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President's Column

Happy Holidays all over, tree leaves picked up, another year at our disposal to do with what we will. As we reflect over the past year, and look ahead to the new year, I am wondering what goals we have set for ourselves.

First of all, let there be thanks to God for our many blessings: health, freedom and friendships . . . but to name a few. Next let's consider 1967 and how, as Ninety Nines, we can use it to the best advantage. Of course there is always the 'first flight' for someone . . . the necessary encouragement to get that new rating . . . the Wing Scout troop that needs a leader . . . the Chapter Chairman that needs a volunteer for that extra job. Little things? Yes, but so important! How long has it been since you said you would help with a project???

SECTION MEETINGS

**NORTH CENTRAL FALL
SECTIONAL SUMMARY**
Florence Toney, Reporter

Women pilots from the 9 states comprising the North Central Section converged on Milwaukee September 23 and 24. A total of 150 pilots and guests enjoyed the weekend including the showing of the EAA 1965 Rockford Fly In movies on Friday evening. Saturday morning a tour was made of the Mitchell Park Conservatory domes and the EAA Museum. New aircraft demonstrations were given by GENE NORA JESSEN of Beech in Wichita, in a Musketeer; by JANE EDGCUMBE of Tufts-Edgcumbe Piper distributor of Elgin, Illinois, in a 180 Cherokee, and KATY BOYD in a Mooney Mark 21 for DEC Aviation of Madison.

At the noon luncheon, MR. R. A. HARMS of the Milwaukee Weather Bureau gave a talk on Great Lakes weather and showed some interesting slides on weather phenomenon, including tornadoes and the reporting of them by the WB.

Saturday evening Mistress of Ceremonies DEEDO HEISE presented JERRIE MOCK, world renown pilot, who talked about her experiences during her record breaking solo flight around the world.

Why don't we decide to give to the AE Scholarship Fund and the AWTAR BEFORE the deadline??? Wouldn't that be a nice surprise for everyone?

Why not plan NOW to be in Washington, D.C. for the annual convention?

Why not plan NOW to attend your Spring Section meeting?

Why not plan NOW to have SMOOTH FLYING THROUGH COMMUNICATION? By communicating with the F.S.S. we are told where the 'rough weather' is and so often we can circumnavigate. By communicating with each other, we can be advised of problems and get them straightened out before they become a real storm!

Let me encourage you to communicate NOW and nominate your officers for 1967-68. This is a most important time and you should give much thought to your nominations.

Congratulations are in order for our re-activated Canadian Section! Before you know it, we will probably have new chapters too. EDITH DENNEY is serving as their new Governor.

A special thanks to PEG ONG for doing such a fine job on the NEWS. She had a good send-off by DOTTIE YOUNG and is keeping up the standards.

I will be in Phoenix for the next couple of months, so if you visit here, be sure to call and say hi!

Sincerely,
Alice

ATTENTION ALL CHAPTER CHAIRMEN and

SECTION GOVERNORS (where no Chapters exist)

Nominations for International Officers need to be included in your very NEXT business meeting! The Ides of March will be upon us before we get the Christmas decorations put away if we're not careful. You will be receiving nominating instructions and nominee blanks from Headquarters any day so don't put them in File 13 by mistake . . .

Lois Miles, Chairman
International
Nominating Comm.
4901 Winnetka Ave.
Woodland Hills,
Calif. 91364

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship

We have had some questions asking "How is a Scholarship Winner chosen?"

First, as you know, your Chapter Chairmen send the Chairman of Trustees the names of the 99s selected to represent the group. The printed applications are sent to the candidates, to the Chapter Chairman for her recommendation, and then to the Section Amelia Earhart Chairman. At the time you are reading this, the Section AE Committee will be studying each application received by them. They ask themselves — What has the candidate contributed to the Ninety-Nines? Will she put the training acquired to good use? To what extent does she need the financial help? What has she already accomplished in her field? Will she be a "good investment" toward furthering aviation in general and the status of women therein?

Those which they consider most deserving (on a basis of 1 per 100 members in the Section) are submitted to the Trustees. Each Trustee will have about two weeks to study and evaluate the applications separately after which we meet for further study and discussion. The five, which we finally agree are the most outstanding, are now submitted to our Honorary Judges.

The final selection of the winners is made by these three people outside the Ninety-Nines all of whom are prominent in some facet of aviation and experienced in making judgments of this type.

How Has The Award Been Used?

As an aid toward Commercial, Instructor, Instrument, Instrument - Instructor, Multi-engine, Link Instructor and Airline Transport Ratings; for academic studies in Aeronautics and Journalism for a Masters Degree; for a Ground Engineer's license, and Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics Certificate.

Through 1966, thirty scholarships have been awarded and the majority of the recipients are still using the training they received. Through them hundreds of students have received instruction. Some have financed a college degree through Charter flying. Some have taught in large universities. Some are FAA Flight Examiners. Some

have been widows who were able to maintain small airports and educate their children. Scholarship winners have managed large operations on major airports. They have been found flying co-pilot on a commercial airline and ferrying aircraft to overseas assignments, transporting livestock between countries and teaching Air Age Education in the secondary schools. Many have held office in the Ninety-Nines. The list is endless.

Our first Scholarship winner twenty-five years ago, was PATRICIA THOMAS GLADNEY (of course she was but a slip of a girl at the time). Today PAT serves as Vice Chairman of the Scholarship Trustees, is instructing flight students full time, piling up more hours in a month than I do in a year or two, and achieving excellent results with women who had been extremely fearful of small planes. She was a Flight Instructor and served as a WASP during World War II. Of course there is no typical Scholarship Winner but I can present PAT as an excellent example of one.

As of today (Dec. 16) 60 applications for the 1967 Awards have been re-

**Submit International Officer
Nominations to
Lois Miles, Chairman
4901 Winnetka Ave.
Woodland Hills, Calif. 91364**

quested. There will probably be more before the deadline. If you could read the applications you would realize why we are asking you to check with your Chapters and send your contributions so that we may increase the principal in our trust and bring a bit closer the time when we can award a fourth Scholarship. We will, of course, be delighted to accept your individual donations also.

May every 99 have a super wonderful 1967!

Deedo Heise, Chairman
AMELIA EARHART TRUSTEES
P. S. Remember, it saves time if you endorse your checks to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship and mail them to

Betty Gillies, Treasurer
P.O. Box 625
Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. 92067

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONVENTION NEWS

The Special Services Department
of

The United States Post Office
has granted us an official
slogan die

"The Ninety Nines

International Fly-In

June 28 - July 2, 1967"

The slogan die will be used at main Washington post office 20013, from January 2, through July 2, 1967.

This is a simple way to attract attention to our International Fly-in for the next several months.

AIR MARKING

A most Happy New Year to each of you!

I hope this short note will serve as a reminder to complete the form which appeared in the December Newsletter. If you missed the Air Marking article, go back through last month's mail and reread.

We would like to have The Ninety-Nines' accomplishments in Air Marking recognized and we cannot count your Chapter's efforts unless we know about them.

Now is the time to make plans for an active Air Marking program for 1967. I hope your Chapter can share in the better participation and the sense of accomplishment which this program offers.

Let me hear from you!!

MARY N. ABLE

Rt. 4, Box 52

Houston, Texas 77036

Coming Events

January 15th DEADLINE

AE Scholarship Applications
To Section Scholarship Chairmen

March 1 DEADLINE

International Officers Nominations

April 7, 8, and 9, 1967

Australian Women Pilots
and 99s Annual Meeting
Brisbane, Queensland

May 5, 6, and 7, 1967

North Central Spring Sectional
Peoria, Illinois

Sept. 15, 16, and 17, 1967

North Central Fall Sectional
Pheasant Run Inn
(adjacent to DuPage Airport, Ill.)

MEMBERS AT LARGE

UTA KIENLE of Germany tells of her experiences when . . . "A Member-At-Large Flew the 20th Powder Puff Derby 1966."

Since 1960, I am a Member-At-Large of the "99s" and all these years, I have read about the Powder Puff Derbys in the 99 NEWS. Suddenly! in the spring of 1965, LORRAINE McCARTY wrote and asked, "Wouldn't it be wonderful if you could fly the '66 Powder Puff Derby, either as Pilot or Co-Pilot?" I was so thrilled over this letter but it is very difficult to find a sponsor in a country that does not know about the race. Nevertheless, I wrote to Lorraine that I hoped to find a sponsor and come to the USA.

What a wonderful idea . . . to make a visit to the USA! I doubt that many of the Members-At-Large have had the chance to make a trip to the USA and see what a beautiful country it is and what very nice people live there. For me, a German, the USA is a new world!

Many letters and addresses crossed the Atlantic. LORRAINE McCARTY, KAY BRICK, MARGARET CRANE, and many other 99 members worked in the USA for me. I was very lucky to have all this help. Many, many thanks!

I had luck and found some open ears and some sponsors in Germany: MR. GUNTHER KLOTZ, the Mayor of Karlsruhe, MR. ADALBERT SEIFRITZ, the Oldpresident of our section of the German Aero-Club, and MR. SIMON, a flying friend of mine. We all worked hard for 10 months in order to make it possible for me to come to the USA and fly the Powder Puff Derby.

On June 17, 1966 I left via Airlines from Mannheim-Luxembourg, Island to go to New York. I landed on the 18th at Kennedy Airport 1700 EDT and was met and welcomed by my first 99, BARBARA EVANS. Now began a wonderful 4 weeks for me!

I crossed the USA from Detroit, Michigan, to Seattle, Washington, to Clearwater, Florida, and back to Detroit all by plane. It was a wonderful idea to bring a Member-At-Large to the USA. Most of the time I was a guest of the McCARTY family . . . and a wonderful family too! I had met the oldest son ALLEN, in Baumholder, Germany, just 4 weeks before I came

AWTAR

MISPLACED . . .

the letter inquiring about the handicap for the MAULE. Would the 99 who made this inquiry contact TERRY VASQUES, 5138 Pacifica Dr., San Diego, Calif., 92109.

to the USA. I liked them all! It was the finest holiday in my life.

For a European, the vast distances of this big and liberal country were very exciting. Germany is small by comparison. I saw the Henry Ford manufacturing plant, Greenfield Village Park, and many other things in Detroit. My hosts went to a lot of trouble to make my stay wonderful. I even got to fly a glider in Michigan, and what a wonderful time that was!

I met many other 99 members and made many friends. It was possible for me to get to know and understand the American people and to like their country.

MARGARET CRANE, my pilot, and I spent 3 days flying from Detroit to

press myself in English. For 3½ days, it was beautiful being with Margaret on the flight from Seattle to Clearwater. She was a very good pilot and we arrived safely at Pier 60. I learned many things from these American women pilots during the race. We flew a Cherokee 180 but then I had a chance to fly with Anne Steinhagen in her Cessna Skymaster as well as with Mr. Renn in his Bonanza in Seattle. I had never had an opportunity to fly in these different aircraft before.

Not only the flying interested me . . . the contact with the people was a wonderful experience. I hope that it will be possible for me to come back next year and renew all my new friendships.

Many thanks to all American women pilots and all the people who have worked on this race, making it possible for me to participate with you, the 99s, this year.

I wish you all a very glad Christmas and Happy New Year 1967.

UTA KIENLE

AIR MEETS

See write-up of Flying Petticoat Derby with the Georgia Chapter news.

The Ides of March Are The Deadline for International Officer Nominations

Seattle. She was a very good pilot and showed me many interesting things during the flight and in all of the cities where we stayed. What a wonderful country! . . . all along Lake Michigan . . . over the table-land of Nebraska . . . in the very nice Middle West . . . and over the Rocky Mountains to Seattle.

We spent 8 days in Seattle, a very nice town on the Pacific, which has a very large seaport. I saw people of all races and colors: Indians, Chinese, Japanese . . . all very exciting and new for me.

During our 8 day stay in Seattle, it was possible for me to take a trip by ship to Canada, where I saw Indians at work. I met Mr. and Mrs. Renn for a nice day's visit in their home. I also spent a day with the Huntington family.

The Race Start was on July 4. It was so interesting for me that I could write a book but it is difficult to ex-

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Amelia Earhart
Commemorative
Stamp Committee

NOTAMS

PEGGY WRIGHT had some clever ideas for decorating which were put into effect at a Greater Kansas City Chapter dance which we would like to pass along. She turned a Phillips 66 oil can upside down and there you have a ready made 99 candle holder. Strips of weather maps pasted around the can make a perfect 99 table decoration. A gilded spark plug on top keeps the can from tipping. Her ingenuity didn't stop there. Obsolete sectional maps (which your FBO will be glad to save for you) tacked to the table make an unusual and most inexpensive tablecloth. For color contrast, Eastern and Western sectionals were alternated. For a final dash of color, inflated balloons were tacked between the maps. Very pretty!



ALL-OHIO CHAPTER Edy Maxim, Reporter

A recent interesting and pleasant experience for 6 of our Cincinnati 99s! They were invited by Cessna to do a group ferry flight of new 1967 models—150's to Skymaster—from Wichita to Cincinnati. PAT FAIRBANKS, JANICE KUECHENMEISTER, VIRGINIA TOOPER, MARY BENTON, CHRISTINE CANN, and MRS. RICHARD WRAY took to the skys after bad weather in Kansas delayed them for a day. PAT is an Instructor on Lunken Airport, and all the gals except JANICE were her students.

MARGE COMPTON of Columbus instructed a 5-week experimental class in "ground school aviation" this past summer. The course proved so successful that it was placed on a regular schedule this fall. It will be a one-semester course, giving 1/2 credit toward graduation. As an introduction, the course will have a brief history of the development of the airplane; discussion of economic, social, and political impact of aviation on the world today; career opportunities in aerospace industry. The course then will center around the regular ground school requirements for Private Pilot license. Sanderson materials will be used, and upon completion of the course, students have the option of

taking the written.

In October, CLARA THARPE and AUTRIE LEHR ferried Piper planes from Vero Beach, Florida to Santa Monica, California. While in California, AUTRIE spent two delightful days as guest of COL. and MARGARET CALLOWAY. Also, AUTRIE brings greetings to the Chapter from JUANTA TANAGER.

MARILYN MILLER, husband BOB and sons RON and TOM, flew a Cherokee 180 to Washington, D.C. for sight-seeing. Ran into heavy rain returning, and spent a night at Garret City, Maryland. Lovely treatment by the airport manager and his wife.

CONNIE JONES gave her "Flighty Ladies" talk to the Severance Chapter of the American Business Women's Association in Cleveland. She also presented a new talk, "A Bird's Eye View of the U.S.A.", to a group of students at Shaker Heights High School, who plan to form a flying club.

DOC and JEAN BONAR just returned from a 2-month trip to the Far East (Japan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Philippines, Singapore, Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand). In Sydney were royally entertained by 99 members: MARGARET KENTLY, Governor, BARBARA SELBY BROWN and NANCY BIRD WALTON. NANCY had them for dinner and presented JEAN with an autographed copy of her own book, "Born to Fly".

JANE and STACY WEISLOGEL have spent weekends flying to Knoxville, Tennessee, and Lock Haven, Pennsylvania to tour Piper, using a Comanche 250. Daughter JENNY, 6 months, now has 24 hours of co-pilot time.

LEAH SCHOFIELD flew representatives from the Pataskala and Newark Jaycees to see some air marking and look for likely sites . . . Also, LEAH has just received her Instrument rating.

BETTE WARNER and BILL flew to New Orleans and Gulfport. Great trip and met several 99s. BETTE also flew two trips in the Island Airlines Ford Tri-Motor. A nice airplane to fly.

HELEN McCONNELL and her 49½er have built a 2000-foot hard surfaced runway on their farm. It has lights and is located just east of Wellington Airport. Just couldn't be any more convenient.

Ohio had but one entry—JOANN and ROY STYPE—in the Indiana Fair Race. Our congrats!—they placed second! JOANN has been the racin'est

gal this year—IAR, TAR, SMALL race, Indiana FAIR race. Now that the racing season is over, she is finding time to work on her Instrument rating.

In October, MARION EETZLER, Achievement Award Chairman, carefully planned all details for an Awards Banquet in Columbus—except for that usual item—the weather. Most were drive-ins, of course. CONNIE JONES was our speaker of the evening. CONNIE, who is in great demand by civic organizations, entertainingly presented her usually serious "Flighty Ladies" talk . . . CONNIE, incidentally has just been checked out in a "195".

More new ratings: ANNE ESSELBURNE passed Instrument, Instrument Instructor and Instructor writings. She got Instructor and Instrument Ground Instructor ratings in September. JEANNE PARKHURST: Instrument rating in September. MARJORIE GORMAN: Multi-Engine rating in September. And, MARJORIE is trying out the skyways, these days, in a new "V" Bonanza. Really think PAULINE EK acquired the most ratings this year: Private—Dec. 1965, Instrument—July, Commercial—August, and Instructor—October.

Welcome to DOROTHY HAUPT (St. Louis Chapter), who has recently moved to Cleveland.

BUNNY FOLEY returned from 3 weeks in Europe. She presented a paper and was Chairman of a scientific session at the International Congress on Aviation and Space Medicine in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Also attended the International Aeronautics Federation meeting in Madrid, Spain.

CAROL LEE CONAWAY, Secretary to the Ohio University Flying Bobcats, helped play host to the N.I.F.A. Annual Mid-Winter Air Meet at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. Fourteen colleges were represented with 150 participants in the Air Meet. GENE NORA JESSON, our International Secretary, LOIS FEIGENBAUM and MARY ELDERS from Cape Girardeau Chapter, and PAGE SHAMBURGER, who was representing Air Progress, were guest 99 members.

Many thanks to CLARA THARPE, HELEN SULLIVAN, and JOANNE STYPE for the Lima meeting arrangements in November. Reasonable weather brought a good crowd and practically everyone flew in. Resulted in quite an exciting display of aircraft—from "150" size to Queen Air.

MUGS, ANYONE?

