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DEADLINE FOR NEWS—

The 20th of the Month

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President's Column

May 6th I was enroute to Chattanooga for the Southeast Section Meeting. Landed at Dallas Air Park, which is the private strip of Irene Flewellen. Landed about 6:15 and was greeted by a very tasty barbecue. Beef, chicken, beans. Can't keep a slim figure on food like that!

Saturday morning was the Section business meeting and then Saturday evening a smorgasbord around the pool. A very delightful time!

Sunday morning we winged our way to Baton Rouge for the Charter presentation of the new South Louisiana Chapter. What an enthusiastic group of women! As I told them, if the preparations they made for their Charter ceremony is any indication of their potential as 99s, they will be a hard group to keep up with.

Today, I am in Denver attending the South Central Section Meeting. Aside from a little turbulence enroute, the weather, as always, was beautiful. Chas., my 49½er, came with me and when we landed at Jeffco Airport we

were met by a bright red fire engine and driven to the terminal with the bell ringing. The notices for the Section Meeting said we would have the 'Ride of your life' . . . didn't know it was going to be the first thing on the agenda.

It is such fun to renew acquaintances and make new ones. I have truly enjoyed the privilege of seeing you this past year . . . thank you.

Flight 99 for 1965-66 has landed and we are at our destination . . . the meeting together to discuss the different aspects of our flight, the weather we encountered, the communications we have had. To do this, we will assemble in Seattle with our reports, instructed delegates and new plans for the future. Don't be left out of the final planning by not being there!

Don't forget to send your reports, instruct your delegates and plan on being there! So till June 25th (or thereabouts), I'll be looking forward to seeing you ALL! Happiness is having a sponsor.

Alice Roberts

It's Fun To Be A V. P. — No Work And All Play !

By Donna Myers

My privilege to fly to Worland, Wyo., in April to represent your President, and YOU—to present the Charter to the Wyoming Chapter. Met at the airport by Marie Engleman and Nicki (Margaret) Weaver. Coffeed at the hotel and dashed back to the airport to take a phone call from Northwest Section Vice Governor Mary Kilbourn, who wished them well—and to meet Northwest Section Treasurer Laulette Hansen, flying in from Havre, Mont. Also arriving shortly thereafter, Wyoming Chairman Mabel Anesi from Lander. The rest gathered shortly, Dorothy Misner, Worland; Elaine Moncur, Powell; Pauline Powers, Greybull, and Virgilea Sworts, a recent transferree from Colorado Chapter.

Nicki and Dorothy went aloft while the rest of us visited the Flight Service Center, and watched the FAA men track the gals, who "got lost"—very interesting. To lunch at the hotel—where Betty Adams met us—Mabel had a problem competing with the TV base-

ball game in the dining room—while trying to conduct her meeting—so, we adjourned to the Weaver's house.

For a small Chapter I don't know how eight gals can have so many projects going and accomplish so much! They plan to help at Rock Springs and Cheyenne on the AWTAR stops. Such enthusiasm and so refreshing.

A brief tour of the city and a stop at Marie Engleman's home for Laulette and me—lovely dinner that night—loaned my room to Mabel to change clothes—she, Virgilea and, I think, Pauline had to dash home for their husbands. State Aviation Director was the speaker. His charming wife was there, the Governor's secretary and her husband, and all 49½ers from Wyoming, present. Many other guests.

Enjoyed presenting the Charter to the gals—much picture taking and Laulette and I received lovely gold charm bracelets from the Chapter—beautifully engraved, personally by jeweler Mabel Anesi.

Wonderful Wyoming, wonderful hospitality, wonderful weather!

Sheila Scott, British Governor 99s, On Round - the - World Solo Flight

Call your local TV and Radio Stations, Associated and United Press Wire Services for progress reports — so you will be prepared to welcome Sheila and offer assistance, as needed, for her stop in your area. (See British Section Report) May 25 she arrived Calcutta.

VIGNETTE



LYGIE HAGAN
Executive Board Member

Being married to a doctor (first name "Cornie") who seemed to practice medicine so he might fly, found me flying with him if I did not wish to be left behind. In 1953, after years of gentle hints, the pressure was brought to bear—"I must at least learn to land the airplane." I vowed this was all I would do: but prodded every step of the way by my husband, my instructor and friends around the airport, finally in self defense I took the flight test in 1954 and earned a Private License.

Then the fun really began. The sky was our highway. The horizon always beckoned. Bursts of work at home were interludes to planning how to get away and where to go. The log book became filled with strange letters, some more frequent than others—PDX, PDT, ALW, BOI, COS, MDW, PHX (and it did not rain every single time, Alice), TUS, LAX, SFO, MZT, MZL, MEX, etc. Five winters in a row we left the plane behind and came home on airlines or trains. But I was flying, seeing the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, the Bahamas and Puerto Rico from and by air.

With this a way of life it was natural that The Ninety-Nines should also be a part of my life. I joined in 1954 and became a Charter Member of the Eastern Washington Chapter when it was

Coming Events

- June 11, 1966**
SAN DIEGO - FALLON
FUN RACE
—o—
June 17, 1966
SKY LADY DERBY
Little Rock, Ark.
—o—
June 28, 1966
AWTAR IMPOUND DEADLINE
Seattle, Wash.
—o—
June 30, 1966
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
Seattle, Wash.
—o—
July 2-5, 1966
AWTAR
Seattle, Wash., to
Clearwater, Fla.

organized in 1955.

Last October we took a Chartered Airliner to the International Congress of Otolaryngology meeting in Tokyo. I had a fascinating visit while there, with two of our International 99s, Yae Nozoki, Director of Women's Aeronautic Association of Japan, and Hideko Yokoyama, chief pilot for an Aviation business she operates with her husband. Both of these girls speak English and the afternoon with them was the highlight of the trip for me.

During the past eleven years we have logged several thousand hours in various planes—Stinson, Tri-Pacer and Comanches. Other hobbies such as golf, bridge and knitting seem to have suffered BUT—Flying is much more fun with the interesting people and far away places. Our latest long junket was in April when we went to Puerto Rico. Southbound out of Ft. Lauderdale we RON'd at South Caicos, an experience we would not have missed for anything. The next day a tantalizing glimpse of the Dominican Republic and on to San Juan.

Home again I have settled down to getting ready to welcome all of you when you come to the Pacific Northwest for the International Convention and the Start of the Powder Puff Derby. Hope to see you in Seattle for the festivities or in Pendleton where I will be timing the Stop.

NOTAMS

LOVE FLYING? LOVE TO TRAVEL? Louise Sacchi, who operates Sacchi Air Ferry Enterprises, sent the following request in her search for a pilot:

"Is there, among the membership, a pilot with several thousand hours—much of it cross country, night and actual instrument — some mechanical knowledge for trouble-shooting — free to travel — interested in Overseas ferry of single-engine, retractable gear aircraft (occasional twins)? This is a JOB not — repeat NOT — a publicity stunt! The first publicity will be the last!

"I need such a pilot immediately and would prefer a woman — if necessary, will take a man and am, therefore, placing ads in aviation magazines. Please send ALL pertinent information in first letter, including telephone number and availability, to: Louise Sacchi, Sacchi Air Ferry Enterprises, P. O. Box 3126, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19150."

Amelia Earhart Scholarship

Eugenia Heise, Chairman and Trustee

Twenty-five years ago the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund was adopted by the delegates in Albuquerque as the most appropriate "Living Memorial" to the Ninety-Nines first President. Over the years, twenty-seven scholarships have been awarded to deserving Ninety-Nines to aid them in further training in some phase of aviation. Established as a Trust, the first award of \$150 has gradually grown due to the generosity of Chapters and individuals so that in Seattle three awards of \$700 each will be made.

If you have not as yet contributed for this year send your check to Treasurer Betty Gillies prior to June 15th so we may include it in the report to be read at convention.

**NO JULY NEWSLETTER —
NEXT DEADLINE JULY 20**

Convention City Facts And Figures

SEATTLE — "Queen City of the Pacific Northwest" is a small-boat capital of the world.

TEMPERATURE — Summer average 63°. It can be hot one day and cold the next, so come prepared.

NATIONWIDE BUS SERVICE—Greyhound Bus Lines, Continental Trailways.

RAILROADS — Great Northern Railway, Northern Pacific Railway Co., and Union Pacific Railroad Co.

AIRLINES — (From Seattle-Tacoma International Airport) — Alaska Airline, Canadian Pacific, Japan Air Lines, Northwest, Pacific Northern, United, Pan American, Trans World, Western, and West Coast from Boeing Field.

CITY BUSES — There is a special shopper service, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., downtown that runs every 5 or 6 minutes, Monday through Fridays.

MONORAIL—Zoom out to the Seattle Center, then whisk up the elevator to the observation deck of the Space Needle.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS — by bus, boat, or land-and-water combination. Gray Lines—Land tours, water tour or bus and boat tours. Seattle Harbor Tours—one-hour narrated cruises of Elliott Bay and Seattle Harbor waterways. Western Tours—land tour, water tour or combines bus and boat tours.

HAVE FUN!

ED NOTE: Our International Convention Hostess PR people furnished me maps and communication information for Boeing Field, Convention and AWTAR Airport. However, I am confident each 99 flying in will pre-plan arrival with latest NOTAMS and a Seattle Local Area Chart — so, I thank our hostesses for their thorough planning but save my News budget reproduction costs!

REMINDER TO CHAPTER CHAIRMEN, COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND GOVERNORS

It is your responsibility to make suggestions for improving the Standard Operating Procedures and that suggested revisions are received by the Executive Board for incorporation in the SOPs for next year. Plan an "End of Year Report" containing SOP revision suggestions and submit it to Betty McNabb, International Secretary, 3814 Magnolia Beach Road, Panama City, Florida 32402.

1966 International Convention

Seattle, Washington

CONVENTION AGENDA AND POWDER PUFF DERBY START

Convention Headquarters
Olympic Hotel

Impound And AWTAR Start
Boeing Field

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

All Day Impound and inspection of race aircraft.
Transportation to Seattle Center via Monorail.
Evening Dinner (List of suggested restaurants provided).

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

All Day Impound and inspection of race aircraft.
Tour of Mt. Rainier available (leave early a.m.).
Afternoon Free for sightseeing (Seattle Center, Waterfront, Ye Olde Curiosity Shop, Harbor Tours, etc.).
Evening No Host Dinner (list of suggested restaurants).

MONDAY, JUNE 27

All Day Impound and inspection of race aircraft.
Suggested: Boat trip to Victoria, B. C. (leaves 8:00 a.m.—time to shop in Victoria, return about 9 p.m.).
Boeing tour available (leaves hotel) 1:15 - 3:15.
Free for shopping (all department stores and specialty shops open until 9:00 p.m.).
Evening No Host Dinner (Polynesian Restaurant, Pier 51, Iv. hotel 6:30).

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

All Day Deadline for impound of race aircraft, 1700 PST. Inspection.
Convention registration for early arrivals.
Morning Executive Board meeting (President's suite).
Evening AC Spark Plug and Pacific Airmotive Corp. Cocktail Party.
Dinner (list of suggested restaurants provided).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

All Day Inspection of race aircraft.
9:00 a.m. Convention Registration (mezzanine).
9:00 a.m. Chairman's Coffee (Pacific Evergreen Room).
Noon Governor's Luncheon (Seattle Room).
4:30 p.m. *Leave Hotel for boat trip to Salmon Dinner at Indian Village on Blake Island (return 10:15).

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

All Day Inspection of race aircraft.
9:00 a.m. Convention Meeting (Olympic Bowl).
12:15 p.m. *Convention Luncheon (Georgian Room).
1:30 p.m. Resume Convention Meeting.
7:00 p.m. Cocktails (Spanish Ballroom).
8:00 p.m. *Convention and Race Start Banquet (Grand Ballroom).

FRIDAY, JULY 1

11:00 a.m. Continental and Lycoming Engine Class (Colonial and Rex Rooms).
1:15 p.m. Boeing Renton tour available.
2:00 p.m. Pilot's Briefing (Olympic Bowl).

SATURDAY, JULY 2

6:30 a.m. *AWTAR Takeoff Breakfast (Georgian Room).
7:30 p.m. Leave Hotel for Boeing Field via Bus.
9:00 a.m. AWTAR Takeoff. Air Show following race start.

SUNDAY, JULY 3

Morning Transportation to Boeing Field.

\$3.50 will cover registration for Convention.

\$22.00 will cover registration plus events marked *, including transportation, boat trips, tips and tax.

Any changes of this schedule will be posted at the Hotel and Airport.

AWTAR

POWDER PUFF DERBY

AWTAR - 99 Ways and Means

DO YOU KNOW: that TWENTY YEARS ago the First Transcontinental Race terminated in Tampa, Florida? This year the 1966 Powder Puff Derby will bring it back again almost full circle by ending in Clearwater, twenty miles and twenty years from Tampa.

DO YOU KNOW: that this year is NOT the longest race, **it just looks like it!** 1955 was the longest with 2787 sm from Long Beach, Calif., to Springfield, Mass., via the Southern Route (ELP) . . . this 1966 race is 2765 statute miles.

DO YOU KNOW: that the complaints used to be that the race "**dragged out too much**" with faster and faster aircraft flying it—the **complaints** on this year's race are: "IT'S TOO SHORT A TIME, with all those Florida thunderstorms, etc." So-o-o-o-o, the Board inserted Lake City, Fla., between AGS and Clearwater. This is a WX relief station for just this problem.

THIS MEANS: that anyone going back to AGS from the halfway point would have to go again over the awesome OKEFENOKEE SWAMP, just north of Lake City . . . so, this stop is strategically located . . . and there is a beautiful Omni also there in case of deviation from course.

ALSO . . . the first two stops are fairly close together . . . this has been planned TO RELIEVE THE CONGESTION of aircraft arriving **too close together** by virtue of taking off at 20-30 second intervals.

DO YOU KNOW: this is the next to longest route, this RACE THAT ALMOST WASN'T but with **even more stops**. This was necessary due to mountains, spacing, weather, shorter time, etc. With doubtful weather the contestants can hop and stop if necessary.

DO YOU KNOW: that changing from "running to the clock" to the "fly-by" sounds so simple . . . but, it will be easier to "goof" resulting in disqualifications . . . rather than getting a poor turn-off or being slow in spotting the clock.

DO YOU KNOW: this new timing is considered by many others in aviation directly concerned with air safety, as a much safer procedure because of "wake turbulence" an increasing cause of small plane accidents . . . and we all were in a hurry to land and run to the clock.

DO YOU KNOW: that changing the rules for fly-bys was big enough in terms of changes—and this AFFECTED MOST OF THE FORMS (there are over 140 forms for the AWTAR) . . . even to the "Organization and Administration of the AWTAR."

DO YOU KNOW: the rules for the fly-by and related forms had to 'go the rounds' of the AWTAR Board OVER AND OVER AND OVER . . . then, the fly-in had to be tried out at actual stops to find out situations which might occur (they HOPE they nipped all the flaws) . . . then to FAA, NAA, ATC and the legal adviser.

DO YOU KNOW: that the timing SOP's had to be written . . . new log books designed (for the pilots' convenience) . . . INSTEAD OF THE USUAL 8 NAA APPROVED TIMERS, THIS YEAR THERE **HAD TO BE 30** . . . THIS is where our money goes, and the costs are constantly increasing . . . but so is the safety of the race and the efficiency . . . don't forget, as do I occasionally,

that the Board of the Powder Puff Derby are ALL VOLUNTEERS . . .

DO YOU KNOW: EVERYONE keeps asking, "why don't we have more publicity" . . . THIS IS THE YEAR . . . WCBS-TV is going to do an hour color documentary on the Powder Puff Derby, this year, this 1966 race . . .

DO YOU KNOW: that we couldn't BUY the time . . . there wouldn't be enough money . . . the cost to WCBS-TV will be in excess of \$50,000 dollars plus the TV time . . .

DO YOU KNOW: this promotion has been under way for years by the AWTAR Board . . . it takes much work and time and WE ARE LUCKY . . . look at the benefit to the Ninety-Nines and the aviation in general . . . RE-READ "Purpose" in our Constitution.

DO YOU KNOW: that they will start two weeks before the race with shots of girls and background material . . . that there will be a minimum staff of 7 technicians . . . this does not include the pilots flying the plane (we think it to be a B25) which will carry all the equipment.

DO YOU KNOW: that YOU PERSONALLY CAN HELP in many ways towards getting favorable publicity for the Ninety-Nines and the Powder Puff Derby . . . just calling for the latest news on the PPD to the radio stations will show them the demand, get your friends to help . . . later you won't have to make such repeated calls, they will carry it automatically because of the interest.

DO YOU KNOW: the same applies to the newspapers . . . both radio and newspapers RECEIVE THE INFORMATION CONSTANTLY via wire services but they don't use it because they aren't aware of the desire for information.

DO YOU KNOW: Page Shamburger, terminal press relations chairman says, "We were on radio and TV live outside the CHA area, and there it averaged 10 broadcasts a day, but, outside the area we were live to San Diego, Hollywood, Chicago, Cleveland, Wichita, New York and Dallas . . . AP and UPI sent hourly reports . . . all in all good coverage but MORE ASKING BY MEMBERS WOULD HELP".

ANOTHER WAY: to gain publicity and to acquaint the public with the Ninety-Nines and the Powder Puff (really read the program, each page shows the relationship and interdependency) IS TO **SELL PROGRAMS** . . .

PLEASE, PLEASE: sell programs to terminal lunch-rooms, travel agencies, ticket offices at the terminal, motels, Chamber of Commerce offices, rent-a-car, etc. . . . the possibilities are endless, only defined by **your** creativity in finding outlets.

WAYS AND MEANS: HOW MANY WAYS CAN YOU THINK OF IN GETTING THIS KNOWLEDGE BEFORE THE PUBLIC?

THIS IS YOUR RACE . . . help support it in all WAYS and by all MEANS . . .

SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO ME:

SEND YOUR PROGRAM ORDERS TO AWTAR HDQ.:

Lorraine C. McCarty
AWTAR-99 WAYS AND MEANS
1112 Pinehurst
Royal Oak, Michigan 48073



Pan American World Airways President, **HAROLD E. GRAY**, draws race number positions for 1966 Powder Puff Derby takeoff. AWTAR Board of Director's Officers witness proceeding. Left to right — **BARBARA EVANS**, Treasurer; **CAPT. GRAY**, **KAY BRICK**, AWTAR Chairman, and **LOIS FAIRBANKS**, Secretary AWTAR. Number One position was won by **MARY FRANCES SEIDL**, El Paso, Texas.

AWTAR Powder Puff Derby

LOIS FAIRBANKS
For Marion Lopez

Wasn't Lorraine McCarty's May 14th letter just great! The AWTAR Board certainly wishes to stand up and be counted as giving three loud Hurrahs for her efforts. It is now up to the Ninety-Nines to gain her three more even louder Hurrahs when your "gold coins" come rolling in for our 1967 race starts on July 8th from Atlantic City and finishes at Torrance, right after 99 Convention.

— Order & Sell AWTAR Programs —

This year, the entries are running well ahead of 1965. On May 16th, we had given out 48 race numbers which include 27 first time racers, 9 solos, entries from 19 different states and 2 from England (flying with state-side co-pilots) and one twin engine.

— Order & Sell AWTAR Programs —

Please send us clippings about you and the race. We need them. They help us sell the race to industry. Additions to our coffers have come in the form of checks from Humble Oil, McCauley, Institute of Research, Inc., Rudy Challow, Aviation Insurance Managers, Inc., and Norman S. Smith Trucking Service.

— Order & Sell AWTAR Programs —

"Suzie Q" will do the final route sur-

vey—pilot Alice Hammond. This is the name for her brand new Mooney Super 21—all red, white and gold. In addition to the survey, "Suzie Q" is AWTAR's official plane and will carry Chairman Kay Brick to the West Coast and then to Florida. It will also carry the mail—our Cachets—for stamping in Seattle and Clearwater.

— Order & Sell AWTAR Programs —

Don't forget your orders for these 20th Anniversary Cachets designed by our own Marion Lopez. And get in those orders for the exciting 20th Anniversary Issue of the Official Race Program. You'll be sorry if you miss it. Get after your Chapter to place orders for the program if you don't happen to pick one up at Convention, Terminus or enroute.

— Order & Sell AWTAR Programs —

And for our big news, plans are well under way for a full hour color documentary by WCBS-TV of the POWDER PUFF DERBY. It will cover take-off, inflight and finish. It will show several of our planes but will feature Joan Murray, WCBS-TV Newscaster and Selma Cronan. We think this is the most exciting publicity we have ever had and hope that you, your friends, relatives and everyone will enjoy viewing the race when it appears on your local TV stations. Let us know at headquarters when it comes to your home town.

— Order & Sell AWTAR Programs —

Come to Seattle — see the ribbon cutting by helicopter prior to the gun for take-off — come and wave to the pilots

Committee Reports

AIRMARKING

This month we are happy to bring the information that the 200 air markers, contracted for a year ago by the State of Georgia, have now been completed. This program was adopted by Georgia as a direct result of Blanche Noyes' efforts and encouragement by the Georgia Chapter of 99s.

Also, we are proud to announce that the Monterey Bay Chapter of 99s plans to air mark the Monterey Peninsula airport.

By the time this is published, it is hoped that all air marking reports have been prepared and forwarded for inclusion in our report for the convention at Seattle.

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

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FLYING ACTIVITIES REPORT

This Chairman mailed eighty-four requests to Chapters and Sections. Forty-one Chapters replied, two Sections. From these reports I can safely say, no one has been on the ground too much of the time. From the number of air lifts that have been going on a number of first flights have been made. The going price is one or two cents a pound, reasonable enough. You name the kind of air race you would like to take part in and it will be coming up in the near future along with treasure hunts, spot landing contests, trick or treat flights and even a flying POKER GAME.

Fly-in meetings are held at different towns over many states each month and where Chapters cover a lone city these gals have mid-week fly-outs. This leaves the working gal in the office or shop, but I'll bet they make up for it. Flight Breakfasts, Air Shows, Flying Farmer Flights and helping cities observe Aviation Day, find 99s taking part but, for my part, I am quite green about the two Chapters who held meetings airborne in the Lear Star Jet and the Boeing 880. Bet it was fun.

Four members of the British Section are flying First Officer on DC3 for Air Lines and private air services, one go-

as they fly-by the timing lines — and "Come On Down" to Clearwater for the exciting finish.

— Order & Sell AWTAR Programs —

ing to turbo-prop shortly. Keep going, gals.

Ninety-Nines are active on the ground also, helping CAP, Wing Scouts, and at Aviation Seminars and clinics. Many speaking engagements to Zonta Clubs and Schools. All of this plus lots of paint being spread on runways and roof tops for airmarking.

Thanks to the 50 percent of you that made this report possible, where is the other half of our organization?

Lois Grange, Chairman
Flying Activities
Committee

AIR MEETS

BIG SKY RACE NO. 3

Applications for the Third Annual Big Sky Race will be available June 30, 1966.

The Big Sky Race will start at Glasgow, Montana, August 6th, at 10:00 a.m. Deadline finish is 4:00 p.m. the same day at Lewistown, Mont.

The race is open to all women pilots with private license or better. Co-pilot need not be licensed. Prizes and trophies will be awarded to winners.

