pleased to have gained a new member to our Chapter. Our gain is Houston's loss! IMAGENE PRIDDY recently made the transfer. She is helping her husband become established in the cosmetic business here.

That, plus two small children at home, keeps her plenty busy so we were pleased that she could steal the time to attend our March meeting.

For that meeting we met in the new Academic Center on the University of Texas campus. We toured the Aviation History collection which was dedicated in October 1965, and found this an interesting spot to visit. Among the many books and papers were several fascinating scrapbooks containing priceless old photos from the early days of aviation. While the majority of items in the collection are valuable because of their age, that is not necessarily true of all the articles. We were directed to one show case where the souvenir pointed out to us was a fresh new package of cigarettes. The wrapper around the outside said "Air Force One."

After our tour we went next door for a luncheon in the Student Union where we had reservations for a private alcove in the faculty lounge.

COLORADO CHAPTER

Marie Engelman, Reporter

The April 14 meeting was held at the home of MARIE ENGLEMAN in Northglenn and final plans for the South Central Sectional at Jeffco Airport, northwest of Denver, were discussed. Dates are May 20, 21, and 22 and theme of the event is "The Ride of Your Life."

Planes arriving Friday will get a special welcome. Registration will be \$5.00 and headquarters is the Capri, 84th and Valley Hwy., Denver. Jeffco operators will host a cocktail party Friday night and dinner is on your own.

Business meeting is scheduled Saturday morning. 49½ers will tour ATCC at Longmont and lunch there. Proper Saturday afternoon dress will include slacks, as the 99s go to Jeffco for prize rides. Drawings will be held for thrilling rides—in a Stanley Steamer, a helicopter, citiboria, antique cars, various types of airplanes and other means of transportation. Then there will be a very special performance by the Westernaires, a famous young Colorado riding organization.

Back at the Capri, another Jeffco cocktail party and dinner will highlight the evening. Many fabulous prizes have been collected for distribution at the dinner and there will be fun for all. Sunday morning will be fly-away time. MARGE BLUE is Chairman for the Sectional and she has done a terrific job of planning. You-all come.

Colorado 99s now have 51 members and a few others eligible to join are

being contacted by CAROL TILFORD, our efficient Membership Chairman.

Chairman JO DENNIS has been working with a CAP group and spent six hours flying time with the CAP searching for a downed plane last month.

It is with deep regret that we report the "last flight" of 49½er JOHN H. MAXSON, husband of 99 HELEN MAXSON. JOHN died of a heart attack while driving his car home for lunch March 17. Services were in Denver March 19 and interment in Grand Canyon National Cemetery.

Colorado 99s have voted to allow \$15 for the air race and \$15 to the AE Scholarship Fund. A committee was appointed to study the possibility of awarding a flight scholarship in Colorado. The group also plans to purchase blouses with the 99 insignia.

MARILYN NORDSTROM gave up a photo charter recently because she spent so much time fixing the CAP's T-34 which she ferried back from New Hampshire in February. She flew a CAP Navion east and traded planes with the N. H. Wing. MARILYN is CAP maintenance officer and Colorado 99s are mighty proud of her work.

The next meeting will be May 12 with HELEN MAXSON, last chance for work and plans on the big South Central Sectional at Denver.

DALLAS CHAPTER

Mary M. Gauss, Reporter

The Dallas Chapter and the Dallas Aero Sorority were guests at the Zonta Club's luncheon on January 21st, honoring AMELIA EARHART. None other than our lovely Jerry Truhill was the featured speaker.

This was followed on January 27th by a meeting at HAZEL McKENDRICK's home where plans were started on the Physiological Seminar to be held at Greater Southwest Airport on May 7th at 8:30 a.m. The Dallas Chapter 99s and Flight Service Station are co-sponsors. HAZEL McKENDRICK and PEG ONG are serving as co-chairmen in our organization.

The February 24th meeting was held at Parish Hall, St. James Episcopal Church where the NASA films "Four Days in Space" and "Apollo Moon Shot" were shown. Our thanks go to NASA for such an interesting evening.

La Tunisia was the site of our dinner meeting held on March 24th. Two of our prospective members, ANNE ENGLISH and CHARLOTTE BRANNON, were invited to join at this meeting. Plans were discussed again for the

Physiological Seminar on May 7th. The happy news was announced that SUE ANDREWS and her 49½er are now the proud parents of a lovely baby girl.

Our next meeting in April will be at LUCILLE CONNELL's home, honoring our proud little mother, SUE.

EL PASO CHAPTER

Mary Olmstead, Reporter

We cordially welcome three new members: VIVIAN CUSHMAN, NORMA KUDIESY and MARGARET THOMPSON and are happy to have you with us.

MARY FRAN SEIDL, our former Chapter Chairman, will be El Paso's representative in the Powder Puff Derby flying a Mooney Mark 21 and is planning to have FRED DYER WRIGHT, also of El Paso, as her co-pilot.

RUTH DEERMAN, former International President, and EVELYNE WASER, our Chapter Chairman, are planning to be in Denver for the South Central Section Spring Meeting on May 20.

RUTH FLEISHER is now in her newly built home in Florida. Let's have your address, RUTH.

POLLY PEERCE — when are you heading for El Paso? Hope it is soon.

The weatherman was kind for our Air Marking meeting on April 17th. Four planes and one car with a total of 15 left El Paso and arrived in Deming, N. M., at 9 a.m. where FRANCES SLAPE (bless her heart) and some helpers had the letters already outlined. Two hours later there was a bright, shiny orange "DEMING" on the airport apron and 27 gallons less paint in the big drum which FRANCES had on hand with the cooperation of the airport officials.

EVELYNE flew her Cessna 180, taking the Friendly Federal Aviation weather brief, DORIS SHREVE (on her day off—thanks DORIS), and student pilot, EMMA UDOVICH.

MARY FRAN SEIDL flew her 175 with son CHARLES and NORMA KUDIESY.

RUTH DEERMAN flew her Powder Puff Derby Cessna with WIN GRIFFIN.

Your reporter flew her Skylane with 49½er NOEL as co-pilot and her uncle, FRED WEIDNER of New York, and MARGARET THOMPSON as passengers.

LOIS HALEY, Chapter Secretary, forsook the skyway for the highway and had son ANDY and his friend, LARRY MIZAR, as passengers.

To all—we say "THANK YOU" for doing a grand job. Adios, Amigos.

HOUSTON CHAPTER

Louise Bickford, Reporter

Our April meeting was business, Business, BUSINESS at Chairman MARY ABLE's home with JOAN HAZELHURST as co-hostess. Those attending were MARY BURKE, SUZANNE INKLEY, VIRGIE ELLISON, MABEL EDITH OLIVER, SALLY COX, LOUISE BICKFORD, MARY JANE NORRIS, MARILYN STONEBERG, MAYBELLE FLETCHER, MARTHA AKINS, GINNY SMITH, DEEDE PERKINS, DELLE HIGHTOWER and ALICE SEABORN. Our guest was KATHERINE SHELDON, who has a private license and who should be a new 99 by next meeting.

A lot of flying activities have taken place this past month either as a Chapter or individually.

Our second attempt to airmark Galveston was quite a success after being rained out the Saturday before. However, MARY ABLE, Petticoat Pilot BETTY CHEATHAM, and LOUISE BICKFORD did manage to get the letters marked off in the rain. Those flying down to complete the job were BETTY CHEATHAM going with MARY ABLE in her Cessna 195, SALLY COX and our newest 99 BARBARA BARTOLLETT riding with MABEL EDITH OLIVER in a rented Cessna 172, and IDA MORTON ROSS arriving from Texas City in her J-3 with daughter IDA MORTON RINKER.

Those driving down were MAYBELLE and LARRY FLETCHER, MARY JANE and BOB NORRIS and GINNY and FORREST SMITH.

DELLE and GENE HIGHTOWER flew friends up to Searcy, Ark., one weekend to pick up a new car. Headwinds were so strong coming back to Houston the HIGHTOWERS decided to leave the airplane and drive back.

While the HIGHTOWERS were having problems with headwinds, that same weekend your reporter was fortunate enough to have the same wind on the tail and flew from San Antonio to Houston in one hour and 15 minutes in a Cessna 170.

The following weekend MARTHA and BILL AKINS flew the HIGHTOWERS back to Arkansas to pick up their plane and take in the night spots of Hot Springs on Saturday night.

One beautiful afternoon your reporter and MARTHA AKINS flew up to visit ORA MAE and BEN BOSWELL on their farm at Flynn. We found ORA MAE under the weather with the flu and BEN busy mowing the pastures and runway. BEN did stop work long

enough to fly back to Houston with us to pick up his Cessna 175 and fly it up to the farm. The following Saturday your reporter went solo to College Station for an afternoon at the horse show.

MARILYN STONEBERG made the Texas State Aviation Assn. fly-in to El Paso and chatted briefly with RUTH DEERMAN and JUANITA BURDICK. They reported a marvelous time with so much to do there was no time for sleeping.

Lucky MARILYN has a sponsor and an airplane to fly in the International Air Race. Her co-pilot will be RUTH HILDEBRAND. We all wish these girls the best of luck.

MARY ABLE and ALICE SEABORN are working on new ratings—MARY hopes to take her commercial check ride in the very near future and ALICE is taking glider lessons.

Ninety-Nines attending the Pilot Controller Forum sponsored by the Air Traffic Control Assn. at the Rice Hotel were MARY ABLE, MARTHA AKINS, IDA MORTON ROSS, MARY JANE NORRIS and LOUISE BICKFORD.