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Leah Warren, Reporter

Whee . . . How do we rate such luck as getting a hold of such gals for NEWS editors? My hat goes off to each one as she gets organized and produces bigger and better things . . . and our NEWS LETTER, as our organization, is certainly doing bigger and better things . . . Hurrah for a bigger and better year in '67.

Mark your calendar now for the first weekend in May. Peoria, Illinois—Ramada Inn with its bowling, billiards, indoor pool, and even suana baths—in case some of you didn't get to try them last time. First mailing will soon be worked out but want you all to have it in your budget after tax time and ready to go.

Have word that we have new members in Centralia and Lawrenceville. Hope we can keep on building up the south and then get our other northern prospects finished up too.

Central Illinois is going to give up on December meetings. The weather man seems to schedule ice and snow for our state that month. Will be getting together full speed at Bloomington in January, then first Sunday in February will be Greater Peoria, and first Saturday in March will be Mt. Hawley. They have more new blacktopped and lighted runways and new taxiways and parking ramp. Come see it in May.

Think flying for our group will be ones departing for the other areas and vacations. Our prospects seem to be building up the most hours. One working on Instrument rating, three on Commercial. Glad others are not as lazy and short of time like me.

Fire has entered the lives of two members. BARBARA JENISON has a newly redecorated hall and closet. She is just thankful someone was home and it was no worse. JEAN and JACK READ did not fare so well. The canning factory at Streator was hard hit December 7, and damage set at \$750,000.

May the new year bring good things to all.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

Virginia Roth, Reporter

Our November business meeting was held at JEAN CLAUSS with a real good turn out. Coffee, tea, and yummy cookies were served and plenty of hangar talk. NONA GUSTAFSON was there after being gone for nearly a



The 25th Anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol was celebrated by a luncheon on December 1st. Members of the Illinois Wing Staff met with other Illinois Aviation Leaders. Attending and pictured are L. to R. DR. SUE ROSCOE, Chicago Area Chapter, LT. COL. BARBARA JENISON, Great Lakes Region Staff and Central Illinois member look at plaques presented to CAP Charter Members, LT. COL. M. VAN SCHOICK, Illinois Wing Staff, and LT. COL. ALICE HAMMOND, member of the President's Women in Aviation Advisory Committee and Chicago Area Chapter.

(Photo by Koston, CAP)

year. Her husband SKIP is with American and flying BAC-111's out of O'Hare. After living in Mass., they are happy to be back with good flying weather and section lines. Glad to have you back gal!

DOROTHY WHITE and her brother took a trip to Minong, Wis. (beautiful country) in his Cessna Skylane. She said they saw a meteor fall from a moonlight sky and it was perfectly beautiful. They arrived back in Aurora at 12:30 at night in gusts up to 40 knots.

VIRGINIA and GEORGE COFFEEN spent two weeks flying to Corpus Christi, McAllen, Brownsville, Port Arthur, Texas and then on to New Orleans. Had a nice visit with a 99 from McAllen (ARDETH MCCREERY). The weather in Texas was beautiful but found it "sticky" getting back North and had to put down for 2 days in Jackson, Miss. Can't have too much of a good thing!

JOAN SCHOGGER flew her 172 up to Oshkosh, Wis. She and DO BUCK attended the ATC Seminar held by the Milwaukee Chapter. They spent a de-

lightful weekend at the Pioneer Motel on Lake Winnebago

ALICE HAMMOND and 49½er JOHN are moving early in '67 to Southern New Jersey, where JOHN is now Director of Public Relations and Advertising for Airwork Corp. at Millville, N.J. It all sounds wonderful but we'll miss you.

RICK and DICK COOLEY are back trying to live a normal life after a glorious and successful trip to Alaska. The weather was great both up and back and they are delighted to have gotten movies over the Alaskan Hwy. to Anchorage and the Alaskan Peninsula. They're looking forward to flying 339 QB. (their new license number on the Skymaster) next year. Flying different paces for their Archery Co. in Wis. sure keeps them busy. Never a dull moment!

LOUISE KOKESH sure looks and feels great after her short stay in the hospital. She and her hubby RAY spent the Thanksgiving Holiday in Houston, Texas.

MARY and DOC GEORGE PANCZY-SZYN took their 2 boys to Las Vegas

for the Flying Physicians Convention. Took them on a tour of Hoover Dam and then on to Disneyland. Bet they enjoyed that! After getting the boys back home and into school, they headed out again (from West to South — the long way to Florida) and were weathered in Savannah, Ga. Had to leave their plane and continued on via Delta. Went with friends on a boat to the Bahamas. From there, commercial back to Savannah — picked up their plane and returned home — Quite a trip — Across the U.S.!!

Ho-Ho, everyone is in the Holiday spirit. We had our Chapter Christmas cocktail, dinner and dance the 17th and much fun was had by all. A bigger crowd than was expected which pleased our MARY SHUMWAY. She was the Chairman and did a beautiful job—thanks MARY!

Our Chicago Tribune, every Christmas season, has a Good Fellow program which helps the needy. They had a luncheon in the main ballroom at the Sheraton—Chicago. The 99s were well represented — GAIL WENK, JUDITH SUIT (from Rockford), GERRY KRAUSE, VIRGINIA COFFEEN, DIANE NELSON, MARY PANCZYSZYN, MARY SHUMWAY, NONA GUSTAFSON, and yours truly. Many of our girls sent in gifts for the orphans. Thanks, know that they are appreciated.

For those that like to plan ahead (put down on your calendar) the North Central Sectional Meet will be Sept. 15, 16, and 17th at DuPage Airport with lodgings at the very popular Pheasant Run.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER **Joy Morrison, Nita Irwin, Reporters**

Kansas City 99s were elated over the outcome of the Kansas City, Missouri bond election which paves the way for Kansas City to be a leading air terminal of the world. It is hoped that Municipal Airport will be maintained as an airport for small aircraft instead of being converted into a shopping center. Our two members of the Kansas City Aero Club, COLEEN GORDON and MARY ANN NOAH, have joined the campaign to keep Kansas City Municipal as an airport.

CORRECTION: Missouri's first Whirl Girl, No. 107, mentioned in last month's news is SARAH GORELICK.

Our Christmas dinner dance in honor of area FBOs and FAA personnel was held at King's Flying Service at

Olathe, Kansas. Our own PAT KEANEY made beautiful music for a sing-along. It was a catered affair and the decorating committee did a fine job with Santa Claus, blue and white Christmas tree and all the trimmings. Centerpieces of a decorated red candle with greenery were drawn for by the ladies at each table.

This Chapter was well represented at Hawaii over the holidays by JULIE ANDREWS and her 49½er and KAY CAIN and her family. No doubt the CAINs made better time than on their recent 177-mile-in-24-hours trip to the Ozarks, ((A normal hour trip?))

Congratulations to LAURIE MONK who had her third baby girl. JOAN REINDEL was on the sick list but is now at work at CHARLIE CRAIG's Leavenworth operation.

ALEAH COMBS is a candidate for the AMELIA EARHART Scholarship. MARILYN DICKSON is on the Board of Directors and Third Vice-President for the Santa Fe Trail Council of Girl

Nominations for International Officers Due March 1st

Scouts, Inc. Her Senior Wing Scouts who had graduated presented her with a Thanks Badge at the Annual Council Meeting. MARILYN is also in charge of Air Education for the Greater Kansas City Chapter.

INDIANA CHAPTER **Delia Sanders, Reporter**

The November meeting was held at Kings Crown Inn in Anderson with DOROTHA HENDRICKS as hostess and FERN RINKER in charge of transportation from the airport. In addition to 21 members and several 49½ers, our guests included MARCIA REYNOLDS and BETTY DE VON from Terre Haute and GOLDIE PYLE from Huntington, the latter having been one of the contestants in the Fair Lady Race in Evansville. Slides were shown of the Seattle Convention, Minnesota Sectional, and other 99 events, DOROTHA giving the commentary.

In September MARTY WYALL acquired her ATCO Certificate — otherwise known as an Air Taxi and Commercial Operator Certificate. She was given the works on her flight test,

an unexpected situation not particularly planned by FAA came up, but MARTY stuck with it and really earned the rating.

MID CASSIDY recently passed her Commercial Written. That gal has been working — and just to be sure she doesn't run out of something to do, she not only is the current Secretary of our Indiana Chapter but she has accepted the office as Secretary of the Indianapolis Aero Club for the coming year. She is now flying on Cloud Nine in a new Bonanza, a 25th wedding anniversary gift from her 49½er.

HELEN GRAHN with Chief Navigator VERNIE enjoyed a trip by Debonair to Arizona and Mexico in October. HELEN took advantage of the school holiday during the teachers convention to work out her own air education program for eleven grandchildren. Wonder who had the most fun! Future flight plans include a Thanksgiving trip to Sarasota, Florida, with the Indianapolis Aero Club.

"CULLIE" HOLST, as MARTHA is sometimes called, may soon find herself flying as co-pilot since her 49½er John soloed October 12. His big "discovery" on "Discoverers Day" was that he could land the Piper J-3 all by himself. The HOLSTS are planning a trip to California since Purdue will go to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

EILEEN RIDGWAY "labored" on "Labor Day" by soloing the Muncie 18A Gyroplane. She hopes to get her Rotorcraft-Gyroplane rating soon. She has also been flying a Fairchild 24, a Stinson Station Wagon, and an Interstate.

ETHEL KNUTH and 49½er RUSTY will "jet" out to San Francisco for Christmas holiday to be with FAA Controller son and family. Said son RON has been acquiring flight ratings also, the most recent one being his Instrument. Never a dull moment in that family!

After BILLIE SMITH completed her busy schedule, part of which was being a member of the Fair Lady Race Board, she and 49½er SAVAGE in a Musketeer were joined by DELIA and HARRY SANDERS in Cessna Sky Hawk on a flight to Mississippi by way of Arkansas. A tour of Natchez was made most interesting by a lovely lady, mother of the airport manager. Vicksburg made us want to re-read our history books. On a gas stop at Dyersburg, Tennessee, EVELYN BRAESE, a member of Cape Girar-

deau Chapter, put out the welcome mat together with her 49½er who is manager of the airport.

MIDGE SNYDER's son in Baumholder, Germany, has joined a J-3 Cub Club at his base and needs a manual for the J-3. None can be located so far—**Can you help?** She is also interested in suggestions for the Ways & Means committee.

GARNET MOGLE and 49½er flew their Mooney to Pensacola, Florida, and were weathered in, so was unable to get back to Evansville for the Fair Ladies Race.

BILLIE ANDERSON and 49½er CARL took a long week-end and flew to Atlanta, Georgia the last of October. Just a fun trip.

Plan on flying the FAIR in Bloomington October 21, 1967. Rumors have it that cash awards will be increased. The Bloomington Chamber of Commerce has already started their planning and your Race Board will start monthly meetings in January. Here's to a big race with 60 entries!

IOWA CHAPTER

Mary Lou Ballensky, Reporter

For Iowa flyers and "99s" in particular, the weekend of November 4th and 5th was one of the more memorable ones, to say the least! The annual Seminar for Pilots was held at Ames on Saturday with an outstanding program.

This event also marked the premier showing of our Iowa "99" slide story entitled "Flighty Lady," shown to all the wives and women pilots attending the seminar by KITTY HACH and LOIS GRANGE.

Following this, all "99s" and spouses flew to Des Moines for a fabulous cocktail and dinner party at NATHALIE and WALTER BROWN's residence, hosted by the BROWNS, the GRANGES, the HENDERSONS, and the VERNONS.

Highlight of the evening was the official initiation of the "49½ers" present, conducted by our new Governor, DR. ANN ROETHKE of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Gee, fellas, this really constitutes preferential treatment, so you "possolutely" can't forget those vows you took!

Around midnight, back to our block of rooms at the motel—and what's the story about DON JOHNSTON answering the door in his sleep? Ask BETTY! It gets better with the telling!

Sunday morning started with a beau-

tiful sunrise for early risers. (Strictly hearsay—I wasn't one of them.) But, by nine A.M. an overcast had developed, and by the time we were all up, the capricious Iowa weather had really had the last laugh. No need to waste "choice" words on the men at the FSS! Every Iowan knows a look out of the window is as good a way as any to predict Midwest weather this time of year!

So, off to the Des Moines Golf and Country Club for a fabulous brunch and our November meeting! Goodies still to come—ice cream scoops with 99 insignia were passed out to each 99, compliments of the Vernon Novelty Company; the men went off to a tour of the Aviation Department of Des Moines Tech High; the women settled down to another momentous meeting presided over by Chairman LOIS GRANGE. NELDA PALMER and MARY JO PETERSON were both taken into our membership, and NATHALIE BROWN finished the afternoon meeting with a wonderful first-showing

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of "Flighty Lady" to the Iowa Chapter!

So, how did we get home with ceilings lowering and the first snowstorm of the year forecast as imminent? I mean, other than those lofty instrument-rated pilots, of course! Well, some hitched rides in the twin-engine jobs, and the rest of us "flew" home like Grandma says, "Low and slow," in borrowed four-wheeled conveyances! And would you believe—the stars were peeking out by the time we got home!

As usual, I'm too long-winded, so suffice it to say our Christmas party, held with PHYLLIS BARBER, December 4th, at the Athletic Club in Iowa City, found only four 99s, three 49½ers, two daughters, one guest, and one "boss," plus the E. K. JONES of the Iowa City Flying Service, slipping through the drizzle, fog, sleet, and icy roads!

KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS CHAPTER Nancy Craig, Reporter

Our Merry Christmas December Fly-In was grounded by December's dismal drizzle, but IFR conditions didn't

make all that much difference this time, as we'd planned a cocktail supper at NANCY and RAY CRAIG's on December 10th. Members outside the Louisville area had planned to RON anyhow, so all went well at our jolly holiday get-together. High point of the evening for 99s was the Chapter's happy acceptance of two new members, BEA COMBS of Paintsville, Ky., and DOT ARNETT of Sellersburg, Indiana. BEA and 49½er TED "made use of available ground transportation" for the trip from Paintsville, a "fur piece" as we say around here. (Indiana gals please note: we had official permission to latch onto DOT, since she's so close to us.) High point for the 49½ers was the delightful Go-Go Girl provided by inspired Entertainment Chairmen RITA LeNEAVE and SKIP GUMBERT. No one can say that we don't encourage participation in Chapter activities.

Air Marking was on the agenda two days later (for those who could still navigate). Braving the chilly day under the leadership of MARY ANNE BRANGERS were VIRGINIA CHAMBERLAIN, PAT HUDGENS, BOBBIE KLETTER, RITA LeNEAVE, MARIE REISS, RUTH SOLLEY, and NORMA WORLAND, who wielded mighty paint brushes and rollers and marked Bowman Field in Louisville for the convenience of transient air travelers. You'd be surprised how many embarrassed pilots line up for the active runway at Bowman only to find themselves unexpectedly sandwiched between jets in the busy pattern at Standiford. This, we think, should alleviate some of the confusion. Newspaper and TV coverage added to the fun, and those who were unable to come could see the activities on the 6 o'clock news that evening. Our thanks to the Louisville-Jefferson County Air Board for supplying paint and technical assistance.

Weather has deterred many flying activities of late, but Chairman NORMA WORLAND passed her flight check for Instrument Instructor with flying colors. PAUL ANDRE, our friendly FAA man, had a busy time that day, as he also signed the Commercial Helicopter ticket for NANCY CRAIG's 49½er RAY. JOANN KINNI-SON and MARIE REISS are working away at instrument ground school, and teaching private ground school in Beaumont, Texas is our gone-but-not-forgotten VIVI ANDERSON. Another

member-in-absentia will be HELEN O'HARA, who has flown off to Metairie, Louisiana to live. We lament our dear departed 99 friends, and hope that the rest of y'all will seek them out and put them to work in our friendly flying cause.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Mary Pelto, Reporter

The December gathering of the Michigan Chapter was a Christmas party in Midland, Michigan. The weather outside was frightful, and out of the 100 expected members and guests, only 29 were able to attend. Our hostesses were BECKY THATCHER, MARGARET NAPIERALA, MARIAN HOFFMAN, BEVERLY PRICE, and PEG SULFRIDGE.

BECKY THATCHER solemnly held a 49½er initiation for husbands of LIBBY SCHUCKER, ANNE STEINHAGEN, CAROLYN GOETCHEUS, DOROTHY BREWER, NORMA ETTER, and BEVERLY PRICE. We know that they will value their membership in this exclusive organization above all others.

MAGGIE CRANE reports that DOROTHY REAUME is home from her year on the S. S. Hope. We're anxious to see her again and hear of some of her experiences.

CAROLYN and PAUL GOETCHEUS and 49½er Paul are just back from Bermuda . . . via BOAC.

NANCY BRANDON just returned from a trip to Europe and the Holy Land. Her guest for the evening, DICK GOODING, is leaving for Europe to spend the holidays with his son in Germany.

BECKY THATCHER has been busy selling real estate with her newly acquired license. She got home from a trip to the upper peninsula just in time for the Christmas party.

ALYCE LODGE and 49½er FRANK left the Christmas party to go to the XX Ranch at Kalkaska, Michigan. There is a new 3,000 foot strip on the ranch and you will be hearing more about it, especially if you like horseback riding, swimming, skiing, or just relaxing before the fireplace in the Club House.

ANNE and BILL STEINHAGEN flew a "mercy flight" after work one day. They took two friends of theirs to see their homesick daughter at Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Mich. The 500 mile trip was a snap in their Skymaster.

With the weather so foul, there's

been small chance of anyone having acquired any new ratings this past month. At least it doesn't keep me from using my Ground Instructor rating—however, that hard won Flight Instructor rating is sitting quite idle. Here's to blue skies all around.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Florence Toney, Reporter

The October meeting was held at the beautiful new administration building in Green Bay, but most everyone must have been recovering from the Sectional for attendance was down.