Housing in Glasgow will be at the Campbell Lodge. A pre-race banquet will be held. The Yogo Inn at Lewistown will have rooms available for Saturday night and the Awards Banquet will be held in the Yogo Dining Room. This Awards Banquet is sponsored by the State Montana Pilots Association for all contestants of the race.

The Big Sky Race is sponsored by the Montana Chapter 99s.

Pearl Magill and
Bev Ledbetter,
Co-Chairmen

N.I.F.A. AWARDS COMMITTEE

The National Intercollegiate Flying Association held its 18th Annual Meet on May 5, 6, 7, 1966, at the Boulder Municipal Airport with The Flying Buffs of the University of Colorado as hosts. There were 215 men and 35 women from 23 colleges throughout the country. Actually 112 colleges are members of N.I.F.A. which is sponsored by the University Aviation Association.

At the briefing on Thursday night, Helen Maxson told of the two awards for women — The Achievement Award sponsored by The Ninety-Nines, Inc., and the Arlene Davis Memorial Trophy sponsored by the All-Ohio Chapter.

Colorado Ninety-Nines who helped at the airport on Friday were Marge Blue,



In attendance at the National Intercollegiate Air Meet, Boulder, Colorado, May 5-8, left to right — HELEN MAXSON, Chairman N.I.F.A. Award Committee, Colo. Chapter 99s; GENE NORA JESSEN, Kansas Chapter Chairman; MARILYN NORDSTROM, MARJORIE BLUE and HELEN CHOUN, Colo. Chapter, and VIRGILEA SWORTS, Wyoming 99. DORIS LANGHER and FREDDA TURRILL were not present for the picture but they and GENE NORA selected the recipient of the 99 Achievement Award.

Helen Choun, Marilyn Nordstrom and Helen Maxson. Also assisting were two former Colorado members and former N.I.F.A. participants, Gene Nora Jessen, Kansas, and Virginia Sworts, Wyoming.

On Saturday the Achievement Awards judges, Doris Langher, Colorado; Freda Turrill, Colorado, and Gene Nora Jessen (previous winner of the two awards) interviewed the 12 applicants. At the Awards Banquet, Freda presented the Achievement Award to Jean Distin of the University of Colorado. On behalf of the All-Ohio Chapter Doris Langher presented the Arlene Davis Memorial Trophy to Nancy Frith of Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma Chapter member. Nancy was the Top Woman Pilot of the meet.

We were proud to have the new Ninety-Nines publicity board on display in the University Memorial Center.

Helen Maxson, Chm.
Doris Langher
Freda Turriill

Be Sure Your Pre-Flight Includes an "A-OK" For Pilot, Weather And Airfield Conditions as Well as the Airplane Condition and Loading.

SECTION MEETINGS

SOUTHEAST SECTION Martha Tobey, Governor

The Southeast Section had its Spring Meeting on May 6, 7 and 8 at Chattanooga, Tennessee. The Tennessee Chapter, hostess to the 1965 AWTAR Terminus and International Convention, is very experienced in entertaining Ninety-Nines. They even have the cooperation of the weathermen and we had a beautiful weekend. Our Florida girls and Betty McNabb, who came from Miami, did have some problems but they all got through.

We landed at IRENE and BUD FLEWELLEN's airstrip, Dallas Bay Skypark, and the fun began here. The early arrivals had a great time watching the rest of us making short field

ATTENTION: GOVERNORS AND CHAPTER CHAIRMEN

Those who have not done so, PLEASE CASH the refund checks sent you under date of January 18, 1966. Any checks not cashed will be voided at the end of our fiscal year.

Ruth N. Rueckert,
International Treasurer

landings over an obstacle. Friday evening IRENE and BUD entertained all 99s, 49½ers and the CAP (who spent the weekend at the strip guarding our aircraft) at a barbecue supper and hangar party.

Beautiful Lake Shores Resort was our base of operations for the rest of the weekend. There were 43 Southeast Section members at the business meeting Saturday morning. We also had two very VIP guests, ALICE ROBERTS, International President, and EDNA GARDNER WHYTE, past International President. It was brought out at this meeting that the Southeast Section has grown from 90 members to 199 members in the last two years. We have had a new Chapter each of the past two years and sponsored the brand new South Louisiana Chapter.

Saturday afternoon there were boat rides on the lake for those who were not golfing, loafing or watching the Kentucky Derby.

Saturday evening we were entertained at a cocktail party and smorgasbord on the patio high above the lake. EVELYN JOHNSON, Chairman of the Tennessee Chapter, is a delightful Master of Ceremonies. JANET GREEN, Mississippi, and her Aero Commander were awarded a prize for doing the best job of dusting the trees at Irene's airport. ALICE ROBERTS was our featured speaker and we should all be much better Ninety-Nines now. The festivities were concluded with the initiation of the 49½ers from the Tennessee and Memphis Chapters by ALICE and CHARLIE ROBERTS. This ceremony was greatly enjoyed by all and especially by the new initiates.

Thank you, Tennessee, for your wonderful hospitality. A special word of appreciation is due EVELYN JOHNSON, Chapter Chairman, and IRENE FLEWELLEN, Arrangements Chairman. Some of the finest people in the world are those girls who get up early, early in the morning to drive their friends back to the airport.

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NORTH CENTRAL SECTION **Margie Hall, Reporter**

Happiness is belonging to the NORTH CENTRAL SECTION and especially to the CAPE GIRARDEAU AREA CHAPTER.

Really our cup runneth over.

We asked all the girls of the North Central Section to make a special effort to attend this convention because we needed their support to help save the Airport at Eldon, Mo

Well bless their hearts, they came in cars, in trucks, in helicopters and in single engine airplanes, twin engine airplanes and home-made airplanes, push and pull airplanes, by this I mean when they landed you pushed and pulled to get them out of the mud; but came they did and we of the Hostess Chapter truly do thank you. From your overwhelming support of the Spring Sectional, you have not only helped promote women in aviation but you have saved the Eldon Airport, alerted the people of Eldon to the importance of an airport to their town and made them more air-minded in general.

The Eldon Chamber of Commerce had done a wonderful job of sprucing up the airport for our arrival. They painted, washed windows, mowed grass, put down 150 tie downs, graded the roads to and from the airport and are now in the process of acquiring an engineering firm to come and help them make the necessary improvements they need. Long range plans include lengthening the runways another 2,000 ft. and looking for a fixed base operator.

The Eldon Lions Club and their lovely wives were up at the crack of dawn with hot doughnuts and coffee for the arrivals.

The Eldon Advertiser put out a special edition with a full front page devoted to the Ninety-Nines and their convention, with lots of pictures. They gave each plane that landed a free special edition paper.

MR. GEORGE WILSON, the local jeweler in Eldon, closed his shop on Thursday, April 14, and manned our unicorn til the last plane left Sunday. He did a superb job and we certainly couldn't have managed without him.

MR. ROBERT EVANS, 49½er of Convention Chairman MARY EVANS, furnished all the transportation to and from the airport and the Lodge. The Lions Club furnished the drivers. I'm sure BOB didn't have any cars left to sell, they were all at the disposal of the 99s.

Arrivals started early with the lovely ROMONA HUEBNER of the Wisconsin Chapter arriving on Thursday. What a wonderful helper she was. We couldn't have managed without her and for this we are deeply grateful.

We'd been sitting on pins and needles, worrying about the weather, because the first three days of the week were horrible but the Good Lord smiled down on us and sent suitable flying weather.

These marvelous 99 girls are really

something. Never have I seen such a group of truly outstanding women, co-operating is their middle name. They arrived, as I said previously, by various means of locomotion, but arrive they did, all smiles, gay hello's and bubbling spirit.

Those harried individuals you saw at the registration desk were MARY ELDERS, AUDREY BLAICH, NELL RICE, EVELYN BRAESE and your hair-brained reporter. We had the busiest and best job of all, we got to meet each and every one of the girls and their guests.

Friday evening was a gay affair, renewing acquaintances and making new ones and just having fun.

Early in the day our wonderful, patient Chairman LOIS FEIGENBAUM, and our Powder Puff Derby Stop Chairman, NADINE HEUER, flew to Jefferson City, Mo., for an interview with GOV. WARREN E. HEARNES. GOVERNOR HEARNES proclaimed the week of July 1st as "WOMEN IN AVIATION WEEK." LOIS and NADINE met the Trailblazer, ALICE HAMMOND, at Jefferson City and she went along to see that GOV. HEARNES did his job correctly.

Was so nice seeing ALICE again and meeting her understanding and handsome 49½er JOHN. We'd heard of JOHN but had never had the pleasure of meeting him.

We had lots of celebrities at our convention. Friday afternoon our charming International President, ALICE ROBERTS, and her 49½er, CHAS., arrived. We of the Cape Girardeau Area Chapter truly are appreciative of the effort ALICE put forth to attend our Sectional, especially when her Sectional was meeting at the same time. Thanks so much, ALICE, your presence gave our Convention more stature by your being in its midst.

Another celebrity, who with her efficiency helped get the meeting thru quickly, was our own Section Governor, SARAH GORELICK. When she arrived with her big smile, we knew that if anything came up surely a lady astronaut could handle it.

In our midst we had guests who were Powder Puff Derby winners, N.P.A. race winners, Michigan Small Race Winners, St. Louis Aero Club winners, you name it, we had it.

Saturday dawned bright and windy but more guests arrived all day.

Our Luncheon Speaker was International President ALICE ROBERTS whose topic was "WHAT IS A 99?",

thanks ALICE, it was beautifully presented, and so appropriate.

Our business meeting was presided over by our very Capable Governor, SARAH GORELICK. While the meeting was in progress, our 49½ers were playing golf in the Golf Tournament. From the stories sounds like it was loads of fun. MR. GLEN BERGMAN was the lucky winner of the beautiful trophy and, last but not least, the winner of the crying towel was Central Illinois Chapter LEAH WARREN's 49½er, SAM.

At the evening cocktail party, the women arrived looking very gorgeous and the 49½ers were at their handsome best.

Following the dinner meeting, our Mistress of Ceremonies, LOIS FEIGENBAUM, introduced to all the guests International President ALICE ROBERTS and Governor SARAH GORELICK. SARAH in the absence of BECKY THATCHER presided over the very solemn and auspicious 49½er initiation ceremony. We had nine new initiates.

Following this very solemn and important ceremony Chairman LOIS introduced the speaker for the evening. MR. BUD GLOVER, Sales Manager of King Radio, Olathe, Kans., whose topic was "Transponders And DME, And Their Importance In General Aviation," or "How Not To Get Lost Again." Thanks, BUD, we appreciate your taking the time to attend our Sectional.

Following this there were wonderful attendance prizes. We were fortunate in having some very generous contributors. We had everything from log books to Instrument Instruction Time given.

Sunday morning found everyone up bright and early getting briefed for the trip home. We surely hated to see them leave but we want each and everyone to know how happy we were to be Hostess Chapter to such a fine group of women.

Now we are back at home, to catch a short breath, say hello to the family and, after a short reprieve, on to the Powder Puff Derby Stop. If you couldn't make it to Convention come to the Stop.

Those blue streaks that you'll see racing all four ways at once will be the Cape Girardeau Area Chapter girls and where you see the Cape girls I can assure you there will be action.

Again we all say to you "Come again soon, we loved having you" and, as they say in our part of the country, "Yo' all Come."

God Bless you all.



SHEILA SCOTT, British Section Governor, about to set off on her solo round-the-world flight.

BRITISH SECTION

Janet Ferguson, Reporter

The BIG, BIG news this month is of our Governor, SHEILA SCOTT'S, round-the-world flight. By the time this report is read she should be well and truly in the midst of it—if not nearing the end of it; but as I write this a series of technical problems with the aircraft has postponed her departure until "an unknown date". The take-off was originally scheduled for April 27th, but since then SHEILA has had

to contend with an unbelievable number of snags and difficulties. However, for those of you who haven't heard about it already, here are the details of SHEILA'S epic flight: It will be the longest solo flight in a light single-engined aircraft in history; she will be the first British pilot, man or woman, to fly solo round the world and the third woman from any country; she will be flying a Piper Comanche and her route is Rome - Athens - Damascus - Bahrain - Karachi - Ahmadabad - Calcutta - Rangoon - Bangkok - Singapore - Bali - Darwin - Brisbane - Sydney - Auckland - Nandi - Samoa - Canton Island - Johnson Isle - Honolulu - San Francisco - Phoenix - El Paso - Oklahoma - Louisville - New York - Halifax - Gander - Azores - Lisbon - Lon-

don. The first part of the route, as far as Darwin, closely follows AMY JOHNSON'S historic flight from England to Australia in 1930.

SHEILA has been planning and working for this flight for a long time and the last few months have been unbelievably hectic for her; even so, she has still managed to give a lot of time to her work as Governor of the British Section. One aspect of the flight which SHEILA will particularly enjoy will be her contacts with Ninety-Nines all round the world. We know this will be a real encouragement to SHEILA and that everyone will give her all the help they can.

Now, the rest of our news briefly: We welcome a new member, AUDREY JOHNSON. AUDREY has her private license with over 200 hours in a variety of light aircraft, including some foreign touring and rallies. She has been in both the garage and hotel businesses, including twelve years as a driving instructor, and she is now starting her own driving school as AUDREY says: "I can arrange my lessons to give me time to fly!"

PAMELA HUNTLY flew her Comanche down to the South of France for Easter with three friends. They were dogged with bad luck. First the radio went u/s, then the weather closed in. Finally they left England, but were held up 36 hours in the North of France. She reports most friendly cooperation everywhere and low landing fees — in fact they worked out at a ninth of charges at English airfields. After two weeks on Nice airport, the total charge was 50 cents! Since her return PAMELA has been working on getting her night rating.

THEA ADAMS was off to the South of France, too, at the beginning of May in a Beagle Terrier with two friends — though in THEA'S case it was apparently purely a flying holiday with no stops for sun-bathing.

JOAN WAUGH flew down from Yorkshire to the Wycombe Air Park fly-in on 20th March and was off to the Grenoble Air Rally when she wrote at the end of April.

For the next month or so, we will all be rooting for SHEILA on her difficult and arduous flight. Let's hope that all her troubles will be behind her when she takes off from London any day now.

**File For Seattle —
International Convention
And AWTAR Start**



CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

Ruth P. Buckley, Reporter

The Connecticut Chapter made use of the rain date this month. May 15 found the membership winging its way to New Jersey and the Flying W. There are times when patience does have a reward. For, as our past Chairman, PEG DAVIDSON, said, "Well, we made it this time!" To fly to the New Jersey airport had been one postponement after another because of marginal weather on our selected dates over a period of two years.

After a buffet luncheon, BILL WHITSELL, owner of the Flying W, spoke to us about the initiation of an airport from absolute non-existence to the present-ever growing and planning. He stressed, particularly, the point of view that an airport is for the pilot. But, an airport, selectively run with persons interested in educating the general pub-

ADDRESS CHANGE FOR BETTY McNABB

From June 1 - Sept. 1, address correspondence to Betty McNabb, International Secretary: 3814 Magnolia Beach Road, Panama City, Florida 32402.

lic and the non-flying population, will be benefiting the pilot and private flying. After a few more moments of humorous hangar flying and serious feeling about the flying situation, we watched the film "Small Plane Boom", originated for T.V. telecast at the Flying W. The instructor was BILL WHITSELL; the student JOAN MURRAY, of the program "Two at One".

The cars were left behind! We were flying to a meeting again! CHRIS and TED WINZER flew the 205 with passengers KIT and BUCKY WALTERS, NINA HETMAN and KAY LITTEN. RUTH BUCKLEY and CYNTHIA KEMPER flew back seat in the Comanche piloted by TOM PURDY and ELLEN. The HUBBELLS originated their flight from Danbury Airport also. From New Haven, the DAVIDSON family arrived, DON and PEG and their four children.

The June 7 meeting will be a business meeting. With the acceptance to our inquiry of MRS MORRISSEY, sister of

AMELIA EARHART, we feel most complimented that she will speak to our Chapter on a future date about her book "Courage Is the Price". The meeting day will change to a Friday evening when the final arrangements are made by our Chairman. And our Chairman has been very busy. Aside from a vacation in Puerto Rico, CHRISTINE WINZER has achieved her Multi-engine rating. This, she accomplished in addition to her busy instructing schedule.

The last item to note is the mailing of a round-robin letter to ELAINE McCABE. To maintain a procedure, it will be mailed in the order listed in the annual membership roster. When residing in Connecticut, ELAINE, as Secretary, gave many hours to maintain the continuation of the Chapter with detailed notices and minutes.



LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

Honey Kate Trattler, Reporter

ELLIE McCULLOUGH and ANNA DIETRICH flew a Skyhawk down to the New York-New Jersey Section Meeting at Princeton. ELLIE, by the way, is set to fly a Mooney Mark 21 in the Powder Puff Derby. DOROTHY JULICH will enter the Derby, also, in her Comanche. (both ELLIE and DOROTHY are members of the Babylon Airport Council, a group of air-minded citizens trying to save Republic Field for general aviation).

Some New England Air Race news: RUTH DOBRESCU and DORIS ABATE will fly a Skyhawk; MARIANALICE WYATT and JOAN FLEISCHMANN will enter too—ditto ELLIE McCULLOUGH—making a total of three planes for the Long Island Chapter.

RUTH and CHARLIE DOBRESCU have been working hard to help put an airport at Glen Cove. Latest news from Ruth is that all their efforts might be rewarded—the airport looks like a sure thing.

A last minute phone call brought some delightful tidings — ELEANOR REICHENBACH is the brand new mother of a future 99—congratulations from us all—and VIOLA GENTRY is back in New York after wintering in Florida.



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Marion Dunlap, Reporter

My husband said "How lucky can you be?" when Sunday May 15th arrived as the most beautiful day for flying that we have had for months. This was the day we chose to hold our Chapter's first Penny-a-Pound at The University Park Airport, State College, Pennsylvania. We had five aircraft working from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. and two standbys that filled in at the peak of the afternoon crowd. The whole operation went very smoothly without a single mishap anywhere. 59,705 lbs. of people were flown with 155 women, 148 men and 222 children. The hard working pilots of the day were ELSIE McBRIDE, MERLE CHALOW, JOYCE ROGGIO, ALICE MEISEMHEIMER from the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter, ALICE FUCHS from the Washington D.C. Chapter, HELEN SHEFFER from our own Chapter with relief pilots being 49½ers SOTER HARBOLIS, BILL BARTOLET and BILL FUCHS. Ground crew included MARIE D'ALTERIO, Middle East Section Governor, and her 49½er, Pennsylvania Group 1300 Civil Air Patrol Cadets assisted with parking aircraft and cars, loading and unloading the aircraft and helped in the refreshment stand. Other 49½ers that pitched in and helped where needed were JIM SHEFFER and ROBERT DUNLAP.

Members of our Chapter, Chairman HAZEL BARTOLET, CAROLYN HARBOLIS, MARY HULL, MARION DUNLAP, NAOMI STAHLNECKER and prospective members from Harrisburg, MARTY POOL and SANDY LOU, thank everyone for helping to make this such a big success.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Caroline Bregler, Reporter

The Penny-A-Pound scheduled by the Eastern Penna. Chapter of the Ninety-nines in Princeton, New Jersey, was not held in May due to the failure in our "weather machine." This event has been rescheduled for June 11th and we also hope to have the "excellent weather button" on the Weather Machine repaired.

On May 21, 1966, the Chapter will hold the May business meeting at Aero-

Haven Airport, Berlin, New Jersey.

Racing Fever is again activating in the Chapter. ANNE SHIELD and DR. HELEN ZUBROW are in Mexico for the International Race and IRENE WIRTSCHAFTER and MARY MEYERS and NANCY DIEMAND and her daughter have entered the Powder Puff Derby. Good luck to all.

Central Penna. Chapter had their Penny-A-Pound recently and several Ninety-Nines from our Chapter were present to lend a helping hand. MARIE D'ALTERO, MERLE CHALOW, ALICE MEISEMHEIMER, ELSIE McBRIDE and JOYCE ROGGIO.

JUDY HOPKINS and her 49½er have a basement full of airplanes. They are building one and also recovering their Champ. At least their airplanes are real home-builts.

IRENE WIRTSCHAFTER is now home after her travels (with the IRA) in Canada. Good to see you back.

Don't forget the Treasury Hunt in July. This is a big event in our Chapter.

MARYLAND CHAPTER

Leah Stinchcomb, Reporter

An era has ended. After more than forty years, Rutherford Field is closing. However, THELMA McNEMAR has moved her crew to the South Ramp of Friendship International, where they have become Friendship Flying Service—just as for MRS. MAC. Our Chapter met at Rutherford in April to say farewell and feast on steak sandwiches grilled by that renowned chef, 49½ er MORRIS LAKE. Friendship is lovely but the famous front porch can never be replaced. LOIS and BRUCE BATY were due in from their flying trip to Florida but did not arrive until after the meeting. LOIS reports that JACKIE GEIGER, our member-at-a-distance, loves Florida but has not been flying much.

The Sectional in Washington, D. C., was not exactly blessed with good weather but several girls waded through and enjoyed both Friday evening's party and the Saturday working session. Marylanders took several of the door prizes and BETTY LOU BOHN'S airplane-covered dress was the most talked-about outfit of the day. ADA MITCHELL, Past Chapter Chairman, has missed Chapter meetings recently, because of her stays in the hospital, but was a welcome sight looking chipper at the Saturday meeting.

LENORA EATON, with some assistance from GERRY STORM and ELIZA-

BETH SULLIVAN, planned a Treasure Hunt for the May meeting. A total of eight planes took part and seven airports were involved. First place went to LEAH STINCHCOMB who had both 49½er RAY and GERRY STORM aboard to decipher clues. Second place was taken by BILL ECK an Aircoupe. His co-pilot and clue reader was RAY STINCHCOMB, JR. EDITH ALBRECHT, assisted by her mother, DOROTHY ALBRECHT, took third. First and third place planes were Cherokees, followed in fourth and fifth by Comanches, otherwise known as the Golddust Twins, piloted by INEZ DOTTERWEICH and MARGE LAKE (or their 49½ers). The flight ended at Doersom's Airport, Gettysburg, and prizes and a trophy were presented to the winners there. LEAH won a handsome perpetual trophy (looking suspiciously like home-made) which was tastefully engraved with her name right on the spot by DON X. SULLIVAN who just happened to have his Dymo labeler handy. The event has been very favorably written up in local newspapers and, since the trophy is perpetual, we'll just have to have another next year. The rest of you must give it a try, if you have not already done so.

EDITH ALBRECHT recently went to Wilmington for the AOPA Clinic (Instrument Refresher) and took her mother, DOROTHY, along for the Pinch Hitter Course. LEAH and RAY STINCHCOMB took En Route Procedures and RAY, JR., Instrument Nav-Com.; so Maryland was well represented and a grand educational time was had by all although foul weather seriously restricted the flying. We must do something about this weather situation! ! !

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

**Mary "Mitzi" M. Keller, Reporter,
Fay Gillis Wells, pinch-hitting**

The Spring Section Meeting was held in Washington, April 22-23. Friday night BETSY WEEKS, a Charter 99, had a gay party at her lovely home for the girls who came early, along with their 49/ers. The business meeting was held Saturday, at the Marriott Twin Bridges Motel, and was mostly devoted to formulating plans for next year's International Convention, to be held in Washington, D. C., June 28-July 2, 1967. Each Chapter already has been assigned specific jobs and, by taking advantage of our diplomatic and political opportunities, we hope to make it an exciting International Convention.

