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President's Column

It doesn't seem possible 1/6th of 1967 has already gone. It seems only yesterday I was enjoying all the notes and cards from you, thinking how nice the Christmas season is, being thankful for living in the Southwest where the sun always (?) shines . . . then I am brought back to the reality of the speed of time when my calendar date for another column shows forth!

Communications have really been flying the past few weeks regarding the International Convention to be held in Washington, D.C. the last week in June. Some pro, some con. Each definite in their ideas.

I believe one thing should be made Board approves the convention dates clear; the Ninety Nines Executive

and location; the hostess Section or Chapter is responsible for the activities which they feel will be responsible for a successful convention. But, let me remind you, the final success of the convention depends on YOU. HELEN SHROPSHIRE has a cute ending for each of her letters and I thought I would pass it on to you . . . "Happiness is a 99 project" . . . how true that is. If we are busy accomplishing, we are happy!

Several chapters have already entered into the plans for the convention; they have their pictures; they are planning on entertaining one of the overseas members as they tour our U.S.A.; some have the Governor's proclamation for International night. For those of you who don't feel you can participate in the plans . . . please help by being there. We do look forward to seeing you all in Washington. I might add also, plans are progressing for the 1968 Convention in Van Nuys . . . New York is working on 1969 . . . Plan ahead!!

Would like to say a little bit about GROWTH THRU COMMUNICATION. We have several new chapters in the making and all came about through communications. We want our organization to grow and the best way is to talk about it, be helpful when women question a 99, and be ready to help when you can.

You must not forget to send in your nominations for International Offices. This is the time you have the opportunity for selecting leadership. If you don't nominate, don't complain!

Be sure to attend your Spring Section meetings . . . fly lots and have fun!

Sincerely
Alice

Coming Events

March 1 DEADLINE
International Officers Nominations

April 7, 8, 9
Australian Annual Convention
Brisbane, Queensland

April 14-16
South Central Sectional
Camelot Inn
Tulsa, Oklahoma

May 5, 6, and 7, 1967
North Central Spring Sectional
Peoria, Illinois

May 24, 25, 26, 1967
All Women's International Air Race
"Angel Derby"

Montreal, Quebec, Canada
to Miami, Florida, USA

June 28-July 2, 1967
International Convention
Washington, D.C.

July 8, 1967
AWTAR
Atlantic City, N. J. to
Torrance, Calif.

Sept. 15, 16, and 17, 1967
North Central Fall Sectional
Pheasant Run Inn
(adjacent to DuPage Airport, Ill.)

October 21, 1967
Fairladies Annual
Indiana Race
Bloomington, Indiana

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Sorry my home phone was left out of the roster . . . Come see us!

MYSTERY OF THE 'LOST' JANUARY NEWS SOLVED!

In a nutshell . . . the postal requirement of a ZIP number on all bulk mail was the culprit. Over 1600 new stencils had to be cut, the mailing list rearranged according to ZIP, etc. Believe the problem is squared away now and it actually should speed the NEWS to you in the future . . . we all certainly hope so!

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CORRECTIONS OF THE 1966-67 ROSTER

A few 'goofs' slipped into the new roster inspite of all efforts. Know you will want to correct them immediately so here they are:

pg 2 International Officer—Vice President

DONNA'S address should show Aurora, Colo. rather than Denver

pg 8 Committee Chairmen—**AE Scholarship**

BETTY GILLIES ZIP Code should be 92067

BRONETA EVANS PO Box 528 and ZIP of 73059

pg 9 **49 1/2 er Records**

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pg 44 Georgia Chapter

B E T T Y McNABB, correct phone is 435-4326; and can be reached weekdays at hospital 436-5741

pg 79 Dallas Chapter

NITA SHUHART, Rt. 2, Box 210 Plano, Tex. 75074, Phone 995-6425

pg. 122 Orange County Chapter

MADINE PARSEL should be 2223 Vista Huerta (not Loreda)

INSIDE COVER

International Headquarters

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February, 1967

Patter by Peg

Did you realize that there were just 906 licensed women pilots in March of 1940? Or that BETTY GILLIES was fighting the "Maternity vs Pilot License" battle with the CAA? Or that the newest Chapters of the 99s were the Florida and the Washington (state) groups? Or that even then the question of "How hazardous is Pylon Racing?" was being asked? All of these points were well covered on a Pilots (F) page written by TEDDY KENYON, one of our 99 Charter Members. The newspaper, "Flying Time" (The Log Book of Aviation) sold for 5c a copy and this particular issue included 16 pages. The Classified Ads list a Pre-Spring Clearance of WACO models, one selling for as little as \$1,195. The

ads record various makes unfamiliar to present day aviation . . . Bird Wright, Fleet, Monocoupe, Pitcairn, Porterfield, etc.