In the middle of October, BETTY McNABB was in Milwaukee for a medical librarian convention and one evening had dinner with RAMONA HUEBNER, DEEDO HEISE, EHREN FATH, and TONEY at one of our famous German restaurants. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit with BETTY and hearing about the aviation world in her section of the country.

November was the time for a terrific overnight meeting at The Pioneer in Oshkosh. Weather was beautiful al-

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lowing a number of planes to make the flight, with JOAN SCHOGER flying up from Chicago accompanied by DOE BUCK and MR. and MRS. BABEL. In the afternoon a Control Tower Seminar was held. RAMONA had made up a complete layout of the OSH Airport with runways to scale—even including the omni and tower. Chief Tower Operator, MR. LAWRENCE DAVIS, stood by with the mike (for a tape recording), MR. CHARLIE BARNETTE acted as tower operator and MR. HANCOCK as ground control. Transmissions were simulated, some coming in for a landing, some on the ground for taxiing instructions with both VFR and IFR flight plans, carrying the procedures all the way to the ramp or to the frequency change request. This was a very busy tower and good practice for everyone. The tape was then played back so each could hear how well they did and how they sound to the controller. MR. DAVIS complimented the 99s on being very professional in their radio communications.

In the evening after the dinner and

presentation of some unusual door prizes by ANNE ROETHKE, two FAA films were shown, Wake Turbulence and Density Altitude. Topping off a delightful evening, the HEISE film, "Flighty Lady", was hilariously enjoyed. Among the guests at this evening event were STEVE and DOROTHY WITTMAN (STEVE of air racing fame), DR. and MARY ELLEN KOZINA (she's a student pilot), JANICE and DAVID THOMAS who provided transportation from airport to motel (we hope a future 99 and 49½er), and JOANNE BARICOVICH (a 99 to be) and friend JUDY.

DR. ANNE ROETHKE recently returned from a vacation in the Bahamas. The Comanche just about knows the way without any assistance for it is one of her favorite flights.

We hope you all had a joyful Thanksgiving, and may the blessings of Christmas be yours.



ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

Georgia Tillery, Reporter

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the Albuquerque Chapter. Our members are strung from Australia to Puerto Rico, from New York to Mexico . . . new babies . . . new grandbabies . . . and new planes. See next month's NEWS for all the details.

ARKANSAS CHAPTER

Marge Nielsen, Reporter

Our monthly meeting was held at Al Gaston's White River Resort near Bull Shoals. DELORES MITCHELL and your reporter arrived Saturday evening in my Comanche. The other members planned to arrive Sunday morning; however the weather was below minimums on Sunday so no one else made it to the meeting. Better weather next month, please.

BETTYE BOLLEN has been grounded for the past six weeks due to surgery. This issue should find BETTYE and her Skylane back in the air. DONNA HALE has been riding around in a glider and seems to be getting the bug.

DELORES MITCHELL and 49½er

flew their Debonair to Tennessee to spend Thanksgiving with relatives.

MARGE NIELSEN, 49½er, and children flew to Carlsbad, New Mexico in their Apache to visit the Caverns.

Until next month, Happy Flying.

Ed. Note: Correction of last issue when the name of one of our new members, EVA HUGHES, was omitted. The copy should have read: EVA HUGHES, Mena, Arkansas. First lesson August, 1966. Solo flight 1,378 miles in September. Private and Ninety Nine in October.

AUSTIN CHAPTER

S. P. Tapley, Reporter

The wide blue Texas skies can look very, very wide and not really so blue to the student pilot at times, as this reporter found out lost over the boon-docks once; we've gotten wind of other such incidents, too, and so our group has decided to begin compiling information on Air Marking. We laud the work of the other Ninety-Nines on similar projects. We noted the pictures in last month's issue. If in the next months, flying the friendly skies over this friendly state, you note a gal with the seat of her pants skyward, paintbrush in hand, and hard at work on a barn roof, kindly dip a wing. Kindly, kindly don't buzz. She marks the airways for thee.

Our group had some fun and, we presume, were some help too, with a wonderful AOPA workshop this month. New faces, harrowing and hilarious tales, and a wealth of information are imparted in these little jewels.

This month has been, of course, the month to scout for UFOs, but we have nothing to report. Nothing that faintly resembled a sleigh. Looks like the old chap slipped by again.

In closing, let us meddle a little. How long since you flashed a bright wing in the sun? To really "get your head above . . .," take a spin around the field, a spin around the town, or best of all a spin around the country!

DALLAS CHAPTER

Hazel McKendrick, Reporter

The fly-in to Austin was a huge success in a strange way. There were twenty-six people who went, five of whom were Ninety-Nines. Everyone who went to Lake Way Inn said it was just beautiful, the food good, and a wonderful day. Our January meeting will feature some movies of the

fly-in and all of us stay-at-homes can drool!!

Our December meeting will be a Christmas Party given at CHUCK and DOROTHY WARREN's house and the 49½ers are invited. DOROTHY's father has been visiting her and I think she spent the whole time making him help decorate the house for Christmas. Should be a swingin' time.

ELINOR JOHNSON is now the Chief ground instructor for Airport Flying School, Highland Park Airport. ATTENTION!!!!

Januay 20th, the Zonta club of Dallas will have the annual AMELIA EARHART luncheon and it had been announced that FRED GOERNER "The Search for Ameia Earhart" would be the speaker. Previous commitments will prevent him from being here and HAZEL McKENDRICK has agreed to review the book at the luncheon. Y'all come anyway.

CHARLOTTE BRANUM and HAZEL McKENDRICK flew to Wichita and spent the day with GENE NORA JESSEN and her handsome 49½er. The Beech factory will probably never be

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the same, but we sure had a good time. GARNETT HASTINGS joined us after lunch to make it a keen day all around.

DORIS WELLER flew to Nashville to attend the wedding of her favorite Dr. nephew. I think they stopped the snow just in time for all members of the wedding to get there and from all accounts it must have been a wild weekend.

Happy New Year to one and all and especially to MRS. LESTER STROTHERS where ever you are!!!!

We still have the 99 Garment Bag and remember if you want one or a dozen write to HELEN WILKE, 507 S. Manus, Dallas Texas 75224 and send her \$3.00 for each and she'll take care of the rest.

KATHY LONG had a two day Belanca Demonstration at TEXAIR, Redbird Airport. They demonstrated all the new models and had a real good turnout.

That's 30 for this time. Dear old beloved Editor, December 20th is a terrible time for a deadline. December

20th is just a terrible time anyway, but especially to try and gather your scrambled head and get a Newsletter together. Happy New Year to you too, SIMON LAGREE.

Ed. Not: I agree Dec. 20th is a lousy time for a deadline! S'pose we'll survive??

EL PASO CHAPTER

Mary Olmstead, Reporter

We are happy to welcome again our new members and will continue with the short biographies of three that lack of space kept out of last month's issue:

DOROTHY BLACK (MRS. GORDON L.) a native of Lake Charles, La., grew up in the Hill Country near Kerrville, Texas and later in Corpus Christi. She graduated from John Sealy College of Nurses, University of Texas at Galveston. It was there she met GORDON as a medical student. Before they were married in Nov. 1945, GORDON had graduated, interned at Philadelphia General Hospital, and served in the Pacific in WW2. After a three year residency at Strong Memorial Hospital at Rochester, N. Y., DR. and MRS. BLACK arrived in El Paso where Gordon spent his boyhood. They have four children: DIANA, 17, JOHN, 15, LINDA 13 and DANNY 11. To avoid the long, long jaunts across the State of Texas between Corpus Christi and El Paso, Dorothy's father decided to learn to fly at the age of 45 . . . visiting his daughter and her family was much more enjoyable and frequent. Although her husband planted the idea that she too should learn to fly—he didn't know that she was taking lessons until he got DOTTIE's trophy for 1st solo as a Christmas present. In July 1965, she got her license and Gordon has now soloed and passed his written. The BLACKS fly Cessnas.

WANDA GARSON (MRS. JOHN) was born and raised in Indiana and has lived in many parts of the U.S. and Japan during the 20 years John was in the Army. WANDA says it all started in Dec. 1965 when she had to prove to her son, KIRK, that she wasn't "Chicken" and would go for an airplane ride. Last Jan. and Feb.—ground school, passed written Feb. 25th, started flying Mar. 8th; soloed Friday May 13th and was licensed Aug. 7th. All this happened in Salt Lake City, Utah. Aug. 13th they moved to El Paso where JOHN was offered the position of Vice President and Manager of the

R.C. Cola Bottling plant. Sept. 7th, WANDA flew to Salt Lake City to take possession of their new Beech Bonanza. Her former Instructor acted as co-pilot. She has flown to San Francisco, Cal. and Miami, Florida, with her husband who has been a pilot since 1945. When not in the Bonanza, WANDA might be found in her pretty apartment sewing or cake decorating.

VIRGINIA PETERSON (MRS. DANNY) is a native of Carbondale, Illinois, but spent most of her life in El Paso. Her husband, also a pilot, was born in Concordia, Kansas and uses his plane in his Electrical Contracting business. VIRGINIA's first flight was with her husband to Phoenix. She was so scared, she made up her mind to learn to fly or stay out of planes. After soloing, she decided to continue and has had her license a full year. The PETERSONs own a Cherokee 235. Two of their three sons are interested in flying. They also have two daughters.

At our November meeting, JOHN DUYKA of the FAA showed a very interesting film and reviewed some basic FAA rules in traffic control areas. Chairman, MARGARET THOMPSON, presided and discussed plans for our Christmas Party. It turned out to be a very successful covered dish dinner at MARY FRAN SEIDL's home with eleven members and their 49½ers and nine 66s with their 33ers enjoying the food and the hangar flying.

Our Chapter selected MARY FRAN SEIDL as our candidate for an A.E. Scholarship. MARY FRAN's most recent flight took her to Nogales, Arizona—leaving at 4 a.m.

RUTH DEERMAN reported that PEG THOMPSON, our first 66, was in town and RON'D with WIN GRIFFIN. PEG now lives in Richmond, Va. and plans to continue flying lessons.

On Dec. 4th the 66s had a breakfast flight to Demming, New Mexico. We are told that the 66s are having fun earning their arm patches. Each month at their meetings someone is awarded a patch for solo, cross-country, check ride, or passing their written.

EDNA GARDNER WHYTE of Fort Worth Chapter will present the program for the January meeting of the 66s.

May your flights in Sixty-seven

Be as bright as the sky in Heaven.
Happy New Year.

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Four 99s who flew the 1966 Bahama Treasure Hunt . . . the treasures being mostly those which only the pleasures of Flying can give. Standing in front of the pink and white Aero Commander 200 are l. to r. EDNA GARDNER WHYTE and BRENDA STRICKLER of the Ft. Worth Chapter, HARRIET HAMILTON of Mulberry, Florida, and JEAN WILLIAMS, also Ft. Worth. They recommend the Bahama Treasure Hunt as an excellent fun-training mission for women lacking over-water flying experience.

FT. WORTH CHAPTER

ED. Note . . .

A brief note with the accompanying picture tells us a bit of EDNA GARDNER WHYTE's year's activities. She has flown 7 air races, each time taking along a less experienced pilot . . . "wonderful chance to encourage a beginning pilot to the fun of more experience, more flying, and more ratings." She also mentioned that the Bahama Treasure Hunt is getting larger and more popular each year so entries are stopped when the quota is reached. This requires entering in February! Are you interested?

HOUSTON CHAPTER

Martha Akins, Reporter

MARY ABLE and MABLE EDITH OLIVER presented several programs to the 9th grade students of Jane Long

and Johnston Jr. High Schools concerning the 99s, general aviation, and Civil Air Patrol cadet training. They also presented a film entitled "Wings of Youth" and explained how teenagers may begin aviation training.

Thanksgiving Day found 4 airplanes and 16 people in Hot Springs, Ark. In the group were MARTHA AKINS and family, DELL HIGHTOWER and 49½er GENE, and Shreveport Chapter's JERRY SAUR with her 49½er. On their way to Hot Springs, the HIGHTOWERS made stops in Austin, where they attended the AOPA clinic, and Oklahoma City, where they visited 99 headquarters. The Houston Air Tour Club fly-in to La Grange had much 99 support with MARILYN and CHUCK STONEBERG, MARTHA and BILL AKINS, LOUISE and MERLE BICKFORD, DELL and GENE HIGHTOWER, and MABLE EDITH and JIM OLIVER.

Even in the busy Christmas season our Air Marking project goes on. December 11 found the girls on roof tops in Jasper—will return for completion at a later date. The fact that 49½er MERLE BICKFORD has made light

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weight aluminum folding templates that will fit in an airplane, should speed up our air marking considerably.

Our Christmas party with DELL HIGHTOWER as Chairman was held in the party room of the BOB NORRIS's apartment in the form of a scrumptuous buffet dinner with 52 present. These 99s can cook as well as fly airplanes. Eight 49½ers were presented the "Nervous Navigator" award for having displayed the highest order of airmanship, good sportsmanship, and limited courage by flying with his own wife. All awards were first place. The idea was hatched after several 49½ers viewed the two large tables of trophies at the recent press party. They each decided that they should also be recognized for their efforts; hence, the "Nervous Navigator" award. Conspicuously absent at the presentation was 49½er BOB NORRIS, who, on a round trip from Houston to Chicago, called in from New York City. Gifts were exchanged and each person left with a warmer feeling for the 99s and Petti-coat Pilot groups that bring people together because we love to fly.

KANSAS CHAPTER

Mildred Early, Reporter

A sincere apology to our 99s from this Reporter—because of a careless blunder in addressing the last letter to our Editor, PEG ONG, it did not make the deadline. The Kansas Chapter belatedly hopes that all of the 99s everywhere had a Happy and Blessed Holiday Season!

We had a very rewarding "Guest Day" fly-in at Hutchinson, Kansas for our October meeting. Several potential 99s attended and everyone thoroughly enjoyed a visit to the Carey Planefarium and also, a short film, "Flying Is For Everyone".

November 12th, a chilly, overcast morning, found 14 Ninety-Nines and 16 Wing Scouts air marking a hangar roof at Harrison Field, Valley Center, Kansas. After thawing out with hot chocolate and coffee and being treated to lunch by MR. HARRISON, we held our regular business meeting and had an enjoyable visit with the Wing Scouts, a very enthusiastic group!

Several of our girls flew to Topeka on October 30th to meet with six very active pilots. There are also several student pilots in the area and this proved to be a very fruitful visit, as these girls are now in the process of

applying for a Charter to form a 99 Chapter in their area!

We helped Santa launch his Flight Plan for the Holiday Season with a gala party on December 3rd. JOHN and MARILYN COPELAND hosted the party in their beautifully re-modeled home (post tornado) and there were 52 Ninety-Nines and 49½ers. The Flight Plan was extended to December 5th, when a Christmas Party was held at the Soroptimist House for the Wing Scout Troop, hostessed by GENE NORA JESSEN and GARNETT HASTINGS.

MARY AIKINS is a busy gal these days with the opening of the new Red Wing Augusta Municipal Airport, located approximately three miles west of Augusta on Highway 54. She has also been participating in Aerobic Shows and speaking to various groups. GENE, NORA JESSEN and MARY JO JANEY have been doing a lot of flying around the country attending various meetings. Of considerable interest were the Seminars put on by FAA all

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over the country to further Aerospace Education and inform the general public as to what is being done. GENE NORA attended one in Atlanta, and MARY JO, one in New York.

In closing, would like to extend our warmest congratulations to one of our outstanding 99s, GENE NORA JESSEN, who recently received her Instrument Instructor's Rating!! And, also a very warm welcome to DR. CHARLOTTE SEAGO and SHIRLEY CHAPMAN who have recently joined our Chapter. They both reside in Wichita. DR. SEAGO transferred from the Tennessee Chapter and is a practicing Pediatrician. Her 49½er, DON, is a Flight Instructor and also in charge of the Flight Department at Mid-West Piper Airpark. SHIRLEY and her 49½er, COURTNEY, moved here from Columbus. He is the Director of Research and Development for Sanderson Films.

Our Chapter extends to all of her sister 99s best wishes for many hours of Happy Flying and a Blessed and Happy New Year!

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

Comanche Jane Abbott, Reporter

On October 23 Oklahoma Chapter 99s flew-in to Fairview, Oklahoma, and met in the home of member MARY CORNELSEN and 49½er, EDESEL. 99s attending the meeting were REGINA PANNELL, RUBY KNIGHT, ARLENE WALKUP, NEMA MASONHALL, BILLIE KINNARD, MARY CORNELSEN, and JANE ABBOTT who are also members of the Flying Farmers (OFF and IFFA). Other 99s present were ANN CATLIN, NANCY ORCUTT, PAT MORGAN, and DONNA WESTERLUND, Michigan Chapter. Guests were CHARLIE WILLIAMS and his wife DORCIE, DAVID FERGUSON, and 49½ers PETE PANNELL, EDESEL CORNELSEN, and ROGERS ABBOTT.

DONNA WESTERLUND will attend the Oklahoma Chapter meetings through next June. She is working with the FAA at the Aeronautical Institute at Will Rogers Field, OKC, on a research project in the Physiology Laboratory doing the studies that were published in the AOPA Magazine, October, called "Coronaries Do Fly Again." WALLY FUNK writes from Johannesburg, Africa, that she is 'deep in the heart' of Africa touring, inspecting gold, diamonds, and airfields (the real purpose of the trip). In between the crossing by 'boat' to the Cape, WALLY visited the town of Mozambique. In Johannesburg, "we stayed with friends for a week, saw colorful native mine dances, and spent an entire day at the gold mines, then the diamond mines in Kimberly, and on to the big Krugar National Park. Lastly, we saw the Bantu Townships and will leave for the Cape in the morning."

ARLENE WALKUP, NEMA MASONHALL, and CAROL WADDELL attended the SC Section meeting in Shreveport September 30 - October 2. They were forced to drive because of very poor weather conditions. They report the Shreveport Chapter girls did everything to make us have fun and feel welcome and we did.