Our Sectional lunch was full of suspense as JOYCE ROGGIO'S 49½er, VIC, drew numbers for the mound of prizes collected by Door Prize Chairman HAZEL DWIGGINS. The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. contributed twelve plastic blimps, with 99s embossed on the stands, for table decorations. Everyone worked hard to make the meeting a success. MARIE D'ALTERIO, our Governor, flew in and all Chapters were represented.

Our Chapter meeting on May 13th was mainly concerned with '66 convention business, voting on resolutions changes in the Bylaws and appointing delegates. JO EDDLEMAN, Chapter Chairman is the first delegate and, if no other officer goes, VIRGINIA THOMPSON will be the alternate.

There has been a lot of flying activity in our Chapter. FRAN NOLDE, JEAN MITCHLER, HAZEL DWIGGINS, NONA QUARLES, MARYANN JESSUP, JACKIE SMITH, to name a few, have been building up their flying hours. VELTA BENN and NANCY LYNAM flew to California and other points enroute to instruct at AOPA flight clinics. BEE WILDER flew to Florida to ferry back a Cherokee but the weather closed in and she got the red carpet treatment at the Air Base at Jacksonville instead. LAURA ZERENER is working hard on her instrument rating.

JANE RALSTON is hobbling around on crutches, the result of a skiing accident in Vermont almost two months ago.

Lucky LILLIAN CHESNER and DORIS WHITE had a preview of two new FAA films which they recommend to all 99s.

JEAN ROSS HOWARD has a new job, in addition to all her other whirling activities—president of the American Women's Newspaper Club, a real honor. BLANCHE NOYES has another decoration—the Golden Wings from the Aero Club of Pittsburg.

We are shattered at the thought of losing three members this month. ALICE FUCHS is moving to Lockhaven, Pa., where her husband is associated with Piper Aircraft, ALICE is a glider instructor. She will get plenty of glider activity in the Penna., mountains. EVELYN WOLTJEN is going to Tokyo at the Fuchu Airforce Base with the 5th Airforce. HELEN FAULKNER will be at the base in Weisbaden, Germany, where her husband will be a staff judge advocate. Both EVELYN and HELEN have promised to round up

the 99s in their countries and bring them back to the convention.

MITZI KELLER and her 49½er are on a three weeks vacation in Europe and they are going to look up other 99s wherever they go.



ALABAMA CHAPTER Betty Rowe, Reporter

Hi from the Alabama Chapter. Weather has not been favoring me, as I was forced to keep the aircraft tied down for the March and April meetings, which is not conducive to gathering news. But the weather dawned CAVU on May 7, so I made it to the business session of the S. E. Section meeting hosted by the Tennessee Chapter. Though I was unable to attend all three days of the festivities, I have heard nothing but raves about the wonderful time provided by the Tennessee gals. ALICE ROBERTS honored us by her attendance and we all found her a charming, delightful 99. Those from the Alabama Chapter attending the Sectional were: LOIS BATES, BENNIE PETERS, BETTY ROWE, DON and DONNA WILLARD, JEAN and JOHN LANE, NANCY and JEFF BEELAND, JUANITA and FLOY HALSTEAD, and our new member, LAVINIA SPILMAN of Huntsville. Welcome to the 99s, LAVINIA!

The March Alabama meeting was held in Tuscaloosa and we were very pleased to have MARTHA TOBEY, S. E. Section Governor, with us. Others who attended the meeting were: ELISE HEILPERN, JUANITA HALSTEAD, NANCY BEELAND, BETTY FERRELL and our Chairman, BENNIE PETERS. The April meeting was held in Destin, Florida, and though it was intended to be a week-end "fun" affair, the weather interfered with all but the usual Sunday meeting. WANDA JACKETT was hostess for the meeting and BENNIE PETERS, JUANITA HALSTEAD and her daughter, MRS. JACKIE COMPTON, a guest, and NANCY BEELAND managed to out maneuver the weather and make it to the meeting.

Though the weather seems to be nasty on meeting days, Alabama 99s have been able to fly enough to earn some new ratings. EUNDYCE "DICEY" MILLER received her Com-

mercial license on May 5 and is now busy working for an Instrument rating. DONNA WILLARD passed her Commercial Flight check on May 6 and is now getting ready for the Powder Puff Derby which she will fly with Alabama 99 MARION MAY as copilot. JEAN LANE must do nothing but fly (the lucky gal) as she received her Commercial license in February, her Flight Instructor's rating on May 3 and is now working on her Instrument rating!

Before this report ends let me wish NANCY BEELAND and JUANITA HALSTEAD good luck and happy landings for IRA next week.

The race will be over when they read this, but at least they will know the Alabama Chapter was with them in thought! Also, congratulations to our MINNIE COGGINS on the birth of a little girl!

FLORIDA GOLDCOAST CHAPTER Dottie Harrison, Reporter

The Florida Goldcoast Chapter held its May Meeting at Opa Locka Airport on May 16th, with twelve members and three guests present. DOTTIE SHAW and VIRGINIA BRITT, who attended the Southeast Section Meeting in Chattanooga, reported on the meeting and the fine hospitality shown them by the Tennessee Chapter. We learned that MIRIAM DAVIS is the new Chairman of the Southeast Section Nominating Committee. VIRGINIA and DOTTIE flew to the meeting in DOTTIE'S Mooney, and, due to weather, had to RON in Macon on the return trip.

DOROTHY DAVIDSON, MIRIAM DAVIS and LEE AVERMAN, who are members of the Florida Air Pilots, report that nine solo flight scholarships have been awarded to high school students in Dade and Broward Counties by the Florida Air Pilots. An interesting point is the fact that four of the scholarship winners are girls!

BETTY TRACY has made tirps all over the state in her TriPacer, including Tallahassee, Orlando and Melbourne.

Your reporter was the only member of our Chapter to attend the Grasshopper meeting at Winter Haven in April. The gardens and water skiing show at Cypress Gardens were lovely.

We're planning a fly-in at Marathon for our June meeting, with the idea of perhaps forming a new Florida Chapter on the Keys. More about that later.

We've all been busy working on the



Florida Space Port Chapter Charter Presentation Banquet, Melbourne, Florida, March 26, 1966. Seated: ALICE ROBERTS, International President; JIM FRUITT, State Representative (Speaker); CY BEERS, Chairman, Florida Space Port Chapter. Standing: MARTHA TOBEY, Southeast Section Governor, and BETTY McNABB, International Secretary.

International Air Race, and all the plans that have been made sound like lots of fun.

Until next month, Happy Flying!

FLORIDA SPACE PORT CHAPTER **Shirley M. Page, Reporter**

The comfortable new facilities at the recently reopened Ormond Beach Airport welcomed our members for the May meeting. Plans were made to greet the Angel Derby Pilots as they check in over Orlando during the week of the race, May 21-28. This is the International Air Race sponsored by the Florida Woman Pilot's Association. We hope to see many of you there!

CY BEERS, our Chairman, has exciting aspirations for our Chapter—a program that will get us all instrument rated! MARY BLACKWELL, an instructor and holder of many ratings will guide us through the study sessions.

Stimulated by the air marking success of the Bay Cities Chapter (April issue) we are planning an air marking meeting for the Ormond Beach Airport which sometimes catches Daytona Beach bound planes. Any volun-

teers for marking? Also in the planning stage is a money making project for some sort of head scarf of specially designed fabric for 99 members. Airports are soooo—windy!

We are still looking forward to a guided tour and a missile shot just for us (!) at Cape Kennedy—a meeting that is planned with the Florida Gold-coast Chapter. Our Next meeting will be at Ti-Co Airport, June 8th, in Titusville. We'll be working with the Suncoast Chapter, too, helping to welcome Powder Puff Derby fliers terminating at Clearwater in July.

Florida boasts good flying all year round with airports within gliding distance coast to coast. Why not join the wise tourist and fly our way? Join us any time.

FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER **Theodora B. Shafer, Reporter** **(Sue Van Duyne, pinch-hitting)**

The Suncoast Chapter of The Ninety-Nines met at Clearwater Airpark, Clearwater, Florida, on the 12th of May with sixteen present and a guest, a licensed pilot from Clearwater, SYLVIA FRANKLIN.

Two members, MASON LYKES and

DOTTIE BIRDSONG, have just received their commercial rating. In a brief ceremony, MORGAN LUCK from Venice and JENNIE VAN KESTEREN from St. Petersburg were pinned and welcomed as new members.

Committee Chairman reported on details for the terminus of the Powder Puff Derby and plans that have been dreams up to now, are beginning to take shape. SEE YOU IN CLEARWATER!

GEORGIA CHAPTER **Frances Peacock, Reporter**

The Southeast Section Meeting at Chattanooga, May 6-7, was attended by four Georgia 99s. Chapter Chairman CAROLYN KENNEDY, of Parrott, accompanied by her husband and by Chapter delegate, CAROL LOWERY, of Albany, were the first Georgians to arrive for the meeting. FRANCES PEACOCK, of Atlanta, soloed in late Friday to be on hand as Secretary-Treasurer. BETTY McNABB of Albany, off on a business trip to Miami,



SUE VAN DUYNE (GILES O.), Winter Haven, Florida, is a new member of the Florida Suncoast Chapter. Received her Private February 1965 and is self-employed as a Realtor and Insuror. Is a member of the Eastern Star, Grasshoppers and Pilot Club International (civic). Has two children. 24 year old GILES, JR., is just graduating from University of Florida and at pre-solo stage learning to fly.

was weathered at Waycross enroute to Chattanooga and arrived on Saturday morning. During the meeting an invitation was extended by the Georgia Chapter for the group to meet in Atlanta, September 9-10, for Fall Section Meeting.

A scavenger hunt which began at Griffin, Georgia, and ended at Covington, by way of Stone Mountain, preceded the regular May meeting of the Georgia Chapter on the 15th. HOWARD and CAROLYN KENNEDY and CAROL and JODY LOWERY took part in the hunt as did three guests from Griffin, BETTY JO ALISON and husband and PEGGY CHOLLY. Clues for the hunt were placed by DOLORESE LOWE, of Conyers, and SANDY KILKELLY, of Covington.

BETTY BENNETT and her husband have bought a Skyhawk and on Easter weekend visited friends in Washington, D. C. JEAN VOYLES flew to Mississippi recently on business then, later, flew to Sea Island accompanied by her son for a weekend of recreation.

BETTY McNABB continues to be our flyingest member. As ferry pilot for the Aero Commander folks at Albany, BETTY recently dodged in and out of weather and red tape for a week bringing an AC-100 from Pennsylvania. She spent a day in Washington, D.C., on business and made a trip to Miami to fill a speaking engagement. Following the Section Meeting at Chattanooga, BETTY flew to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to give the history of 99s and invocation on occasion of presentation of a Charter to a new 99 Chapter, South Louisiana. A fine tail wind going to Baton Rouge from Chattanooga became a head wind on her return to Albany and she reached home just as dusk became dark. The next day found BETTY back in Atlanta where she was a delegate to a workshop for workers with the blind.

Former International President EDNA GARDNER WHYTE, of Texas, recently paid a visit to Albany, Georgia, by way of the Southeast Sectional in Chattanooga. EDNA picked up her new AC-200 (Meyers) at the Aero Commander plant in Albany.

An Ounce of Pre-Flight Planning is Worth Far More Than A Pound of In-Flight Desperation.



JOE GARRETT, Chief Pilot for Lockheed-Georgia, points out interesting features of the Lockheed Transport C5A mock-up to Georgia Ninety-Nines MARY LEE NIX, DOLORESE LOWE, JEAN VOYLES, BETTY McNABB, HOLLY SMITH and her 49½er, MAJOR CRAIG SMITH.

Box score on aviation progress in Georgia:

New airports under construction	7
New airports already completed and awaiting dedication	12
Community airports projecting improvement and expansion for coming year	13
New airports since 1953	39
Total number of airports	161
Airmarkers installed during past year	200

MEMPHIS CHAPTER **Mary Stanley, Reporter**

Five planes from the Memphis Chapter flew into Chattanooga for the Southeast Sectional the first of May: MARTHA, FRANK and ROSEMARY WILLIAMS were in the TOBEY'S Skyhawk; CHRIS BROWN brought along INA WALKER in her Skyhawk; POLLY and HOWARD DUNCAN flew a Mooney; GERRY and BILL BAKER and VIRGINIA and EVERETT PROCTOR were in their respective 172s. This was the first Sectional gathering for the PROCTORS and BAKERS and GINNY reported that it lived up to all expectations. I think they enjoyed the initiation

ceremony for 49½ers and the barbecue given by IRENE and BUD FLEWELLEN particularly. She also mentioned the helpfulness of the CAP cadets at the airport. As CHRIS BROWN, our Chapter Chairman expressed it, "We had a real blast".

Incidentally, CHRIS is the Memphis Chapter's greatest claim to erudition. She is a highly qualified pilot, instrument rated, co-owner of a Skyhawk and flew as a co-pilot in the 1955 AWTAR. POLLY DUNCAN is currently checking her out in the Memphis CAP T-34. In her chosen field of biochemistry she is known as DR. FONTAINE C. BROWN of the Brain Research Institute at the Tenn. Psychiatric Hospital. In April she presented a paper concerning experiments in which she has collaborated concerning the biochemistry of the brain before the Federated Societies of Experimental Biology, meeting in Atlantic City. This Society draws its membership from around the world.

While attending the EAA Fly-In at Downtown Airport last Saturday I had a most interesting conversation with one of our newer members, ANN HATTEN, (LT. J. G., Millington Naval Station, physical therapist) and her father, TOM HATTEN. MR. HATTEN received



Pictured standing in front of ALICE ROBERTS' Bonanza at Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge, is the South Louisiana Chapter. Left to right: YVONNE RYDER, BRENDA BURLEY (prospective member), JAN PHILLIPS, HELEN HOOKS, NITA DELARODERIE, ALICE, PAT WARD, DEE COMEAUX, MOLLY STOCKWELL, MARY JEAN PRESTRIDGE, NORMA SPENCE (66), JEAN DE JARNETTE, GERRI WILSON (66), BARBARA TEER (66), FOY WEST, GLORIA WARD. Absent from the group was ALICE CAGLE and PATSY JONES.

his private license in 1924. His career paralleled that of the early growth of aviation in the United States. He had flown all the famous old airplanes, including one of the early Curtiss Pushers and the Ford Tri-motor. He barnstormed, flew the mail and crop-dusted in the Lindberg era. No wonder ANN decided to learn to fly!

Among other notes of interest — MARTHA will be in Little Rock on June 17 on official duty with the Sky Lady Derby. POLLY will fly solo in a Cessna 182 in the AWTAR. INA flew to New Orleans to a bowling tournament. ANN has been vacationing along the south and northeast coasts.

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

Lucille Wolfe, Reporter

Our Chapter was well represented and had a wonderful time attending the Southeast Section meeting in Chattanooga, Tenn., on May 6, 7 and 8. Our very petite member, JANET GREEN, piloted her Aero Commander there after "shuttling" across the state. First stop was Gulfport to pick up ESTHER HALL, then to Hattiesburg

for JESSIE MILLER, to Jackson for BERNICE KELLY and ETHEL RADZEWICZ and the 5 of them enjoyed the trip to Chattanooga. LUCILE WOLFE and 49½er BOB flew up from Greenville in their Cherokee 180. ESTHER'S 49½er, CHARLES, drove in to meet her for the weekend. We were all most appreciative of the barbecue and party on Friday night hosted by IRENE FLEWELLYN and her husband. Saturday evening was most enjoyable, both the cocktail party and dinner. We especially were happy our JANET won the prize (leaf bug spray, first aid kit, "safety" pills, etc.) for her landing on

arrival. Seems everyone agreed, including the FFA representative, MR. GASSAWAY, that JANET came closest to the trees (without hitting them) on landing. MR. GASSAWAY vows there are leaf prints on her wheels now. She made a beautiful landing, too, and will be remembered by all. That's our little JANET and the Big Aero Commander. Many thanks to Chattanooga Chapter for a grand week-end.

We held our May meeting at Lake Shore Lodge while in Chattanooga. Plans for the IAR stop were completed. Many of us will view that portion of the race in Laurel. Our next meeting will be a tour of the NASA space facility at Picaune, Miss. July meeting will be third week-end in July in Greenville. This will be a two day affair and anyone wishing to join us, contact this reporter in Greenville.

This month we also said goodbye or so long for awhile to some of our own good Chapter members with the presentation of a Chapter to the South Louisiana Chapter. We sure will miss them but wish them the best of luck in their own.

The FAA Women's Advisory Committee asks that Ninety-Nines assist in implementing a program of airport beautification. Please be ready to give assistance when your Chapter is asked to help in this project. Advise youh Garden Clubs and Civic Clubs that you will assist them if they will undertake such a project.



Receiving the Proclamation declaring May 8th "Ninety-Nine Day in Baton Rouge" are officers of the new South Louisiana Chapter. Left to right: **MARY JEAN PRESTRIDGE**, Secretary; **NITA DELARODERIE**, Vice Chairman; **DIONNE COMEAUX**, Treasurer; **PAT WARD**, Chairman; with Mayor of Baton Rouge, **W. W. DUMAS**.



SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER **Pat Ward, Chairman**

This must be what a brand new Instrument Pilot feels like when she's just received an ATC clearance for her first solo IFR flight. She asked for it, read it back and now she's going to do it. The new SLC has received its clearance from the International Organization of Women Pilots. And we have read it back. But the presence of 68 warm souls at our installation ceremony at the Jack Tar Capitol House in Baton Rouge on May 8th was our forecast of CAVU that day and at our destination: our destination being the fulfillment of the achievements and goals we have set for ourselves as individuals and as a 99 Chapter. The South Louisiana Chapter files VFR, requests Flight Watch.

And, on hand to watch our takeoff was our International President and

Secretary, **ALICE ROBERTS** and **BETTY McNABB**. Our usual "gumbo" type south Louisiana weather moved into distant quadrants for this memorable occasion. We were so happy to have **ALICE** and **BETTY** direct from the SE Section Meeting in Chattanooga, especially since **BETTY** was on such a tight schedule that she had to leave before all the festivities were over. We really appreciate their interest and participation in our big moment. Our Chapter presented them with a "flat" of strawberries from the fields of the Strawberry Capitol of the World.

We were doubly honored by two proclamations: (1) Mayor of Baton Rouge, **W. W. DUMAS**, declared May 8th "Ninety-Nine Day in Baton Rouge"; (2) Governor of Louisiana, **JOHN J. McKEITHEN**, declared the week of May 22-28, "The Ninety-Nines, Women in Aviation Week" in Louisiana, all in honor of the new Chapter. **ALICE** was presented the Key to the City of Baton Rouge.

Seated at the head table with **ALICE**, **BETTY** and me, were several special people: **ORVILLE J. WINOVER**, Director of Aviation, East Baton Rouge Parish; **JANET GREEN**, Vice-Governor, South East Section; **CHARLES**

ROBERTS, Alice's 49½er; General Operations Inspector **LARRY MUSSER**, New Orleans GADO of the FFA; City-Parish COUNCILMAN and **MRS BOB WILLIAMSON**; and among the others seated at round tables in the Show Boat dining room on the roof top of the Jack Tar were: Miss. Chapter Chairman **JESSIE MILLER** of Hattiesburg; Miss. Chapter Vice Chairman **MIRIAM LOE** of Natchez; Shreveport Chapter Chairman **JOAN CARROLL** (along with 6 other SHV Chapter members whom we were delighted to have with us); The Cessna Aircraft Distributor from Baton Rouge, **MR. and MRS. J. D. HAIR, SR.**; and the man who is sponsoring two of our members in this year's IAR (**DEE CAMEAUX**, Pilot; **PATSY JONES**, Co-Pilot, Flying IAR No. 12) in his new Aero Commander 100, **MR. JACK LAWS** of The Aircraft Company, Baton Rouge.

Television photographers covered the installation and a filmed report was telecast over **WAFB-TV**, Channel 9, in Baton Rouge that evening. One of our talented 49½ers, **ED PRESTRIDGE**, has been adopted as our official Chapter photographer for taking still shots appearing here and in our Chapter scrapbook. **MOLLY STOCKWELL** and **MARY JEAN PRESTRIDGE** designed the head table centerpiece of Spanish Moss, driftwood and magnolias, while **MOLLY** made the corsages presented to our special guests.

Let me introduce, briefly, the South Louisiana Chapter:

ALICE CAGLE of New Orleans, joined the Kansas Chapter in 1956, later transferred to the Miss. Chapter, and now to the SLC; employed at the Pan-Air Corp., New Orleans; **ASELS**, **AMELS**, CFI, Commercial, FFA Examiner, more than 16,000 hours.

DIONNE "DEE" COMEAUX of Baton Rouge, Private, 300 hours, Pilot in the 1966 IAR, ferry pilot for Cessna Dist., transfer from Miss. Chapter, SLC Treasurer.

JUANITA "NITA" DELARODERIE of BTR, Private, 100 hours, Vice Chairman SLC, transfer from Miss. Chapter.

JEANETTE "JEAN" DE JARNETTE of New Orleans, Aero Unlimited, Inc., New Orleans, transfer from Miss. Chapter, **ASELS**, **AMEL**, Helicopter, CFI Airplane and Helicopter (flight and ground), FAA Examiner, ATR, hours unknown to reporter.

PAT WARD of Baton Rouge, Commercial, **ASEL**, **AMEL**, 425 hours, Co-pilot 1965 AWTAR, ferry pilot for



ALICE ROBERTS is presented the Key to the City of Baton Rouge and Honorary Citizenship from Councilman **BOB WILLIAMSON**. Seated to the left is **ALICE's** 49½'er, **CHARLES ROBERTS**.

Cessna Dist., transfer from Miss. Chapter, Chairm SLC.

HELEN HOOKS of Hammond, new member, former WASP, Commerical, CFI, hours unknown.

JANET "JAN" PHILLIPS of Lafayette, new member, Private, hours unknown.

MARY JEAN PRESTRIDGE of Baton Rouge, Private, 100 hours, new member, ferry pilot for Cessna Dist., Secretary of South Louisiana Chapter.

YVONNE M. RYDER of New Iberia, new member, Private, hours unknown.

MOLLY STOCKWELL of Baton Rouge, new member, 75 hours, Private, Scrapbook Chairman.

GLORIA FAYE WARD of Baton

ROUGE, new member, (formerly referred to as "my favorite 66"), Private, 90 hours, high school student (youngest 93 in La., Miss., Ala., Ga., Florida), ferry pilot for Cessna Distributor.

FOYMAE "FOY" WEST of Baton Rouge, new member, Private, hours unknown.

More details will be submitted about each in future issues.

The South Louisiana Chapter has adopted a full "66" program, and all of our 66s have soloed. They are (all from Baton Rouge, for now): **NORMA SPENCE**, **GERRI WILSON**, **YVONNE LANDRY**, **BARBARA TEER** and **LOUISE OGDEN**. Special thanks to **NORMA** and **GERRI** who helped us

tremendously with our installation. We hope our 66 program will grow along with us.