The entire paper was an enlightening peek into the past. It reminded me of Belle Hetzel's remark the first time I met her at my very first Sectional meeting . . . "You girls who fly today don't know what flying is *really* like . . . your warm cockpits, the radio communications, the reliable engines, and the paved strips. You've missed the wind in your hair, the challenge of really navigating by the landmarks, and yes, you've missed the forced landings in the hay fields!"

Time Marches On . . . and aviation's rapid progress certainly is another example . . .

Safe Flyin'
Peg

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June 28 - July 2, 1967



The Shoreham Hotel and Motor Inn, Washington, D.C., site of the 1967 International Convention. In the center is the Starlit Terrace Room. The Motor Inn is beside the pool and in the right hand corner of the picture. The rooms in the hotel will be in the wing nearest the pool and Motor Inn so all the 99s will be in the same area.

The following beautiful prayer was written by REV. RAYMOND T. McKEE of the Redemptorist Fathers of Ligori, Missouri. FATHER McKEE was the originator of "Dial-A-Saint" telephone messages which are spreading all over the U.S. He used this particular prayer at the 25th Anniversary dinner of the Greater St. Louis Chapter. He is a member of the National Association of Flying Fathers.

BENEDICTION

O God, Creator of the world, we pilots feel a kinship with the angels when we fly in peace above the traffic of the world.

We have FAITH in our navigation instruments. Give us faith in the guidance of Your words revealed in Sacred Scripture.

We have HOPE that springs from confidence in our well maintained airplanes and engines. Give us hope in Your powerful protection, to make us realize that Your power is always with us.

Our radios, too, give us hope and a friendly confident feeling that we are not alone in the sky. Make us realize that You, Who provide all these things, are personally present to every call we make to You.

We have a kinship and charitable feeling toward all our fellow pilots. Help us to extend this charity to all our fellow human beings. Help us to use our skills and interest in flying, to further Your kingdom on earth, and in this we will be greatly blessed. Amen.

Deadline Notice

INTERNATIONAL NOMINATIONS!

MARCH 1, 1967

This wonderful organization is YOUR organization! YOUR participation in elections is a great privilege not to be taken lightly. Don't wait until the last moment to include this subject in your business meeting. Choose your candidates with deliberation and care. While it is an honor to be elected to an International office, it is also a great responsibility and a JOB. The following is an outline on how our elections are handled, in the event former members have forgotten — and those important

new members will understand more about us.

Nominations for International Officers for the fiscal year 1967-68 are now in order, and **MUST BE POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1, 1967.** Chapters submit one name for each office in compliance with the following:

1. Candidate must be an active member with current physical.
2. Written consent to serve must accompany nomination, or reference to known acceptance given another Chapter.
3. Candidate's 40-word aviation and 99 history must accompany nomination.
4. Candidate for Nominating Committee shall have been an active 99 for at least the past five years.
5. Candidates may accept nomination for only one office.
6. Nominating Committee members are not eligible as candidates.

All incumbent officers are not eligible for re-election, with the exception of **GENE NORA JESSEN** as Secretary. Unfortunately **GENE NORA JESSEN** has notified the Nominating Committee Chairman that due to personal reasons she will be unable to run for office again this year.

Nominating Committee: Submit one name from YOUR section. Only one name from each section will appear on the ballot as a candidate for the Nominating Committee.

Please submit one name for each office listed below, giving her Chapter, Section and address:

President Secretary
Vice-President Treasurer
Nominating Committee

These names, with their written consent, aviation and 99 history, must be mailed to Chairman, 4901 Winnetka Avenue, Woodland Hills, California 91364, postmarked not later than March 1, 1967.

International Nominating Committee
LOIS MILES, Chairman
MARY CLARK
JEANNE HARLEY
WINIFRED LOVELACE
FREDDA TURRILL

WANTED

More reports, pictures, articles of special interest!