BRONETA EVANS and VELMA WOODWARD returned in October from a month's tour through Europe and the Scandinavian countries. They visited ARLENE's and HOYT's son, JERRY WALKUP, who is stationed with the Army in Germany.

DOTTIE YOUNG attended the Women's Advisory Committee meeting in Washington, D.C., November 2-3-4. —

On the Florida to ferry a new 180 Cherokee to OKC to Catlin Aviation. Enroute to OKC, RONed at Ft. Rucker and received VIP treatment the next day—a tour of Rucker and surrounding activity areas in the Commanding General's helicopter (also got to fly it!). DOTTIE adds, "Had the thrill of riding on machine-gun practice in a Huey (turbine chopper)." DOTTIE had a visitor in her OKC home recently — International Vice-President, DONNA MYERS.

ARLENE flew to Topeka, Kansas, in early November. She and GENE NORA and some of the Kansas members met with a group of girls who call themselves 'Petticoat Pilots' and want to become a Chapter of the 99s.

CAROL has been bird dogging with FRED—riding horses. She and MARTHA THOMPSON flew to OKC the other day—to a bridge game. NEMA is playing golf again. JANE is making the OU football circuit. The four 99s who live in Woodward, CAROL, RUBY, MARTHA, and SAUNDRA will sport 1967 car tag numbers 199, 299, 399, 499. Oklahoma chapter 99s will assist by serving as hostesses at the Dedication and Open House of the new WILL ROGERS WORLD AIRPORT, OKC, on December 3-4.

Oklahoma Chapter members met on November 20 in Blackwell, Oklahoma, with member VEDA MAUK and 49½er DEWEY. This was particularly convenient to the FF members who attended the IFFA Workshop in Wichita this week-end. Seven planes landed at Mauks' combination airport—home and except for early morning fog and haze it was an ideal day for flying. Twenty-five members and guests enjoyed a bountiful lunch at a local cafeteria, then returned to the Mauk home for a business meeting. Those present were CAROL WADDELL, Chapter Chairman, ARLENE WALKUP, Governor, SC Section, SUSIE SEWELL and DOTTIE YOUNG, Chairman and Committee Member respectively, Headquarters Committee.

RUTH CRAIG JONES, IDA CARTER, BETH SMITH, VELMA WOODWARD, BRONETA EVANS, NANCY ORCUTT, DOROTHY MORGAN, PAT MORGAN, VEDA MAUK, SAUNDRA NIX, RUBY KNIGHT, WAYNE LEE DUFFER, DONNA WESTERLUND, Michigan Chapter, and JANE ABBOTT, MARY ELIZABETH VALBERG and ANN GRISSEM, OKC, were guests. 49½ers were CYRIL B. SMITH (SMIT-

TY), DANIEL ORCUTT, DEWEY MAUK, and ROGERS ABBOTT. Also PAT's young son and guest DAVID FERGUSON.

The next Chapter meeting will be December 10-11, Woodward. Hosts will be CAROL and FRED WADDELL at the SUTTER Ranch House.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

Marian Burke, Reporter

December 10, 1966 was the date of the San Antonio Chapter Christmas party at MARIAN BURKE's ranch. We had a wonderful turn-out. It was a very cool night and eating baked turkey and dressing by a Texas-size fire place was most enjoyable. Those who were unable to attend missed a real "fun party." We hope to try it again next year.

EVELYN BERGER, one of our cute prospective members, is being transferred to another station. She is a nurse at Ft. Sam Houston. We certainly had hoped to have her join our group when she finished her rating. We will miss you EVELYN. Good luck in your new assignment.

Holiday time is here and 1966 will soon be over. I join the San Antonio Chapter in wishing each and every 99 a very Merry Christmas and may 1967

NEXT NEWS DEADLINE

JANUARY 20th

be the best year ever for all 99s throughout the world.

SHREVEPORT CHAPTER

Evelyn Snow, Reporter

First of all, we would like to say we appreciated the nice write-up in the 99 NEWS about the Fall Sectional held here at Shreveport—a big thank you to all those concerned with the articles and pictures. Incidentally, DOTTIE "PEACHES" PORTS has had so many requests for reprints of her adventures that she is thinking of copy-righting.

Our November meeting was held at HELEN WRAY's. Our special guest was MR. SHIRLEY SMITH, owner and operator of a new flying service, Falcon Air, at Downtown airport. He has kindly offered to help us with an exciting project. Sorry, the details are a deep secret right now—all we can

say is that it is a project designed to upgrade every Shreveport 99. Watch this column for further developments!

Also guests at our November meeting were ALICE STACY and DIANE ATTAWAY, who are well on the way to getting their Private licenses and we hope they will soon join our Chapter.

While SARAH HENLEY has been busy writing Christmas cards, her 49½er GEORGE got his Commercial rating. In fact, most of the Shreveport 99s are in SARAH's boat this month as we shop, write cards, and plan for our big Christmas party at MARTHA and RAY CHRISTY's. Of course, we're all sporting the new License Plates we ordered from another Chapter and are now selling here in Shreveport:

"I'd Rather Be Flying"!

SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Pat Ward, Reporter

The morning after the night before, when the night before was the first annual Chapter Christmas party, one would like to sit down and report, in detail, all the marvelous activities and holiday mood to sister 99s, and wish it could get to them sooner than a month later. Our party was held Dec. 10th in Baton Rouge at the home of FOY and DR. PHILLIP WEST. We called it our Christmas/December meeting, but about the only business discussed was the shiny, new engagement ring that our youngest member, GLORIA WARD, was sporting. Her fiancé, DAVE HOLMES, had just given to her only minutes before the beginning of the festivities. DAVE was promptly given a name tag reading "Prospective 49½er", and he was allowed to watch while we conducted the mystic rites of the 49½er ceremony for the unsuspecting souls who are our husbands. PAT WARD's 49½er, ROGER, might even have been a little relieved after it was all over since the entire week preceeding the party he was led to believe that the initiation might involve blood-letting, so mysterious were the plans surrounding the ceremony. But they are all brave little soldiers and survived the ordeal well.

We welcomed a new member, our beloved little 66, WEEZIE OGDEN, who received her Private License on Thanksgiving Day. This brings our fast-growing number to 19, and would you believe that of that number, 15

were present on Dec. 10th. It was a covered-dish, buffet dinner and, of course, everyone brought their fanciest dish, wore their favorite frock, and brought their favorite man. There was an undercurrent of hangar flying, but mostly this was our first opportunity to really chat and get to know each other. All of our previous meetings have been meetings, with business to take care of and a guest speaker or an activity. With so many new members so fast, we enjoyed an opportunity to become better acquainted. We were particularly happy to see HELEN HOOKS of Hammond, again. She is a busy Math and Algebra teacher at Hammond High School and has had conflicting activities or bad weather to keep her away from our meetings for quite some time — including the building of a delightful summer camp, located 5 miles by water from the nearest road. She hopes it will be well established by June so our Chapter can enjoy a weekend there, and made our mouths water with ideas for barbequeing, fish frying, water activities. Too early in the winter, with the nastiest weather still ahead of us, to begin eating our hearts out for our good southern summers yet! But it was a nice thought, and we look forward to it.

Also attending were JAN PHILLIPS, BARBARA TEER, YVONNE RYDER, JIMMIE LAFLEUR, WEEZIE OGDEN, NITA DELARODERIE, MOLLY STOCKWELL, MARY JANE PRESTRIDGE, PAT WARD, PATSY JONES, DEE COMEAUX and GINNY SMITH, almost all with 49½ers or, where appropriate, a date. Already mentioned in attendance were FOY and PHIL WEST, HELEN HOOKS and GLORIA WARD. We were sorry that PAT and C. J. CHRIST were unable to attend (but we enjoyed the homemade candy she sent) because C. J. had a charter trip that kept him out of town late. Also missed ILENE WEBER, who was working late making extra money for Christmas. And, of course, our two "ghost members" from New Orleans, ALICE CAGLE and JEAN DeJARNETTE.

We thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful slides that DR. WEST was kind enough to show us and narrate, taken in the Bahamas and in Moscow this past summer when he and FOY were there. They have promised to show us more, one country at the time, and we will hold them to it. We were fascinated.

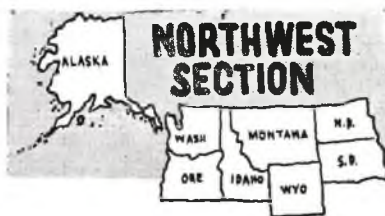
GLORIA and DAVE are planning to

honeymoon in the Bahamas via our 170. If anyone can advise how in the world one ties old shoes and tin cans to an airplane, please do! Or how to write "Just Married" on a fuselage without obscuring the N-numbers? What a sneaky way to get out of having your getaway vehicle decorated!

January meeting in Houma, hostess PAT CHRIST. Hope everybody had a glistening Christmas, a Very Merry New Year's Eve, and happy thought for the New Year!

(Hear on WIBR radio, from a very witty, very perceptive D-J), "One weatherman greeting another, 'A 60% good morning, sir, and how do you probably feel?' " Could the answer have been "A chance of normal temperature, thank you, and the possibility of a rise in blood-pressure throughout the day"?

LAST CALL For AE Scholarship Candidates January 15th Section Scholarship Chairmen



MONTANA CHAPTER Bev. Ledbetter, Reporter

I, for one, am glad that January follows December. It is the one month of the year when I can relax and prepare myself for all the months ahead. Each month following January gets busier until December and the end of the year.

Speaking of being busy, I haven't been alone this year. There were several student pilots in the state who were busy flying and adding up their hours to be Private Pilots. According to my records, such as they are, Montana Chapter has 13 new members to add to its roster, making a total of 52 for the Chapter. ANN HAFER, DOROTHY CRAIG, ELEANOR GREENING, MARY COMBS, PHYLLIS PODMORE, of Billings, JUANITA HUBBER, Butte, MARY ANN JORDON, Wilsall, CAROL FRASER, JOAN ORLEY, MADONNA SMITH, FLO MAJERUS, Lewistown, RHODA JOHNSON, Malta, MARJORIE

SWARTZ, Missoula. The Chapter members welcome each of you and hope you enjoy and wear with pride your 99 pin.

New ratings acquired this past year were Commercial . . . PAT ROEMER, JOY LUECK, and BEV. LEDBETTER. Instrument and Instrument Instructor . . . MARY STEVENSON and PEARL MAGILL. PEARL also added her Ground Instructors rating to her growing list.

Jobs held by 99 members in other flying organizations include, Mont. Pilots Assoc. Secretaries, DOROTHY CRAIG, Billings, JUANITA HUBBER, Butte, ROSEMARY BOWMAN, Great Falls, HELEN DUNLOP, Helena, DOROTHY DRYDEN, Missoula. Treasurer of Billings M.P.A. is NORMA ROWLAND. By the looks of this list of busy women there might be more than myself who will take advantage of a January rest.

The November meeting held in the airport dining room at the Great Falls Airport was attended by 19 members and 3 guests. One guest, FLO MAJERUS, co-pilot with JOAN ORLEY in our race this summer, gave KAY her application for membership. Most of the state was represented except for the Missoula area, where fog kept the planes on the ground.

Committee appointments announced by Chairman ELSIE were, DOROTHY SABO, Scrapbook; PAT JOHNSON, Air Space Education, for the Chapter and also for the Section; PAT ECTON, Flying Activities; VIVIANNE SCHRANK, Nominating Committee.

The December meeting was held at the airport with a ride to downtown and lunch at Jorgensen's. At this meeting, Missoula was present but all planes from the north and east were frozen stiff due to 20 below zero weather. Discussion of the possibility for a sectional air race this year was one item of business. Next meeting to be in Great Falls with Havre a possibility for February.

Big Sky Flying

Flying news is light this month. Cold weather and fog in some areas have limited the flying of many.

Over the river and over the woods, to Grandmother's house the LEDBETTERS flew for Thanksgiving. Pecatello and Caldwell, Idaho where turkey was the menu for the day. Storm clouds covered the route home but at 14,000 it was a beautiful sunny day. We had it timed to get to Great Falls for

lunch and while there visited with LU NELSON and KEN who were out for a local flight in their new Mooney.

ELSIE CHILDS family visited in Joliet, Wyo. with family and friends at Thanksgiving, returning just in time for high winds and snow to create excitement.

SHAREL BITZ and PEARL MAGILL took part in a Search and Rescue flight made in the Glasgow, Malta, Havre area. SHAREL also flew students from the Havre High Geography class, who with their teacher observed the different types of farm and ranch soil conservation in the area.

Billings 99 members ANN HAFER, DOROTHY CRAIG, NORMA ROWLAND, and BOBBIE KRAMER helped with the plans for the successful MPA Spaghetti feed complete with the juice of the grape and lively dances by those attending.

PUD LOVELACE flew commercial to Oklahoma to attend the Tulsa and Mont. State football game. While in the state she visited the 99 Headquarters at Oklahoma City.

BILL and ELEANOR BAILEY along with relatives from Calgary made a trip to Iowa City on business. ELEANOR had her 99 Directory along and had a nice visit with St. Louis member, AMY LAWS. AMY's 13 year old daughter baby-sat for them so they could enjoy a nite on the town. They enjoyed a visit to the St. Louis Zoo and McDonnell planetarium.

Hope everyone has many fun filled trips in '67 and Happy Landings.

NORTHWEST OREGON CHAPTER **Kathy Elmore, Reporter**

Our Chuckwagon Breakfast in September was a tremendous success. We were able to add to the treasury and have a lot of fun too. Despite inclement weather over a lot of the Northwest, we had a good attendance, and those whose airports were socked in, braved the freeway traffic to partake of our goodies. Races and a treasure hunt for the children provided a lot of laughter and fun for them with everyone getting a "prize." Highlights were: BARBARA DAUFEL singing "Happy Breakfast to You" to our first customer; ETHELYN (our tenacious Treasurer) OPHEIM scurrying from one end of the Scappose Park to the other, money jar in one hand and check list in the other, pausing only to make mysterious squiggles on her notebook or to accept more money; BOBBIE

HAYS preparing eggs "any way you want them as long as they are fried"; MARCY WOLFARD, who flips a mean pancake, stockpiling ahead for a famine; and MARION BUSBY mixing pancake batter with one hand and turning the ham with the other—versatile girl, MARION. This was a real group effort with donated equipment and materials, including the labors of 49½ers HOMER HARRIS, FRED DAUFEL, and BILL ELMORE who were kept busy chopping firewood for hot water, pumping up Coleman stoves, moving picnic tables and dispensing with constructive criticism. We all had so much fun we're going to do it again.

Prior to the Chuckwagon Breakfast a short business meeting for the purpose of electing officers was held. Elected for the coming year was JO-NEAL HARRIS — Chairman; ANN BROWN — Vice-Chairman; KATHY ELMORE — Secretary; and ETHELYN OPHEIM — Treasurer.

The October meeting was held at JO-NEAL's home (which is always a

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delight to visit) and plans for the forthcoming year were discussed. It's really gratifying to see a 90% attendance at our various meetings or projects with interested and spirited discussion on whatever subjects are brought up. We have some really constructive ideas "in the works."

November 19th, it was this Chapter's privilege to host a luncheon at Bart's Wharf honoring our new Governor, ILOVENE POTTER. ILOVENE flew to Portland in her Apache IFR to attend this luncheon. As well as 13 of our Chapter members, we had three guests attending; DIANNA RORER who was recently licensed, MARY LEE SNELL who has just soloed, and KATHY SMITH who is taking her Private Pilot checkride in the very near future. Also attending were members from other Oregon Chapters including dauntless BONNIE BRADFORD, Willamette Valley Chapter Chairman, who drove in from Eugene. A good time was had by all, and climaxing the luncheon, ANN BROWN and NONA PLAMONDON won the turkey table centerpieces. JO-NEAL HARRIS pre-

sented ILOVENE with a gold medalion charm for her bracelet to be appropriately engraved.

Low ceilings and lots of Oregon mist have kept us grounded here in the Northwest, however, LILLIAN LEWIS did manage to sneak into Troutdale from Pendleton (after being weathered in there overnight) just a half-inch ahead of the lowering ceiling. LILLIAN says she learned a lot from that trip, but is still figuring out just what!

"GILLY" GILLILAND tells us her trip to Las Vegas to attend the Flying Physicians Convention was most enjoyable with fairly decent weather down and back. She has been passing out interesting tidbits of information gleaned from various aircraft representatives and as soon as these are all put together we'll report on them.

KATHY ELMORE has been busy utilizing her airplane for business trips about the state, and combining these trips with some IFR dual. I think a check-ride is in the very near future here.

More next month after our Christmas party has taken place—this promises to be a doozer, and everyone is busy thinking up exchange gifts.

PUGET SOUND CHAPTER **Jeanna Reeves, Reporter**

BETTY CURRAN, our new Chapter Chairman, had quite an experience last week. While coming into Paine Field on instruments in her lovely new Cessna 310, both engines went out due to a possible plugged gas line. BETTY was talking to the tower when she realized she did not have enough altitude to make a landing at the field, so it was into Port Gardner Bay, doing a perfect wheels up landing. The tower said that BETTY talked to them all the way down, and have nothing but admiration for her calmness and her presence of mind. BETTY said she made the best landing of her career and stepped from her sinking plane to a fishing boat, getting just one foot wet. The helicopter from Paine Field had taken off to rescue BETTY before she hit the water. They lowered a sling for her to the fishing boat and whisked her to the dispensary. She was in great shape and the only problem was that she had lost her shoes with the plane. BETTY said that she opened the door to the plane before she hit the water, fearing that the door would jam on



MARCHINE DEXTER painting panel marker at Skykomish emergency airstrip on west side of Steven's Pass, Cascade Mountains.

impact. We are pretty proud of her and greatly relieved that she is fine. BETTY is getting a new Cessna 310 soon. BETTY and her close friend GEORGIA McLEOD left for Hawaii three days later, having planned the Hawaiian trip for quite some time. They plan to charter a plane to explore the outlying islands.