We regret that **ARLENE WALKUP** and **GENE NORA JESSON**, Governor and Vice Governor of the SC Section were unable to be with us, but enjoyed their telegram from Boulder, Colorado; also appreciate the telegram from **RUTH DEERMAN** from El Paso, who had been invited to pin our "66" members. Was a personal disappointment to me and to my Chapter that **MARTHA TOBEY** had to cancel her plans to be with us. She has an open invitation to join us at any time, as do all of you. We welcome visitors and guests to South Louisiana. Please consider us your hospitality committee any time you are down our way. Just phone and say you are a 99!

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 11, in Baton Rouge, and there is a good possibility we will have as our guests the man who built the Curtiss Pusher which was flown in the movie "The Great Race", starring **TONY CURTIS**. **JOHN PRUITT** of Crosby, Miss., has films of his own taken on location while the movie was being filmed, as well as some authentic snapshots of some air races in which the "pusher" was the airplane flying, dated back before my time. We hope he will arrive at Ryan Airport in his "pusher" that he has just built. So this should be a very interesting "fun" meeting. We have some rather exciting and informative meetings planned, so let us know when you will be in our area for vacation or business and perhaps you can visit with us.

So, the South Louisiana Chapter has opened its Flight Plan and invite you to join Flight Watch. We expect to grow and expand and welcome your suggestions that will help us be the active, productive, contributing segment of the 99s that we hope to be.

Our first project is being in charge of Stop Operations for the IAR in Alexandria May 25-27. Would like to hear from some other Chapters (particularly in SC and SE Sections) in reference to their youngest members. A feature newspaper article is forthcoming about our **GLORIA WARD** before August 15th. She is 17 (will be 18 in August). Would like to include your young 99, too, if she is 17 or 18 and will be happy to send copies of the feature for your Chapter scrapbooks.



ALL-OHIO CHAPTER EDY MAXIM, Reporter

Congratulations to JERRIE MOCK, who broke the women's non-stop distance record and brought it back to the United States. Jerrie flew the 4515.93 statute mile course from Honolulu to Columbus in her Cessna Super Skylane in 31 hours. AMELIA EARHART held the distance record at the time of her death in 1937. Her flight was from Los Angeles to Louisville, Kentucky. Early in 1938 her record was broken by a French woman. Shortly thereafter it was captured by a team of three Russian women who flew a distance of 3671 miles and held the record for 28 years.

April busy with 99 activities. Many of our members headed west for the splendid North Central Section meeting at the Lake of the Ozarks and beautifully hosted by the Cape Girardeau Chapter. Attending: JOAN HRUBEC, CONNIE JONES, JANICE KUECHENMEISTER, LEE and JIM ROCK, MARILYN COLLETTE, MARY SCHEAFER, HELEN O'CONNELL, JEAN and DOC BONAR, PAT and MYRON COLLIER, CLARA THARPE, HELEN and FRED MORGAN, VIRGINIA SCHUMACHER, and AUTRIE LEHR.

The April 24th chapter meeting at Arkon-Canton Airport hosted by JEAN HIXSON and RUBY MENSCHING. About 30 members and guests. IFR again! Everyone—almost everyone—resorted to ground transportation. All except HELEN O'CONNELL, who bravely used her instrument rating.

The IAR Angel Derby is next on the agenda and a number of the Ohio 99s are entered. MARION BETZLER—a former 1st-place winner—will fly it again. MARY SCHEAFER will fly as pilot for the 1st time and HELEN O'CONNELL will co-pilot in MARY'S Cherokee 160. MARILYN COLLETTE will fly a Comanche and her co-pilot is LYNN TANCHON MAGUIRE of the British West Indies. 1st-time races are JOANN STYPE and MILDRED KLAYMAN. Other possible entries are RUBY MENSCHING, JANICE KUECHENMEISTER and DOTTIE ANDERSON. we wish them all good luck and good show. Also, The Standard Oil Company

of Ohio is presenting a trophy to the best Ohio team.

Possible entries for the TAR: CONNIE JONES and AUTRIE LEHR.

BUNNY FOLEY attended the Southwest Section meeting in Las Vegas. While in Las Vegas, she presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Aerospace Medical Association on the development of techniques for doing metabolic measurements under water.

The ROCKS are now proud owners of a Mooney Mark 21, and MARION and CHUCK BETZLER have a Comanche 250.

ELINOR MADDOX has her twin-engine rating.

AUTRIE LEHR picked up a new Beech Musketeer at the factory in Wichita and flew it to the N.C., Section Meeting. In May, AUTRIE is Flying to Florida for a vacation and then will be bringing back a new Cherokee from Vero Beach. Also, she now has her multi-engine rating. She has been busy.

Further, AUTRIE is All-Ohio's Air Marking Chairman. She reports that there are now more than 40 air markers in progress, with many more requests for information from the Jaycees of Ohio. The air marking program in Ohio is a combined 99-Jaycee effort.

An interesting card from MARY and PETER BRANDMAN, postmarked Singapore. They had been jetting it from place to place—South Africa, East Africa, India. From Singapore on to Australia and New Zealand. In Cape Town they rented a Cessna 172. In Durban, South Africa, a Cherokee 180. In these countries the Aero Clubs play an important part in social life.

NANCYLEE, LORRY and little LEE had a big trip in the Debonair to the tip of Baja, California. They did a non-stop from Mexicali to Cabo San Lucas, with plenty of fuel to spare. Their longest hop 5 hours. For weather, beaches, clear water, sun, fishing, lovely accommodations at a moderate cost, nice people—this is the place. One of the "interesting" airports on the trip—Palmilla, where the runway "runs" downhill toward the ocean. What a mental hazard, even though there is ample length to the runway.

The reason we haven't seen JEANNE PARKHURST lately is that she and NED have been keeping the Comanche airborne a great deal. There have been flights to New Orleans, Florida, Jackson, Miss.; Birmingham, Ala., and

Kalamazoo, Mich. JEANNE is working on her instrument rating and has been getting in plenty of actual instrument flying on these trips. She is taking her ground school work at Cuyahoga County Airport.

JEANNE and NED are members of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, and have been busy making arrangements for the Association's convention in Cleveland in May. To my amazement, there are about 700 active members in U.S. and Europe in this organization.

PAULINE EK logging much time in their newly acquired Cessna 172. Also working on her instrument rating.

VIRGINIA SCHUMACHER'S daughter, MRS. MARTHA McNEIL, is troop leader for Girl Scout Troop No. 640 in Springfield, Ohio. MARTHA had arranged that on Sunday, May 15th, the scouts earn their aviation badges in spending the day at the Springfield Municipal Airport. In the itinerary for the day a visit to the control tower, a tour to the Air National Guard Base and a flight in an airplane. The 30 girl scouts will be given their indoctrination flights by VIRGINIA SCHUMACHER, AUTRIE LEHR, MARILYN COLLETTE and HELEN and FRED MORGAN.

Our pleasure to have IRENE WIRTSCHAFTER (E. Penn. Chapter) spend her 2 weeks tour of Navy Duty in Cleveland (the best location in the nation). CONNIE JONES, JOAN HRUBEC and EDY MAXIM were happy to take up some of her evenings.

Delighted to see the colorful photo of the 180-on-floats, CF-SEA, on the March cover of "PILOT". Our good friend JEAN MACDONALD and 49½er from Ontario, Canada, were barely visible. They had been on the Bahamas Treasure Hunt.

MUGS, ANYONE?

CAPE GIRARDEAU AREA CHAPTER Marge Hall, Reporter

Well, we're off and running again, but only after taking off a few days to get a quick overhaul. We needed it after the Sectional! If I may be permitted, I would like to say another few dozen words about it. We've had so many lovely thank-you notes and letters and we're truly grateful that you all had a good time. It was our pleasure.

Thought you might like to know, the City Council of Eldon, Mo., has drawn up a letter to be sent to an architect

tural and engineering firm concerning improvements on their Airport. Also, we have a new air marker—the City of Eldon. Doesn't it make you feel good, knowing that each and every one of you had a part in bringing about these improvements?

Now, on to the Powder Puff Derby News, and this is really news here in CGI. I can assure you that you **should** make this a must stop on your flight plans. If you're not flying in the race, come anyway, we'd love to have you.

NADINE HEUER, our Stop Chairman arrived at the meeting today loaded down with goodies or I should say jobs for each of us. She is really doing a marvelous job. Now that all of the chores are delegated, all NADINE has to do is sit back and crack the whip. By the way, girls, the leg prizes are really something, so do come, we'll be waiting for you-all.

Weather was terrible today, thunder-showers and a few tornadoes lurking about, but our own "White Tornadoes" MARY EVANS from Eldon and MARY ELDERS from Cuba drove 150 miles to the meeting. How about that, they were afraid we'd make them chairman of something.

AUDREY BLAICH from Poplar Bluff drove over since her 49½er decided weather wasn't fitt'n to be flitt'n about in that thar flying machine.

We had one guest today, petite, blond CAROLINE OCHS. She's just passed her written and with a few more hours will be ready for her check ride and, we hope, a new 99.

Again, it was a treat seeing all you nice people at Convention and we'll be looking for you all on Derby Day, so mark your calendar. There's going to be lots of fun and you know you wouldn't want to miss it.

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

Our nominee for the original Hard Luck gal has to be JEAN READ! Poor JEAN had just gotten her Cessna back in the air after it was damaged in a tornado—so, what happens? A hangar door blew off during a thunderstorm and smashed the left wing! In between times, she had the convertible top of her car shredded in a hailstorm. What's new, JEAN?

BETTY COMMON has been building up hours for her commercial helicopter rating and hopes to take her flight check during a forthcoming vacation in Florida.



MISS LUCILE DRAKE, owner/operator of Drake's Florist, Newman, Ill., is shown presenting a special award to DEE ADAMSON (right), Central Illinois Chapter.

DEE ADAMSON was the guest speaker for the recent meeting of the Central Illinois Pilots Association which was held in Decatur. The group was most interested in The Ninety-Nines and the Powder Puff Derby.

EVELYN and RALPH FARLEY finally got a few days off and flew down to Kentucky Lakes. Believe it or not, they had tailwinds both ways!

DEED and MAX HOLCOMB took a fast flight via Cessna 170 to Vero Beach over the Easter holidays to visit his parents. MAX has been promoted to plant manager at Danville so they will be moving as soon as the school year is over.

RUTH IRENE SMITH was recently featured in a local newspaper. They really went all out with a long article and a half page full color picture!

DEE ADAMSON was recently honored by the Women's Bowling League of Newman. She was guest of honor at their banquet and was presented a trophy by MISS LUCILE DRAKE, owner-operator of Drake's Florist and one of DEE'S sponsors in the AWTAR. The trophy was inscribed "To The Only Girl in Newman Who Prefers a Powder Puff to a Bowling Ball".

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

Mary R. Shumway, Reporter

Last Chapter meeting was held at Chicagoland Airport in April on a bright Sunday morning, starting off with a "spot landing" contest won by

our new prospective member, GINNY ROTH, with JOHN in their new Sky-lane. TRACY PILURS was Chairman for the meeting serving brunch for the arrivals as they came in. TROY DODD showed colored home movies of his son's, BILL DODD, Midget Mustang. The actual rebuilding of it was shown step by step which was quite a considerable project. This Chicagoland Airport boasts quite a nucleus of antique and home built aircraft and some very active EAA members.

CHARLENE FALKENBERG had as a guest CHARLENE MOFFATT from Hobart, Ind., a future pilot. CHARLENE FALKENBERG after planning to fly her Skyhawk to Birmingham, Alabama, over Easter ended up going commercial due to weather.

MARY PANCZYSHYN flew her husband, DOC GEORGE, and children to Florida. On the way back they wanted to get to Jefferson City for the Sectional but because of bad weather had to miss all the fun.

TRACY PILURS is sporting a new lavender lace helmet, the only one in captivity! (You better believe it!)

GERRY KRAUSE flew to Tulsa, Oklahoma, with her husband on a business trip, then up to Eldon, Mo., for the Section Meeting.

GERI HALTON and her husband, FRED, spent a week island hopping in the Caribbean during the Easter holidays. Was first "long" trip in their new Bonanza and they spent most of the week at St. Croix, U.S.V.I.

After trailblazing the portion of the 1966 Powder Puff Derby from Kansas City to Clearwater, ALICE HAMMOND flew "Charlie" on to Miami, Fla., to "Keep house" for 49½er JOHN where he was working during March. While there she had the pleasure of attending meetings of the Suncoast and Gold-coast Chapters and the presentation of the Charter to the new Space Port Chapter. The HAMMONDS flew "Charlie" home in time for Easter and the North Central Sectional at Lake of the Ozarks.

LOUISE and RAY KOKESH took time out to fly their new "N" model Bonanza to New Orleans for a week-end. Went to the Section Meeting in the Ozarks. After attending the April meeting flew to Wagon Wheel for dinner.

VIRGINIA and GEORGE COFFEEN went to Lake of the Ozarks Section Meeting, the hard way—by car. Took a week driving around the Ozarks fishing and seeing the sights. Due to fish-

ing in the rain ended up with a bad cold. Katchoo! ! !

SUE ROSCOE and GARTH finally completed their trip started six months ago to Phoenix, Arizona, with good weather all the way. They also went to Elmira, N.Y., before that for a family wedding. Took in the Schweitzer glider plant at Elmira while there but had to come back commercial, that old devil weather.

SUE and JEAN CLAUS plan to leave this weekend for Harlingen, Texas, for the International Race from Monterey, Mexico, to West Palm Beach, Florida. SUE will be flying her Skylane and JANE will co-piloting and a huge number of entrants is anticipated. Good luck

We hear DORIS MULLEN just received her glider instructor's rating which is another to her long list of accomplishments. Husband MOON has taken over Oakbrook glider equipment and is enlarging glider training at Joliet Airport.

We understand BOBBIE JOHANSSON and 49½er JOE are going to Japan but not in the Aztec, commercial.

Your reporter finally passed the instrument written and won her commercial license on May 1st, so Powder Puff here GERRY KRAUSE and I come. By July 1st I'm going to need that vacation! Look out you Pipers! ! ! Happy flying

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER Joy Morrison, Reporter

The Kansas City Chapter is ready for the Powder Puff Derby stop in Kansas City, Kan. we can guarantee that you'll have a poppin' good time over the 4th of July in our city. As a matter of fact, you might want to stay in Kansas City indefinitely and forget about the remaining part of the race.

JOANN REINDEL and her 49½er have taken over the Leavenworth, Kan., airport. When in the area stop in and see them.

BARNARD GEIER, Safety Director for the District FFA, spoke at the last monthly meeting at the Golden Ox restaurant.

ALEAH COMBS, PEGGY WRIGHT, COLEEN GORDON and JOY MORRISON were guest speakers at the Lawrence, Kan., Flying Club. The speakers discussed the Powder Puff Derby stop in Kansas and encouraged the men's wives to continue their flying. They have been taking an emergency pro-



Collaborating on details for the Powder Puff Derby stop in Kansas City are (L to R) COLEEN GORDON and JOY MORRISON, co-chairmen of the Derby stop; and standing, ALEAH COMBS, Chairman of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of 99s.

cedure course.

MARY ANN NOAH and PEGGY WRIGHT are making preparations for the International Air Race.

Those attending the Section meeting at the Four Seasons want to thank the Cape Girardeau Chapter for being such wonderful hostess.

GENE STEUART, Chief of the Aviation Division for the Kansas Economic Development Commission, spoke at the May meeting at the Hilton Inn. MR. STEUART discussed air marking in the United States and remarked that the 99s could be a contributing factor in increasing air marking throughout the country.

MARY ANN NOAH was surprised when a reporter from KMBC radio called her for an impromptu interview via the telephone. After a few minutes she caught on to the gimmick and answered his questions but later commented that "there wasn't even a beep, beep, beep" The reporter asked her about the upcoming Powder Puff Derby and her preparation for the race. The conversation was aired that same day on the noon news.

The 99s were guests on "Brunch at the Hilton Inn." an hour radio program. Members were questioned about the 99s, the Powder Puff Derby stop in Kansas City, Kan., and MARILYN DICKSON and MARY WOOD were introduced. They are entered in the race for the first time this year.

LAURIE MONK and her family took advantage of a new twin turbo-charged

Comanche and spent two weeks in California.

COLEEN GORDON found time for a rest in Las Vegas.

Five penny-a-pound lifts are scheduled for June 12 at outlying airports in the Kansas City area. The sixth lift is to be held on Father's Day at Fairfax Airport. The proceeds from the 6 lifts will go to the AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP. The lift at the Olathe City airport will be unusual in the fact that there are 11 antique planes on the field and the fellows are donating their planes and time for the lift.

We'll be expecting to see you when you stop at Fairfax Airport on the Powder Puff Derby race.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER Amy Laws, Reporter

First things first! We have kept up a running account of the progress of KIT HEACOCK for you, in just about every issue. We are now proud to announce that KIT passed her Instrument Check Ride. Congratulations, 'go-getter'. "Go-getter's get ratings" should be her slogan. Not content with all this in two years, she also took the written for Flight Instrument Instructor and passed that. Watch this column for further developments.

IRENE RAWLINGS, our charming and efficient Chairman, held our April meeting in a rather unusual setting. IRENE and 49½er Erwin just purchased a house in what is known here (and there, too) as a Condominium. Now this is the way to live. While still having a lovely two-story dwelling, they don't have to cut the grass, or garden, or anything-unless they want to. Also in the development is a golf course, swimming pool and a clubhouse. After we all admired IRENE'S home, she took us over to what is known as "Leisure Lodge". Here in a large, modern 'family room' we held our meeting. IRENE tells me that this is available to all the home-owners but our group was the first to take advantage of it.

We had such excellent attendance I won't list the regulars. Guests included DEANE ALLEN, student pilot and wife of SPENCER ALLEN, well-known TV announcer in St. Louis; DOROTHY WELHOELTER, a pilot's wife, who is being groomed to 'take the plunge' (being exposed to women in aviation is a good way to get these gals who ride the right-hand seat to take lessons); JOAN LAMB, student;

KAY HUCKE, who just got her private license in March, and Kay Meyers, private, who is working on her Instrument rating.

IRENE pinned SUE MATHIAS, our newest 99. Welcome to the ranks, SUE.

Our May meeting was held at St. Charles airport which is owned and operated by FRAN HENKE and her 49½er, AUGGIE. It was supposed to be a Fly-in Pot Luck supper but turned out to be more supper and less fly-in due to our rather unpredictable Spring weather. Two girls did fly-in but they fudged a little. JEAN LENNERTSON and NORMA BRAUCH, potential member, hitched a ride from Lambert Field in an Apache and were whisked away two hours later, this time in a 182, just beating a dandy thunderstorm home.

KIT HEACOCK, MILDRED JAMES and guest, private pilot RUTH ADAMSON, drove over from Collinsville, Ill., only after making a 'go-no go' decision. That's a far piece to drive.

We had a delightful guest, in the person of retired Air Force Major 'PETE' CHANDLER who was accompanied by COL. Hollis Kohr of Belleville and Scott Air Force Base. Old-timers will remember MAJOR CHANDLER from his barnstorming days as a Hollywood stunt-man. While we ate he regaled us with wonderful reminiscences of the early days when he was the first wing-walker to change planes in mid-air and also to transfer from a moving auto to a plane. Remember those movies? Seventy-three years young, MAJOR CHANDLER still is current—only now its jets. He told us about the Air Force's latest, the C5A, the world's largest plane.

IRENE announced that ROSE JOLY, our Silver Anniversary Chairman, has received confirmation that JERRIE MOCK will be our guest speaker at the celebration dinner-dance, September 17, 1936. All of you who will be in the St. Louis area then, please mark your calendars and be with us. This should be a most rewarding evening. We are so thrilled to have JERRIE take time out from a busy schedule to talk to us. We can't wait to meet her.

We also got on the ball and voted to send our contribution to both the AWTAR for '67, and A. E. Scholarship. St. Louis Chapter may be slow, but don't cross us off your list. We care! So far RUTH TAKSEL, VAL JOHNSON and FRAN HENKE are making plans to enter this year's Powder Puff Derby. And IRENE RAWLINGS is planning

her vacation around the convention, and intends to Mooney out with 49½er ERWIN.

FRAN HENKE and RUTH LAKE, co-chairmen for the Sky Lady Derby, to be held at Little Rock, Ark., June 17th, are still accepting applications and urge you all to get them in on time for the press releases and the WNNa bulletin.

FLYING ACTIVITIES — MERLE FRAME whose husband is a corporate pilot for Peabody Coal Co., had the thrill of being invited to travel to San Juan, Puerto Rico, in the Saberliner which has the famous (or is it infamous) number — 007. JEAN LENNERTSON and 49½er RICH flew a Cessna 172 to Pensacola, Fla., to attend a wedding—and back the next day. Also on a quick trip to Pompano Beach, Fla., to visit her mother, JAN POCOCH traveled via Grumman. JEAN LENNERTSON flew thirty Boy Scouts in a Cessna 172 (three hours flying time) from Spirit of St. Louis Airport. This was the St. Louis Chapter of the Missouri Pilot's Association's way of saluting our local scouts. EDITH OLOVITCH flew 49½er AL in their Cherokee 140 to Chicago and bought him some duds at Brooks Bros. EDITH reports the traffic around the Chicago area as something else again. Dorothy Haugh is now selling airplanes for Walston Aviation, Cessna dealers. She recently toured the Bootheel area of Missouri in a 206, hunting up prospects. She plans to fly to the Indianapolis Speedway races, May 30, to join 49½er ELMER who has been working there this past month.

Dallas was invaded this month by our girls. DOROTHY WHEELER flew down to visit her grandson again. Talk about doting grandmothers! The BLOOMS—SYLVIA, 49½er LACK and the two children Apached down to view SMU as a possible school for college age son, LACK, JR. While there Texas had her terrible floods. The situation was bad enough SYLVIA and kids came home by airline while LACK stayed with plane, finally getting through to St. Louis in very marginal weather. VAL JOHNSON and AMY LAWS flew with RUTH TAKSEL in her Cessna 210, to Ft. Worth and Dallas. RUTH had the honor of being invited to fly the WREN (the converted 182-STOL plane), and now belongs to the Zero-Zero club (she has a cute 0/0 pin to prove it)—the first woman to fly (under the hood in a Wren) down to

zero-zero and land. The hospitality of those Texas folks is worth mentioning. We just about got our feet on the ground when 99 MARGARET PICKERING, (she and husband 'PICK' are the Wren distributors) took us to lunch where we had the best barbecue we ever ate—then for dessert, we flew in the Wren. Via telephone, TONY PAGE informed us that the FAA was conducting a Flight Instructor's Refresher Seminar with the State of Texas' Aeronautic Commission. Turned out it was in the same motel we had registered in, so we were invited to sit in the next day. This was a bonanza to VAL, who is a Flight Instructor, and to me, since I'm still working on the commercial rating and, as luck would have it, this was covered that day. We also got to tour Carswell AFB, where I tore to shreds my nylons, climbing up and down the ladders in a KC-135 (refueling plane) and a B-25 bomber. Well worth it. At the seminar, we were pleased to meet RHEA ALLISON, from the Houston Chapter, and MARY KAHAK of the Ft. Worth Chapter, both Flight Instructors.

That night we had an excellent Mexican dinner at the Casa del Rey with 'DOC' MORRIS and HELEN, his 99, who should know good Mexican food since they lived ten years in Latin American countries—mostly Paraguay. 'DOC' is with the Wren company and two more interesting people I have yet to meet.