Our June 14th meeting will be a dinner and tour of the new Air Traffic Control Center at Houston's new jet airport. This should certainly be an interesting meeting and we hope to see all Chapter members present.

Your reporter had a delightful telephone conversation with ELEANOR BAILEY from Calgary, Canada, and member of the Montana Chapter.

She was on a business trip with her husband and was on way back home. Sorry her schedule did not permit us time to get together.

Until next month—happy flying.

KANSAS CHAPTER

Mildred Early, Reporter

Several of our 99s have been "in the air" in recent weeks. GENE NORA JESSEN celebrated St. Patrick's Day at the FAA Center in OKC where she took a Physiology course. She reported that the altitude chamber flight and decompression are very interesting.

March found us at the Country Kitchen enjoying dinner with JERRIE MOCK, her husband, RUSSELL, and FRANK HERN. As you all know, JERRIE successfully broke the women's long distance record. MR. HERN

is at present in Alaska and as soon as the weather is favorable will attempt to break another record by flying his Cessna 150 non-stop from Fairbanks to Tallahassee, Fla. His flight differs from JERRIE's in that it is a weight class flight. On March 29th, 14 of our 99s entertained at a going-away luncheon for ESTHER ISAACS. Our Chapter presented her with an AMELIA EARHART Medal. ESTHER's new address is: 3801 Boca Chica Blvd., Apt. 19, Brownsville, Texas.

We know all of you would like to join us in congratulating JOYCE FUNSCH—she received her ATR rating March 22nd! On April 17th JOYCE was spotlighted on "Focus," a program on KAKE-TV. She was interviewed in regard to her accomplishments in aviation as well as women's role in aviation.

GENE NORA JESSEN flew via Musketeer to the East Coast April 11th. While in New York, DORIS RENINGER arranged a tour for GENE NORA in the New York Port of Authority helicopter. GENE NORA reports that it was fabulous and rather a shock for a fixed wing pilot to fly right up to the Statue of Liberty and stop in front of her crown and wave to the tourists and almost more than she could take to land on top of one of the tall buildings. From New York, she jetted to Los Angeles in five hours. GENE NORA has been participating in the AOPA Flight Clinic and then will head toward Michigan for some speaking engagements and hopefully a visit with 99 BERNICE STEADMAN.

Our April Ponca City Tri-Chapter meeting was a big success! Twenty-three from Kansas Chapter attended. It was a terribly windy day and several planes were nosed over, but as far as we were able to determine, none were 99 airplanes.

GARNETT HASTINGS and GENE NORA showed their Wing Scout Troop a movie followed by a class discussion in regard to the "Use of the Computer" at their April meeting.

NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Florence M. Boring, Reporter

So what did the weatherman give us for the Ninety-Nines April meeting, held March 27 in Omaha? Fog—nice, soft, white, fluffy fog over the Eppler Airport at Omaha, but just until after we had all finally assembled from driving in! Perhaps he thought we were just too early with our April meeting. However, we needed an early session to finish assembling the list of donors of

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leg prizes and other goodies for the Powder Puff Derby stop in Kearney, July 2-5. LEAH SNART, Chairman of the committee, reported that the Kearney businessmen had donated \$425.00 for leg prizes for the No. 6 leg, Rock Springs, Wyo., to Kearney, Nebr., to be awarded at the AWTAR Banquet at the close of the race and an additional \$200.00 to be awarded locally. Good work, LEAH.

The frustration of driving instead of flying, somewhat soothed by LEAH's happy news, was even further abated by the especially fine program. MR. WILLIAM LANG, Air Traffic Control Specialist from Omaha Tower, presented a very interesting and informative talk on Wake Turbulence, illustrating his facts with charts and photographs of light planes which had actually crashed as the result of getting into the disturbed air left by bigger, faster planes.

Ninety-Nines present were LEAH SNART, TOMMIE GEYERMAN, JAN HEINS, VERDAYNE MENZE, JEAN GIVEN, EVELYN SEDIVY, ANITA THOMAS, FLORENCE BORING, BARBARA KREJCI, SHIRLEY AMEN, HELEN EHRLICH, MARTHA PURDY and CATHERINE MARSH. PEGGY STROMER and DONNA BRUMMER of Lincoln and MARY LOU PHELPS and JANICE KNEIFL of Omaha were our very welcome guests.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

Marian Burke, Reporter

Those who missed the fly-in at BURKE Ranch on March 20 missed plenty of food and fun and a great chance to swap flying stories with friends they hadn't had a chance to visit with for a while. Aircraft flying in even included two home-built planes that we all enjoyed inspecting.

We are finding several new pilots around the area that are working real hard on ratings and we certainly hope to have them in our 99 group in the near future.

MARIAN BURKE just returned from a Cherokee trip to San Francisco—by way of El Paso and Phoenix. She flew her mother and aunt back to San Antonio. Her aunt is almost 79 years old and it was her first plane ride and she loved it.

Everyone is busy trying to find a plane and a sponsor for the Air Races so not much idle time is available.

Its getting summer time and the weather is great for flying—so see you around the pattern or on a cross country to some interesting place!

TIP OF TEXAS CHAPTER

Elaine Needham, Reporter

Hello, flying gals!

We recently had a luncheon meeting. ARDATH McCREERY flew up from McAllen to attend, bringing with her a prospective member.

Distance and time makes it difficult for us to communicate regularly or to have regular meetings, but when we do get together it is always very interesting and we get caught up on all the news. Here is the latest:

LOUISE CLARKSON and husband have been in Mexico City attending a geology convention.

PAULINE GLASSON and ELAINE NEEDHAM recently completed five air markers, rising at dawn on a Friday day and Saturday only to find it too foggy to start until 11 a.m. One marker could not be finished until long after the sun went down. We had to do it by flashlight and didn't get off the roof until 8:30.

Our roof-top scouts, MERLE DUNNAM and VEDA TENNENT, start out ahead of scheduled air marking trips to secure roof tops and get permission from owners to paint the marker on their roof. Then we partners hop in the air marking car to swing our brushes from dawn to dusk.

PAULINE GLASSON has recently graduated two very interesting students. One was a college student from Mexico City who hardly knew a word of English and passed his written with a score of 96 after two months and two days of instruction for a Private License.

Another student hailing from Huddersfield, England, received his Private in the time between February 16 and March 17! He scored a 90 on the written. PAULINE says this is somewhat of a record.

MARIAN BURKE recently put on another fly-in at her ranch in Boerne, Texas. The proceeds netted \$50.00 for the air marking fund. The nearby San Antonio Ninety-Nines were also hostesses at the fly-in.

JEAN BECK received her Private License, then took off for two weeks vacation in Jamaica.

TULSA CHAPTER

Jean Engler, Reporter

Three lashes with an Etiquette book to those who didn't quite make it to the April meeting, sans a regret.

BETTY NATION and NANCY CAIN drove in from Pryor, LOIS MARTIN from Collinsville, LYDIA GUTIERREZ, DOROTHY JOHNSON, AGNES HELL-

MAN, COLLEEN WHITE, BETTY PLUMMER, MARY SHADDOCK and LEA BAKER from home and we all gathered around my coffee table. I treated (?) them to my slides from Switzerland.

COLLEEN, NANCY, LYDIA, LEA, MARY SHADDOCK, JAN MAURITSON, SHIRLEY GREENBERG, ANNAHLEE JONES, DONNA SAMPSON and TRISH SMITH went to the Ponca City fly-in. One victim of the wind was ANNAHLEE's Tri-Pacer. Some prop damage but no one was injured, thank goodness.

BETTY NATION has a new 310. She tried it out on an IFR to Houston and Beaumont. She is now working with 16 Air Scouts in Pryor and the 6th grade Science Class at Wagoner. This is in between the charters and flight school. Please pass the vitamins.

NANCY CAIN is working on her Commercial. DOROTHY JOHNSON flew to Norman and was weathered in for three days. AGNES got in a trip to Hot Springs and Texas. JUDY HELLMAN is completing her instrument and is instructing for Air Oasis in San Diego.

WALT PLUMMER, JOHNNY and I played typical taxpayer the other day and went through part of the FAA facilities in Oklahoma City. Big thrill when JOHNNY got to fly the 707 Simulator with DOTTIE YOUNG's very nice 49½er coaching. Then we had a guided tour of the huge warehouse—what a place. Hope all of you take time some day to see it. Gotta run, see you next month.



EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER

Diane Jex, Reporter

Our March meeting was held at MARY KILBOURNE's home in Pocatello. Present were ONITA HOFF, VIRGINIA FINKELNBURG, ARLENE BAILEY, DIANE JEX, MARY KILBOURNE and DARLENE LEATHAM, a little sister from Idaho Falls.

A short business meeting was held during which the ballots were counted from our recent election for Chapter officers. The new officers are: DIANE JEX, Chairman; JORGA STAPP, Vice

Chairman; VIRGINIA FINKELNBURG, Secretary; EMMALYN PAYNE, Treasurer; and ARLENE BAILEY, Reporter. ONITA HOFF will remain Scrapbook Chairman. MARY and GRANT KILBOURNE have just returned from a three week trip to South America.

In April CHARLES and BETTY STORRS were in eastern Idaho visiting friends and MARY served a chicken dinner to several of the 99s. JORGA STAPP was able to fly over from Gooding and we all spent several pleasant hours visiting with CHUCK and BETTY and sons.

FRANCES CUNNINGTON is working on her Commercial license. A new radio and omni has been installed in the HOFF plane and ONITA has been taking radio and instrument instructions. DICK HOFF is working toward his Commercial too. We are happy to report that MARK HOFF's eye surgery was successful and he has sight in both eyes now. GLEN JEX passed his written instrument exam and is finishing his flight time for his instrument check ride.