MARCHINE DEXTER and JEANNE REEVES flew to Spokane to the Fall Sectional and have nothing but accolades for the fine job the Eastern Washington Chapter did in hosting the Sectional. MARCHINE had a chance to fly a Citabria acrobatic plane at Fel's Field. On their return trip home weather forced them to go by way of the Columbia River Gorge. Both emerged from their plane pretty stiff and tired, from the long ride.

BETTY CURRAN and BETTY VAN BUSKIRK flew to San Francisco recently to pick up relatives of BETTY V. due to the recent airlines strike.

NITA MATHESON flew to Colorado via jet to visit friends for two weeks. She said they had snow already which is a bit early for October.

FRAN FITZPATRICK is awaiting her second child so has not been flying for some months and is very eager to get back into the air. The baby is due any day now.

MARY BETH HECLA and husband, CURTIS, have flown off to Peru, South America to live for the next two years. He is an engineer for the U. S. Government. They plan to charter a plane and explore as much of South

America as they can. We certainly will miss MARY BETH.

MARGARET AMES and husband PERCY have been flying to California for all the Washington games played there. PERCY is a real avid pilot and they do a great deal of flying. MARGARET has been doing a lot of flying and practicing. She and PERCY with several other planes of friends travel to Mexico frequently to enjoy the sunny climes.

BETTY VAN BUSKIRK and BETTY CURRAN flew to Bellingham for the Washington Pilots Association to show films of their race in the recent Powder Puff Derby. They were treated to dinner and were well received.

MARCHINE DEXTER drove to Tacoma to the annual convention of the Washington Pilots Association. MARCHINE is working like a beaver for her Instructors Rating and has gone to work for DARYL WILLARD's Flying Service at Paine Field. She had been working for an engineering firm as a draftsman, but she loves being where the action is.

MILDRED PEARSON, our new Secretary, and retiring President, has been doing lots of flying in her plane. She and MARCHINE made a trip over Ross Dam, Shagit Valley, Darrington, and Mount Pilchuck. We on the Coast have had beautiful fall weather and so we have been taking full advantage of it to fly.

BETTY CURRAN figures that she has put in over 200 hours in her Cessna 310, and over 100 hours in her Bonanza in this last year.

JEANNE REEVES has started flying again after much prodding and pushing and being told she's not getting any younger. That did the trick. She is having a ball going out every day for an hour flying. And the hours are building up.

At our election of officers we elected BETTY CURRAN, Chairman; MARCHINE DEXTER, Vice Chairman; MILDRED, Secretary; and NITA MATHESON, Treasurer.

RON PRETTI of the Washington State Aeronautics Commission told MARCHINE of the several state emergency fields which needed work to keep them useful. She volunteered then and there to take on the Skykomish Strip. Since this Chapter is so small, and there was some muscle work involved, she enlisted the aid of some of the Washington Pilots to cut brush

and trees, fill in ruts, do repairs and help paint. One weekend was spent scraping, painting, and fixing. Even FRAN and husband DARYL came up and scraped paint. Her baby is due any time so that was real dedication. FRAN is a loyal supporter of our activities.

To all the chapters of the 99s a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Puget Sound Chapter.

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER **Rivka A. Pratt, Reporter**

Our last meeting was held at the home of one of our newest members, KAREN WYMAN. DON FROST, from the Federal Aviation Agency showed us a couple of films, with commentary, on "Wake Turbulence" and "Mountain Flying." I am sure we all learned a new thing or two from these films about the necessity of using extreme care in both conditions of flying. There were 18 members present and 5 guests.

VAN ANDERSON had planned a flight for MRS. MAJESKY's Wing Troop but because of the lousy weather they had to settle for seeing two films and the control tower at the Renton Airport. VAN did wheel her plane out for the youngsters to go over it thoroughly and ask questions about it.

TERRY KELLOGG and her 49½er DAVE have been doing some interesting traveling around. On one of their trips, DAVE was the test pilot on the new Drummond Goose 2 Jet Turbo Prop plane.

CAROL TULICH is working to be a Computer Programmer at Seattle Community College in a course on Data Processing. She is still working on putting her own plane together.

JOYCE HARDING and family have moved into their new home on Mercer Island and DOTTY DAUB is busy building theirs in the same area.

BETH OLIVER has been very, very busy. She has been asked to be on the Advisory Committee for Aero Space Education for the combined schools of Renton, Seattle, etc. She is doing a lot of teaching. Her application has been submitted for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship to work further on her ATR. Her 49½er is busy flying his company's planes to Hong Kong, Tokyo, Palm Springs, and way points. They were both Instructors at the AOPA Plantation Party.

Our Governor, ILOVENE POTTER, has certainly been taking her job ser-

iously. So far she has visited the Wyoming Chapter, stopped in Rapid City, South Dakota where she saw both the North and South Dakota girls. On November 11th she called on the Boise Idaho Chapter and on November 19th she was entertained at a luncheon at Bart's Wharf by the Northwest Oregon Chapter. About 25 to 30 guests were there to greet her with girls coming in from the other Oregon Chapters. LUCY DRUCKER made it up from Astoria, but I haven't heard if she flew, or was flown by West Coast, or maybe she drove up. The weather can be so "lousy" at Astoria. While flitting around the country, ILOVENE was invited to Denver, Colorado to attend their Silver Anniversary Luncheon. Enroute she stopped off in Salt Lake City.

PAT McGEE is a great deal happier now that her 49½er AL is out of the hospital and well on the road to recovery from a heart attack. The last time I saw AL he looked a little thinner, but otherwise looked like he was getting along just fine. PAT is instructing some on week ends along with her many other duties as a Personal Relations gal for one of the large advertising agencies in Seattle.

All of us here in the Northwest hope you all have had a very JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON and you better believe it—my only New Year's Resolution is going to be—have the copy ready no later than the 15th.



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San Diego, Calif.

EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER

Dottie Sanders, Reporter

Our December meeting bypassed Ninety-Nine business, but carried out the purpose of The Ninety-Nines with a "close relationship among women pilots" by having a friendly get-together of our Chapter at the home of DOTTIE CAMPBELL. Her 49½er, DICK, furnished us with some Christmas "Cheer" in their new home overlooking the beautiful El Cajon Valley and Gillespie Field. An exchange of Christmas gifts was held and all returned home a little richer in possessions and friendship.

DOTTIE and BOB SANDERS "flew" to Palm Desert the weekend of December 3 in their Mustang (Ford, that is) to join Orange County Chapter for their "fly-in" Christmas Party—sorry to report we had a rainy weekend, and only one airplane flew in. However, the spirit of those attending was not dampened and, as usual, Orange County did its usual outstanding job. The gifts were "out of this world" and DOTTIE and BOB return-

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ed home with a Telex Microphone and a Computer Key Chain.

AILEEN SAUNDERS played Santa Claus by flying Christmas gifts to patients at Patton State Hospital who will give them to their children at Christmas.

Five of our members, with their 49½ers and guests, joined San Diego Chapter at their Christmas Party at the U. S. Marine Recruit Depot on December 9. It was a lovely party with lots of good food, drink, and warm friendship of the Christmas Season.

With the Holidays a memory, we'll be ready for a New Year of activities and plans for 1967!

FALLON CHAPTER

Elaine Brown, Reporter

On December third we held our Chapter meeting at the lovely home of JUDY and BILL HISLE. Members and 49½ers arrived bearing various items of dinner and desserts — and what a delicious dinner it was!

Members attending the evening af-

fair were BERTHA CLINE, JANE JANSSEN, HAZEL HOHN, DORIS EACRET, MARCIA STANFORD, FRAN GUSTAVSON, LOIS BROWN, ELAINE BROWN, DOROTHY STAUFF, JUDY HISLE and DE BAER. We were delighted to welcome a new member to our midst, MARCIA STANFORD, who received her license in August and already has 150 hours to her credit and worried about not getting in enough time. Our Chairman, BERTHA CLINE, held a short business meeting whereby we extracted promises from all the 49½ers to help with the transportation and tie downs during the San Diego to Reno Fun Race in June.

DOROTHY and CARROLL STAUFF showed many beautiful color slides and narrated their trip to Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta amidst many colorful comments from our witty 49½ers! Seeing those gorgeous warm beaches on a cold windy evening could tempt one to cut the Christmas shopping off at the pockets, leave all the flu and cold epidemics behind and head for the sunny Southland. What a truly perfect evening!

Speaking of Christmas, we hope yours was a happy time, and that the New Year will bring many wonderful hours of flying.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

Katee Moskow, Reporter

November meeting was held at FRAN CENICEROS home. The topic discussion these days is the Powder Puff Derby Terminus. The Chamber of Commerce of the SOUTH BAY AREA CITIES are helping us exceedingly. We're fast getting our committees and crews together and coordinating with them. Many will remember the start of the race in 1960. They made many of the arrangements and entertainment with great success.

FRAN BERA CENICEROS had an opportunity to fly a Lear Jet, which seems more in keeping with her pace. And BETTY flew a Cub.

JUDY and LES WAGNER are making a nice x-country this month to Dallas, Texas for the annual A.O.A. and on to Ohio to visit relatives.

LEE and WIN TITLE flew to Long Valley to engage BOB WHITE in the techniques of flying-in to Tunnel Meadows, a tricky high altitude field which has almost too short a runway to take-off and land at times. It's certainly wise to get the info from the

pros in that area. Then on to camping out and fishing.

LUCY BROOKS flew to New York to meet hubby BILL. Was that by Tri-Pacer No. 20? She could do it.

We were very happy to have as guest CAROL KENNEDY visiting from San Andreas and DIANE HENDERSON from Phoenix.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER **Rachel Bonzon, Reporter**

On December 3, close to two hundred members and guests assembled at the lovely and spacious Malibu home of JOHN and MARY DORR for the Los Angeles Chapter's "Celebrity Night" dinner dance. Two large "9's" in blue lights marked the entrance to "la casa de Dorr", where arrivals were greeted by LYNN OPPER and her ticket committee, and SALLY LA FORGE and her social adjustment hour committee, in blue cocktail aprons decorated with glittery 99s.

Hanging over the indoor fountain was a large Ninety-Nine emblem enclosed in interlocking white and blue circles, with airplanes taking off from every point of the compass. A blue-lighted Christmas tree glowed in one corner, while out in the patio Christmas lights sparkled in the trees. Along the shore line twinkled the lights of the beach communities, (a bonus for which decoration committee CAROL LEWIS and RACHEL BONZON can take no credit).

Among the distinguished guests introduced were:

MR. VANCE BREESE, whose license was signed by ORVILLE WRIGHT, flew the first mail out of Los Angeles in 1926, designed the monoplane "Aloha" which was flown to Hawaii in 1927, has made the first flight in over two hundred types of aircraft as test pilot, and belongs to the Test Pilot Association, as honorary fellow, and is a member of the Mach 2 Club, having flown the F-106 in excess of Mach 2.

CAPTAIN AL HALL, who is supervisor of Flight Training for American Airlines, and is the instructor of AULEEN (MRS. AL HALL), who has just received her Private License and is a prospective Ninety-Nine.

CAPTAIN HOWARD MORTON, Senior Captain, American Airlines, with MRS. MORTON.

ED MUHLFIELD, publisher of FLY-



Los Angeles Chapter Chairman ANN LODWIG, presenting plaques to entertainers HERB SCHREINER and SUSAN OLIVER, noting their contributions to General Aviation.

ING magazine, as guest of LOIS MILES.

MIRO SLOVAK, of Continental Airlines, well-known racing and aerobatic pilot, and guest of SUSAN OLIVER.

Out of town Ninety-Nines BARBARA SELBY-BROWN, noted pilot from the Australian Section, and guest of CLAIRE WALTERS and BETTY FAUX; ANITA (and JACK) WOREL, all the way from Vallejo; RUTH RUECKERT, International Treasurer, who came from San Francisco to be with us; LOLA RICCI, Southwest Section Governor; ALBERTA NICHOLSON, Section Vice - Governor, who came all the way from Salt Lake City; and FLORENCE MOODY from Bakersfield.

SUSAN OLIVER left the jungles of Mexico where she is on location, to fly in for the occasion. SUSAN, a new L.A. Ninety-Nine, is a Commercial and Instrument pilot, who placed second in the Aero Commander Celebrity Race in Reno last September,

and has done much in a short time to enhance the picture of women in aviation.

MR. HERB SCHREINER (and MRS. SCHREINER), well known to Ninety-Nines through his appearances at two AWTAR terminus banquets (Atlantic City and Fort Lauderdale), an intrepid student pilot and PBY enthusiast. MR. SCHREINER was our friendly and humorous speaker of the evening.

The San Fernando Chapter won the prize for the Chapter selling the largest number of tickets over twenty, and they will receive a scrapbook embossed with the Ninety-Nine emblem and Chapter name.

Committee Chairmen and members working on these varied projects were: MARY ANN KASLOW, VIVIAN THOMPSON, TILLIE KLEMENTS, BEULAH KEE, JEAN IVANOFF, REBECCA HELD, VIRGINIA SHOWERS, our capable Chairman ANN LODWIG, who was everywhere at all times, and of course MARY DORR, whose work, help, and beautiful home made this event possible.

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MONTEREY CHAPTER **Dorothy M. Banzhaf, Reporter**

Happy New Year to all the Ninety-Nines everywhere, or where ever you may be promoting aviation.

Monterey Bay Chapter of Ninety-Nines threw one of the most exciting Christmas parties that this reporter has ever had the opportunity or pleasure to enjoy. Several tables were alight with candles and warm conversation. Aviation enthusiasts whooped through the hilarious initiation rites of the 49½ers. Chapter Chairman, HELEN SHROPSHIRE's 49½er conducted the ceremony. JACK JELLA, Flight Examiner and Instructor for a high percentage of the distaff pilots: MARY ELLEN EISEMANN, SUE JOHNSON and GENEVA CRANSTON, present and beaming.

Proud and happy new member, SUE JOHNSON, is enthusiastic and intends to progress onward through the ranks of aviation certificates. SUE received acclaim and a plaque during ceremonies of membership from members during the Christmas party festivities.

Flights to Mexico were many for members in '66. A flight to Acapulco and a trip to Taxco to bring the door-prize of a silver candle snuffer to the Christmas party was made by HELEN SHROPSHIRE and GENEVA CRANSTON. The prize won by Host, MR. EISEMANN.

The New Year money raising project for AWTAR entails Penny-A-Pound flights originating from money-making booth at Watsonville Airport. The date for Antique plane annual fly-in will be the last week end of May 1967, to be located at Watsonville.

Our Chapter wishes to congratulate KAY BRICK, one of our First Ladies of Aviation and this year recipient of the FAA's Certificate of Commendation. "In recognition of exceptional leadership of the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, which not only has demonstrated the safety and utility of general aviation, but which further has reflected the major contributions of women to the progress of AMERICAN CIVIL AVIATION."

Rounding out activities of the Monterey Chapter of 99s was a competitive sport in aviation, a spot landing contest to sharpen the flying acumen of participants and winners: MARY LAIL, NATALIE BOSSIO of Santa Clara Chapter, contenders and JERRIE HALFPENNY, HELEN SHROPSHIRE and GENEVA CRANSTON — MARY, number one; JERRIE number two and NAT, third.

NORTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER Ruth Smith, Reporter

Foul weather, that's what it was the day of our regular meeting! It rained for four days in Flagstaff, in December yet. Anyway only 3 99s and one 66 were present. MARY ELLEN flew as far as my house, 16 miles east of Flagstaff, but couldn't get in to the airport at Flagstaff. JUNE ELY was to have driven from Williams, but perhaps the roads were too slick, because she didn't arrive. LOIS WARD drove from Prescott and brought two films from the FAA. These films were quite good, "Wake Turbulence" and "Density Altitude."

LOIS' daughter is moving to the east coast soon, so quite naturally LOIS has her summer vacation already planned. Her 49½er brought home all the necessary charts and they just about reach the entire length of their living room. LOIS is planning to start work on her Commercial ticket soon and then on to her Instrument. Good Luck!

In my last newsletter, I mentioned

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articles for sale by the Northern Arizona Chapter. Even though they will appear in the roster, I would like to include the basic information here.

Matches—white with compass rose in blue. Box of 50 books, \$1.75 postpaid; 2 boxes \$2.95 postpaid. Northern Arizona Chapter, Order from JEAN DECK, P. O. Box 29, Winslow, Arizona 86047

Lighters—Silver with compass rose on front; back ideal for engraving. Lifetime guarantee. Gift boxed; \$5.95 includes mailing charges. Quantity prices available. Northern Arizona Chapter. Order from JEAN DECK, P. O. Box 29, Winslow, Arizona 86047

DOT WARD has resigned from our Chapter and from Ninety-Nines. We deeply regret that circumstances seemed to make this move necessary, however we sincerely hope that she will be able to join us once again, soon. DOT's enthusiasm about flying was contagious, I think . . . I was just on the verge of giving up the whole thing when I was taking lessons, and I talked to her — one day. What do you

know? She had experienced the same things! This is what makes Ninety-Nines so wonderful.

In order for you to know more about our members, I'll try to include a short sketch in each issue. First, our Chairman MARY ELLEN LIKEN. She started taking lessons in June of 1933, soloed on Easter Sunday in 1934. Received her Private license in January of 1965 and joined our Chapter that same month. MARY ELLEN now has approximately 170 hours. She lives in Holbrook, Ariz., with 49½er WARREN and three teenagers, MARK, JIM, and LORI. Quite an interesting family, all members are interested in painting, play at least one musical instrument, and own Likens Jewelry Store in Holbrook. When she isn't working in the store or flying, MARY ELLEN's hobbies are Roses and Art. During the time she was taking flying lessons, MARY drove back and forth between Flagstaff and Holbrook. At that time there was no instructor in Holbrook. In addition to all this, MARY ELLEN is also a Registered Nurse.