Leaving Ft. Worth the next morning, we got as far as Love Field, Dallas, where we had breakfast with GEORGE HADDAWAY, Publisher of Flight magazine. Also saw HAZEL MCKENDRICK, Dallas Chapter, who works at the field for FFA in Flight Planning. HAZEL couldn't give us any good weather home, so we stayed the night. This wonderful gal announces she has shed 50 lbs, this year and is available to co-pilot in the Powder Puff Derby. At the Holiday Inn that evening, who was in the restaurant but VIRGIL GRISSOM, the astronaut. If I sound like I'm name-dropping—I am. I was that impressed with the whole visit. One more. In the motel's car the next morning going to the airport, we met El Cajon Chapter member, KAREN SUE WHITED, on a visit to Dallas, to ferry a Cessna back to California. She had planned to go up to Wichita but changed her mind due to that 'old debbil' weather.

Enough! Enough! More name-dropping next month.

INDIANA CHAPTER
Billie Anderson, Reporter

The Indian Chapter held their regular monthly meeting Sunday, April 24, at the Applegrove Restaurant in Crawfordsville, Indiana. Considering that it was strictly a drive-in meeting (due to typical meeting weather—strictly IFR and Crawfordsville a VFR airport), we had a good turn out with twenty members present. MR. ELI JEROME, Principal General Aviation Inspector from the FFA, gave an informal aviation safety program with a question and answer session.—Very timely now that winter has gone and all birds are sprouting impatient feathers.

MID CASSIDY and ESTER BERNER flew the "Pretty Thing" to the North Central Sectional at Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. The Cape Girardeau Area Chapter is to be congratulated for an excellent job, superbly done. DOROTHY SMITH, BETTY and ELLIOTT-KAYE SMITH, PAULINE and BOB GENUNG, PEG COULTER, DELIA and HARRY SAUNDERS, ETHEL and RUSTY KNUTH, VERNIE and HELEN GRAHN, BILLIE and "SMITTY" SMITH all agree.

As for other 99s activities.—SOPH PAYTON and ADDELLA NEFF airlined to Mooney Aircraft, Inc., Kerrville, Texas, to ferry back a Mooney Super 21. They had a real nice visit with MARIAN BURKE in San Antonio. SOPH has entered the Powder Puff with PAULINE JONES of Washington, D. C., as co-pilot.

RAE CAUDELL recently flew (commercial) to the Panama Canal Zone to visit friends. We were glad to have DAWN MILLER attend her second meeting in a year after her baby was born in August.

TANNIE SCHLUNDT and 49½er PAUL had one wonderful day away from work to fly to Bristol, Tenn., in the Queen Air where they visited with old friends. DEAN and GARNET MOGLE and BILLIE and CARL ANDERSON did find enough good weather to fly to the Wagon Wheel, Rockton, Illinois, for Easter Sunday Dinner. A recommended trip for flying and good food.

This is an exciting time for the State of Indiana, the Indiana Sesquicentennial is being celebrated in all corners of the State and the Indianapolis 500 mile Race is the big news for the month. These events set the stage for our May 15th meeting held at the

Airport Motel, Indianapolis Weir Cook Airport. DOT SMITH (our chairman) and her committee worked hard to get 100% attendance at the meeting but due to marginal weather (fog, haze and a forecast of thunderstorms) and various other reasons we did not reach this goal. However, we did have a wonderful turnout with fifty-five members and guests present. It was nice to see so many of our 99s all together again. DON AGGOT, a pilot, comedian, TV personality and man of many talents was our guest speaker. Many thanks to KATY SAGE (our hostess), DELIA SAUNDERS, RAE CAWDELL and DOT SMITH for masterminding this very good meeting.

SARTH GORELICK, our Governor, had made plans to attend this meeting but had to cancel out at the last minute due to bad weather. JOAN HRUBEC, a member of the Executive Board from Cleveland, Ohio, and JANICE KUECHENMEISTER, the North Central Membership Chairman from Cincinnati, honored us by attending. Thanks for coming gals, your presence certainly helped to make this day complete for us.

EILEENE RIDGWAY and her guest, DON POTTER, Vice-President of the Air and Space Manufacturing Company of Muncie, Indiana, flew to the meeting in the Muncie 18A gyroplane. EILEENE also had as her guests MR. HOWARD ARYAN of Washington, D. C., and MR. RAYMOND MAULE, son of B. D. MAUL, the builder of the MAUL Rocket and Jelesen STOL airplanes.

It was so nice to have EDRENA CHAPIN here (a prospective transfer from the Michigan Chapter) and TINA FLEENOR who hosted our delightful meeting at Kingston Manor, Helmsburg, Indiana. Other guests present were DR. and MRS. CHARLES ADKINS, BILLY RICHARDS, JOHN BARNETT, KATHY BARNETT and JOHN POTTER. I hope I didn't "goof" and omit any of the guests. We were all so busy talking, listening and enjoying ourselves it was difficult to collect the news items.

Even though we have been having some terrible flying weather some of our members have managed to get around a bit. The HOLST's, MARTHA and 49½er JOHNNIE have found May the spectator sports month. They began by flying to the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. Fly-

ing into Standiford Field (as did 250 other planes) was more exciting than the horse races. JOHNNIE'S interest in the 500-mile Race in Indianapolis meant flying to Qualifications was a must. DORTHA HENDRICKS and 49½er BILL spent a weekend in Bowling Green, Ky., visiting relatives and hunting warmer weather. MILDRED HUNT jetted to Paris—visiting her daughter DORIS, who is living there.

PAUL and TANNIE SCHLUNDT have been doing a great deal of night flying lately which seems their only chance to visit. A number of flights to Peoria with a stop in Champaign, Ill., with the Warrens, and one night in Cleveland to Wayne Newton and visit by phone with JOANNIE HRUBEC. Next Tokyo. . . .

BOB and PAULA GENUNG attended North Central Convention last month at the Lake of the Ozarks. MARGRET PETTY flew her Comanche 250 from Muncie to Palm Beach County Airport in five hours and forty minutes. Return was six hours. VIRGINIA MAGGART and 49½er flew to Nashville, Tenn., to the "Grand Ole Opry" last month with a group of Flying Farmers.

JANE ROY reports nothing spectacular other than gaining a new grandson, CHRISTOPHER SCOTT. MID CASSIDY is busy trying to figure out the hot galley and keeping 49½er DON'S DC-3 clean. Her Bonanza "Pretty Thing," is still for fun.

The Indiana girls are now working hard on an airlift to be held June 12th, at the Sky King Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana. The Terre Haute Pilots Club has offered to help out—so we are all looking forward to a sunny, busy day. Plans are underway for an Air Race to be held in September. ALL 99s and licensed Indiana women pilots are eligible to participate. We'll be sending you more information on plans for this big event as soon as all arrangements are completed.

We're all looking forward to our June meeting with BILLIE SMITH at her farm at North Vernon, Indiana.

IOWA CHAPTER
Mary Lou Ballensky, Reporter

So, let's catch up with the Iowa news! PHYLLIS BARBER sent along notes from the Spring Sectional and they were postmarked April 18th; but Sigourney is some 70 miles from Marion and that's a tough ride for the "Pony Express," so I got it on the

20th—too late for the Newsletter! Either those Post Office nags are getting older or the headwinds are getting stronger.

Besides PHYLLIS and CHERYL BARBER, others raving about the fabulous time in Missouri were the DON JOHNSTONS, the CLIFFORD HACHS, the RAY GRANGES, BEA JOBE and ELI ROSEMAN. BETTY JOHNSTON reports their big thrill was DON'S prize of five hours Simulator time with a Chicago company.

In the meantime, HAZEL SIGAFOOSE and PHYLLIS BARBER are spending all their free time in Midwest Aviation's Cessna 206, preparing for the Powder Puff Derby! HAZEL and GLENN'S Sig Manufacturing Company will co-sponsor the trip.

On Saturday, May 7th, BETTY JOHNSON, BEA JOBE, IRENE GRIFFITH, PHYLLIS BARBER and HAZEL SIGAFOOSE joined the Cedar Rapids' Zonta Club for luncheon to commemorate AMELIA EARHART. BESS TEMPCO of United Airlines gave a talk on job opportunities for women in aviation.

Our May meeting was held at Creston, Sunday, May 15th, with BETTY and DON JOHNSTON hosting. All but the western part of the state was enduring heavy thunderstorms, so our Derby girls and their plane, among others, didn't make it. This time, BETTY JOHNSTON phoned the notes to me. Guess she got wind of Sigourney's unenviable position on the Pony Express Route!

Besides the JOHNSTON family, complete with children and grandchildren: DINNY and NATE PHIPPS; ALICE HOPKINS, husband and daughters; JAN and FRANK DEBARLOTTA; LOIS and RAY GRANGE; RICK and IRENE GRIFFITH, and a prospective member, MRS. ROMSBOTTOM, and husband, were in attendance—all from DES MOINES and points west. The RAMSBOTTOMS are from Kirksville, Missouri.

After dinner, the men toured the Purilator Filter Plant while the 99s screened the first of the slides for our forthcoming extravaganza on "Life Among the Iowa 99s!"

In the meantime, Monday morning is a beautiful, sunshiny day, so HAZEL and PHYL should be mounting up the 206 again!

Other news gems from Iowa include BEA JOBE'S new multi-engine rating;

PAUL HEALY'S reinstatement of his license; an early April fun-trip to Chicago for the GRIFFITH'S; a "good-time" report of the PHIPP'S vacation in Hawaii, and the HACH'S plans to attend a business convention in Texas. Oh, yes! The BALLENSKYS have a new 1965 Skyhawk:—a beautiful blue and white with less than 200 hours on the tach! And someday soon, we're going flying!

In the meantime, watch out for HAZEL and PHYL in the forthcoming Derby! Those gals are not members of the Pony Express!

MICHIGAN CHAPTER Pat Clark! Reporter

Lucky winners of the "Pot of Gold" were; BEVERLY MCCARTHY 1st prize PATRICIA BOHN 2nd prize.

Our May meeting was held at Battle Creek where LT. GREECE led us on a tour thru the Air Defense Command. Prospective 99 members who attended our meeting were: BARBARA ANDRIE who received her license Oct 65. She flies a Cessna 172 and is the mother of five children. NANCY LILLY of Grand Rapids flies a 182 Cessna, has 2 children age 9 and 11. She received her license Nov. 65. Husband BILL is also a pilot. HELEN TENNIS from Southfield was one of our 66 members. She received her license Dec. 65. Flies a Cessna out of Pontiac. Has always wanted to fly. One day she thought life was passing her by so she made up her mind to learn to fly. Over 3 years and many obstacles she achieved her goal. Her husband is not a pilot.

POLLY HUITT passed her Instructor written while wintering in Florida. MARY PELTO has been a busy girl for she has passed her Instrument, Commerical and Instructor written exams in the past 3 weeks. MAZIE STEARS passed her Commerical written. Congratulations girls! ! !

CAROLYN GOETCHEUS, St. Clair Shores, MARION SWISWEDEL from Holland and BETTY SAUR from Grand Rapids were pinned at our April meeting.

Thanks to LYNN WALTERS of WNEW, who took pictures of the girls flying in for our 99 meeting at Saginaw, our girls were on TV channel 5 in a 7 minute News program.

PEG SELFRIDGE'S 49½er HUGH is in Can Tho, Vietnam, working in a civilian Hospital. He is losing 50% of his infectious ulcerated patients for

lack of the medicine Chloromycetin, intramuscular. It cost \$400.00 a week to supply this medicine. Anyone wishing to donate money for a good cause may send it to Doctor's Vietnam, care Carl King, 107 Hayden St., Saginaw, Mich.

MRS. NANCY BRANDON of Lansing helped her daughter, JULIE, celebrate her 9th birthday by piloting 28 third grade classmates on short rides over the Capital. This is the 3rd time JULIE has celebrated her birthday with airplane rides.

Before PEG SULFRIDGE could be checked out in the Mix Master, it was damaged on a nite practice, single engine, short field approach. Both pilot and instructor walked away unharmed, but damage to the plane was extensive—2 months, \$10,000 to \$15,000.

I am happy to announce LYDIA MARKHAM, our new 66, is JACKIE'S daughter. LYDIA will have her Private license in June and will fly in the AWTAR with her Mother. It is Jackie's 4th TAR. This year JACKIE and LYDIA are flying a Debonair. Don't know if there are other mother and daughter pilots in our Michigan Chapter or not. If you know of any let me know.

LORRAINE MCCARTY is making a desperate plea for money for the 1967 AWTAR. Donations in any amount would be appreciated. Lets keep the Powder Puff Derby going so we can celebrate a silver and golden Powder Puff Derby Anniversary. Send your contribution AWTAR headquarters or to LORRAINE C. MCCARTY, AWTAR-99s Way and Means, 1112 Pinehurst, Royal Oak, Michigan.

ELIOSE SMITH flew to Portland, Oregon, Due to weather she had to fly down the coast to San Francisco at 500 ft. above the water. She stopped at Las Vegas and Palm Springs before flying back home.

BILL and ANNE STIENHAGEN flew to Burnswich, Georgia, for a week end with JIM and LIBBY SCHUCKER.

SANDRA LANKENAN, PAT HOUTZ and ALICE LODGE flew with the Flyers Club out of Pontiac to Holland, Mich., May 7th, to see the tulips and other displays set up for the festival.

BECKY THATCHER flew to Florida for the week end.

NANCY BRANDON flew via American to New York City as guest of Cunard Steamship Co.

Keep them in the blue, girls.

OZARK CHAPTER
Hazel Matz, Reporter

We have at least one ambitious member in our Chapter! JEAN FULDNER was so busy giving rides to Cub Scouts, she didn't have time to join us for lunch at our last meeting. I didn't count heads, but know she was busy for quite some time so must have had first flight. As one Cub Scout can look like six running around, I will not venture a guess as to the number of rides she gave.

Of course "us" didn't amount to much, I'm afraid. If EDYTHE WILCOX hadn't brought her daughter and mother, she and I would have had to eat and "meet" alone. No one else showed. EDYTHE and I yakked about the little business we had then I waited for JEAN to come back to earth and went through it again with her. Needless to say we didn't make very many important decisions. Perhaps we will do better next month.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER
Marie A. Mitzenheim, Reporter

The Beacon was on Sunday morning and thundershowers were forecast for the afternoon so the 99s and their guests drove in to General Billy Mitchell Field for a luncheon. Those who had not previously toured the Tower at this Field did so and were shown some of the radar operation by MR. KRUEGER. During our luncheon we watched a KC-97 of the Wisconsin National Guard practice back door approaches without actually touching down, and the T-34 of General Billy Mitchell, Sr. Sqdn, Civil Air Patrol, flying the pattern for touch and goes.

A Sunday afternoon drive to Franklin, Wisc., took us to the Air Museum of the Experimental Aircraft Assn. CHAIRMAN TONEY held a meeting in the meeting room of the main building and arranged for a tour of the Air Museum. We were shown old gliders, bi-planes, engines and propellers, and new miniature experimental planes which had been flown as little as thirteen hours. The "Jet" Garden and the new hangars will make this Air Museum a "must" to visit when you come to Wisconsin!

An Ounce of Pre-Flight Planning is Worth Far More Than A Pound of In-Flight Desperation.



AUSTIN CHAPTER
Peggy Dougal, Reporter

We had hoped to have several new 99s to introduce this month but our usually sunny, clear weather has not been cooperating with all the student pilots. We do have one new member, however. HARRIET MATLOCK had taken many trips with her husband, HUDSON, a Professor at the University of Texas. She was always very content to let him be the sole pilot in the family but one day she built up her courage and decided she'd learn to fly too! She finished lessons and received her license in April and is now one of our most enthusiastic pilots.

Speaking of uncooperative weather—BEVERLY GREGG and 49½'er FRANK had planned to fly to Iowa for a medical convention in early May. All arrangements were made and they were anticipating a nice jaunt in their new purchase (they are now proud owners of a Cessna 182). When the day of departure came, the weather was stormy along most of their 900 mile route. The next day wasn't much better, so they decided to take a short vacation in another direction, down toward Mexico. Even that route didn't have good weather, so they ended up flying to San Antonio, 80 miles away. BEVERLY reported it wasn't much flying in that new machine but they had an enjoyable stay with friends there for a few days.

Our MARY BELLE SMITH is basking in reflected glory these days. She was recently pictured on the front page of the Austin Statesman, along with 49½'er LEONARD. Both were looking very proudly at their 16 year old son, STEVE, who had just soloed in the equivalent of one days instruction. He had 3 hours of ground briefing and 8 hours of flight training. They had planned with his instructor that he would do it all on a Saturday but half way through the day the weather interrupted the flying. So STEVE had to come back a few days later to complete the solo.

LAST FLIGHT
CATHERINE CAREY LILLIE

May 4, 1966

South Central Section
Colorado Chapter

DALLAS CHAPTER
Mary M. Gauss, Reporter

Hazel McKendrick, pinch-hitting

The April meeting was held at MARTHA ANN READING'S house as a last minute arrangement. LUCILLE CONNELL, original hostess, was flooded out by the recent torrential down-pour in the Dallas Area. Several girls helped LUCILLE clean up and said it was tragic to see her lovely house ruined in this manner. MARTHA ANN agreed to "pinch hit" and did a tremendous job in getting ready for our meeting and baby shower for our newest potential 99, ELEANOR ANDREWS. The short business meeting included final plans for the physiological seminar, discussing the door prizes, and welcoming a new member, MARY KITCHENS. The Dallas Chapter is particularly proud of MARY as she is only 3 ft. 11 inches tall and weighs only about 60 pounds. She and her husband, LEE, (who is 4 ft. 1) have a Tri-Pacer which has been modified for their particular needs. They both fly and think it is great and we think they are great.

Ninety-Nines attending the seminar included, DOROTHY WARREN, MARY KITCHENS, PEG ONG, PHYLLIS EMMERT, PAT JETTON, JOAN HUCKEBA, KATHY LONG, HAZEL MCKENDRICK, RUTH STULTS and SUE ANDREWS. DOROTHY WARREN, our Chapter Chairman, asked DR. GIBBONS if he would come back again in September for another seminar, which he agreed to do. He is a firm believer in education rather than regulation.

DOROTHY WARREN and KATHY LONG are busily preparing for the TAR. DOROTHY will be flying a Travelair with NANCY WISH and KATHY will be flying a Bellanca with

MARGE MITCHELL. For those of us who are on the outside looking in, we wish them well and hope they pick up all the marbles.

ELINOR JOHNSON and her 49½er, ROLAND, are just back from a trip to Nassau in a Mooney. Weather plagued them on the first portion of the flight but they both agreed it was a wonderful trip and their first water crossing just great.

RUTH TAKSEL and VAL JOHNSON, from the Greater St. Louis Chapter, were enjoying Dallas because of weather recently. They had been to Ft. Worth where RUTH became gal number 9 to get her zero-zero pin from Wren.

CHARLOTTE KELLEY, Eastern New England Chapter, was in Dallas recently. She, TONY PAGE, FAITH RICHARDS, and HAZEL MCKENDRICK met for lunch and then a tour of the Bell Helicopter plant.

The Dallas Chapter of 99s mourns the death of ED LAMB. ED had no connection with the 99s other than a genuine interest in promoting women in aviation. We have never had a aviation function in Dallas that ED didn't give of his time and energy to help make it a success. No job was too big or too small for him to tackle. He was one of our greatest champions and we shall miss him. SPECIAL REPORT ON THE PHYSIOLOGICAL TRAINING SEMINAR

May 7th, some 85 pilots gave up the first pretty Saturday in several weeks to attend an all day seminar at Greater Southwest Airport. This seminar was conducted by DR. HARRY GIBBONS, Regional Flight Surgeon, FAA, Ft. Worth. The seminar was sponsored jointly by the Dallas Chapter of The Ninety-Nines and the Dallas Flight Service Station.

DR. GIBBONS is an outstanding speaker, thoroughly conversant with his subjects and possessing a keen sense of humor. He covered subjects including hypoxia, dysbarisms (aviators bends), drugs, alcohol, fatigue, and many others. He also discussed the advantages of earplugs to the pilot and have available a measuring device for detering the size plug needed. Being a pilot as well as a doctor, he sees both sides of the picture and can make it pretty graphic for those lucky enough to hear him. Interspersed throughout his program are excellent



Awarding Door Prizes at the Seminar are Dallas 99s, left to right, PEG ONG, MARY KITCHENS, HAZEL MCKENDRICK, PHYLLIS EMMERT and DOROTHY WARREN.



MARY KITCHENS in her modified Tri-Pacer. MARY received her Private Pilot Certificate in March and joined the Dallas Chapter of 99s in May.

movies and slides. He has a tape recording of an actual incident involving a drunk pilot and his attempts to get down. This tape is spine tingling to say the least, but it shows that these things do happen more times than

pilots would like to admit. Arrangements were made for all those desiring it, to have a session in the altitude chamber either at Ft. Worth or the Aeronautical Center at Oklahoma City.

Any chapters wishing to have this seminar in their area should contact DR. GIBBONS, FAA, Box 1689, Ft. Worth, Texas, and arrangements can probably be made to have this worthwhile program locally.

EL PASO CHAPTER

Mary Olmstead, Reporter

Congratulations to new Space Port Chapter, Florida. Here is a prospective member for you: MILDRED STEWART, 1680 Bay Shore Drive, Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931.

Our own MARY FRAN SEIDL drew No. 1. for the Powder Puff Derby. Her sponsor is Norwalk County (California) Water Company, and she will be flying a Mooney Mark 21. Here's hoping No. 1 in Seattle will be No. 1 in Clearwater.

ELLEN JANE ANDERSON and the family will be flying to Colorado as soon as school closes to spend the summer on their ranch 100 miles east of Colorado Springs. The ANDERSONS flew to Flying Farmer Conventions at Newton, Kansas, and Fort Collins, Colo., this spring.

BILLIE CALLAGHAN has a shiny new Commercial Ticket. Congratulations.

Busy FRANCES SLAPE of Deming, New Mexico, was elected President of the newly organized Luna County Flying Club which sponsored a Fly-in May 15th with a series of aerial contests.

New member, MARGARET THOMPSON, is now Mama Bird of our 66s. She was one of the lucky El Pasoans to get a ride on a Lear Jet that was in town.

RUTH DEERMAN says she hasn't been doing anything except building a waterfall in her backyard and watching the gold fish increase in the pond there. We do know that when SHEILA SCOTT (British 99) arrives here on the round-the-world trip she will RON with RUTH and join the local Chapter for breakfast before leaving El Paso which is one of her 28 stops. SHEILA hopes to finish the round the world trip in time to be back for the Powder Puff Derby. Although flying only six years, SHEILA is Britain's top Woman racing pilot and holds more than 40 international air trophies. She is licensed for numerous aircraft, including balloons, helicopters and seaplanes.

Our May meeting was a delightful and delicious brunch at Chairman EVELYNE WASSER'S new apartment. ELLEN JANE ANDERSON, MAR-

JORIE BEARD, VIVIAN CUSHMAN, RUTH DEERMAN, WIN GRIFFIN, LOIS HALEY, NORMA KUDIESY, NORMA MCREYNOLDS (66), MARY NAGY (66), BETTY ROGERS, MARGARET THOMPSON, MARY FRAN SEIDL and your reporter had the surprise and the pleasure of hearing EVELYNE tell us that Wedding Bells will be ringing soon for her and her WOODY (MAJOR H. E. UNDERWOOD USAF). Her new home will be in Plattsburg, New York. Lots of happiness, EVELYNE, to you and your prospective 49½er. We sure will miss you.