**SEND to PEG ONG,
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WANTED

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AERIAL COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE U. S. A.

The Ninety Nines, Inc. want the most beautiful aerial color photograph of each State and Territory. The prize winning photographs, together with an invitation from each Governor, will be included in the 99s Invitation Folio "SEE THE USA". These handsome Folios, with the invitation to the peoples of the world to visit the USA, will be presented to the overseas 99s who will in turn present them to the representatives of their Governments. A set of these prints will be sent on a world tour under the sponsorship of the U.S. Travel Service. All the prints will carry the name of the photographer.

This contest is open to everyone . . . amateur or professional, and does not limit the contestant to his home State or Territory. Only **aerial** photographs in **color** will be considered. Positive transparencies (including slides) or color negatives may be submitted, but each negative must be accompanied by a print not larger than 8"x10". A maximum of four (4) positive transparencies (including slides) or four (4) color negatives with prints may be submitted and must have been taken within the last three (3) years. Title of photo, State in which it was taken, and the contestant's name should appear on each slide and print.

Prizes will be awarded for the winning photos. All rights in the prize winning photos will become the property of the Ninety Nines, Inc., but certain rights may be assigned back to the photographer upon request.

Judging will be based upon photographic excellence and how identifiable the subject matter is with the State it represents. The decisions of the judges will be final.

The Ninety Nines, Inc. will make every effort to return non-prize winning entries providing ample postage and a self-addressed mailer is included with the entry.

Contest closes midnight April 30, 1967. Winners will be notified by June 15, 1967.

Send entries east of the Mississippi to:

99s Photographic Contest
Box 30099
Washington, D.C. 20014

Send entries west of the Mississippi to:

99s Photographic Contest
Box 99
Pacific Grove, Calif. 93950

ENTRY BLANK

99s' PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST

Name

Address

Where Photos were taken
(State or Territory)

Identification of Photos
(Name of Lake, Mountain, Building, etc.)

Type or name of aircraft used for picture

Entry in this contest indicates contestant's willingness to abide by the contest rules.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIR MARKING

Would you believe?

In the December issue of the Newsletter, the Air Marking Committee requested a report of the activities of each chapter during the past year. Why haven't I heard from your Chapter Chairmen and/or Air Marking Chairmen? Out of the entire organization, I have heard from only three of you!!! (To you three, thank you!!!)

I know that if your Chapter has been Air Marking, you will want to be count-

ed in this survey. The report will take only a few minutes to complete, and I suggest that you use the form which we are reprinting for your convenience. Please!! I need your help!!

The time for making preparations is now. Getting templates made, collecting the necessary materials, and signing up locations to mark can be completed while the snow is on the roof. So . . . with the first signs of Spring, your Chapter will be ready to go.

Mary N. Able, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

— 3000 By July '67 —

Yes, this is our goal by Convention time '67 in Washington D.C.—a membership of 3000. This means that each chapter will need an increase of only 15% to "ring the bell". This means, too, that we will need the help of each and every member—and we want the cream of the crop. Remember, we have 18,000 women pilots to pick from. The new Directory lists about 2600, so we really haven't far to go.

Congratulations to the Canadian members for re-activating their Section. It looks SO GOOD in that Directory—it was missing for so long.

Also, congratulations to the members in South Africa on the formation of the South African Section — and for making the Directory. Did you know that last year's Directory listed only one from South Africa—YVONNE LOURENS—and this year they are a Section with nine members (and a couple more since the printing). You have really leaped ahead since a year ago. Welcome aboard!

ALBERTA NICHOLSON
Membership Chairman

AIR MARKING REPORT

Chapter _____ Section _____

Location of Air Mark _____

City _____ State _____

☐ Airport ☐ Hangar

☐ City or Town ☐ Runway

☐ New Location ☐ Building

☐ Repaint Old Marking ☐ Highway

Date Air Mark Completed: _____

Mail to : Mary N. Able, Rt. 4, Box 52
Houston. Texas 77036

AWTAR POWDER PUFF DERBY

Marion Andrews Lopez, Reporter

Now that the board members are back from tripping to various parts of the world, we are busy, busy on final approach for the 21st Powder Puff Derby. I erroneously reported previously that the information kits containing rules and regulations would be ready February 1st—let me change that to sometime in February. If you have sent in a request together with 50c and have not received your kit, don't get vertigo. The preparation of the kits is a heavy load on AWTAR headquarters. Besides the initial preparation of the info with a thousand details, stencils have to be made which must be duplicated, assembled etc. To cut costs, all this is now done at Headquarters on our own duplicator. Can you imagine the work?