The most important business for our Chapter at this time is the AWTAR stop in Pocatello. MARY KILBOURNE and ARLENE BAILEY are planing to attend the Section meeting in Everett, Wash., in April, where they will be informed of the many activities the race stop will involve.

Our April Chapter meeting is scheduled for the 20th at which time the new officers will be installed and work will begin on the Race Stop.

We would like to extend an invitation to all of you who may be flying into the Eastern Idaho area to call any of us. It's always nice to meet old friends and make new ones.

FAR WEST CHAPTER **Barbara LaRue, Reporter**

JIMMY ALLEN was erroneously reported as JIMMY ADAMS in the last news. My apologies, JIMMY, it must have been a poor telephone connection.

We are still elated with the success of the spring art show. We netted \$192.96, with one-half donated to Diversified Industries, a local organization for the handicapped. We were fortunate in having professional artists to hang the paintings and amateurs helping in other ways. The show is well accepted among the artists as we don't charge an entry fee or a commission on the sale of paintings. We rely on a general admission and had more than 250 viewers this year. A great deal of



HIDEKO YOKOYAMA, LYGIE HAGAN and YAE NOZOKI, above, taken at the Tokyo Hilton Hotel during the afternoon LYGIE HAGAN spent with our two Ninety-Nines in Tokyo, Japan. HIDEKO and her husband own and operate a General Aviation Service. As Chief Pilot, HIDEKO instructs and does Charter Flying, including trips to Okinawa and other countries. YAE is a private pilot and is Director of Womens Aviation Association of Japan.

local publicity was given it in the form of newspaper pictures and articles, so we didn't have to purchase ads. In view of this success, the Bellingham group is considering a fall art show in their area.

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Many of us are making plans to attend the Spring Sectional in Everett tomorrow. ELEN DUNCAN is leaving today in order to attend the Chapter Chairman's meeting. Hoping to fly over in the morning are MARGARET LAYTON, MARY KOCHANNEK and BARBARA LaRUE from the peninsula. LYNNE MAHLBERG will be coming from Bellingham and the rest of the CHAPTER haven't been heard from.

MONTANA CHAPTER
Bev Ledbetter, Reporter

I had hoped for a last minute report of the Sectional Meeting held in Everett, Wash., from ELSIE CHILDS and LAULETTE HANSEN who attended from our Chapter but due to snow storms and bad weather they did not arrive home in time to give me any news of the meeting.

The April meeting in Missoula should be a newsy one and next month should bring more news for this column.

Big Sky Flying: News of a Mexican vacation taken in February by three Great Falls 99 members is a little on the late side, but better late than not at all. ROSEMARY and DON BOWMAN flew down in their 182 Cessna, JIM and DOTTIE PAYNE in their Bonanza, and KEN and LUELLA NELSON in a Mooney Mark 21.

First stop was Las Vegas, in Nevada that is . . . then into Mexico. Mazatlan was reached on Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras and the celebration was indiscribable. Other stops were made at Manzanillo, Zihuatanejo, Acapulco, and Mexico City. They enjoyed the many sights, old churches, ancient ruins, modern university at Mexico City but enjoyed most the west coast with its deep sea fishing and lazy sun filled days of doing nothing. They hope to return again. An ancient Mexican dance, called the Aztec Two-Step which LU took the time to learn, I am anxious to see demonstrated. A stop in Phoenix and then home with lots of pictures and many happy memories completed the trip.

KARIN RIBI recently made a trip to Glendive to deliver a Labrador dog. All went well, the dog behaved perfectly. KARIN mentioned that this was her longest trip to date. I knew that she had made many trips to Seattle and I couldn't believe she could fly in three states, Montana, Idaho and Washington, and cover a shorter distance than flying from Hamilton to Glendive, all within the boundary of one state. After checking the maps I can see we do have a large state and she had flown a longer distance on this trip.

MARY STEVENSON was to have taken the Instrument Flight Instructor flight check on March 23. Assuming "no news is good news" and knowing MARY, I am sure congratulations are in order.

Our membership is increasing by leaps and bounds. It is hard to keep current on new members. A friendly welcome goes this month to JUANITA HUBBER, Butte, and MARY ANN

JORDON, Wilsall. There may be more by this time but having no official word of three that I can think of and possibly five new members, I will wait until next month to greet them officially.

Welcome
and
Congratulations
to our new
Northwest Oregon
Chapter

NORTHWEST OREGON CHAPTER
Betty Prakken, Reporter

The newly-formed Northwest Oregon Chapter is off to a flying start. The officers for this year are BARBARA DAUFEL, Chairman; BETTY PRAKKEN, Vice Chairman; MARILYN ANDERSON, Secretary; and ETHELYN OPHEIM, Treasurer.

BOBBIE HAYS has just received her flight instructor rating. Congratulations from all of us, BOBBIE!

We are now working on decorations for the 1966 Seattle Convention. Our project is a large picture of AMELIA EARHART in mosaic style. MARION BUSBY has the talent and the rest of us try to help.

On March 23rd, MARCELLA OTHUS, BOBBIE HAYS, JO-NEAL HARRIS and BETTY PRAKKEN met at the airport with the AWTAR Route Directors. MARION BANKS, RUBY KEAVENY and RUTH REINHOLD, Inspector, flew from San Diego in perfect weather—the kind we are going to have for the Derby.

We are manning the Pendleton stop and as an alternate, Portland International was chosen. Pendleton is a very air-minded town and we have so much cooperation we are afraid they will be disappointed if some girls don't stop. We are trying to plan a leg prize to encourage the girls to stop. MARION warned us it might be feast or famine (according to that perfect weather), so we are preparing for both.

MARCELLA OTHUS and family flew to Disneyland recently. They ran into such headwinds on the way home they

felt the plane was standing still. In a Bonanza yet!

JO-NEAL HARRIS had the privilege of flying an Aero Commander recently. With help she landed it too.

Our Chapter is contributing some posters of original design as advertisements for the Powder Puff Derby.

ETHELYN OPHEIM and MARION BUSBY flew to Coos Bay, Ore., and had to have an instrument pilot get them back through a 2,000 foot layer stratus—three miles visibility and fog.

MARCY WOLFORD has made so many flying trips to California in her new Bonanza we can never find her home.

ANN BROWN and 49½er VAL are on a flying vacation to Palm Springs.

PUGET SOUND CHAPTER
Nita Matheson, Reporter

The Northwest Spring Sectional was held in Everett April 15 and 16. The Regional Meeting for finalizing the Powder Puff Derby preparations was hosted by the Puget Sound Chapter. Friday evening's buffet at the Monte Cristo Hotel was attended by 38 members. There was a Chairman's meeting following dinner, after which most of the 99s present congregated in the hospitality room for snacks, chatter, picture taking and a general good time.

Forty-six managed to get up in time for the 7:30 Saturday breakfast. A few more came for the general business meeting, which HELEN APPEL opened with announced schedule of events. About 100 entries for the race are expected which means close to 200 pilots will compete in this 20th annual race.

ELENE DUNCAN of the Far West Chapter showed a sample of the gaily decorated goodie bag and many of the things which it will contain.

JAY LAWRENCE of the Western Washington Chapter showed samples of many clever decorations and signs to be used. A design for decals and shoulder patches and a monumental collage portrait of AMELIA EARHART by the Oregon Chapter were displayed.

MAX CONRAD's song "Let's Fly" has been adopted, with his permission, as a theme.

ILOVENE POTTER of the Western Washington Chapter gave a briefing on the facilities which will be available at Boeing Field and the methods of handling planes for contestants and visitors. JOYCE HARDING listed requirements for Impound and Inspection.

Members present were from Mon-

tana, Idaho, Oregon and British Columbia as well as this state. PAT GILDA of the Alaska Chapter drove from Prince George, B. C. She said weather was bad up there and she had 20 miles of glare ice on the way down. WINNIFRED LOVELACE of Bozeman, Mont., also drove. That's real dedication. Many enjoyed the good flying weather we had here.

Fifty-three attended the luncheon at the Alpine Restaurant. The floral arrangements by MARGARET AMES were superb. People found it hard to believe those huge magnolias were real. There was a comb-out demonstration and a style-show—greatly enjoyed by BUD DUNCAN of Western Airlines, the only male present.

BETTY CURRAN flew BETTY WADSWORTH of Victoria, B. C., home in her Cessna 310J. MARCH DEXTER went along for the ride and got to "take the controls" on the way back. In retaliation, MARCH took BETTY up for her first ride in an Aeronca Champ.

BETTY CURRAN and MILDRED PEARSON made a flight to Palm Springs, Calif., Baton Rouge, La., Houston, Texas, Wichita, Kans., and Salt Lake City, Utah. They had beautiful weather to Palm Springs and points South but encountered everything in the book on their return trip home.

This reporter wishes to express many thanks to MARCH DEXTER for her reporting of the Spring Sectional and for the notes she supplied for the Newsletter. See you in Seattle!

SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER **Geneva Oleson, Reporter**

February, March and April meetings were held in Rapid City, S. D. Noon luncheons were held at the airport cafe with business meetings in FAA headquarters offices of DOROTHY LEE and JEAN TOUGH.

We welcome two new members into our Chapter. ELIZABETH MAGNUSON, Private Pilot, and LOIS SAXTON, physical therapist, Private Pilot, Rapid City.