When you read this, your reporter and her 49½er will be following the Alcan SKYway to Alaska with the International Flying Farmers—so.

Have a happy summer with pleasant trips.

And enjoy the last half of Sixty-Six. Anybody for Match Box Sandwiches?

HIGH SKY CHAPTER

Evelyn Hershey, Reporter

Today is such a lovely day, one that you want to climb aboard and fly to the ends of the horizon. Last week a new friend came thru Midland in a Cherokee 6, JOAN STEINBERGER of Goleta, California. We had never met before and I want to say this to any of you girls traveling this "Southern" route and you stop to spend the night or refuel, give any of us a call. The welcome mat is out along with a great big "Howdy".

With permission of the Chapter the next paragraph is going to be a bit on the personal side but it is also aimed at every 99 now, then or ever will be. Someone had to teach us to fly, we weren't born with the wings we covet. Therefore, most usually, a man taught us . . . and this is a "Thank You" long deserved, and late in coming. We talk about wanting our bouquets now, so we can smell and really enjoy them. Quite often it is the other way around and a memorial is given instead. Well, that's what this is, predominately to one ERNIE C. TYSON, instructing 1933. He had the patience necessary to teach young women as well as the older ones, those set in their ways. He gave us encouragement, confidence, skill, and the love for flying. Times, planes, FAA, airports, regulations all change except "instructors" . . . ERNIE was the kind of instructor PAT PETOSKY is trying to be; the kind I hope I will

be able to emulate after my check ride next week. Nearly every one in our Chapter flew with him or was taught by him, advised or encouraged, whatever our needs. Therefore, on such a perfect flying day we of the High Sky Chapter give our "Thanks" to ERNIE TYSON and to every instructor before and after for the job well done.

Our members have been a little busy, and plan to be more so in the near future. Some of the scheduled trips are: PAT PETOSKY to San Antonio on May 7 and 8; Dallas Antique Fly-In on May 21 and 22; West Palm Beach, Florida, June 10 thru 16th with hopes of going to the Bahamas as a little side trip. This is one time that teacher gets taught . . . PAT is visiting a student of hers that is now an instructor and she will get her "sea-legs". Can't you imagine a float rating in dry West Texas!

BETTY HENRY will attend a convention in Chicago June 17. JOANN BRYANT will meet her in Cape Girardeau on June 24th and the two will fly on to Seattle for 99 Convention and AWTAR.

HOUSTON CHAPTER

Louise Bickford, Reporter

May is certainly a month full of activities for our Chapter. We were to start the month off with a fly-in picnic to Burnet; however, the weather was so bad, we had to take a rain check.

Those attending the picnic the following Sunday were: RUTH and TOMMY HILDEBRAND and two boys: MARILYN and CHUCK STONEBERG bringing JO ANN THORNBERRY and student pilot CHARLOTTE SMITH; LOUISE BICKFORD and boys riding with MARY and CONNIE ABLE; and new member CAROL MOORE and husband BUEL bringing another new member, ALENE DALLEY and her two boys, SONJA CLARK, JOE DAVIS and Petticoat Pilot BETTY CHEATHAM in the MOORE'S Queen Air. It was certainly a beautiful day for a picnic and MR. WEST, the airport operator, had tables and benches set up for us under the trees. A most relaxing and enjoyable day!

The day our picnic was rained out, the Santa Barbara Chapter Chairman, JOAN STEINBERGER, was detained in Houston due to weather. JOAN was ferrying a Cherokee 6 from Florida to California. She contacted Houston

Chairman MARY ABLE who picked her up at the airport for a nice afternoon visit with husband CONNIE and MARY JANE and BOB NORRIS.

When they returned to the airport they met YVONNE BUTLER from Australia. She and her husband were also ferrying a Cherokee 6 from Florida to California. When the weather improved JOAN and the BUTLERS continued their flight to California together.

YVONNE is a licensed pilot but did not belong to the 99s. However, she is very much interested, so we should have a new member in the very near future.

Our air marking day was awfully windy but it kept the roof from getting too hot. Those who helped mark Andrau were: MARTHA AKINS, DELLE HIGHTOWER, MARY ABLE, SALLY COX, MAYBELLE FLETCHER, MABEL EDITH OLIVER, MARY JANE NORRIS, MARILYN STONEBERG, DEDE PERKINS and LOUISE BICKFORD. If I mailed to name someone, please forgive me. I should have made a list while everyone was there.

This month the Houston Aviation advisory Council had a good representation from the 99s at their monthly luncheon. CELIA PARRISH, MARY JANE NORRIS, MARY ABLE, MARY BURKE and LOUISE BICKFORD were in attendance. A company pilot from Tenneco gave us some interesting information on the BAC-III.

Congratulations are in order! MARY ABLE now has her Commercial License. She has been getting in a lot of flying time, and her most recent jaunt was a round trip to Tulsa IFR.

The up coming week is going to be a busy one for most of us. MARY ABLE, MABEL EDITH OLIVER, MARY JANE NORRIS and your reporter will be leaving for Denver to attend the South Central Sectional. MARILYN STONEBERG and RUTH HILDEBRAND will be leaving for Monterrey, Mexico, to fly in the International Air Race. The others will be helping the Petticoat Pilots get ready for a hangar dance at Lori Adams Flying School. The Texas State Aviation Association is flying into Houston this week end and the 99s and Petticoat Pilots are having the dance as part of their entertainment.

We are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather this week end so everyone can get to their destinations.



PAULIE PERRY of Scottsbluff with **ORVILLE GARRARD**, Scottsbluff Operator, pointing out the Kearney stop for the Powder Puff Derby. Photo by **JOY LANE**, Christian Studio, Gering, Nebr.

NEBRASKA CHAPTER **Florence Boring, Reporter**

May brought the Nebraska Chapter of the Ninety-Nines to Grand Island to work on further plans for the Powder Puff Derby stop in Kearney in July. How wonderful it was to be able actually to fly to a fly-in at last! Taking advantage of the good weather were JAN HEINS of Falls City; MARY LOU PHELPS, JEAN GIVEN, VERDAYNE MENZE and her 49½er, WALT, from Omaha; CATHERINE MARSH and 49½er, DR. MARSH, Council Bluffs; LEAH SNART, Kearney; SHARON MEYER and BETTY WILLIAMS, Hastings; PAULINE PERRY and DOROTHY ADCOCK with her 49½er, CASH, and daughter, CYNDE, Scottsbluff; MARIAN LARMON, McCook; EDNA CUMMINGS and 49½er, BILL, Grand Island; and SHIRLEY AMEN, MILLIE BARRETT, FLORENCE BORING, SHERRY O'KEEFE, LOIS DURHAM, CAROL MICHNICK, EVELYN SNOW, and her guest, ESTHER WEINDORF, of Lincoln.

Ninety-Nine plans for the summer sound interesting. JAN HEINS, VERDAYNE MENZE, PAULINE PERRY, DOROTHY ADCOCK, JEAN GIVEN, and SHIRLEY O'KEEFE will have lots to tell about the Sectional Meeting at the Jefferson County Airport, Denver, Colo., the latter part of May. The Chapter's June 4 meeting at Kearney will set the final plans for the Powder Puff Derby stop there July 2 to 4, when

every available Nebraska Ninety-Nine will be on hand to help with the chores and join in the fun. Plans for August include a fly-in picnic dinner at Johnson Lake near Lexington. Fish for dinner, anyone?

One note of regret in the midst of the fun planning; the Nebraska Chapter is losing EVELYN SNOW, who goes to join her husband and a new house in Barksdale, La., and TOMMILEE GEYERMAN, whose husband, DICK, has gone to Minneapolis to fly for North Central Airlines. We know, though that they will find wonderful fellowship with sister Ninety-Nines wherever they are.

Special congratulations this month to MARIAN LARMON, who earned her Glider Pilot Rating in Kearney in April; and to JOY LAND, who has achieved top honors in the field of wedding photography. JOY has been asked to teach for the famed BILL STOCKWELL of Stockwell Wedding Seminars. She was in Fresno, Calif., in April; in Philadelphia, Detroit and Oklahoma City in May; plans to visit the home of the Ninety-Nines after the seminar and then it's on to New York City in July. JOY has achieved these honors through technical knowledge and research. Besides this busy schedule she still finds time for her husband, BYRON, and their two children, MARSHA and RANDY. Her full time job is as photographer for Christian Studio in Gering, Nebr.—and on occasions she still finds time to fly.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

Donna Paulson, Reporter

Another new member has joined our group! Welcome, BILLIE JO KINNARD!

Ninety-Nines attended the National Intercollegiate Flying meet held at Boulder, Colo., May 5, 6 and 7. Present from Oklahoma Chapter were MIMI HAYWORTH, ARLENE WALKUP, NANCY FRITH, JO PETROPOLY and LYNN BOGIE. NANCY FRITH was top woman pilot at the meet and JO PETROPOLY and LYNN BOGIE were among the 5 top women pilots.

VELMA WOODWARD has returned from her trip to the Holy Land. BRONETA EVANS and POLY RUBEL are recuperating from recent operations.

We're going to be losing a few of our gals soon, MIMI HAYWORTH and hubby are moving to Lincoln, Nebr.

NANCY FRITH and DR. PAUL are moving to Little Rock, Ark., very soon where DR. FRITH will be starting on a new job.

FRAN BLAIR is graduating at Oklahoma State University this month and will also be leaving.

We are all sorry to see these fine gals leave us but we do wish them our very best.

JEAN THOMAS (she and CHUCK are currently in Grand Junction, Colo.) flew to Oklahoma with ARLENE WALKUP after the South Central Section Meeting in Denver. JEAN'S time was very limited but DOROTHY MORGAN, VELMA WOODWARD, BRONETA EVANS, MARIE HALL, NEMA MASONHALL, RUTH JONES, SKIP CARTER, BETH SMITH, IRBY KEENE, SUSIE SEWELL, DOTTIE YOUNG and RITA EAVES got together for dinner and a visit with JEANIE in Oklahoma City. She also planned a quickie visit with Tulsa 99s.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

Marian Burke, Reporter

The San Antonio Chapter 99 meeting was held Saturday, May 14, at the Dobbs House Coffee Shop at San Antonio International Airport. It was nice to have KAY BAKER and ATHALENE ROWELL join our group. KAY is transferring her membership to the San Antonio Chapter. She moved here from Florida and her husband will be stationed at Laredo AFB. Welcome to our Chapter, Kay! We hope that ATHALENE gets her private rating soon so she can become a new member.

Chairman NORMA McELVAIN is making a trip to Colorado to attend her



Oklahoma Chapter 99 NANCY FRITH won the "Top Woman Pilot" honor at the recent National Intercollegiate Flying Association meet in Boulder, Colorado. The big trophy is a traveling award but she gets to keep the silver tray she is holding. She and her 49¹/₂er, PAUL, are members of Oklahoma State Flying Aggies. Photo by Bob McCulloh, OSU News Bureau.

TULSA CHAPTER

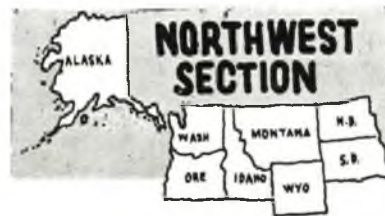
Jean Engler, Reporter

I understand the trip to Pryor was very enjoyable for LEA BAKER, JAN MAURITSON, LOIS MARTIN, TRISH SMITH, DOROTHY JOHNSON, COLLEEN WHITE, MARY SHADDOCK, AGNES HELLMAN and a guest, ANGELIA COLLINS. She is an RN who is going to do some additional work at the Mayo Clinic. She just got her Private with the Tulsa Flying Club. NANCY CAIN and BETTY NATION were the May hostesses. I'm sorry I missed it but JOHNNY had the flu and that's a full time occupation. JEAN WILLIAMS heads our puny list for this month. Call her and ask her.

Since I didn't find out who had been where, I'll just have to tell you about our encounter with Astronauts GUS GRISSOM and ED WHITE at McCarran Field. Hope the pic I'm sending in is printable, as the sun was all wrong. They were on their way to LAX and had an engine explosion on take-off run. When they taxied back GUS GRISSOM explained to us earthlings what the trouble was. It was refreshing to discover that they walk and talk the same as we do.

There's a lot of excitement here with the IPE (International Petroleum Exposition) in town. The air traffic, as well as land traffic, is terrific.

Lots of packing going on with the girls headed for Denver. Sounds like a real fun trip.



EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER

Arlene Bailey, Reporter

MARY KILBOURNE and I had a very nice time in Everett, Wash., at the Section Meeting in April. It was so nice to be a brand new pilot, a new 99, to go on the trip, as well as to meet so many wonderful gals. It was a real thrill for me! We took table gifts for the International Convention to be held in Seattle, in June. Our Chapter, 11 of us, collected Keyrings, Pens, Potatoes, Hand Lotion Packets, and Rain Hoods, given by Jackson, Wyo., and the Pocatello Chamber of Commerce.

Our April meeting was held at VIRGINIA FINKELNBURG's home in Pocatello. MARY KILBOURNE is Race Stop

son's graduation from the Air Force Academy.

MARIAN BURKE is leaving on a seven day business trip in a Piper Apache to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Canada, Cleveland, etc. She will be putting plenty of air maps to good use for several days.

I hope we have plenty of good air racing news available before our next news letter. 'Til next news . . . good flyin' to all 99s.

File For Seattle —
International Convention
And AWTAR Start



Tulsa 99s BETTY PLUMMER and JEAN ENGLER with Astronauts ED WHITE and GUS GRISSOM, McCarren Field, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Chairman and VIRGINIA FINKELNBURG the Timing Chairman. After the meeting, four of our group went to the TV station for the taping of two programs for a daily news program. They discussed the AWTAR stop in Pocatello and the many things the Race Stop involves. The programs were aired May 5th and 16th. We are to have another TV and a radio program with information on the Race. Some of the leg prizes, among other things, are five FREE GAS FILLUPS, to the first five to stop, and 10 FREE LODGINGS to the first 10 to stop.

DIANE JEX had the May meeting in her home at Blackfoot. The Constitution and Bylaw changes were approved.

We are tentatively planning to fly over to Wilson, Wyo., in June, weather agreeable, for a meeting at VIRGINIA HUIDEKOPER's. It will be fun!

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER **Francie Gibson, Reporter**

The Eastern Washington Chapter met for their April meeting after the conclusion of the Northwest Section Meeting at Everett, Wash.

The various members arrived via train, plane and auto. BOBBIE PRICE had arrived a few days previously as she and husband TOM had been attending Northwest Aviations' Commercial Pilot's Ground School at Boeing Field.

JEAN CARBON conducted the meeting. Others present were MILLIE SHINN, Spokane; TERRY BECKER,

and MINNIE BOYD, Pullman; HELEN DEWEY, Omak; BARBARA THISTED, Spirit Lake, Idaho; and FRANCIE GIBSON, Moscow, Idaho.

Preliminary plans were made for the Fall Sectional which will be held in Spokane, September 9th and 10th. A good representation from all Chapters in the Northwest Section is expected.

Our gals were asked to volunteer their services for the Pendleton point in the AWTAR race at timers, etc.

MINNIE BOYD will act as timer at the Wyoming stop and JEAN CARBON will be timer for the take-off from Seattle.

IRENE WIRTSCHAFTER, a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter, spent a weekend in Spokane, with our local "prexy," JEAN.

It was decided to hold our May meeting in Yakima.

Our thanks to PUD LOVELESS, of the Montana Chapter, who was our group photographer as well as a delightful co-hostess, along with MILLY SHINN, who invited us to their "executive suite" for the meeting.

Helen R. Crum, Reporter

Just a briefly—like the skirts—our May luncheon meeting held the 7th at the Yakima Airport was fairly well attended. Those present were JEAN CARBON, MINNIE BOYD, who brought TERRY BECKER and FRANCIE GIBSON in the Cherokee; LYGIE HAGAN, BARBARA THISTED and MILLIE SHINN by car; BEVERLY McCALL in her Comanche; HELEN DEWEY,

DODE NETTLESHIP, ETHEL WIKSTROM, CHERIE YATES, GINI RICHARDSON, HELEN ERNSDORFF and HELEN CRUM.

GINI will be our only participant in the race this year. She and her husband recently negotiated a five year contract for spraying in Greece. CHERIE now has her instrument rating and has passed her commercial written. TERRY has acquired her commercial rating. The HENSONS are back from a month's trip to Guatemala where they took pictures for a travelogue. BONNIE did all the flying. The HAGANS flew their Comanche to Puerto Rico for a medical convention.

Arrangements for the banquet preceding the race were discussed. Present officers were re-elected for another year.

FAR WEST CHAPTER **Barbara LaRue, Reporter**

Many thanks to JO BURKHART for the following news from the Bellingham area. VIRGIE HAYDEN is close to a check-out ride in the Cessna 180 on floats. She has had her land license for nearly twenty years and her seaplane rating for several years in a lighter plane. JO ANN OLDER picked one of the clear spring days to fly to Yakima and back on business. The OLDERS are expecting delivery soon of a new Skyhawk. LYNN MAHLBERG's flying has been restricted lately because her fifteen year old daughter was seriously ill with complications of the flu—in fact, lobar pneumonia—and was in the hospital for a long period. When her daughter was out of danger, however, LYNN was able to relax and fly a Comanche to Port Angeles on a pleasure trip. JO ANN BURKHART and her husband, ERNIE, spent three weeks in March on a flight to the tip of Baja, Calif. They went down the coast to Los Angeles, then over to Phoenix, Hermosillo, across the Gulf to Baja coast and down. In mid-May they plan to fly also to Prince George, B. C., for the District Rotary Convention. JO ANN got in quite a few hours of flying on the Baja trip in ideal weather. TOMMY BRINSON and her husband often spend Wednesday afternoons (doctor's day off) flying their seaplane to good clamming spots in the islands.

The peninsula was well represented at the Spring Sectional in Everett. ELENE DUNCAN drove over with a carload of favors the Chapter had made for the convention. BARBARA LARUE hitched a ride with MARY KOCHANER in the Vagabond to Port Townsend

where they transferred to MARGARET LAYTON's 172 for the flight into Paine Field. (The Vagabond has no radio.) BETTY WADSWORTH caught a ride from Victoria, B. C. Our thanks to the Puget Sound Chapter for a wonderful day.

MARGARET LAYTON has been taking instrument flight training at Port Angeles and is progressing quite well. She reports that it is eerie at first. MARGARET, MARY KOCHANNEK and BARBARA LARUE have been flying as much as possible, sharing the planes that aren't out of commission at the moment. We have our fingers crossed for good weather Thursday when we hope to fly to Abbotsford, B. C., on a recruiting meeting. It is desired that the majority of the Chapter will be able to attend as this is also the election of new officers.

MONTANA CHAPTER **Bev Ledbetter, Reporter**

Busy, busy, was the description given about the Spring Section Meeting attended by members of this Chapter. Chairman ELSIE CHILDS and LAULETTE HANSEN, Section Treasurer, arrived in Seattle in the 182 after skirting poor flying weather over the mountains. PUD LOVELACE, who is afoot because of major repair on her Bonanza, drove to Spokane where she was joined by former Montana 99 MILLIE SHINN for the remainder of the trip. PUD will assist with publicity in Seattle, LAULETTE will be in Pendleton as a timer and ELSIE may be able to work as a timer at Cheyenne.

The Heidelberg in Missoula was the meeting place for the April meeting. Members present along with five guests from the area were JIMMIE KUHN, ELSIE JOHNSON, JOY LUECK, and MARY STEVENSON, Missoula; KARIN RIBI, Hamilton; KAY WIDMER, Bozeman; PATTIE ECTON, Manhattan; MARGARET TUXILL, Rexford; ELSIE CHILDS and HELEN DUNLOP, Helena.

Four members closed their flight plans and returned to Great Falls for lunch after running into bad weather over Rogers Pass. They were DOTTIE PAYNE, ROSEMARY BOWMAN, LU NELSON, Great Falls; and BEV LEDBETTER, Havre.

The May meeting held in conjunction with the Jordon runway dedication and fly-in breakfast was well attended. Ninety-Nine VIVIENNE SCHRANK and husband MILTON are airport managers at Jordon. VIVIENNE is known far and wide for her friendly voice in the cen-

tral Montana wilderness on 122.8. Members present at the May meeting were PUD LOVELACE and KAY WIDMER, ELSIE CHILDS and HELEN DUNLOP, LOUISE BUTCHER, BETTY NUNN, PEARL MAGILL, BOBBY KRAMER, ELEANOR GREENING, who arrived late, LAULETTE HANSEN and BEV LEDBETTER. VIVIENNE was on the unicom directing traffic but had as her guest, ORPHA DANN, a Charter Member of the Chapter who is not active at present. I have heard of the many interesting experiences ORPHA has had but never had the pleasure of meeting her.

Big Sky Race No. 3 plans are progressing very well at this point. I hope all of you are making plans to enter the race on August 6, 1966. Two committee chairmen were appointed at the meeting: Publicity, KAY WIDMER, chairman, with PATTIE ECTON and DOROTHY SABO to assist; M.A.C. Contact, ELSIE CHILDS.

Big Sky Flying: The Montana Pilots Convention was held in Livingston. Many 99 members belong to this state organization. ELSIE CHILDS and PUD LOVELACE were appointed by the M.P.A. president to serve on committees this past year. Ninety-Nines and 49½ers who attended the convention were ROSEMARY and DON BOWMAN, DOTTIE and JIM PAYNE, PUD and JACK LOVELACE, LU and KEN NELSON. There may have been others, forgive me if I missed you. LAULETTE HANSEN flew to Worland, Wyo., for the Charter ceremonies of the Wyoming Chapter. International Vice President DONNA MYERS attended this meeting. Congratulations to our new neighbor to the south.

Bozeman members PUD, KAY and DOROTHY, along with PATTI from Manhattan and a new member MARY ANN JORDON from Wilsall met at the Bozeman Country Club and put together the items furnished by our Chapter for the Goodie Bags for AWTAR pilots and co-pilots in this year's race. For the first time in the history of Glasgow Air Force Base, civilian aircraft will be allowed to land there for the annual Armed Forces Day celebration. PEARL MAGILL and LOUISE BUTCHER are two members who mentioned they plan to use the 2½ mile long runway that is used daily by B-52 bombers and KC-135 tankers of the SAC operation. A special spring welcome goes to RHODA JOHNSON who is our newest member. RHODA flies off of their ranch strip which is located south

of Malta. She is also JOHNSON No. 3 in our membership roster.

Flight of the Month: Sit back and listen while I tell you about ELEANOR BAILEY's trip south. I'm sure you will agree we are lucky to have her as an "Ambassador of Good Will," representing Canada and our Chapter. ELEANOR and husband BILL, along with two oilmen and their wives, recently returned from a two week trip to points south in the Aero Commander. They cleared customs at Great Falls. One day was spent at Bartlesville, Okla., and two days at Norman, Okla. While at Norman ELEANOR visited by phone with ARLENE WALKUP, South Central Governor. They also toured the Aero Commander factory. From Norman they flew to Odessa, Texas, where she talked with the daughter of a member of the High Sky Chapter. From Odessa they went to New Orleans for five days of holiday and fun. "What a place that is, you would have to see it to believe it," ELEANOR said. From New Orleans they went to Houston where an interesting visit was had with LOIS BECK of the Houston Chapter. Then on to Tulsa and another phone visit, this time with JEAN WILLIAMS.