The major change in the rules this year concerns the takeoff. Log books will not be run to the airplanes at the start. Many have considered this procedure dangerous. The change has

been made to add to the safety of the race. Participants will be timed off as at the other airports along the race route.

Entries open April 15, 1967 and close June 1, 1967. Impound Deadline July 4th, 5 pm Bader Field, Atlantic City, New Jersey. Finish Deadline Official Sunset at Torrance, Calif. Takeoff is July 8th.

Send contributions to AWTAR-99 Fund Raising Chairman PAULINE GLASSON, International Airport, Route 2, Box 894, Corpus Christi, Texas. Send all clippings and requests to AWTAR Headquarters, Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, New Jersey.

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Read the Australian request for 'hospitality' during Convention and the SEE THE USA tour. Know many of the 99s would be delighted to have overseas guests . . . the welcome mat is out gals!



ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

Georgia Tillery, Reporter

Everyone in the Albuquerque Chapter is busy working on the AMELIA EARHART Banquet in cooperation with the Zontas, and couldn't have had better publicity if it had been planned than the review on the book of AMELIA's life last week on the ART LINK-LETTER program!

MARIE and NUGGETT GROSSA-TETE have finally returned from "down under," as they spent several months in Australia. MURIEL GUGGOLZ is basking in the Mexican sunshine. DONNA and IRBY DOWNEY have been flying here and there chasing their grandchildren in swimming matches. RANDA SUTHERLAND has been flying from one coast to the other

checking on her two new grandchildren, one belonging to each of her twin son and daughter. NADA and DEAN BORDER and their daughter spent a business-pleasure vacation in the beautiful Hawaiian Islands. We were sorry to lose PHYLLIS and BUD DIEDRICK upon their move to New York.

Congratulations to DONNA and JIM NAUSLEY on their new prospective 99, a beautiful baby girl. The Albuquerque Chapter must be way ahead on production, as we will have the fourth newcomer before the year is out.

A most successful Weather Seminar was conducted in December with another one due soon. Forty to fifty people attended the two-day session.

ARKANSAS CHAPTER

Marguerite Nielsen, Reporter

EVA HUGHES of Mena sends her poetic thoughts on before and after learning to fly:

Resignation (before)

Perhaps it was not meant to be,
That Mortals such as I,
Would ride the realms where vapor trails
Make patterns in the sky.
Still, when I look on silver wings,
My heart becomes inflamed,
And I reach out with a longing,
So intense, I feel ashamed.
And I rebel at earthly laws,
That bind and hold and cling.
And the solitary longing
Is a vivid aching thing.
For I am old, and though the years
Have brought me many things,
They never did see fit to find
A pair of silver wings.

—EVA HUGHES

Sequence

The long, long search for my destiny,
And the hunger in my heart,
To loose the chains from my earth-bound feet,
No longer tear me apart.
For I've been set free with a sense of peace
That I've never known before.
And I've found my place in the universe,
Through the Skyway's open door.
And as my hands seek the needed skill,
For the paths that angels trod,
My man-made wings are another sign,
Of a wisdom that comes from God.
And I feel His hands, as they lift me up,

To the freedom of silver wings,
And the soft free wind seems to cleanse
my heart

With the quiet content that it brings.

— EVA HUGHES

SALLIE SIMMONS has moved to Rogers. SALLIE flew in to Ft. Smith this week end, picked up MARGE NIELSEN, and flew to Sallisaw, Okla., for a very pleasant visit with new member DELORES MITCHELL. DELORES and 49½er had just returned from a flight to Los Angeles where they purchased a Moondeck filly and a Little Request filly. DONNA HALE flew to New Orleans for a vacation. SALLIE flew to Washington D. C. to visit her sister who is a student pilot. From "The Land of Opportunity", Happy Flying to you all.