PHYLLIS PETERSON and 49½er DAN have winged their way across the country to California for the second time this year. The PETERSONS are members of the Variety Clubs of America and had attended a benefit in Palm Springs, Calif. PHYLLIS flew back to Brookings, S. D., in 7:30 in their Bonanza.

LENETTE MACY, Rapid City, has been checking out in a Mooney. BETTY DAVIS, Rapid City, with a flight instructor rating, was one of 70 to 80

flight instructors to be selected to participate in a Flight Instructor Seminar in South Dakota. She was the only woman in the class.

LOIS CHISHOLM, Fort Pierre, S. D., wife of National Flying Farmer President for this year, has had many hours of cross country flights. Her most noted one to date was the wonderful Texas reception in El Paso, with the Texas Chapters hostessing a luncheon, style show and hospitality in true Texas style. Past President RUTH DEERMAN spoke to the group. This she felt was a wonderful experience.

The Flying Farmer organization had 17 planes get together and flew to South America during the winter months. LOIS said this was a wonderful flying trip and she enjoyed the flight to Costa Rica and the planned activities for them. This sounds like a good 99 flight!

WILMA JACOBSON, Hot Springs, S. D., pilot, flew into Rapid City for the April meeting. She had not been flying and logging much time to date. She is a busy woman with beauty pageants again this year.

International Convention and Powder Puff Derby

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ELIZABETH MAGNUSON, our newest member, is an avid sports fan in swimming and karate. She and her Dr. husband flew commercial jet to Jamaica this winter.

KAY VOGEL, Bismarck, N. D., gave information on a panel for the Aviation Operators meeting on the ownership of the club airplane.

MILDRED TELCAMP, a former member of the South Dakota Chapter, has submitted her resignation. We hope she can be with us again at a later date.

AUDREY BAIRD, President of the South Dakota Chapter from Dickinson, N. D., has received and been using her Instrument Rating. This makes a record of achievement for AUDREY, wife of attorney LaROY BAIRD, she received her Commercial license one month before her baby girl was born (3 boys) and on the baby's first birthday she had her Instrument ticket.

This makes all our excuses sound rather foolish. We congratulate this fortitude that really makes our women the pilots they are.

CAROL RAYBURN, Brookings, S. D., has been continuing her tough schedule for student pilots at the college. She also reported the loss of their airplane in a severe wind storm. Her instrument student brother received his rating.

SOUTHERN OREGON CHAPTER **Gladys Burrill, Reporter**

After a siege of cold and snow, during the past winter months, our very welcome spring weather has returned once more to Southern Oregon. Eyes are once again yearningly scanning the blue skies while hurriedly getting that last bit of ironing and house cleaning finished. Oh well—there's always another day for those household chores. That wild blue yonder is beckoning us to take a few moments for a needed spin. So . . .

Our March meeting of the Southern Oregon Chapter met at the Medford Airport in the Oregon Pilot's Association clubroom. Anyone walking in would have seen five heads bent over their work, busily snipping and sewing on their favors for the big convention in Seattle. The flu bug caught up with some of us. We are hoping all ten of us will be back for our April meeting.

Our BERNADINE BENNING has been in Southern California pursuing her multi-engine rating. Received a note from her the other day saying she now has her rating in a Cessna 310. Congratulations, BERNADINE. Also received a clipping from the Van Nuys newspaper telling of BERNADINE's volunteer piloting for Los Ayudantes, an organization with a project for needy in the Tijuana area. BERNADINE flies medicines and supplies to Clinica Buena Vista in Tijuana.

When my 49½er and I were on our way to Mexico, we landed at Lockheed terminal shortly after the tower had caught fire. They did a magnificent job controlling air traffic from their impromptu control. Before takeoff the next morn, I turned around and bumped into BERNADINE—a happy surprise. Mexico was wonderful with all that warm sunshine when we were up to our necks in snow at home. Our BINA MILLER and her 49½er also headed south to Puerto Vallarta. They enjoyed this friendly little town as much as we did.

We'll be seeing you at Northwest Section Spring Meeting at Everett, Wash.



Some of Wyoming's 99s, left to right, MABEL ANESI, Lander; BETTY ADAMS, NIKI WEAVER and DOROTHY MISNER, Worland; and PAULINE POWERS, Greybull. Picture by 49½er DALE WEAVER.

Welcome
and
Congratulations
to our new
Wyoming Chapter

WYOMING CHAPTER
Dorothy Misner, Reporter

Sky Aviation was the place, April 3rd the date, for a specially called meeting to make plans for our Chapter presentation. MABEL ANESI drove from Lander and PAULINE POWERS from Greybull, since the weather was definitely not CAVU. BETTY ADAMS, NIKI WEAVER and DOROTHY MISNER, all of Worland, made up the rest of the group. I don't need to tell you that we are all pretty excited as the date for our Chapter presentation at this writing is just three days ahead and we are all running around like chickens with our heads off, wondering what in the world we have forgotten to do. We are looking forward to meeting DONNA MYERS, International Vice President, from Denver, and LOLETTA HANSON, our Northwest Section Trea-

surer, from Havre, Mont. So until next time when the Wyoming Chapter of Ninety-Nines will be officially part of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., good flying and God bless.



EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER
Dottie Sanders, Reporter

BEVERLY BUCKWALTER was our charming hostess for our March meeting which was attended by two interesting guests: CAP Cadet CAROL ROGERS, who was the recipient of the solo scholarship sponsored jointly by the San Diego and El Cajon Valley Chapters, and a brand new member, LYNN COULTHARD. LYNN is no stranger to our Chapter since she has helped us immeasurably as a Roadrunner in our various projects prior to and during the Start of the 1965 Powder Puff Derby. She is a Dental Hygienist and utilizes her license in her profession by making weekly trips to Brawley, Calif., where she keeps her appointments one day per week. She is already making news by attending a Dental Tour to the Orient in early May and will fly via BOAC to Tokyo, Taipei, Bangkok and Singapore.

AILEEN SAUNDERS has honored our Chapter by having been appointed to the San Diego Airport Planing Commission. Congratulations, AILEEN!

A "Fun Flight" on March 20, sponsored by San Diego Chapter, was enjoyed by four of our members. BARBARA ALMAND, now living in Apple Valley, flew down to participate, DOTTIE CAMPBELL and 49½er DICK, ISABELLE McCRAE with BETTY and BUD McNEIL (you'll remember BETTY as ISABELLE's co-pilot in former Powder Puff Derbies) and DOTTIE SANDERS with CLAUDIA WARD, a student pilot and daughter of 99 DOTTIE DAVIS. ISABELLE tied for third place in estimating her time to land at Palomar Airport after traveling the course of a little over 100 miles and estimating the amount of fuel to be used.

A wonderful time at the Southwest Section meeting at Las Vegas is reported by ISABELLE McCRAE and ANNA BLEDSOE, who flew up with LOIS and HARRY BARTLING in their Bonanza. ANN fought off the slot machines all weekend but finally put a nickel in one at the airport just before leaving to come home and, wouldn't you know, she won a \$5.00 jackpot with just one nickel!

Meantime, LEAH LIERSCH and DOTTIE SANDERS helped Gillespie Field with an unscheduled fly-in and spot landing contest sponsored by JEANNE ROSE, Rose Aviation, Hawthorne Airport. The fly-in was scheduled to go to Palm Desert, but when the weatherman obscured the mountains with clouds, they came down here. LEAH and DOTTIE drove cars, furnished by Avis Rent-A-Car, to take them to the Flying Hills Country Club for lunch.

BOO and CHRIS CHRISTENSEN plan a relaxing vacation in the White Mountains of Arizona in May, after the busy income tax season. MAC HUNTINGTON will leave for Ohio State University June 10 for an Instructor's Refresher Course.

We plan to honor our Indian members at our April meeting at the home of ANNA BLEDSOE in Oceanside. ANN will prepare dinner for us with dishes of India and show us movies that she has taken on previous trips there. We hope to tape our meeting and send it to our members in Bombay to help become better acquainted. Wonder who will win the Aux Tank, which was missed at our March meeting by DORIS RITCHEY.

FALLON CHAPTER

Elaine Brown, Reporter

Just returned from a delightful trip to Grass Valley and back with LOIS BROWN in her beautiful Blue Twin Comanche. LOIS picked up her "little" nephew. Was I surprised to see a six foot, 28-year-old, father of two, clamber into the cabin! You know, it would save a lot of discussion if the printers of the Sectionals were to have the names of most of the High Sierra lakes on them. We've fished them all, as has LOIS' "little" nephew, and I've noted all the "nicer meadows" for emergency landings, but from the air they take on added miles. Can just hear someone calling over 121.5 "I'm going to set it down on the meadow beside the third lake to the north of Signal Peak." Just a suggestion. Must say, it was a beautiful day and a lovely flight. LOIS made the trip to Grass Valley the week before Easter too, to pick up her sister for a weekend visit.

LOIS WILLIAMS and JUDY HISLE have been making almost daily sojourns in LOIS' Tri-Pacer, flying locally and also hopping over to Fallon to see FRAN and GUS GUSTAVSON.

JANE JANSSEN has temporarily replaced stacking hours at Republican headquarters. She has become as efficient at her secretarial post as her flying one. We'll be glad to see her back when the next election is over. JANE and BILL have their Cessna 170 up for sale and already have their sights on its replacement. Good thing these planes aren't human. Think of the rejection complexes!