On the return trip home they went by way of Mt. Rushmore to view the site of the Presidents carved in the mountain-side. Stopping for lunch at Rapid City, S. D., they found the coffee shop filled to capacity with . . . guess what . . . the monthly meeting of the North and South Dakota 99s. DAYTON and LOIS CHISHOLM were at this meeting. They are very good friends of ELEANOR and BILL. DAYTON is International Flying Farmer President and LOIS a 99. Although unable to stay for the meeting a good visit was had. And so back home to Calgary with cold, snowy weather after two weeks of fun in the sun. How was that for a vacation. This seems a good place to end the news for this month.

WILLIAMETTE CHAPTER **Jane Capizzi, Reporter**

About a dozen 99s were grounded at my home in Corvallis because of rainy, cloudy weather this month. We discussed a change of meeting date and changed it to the fourth Wednesday of every month.

There was quite a discussion about our winning Oregon 99 Float display which went to the national meeting last year and didn't return. The consensus of opinion about the Pasadena Rose Parade Float was that we should be complimented that someone is in-

terested in duplicating our Portland Rose Parade Float. (We still have glue on our clothes!)

Following the meeting we went for a demonstration ride in a new Cherokee 6, with its matched luggage with the aircraft number on it. Oh yes, BONNIE BRADFORD, ROSETTA VENELL, CHARMIAN BYERS-JONES and I flew to the Sectional in Everett. BONNIE gave a report on it at our last meeting.

I dropped in for coffee with LOU WICKS and found her ready to take off with JAN AMUNDSON and two non-flyers to anywhere! JAN and her 49½er had been to Spokane, Pullman and Wenatchee; returning just in time for JAN to take off with LOU for a trip to Idaho Falls.

ROSETTA VENELL flew to the Oregon PTA Convention in Klamath Falls and thrilled three PTA ladies by flying over Crater Lake.

WYOMING CHAPTER

Dorothy Misner, Reporter

Thanks to DONNA MYERS, International Vice President, and LAULETTE HANSEN, Northwest Section Treasurer, "Charter Day" for the Wyoming Ninety-Nines was a wonderful meeting.

It began Saturday morning, April 23rd, with a demonstration by the Worland FSS in the use of their Direction Finding Equipment, with the help of NIKI WEAVER as pilot in her Cessna 172 and DOROTHY MISNER as co-pilot.



"Charter Day" luncheon, Wyoming Ninety-Nines, (left, front to back) MARIE ENGELMAN, LAULETTE HANSEN, DONNA MYERS, DOROTHY MISNER. (right, front to back) NIKI WEAVER, MABEL ANESI, PAULINE POWERS, VIRGILEA SWORTS and BETTY ADAMS.



MABEL ANESI, Wyoming Chapter Chairman, with Chapter Charter presented by DONNA MYERS, International Vice President.

The group enjoyed lunch in the Mator Room at the Washakie Hotel, followed by a business meeting at the home of NIKI WEAVER.

Our 49½ers joined us for a cocktail hour and dinner in the State Room of the Washakie Hotel. MARVIN STEVENSON, State Director of Aeronautics, was guest speaker, and MABEL ANESI, Wyoming Chapter Chairman, accepted our Charter for us from DONNA MYERS. It was a memorable occasion.

Interested persons in attendance were MR. and MRS. C. B. JACKSON, Sky Aviation Corp.; MR. and MRS. JIME SHIPLEY, Kem-Air, Inc.; MR. and MRS. JACK DALTON, MR. and MRS. MELVIN SKILES, MR. and MRS. JERRY DECROO, FSS; and MR. and MRS. FRED EGLESTON, Worland. Out of town guests were MR. and MRS. MARVIN STEVENSON and MR. and MRS. CLIFFORD McNUTT, Cheyenne.

Ninety-Nines and 49½ers in attendance were MR. and MRS. ED ANESI, Lander; MR. and MRS. GENE POWERS, Greybull; MR. and MRS. PETE MONCUR, Powell; DR. and MRS. DALE SWORTS, Thermopolis; MR. and MRS. DALE WEAVER, MR. and MRS. JOHN ADAMS, DR. and MRS. A. A. ENGELMAN and DR. and MRS. L. R. MISNER, Worland.

Our May meeting was held in Greybull at the home of PAULINE POWERS on Saturday, the 14th, everyone bringing a sack lunch. MABEL ANESI,

Chairman, Lander; NIKI WEAVER, Vice-Chairman; and BETTY ADAMS, Secretary, Worland, were members in attendance. The gals worked on items for the AWTAR goodie bags. The June meeting will be in Powell the 11th at 10 a.m.



SOUTHWEST SECTION

BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

Eunice Dickey, Reporter

The BFL 99s are very busy this month with preparations for all the flying activities in our area. On May 14th and 15th BFL was a mandatory stop for the Hayward-to-Las Vegas international air race and BFL 99s served coffee and donuts. MARIANNE LAXAGUE was Chairman and those helping her were FLORENCE MOODY, PRISCILLA SPENCER and RHODA THOMPSON.

MARIANNE, PRISCILLA and FLORENCE flew to Mojave with RHODA, after serving coffee on the 14th, to look over the stop for the San Diego-Fallon Air Race. Then they flew back to BFL, where MARIANNE stayed and RHODA flew PRISCILLA and FLORENCE to Tehachapi where they had a wonderful time. FLORENCE and PRISCILLA took an introductory ride in a sailplane and RHODA took her first soaring lesson and said it is certainly a thrilling experience.

The week of May 16th BFL 99s will be in charge of an information booth at the terminal building at Meadows Field. Two Chapter members will man the booths every day, and then there will also be an information booth at Minter Field where the "Bakersfield 100" will be held. This race was formerly held at Pendleton, Oregon. The dates are May 21st and 22nd and there is much work involved before the race. ROY PEMBERTON, ALICE's 49er, is in charge of pylon judging and BFL 99s will help him on May 20th.

So color us busy for the month of May. Good flying to you all.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

Gladys Cobb, Reporter

Our Annual Founders Day Dinner, held at the Hillsdale Inn on the peninsula, was well attended with guests from Santa Clara Chapter and MR. and MRS. GLENN PLYMATE, assistant manager of Oakland Airport. CARL BIGELOW presented the films of our

Oakland air marking that had been shown on Channel 2 TV news. The meeting was conducted by HIALEAH REILICH in the absence of DEBBIE BYRAM who was ill. We are glad to have her back with us.

Undaunted by Friday, the 13th, planes flew into Hayward to be checked and re-checked for the Hayward-Las Vegas Air Race, and the contestants found a snack bar in the tower serving hot dogs, sandwiches, coffee and soft drinks. The Chairman was MAXINE CARLSON ably assisted by LORRETTA GABRIELSON and FRAN GRANT. They were well organized and took advantage of the volunteer help offered them by the rest of the Chapter. The following morning at 5:30 a.m., HIALEAH REILICH was there serving free coffee and donuts generously donated by Little Tom's Grotto. I am sure the pilots enjoyed this service.

Speaking of HI, she is attending Chabot College and getting closer to a degree in engineering and at the same time doing a wonderful promotion job for general aviation. Two days a week she has a two hour break that she uses to keep up her flying and to introduce flying to her fellow students. She takes them on their first airplane ride and has created a lively interest in flying. Some students are planning on getting their private tickets this summer. Good work, HIALEAH!

Two of our newest members entered the Hayward-Las Vegas race in a Cessna 170. As of this writing I don't know where JEANNE MELLICK and DONI PEREZ finished but we are sure they had a wonderful time.

LORETTA GABRIELSON's 49½er is now affiliated with Pan American in a flying capacity. DEBBIE BYRAM was hostess to LINDY BOYES and RUTH RUECKERT for luncheon and a quick visit, as LINDY's time here was very short. ROY and ELLY JONES are happy to have their son, DALE, home from Korea. He is now stationed at Oxnard and has joined a flying club so he can join his parents in owning a private ticket. MARGARET GERHARDT's daughter, JOANN, has soloed with the University of California flying club, the same club from which her mother received her student instruction and private rating.

Our April meeting was held at the lovely home of JAUNDA BIGELOW. Our guests were JOANN GEHARDT, DORIS CONSTENIUS and VIRGINIA PRITCHARD. RUTH RUECKERT gave a wonderful report on the Southwest Sectional. There was hardly room for

RUTH at the meeting—she was still floating around on cloud 9 with memories of the luxurious penthouse suite provided her by the Las Vegas Chapter. She claims she was in absolute heaven the whole time and still cannot get over the thoughtfulness given her as the International Officer in attendance. Her appreciation and pleasure was so evident everyone there seemed to share her happiness. Attending the Sectional from our Chapter were CAROLYN and HENRY SCHUTTE, who flew the RUECKERTS there in their S Bonanza; MARY and RALPH FIELDS flying swiftly in their Swift and GAIL and FIELDING LANE going via commercial airline. Those of us not attending apparently missed a wonderful weekend.

RUTH WAKEMAN, FRAN GRANT, the DIETRICH twins, RUTH and FRED RUECKERT attended a "Farewell to Mills Field" at the San Francisco International Airport on May 14. Pilots receiving their instruction and tickets when the field was new were there to say goodbye. MARSHALL GEORGE, an instructor then, introduced RUTH RUECKERT as his first girl student and at that time she was RUTH MARSHALL. Mills Field was the General Aviation section and is being removed for progress.

We are proud to have ELAINE LOENING represent us in the AWTAR. She drew No. 26. May you have a good race and lots of luck, ELAINE.

EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER

Dottie Sanders, Reporter

April 27th was a red-letter day! As scheduled, it was our April meeting at the home of ANNA BLEDSOE in Ocean-side, Calif., with furnishings from various places of her worldly travel. Honoring our Indian members, ANN prepared Curry as the main dish. We welcomed our Indian members on tape with personal greetings from all present and ANN showed her movies of her visits to India in the past. The whipped cream on the pudding was our honored guests! ALICE ROBERTS, our International President, came over for the event, bringing with her Greater New York Chapter's MARION LOPEZ, who had been vacationing in Arizona. In addition, San Diego Chapter members LOIS BARTLING, BETTY LAMBERT, and GERTRUDE LOCKWOOD added their presence to the festivities—and a cake for Chairman LEAH LIERSCH's birthday celebration.

ISABELLE McCRAE and DOTTIE

SANDERS joined San Diego Chapter's fly-in to Miramar Naval Air Station, with a GCA Approach to Miramar and then a visit to the radar installation there—San Diego Approach Control. 'Twas a most pleasant day!

IDA GAY and ISABELLE McCRAE visited San Diego Chapter's meeting as members of Aero-Space Museum to work together on The Ninety-Nine display to be installed in San Diego's Museum soon.

Your writer will team with ALICE ROBERTS as entrants in both the San Diego-Fallon Race June 11th and in the Powder Puff Derby starting from Seattle July 2! The Fallon Race will list DOTTIE as Pilot in her 140-A and the Powder Puff Derby will list ALICE as Pilot in her Bonanza—and they have a sponsor: Coast to Coast Delivery Service, aircraft delivery service "the good ferry" way!

As this is being written, our Chairman, LEAH LIERSCH, has sneaked off for a vacation by riding a raft down the Colorado River and she had better have some pictures for us to see at our June meeting! Vice Chairman IDA GAY will chair our May meeting in her absence.

FALLON CHAPTER

Elaine Brown, Reporter

Ah! Comes the nice weather. The chickens have been leaving their nests for all over this fair country.

The flying STAUFFS have had their Cessna 182 in the air all winter and right now are in Vermont visiting DOROTHY'S family. They don't have to wait for the sunshine as both CARROL and DOROTHY have their instrument ratings. DOROTHY's check ride concerning that instrument ticket deserves mention in the "Trip of the Month" section of this article.

Just talked to LOIS WILLIAMS who spent a glorious evening at the Nut Tree on May 17th. She and husband DAVE went over in a friend's Bonanza while JUDY and BILL HISLE flew their Cessna 210 down for the Second Annual Flyers Night Program. They had a delicious dinner and saw a beautifully produced movie on "Flying Mexico" by MARION and BOB AUBURN. The AUBURNS, both pilots, fly their Cessna 180 all over the world and have produced outstanding movies on flying Spain, North Africa, Venezuela, Japan and the Caribbean. They all enjoyed the evening.

Our flying whirlwind, DE BAER, has just passed her instrument instructor's written. Congratulations, DE. To make

we private ticket holders feel more guilty, DE finds time to care for her four small children as well as carry a heavy flight instructor's load at Reno Air Services.

JOYCE BEAIL has kept busy both in the air and on the ground. Having gotten her Taylorcraft all covered, painted and licensed, she is now covering the wings of her Stinson. She has also had some interesting trips in the air, such as a quick trip to Cedarville in a Twin Bonanza to check some mine samples with husband BOB, two geologists, an engineer and pilot. The quick trip turned into a cold overnight (because of weather) in Cedarville's only well air-conditioned hotel. JOYCE said it was worth it as she got to fly the Twin Bonanza home. JOYCE and BOB also took their Taylorcraft to a mine at Winnemucca Lake to make an aerial drop of a fuel pump to a broken down truck. The fuel pump was packed in sponge rubber and newspapers and then in gunny sacks for the trip down. JOYCE can testify that it takes a lot of muscle to open the door of a Taylorcraft in mid-air as well as trying to push out a package at the same time. She also has something to say about the gas cap on a Taylorcraft when it hits a severe downdraft. While cruising home from Beckwourth, she and husband BOB hit a dandy downdraft, popping open the fuel cap and splashing gasoline all over the windshield, etc! Must be a lesson here for we smokers—like how to swallow your cigarette in a split second! It can be done, so says my husband with the asbestos mouth.

Now we come to DOROTHY STAUFF and her trip of the month award. Seems DOROTHY's date for instrument check ride finally rolled around. After a sleepless night she hopped over to her friendly FAA man, breezed through her oral test and together they walked over to her airplane for the check ride. Lo! No airplane! After fighting back an urge to weep, DOROTHY with the examiner in tow, finally found the plane, completely dismantled in the maintenance hangar, undergoing its 100 hr. inspection. Her husband, CARROLL, had asked the mechanic to wait a day on the 100 hr. check but seems the mechanic really wasn't listening. "Sorry about that!" Since it takes months to get another appointment with this chap, she had him sign off her oral test as passed and went home to another sleepless night. Next morning she gathered up her 182 and flew to Minden where she took and passed her instrument check ride. Congratulations, DOROTHY!

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

Carole B. Dunn, Reporter

EMMA McGUIRE, CAROLE DUNN, BETTY FAUX, CLAIRE WALTERS and JUDY WAGNER represented the Long Beach Chapter at the Las Vegas Spring Sectional. BETTY is running for International Treasurer besides running a Flight School, taking FAA tests to keep up her ratings and preparing for another solo flight to Australia—seems the busier you are the more you get done.

CLAIRE WALTERS is flying solo to Australia in the next month or so, along with ROS MERRIFIELD of the Australian Section in another Piper Aztec. This will be ROS's 4th crossing solo. MARGARET MEAD has accepted a new position with Aztec Aircraft at their new Santa Barbara office. MAUREEN LEONARD is going to be a grandmother—her co-pilot puppy, named "Sky," is going to be a mother.

Our first 2c-a-pound flight at Torrance was a big success even though the place didn't seem very crowded. Our big contributors and mainstays being EMMA McGUIRE and JOHN GROOMS, courtesy of wife and prospective member—JEANNE, along with faithfuls CLAIRE WALTERS, BETTY FAUX, JOHN and GLORIA LAMBERT, JUDY WAGNER, JUANITA TANGER, PENINSULA AVIATION, AVION-AIR and TROJAN AIRE. Also donating airplanes were FRED COJAN, MAURY CURRY and JAMES McNUTT. This was quite a donation in itself. Our weighers, PAT NOBLE, EDNA LOUDEN, BABE LAPP—with hubby CARL escorting passengers to the planes, RUTH GAY and MARY WENHOLTZ had the best job of the day, I'm anxious to hear their stories. KATIE and GENE MOSKOW were there pitching in both days, GENE was our announcer, then to relax Saturday night they flew to Vegas for Mother's Day eve and flew back Sunday to help again.

We would like to thank the Tucson Chapter for the loan of their member, LAURA BOHANAN and 49½er EARL, who painted all our signs for us. Our Chairman for the 2c-a-pound flight was hard-working MARY PINKNEY and long-suffering 49½er BOB; we couldn't have done without them. I'd like to acknowledge our praise and thanks for a wonderful job done. 49½ers BILL BROOKS and BOB PINKNEY were our handymen and helpers the whole weekend. LEE TITLE did a fine job of rounding up our antique aircraft display. RUTH NITZEN was Publicity Chairman and I'd like to

acknowledge the help of RAY VANE, Chrysler-Plymouth Dealer, and the Torrance Tower boys for being so nice and patient with all those women rushing the pattern. ELE PETERSON was in charge of our antique car rides.

CAROLE DUNN was a bit selfish with her time, she took time off Sunday to fly to Santa Paula to donate time flying an aerobatic exhibition to help raise funds for the U.S. International Aerobatic Team to get the money to send their planes to Russia to compete for world recognition. If you'd like to help this cause send your dollar (or more) to the Aerobatic Club of America, 6505 E. 15th St., Wichita, Kansas 67206. I know I've forgotten to mention others that helped out—oops, wasn't that JOAN DILLY selling hot dogs and MILLIE KRUEGER selling model airplanes—we had everything for sale.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Rachel Bonzon, Reporter

That LODWIG airplane is for the birds! ANN at Las Vegas, picking twigs from under the cowlings: "Things really must have been blowing here last night." ANN back in Santa Monica, preparing to take a neighbor for a first-time light airplane ride, and removing handfuls of strings, safety wire, weeds, pieces of singed cotton, etc., etc.: "Oh, yes, this is what you always have to do before you go on a flight." ANN a few days later, confronted by a pair of irate would-be tenants, perched on the prop, ready to defend their homestead. Said LYNN, hearing that ANN won, "Now I wonder if they've moved down the line to our Skylane."

CAROL LEWIS piloted ANN LODWIG, SALLY LA FORGE and RACHEL BONZON to Elsinore to make final arrangements for our fly-in soar-out activities, which are now set for May 22 (weather date, June 5). We hope to see some of our neighbors from other Chapters enjoying the day with us.

On the way home, this bright, clear day revealed a neat new paved strip which is not on the chart. Further intelligence reveals that this E-W runway is a drag strip. Of course our enthusiastic, energetic Air Marking Committee was ready to dash off with the paint. Now they wonder if they should volunteer to mark it DRAG STRIP.

BEULAH and BILL KEE have retired from the editorship of "Tower Talk," publication of the Icarian Club, having done an excellent job for the past year. We've enjoyed the paper and the contact with this active group of pilots.

NORTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER **Ruth Smith, Reporter**

We didn't have an April meeting because there were some who planned to attend the Sectional. Don't know whether or not anyone did go.

Holbrook was Air Markd in grand style on April 24th. DOT and WAYNE WARD flew over in the T-34. JEAN and BOB KNOTT went with BILL and I in our Skylane. MARY ELLEN and 49½er WARREN were already at work when we arrived at 8:45 a.m. After we had HOLBROOK painted, BOB KNOTT blocked out the field elevation numbers for us and we painted those too—all this was on the hangar roof. Everyone moved a little slower after lunch, but we arranged a segmented circle of barrels around the wind sock and painted them. Had an enjoyable time.

DOT flew from Flagstaff to Holbrook entirely on Instruments. Also, she has passed the instrument written. Occasionally I hear the T-34 over my house and I'm sure DOT is checking someone out in it, practicing glides and turns and emergency landings.

BETH, MARY ELLEN and JEAN KNOTT should have some interesting stories about their trip to San Carlos, Mexico.

Saw MARILYN BILLS for a brief moment at the airport Sunday. She was on her way to Phoenix via Frontier to join 49½er ELDON.

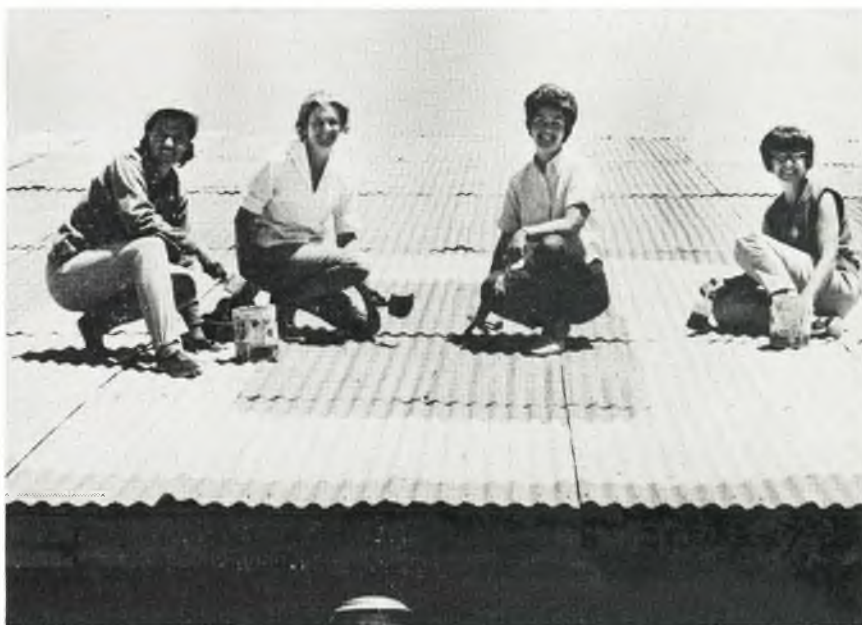
SHIRLEY MARSHALL was in Flagstaff not long ago to check out in a Skylane. Understand that she and a gal from California are to enter the race from Monterey, Mexico, to Florida.

Soaring activity has picked up here with the coming of warmer weather. DOT's 49½er and a passenger went up to 18,250 ft. a couple of weeks ago. Two other fellows went to 17,000 ft. Soaring was especially good that day. DOT is one of the tow pilots.

JEAN KNOTT is our first 66 to solo, May 10th was the day. She went up for her second solo today, the 17th. Flew over my house and circled, I dashed out and waved. She was real thrilled and so are all of us.

Flagstaff and Grand Canyon will get VOR stations in the very near future. The new Flagstaff facility will be located a half-mile northwest of the airport. The one at Grand Canyon will be just off the northwest end of the runway. This is good news.

We will be losing one of our 66s soon. DENISE and JOE GREEN will be moving to Oakland. Maybe DENISE can join a nearby Chapter.



Air marking at Holbrook, Arizona, left to right, Northern Arizona Chapter 99s DOT WARD, MARY ELLEN LIKEN, RUTH SMITH and JEAN KNOTT.

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER **Ann Cantillon, Reporter**

First off, I want to thank THON GRIFFITH (ABBOTT) for covering for me with the last news letter while I was gloriously basking in the Bahamian sun.

Second, I hope you caught that GRIF-FITH. What would you think of a Chapter Chairman who leaves town to get married and doesn't give we fellow members a chance to have some fun? Anyway, that's just what happened. THON is now MRS. GEORGE GRIF-FITH. They were married in Northern California and honeymooned in the central California Sierras and Lake Tahoe. I'm sure the whole organization joins me in wishing THON and GEORGE a long happy life together.