PALOMAR CHAPTER Mary M. Moons, Reporter

As with all new groups, our new Chapter was faced with raising funds for an empty treasury. For our first effort, we held a potluck dinner at GERTRUDE LOCKWOOD's in October, inviting the San Diego and El Cajon Chapters and their 49½ers and charging everyone \$1.00 a head. We had a marvelous array of food served on a beautifully decorated patio. ETH-EL MAE (SKIP) DARWIN (a new private pilot) was accepted as a new member during the short business meeting.

PAM VAN DER LINDEN, HILDA PETTROSS, NELL CONNOLLY, and STELLA HESSE participated in a race between Brown Field and Ramona as part of the Air Show at Brown Field and their share of the proceeds from this were added to the treasury putting us healthily in the black.

ESTHER WHITT and her husband, LOUIS, flew their Piper Tripacer to the Sectional meeting at Orange County, stayed overnight at the Newporter, and visited the Tallman-Mantz Air Museum. BRAD and MARY PEARSON, NELL and PAT CONNOLLY, and MARY MOONS flew Flight Trail's Cherokee '6' up for the afternoon meeting and evening banquet.

At the November meeting, IVA

WALTERS and WANDA MILLER from the Coachella Valley Chapter transferred to our Chapter, and FLUELLEN HOLIDAY, after receiving her Private Pilot's license, was approved for membership.

Our Air Marking Chairman, DORIS JANISZ reported she had found 3 airports, 5 roofs and 2 empty lots to mark.

PAM VAN DER LINDEN passed her FAA written exam for her Instrument Rating, and IVA WALTERS was appointed our Contest Chairman.

Events planned for the near future are our Christmas Party which will be held December 10 at the Fallbrook Country Club and a "Splash Down" at Lake Havasu on February 4. All 99s will be given the chance to experience a landing on water in a new Lake aircraft.

PHOENIX CHAPTER

Marjy Crowl, Reporter

What a bang-up Christmas party we had at JUNE KAISER's home in Glendale, Arizona! International President ALICE ROBERTS and her 49½er, CHARLIE, were there. Outgoing Section Governor PAT LAMBART, her 49½er, RICK, and little PATRICK were "on deck" (literally—JUNE has a 3-level house). Present Chapter Chairman MARY VIAL and her 49½er, GEORGE, were present; also Past Chapter Chairman, TRUDY MURPHY. GINNY MOSER, our Corresponding Secretary, and her 49½er, BILL, seemed to be having a good time. SUSAN STORM, Secretary, and 49½er JOE kept busy all evening. Publicity Chairman, FREDa TOLIVER, and her 49½er, MICKEY, "Polaroided" most of the time. RUTH REINHOLD and JUANITA NEWELL (with their 49½ers, BOB and ELGIN, respectively) wore glamorous gowns that just had to be photographed in color. Membership Chairman, JO ANN WINTERLING and her 49½er, LEO, had much to do with the major ceremony of the evening. GRETCHEN YINGLING and 49½er, AL, were there, thank goodness—was beginning to believe they had completely deserted us in favor of Scottsdale Squadron of Civil Air Patrol! Scrapbook Chairman, ANNE DAVIS, and 49½er, TED will glean many pictures from party to add to collection. MARY LOU BROWN, who sends us those newsy news notes and who has a brand new Commer-



"Coming down for a landing" at JUNE KAISER's tri-level home in Glendale, Arizona during the Christmas party are bottom step l. to r. SUSAN STORM, Secretary, and MARY VIAL, Chapter Chairman, 2nd step, FREDa TOLIVER and ALICE ROBERTS, International President, 3rd step, MARJY CROWL, Reporter and GINNY MOSER, Corresponding Secretary.



TRUDY MURPHY, outgoing Chairman of the Phoenix Chapter, receives a gift presented on behalf of the Chapter by Chairman MARY VIAL at installation luncheon held at Ramada Inn, Phoenix.

cial, brought her 49½er, PRICE. Welcomed Blacksheep JEAN BURDICK and her 49½er back into the fold. JESSIE WIMMERS with JOEL R. BAKER, BETH USHER with ROY

McWHIRTER, and WILMA BLAND were also in evidence on all three levels. Newest additions EVELYN SASSER and SUE HARPER had 49½ers KEITH and BILL there to participate in initiation. DEE SOUTHARD, 99 with FAA at Blythe, was delightful guest, as were RUTH and OSCAR KHAK, and SARA SONSTAG and JIM MACCARI. Just in case anyone is wondering why the 49½er shows up so much in the foregoing — it is because the highlight of the evening was the 49½er initiation ceremony, which was hilarious! Understand that this particular one was based on that originated by Las Vegas Chapter, to whom we are grateful.

JIMMYE LOU SHELTON spent a few days at ROY ROGERS' place in Apple Valley — know many people would like that! She still goes up to the Bay Area about once a month until the time they move permanently. MELBA BEARD recently returned from California, where she spent two weeks. She is busy working on her airplane—wants it in readiness for the Annual Antique Airplane Association's meet at Marana scheduled for February 4 and 5, 1967. JUNE KAISER enjoyed her recent trip to Mexico. SUE HARPER is scheduled to fly in

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Evidence of some of the "fun and games" at the Phoenix Chapter Christmas party. L. to R. are SUSAN STORM, her 49er JOE, hostess JUNE KAISER, MICKEY TOLIVER 49½er, and his 99 FREDa.

the competition in aerobatics set for January 15, 1967 at Wickenburg, also target of the month for 99s. JANE LOCKWOOD plays golf in all our lovely weather and plans to spend her time in California after being here during the holidays for the first time. JUANITA NEWELL and RUTH REINHOLD are difficult to keep up with — always on a flight here or there. DOROTHY McLEOD, now in school in Seattle, Washington, should be back during 1967. Gals we hope and expect to see more of in 1967 are THELMA BIEGERT, LOUISE BOYD, BETTY JEAN BURRITT, NORMA CASSIDY, BETTY CONDON, RUTH T. CROMER, VIRGINIA HASH, JANE LOCKWOOD, BETTE SHARMAN, KAY TAVORMINA and MARY WEAVER.

Chapter Christmas project this last year was Girls' Ranch, which is a pet program of VIRGINIA HASH. This is the same organization for which a flight is planned each summer, and for which JUANITA NEWELL came up with a donor to pay for all the breakfasts for the girls from the Ranch on that day—and have been told that most of them order hamburgers and malts for that breakfast! Let's make 1967 a great year for all flying projects!

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SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER Juanita Bowler, Reporter

Saturday, September 17 couldn't have been a nicer day for our bus trip to Oakland, where we had lunch at Jack London Square. Then on over to the 75,000 ton Aircraft Carrier, USS Ranger. CMDR. BRYAN B. BROWN and CAPT. WILLIAM M. HARNISH made it possible for us to have a very enjoyable and informative visit. They had just returned from duty in Viet Nam and were on their way to Wash-

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ington for a complete overhaul. We needed our walking shoes, as they went all out to explain everything from top to bottom and from end to end. But it was well worth it to all of us, including husbands, children, and friends, especially the boys.

We had a full bus, and a full day! We left Sacramento at 0800 and were back at 1800, all 33 of us: MR. & MRS. W. GILMORE & son; MRS. HASKELL BERRY & two sons; MRS. NEIL CULL & guest, BLANCHE BRYANS;

MRS. HELEN MORGAN & son; MR. & MRS. W. SCHOVY; MRS. MARIANNE McDONALD; GERALDINE MICKELSEN & nephew, DANNY; MRS. RUTH LUMMIS & BONNEY; MRS. KAMMEYER; JUDGE & MRS. ARTHUR EISSINGER; MR. & MRS. J. P. BREEN; MRS. COBB; MR. & MRS. FRED TOWNSEND; MRS. W. BOWLER & son CHRIS; and MRS. N. BROWN.

Our September meeting was held at Poseys Restaurant, welcoming our new officers: LaRUE BROWN, Chairman; VIJA BERRY, Vice-Chairman; VIRGINIA TOWNSEND, Secretary; LILLIAN GRAY, Treasurer; MARIANNE McDONALD, Membership Chairman; DONNA PRITCHARD, Publicity; and JUANITA BOWLER, News Reporter. And a BIG THANK YOU to CAROL HAMMOND and the girls for a job well done.

Those attending the meeting were, ANITA WOREL, guest from Vallejo, Chairman Redwood Empire Chapter; JANET MEYER, also from Redwood Empire Chapter; GERALDINE MICKELSEN had as her guest, a long time friend RETA SUTHERLAND, who is a 99; MARIANNE McDONALD, guests GLO FONG, LORAIN HERY, ELIZABETH FRIEDLER, ELLEN WADDELL; MARILYN JAKS and mother, MRS. WINIFRED SWITZER, who is a new pilot; HELEN MORGAN, transferring from All Ohio Chapter—Thanks for joining us; DOROTHY ANDERSON, new member, NEW PILOT, 43:30 and 30 seconds; LT. JOYCE REESE, from Chico, new Commercial License — rejoining WAC, and asked for Viet Nam. LaRUE BROWN; guest LYN SPEZIA, "License Pending," via husband's convenience; CAROL BLOOM; guest ADELAIDE MORRIS, new pilot; AUDREY SNOVEL, 2nd. meeting; DENE DACHNER, from Davis; VIRGINIA TOWNSEND; guest PHYLLIS TAYLOR; THELMA CULL; guest HELEN BEEDLE; DARLENE GILMORE; EDITH BREWER; ELAINE LANCASTER; DOROTHY HUNTLEY; ESTER PHIPPS; FLORENCE BREEN; DONNA PRITCHARD; LILLIAN GRAY; CAROL HAMMOND; BETH SCHOOF; DONNA MARTIN; and JUANITA BOWLER.

October 26, we were invited to MATHER AIR FORCE BASE, for a tour of the ONLY navigation training school in USAF. After meeting our hosts, CAPT. CHARLES RAINEY, LT. WHITE, and LT. JERE GAINER, we



Helping to promote their project for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund are Sacramento Valley Chapter members l. to r. VIJA BERRY, encouraging CAROL HAMMOND and LaRUE BROWN to swing the prop of the N-3-N WWII trainer. It was the closest type of plane that the gals could find to get their message across promoting the premiere showing of "The Blue Max" movie.

were shown movies; then taken on a tour of the ground training facilities. All very interesting, especially the Celestial Navigation, and they have all the best and latest in navigational equipment, Radar, VORTAC, etc. After lunch in the Officers' Club, they took us up in the T-29 training plane, the flying classroom. I wish I could have seen the surprised look on the control tower operator's face when VIJA BERRY asked for take off instructions. Each one of us had a working desk seat where they work their problems in flight. It really is wonderful being 99, for so many reasons, like these extra nice things we get to see and do that other people never get the chance to do.

LaRUE BROWN, our Chairman, had the October meeting at her lovely home in Rio Vista. After the very delicious dinner, we started making plans for sponsoring the Gala Premier of 'The Blue Max'—benefit of AMELIA EARHART Scholarship Fund. We had to guarantee the Crest Theater 500 tickets at \$3.00 each. And we did. I hear we sold over 1000, even had to stop

the sale of tickets. Guess it was because of gals like CAROL HAMMOND, telling her husband, either sell or BUY, so what else? LaRUE BROWN must have made everyone buy a ticket before they could get in or out of the airport. All the girls and husbands really worked to make it a success. It is a picture everyone should see, even non-pilots would enjoy. In keeping with 'The Blue Max,' we had a German Band from Sacramento State College; our thanks to BILL SHARP. It was a great success, thanks to everyone!

VICKI CRANE passed her Commercial. Yours truly, flying again, after five years, feels good. CLAIRE RALEY and husband TOM, off to Miami and DARLENE GILMORE and husband GIL off to Australia again so they were not able to be with us. Bet they are having fun tho.

I still have news but will save for next time.

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SAN FERNADO VALLEY CHAPTER

Jeanne Day, Reporter

Our heartiest congratulations to LOLA RICCI, newly elected Governor of the Southwest Section. As a charter member of our Chapter, she is one of our most active and experienced pilots, and a devoted member. Bouquets, too, to LIBBY SVENSON who is not only our new Chapter Chairman but has also been appointed to the Nominating Committee for our Section. ELLEN TRINDLE has accepted the task of Public Relations Officer for Ninety-Nines International. She represented the 99s (and was the only woman delegate present) at the planning conference to be held in Las Vegas next year. LOIS WEAVER is the new Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the Ninety-Nines International. We are proud of our hardworking girls!

We are also proud of all our girls who support our activities. Nineteen of our Chapter members attended the Southwest Sectional at Newport Beach. Seventeen members, plus their guests, attended the fly-in to George Air Force Base on Oct. 18th. We were bussed from Apple Valley to the base and then given a brief orientation on the high altitude chamber. After lunch at the NCO Club, we visited the tower and flight line where we saw F104s and Phantoms right up close. Earlier in the month FLO DITTMAR, PAT GARLAND, JUDY PARKER, and ARDIE TRENHOLM checked out at FL 39 in the high altitude chamber. They heartily recommend this experience for all pilots.

KATHY BLACK has won her Commercial license and passed her written for Flight Instructor. BERNADINE BENNING recently checked out at Chino to fly for the Forest Service. LINDA DENSMORE flew to Crystallaire Country Club where JAN WOOD tows gliders most weekends. AUDREY SCHUTTE is an aerial commuter to Monterey where her husband is on temporary active duty instructing in helicopters. FLO HUTCHINSON has been enjoying some night flights while her husband takes pictures with his new camera. MARGARET WARD is still waiting for the doctor to slip her tiedown ropes, so she can be airborne again. BETTY STORRS and family took their Aztec to Alabama, Philadelphia, and points East, including a flight up the Hudson, but not under those bridges! EDDIE WHITE and SYBIL BIBERMAN flew to Willis,



San Fernando Valley Chapter member **ARDIE TRENHOLM**, "Skywitch" of **KGIL Skywatch**, plugging the 99s on **BOB BARKER's** "Truth or Consequences" show. **ARDIE** is the only girl in the world who pilots an aircraft for traffic information.

rode on the Skunk Railroad, and then flew to the new 20th Hole Airport at the El Dorado Country Club. **NITA LOVELESS** attended the AOPA Plantation Party and took the Instrument refresher course; highly recommended. **ARDIE TRENHOLM** is now famous as the girl who stumped the panel on "Truth or Consequences." No one guessed she was **KGIL's** "Skywitch." **LORELI CANGIANO** reports that of the delightful places they visited in Mexico, Tepic was the best. There, they met the owner of a plantation, also a pilot, who treated them royally. Her father, a WWI German Air Force pilot found an old buddy in Mexico City—small world, eh? **SHIRLEY CLARK** has been touring around So. Calif., in the Gypsy Moth, which she loves though she worries about the 37-year-old engine! **SHIRLEY THOM** was just notified that she is official timer for the 1967 AWTAR.

Season's greetings to all who fly, who help us to fly, and who would like to fly. And that shouldn't leave anybody out.

The annual Christmas party was a huge success at the home of **LORELI CANGIANO**. Following a delicious buffet arranged by **LINDA DENSMORE** and committee, the group of 99s and 49ers enjoyed a Vegas Night.

Our Chapter is prepared to present

Christmas baskets to our two local towers. The baskets, filled with home-made Christmas goodies, are our way of saying thanks for being so helpful all year long.

Our members have been doing lots of flying. **ELLEN TRINDLE** and **LIBBY SVENSON** and their "spousi" have just returned from a 2-plane caravan to Baja, California. They went all the way to Cabo San Lucas, and caught lots of fish. **LIB** also found out that "Maester Romero no feex ze brakes so good."

BETTYE FRY flew to San Jose, picked up another 99, and flew on to Tahoe. She also got a flight in to Santa Rosa. **EDDIE WHITE** flew two airplanes in one day, a new first in her logbook.

CATHY BLACK says she has been so busy, she has only had time to do some local flying. **LIZ CROWLEY**, **HELEN KEEL**, and **SHIRLEY THOM** agreed that this has been their case, too.

LOIS MILES flew to San Jose twice over the Thanksgiving holidays.

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LINDA DENSMORE took her first flight in a tricycle gear when she rode in a Debonair. In her own plane, she went to San Diego for Thanksgiving and had an interesting landing between TWO 727's. **EXPEDITE!**

ANNETTE SEYDEL watched a Comanche make a REAL short field landing—he touched down AND stopped at the numbers. Forgot to lower gear!

JEANNE DAY and spouse did some plane-camping at Death Valley over the holidays. "Hey, lady, does ALL that stuff go in your plane?"

FLORA HUTCHINSON made the fly-in to Bermuda Dunes. Then she took a neighbor to lunch at Ventura. True to form, the restaurant wasn't open. Is it ever?

VIRGINIA RAINWATER got to fly her first taildragger when she took up a Citabria and practiced half-rolls around a point. No parachute, so no full-rolls.

BETTY STORRS hasn't untied her plane this month, but did lots of skiing instead.

MARGARET WARD is so glad to be airborne again, after the doctor certified her wings airworthy. Flew to Bakersfield and Palm Springs.

MARILYN ARNOLD has been taking dual instrument, and did two dual instrument x-countries.

AUDREY SCHUTT flew to San Jose in 54 minutes (by Electra, yet). She retrieved one Bonanza and one husband; glad to have both home again.

LORELI CANGIANO went to the Bermuda Dunes fly-in in beautiful morning weather, but almost got IFR-ed out of her home field upon return.

LOLA RICCI flew to Cable, Hesperia, and to Bermuda Dunes.

VESTA MALTEY reported that her plane was damaged when someone taxied into it on the taxi strip, and only recently is it flyable again.

FLORENCE DITTMAR reported that coming back from Mexico she was cleared out of San Diego on special VFR when her radios and lights went out. She found out that you can get a green light from Orange County tower by buzzing the tower! 'Twas all legal, though.

MARGE MORONG reported that her husband is still checking out their new E Bonanza, and soon it will be HER turn.