VALERIE SYLVESTER, DE and RICK BAER flew from Reno to Mazatlan where they stayed overnight, then over the gulf to Palmilla for three days of deep sea fishing. VAL caught a 150 pound black marlin. RICK played the role of UPI man, standing up on the cabin of the boat taking pictures of all the action. Their next stop was Muleje to look around, then to LaPaz, and finally they headed home. However, the usual sunny weather in Phoenix gave out and they were weathered in for four days! Don't think they tried very hard to leave as the rodeo was there and not one of these three pilots would miss a good horse show. VAL says they did make the effort to leave each day, going so far as to check out of the motel, turn in the rented car, file a flight plan, climb in the airplane, taxi to the runway, watch the ceiling close in, taxi back and go through the rented car, motel routine all over again. We should be treated to some

dandy pictures of their trip as they had five cameras along!

DOROTHY and CARROLL STAUFF spent a delightful day spurring their Cessna 182 over to Mariposa Airport, forty miles from Yosemite. They rented a car for the hour's ride into the valley where DOROTHY reports the falls were full (a beautiful sight) and the Redbud, I hear, is a gorgeous bush with blossoms ranging from pink to lavender. To sum up, the STAUFFS had one of those perfect days!

Trip of the month award goes to LOIS WILLIAMS for the grandest idea yet for little boys' birthday parties. LOIS took all the gang for a ride in her Tri-Pacer. What a thrill for the little chaps! But imagine four pairs of little boys' keds concentrated in one cabin! Must have been bracing! Bet the air vents came in handy.

Well enough of this degenerate thinking, see you next month.

FRESNO CHAPTER

Ginny Russell, Reporter

Fresno aviation circles are now boasting 50 additional Pinch Hitter pilots!

Under the sponsorship of the Fresno 99s, the well-known AOPA course was presented to the enthusiastic participants. The curriculum was planned for a two-week period by capable Chairman VOLINE DODGSON and her assistants, BETTY MACPHERSON, BARBARA FALLER and GINNY RUSSELL. Fresno's Chapter Chairman, HELEN SMITH, gave instruction for the four ground school sessions with superb talent while her artistic charts and diagrams helped clarify the principles. These on-the-ground series utilized the new headquarters of the Fresno County Sheriff's Air Squadron.

The corresponding four hours of flight training was under the guidance of FAA qualified instructors operating from Fresno's two city-owned airports. BETTY HICKS utilized her new instructor rating during this program.

Most of the Pinch Hitter participants were women whose pilot-husbands enthusiastically supported their efforts. After two weeks of feverish touch-and-go activity at the airports, a banquet was prepared (and delightfully decorated by KATHIE McNAMARA) to fete the 50 graduates. Upon arrival, they were greeted by hostess CLAU-

DELL FALLER, past Chapter Chairman CAROL BUGAY, and Treasurer LOU FREEMAN. The applause was lengthy and loud, by spouses, instructors, guests and 99 members, as diplomas were awarded.

Ever-alert Membership Chairman MARIE KEMPLE busily snapped pictures of the new Pinch Hitter graduates. The enthusiasm with which many of the 50 have continued flying lessons would indicate that Fresno's membership rolls will expand!

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Rachel Bonzon, Reporter

Our thanks and appreciation to the Las Vegas Valley Chapter for a delightful time at the Spring Sectional. From start to finish, the hospitality and entertainment were generous and enjoyable. Those attending from our Chapter were ANN LODWIG, SALLY LAFORGE, MARY ANN KASLOW, JEAN IVANOFF, LINA BLACKMORE, VIRGINIA SHOWERS, TILLIE KLEMENTS, REBECCA HELD, and RACHEL BONZON. We're wondering how come five zero tango carried passengers and luggage okay TO Las Vegas, but after VIRGINIA played all those one-armed bandits, she had to send her suitcase home separately, because of the overload.

Plans are proceeding for our fly-in soar-out at Skylark Airport, Elsinore, Calif. The firm date now is May 22. Welcome to a day of fun!

We enjoyed hearing about LINA BLACKMORE's exciting trip to El Paso via Skylane, to pick up her son who had just completed basic training at Fort Bliss. She reported seeing plenty of unsimulated weather both ways.

VIVIAN THOMPSON, as 'Keokeolani' (blonde head—not green or purple any more) is modeling and dancing at a fashion show every Wednesday evening. She and her group will be entertaining with Hawaiian and Tahitian dancing at luaus during the summer. We hear 49½er KEN can really swing it too.

MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER

Stormie (Eleanor) Carlson, Reporter

Spring has really come to our peninsula—my plum and apple trees haven't space for more blossoms, and one can usually safely predict an early morning VFR departure. And several of our gals have been doing just that. ANNA MAE PARKS has been exercising her 172 by taking up fellow secretaries at Gavilan College where she works in the Aviation Dept. I was on an airplane

Remember—it's the
San Diego - Fallon Fun Race
June 11



Las Vegas Valley Chapter Vice-Chairman **JUANITA DALY**, left, presents the first Governor's Cup to Southwest Section Governor **PATRICIA LAMBART**. This Cup will be inscribed with the name of each succeeding Southwest Section Governor and their term of office.

buying trip to Los Angeles yesterday and was "lost" when I could see Long Beach from the Van Nuys Hills. And what were all those islands out there? Several weeks ago the Santa Clara Chapter had a luncheon fly-in to Monterey and SALLY PLUMMER caught wind of it and made a tremendous "Welcome" sign to greet the girls as well as arranging transportation to Cannery Row for lunch. Included in their fly-in was: MARY LAIL, NOVIS PERCIVAL, JEANNE McELHATTON, SUE POPPLEWELL, AMY SYLVESTRY, VIRGINIA HORNER, MARION BARNICK, JACKIE PETTY, ELEANOR DINZERY, NANCY MUIE, ALICE D. TAYLOR, ELLE BAILEY, VIVIAN ESLER, JACKIE SACHEN, SARAH

CARLTON, and MADELINE MUIR. From the Monterey Bay Chapter we had flying in from Salinas: DELL HINN, GENEVA CRANFORD, and GERE HALFPENNY (our new 66). PHYL PIERCE and KAY MUNDY also flew in along with a D. ? in a Cessna 206—N5175U. We certainly enjoyed having the gals come and hope to meet more of you all on such fun events.

SHIRLEY GOLDRING's Pebble Beach home was the meeting place for the February gathering of the Monterey Bay 99s. Of course we are busy thinking about and planning for the Las Vegas Sectional. We learned that HELEN SHROPSHIRE took advantage of a clear day to show off The Monterey Peninsula as well as San Francis-

co area to two girls, MYRTLE CLAPP and a friend from Montana—a lovely flight for a first ride. N5017P, the SHROPSHIRE's 180 Comanche, is sporting a fresh engine after some 1200 hours in eight years.

BARBARA DICKSON has flown down south to Mexico to order furniture for her Pebble Beach home which she is busily redecorating. BARBARA says she especially enjoyed visiting the Sea World in San Diego. Meanwhile, NANCY and BOB McPHEE are looking for another couple to join them on a flying trip to Mexico again this year. SALLY and JIM PLUMMER, part owner of Monarch Aviation, delivered a second Aztec to Moral ReArmament in Tucson a bit ago—SALLY is presently working on her twin rating while GARY PLUMMER is an active Student Pilot. They were able to visit son MIKE who is attending the University in Tucson and a new Private Pilot. Yes, even the darling little Chihuahua dog "Baby" is an avid canine passenger. The PLUMMERS also participated in our local Airman's Assn. fly-in to Rio Vista where they had a lunch on the Sacramento River bank after which they all rented a house boat complete with porch, refrigerator, and stove and spent three hours boating on the river under the pilofage of Skipper TOM PECK and JIM PLUMMER.

In Salinas, Airtrails held an open house in March, inviting our 99s. Other fly-ins with the Airman's Assn. included a trip to New Cuyama where several of our crew enjoyed swimming in the desert and snow fights an hour later in the mountains. We've been on several fly-ins there and it is a perfect year around spa for a swim, relaxation and good food.

We are missing several of our gals, I understand the new MRS. MIKE AIELLO is in Denver where her 49½'er is training with an airline. I haven't heard from ZOE DELL NUTTER—who is now living in Ohio. (Drop me a line, ZOE.) We are most sorry to lose SHIRLEY NAVARRO. Her instructor husband will be entering training in Constellations, I understand. SHIRLEY will be around till school is out I hope. We do have an addition to our flight and we should like to welcome new member MRS. JAMES McDONNELL, transfer from Sacramento. I understand MARY flies a Cessna and we hope she keeps it's wings flapping with Monterey Bay Chapter. And we are looking forward to seeing all in Las Vegas.

Speaking of Las Vegas, I had a lovely flight last evening—flying singer MEL



Las Vegas Valley Chapter Chairman **FRAN JOHNSON**, right, presenting an **AMELIA EARHART** medallion to **MAYOR ORAN GRAGSON**, commemorating the 1966 Southwest Section Spring Fun Meeting held recently at the Stardust Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

TORME's Cherokee 235 here after a 100 hr. at Monarch. Mt. Whitney is always such an impressive sight especially when it looms up under you, projecting some 5,000 ft. out of a layer of solid clouds. My "co-pilot," BUD, and I have kept the airways hot between MRY and Tahoe Valley. BUD flew in for a ski weekend on his trip ferrying the Aztec to MRY, while I had the opportunity to fly the Comanche 400 to Ontario, Ore. So we met at our cabin at Tahoe. Skiing gets in the blood like flying, but the combination is especially habit forming. A flight from the blue Pacific to the 13,000 foot snow covered mountains all in one hour is a thrilling sight. On the clear days we see the snow-capped peaks as soon as we are only a few thousand feet off the ground. The return trip at sundown gives us a breathtaking view of both the red glow of the snow and a multi-colored sunset over the Pacific—all at once. Which ever reminds me—there is nothing like flying!

NORTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER **Ruth Smith, Reporter**

Northern Arizona 99s have been taking advantage of the good flying weather lately.

JUNE ELY and family flew to Thermal, Calif., in their Apache the first

weekend in March. On the 13th, they flew their Tri-Pacer to Wickenburg Municipal Airport for a picnic. Flew to Lake Havasu the same day, rented boats and spent an enjoyable two hours on the lake. JUNE had done all the flying thus far, but LARRY flew home. Another couple went along on the trip in another plane.

International Convention and Powder Puff Derby

JUNE 30, 1966
Seattle, Wash.

So nice to have JEAN BLACK with us for this meeting. She was a little pale still, from a severe bout with the flu bug. Our Chapter has been invited to attend JEAN's wedding on May 10 in Greeley, Colo. Our very best wishes to JEAN and her future 49½er.

DENISE GREEN was at our last meeting, thus fulfilling all the requirements for a 66. This brings our total up to four official 66s.

JEAN KNOTT, another 66, is about ready to solo. She has also been preparing for the written test and getting out fairly regularly for lessons.

BETH meets all sorts of interesting people. On a recent charter to Grand Canyon she had as her passengers, one gentleman from Portugal and one from Italy. Both spoke excellent English as well as several other languages, quite fluently.

On a trip back from Phoenix, HELEN lingered over the Verde Valley to do a few chandelles and lazy 8s.

MARY ELLEN says it surely is nice to have their plane back home after a major. Goes like new.

Had a note from ANNE MADARIAGA. She has soloed a Citabria that is based in Springerville. The Citabria owner took her up for some aerobatics—slow rolls, snap rolls and Cuban 8s. That sounds like marvelous fun. We haven't seen ANNE for some time at our meetings. We really should have a fly-in down her way.

Has anyone noticed the freshly painted taxiway and numbers of the runway at Winslow? Our gals did that! DOT WARD flew over with JEAN KNOTT and DENISE as her passengers . . . we make those 66s get right to work. They met MARY ELLEN at the airport and were through shortly after noon. Many of us had prior commitments and were unable to help but there are many more airports to be done in our area.

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER **Thon Abbott, Pinch Hit Reporter**

Our Reporter made a frantic call to me (just as I was leaving for the Sectional) to ask that I get the newsletter off to Editor DOTTIE YOUNG right now. Why couldn't she do it? Glad you asked. Seems her husband came home a fortnight ago and told her to pack "something" for a trip to an undisclosed destination for an indefinite length of time. How would you like to get ready for that? ANN CANTILLON is not easily ruffled, so she even had their Cherokee 235 pre-flighted and ready for take-off the following morning, per instructions. Their first stop for fun was New Orleans. Second fun stop, Florida. And from whence came the telephone call? The Grand Bahamas which they had toured and enjoyed for several days. Where are they now? I dunno.

She missed the Las Vegas Sectional April 15-17. It was great and we had nine girls over there! ERMA WESSON, JOANNE KLOEPFER, MYRNA SHAN-

FIELD, MADINE PARSEL, GINNY CHANDLER, CHRIS HOFFMAN, BITSY RETTEW, MARGOT SMITH and yours truly, THON ABBOTT. All of us were conventional and just flew over in regular airplanes using normal navigational aids, with the exception of MADINE who ferried a Cessna 182 from the factory for a local dealer. She left Wichita Friday afternoon in an aircraft that had the blakest panel I have ever seen—no radio! nothing! nada! When dodging thunderstorms, you can get slightly off course (or I can anyway) and it is very nice to turn the little idiot dial and find out where you are. Well, after visiting friends in Amarillo, she arrived at Thunderbird Field (uncontrolled) Saturday late, late afternoon.

One of our members who should get some sort of medal is ERMA WESSON who decided that since no one else was going to save Meadowlark Airport, she would have to do it. I could write a book on the number of city officials, county officials, state officials and just myriad businesses she has contacted in her effort to save the airport. In the beginning it seemed like a hopeless cause to take up, but this morning's paper again had a most encouraging report on the progress. That gal is a fighter with tact!

Our own MARION AUBURN (of the BOB and MARION AUBURN team) will be presenting "Flying Mexico" from San Jose to San Diego and eastward as far as Denver between today April 17, and June 17 when they will head East. If you missed "Flying the Caribbean" for goodness sake, don't miss this new one—it's great. The AUBURNS have been making exciting travelogs for a good number of years. I first met MARION when she had just returned from eight months in Africa filming a travelog and living out of a Volkswagen bus. Their huge poodle accompanies them always and appears from time to time perched on the rear of the Honda which he shares with BOB and MARION. MARION is a small, fragile looking young woman with naturally wavy red hair and very feminine, seeminly not at all the type for such rugged living, but she handles it as if born for the role.

Time is short, but one thing keep in mind—we are the hostess Chapter for the 1966 Fall Sectional at The Newporter Inn. We promise it will be fabulous. Y'all come, OK? Our missing reporter has already arranged for some very exciting prizes and events.

PHOENIX CHAPTER Ginny Moser, Reporter

From all the glowing reports we have received, the Southwest Spring Sectional held at Las Vegas, Nev., the weekend of April 15 was very enjoyable and noteworthy. The Phoenix Chapter was represented by MELBA BEARD, JUANITA NEWELL, JIMMYE LOU SHELTON, RUTH CROMER, MARY and GEORGE VIAL, TRUDY MURPHY and PAT and RICK LAMBERT with little PATRICK. Wish we all could have attended this fine meeting.

For the past several months MARY VIAL has been very busy working with the Foreign Exchange Students who are attending high school and living part of the year here in the valley. When we met recently at ALICE ROBERT's home, MARY arranged to have two girls and one boy come and speak on their respective countries, Brazil and England. After their talks we had a question and answer session and it was most enlightening to learn of some of the interesting aspects of their native lands. We were certainly delighted to have them visit with us. Another little news item about MARY—it seems that another pair of wings is about to sprout in the VIAL household. Son STEVE, 18, has just started his pilot's training. Wonder who will be relegated to the back seat of that Skylane on future trips?

BEV PERIMAN reports she is beginning to like their Skyhawk now that she is getting some time in it. On a recent trip to Nogales she shared the flying with husband VAL. Also, a short time ago BEV took three teen-agers for a night flight over Phoenix as a reward for church work. Don't you know they enjoyed that!

Last month when several of our gals flew up to Flagstaff for the Northern Arizona Chapter's luncheon meeting, FREDa TOLIVER and SUSAN STORM decided to bring home a nice suprise for their children. They stopped and filled plastic bags with snow, just so the kiddos would not forget about that stuff. PAT LAMBERT made a stop at Sedona on her return trip to have a nice coffee chat with one of our Chapter members, BETTY SHARMAN, who lives there.

RUBY SHELDON is quite busy putting her CFI rating to good use. She is now instructing at Sun Valley Air Service and JESSIE WIMMERS was thrilled recently to receive her CFII status. Congratulations to both of these hard-working 99s.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER Virginia Townsend, Reporter

Our January meeting was held with the Zonta International at the Mansion Inn. MRS. CATHERINE VOLLMER, President of Zonta, had a special guest speaker, LT. VIRGINIA M. COCKE of McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento. LT. COCKE addressed both clubs on "Women in Aviation and Women in the Military." MRS. CHARLES G. GAY, Zonta member, gave an interesting talk on the late AMELIA EARHART, who was also a member of Zonta. RUTH AIKING of Zonta was program Chairman. Our own FLORENCE BREEN handled the decorations. Attendance from both clubs was very good.

February meeting was a pot luck dinner held at Chairman CAROL HAMMOND's home. MR. and MRS. LOUIS A. BOLI were special guests. MR. BOLI, an attorney, gave us a talk on "Barnstorming." He ran the Lou-Foote Flying Service in Ranger, Texas, and was a CPT instructor. They barnstormed in their 45 and 50 hp Piper Cubs on weekends with MRS. BOLI as a flight registrar. Daughter PAT, one of our 99s, is real proud of her folks. With that background, small wonder PAT is doing so well flying and getting her ratings. We had a real nice turn out, our 49½ers were with us this evening which made it a very enjoyable evening.

March 23rd meeting was held at the Sheriff's Squadron Building at Sacramento Municipal Airport with guest MR. LEO SINGER of the Department of Fish and Game. MR. SINGER showed us several films, like planting of fish from the air, also the counting of fish from the air, not to mention the counting of all types of game from an airplane. Husbands and guests were invited to this meeting. Our Chairman, CAROL HAMMOND, cut the meeting short but we got the most important things taken care of. Home made pies with coffee and tea topped off the evening very nicely.

FLORENCE BREEN and her 49½er JACK spent three wonderful fun filled weeks in Mexico. JUNE DEVINE and 49½er JIM spent two fun filled weeks in Europe. Lucky people, we are very happy for them.

DARLINE GILMORE and 49½er GILL vacationed recently in the Los Angeles area. BILL STILL, Manager of Brackett Field in Pomona, loaned the GILLMORES his C-175 for the day just to go sightseeing for the day. BILL STITT arranged for them to fly in the Good-

year Tire Company's dirigible "Columbia" while a Los Angeles news photographer took pictures of the Winter National Speed Race at nearby Los Angeles Fairgrounds.

The dirigible is one of the only two dirigibles in the United States. One is located in the Los Angeles area and the other in Florida. The "Columbia" holds six passengers in addition to the pilot.