The race bug seems to have bitten everyone. GINNY CHANDLER and SHERI BLESSING passed their commercial written exams and immediately took their flight checks which they passed. Last Saturday found them racing in the Hayward to Las Vegas race where they placed fourth. Mighty good for their first race. I also understand they plan to fly the Fallon Fun Race and are number 19 in the Powder Puff Derby. Rots of Ruck, gals.

TIG PENNOCK is planning to fly the Powder Puff Derby solo. Think she has decided on a 260 Comanche. Again this year she is being sponsored by Martin Aviation, Orange County.

The weekend of May 20th will find

NANCY CREWS and JEAN ROSE heading for impound in Harlingen, Texas, for the Angel Derby in a 150 Cessna. MADINE PARSEL and myself will too be heading South for the festivities in a Colt. Praise the Lord.

Saturday, April 23, we had the unexpected pleasure of a visit from PAT LAMBART, our Southwest Section Governor. A few of us escorted her and family to the Newporter Inn for a complete tour and lunch, sort of a preview of what we have in store for the upcoming Southwest Sectional on September 23. Thought those who are planning to attend might be interested in knowing just what your money will be going for.

If you arrive on Friday your price will be \$34.00. This includes:

- *1. Transportation.
- *2. Registration.
- 3. Happy Hour (Friday night).
- 4. Buffet Dinner (Friday night).
- 5. Continental Breakfast (Saturday).
- *6. Luncheon and Fashion Show (pool-side).
- *7 Banquet and Dancing (Saturday).
- *8 Admission to "The Dunes" (Beach).
- 9. Two nights (double occupancy) \$7.50 per night, per girl providing there are two girls to a room. Rooms \$15.00 per day.

If you arrive Saturday before lunch, your price will be \$22.00 and will include each item marked (*) plus one nights lodging at \$7.50 per girl per night, two people per room. Confusing, isn't it?

JOYCE NASH and 49½er AL just

returned from a business-pleasure trip that took them to places like Milwaukee, Niagara Falls, Albany and Montreal. A lot of practice was had in the clouds as the weather was pretty crummy. As JOYCE says, "It was a great experience, but I don't care to see the wings encased in ice again."

PHOENIX CHAPTER

Ginny Moser, Reporter

We were happy to be with JIMMYE LOU SHELTON again, one of our 99s missing recently from our local Chapter scene. She was the hostess for a very enjoyable April meeting at her home, and it was gratifying to have a good turn-out of our members and prospective members. JIMMYE LOU states that she has been quite busy running what she fondly calls "a ferry service," ferrying Pipers to and from California (Long Beach and San Jose). She was looking forward also to visiting her son in the Navy at San Diego.

GERRI WALKER is learning to fly a Citabria and quite surprised to find that take-offs are more difficult than landings, switching from a tricycle gear. And not to be outdone, JEANNE MORRIS received her multi-engine rating recently and hopes to add a commercial to that quite soon.

Our International President, ALICE ROBERTS, is back in Phoenix after visiting the North Central Section Meeting in Eldon, Mo., and the Southeast Section Meeting in Chattanooga, Tenn. Also she recently presented a Charter to the new South Louisiana Chapter in Baton Rouge. ALICE confided that she firmly believes the Good Lord has been looking over her, as she has had some remarkably good VFR weather on her many flights this past year.

Graduation time is coming up and among those will be MARY VIAL's daughter, MARNY, who graduates from Colorado Women's College in June. Proud parents, MARY and GEORGE, are planning to fly to Denver for the ceremony and then marriage is in the offing for MARY and BILL DUPUY in July. Congratulations!

After enjoying the Southwest Sectional at Las Vegas, the LAMBERTS, PAT, RIC and PATRICK flew on to Los Angeles where they met with the Los Angeles Chapter at SALLY LaFORGE's house, talked with San Fernando Valley Chairman FLORENCE DITTMAR and visited Vice Governor LOLA RICCI. Chairman THON ABOTT GRIFFITH and Orange County members met the LAMBERTS for lunch and then a tour of the fabulous

Newporter, headquarters of the Southwest Fall Sectional. Back in Phoenix again, they saw Southwest Treasurer NORMA WILCOX, and husband, NATE, who flew PENNY SWOPE into Sky Harbor. They also greeted JOAN STEINBERGER, who was enthusiastically ferrying a Cherokee 6 from Vero Beach, Fla., to Santa Barbara, Calif.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

Virginia Townsend, Reporter

Our April meeting was held at the home of VIJA BERRY. Our new roll call board is making quite an impression with the attendance. The roll is called and we have different color stars for each participation, whether it be attendance or a good deed. We have a very colorful board.

Last month, we lady bugs went winging south to Fresno. We were met by HELEN SMITH, BETTY MacPHERSON and VOLINE DODGSON. Those 99 took us on a tour of Fresno, plus the new Fresno Mall. A very delightful day. Our days bugs on this trip were FLORENCE BREEN with co-pilot LARUE BROWN, JUNE DEVINE with her guests, CAROL WALTON and VIRGINIA TOWNSEND.

Thanks to HELEN MACE for taking charge of our rummage sale this year. HELEN's helpers were FLORENCE BREEN, JOYCE EVANS, RUTH LUMMIS, RUTH WAGNER and VIRGINIA TOWNSEND who along with HELEN worked both days. Many thanks again, HELEN, for a job well done.

On a recent lady bug flight to Truckee Airport, which wasn't a flight at all. Because of weather. Driving up were JUNE DEVINE, LARUE BROWN, CLAIR RALEY, FLORENCE BREEN, VIJA BERRY and DOROTHY WILLFORD. The fishing must have been real good, for all the gals came home with their limits. Rainbow trout 10 in. to 14 in. These gals took a picnic lunch and stayed all day. Sure sounds like fun. Sorry I missed this trip.

Our Reps. for the Las Vegas Sectional were RUTH WAGNER, DARLINE GILMORE and her 49½er, GILL, along with CAROL BLOOM. LARUE BROWN and her 49½er, NORM, along with their guests, made the meeting after spending a week in Mexico—just a stop on their way home.

CAROL HAMMOND and 49½er, AL, went winging south to New Mexico to see their son who is in the military. Made it a nice vacation. JUNE DEVINE and her 49½er, JIM, spent a week in Palm Springs. DONNA PRITCHARD and VIRGINIA TOWNSEND

also spent a week in Palm Springs. Beautiful weather, should do this more often. FLORENCE BREEN went winging to Europe to see her daughter, JOYCE, and spent a week touring Italy. Sure sounds like fun.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

Ruth Ebey, Reporter

Celebrating May Day with practice GCA's to Miramar Air Field, followed by a visit to the Radar Air Traffic Control Center and lunch afterwards in the Officers' Club were LOIS and HARRY BARTLING, JUNE and JIM HICKOX, DOTTY KLOTZ of San Diego Chapter; ISABELLE McCRAE and DOTTIE SANDERS of El Cajon Valley Chapter; STELLA and KEN HESSE, RUTH KNIEFEL and husband, and PAM and VIC VAN DER LINDEN of the embryo Chapter in North San Diego County. All had a fine time and proclaimed it a most educational experience!

Thanks to our six hostesses, STELLA HESSE, RUTH KNIEFEL, PAMELA VAN DER LINDEN, TERRI POER, WILMA VIOLET, ESTHER WHITT—and host VIC VAN DER LINDEN, we all enjoyed ourselves tremendously at Fallbrook's annual National Avocado Festival May 14. Since the weather didn't cooperate, we weren't able to fly in to the nice Air Park south of town; those who drove up were LOIS and HARRY BARTLING, LYN and BOB BRIGGS, RUTH EBHEY, ELEANOR RICHARDSON and KITTY SCHIEDING, BETTY and CLAUD WHARTON and their friends, the FORSYTHES. DOTTY KLOTZ and her mother, MARIAN STEVENS, rode up from San Diego on the Avocado Flyer, a special train for the occasion. Early arrivals enjoyed a pancake breakfast, then browsed around town looking at local art and artists placed in various shops and the country fair. Then there was an hour-long parade replete with richly dressed equestrians (and equestriennes) and handsome horses, bands, and clever floats. Both before and after the delicious lunch at the Fallbrook Country Club, our hostesses drove us all around the area, pointing out interesting botanical, historical and scenic features, ending with a jaunt to the Air Park. Host VIC, we discovered as we were leaving, had bagged avocados, oranges and tangelos for each of us to take home.

MARIAN BANKS and RUBY KEAVENY will be flying the International, San Diego-Fallon Fun and Powder Puff Races together. THELMA BISHOP also, with co-pilot SHIRLEY MARSHALL of Tucson, will compete in the

International. Other entrants from our Chapter in the San Diego-Fallon Fun Race are MARGRIT GOODRICH flying solo and ELEANOR RICHARDSON with co-pilot RUTH EBEY.

Our May meeting in the home of JESSIE OSTRANDER was quite well attended—more than 30 girls, including several guests and a few faces we hadn't seen in quite a while. BARBARA D'ARCHE was BARBARA ROBILLIARD until a few months ago, hadn't flown lately because she's spending all her spare time getting used to her new husband and new teen-age daughter. PAT OSMON has been working toward qualification for the local Coast Guard Auxiliary Boat Rescue Unit.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER **Loreli Cangiano, Reporter**

As Powder Puff Derby Time draws closer we find LOIS MILES WEAVER busier and busier. Comanche 99 LW has been painted with pictures of bottles of "Bathe 'N Glow" and with such a pretty skin how could any little Comanche help but win.

Our KGIL "Skywatch" Reporter, ARDIE TRENHOLM, was interviewed by ART LINKLETTER on TV and the Los Angeles Times affectionately (we hope) called her a "skywitch" because of her work flying over and reporting conditions on our freeways. Her voice in the morning over Radio Skywatch has probably been heard by most Southern California commuters.

Our fly-in to Santa Barbara for lunch was a bit anti-climatic after having just attended the Las Vegas Sectional Meeting, but the turnout was unexpectedly good and the fly-in as usual great fun. BERNADINE BENNING, FLORENCE DITTMAR, GERRY VICKERS (coming to us from San Diego Chapter), SHIRLEY THOM, EDDIE WHITE, LORELI CANGIANO, MARGARET WARD and daughter, AUDREY SCHUTTE, MARILYN ARNOLD, LIBBY SVENSON and ELLEN TRINDELL gathered in the Flite Line Restaurant and lo and behold in popped JUANITA DALEY all the way from Las Vegas so we pleasantly rehearsed the fine Sectional she had "Chairmanned."

Miss from Santa Barbara and other recent activities was LOLA RICCI who was in the hospital and is now recuperating nicely at home. Stalwart fly-in Chairman that she is, she arranged our monthly fly-ins from her sick-bed. She assures us that she will be with us at our next meeting and has plans for an over-night at El Centro Airport.



JUDITH WAGNER (center) of Pacific Palisades heard the "Judith" Contest on Radio Station KGIL which was sponsored by Paramount Pictures and Arpege Perfume. She rushed to her airplane, a Beech Bonanza, and flew to Van Nuys Airport in the San Fernando Valley where she met **JUDITH PARKER** from Encino . . . both Judiths are Powder Puff Derby Pilots. **DOUG JAMES**, Disc Jockey from KGIL, was on hand to welcome the lovely Judiths and present them with a bottle of Arpege Perfume — made possible by an airplane!

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

Rain and a 1000 ft. ceiling failed to keep us from our May fly-in meeting at Oakdale. The Modesto members provided transportation and **BILLIE WYATT** arranged a tour (with samples) of the Hershey Chocolate Plant followed by lunch at the Oakdale Golf and Country Club. **JEAN MURRAY** arrived from Stockton in her Cessna 182 and your reporter, **LAVERNE**, in a rented Cherokee around Castle AFB from Merced—too low to cross over it! **HETTY FREESE**, **HELEN McGEE**, **CHARLOTTE RYAN**, **JERRY UNDERWOOD**,

LAURA MAY CRAWFORD, **JEANNINE THOMPSON**, **MARGARET ANDREWS**, **ELAINE SMITH**, **BILLIE WYATT**, former member **ELVA VICTORINO**, and 11 guests came home loaded with all kinds of chocolate goodies.

MARGARET informed us that her younger son is now with 'Flying Tigers' as an engineer-pilot. She is jetting to Phoenix to visit her other son (Bonanza Airlines co-pilot) and family. **JEANNINE** finally completed the flight to Phoenix twice this last month (I think once to make up for her last attempt which was foiled by weather) and also attended the Sectional at Las Vegas.

EV HENDLEY has been grounded by emergency surgery and will be several weeks recovering. We hope the flying urge and that new Cessna will help to shorten her convalescence. This past month Yucca Valley and Palm Springs were two tested airports for ELAINE SMITH and her new Cessna 205. HETTY, husband JIM, infant daughter and family dog spent a week in April in Denver having flown over in a Cherokee.

Nice to see Sonora member HELEN McGEE again. HELEN took her Cherokee to Las Vegas and Davis and had her first special VFR departing clearance at Monterey. New member CHARLOTTE RYAN, 49½er WILLIAM, and their two teen-age daughters had an exciting Easter vacation flying their Cessna 172 to New Orleans. The South also has our Chairman MARIE McDOWELL this month. MARIE piloted her Bonanza taking her aunt to Biloxi, Miss., and on to Florida.

TUCSON CHAPTER

Maggie Schock, Reporter

The San Carlos, Mexico, all-girl fly-in was its usual success with 6 airplanes and 20 Ninety-Nines and guests sailing, fishing, swimming and skin diving for black pearls. PAT NOLEN can tell you where to get them, but not how to hold on to them. She found two and, just like the last time, overboard they went. This just wasn't PAT's week end. The Comanche gave her trouble and is back in the shop for awhile. JESSIE WIMMERS and another pilot from Phoenix flew to San Carlos to pick up the sick airplane and PAT and her passengers.

FRANCES FRANCIS brought a passenger in the 206 and DOROTHY JENKINS came with another passenger and SHIRLEY in the MARSHALL's Tri-Pacer. MIRZA CLARK brought VIRGINIA COOK and a friend in her Skyhawk and BETH WRIGHT flew her skylane from Flagstaff with 99 MARY LIKEN and two passengers. LORRAINE YOCUM completed the group with 3 friends in her Bonanza.

Back in Nogales, FRANCES FRANCIS is busy flying CAP Cadets once a month and has been elected to Zonta International in a special category as "Homemaker".

PATSY and BOB BROOKS had some good IFR practice on a return trip from Austin, Texas. At Midland the ILS guided them down to minimums. They popped out of the weather just on the verge of going around. Our Tucson sunshine really looked good to our

hard working Chairman when she landed home again.

CAROL and DON EWING were coming home from New Orleans in the same weather system encountered by the Brooks'. However, they took the southern route and missed part of the heaviest weather. After going down in 8:06 in one day, it was frustrating to be grounded overnight coming home! Sounds like DON is a prime candidate for an instrument ticket. A trip to Van Nuys last week end probably reaffirmed his decision. With LAX below minimums and Van Nuys barely VFR, they managed to pick their way out of the basin and into clear weather at the pass — which is a good place to have clear weather. CAROL is working on a small production of her own, right now, and probably won't be working on much else until after August. Of course, you can usually get in several hours studying in the maternity ward, CAROL.

MIRZA CLARK and husband GLEN are on a flying vacation to the Midwest. Hope they find the weather to and from Ohio all VFR. VIRGINIA EDWARDS had another ambulance trip this month. This time to St. Louis. The patient did well, the weather was good and she got to fly all the way home.

Just heard BARBARA and JOHN WELSH passed their commercial writens. BARBARA is building up time flying a local internist to the hospital in Sierra Vista each week. I'll bet we can look forward to her being a real contestant in next year's AWTAR if that Comanche will really do what she claims it will!

SHIRLEY and ART MARSHALL flew a Cherokee 6 to Maztalan last week to pick up a man injured in an automobile accident. The patient was already afflicted with a fused spine and after breaking both legs and a shoulder was practically immobilized in a body cast. Two seats were removed from the Six and the litter fitted in perfectly. With SHIRLEY, ART, the patient, his wife and two small children, she was very thankful for the roomy interior of the Six. She was also very grateful to the wonderful Customs men at Hermosillo, they were most helpful in a very difficult situation. THELMA BISHOP arrives in a few days to pick up SHIRLEY as her co-pilot for the IAR. SHIRLEY says she is all checked out in a 182 and ready to go.

A little plug for our 99 bracelets!! Each one is hand made in silver and

copper with large 99 emblem beautifully worked into a design. Really handsome for only \$18.00. We have two ready for immediate delivery. The bracelet was designed by our artist member, BEATRICE EDGERLY, who is also a gifted writer. The following poem was written by BEA just for the 1966 AWTAR, which she and DOROTHY JENKINS will be flying this year in the Number 9 spot.

WITHOUT BENEFIT OF SANTA CLAUS

'Twas the night before takeoff and all through the house
Not a creature was sleeping—not even a mouse.
Each had quaffed her last cocktail* — all were tucked in their beds,
While visions of air markers danced through their heads.
In impound the rainbow of bright little planes
Stood shining and ready and champed at their chains.
There were Amerind war-birds from the Piper Ranchy —
Cherokee, Aztec, Apache, Comanche.
The night was so bright — stars and Mooney so plane
On the neat row of Cessna — Skyhawk and Skylane.
The small yellow bird is demure Debonair
And the low-slung Commander is squatting right there.
Other birds — but before we run clean out of stanzas
We should mention those nice little V-tailed Bonanzas.
But halt! There is tension all over Seattle!
The suspense one encounters before a breat battle.
And Clearwater's stirring with anticipation —
Awaiting those migrants to bisect the Nation;
Northwest to Southeast, where it's sunny and warm.
(Which one will encounter the best thunderstorm?)
Then come Cessna — come Piper — come Mooney — come Beech!
It's a long, bumpy flight, but a nice place to reach.

—Beatrice Edgerly

*Reporter's Note: "24 hours before"!

UTAH CHAPTER

Lucile Christopherson, Reporter

The Utah girls have taken to the air again and have actively engaged in several activities during the past

month. Besides their air marking activities, they have ventured out on a service project which should show increased interest in aviation — not only by the “small fry” but by parents as well.

On April 27th SUE ELLIS, JANE ANDREASON, LOUISE ANDERSON, LYLE BECKSTRAND, LOUISE MORRISON, GINI STREETER, NANCY REULING and LUCILE CHRISTOPHERSON met with MR. RUSS PINNEY of United Airlines at Municipal Airport and were briefed in becoming tour guides for school children visiting the Salt Lake Airport. Since the familiarization meeting several groups of school children have been shown in and about the airport by various members of the Utah 99s.

On April 30th a fly-in brunch was enjoyed at the Ogden Municipal Airport by several members of the Utah Chapter.

On May 7th, ALBERTA NICHOLSON was hostess at a lovely luncheon, at her home, honoring BONNIE YORK who is planning a move to Omaha, Nebraska. Attending the farewell luncheon were: BARBARA BARLOW, LOUISE MORRISON, RUTH WALKER, MAXINE NIELSON, NANCY RUELING, SUE ELLIS, BONNIE YORK, LYLE BECKSTRAND and LUCILE CHRISTOPHERSON. We regret this change of residence, for BONNIE has been a wonderful member of our group.

A couple of our Chapter members are planning to join the AWTAR and we are proud of their efforts. See you next month.



Australian ★ Section

Margaret Kentley, Reporter

A truly magnificent week-end was had by the 16 Ninety-Nines, other members of the A.W.P.A. and their close relatives who flew or drove into Canberra on 7th May. 27 aircraft, relieved of their over-loading of women pilots and party dresses, were lined up on the parking area while their crews, from all over Australia, relished a magnificent dinner at Government House as the guests of THEIR EXCELLENCIES THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AND THE LADY CASEY. The charm



Posing on the Air Marker completed by the Utah 99s at St. George, Utah, (front row, l-r) MARY WOOD, SALLY WELLS, (unidentified), CARYL KNOWLTON, GINI STREETER and LILA FIELDEN; back row, JANE ANDREASON, MAXINE NELSON, GOVERNOR CALVIN RAMPTON, ALBERTA NICHOLSON, BILL NICHOLSON, NANCY REULING and CHERYL STUCKI.



Utah 99s Air Marking St. George, Utah, Airport.

and elegance of the furnishing and decoration of the old home, surrounded by acres of beautiful trees, rich in their autumn colours, made a perfect setting for THEIR EXCELLENCIES who entertained 180 guests, whose love is flying, and who now have another memory of THEIR EXCELLENCIES' kindness and charm, a quality we have all long known and admired, but this time, in a setting of roses by candlelight from silver candelabra, crested china and liveried staff, beautiful pictures and soft carpets and quantities of superb food such as I have never before seen or tasted.

Having all eaten far too much, many ended the evening at a merry party on the aerodrome as the guests of the Can-

berra Aero Club, who were so kind in welcoming us when we flew in, with kind advice, masses of coffee and transport.

On Sunday, 12 planes flew West about 60 nm. and several cars drove 100 sm. to enjoy a splendid barbeque lunch as the guests of TIKI WILLSALLEN and her charming family, in their beautiful old stone home in some of the prettiest and richest Sheep Country anywhere. Their landing strip, in a bend of the River in the valley, is excellent and the food was served on the grass tennis court beside the blue swimming pool and on an adjacent paved terrace under a huge oak tree. We ate tender steaks and salad followed by scrumptious cheese cake



MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER 99s and the Blue Bird group they sponsor during an airport visit where each Blue Bird sat in the pilot's seat as a "visual aid" in explaining about flying. 99s in the back row (left to right) JERRY HALF-PENNY (66 program), HELEN SHROPSHIRE, GENEVA CRANFORD, SALLY PLUMMER and DELL HAUH HINN. Back row of Blue Birds: GAIL CHAMPLIN, MARCIA MYERS, RHONDA CORDES, MICHELE MORISOLI, TAMMY PORTER, CINDY WEIDNER and KRISSIE STEVENS. Front row: PAM GROSSMAN, ELLEN YEAGER, ROSEMARY GONG, JENNIFER MAYER, JONI MADALORA and SALLY RHODES.

made by TIKI herself, while we enjoyed the peace and beauty of the view across the Valley. Those going farthest left first and all waggled their wings in farewell as we flew across the home-stand, climbing out of the valley, to fly home, to every State in Australia.

ROSALIND MERRIFIELD is again in U.S.A., buying aircraft and will soon be making her 4th Pacific Crossing.

BERYL YOUNG has our admiration and congratulations, having achieved her First Class Instrument Rating.

OLGA TARLING has passed her A.T.C. Radar Operators Course and is frantically busy.

NANCY LEEBOLD has just returned to her busy aviation enterprises after a wonderful holiday at Lord Howe Island.

HELEN BLACKBURN had a most interesting day flying that exotic, world famous poet, YEVENGY YEVTUSHNKO, to Kangaroo Island during the Adelaide Festival of Art.

I was so pleased to get a letter from a member-at-large JACQUELINE COUSIN of Brussels, Belgium, who tells

me she flies commercially every afternoon. I expect some of our Australian members travelling overseas will soon be able to visit her.

At the moment here we are 'all systems go' awaiting for SHEILA SCOTT! Cheerio!

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