JEAN FRIEZNER just received her Private Pilot's license and is getting checked out in her own Beech Muskeeter.

SAN GABRIEL CHAPTER

Dorothy Foxon, Reporter

The potluck meeting, held at the home of DOROTHY FOXON and MARJORIE SCHULTZ, revealed that the San Gabriel members pretty well covered the United States, Canada, and Alaska on flying vacations. Mexico will be included this month with DOROTHY GEDDES and SHIRLEY GILMORE going to Guadalajara. CHARLENE VERNON represented the 99 by aiding the Brackett Field CAP Group in transporting visiting pilots from Brackett Field to the Los Angeles County Fair. VIRGINIA WEGENER and MARILYN NORTON teamed up again for the Jim Long Race. Suffice to say they beat their husbands. CHARLENE VERNON, entered the Jim Long, her first race—good practice for later races says she. POLLY STEHR attended AOPA Plantation Party at Palm Springs, and back again the following week-end to celebrate her 76 year young birthday with ZADIE. By the way, POLLY also was interviewed on "An Afternoon with BILL KEANE." NORMA WILCOX is instructing at El Monte Airport. Congratulations to ISABELL OWENS on her Instrument rating. Says she is "glad it's behind and not ahead." Plans are going ahead for our December Toy meeting — Toys for Needy Children. November—A fly-in to New Cuyama. After an unusual week of blue, blue sky, November 3 brought special VFR. VIRGINIA AND MARILYN in a 150 and MARGE, CHARLENE, and DOT in a Skylane braved it and had a lovely luncheon at the Cuyama Buckhorn after an enjoyable flight up.

TUCSON CHAPTER

Dorothy Jenkins, Reporter

It has been said that, when you want something done, ask the busiest person you know to do it. However, I've always thought there must, somewhere, be a saturation point. There must be, and, I guess, we found it, for PAT NOLEN sent out an SOS, and I am attempting to carry on for her.

Our annual Penny-a-Pound Party was a huge success, held again at PAT and TRULY NOLEN'S beautiful, spacious home. We are ever grateful for their gracious hospitality. Every one present reported a happy time.

December 10 was the date of our fly-in to Nogales, Arizona. Five planes

and about 20 people showed up at Nogales Airport, from which we were driven to Nogales, Sonora, for Christmas shopping. When we all were picked up, loaded with packages, and hungry, we were driven back for a delicious lunch of Mexican food at FRAN FRANCIS'. Her new home is lovely and is situated on the most strategic hilltop in the Nogales, Arizona area, from which there is a marvelous view of the scenery on both sides of the international border. To top off a good day, the weather was perfect.

PATSY BROOKS is the latest to upgrade her license — with a brand new Instrument rating.

We have a delightful new member, VINA SOUTHAM, who is here from Canada for an indefinite stay. She is a distinct addition to our Chapter.

UTAH CHAPTER

Lucile Christopherson, Reporter

As this NEWS goes to press, Christmas will be a thing of the past . . . but to all our friends we want to say

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... Have a wonderful new year!!

November 12th, we celebrated our anniversary party at Bratten Cafeteria. It was highlight of the year. We renewed friendships and exchanged flying experiences.

ALBERTA NICHOLSON, SALLY WELLS, and NANCY REULING, were invited to attend the Annual Flight Inspector's Refresher course, sponsored by the Utah State Aeronautics Commission at the FAA offices in Salt Lake. It was reported to be a most interesting three days for the girls. About 60% of the Flight Instructors of the state were in attendance. Friday evening, December 2nd, all who had attended the Seminar were honored at the Banquet by receiving their "graduation certificates." GOVERNOR RAMPTON, of the state of Utah, was also in attendance at the banquet.

Saturday, December 3, our annual Christmas party was held at the President's Suite of the Hotel Newhouse. The following were in attendance: The DON BECKSTRANDS, HOOPER KNOWLTONS, OLIVER RICHARDS of

Ogden, RONALD LAVINS, JOHN STREETERS, DONALD MACKEYS, NORMAN ANDREASONS, KAY BEERS and her date, ELOISE WILCOX and her Flight Instructor, WAYNE SIMPSON, and BARBARA BARLOW (husband was out of town) and her father, MR. FINLEY WILKINSON. It was a fabulous affair in the most elegant of surroundings . . . the food was superb!

GINI STREETER flew to Idaho in a Cessna 150 to return one of her husband's pilots to his hometown. GINI, JOHN, and the twins also enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with GINI'S mother and sister in San Francisco. They returned to Salt Lake via San Diego (where they enjoyed some ocean swimming, and Las Vegas where they mixed a little business with pleasure. GINI was able to log about five hours in their Twin Bonanza.

Our weather has been reasonably good during November and early December which enabled many of our members to get out and log additional time. BARBARA BARLOW flew to the Trailer Show in Los Angeles with her husband in their Travel Aire. MARGE MACKEY has been logging additional time through practicing touch and goes in their Travel Aire. KAY BEER, our newest 99 member, flew as co-pilot to Phoenix in a Cherokee and showed off her newly acquired skills as a Private Pilot to our last year's Chairman, ALBERTA NICHOLSON.

ELOISE WILCOX has acquired one-fourth of an airplane, she reports . . . she claims the tail section and that it is in excellent condition.

Two of our members, CARYL KNOWLTON and MAUREEN RICHARDS, have been able to attend classes at the university. CARYL has been taking harmony work and MAUREEN music and psychology.

MARGE MACKEY and her husband flew to Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Lake Powell for a few days on business and pleasure.

ALBERTA and her husband were not able to be with the group at the Christmas party due to the fact that they had been invited to take part in an Aviation Celebrity Dinner held in California. On the way to this meeting, they returned their son to his base camp in Pendleton Oregon.

Our Utah Chapter is extremely proud of one of our members who has piled rating upon rating. The latter part of October NANCY REULING obtained

ed her Flight Instructor rating and still she is pushing ahead. Congratulations, NANCY.

SUE ELLIS and her husband, HAGUE, spent several days in Denver at the Piper convention.

Those of you who enjoy blue skies and warm sunshine this time of year—fly a bit extra for us who live in this mountain region!

Lots of luck and see you next month.



Margaret Kentley, Reporter

Here it is, 1967! A very happy New Year to you all. I always feel so sorry for you who live in the Northern Hemisphere spending these festive seasons in the cold, while we, the South Africans, and South Americans, revel in our mid-summer.

NANCY LEEBOLD returned from her trip at the invitation of the USA Government, saw everything she could in the time available and has now been elected President of the Australian Institute of Navigation. HELEN BLACKBURN's 49½er has been appointed Chief Justice of the Northern Territory. The girls in Adelaide will miss her if she goes to live in Darwin, but the girls there will be glad to see her. At the moment she is recuperating from a bout of Chicken-Pox.

BARBARA SELBY BROWN is on a 7 week tour of South America, but hopes to return to the States to be with us in Washington next July. MARIE RICHARDSON has given up flying the six seater stuff and has joined a small group owning an old Tripper — the hours mount up more quickly in the Log Book! On a long week-end recently with her 49½, she flew several hundred miles to visit GRACE CAVANAGH on her sheep station, got weathered-in, and both were 2 days late getting back to work. JOAN BROWN tied for the first place, against all-comers, to win the Airlines of N.S.W. Cup for the highest aggregate of marks over the year for non-aerobatic competitions. She also won the trophies for "landing to the mark" and "blind circuit". This is the first time a woman has won this cup in Australia.

Recently I had a wonderful trip to Alice Springs in the heart of the Central Australian Desert. 15 of us, in 3 Cherokees and one C182, flew over 3000 miles in 7 days. There were 3 birthdays on the trip (one at least, was genuine) and all were celebrated in champagne! We didn't exactly expect to find campers at a tiny desert railway—siding town of only 60 people, hundreds of miles from nowhere, called Oodnadatta. The Alice is another story, 2000 tourists each day sleep in that little town in the winter!

ROSEMARY ARNOLD has been on 2 TV shows lately, one in Sydney, with ANNETTE MURPHY, N.S.W. President of the Australian Women Pilots Assoc., and JUDY LORDING — a panel had to guess which of the 3 was the helicopter pilot. One man said ROSEMARY couldn't be the pilot because her long blond hair wouldn't go under a helmet—ROSEMARY says she puts it in her handbag with her eyelashes!! The second show was in Brisbane with PEG KELMAN, OLGA TARLING and JOAN TRUDGETT, the Queensland Officebearers of A.W.P.A., for a TV Newsreel. While there, ROSEMARY had her first ride in a Bell Helicopter and OLGA had her first half hour instruction. OLGA would dearly love to fly it but for the cost. SHIRLEY ANDERSON and OLGA appeared on a TV show, "I Have a Secret"—their secret being that they are the only 2 female A.T.C. Officers. They could have added that they were the A.T.C. Radar Operators on duty in Sydney and Brisbane respectively when both had the honour of bringing in Air Force 1, carrying President Johnson around the Pacific.

We were very pleased to see JEAN and LLOYD BONAR from All Ohio, here for the Pan-Pacific Surgeons' Conference, and MARIA and NUGGET GROSTETTE from Albuquerque and their friend MARY O'KELLY. I was able to take them to the Annual Presentation of Trophies at the Royal Aero Club of N.S.W. We did enjoy their stay and they certainly enjoyed the Koala Bears and Kangaroos in the Sanctuary, and the Gem Stones at Surfers. Owing to the Qantas Pilots' Strike, CLARA ALDRICH and her 49½ had to miss their visit here on their way home to San Diego after 18 months in India, but the visit from KAY BRICK—Greater New York—has been wonderful. KAY co-piloted the delivery flight across the Pacific

Ocean, of the first Air Ambulance Beechcraft. NANCY WALTON has been mainly responsible for raising the money to buy this aircraft to carry seriously ill patients from distant Country Centers to specialist hospitals and specialist doctors, instead of the patient having to travel many hours by road ambulance or pay for 5 seats to put a stretcher in an airline. The scheme will be financed on a co-operative system, with many thousands of people each paying \$6.00 per year and thereby having the right to free use of this aircraft if they are ever in great need. Our present, very efficient St. John's Ambulance Service is financed largely by thousands of people who each pay \$2.00 a year and thereby have the right to a free service whenever they need a road ambulance. KAY has had a wonderful trip around Eastern Australia, staying with 99s and members of A.W.P.A. in each city. She was at our Christmas Party around NANCY WALTON's swimming pool and later showed us the wonderful Amelia Earhart Stamp Film. KAY was in Canberra at the Aero Club when Their Excellencies LORD and LADY CASEY opened the new Club House. In Melbourne she stayed with FRED THOMPSON and ESTHER MATHER flew her to Adelaide where she stayed with KATH SUTHERLAND. In Tasmania JEAN HACKMAN looked after her and in Brisbane PEG KELMAN flew her up to Linderman Island in the Great Barrier Coral Reef. She might even get to the South Pole yet!

Cheerio.

BRITISH SECTION

Janet Ferguson, Reporter

Our big event of the year is now behind us. Well over 100 guests joined us at the Royal Aero Club for our Thanksgiving Eve Party, and our dear friend LADY BRABAZON was guest of honour. Other distinguished guests included SIR GORDON TAYLOR and BRIAN MONKTON, both well-known aviation figures in Australia, and DR. STANLEY MOHLER of the Office of Aviation Medicine in Washington D.C.,

not to mention CAROL KOCZON from the Garden State Chapter! LADY BRAZON presented two awards at the party: the SIR ALAN COBHAM AWARD to our Governor SHEILA SCOTT for her record-breaking world flight — a very popular presentation needless to say — and an AMELIA EARHART medal awarded by the British Section to BETTY CONES in recognition of all her hard work as co-founder, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Section. At the same time, SHEILA was presented with a silver cigarette box from her Section. The box was engraved with her round-the-world route and the signature of the donors.

A warm welcome to three new British Section members: JOAN ARCHER, DELPHINE GRAY-FISK, and DAPHNE POYNTER. Details about these girls will be included in our February report.

SHEILA SCOTT has reported on her recent visit to the U.S. and Canada . . . Piper Aircraft were wonderful hosts to her . . . a great pleasure meeting so many Ninety-Nine friends again, members of the New York Section including Governor DORIS RENNINGER and JUDY VOM SAAL, who met SHEILA at Kennedy Airport, RHODA FLEMING from Australia, FRAN BERA and BERNICE STEADMAN at the Piper Convention, CHARLOTTE DODSON, who was to have been SHEILA's co-pilot in the Powder Puff Derby. SHEILA says "CHARLOTTE flew in from Portland just to spend a few days with me, which I greatly appreciated". Our Governor is presently very busy with public appearances—lectures, TV and radio—and has recently won yet another award for her world flight. The Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators Award of Merit was presented to her by Prince Philip at the Guild's banquet. Our best congratulations to her!

Other news briefly: YVONNE POPE has been "promoted" to Captain for some flights with Morton Air Services. At the moment this applies only to service flights in the Dove, but it's a step in the right direction and would never have happened in the pre-pilot-shortage days! BERYL SANDERS met MARIAN HART recently in Helsinki. BERYL was flying for Dan Air and MARIAN was in the midst of one of her many globe-trotting flights in her Bonanza. THEA ADAMS has sold her Auster to pay for a Twin-Engine rat-

ing, and thus equipped she will fly as co-pilot (unpaid) of an executive twin to build up hours for her British Commercial. The only way to "get round" the current regulations which demand a full-time 12-month approved course for the Commercial (costing over 8000) is to get 700 hours and then the written exams and flight tests may be taken without the pre-requisite of the approved course. Finally, I had a second ferry flight in November from U.K. to New Zealand as co-pilot of a Bristol Freighter (once again using my new U.S. ratings). Like the last one, a trouble-free ride.

SOUTH AFRICAN SECTION

A flying background report of another of the new South African members, INGRID HEINZ.

"First lesson in April, 1963 in a Colt at Johannesburg Light Plane Club. No previous air experience except a flight when immigrating to South Africa in 1951 and one in a Ju 52 in 1946.

After obtaining the Private Pilot's

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License, I had to find some way to log my hours. I, therefore, flew from A to B—any licensed aerodrome—so long as I could share the expenses with three passengers. The flying side was all the happiness in the world and the reward for the trouble to get three passengers who wanted to fly with a female, without any cancellations on the evening prior to flight—that was it. Anyway, I got them and also my hours. I started with 2 hour flights around the Reef for overseas visitors and other people but soon found out that it was easier to get passengers to the coast or Victoria Falls.

No trophies, not participated in any race, hardly any aerobatics, the conversions were expensive enough. Worked on week-ends.

I am a qualified nurse and now a Private Secretary. If somebody should ever want me to do a flight to Europe etc., I go without hesitation."



CONNECTICUT CHAPTER Ruth P. Buckley, Reporter

Our Christmas party was decorated by a soft and silvery fog. As PRILL commented, "It was one of the thicker ones to come along in a long time". The Christmas party was a lively success. Our holiday hosts were EVELYN and DICK MURCH. As it was established, the celebration of the Advent-Christmas season has taken us into the homes of our members. Here the joys and flavor of a Connecticut style Christmas remain around the heart and hearth. We are a growing Chapter! And we may have to look back upon the other Chapter celebrations in the homes of CHRIS, PEG and MARY with sentimental nostalgia as we most proudly enlarge the membership. EVIE was aided by her lovely children. DICK welcomed all from the foggy outside world.

Sharing the yuletide gladness were PEG and DON DAVIDSON, TETA and BOB GUNTHER and visiting GUNTHERS, MARY and KEN HORTON, BUD and CYNTHIA KEMPER, PRILL and LEE LOVERIDGE, and BABS and CLIFF McALEENAN. We were very pleased to have two proposed members with us KAY LITTON and MARY NEAL. We hope that they and their husbands enjoyed themselves at our party. If I have my names correct, I believe MARY and CYNTHIA are alumni of Principia. Christmas in Guilford will always be remembered.

Our Chairman, PRILL LOVERIDGE, extends the Chapter's best wishes to all Ninety-Nine Chapters for a successful season.

Concerning the IAR—the International Air Race from Montreal to Florida held in May, Hartford has been accepted as first stop. U.S. entry city. The Connecticut Chapter will be there. Plans are very flexible at this Dec. date.

Greetings to LORRAINE JENSIC, our new member.

JERRY GARDINER is researching airport beautification. Connecticut could be moving along to a flowery future.

Let's hope the fog has had its day, and the weather conditions display

CAVU for January 10, our next business meeting to be held at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Jeanne K. Bennett, Reporter

For a Chapter embracing three states and having only 16 members, we feel we are a mighty active group. Our officers were elected at an annual meeting held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Aviation Association in Twin Mountain, N.H. with the following named to office: BEVERLY SHORES, Chairman; JEAN BATCHELDER, Vice-Chairman; JEANNE BENNETT, Secretary and Reporter; and LOIS CHESTERLEY, Treasurer. Most important of all, our former Chairman, ALMA GALLAGHER SMITH (MRS. LARRY) of Laconia, became our New England Section Governor at rather interesting installation procedures at Lawrence, Mass., Oct. 8.

A Chapter meeting was held Nov. 12 at the Laconia Airport, homeport for our Governor, Chairman, and Vice-Chairman, which generated a number of plans. Our two new members were present, JOANNE DECKER of Post Mills, Vt., and PAT MACK of Orford, N.H.

Meetings through March were scheduled with the December meeting the 10th at Lebanon Regional Airport where JEANNE BENNETT will be hostess, being office manager at the 'port. She will also be the speaker for the day when she tells of co-pilot time on the last AWTAR which she flew with pilot PAT JONES of the Eastern New England Chapter. Both PAT and JEANNE are making plans to be there again in '67.

Tentative is a ski-meeting at Stowe, Vt., heart of the fabulous Northeast ski country for February and a visit to the FAA Control Center in Nashua. This reporter has already visited the Center, and announcing herself as a pilot, was well received, highly enlightened, and encouraged by our "watchful brothers."