Takeoff is similar to fixed wing aircraft in that the angle of attack is similar but turning requires a wide circle. Turns are made with a rudder, with ascent and decent made by turning a large wheel, installed vertically next to the pilot's seat, which controls the elevators. Top speed is about 40 mph, low IAS is about 10 mph. It gives the feeling of being in a basket hanging from an enormous sky hook. The GILMORES were very observant. They also noted that the pilot makes the usual descending approach to a landing with the usual flare-out, landing on the one wheel located in the center of the bottom of the passenger compartment. Six men on the ground immediately grab the ropes, three on each side and held the dirigible down while the passengers debarked. The "Columbia" had two engines, one on each side, mounted on the rear side of the passenger compartment. The engines are of the pusher type. The GILMORES describe their experiences as thrilling. Small wonder!

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

Our girls who went to the Southwest Sectional in Las Vegas were lucky (occasionally) at the machines and at the drawing: THELMA BISHOP, STELLA HARDIN and BETTY WHARTON all came away with prizes. Also attending were MARIAN and GERRY BANKS, LOIS and HARRY BARTLING, RUBY KEAVENY, EDNA LAUBENSTEIN (THELMA's sister), MARTHA and JOHN MULLEN, and ELEANOR RICHARDSON. They all had a grand time. LOIS got some instrument time on the way back.

Latest joint project of El Cajon Valley Chapter and our Chapter is preparing a 99 display for the San Diego Aerospace Museum.

San Diego-Fallon Fun Race Chairman MARGARET MOODY reports that 46 kits have been mailed, nine entries received (as of April 18).

MARGARET, 49½er JIM and girls flew in their Tri-Pacer to Grand Canyon and Boulder for Easter vacation.

TERRY VASQUES has just returned from a trip to Ft. Monmouth, N. J., and Port Washington, N. Y., where



SHIRLEY THOM (center) with the TRIXIE ANN SCHUBERT Award she won which was presented at San Fernando Valley Chapter's Sixth Annual Awards Banquet, March 18th. With SHIRLEY, left to right, are MR. DELWYN SCHUBERT, MISS PATRICE SCHUBERT, MISS HEIDI SCHUBERT and COLONEL ROBERT L. STEPHENS, Air Force Test Pilot of supersonic jets and Guest Speaker.

she talked with Army and Navy people about General Dynamics/Electronics' Formation Flight System for helicopters.

GERTIE LOCKWOOD plans to visit Hawaii in May.

KITTY SCHIEDING passed her Private written exam—it won't be long now!

RUTH and JACK EBEY went on an antiquer fly-in camp-out to Ocotillo Wells, also went for a dune buggy ride. Nice weekend, except that one wing on the Chief has a few bent feathers as a result of a wind-gust mishap at Borrego.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER Loreli Cangiano, Reporter

It's been the most exciting month of all so far this year. We just returned from the Las Vegas Southwest Section Fun Meeting a few hours ago and can hardly wait until the next one. The Las Vegas girls went all out to give us a nice time and we all agree they succeeded. Four airplanes flew in with 10

San Fernando girls including MARY LOU HOPKINS, FLORENCE DITTMAR, AUDREY SCHUTTE, CAROLYN FORD, MARILYN ARNOLD, LORELI CANGIANO, EDDIE WHITE, LOIS MILES, NITA LOVELESS and BERNADINE BENNING. We consider BERNADINE an honorary member of San Francisco even though she officially belongs to the Southern Oregon Chapter because she is so active when she is with us and is with us quite a bit.

And because we started with the Sectional which just was, we'll work backwards this month and tell you next about our local fly-in. ELLEN TRINDLE and her mother CAROL ROBERTSON, LOIS MILES, LORELI CANGIANO, VIRGINIA RAINWATER, LOLA RICCI, LINDA DENSMORE, LOIS MAUER, SHIRLEY THOM, AUDREY SCHUTTE and LIBBY SVENSON had lunch at Bakersfield's Meadows Airport. MRS. ROBERTSON is one of our most enthusiastic "fly-inners" and deserves some kind of 99-mother recognition.

Now for our first event this month and to us the most important—our Annual Awards Dinner in March. LOLA RICCI is our new First Lady and was given the coveted "Woman Pilot of the Year" trophy. A more deserving gal we can't imagine. Recent past winner LOIS MILES made the presentation

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LOLA RICCI, winner of the San Fernando Valley Chapter "Woman Pilot of the Year" Award, with **COLONEL ROBERT L. STEPHENS** (left), USAF Test Pilot and Guest Speaker at this Sixth Annual Awards Banquet, and husband **EDUARDO RICCI**.

with a short but effective history and ideals of 99s and the purpose of the award in furthering this. As an added surprise to LOLA hubby ED was sequestered in from location in Arizona to share in her victorious evening. Her mother and very first passenger was present also. Ninety-Nine coffee mugs and ribbons were presented to AUDREY SCHUTTE, VIRGINIA RAINWATER, PAT DEMITTER and MARGARET WARD, the second to fifth place winners.

SHIRLEY THOM was the first winner of our new TRIXIE ANN SCHUBERT Award with MARILYN ARNOLD, LIBBY SVENSON and LOIS MAUER as runners-up. This award to honor the memory of Charter Member TRIXIE was started to honor the girl who works so hard and is so important to keeping our Chapter running smoothly, but not through her flying time. TRIXIE herself was such a hard worker in this respect and SHIRLEY has indeed been Our Girl Friday this year, always eager to help where needed.

The guest speaker at this occasion was Chief Test Pilot COL. ROBERT STEPHENS, the "Silver Fox" of Edwards Air Force Base, who showed and spoke on his most recent project, the Lockheed A-11 in which he set several records.

On the local gossip scene, DONNA FISHER has signed up a new 49½er and is now DONNA MASON and we've heard that to celebrate she broke her

arm. BEV WOODWARD has had her center of gravity displaced and is wearing space suits. We note with pleasure that the ETA is not too far distant and by middle May she will be flying with an heir. FLORENCE DITTMAR has returned from her Europe-Africa tour with wild tales to tell. We welcome her back and also MARY HOLLOWAY who is transferring to us from the Santa Barbara Chapter.

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

Most important news is the success of our 2nd Annual 2c-a-Pound Airlift held at Brackett Field on Sunday, March 20. With good advance newspaper publicity, radio spot announcements and posters spread throughout the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, all we could do was pray for a smog-free, fog-free Sunday.

Although we were a little apprehensive about visibility before 0900 on our pre-arranged day, it soon brightened up considerably and the first flight took off right on schedule—followed by 200 successful takeoffs and 198 successful landings. We carried exactly 800 paying passengers totaling almost 75,000 pounds. In case you are wondering about the other landings, we suffered two blow-outs after touch down resulting primarily in two red-faced pilots (who both, incidentally, handled the situation admirably). With great expediency, a pit crew from El Monte

Airport arrived in each case and the planes were soon back in service. Eleven planes participated, although not all flying all day. We are most grateful for the generosity of those who allowed us to use their planes and to the commercially rated pilots who donated their time.

Oh yes, gross receipts for the day were \$1,571.05, expenses about \$500.00. This came within \$10.00 of our gross on last year's airlift.

The last load of passengers deplaned about 7:30 p.m., well after dark. So completed another busy and successful Airlift by a great bunch of hard working SGV 99s, 49½ers, CAP Cadets, Pomona Valley Pilots Association members, the FAA, pilots, tower operators, airport personnel and friends. Whew—it really takes a lot of people to do something like this. A special trophy should go to our competent Chapter Chairman and Airlift Chairman, SHIRLEY GILMORE, who coordinated the plans and activities of everyone concerned. A very difficult job well done, SHIRLEY.

As a follow-up to our Airlift, our guest at our April 14th meeting was MR. GIL HARWELL, Chief Tower Operator at Brackett Airport. MR. HARWELL spoke about Special VFR Procedures and was kind enough to answer questions. This also gave us the opportunity to personally thank MR. HARWELL for the fine work by the tower operators handling traffic on Airlift Day.

This and That Department: We are sorry GINNY GRAHAM had to miss our Airlift but she had a recurrence of a painful back ailment and was ordered "Down, Girl." We are pleased to welcome our newest member, JULIE SHORT. SALLY MATSON will be missed by the SGV 99s and her many friends as she has moved to Idaho where they have purchased a ranch. We hope to keep in touch. DOROTHY GEDDES and 49½er MERLIN attended the San Fernando Valley Chapter "Woman of the Year" Banquet. JEAN SUGDEN reports their Ercoupe is for sale—they expect their new Beech Musketeer to arrive in May! SHIRLEY GILMORE and 49½er CARL and DOROTHY GEDDES and 49½er MERLIN flew to Las Vegas for the Southwest Spring Sectional. Hope to have a full report of the Sectional for the next Newsletter. Over and Out!

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER **Laverne A. Gudget, Reporter**

At our April luncheon meeting at ELAINE SMITH's lovely home in Stockton, prospective member DORIS AN-



San Gabriel Valley Chapter Chairman **SHIRLEY GILMORE**, left, and **ROY OUTCEN** of the FAA discuss airlift plans with **MERLIN GEDDES** and **JACK WEGENER**, 49½er pilots for Chapter's 2c-a Pound Airlift.

DERSON of Turlock was introduced and invited to join us. She and husband BOB, owners of a 150, are both pilots, DORIS having received her Private license in February. They celebrated by flying to Reno for a weekend.

Mexico must be crowded these days as JEAN MURRAY in the Cessna 182 with 49½er HARLEY and two student pilot sons just returned from a week of sun and fun at Bahia de las Palmas with 18 others from the Stockton area.