JOANNE DECKER, one of our new members, mentioned that there are a number of women flying out of her airport, a small field in Post Mills, Vt.—possible 99 members.

With weather being typically Northern New England — bad, but wait a minute — LOIS CHESTERLEY, JOANNE DECKER, and new member

PAT MACK, editor of The Flying Yankee magazine, all flew to the meeting.

HOPE RIEHLE of Burlington, Vt., called to tell us that the only reason she couldn't make it was the advent of a new son!

Also present in Laconia was MADELINE BLIDBERG.



LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

Honey Kate Trattler, Reporter

December has been a mighty busy month—on the 4th, Long Island Chapter helped stage a fashion show (presented along with a new aircraft exhibit) at Long Island-MacArthur airport. ELLIE McCULLOUGH set everything up, with the aid of THELMA HUTTNER, who provided the fashions (from The Klothes Horse, her East Islip shop). Suitable flying and apres-flying gear was shown, and among the models were JEAN GLICK and her daughter and HONEY KATE TRATTLER. MARION-ALICE WYATT, ANNA DIETRICH, HELEN MOXIM and a sturdy crew helped zip and unzip.

Following this was a Christmas party on Friday evening, the 9th. MARGE GRAY arranged all at the Continental Restaurant in Syosset—and she did a fine job. Fifty odd attended — and among our guests were GOVERNOR KAY HILLBRANDT and former GOVERNOR DORIS RENNINGER. There was good food, lively dancing, gifts for all and a delightful holiday warmth—all in all a pretty nice way to warm up for the coming season and our own family doings.



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Kate Macario, Reporter

The November meeting was held at the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton Airport and just about everybody flew in. RUSTY STAHLEY hopped over from the Bethlehem-Easton Airport, where she is employed and MARILYN MERTZ (her second meeting) from nearby Queen City Airport, where she writes for Aviation News . . . HELEN PRICE (who has tried Sky Diving)

and BARBARA FARQUHARSON flew in with ELAINE McGARRY (her second meeting also) from Burlington Co. Airport. ELAINE has exchanged her 172 for a Comanche 180. Her husband is a Flight Engineer for Capital Airways and her son instructs while a student at Oklahoma U. . . . Busy BETH STURTEVANT joined ALICE MEISENHEIMER (artist and ferry pilot) for the flight in the Navion . . . NANCY DIEMAND brought LIBBY DUVAL from Central Bucks Airport for her second meeting in the DIEMAND Bonanza. LIBBY and her husband own a Cherokee 180 and are planning to take off for the Bahamas next week . . . MARIE D'ALTERIO and KATE MACARIO flew in with JOYCE ROGGIO . . . ANNE SHIELDS and HELEN ZUBROW (back from the Michigan SMALL race in which they flew a Cessna 150) brought the projector needed for the highlight of this meeting, the film "The Stamp of Friendship" which our members decided to purchase for the Chapter. This film of Amelia Earhart is invaluable and we feel that many local organizations will welcome its use. (Have you read FRED GOERNER's "The Search for Amelia Earhart"? It's a must for every 99.)

FLORENCE WALSH and JUDY MELTSNER, representing the Garden State Chapter, flew in from Lakewood Airport N.J. (run by ED and FLORENCE WALSH) to give us a pep talk on the Race Start at Atlantic City. JUDY is Chairman of the 1967 AWTAR Start and is seeking assistance from the nearby Chapters. While our Section is committed to the Convention in Washington the week before the race, many of the girls did offer to help wherever they could.

JUDY and FLORENCE recently attended a course on engines offered by the Lycoming Service School near Williamsport, Pa. They were more than enthusiastic over it and recommended the course for anyone who is able to go. Among the seven girls who attended that week were MARGE BRYANT, one of our newer members, and JOAN BERTLES, a prospective one.

To backtrack a little: October was our Sectional meeting and was held at Williamsport by the Central Pa. Chapter. Since this will be well covered by other Chapters in their own columns, I'll just add a few items. I R E N E WIRTSCHAFTER, MARIE D'ALTERIO, and KATE MACARIO ar-

rived Friday evening to enjoy the tour of the Lycoming plant and the party which followed at the Lycoming Hotel. MERLE CHALOW skooted over from Bucknell U. where she is a Senior, to join us Saturday for the meeting and luncheon. Despite the IFR weather, quite a few arrived and every Chapter of the Section was represented. (Your reporter is grateful to SELMA and HAROLD BRANDE, in their twin-Comanche, for delivering her to Phila. Int. Airport, Sat. night, IFR.) Central Pennsylvania Chapter is to be commended for their hospitality and the efficient preparation that made this Sectional a success.

Sat., Nov. 5th, ELSIE McBRIDE, BARBARA FARQUHARSON, JOYCE ROGGIO, and KATE MACARIO, in the ROGGIO's Baron, flew to the Washington Chapter meeting and dinner at the home of ADELE COTTON. It had been requested at the Sectional that all Chapters send representatives to this meeting so that assignments for the Convention could be delegated to the Chapters and they would know exactly for what they were to be responsible. This will help to distribute some of the work needed to be done in advance of the Convention.

BARBARA and BILL MORRISON with CASS and SAM BASTINELLI winged their way to Wichita to attend the Flying Farmers Workshop in November . . . MERLE CHALOW, with a week off from school, is flying the Aero Commander 200 to the Bahamas to make another film for CBS. Her co-pilot is ANDREA MILLER, daughter of MITCH . . . ALICE MEISENHEIMER is busy these days preparing for our Christmas Party, December 2nd at Schillig's Black Horse Farm, Mt. Ephraim, N.J.



ALABAMA CHAPTER Donna Willard, Reporter

We celebrated the coming of December with a Christmas party. The husbands were special guests, so we asked BETTY McNABB if she would join us and officiate at their initiation into the 49½er club. She did, and JEFF BEELAND, CECIL HALSTEAD, DON WILLARD, PAUL DICKERSON,

PHILIP PETERS, RICHARD MAY, LEW FERRELL, RUSS VAUGHN, EUGENE HEILPERN, and ROBERT WALKER all took the pledge. The twinkles in the eyes of the wives made me think that perhaps every 99 present was planning to make her 49½er live up to that pledge.

NANCY BEELAND won the ETA Trophy for the fifth time. How can you beat someone who misses her time by only four seconds? Congratulations, that's good flying NANCY.

PENNY DICKERSON, our new member, reports that she is enjoying her job at Huntsville Aviation. She is not getting in much time in the air, but plenty of hangar flying. PENNY had her first ride in a helicopter. She got a chance to handle the controls and recommends that anyone who has a chance, give it a try.

ELISE HEILPERN missed our November meeting, but she had a good excuse. She was vacationing and working in Europe. ELISE took advantage of the four day holiday at Thanksgiving, and spent the time in New Orleans eating Brennans marvelous food instead of her own turkey. She is planning on flying to New Jersey for Christmas with her daughter and grandchildren.

Our newest member, SANDY WALKER, has been busy flying the 140 and 160 Cherokees at Montgomery and the Cessna 172 at Maxwell-Gunter Aero Club. She's trying to stay current in all.

BETTY McNABB reports that she is kept very busy instructing. No matter how busy BETTY is, she always finds time to join the CAP on a search and rescue mission. Her latest search was in Milwaukee.

KATHLEEN VAUGHN and her 49½er RUSS, took a four-day trip to Freeport, Grand Bahama. This was their first flight using an International Flight Plan. On the way back, they hit 50 mph headwinds and turbulence. KATHLEEN said that it took them 4½ hours and 33 gallons of gas to travel 250 miles in their Cessna Skyhawk. Why don't winds like that ever seem to be tailwinds? Maybe some of you out there have experienced strong tailwinds. How about telling us about it in the next newsletter? KATHLEEN said that the weather in Freeport was beautiful and they lounged on the beach for two days in 85-degree temperatures.

You all come South for the winter, ya heah?

Ed. note: See Georgia Chapter report for Petticoat Derby write-up.

FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER

Kay Alpaugh, Reporter

Suncoast Chapter of the Ninety-Nines flew to Brooksville, Florida for their November 9 meeting. THELMA DAWSON of Brooksville was our hostess.

Discussions were held on WAYS & MEANS and events for the coming year. Without the Terminus of the Powder Puff Derby in this year's events, the meeting was understandably short. We had 15 members and guest present.

Our next meeting will be December 14th at FAY BLACKSTONE's ranch — south of Sun City.

GEORGIA CHAPTER

Betty W. McNabb, Reporter

I hope Editor PEG does better with some of her news reporters than she did with me last month. After completing my copy and mailing it in, I received a format on how it should be done. And nearly everything I had done—was wrong. Hope this one is better.

Georgia Ninety Nines met at Jekyll Island in December—oh, that's a lovely spot — Comanche'd in: Chairman CAROLYN and BIFF KENNEDY. Bonanza: BETTY McNABB, CAROL LOWERY and young JODY. Cessna: BETTY JO ALLISON and SKIP, and ELLEN CASWELL. Both 49½ers ALLISON and CASWELL are Air Traffic Controllers at Hampton, Ga. Guest of MYRTLE CAGLE, who had to cancel out because her little girl was ill, was WILMA HURLEY of Macon, with husband and young son. Both WILMA and her husband are student pilots — they run a Chinchilla ranch in Macon, and have two or three others, one in their home base of Omaha, Nebraska. Don't flying folks do interesting things!

Your columnist Bonanza'd over to Montgomery, Alabama, with her father, F. B. WOOD of Panama City, to make the 49½er initiation presentation for the Alabama Chapter in December. It was fun and we think the 49½ers enjoyed it as much as we did.

At that point MARION MAY and DONNA WILLARD reminded us that we had promised to write up the Petticoat Derby. Frankly, we thought they were going to do it. So now we'll



First and Second Place winners in the 1966 Flying Petticoat Derby. L. to R. JEAN LANE, pilot, with her daughter CATHY co-pilot; LAVINIA SPILLMAN, pilot, and co-pilot ALLENE HOWELL. JEAN and LAVINIA are Ninety-Nines.

tell all about it, for it was a real ball and next year we hope there will be many, many more participants.

The Flying Petticoats are some three dozen women in the Huntsville area. Many of them are engineers at the space center, while a number are student pilots. Some are Ninety Nines, some are not. They have an active group and accomplish a good deal — upgrading of pilot proficiency, attendance at ground school sessions and aviation - oriented lectures, sponsorship and curriculum teaching of a Wing Scout group, orientation of nonflying people, fly-outs, and the annual Flying Petticoat Derby, now in its third year.

This is a short (180-200 miles) proficiency race in which estimated leg-time, overall time, and fuel consumption are the factors. Prizes and trophies are unique in that the copilot receives a duplicate. Prize money is not tremendous, but there are leg prizes for each of the three legs; first, second, and third place trophies and small cash prizes, and a spot-landing trophy that's a beauty.

It is not only a proficiency race but
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definitely a fun-race and I for one, plan to race again next year if at all possible.

Winners: First Place: JEAN LANE and daughter CATHY. Second went to LAVINIA SPILLMAN and ALLENE HOWELL of Fayetteville, Tenn., third place BETTY McNABB and HOLLY SMITH of Albany, Ga., and fourth place DICEY MILLER and DOTTY EPPS. The aircraft: Cessna, Chero-

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kee, Bonanza and Mooney in that order.

DICEY MILLER and DOTTY EPPS won every leg but to the joy of other contestants were allowed to accept only one leg prize. The Mooney's unbelievable economy fooled them on fuel consumption, or they would have made a better overall showing.

PEGGY HAYES was General Chair-

man and worked extremely hard — and then there was a mix-up in the fuel percentages that broke her heart, but we hope it won't dampen the ardor of the Petticoats to hold the race again next year. We want to go and take our friends.

Incumbent Top Petticoat is JEAN LANE.

Dear patient Editor — please mention in the Alabama column that their lovely race is written up in Georgia notes.

"Roger."

MEMPHIS CHAPTER Ann Hatten, Reporter

The four torches marking the Four Flames Restaurant were our beacon for the December meeting. When the master list was checked "ayes" were heard from ROSEMARY WILLIAMS, JOANN HALL, TRIS BUCHANAN, POLLY DUNCAN, JOSEY HOWSER (expecting a new model off the assembly line any moment), VIRGINIA PROCTOR, LINDA ARNOLD, JUNE PENTECOST, MARTHA TOBEY, INA WALKER, HILDA SAVAGE, (Welcome back, HILDA!), JERRY BAKER, LOYCE O'NEAL, HAZEL WAGNER (a student pilot and welcome guest), and DIXIE SHEPPARD. Just after the entree and before the parfait, LOYCE O'NEAL volunteered some helpful hints on how to make a wheels-up landing in a Mooney Super 21 and would you believe she did just that a few weeks ago at West Memphis? Eyewitnesses said it was a masterful letdown with minimal damage. For excitement, LOYCE took the Commercial written exam and is awaiting results. The luncheon finale was supplied by a most delightful personality, MRS. MARTHA TURLEY JACK, Coordinator and Crew Chief at the Memphis FAA Control Center, who in addition to her informative remarks on VFR Flight Following Service presented a new FAA film release "Airport Lighting." Narrated by DANNY KAYE, this movie illustrates types of runway lights and details a strong argument for lighting the small to intermediate size suburban airport.

Congratulations to VIRGINIA PROCTOR, who under the successful instruction of 49½er MIKE WALKER, has left the ranks of the Private Pilot and can now fly for hire. It was also her pleasure to reveal at the last meeting that she and EVERETT have acquired a 1965 Skyhawk.

TRIS BUCHANAN is also awaiting results of her Commercial written exam. This Christmas rush does slow down the mail service.

JUNE and BEN PENTECOST flew to Albuquerque, New Mexico and weather proved a nuisance at the pass leading to their final destination.

LINDA ARNOLD has taken the helm of the committee on Aero Space Education. LINDA is a geography graduate student at Memphis State University and I'll bet she has those sectionals memorized. JUNE PENTECOST is doing a fine job in the Publicity line. INA WALKER has taken over Air Marking and HILDA SAVAGE is covering Flying Activities. TRIS BUCHANAN with scissor and paste will keep our Scrapbook apace.

Next month's meeting will be held at the Naval Air Station, Millington, Tennessee. Sorry girls, we couldn't get the Blue Angels.

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER Lucille Wolfe, Reporter

Rush! Rush! Just returned from the monthly meeting in Natchez, Miss. with MIRIAM LOE, NITA STAHLMAN, and EMILY KELLY as hostesses. In spite of a ceiling of 2-300 feet which did not lift until 11:00 A.M. we had a very good attendance and much needed business and "hangar flying" was taken care of. DOT ETHERIDGE, Chairman, was in charge and brought prospective 99, C O R K Y GREENLEE with her and picked up MARGARET SHIPLEY in Greenwood. BERNICE KELLEY and ETHEL RADCEWICZ motored in from Jackson; as did PAT WARD and her two daughters from Baton Rouge, La. Although PAT and others of our good Mississippi Chapter members defected some time to form their own Chapter in Louisiana and join the South-Central Section, we always welcome her and any others back with open arms. JANET GREEN, Ocean Springs and small son flew in on IFR flight plan and JANET commented she was pleasantly surprised to find that in 15 minutes the ceiling went from about 300 feet to 3500 feet just outside Natchez and she arrived VFR. LUCILLE WOLFE, Greenville, arrived with prospective 99, PEGGY McKIE, as her guest. LUCILLE WHEELER was also very busy helping MIRIAM, NITA, and EMILY with the meeting. She rushed from the meeting to the Art

Exhibit where she had two of her paintings on display.

Most of our meeting surrounded plans for the forthcoming Southeast Section meeting (Spring meeting) which will be held in Natchez, Miss. May 5, 6 and 7, 1967. The Natchez girls have big things in store for that Sectional meeting. More on this will be coming later—but! everyone mark your calendar for that week-end because we are sure none of you will want to miss this!

Congratulations to DOT ETHERIDGE on her nomination from our Chapter for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award. DOT has flown the Powder Puff twice, flies aerobatics and is in process of building or rebuilding (it's work anyway) a clipped wing cub. Also, DOT writes an aviation column for the local paper and will soon have an article published in the trade magazine, "Aerial Applications", all about Delta agricultural flying.

Our next meeting will be December 10th in Jackson with ETHEL planning a two day affair with Christmas party on Saturday night. Ya'll come—it will be a ball! BERNICE said she wanted no credit, but you can bet she'll be helping!

Our members are still getting around the country — one way or another! BERNICE has been back to California —to by comemrcial flight and fro by Corvair "car". BERNICE, after going to the Bahamas with ETHEL in a Cessna 150, why drive to or fro California? I agree with her never again by car. JANET has been getting around everywhere — Houston, Baton Rouge, California and Clarksville, Arkansas. MARGARET has been to Jackson with a friend on a shopping trip and to Memphis with PEGGY McCORMICK. PEGGY couldn't make the meeting today because she is Directing the Little Theatre play "Our Town". JEAN HODGES flew her husband to Twinkletown Airport, Memphis, on a business trip. LUCILLE WOLFE and PEGGY McKIE participated in the recent Dallas Doll Derby and reported they were "royally welcomed" in Dallas and had a grand time renewing old friendships and making new friends. MIRIAM has been getting around, too — Nashville, Houston and I forgot where else.

A big welcome to our newest "in process" member, EMILY KELLY. We have a place for her as well as

anyone who wishes to join us. We know she will be a good worker. EMILY has a commercial license and just returned from a flight to Mexico.

Another of our newest members, LOIS BELL, is sporting a shiny new red and white Cherokee 180 and I understand working on a new rating. Good luck, LOIS. We are always proud to see our members upgrade their ratings.

MARGARET, JEAN, PEGGY, DOT, and LUCILLE are all working on instrument ratings that I know of now.

Rush! Rush! Have 30 minutes to type this and get it in the mail so Peg won't leave us out of this issue — or at least we hope not. Maybe she is a day late, too!

Ed. note: She was on time—would you believe??

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