LAURA MAY and GENE CRAWFORD are breaking in their new Bonanza properly with a trip as far south as Puerto Vallarta taking a side cruise by ferry from Matzellan to La Paz.

Congratulations to EV HENDLEY and ELAINE SMITH on their new Cessnas! EV and WALT took posses-

sion of a new Skylane at Wichita on March 26 and toured the Cessna and Beech factories while there. Since it was EV's birthday, at her request, WALT bought and installed a rear-

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view mirror. That sort of trims the package.

ELAINE and LEWIS traded their Cherokee 160 for a new Cessna 205 and are getting used to the feel of it with flights to Bakersfield, Watsonville, Nut Tree and Sacramento. ELAINE also deserves acclaim for passing her instrument written—with a good grade!

EVELYN JOHNSON piloted her Cessna 175 to Monterey for lunch and to Fresno one afternoon on business. BILLIE WYATT got a flight in a Bonanza to Morro Bay to a CCAA meeting after being grounded for the last year or so. With all the planes from Bridgeford Flying Service, DORTHA says she has been too busy moving to do any flying. Shame!

Chairman MARIE McDOWELL having just returned from a family reunion at Bullhead City, Ariz., reports her bi-monthly flights to the Los Angeles area to visit her daughters have become so routine that she doesn't include that as news. Well this reporter does, especially after my last experience flying into that same area. My ATR rated 49½er BOB was flying co-pilot in the Debonair when we encountered an unexpected fast-moving rainstorm. IFR flying I can tolerate but not when it is being done from the right seat at night on a VFR flight plan waiting for an IFR clearance. Since that weekend I've recuperated by commuting weekends in the Colt getting practice landing at duster strips in the Woodland, Arbuckle area where hubby is working.

Our next meeting is scheduled as a fly-in to Oakdale where a tour of the new Hershey plant is being planned. More about that next month. Happy flying!

TUCSON CHAPTER Maggie Schock, Reporter

"Shoot if you must this old gray head—but keep your cotton pickin' hands off my column." Or words to that effect. No real offense intended, dear Editors, but what could have happened to those last two pages last month? Perhaps lost? Would you believe misplaced? How about thrown away?

FRANCES FRANCIS has very quickly brought the 99s to the notice of our Nogales friends with her varied activities and the installation of an Air Marker atop a large warehouse. A couple of weeks ago a group from Tucson met with her and some people she had gathered together to help paint. Eh, the marker, not the people. Thanks,

FRANNIE, it looks great and may keep some "temporarily disoriented" pilot from charging across the line into Mexico. FRANCES recently ferried a 150 from Houston and then flew a little Aeronca to Las Vegas. She claims the head winds didn't make much difference as she was hardly moving anyway. When you call Nogales Unicom you may hear that soft southern accent as she frequently relieves MRS. MULLINS at the airport. Lots of activity down that way now.

Last month 11 of us toured Rapcon at Davis Monthan Air Base and watched a local friend simulate a "lost aircraft." As the call came through and we recognized the familiar number it made the problem just that much more exciting. We were urged to use the radar facilities for practice approaches, during slack periods when possible, of course; and to also try out the new FSS facilities direction finder. With all the aids we now have, why is it flying seems more complicated instead of simpler?

MEG GUGGOLZ and SHIRLEY MARSHALL simplified their trip to Hawaii by flying commercial. Liked SHIRLEY's reply when asked if they were flying the Tri-Pacer. "Sure. We'll fly four hours then swim."

PAT NOLEN wasn't quite well enuf to make the trip with them as planned; but did get to Mulege over the Easter holidays. The whole family flew down in the Comanche along with SYLVIA BARTZ and her family in their Mooney. What a sneaky way for the men to get out of buying new Easter outfits!

MIRZA CLARK is trying to wear out that 172 with flights to Show Low and Pagson and myriad other spots in Arizona and Utah and Nevada. She is also making plans to take BYRD GRANGER with her to our Chapter fly-in at San Carlos, Mexico, this month. More on that next month. Think you can wait?

Those 50 or 60 children BONNIE FEATHER let "tour" her airplane aren't so patient. They can't wait for a ride. BONNIE is a grade school teacher and brought her Skyhawk over to the Tower Area one day recently so that several groups of children could sit in and inspect a real airplane as well as learn about the airport and its facilities. Now they are all asking when BONNIE will take them flying. We can't start too early to spur an interest in flying, can we? Personal attention always does so much more to develop a child's interest than an impersonal tour or lecture; and the in-

fluence of a good teacher has often been the determining factor in a student's life and interest, even as early as elementary school. We are lucky to have competent and enthusiastic teachers in our Tucson Chapter who daily add a little flying knowledge to their students' regular studies. Hope other Chapters are as fortunate.

SHERRY BOICE found out flying around and around the airport on one engine was good practice, even if your airplane does have two. When she took her ride for her multi-engine rating she passed with flying colors. Blue and white, I hope. Sorry about that. Now let us hope she never has to fly with only one again—unless it's the family Comanche, of course.

The 1966 AWTAR will probably have a 180 Cherokee from Tucson buzzing the finish line this year. DOROTHY JENKINS and BEA EDGERLY are beginning to make plans for the race. MARGARET SANGER has been a life long friend of BEA's and they will call the airplane the "Margaret Sanger Special" in her honor. BEA wrote a poem about the Powder Puff Derby which may appear in forthcoming information about the race. If it doesn't, we will print it here in a later issue.

Remember when the rain was raining and Tucson was soggy and wet for days and days? Well, that Pollyanna attitude I dug up from somewhere—about how, anyway, the desert will have beautiful wildflowers this year—paid off. I flew the President of the Men's Garden Club over an area of about 200 miles plotting a bus tour for the public to see the blooming desert. As I gained altitude to enter the traffic pattern he seemed quite pleased. That really wasn't a desert poppy in the landing gear strut, it was only a saguaro blossom. They grow higher.

The Sectional at Las Vegas sounded like a real swish a-go-go, complete with long dresses, furs and a dinner dance. Our two aircraft from Tucson came home more loaded than when they took off. VIRGINIA and KEN COOK gave their spare tickets to VIRGINIA and LUM EDWARDS after they won a beautiful plastic hand painted model T-39 Saber jet. MRS. E. then proceeded to win a case of oil. PAT MORSE turned in low score on the golf match Saturday, so everybody won something. The girls in L.V. were nice enough to tell us again how much they had enjoyed the Spring Sectional in Tucson last year. Compliments are doubly sweet after you are sure everyone has forgotten all about you.

Our girls also brought home news that the Fall Sectional will be at Newport with Orange County as the designated airport. Let's all go surfing—or boating—or something. But let's GO! See you there!

UTAH CHAPTER

Lucille Christopherson, Reporter

Greetings from the girls of the Utah Chapter. This is the month of April and should a visitor visit our state he would experience the startling clarity of crystal-clear skies with billowy, white clouds hovering above snow-covered mountain tops. The valley floor is turning into a familiar checkerboard pattern of brown, turned earth and green squares of early grainfields. There is an awakening all about and a determination on the part of the Utah 99s to live, to do and be a part of life itself!

March 23rd, the Utah girls met at the home of CARYL KNOWLTON in Salt Lake City. It was an informative session on weather information. During the evening films were shown to teach the girls the importance of knowing how to cope with situations that involve weather and instrument conditions. Seventeen girls were in attendance.

March 25th, the Utah 99s accomplished an air marking activity on the St. George field. MAXINE NIELSON, Air Marking Chairman, flew to St. George the night before the event to make firm all preparations. Early Friday morning several Utah 99s from the northern part of the state and Cedar City flew to St. George to carry through the air marking project. On Saturday the girls participated with other flying groups who were guests of the St. George Chamber of Commerce fly-in to St. George.

After the air marking MAXINE NIELSON and her mother flew to Los Angeles for the weekend returning the first part of the following week.

The Utah gals have several air marking events scheduled during the Spring and Summer. Some will consist of repainting those done in prior years and painting a new one at Cedar City during the month of May.

A sad note comes to my desk that one of our choice members will be leaving Salt Lake City for Omaha, Neb. We shall miss you, BONNIE YORK, for you have added a great deal to all of our activities. Good luck! Our loss shall be Omaha Chapter's gain.

LOUISE MORRISON is on the Board of Directors of the Utah Operators and

Pilots' Association. She was instrumental in carrying forward "OUI FLY-DAY" on Saturday, April 9th. The term "OUI" stands for Olympics for Utah Incorporated. Seventeen planes and 50 pilots and passengers participated in this fly-in. The first pilot took off from the Provo Airport at 7 a.m. and within the hour all 17 planes were winging to the various cities of the state for the purpose of raising funds to help with the advertising of Utah for the 1972

Olympics. During the morning the planes stopped at such towns as St. George, Cedar City, Beaver, Milford, Richfield, Fillmore, Blanding, Monticello, Greenriver, Tooele, Ogden, Tremonton, Brigham City, Logan, Vernal, Heber, Spanish Fork and returned to Provo by 11 a.m. The Provo Chamber of Commerce feted the group to a "brunch" for a job well done. Later the pilots were briefed for the formation flight over Salt Lake City sched-

uled at 1:30 p.m. All pilots, passengers and guests were honored later in the afternoon in Salt Lake City at a buffet dinner by the Olympics for Utah Incorporated Committee and Governor CALVIN RAMPTON. The "OUI FLY-DAY" proved to be very successful, the pilots were able to raise over \$3400 in cash and with promises of additional amount of \$700-800 to come in within the month.

Here is our wish for you—WONDERFUL FLYING!

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