DALLAS CHAPTER

Hazel H. McKendrick, Reporter

The Christmas party was held at CHUCK and DOROTHY WARREN's house and some 57 99s and 49½ers apparently had a swingin' time. Seven gallons of cranberry punch (?) later, it was agreed that it was a great party and to see some members we hadn't seen in "many moons" sure was great. We hope that we will be seeing them more regularly at meetings etc. Thanks to our Chairman for such a nice party.

Air Marking Chairman, BETTY HUNDLEY announced plans for air marking Dallas Garland Airport on January 21st and air marking Addison Airport on January 28th. We have all been advised to report with long handled rollers, strong backs, and ready to work. Happily this will be all on the ground, so it should be, not only worthwhile, but a lot of fun.

COMINGS AND GOINGS: The Dallas Chapter was certainly on the move during the holidays. JO ALLISON went to Colorado in her camper. NANCY and A. G. WISE went to Arkansas and Oklahoma; ROWENA and FRED BURNS went to Oklahoma City; SUSAN and RENE' GROSSMAN went to New Orleans; and last but certainly not least, LEE KITCHENS came home from the hospital the day before Christmas. LEE has had a bad time with a detached retina, but according to his wife, MARY, they have it whipped now. BETTY CURRAN (Secretary Northwest Section) visited your reporter for three days before Christmas. She then flew to Houston to pick up son, grandchildren, and flew them back

to Everett in her brand new C310. I sorta wanted to climb in and go too, but that airplane was full of folks. AMY LAWS (Greater St. Louis) came flying through Dallas in January en route to Mexico with nine other airplanes. They had an unscheduled delay in Dallas due to weather, but at last report they were off and running. I heard that VAL JOHNSON and RUTH TAKSEL were also in these digs, but didn't get to see or talk with them.

The Dallas Chapter is happy to welcome two new members: JOY MORRISON (MRS. RICHARD) and VIRGINIA HANDLEY (DR. WILLIAM).

It looks like the Dallas Chapter will be well represented in the AWTAR this year. PAT JETTON and JOAN HUCKEBA in a Piper; KATHY LONG and HELEN WILKE in a Bellanca; HAZEL McKENDRICK and CHARLOTTE BRANUM in a Bonanza; DOROTHY WARREN and NANCY WISE "if we can sprout wings." The last, I doubt, but I'll bet they will sprout an airplane come Race time.

The January meeting will be held at Southwestern Typographics in Dallas and will include among other things, the movies taken at the fly-in at Lake Travis.

See ya' next month.

SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Flying news is short and hard to come by at this writing, early in January. Our January meeting won't be held until after the deadline for the February News. We are planning our meetings late in the month in preparation for being able to attend the SC Section meeting in Tulsa and possibly the SE Section meeting in Natchez. The beauty of being located on the borderline of both Sections.

By the time this reaches you, GLORIA WARD will be GLORIA HOLMES and we look forward to a full report from her on flying in the Bahamas via the Holmes-Ward 170B, N338B. The wedding date is February 4th in Baton Rouge. Her husband, DAVE, who we introduced as a "prospective 49½er" at our December meeting, is a pilot for the Governor of Louisiana, a Flight Instructor with numerous ratings, including Instrument, Glider and Multi-Engine.

PAT WARD's 49½er, ROGER, had an opportunity to fly the new little Cessna 150 on floats and reports that it handles beautifully in the water. PAT



BARBARA TEER, member of the South Louisiana Chapter, business education teacher, partner in a children's clothing shop, American Football League fan, plays guitar and reads for pleasure.

is anxious to try out her almost new Sea-Rating on it, but it's too cold in these parts these days to risk getting wet, and it's not her feet she's worried about dunking in the drink.

MOLLY STOCKWELL passed the 100-hour mark just a few days before the New Year, on her 9th trip to Wichita to ferry home another Cessna. On that same trip, PAT WARD ferried a new Cessna Skynight, her first multi-engine flight without 49½er ROGER along. It was delightful, including the lovely snow-covered terrain north of Tulsa—an alien sight to these southern eyes.

DEE COMEAUX is now a lady-of-leisure, having terminated her secretarial job, and is devoting her time to being a housewife and mother of five. She plans lots of flying and perhaps, DEE, studying for your Commercial? PAT WARD and FOY WEST have signed up for Instrument Ground School and hope to start soon.

BARBARA TEER is being good enough to take charge of using the duplicating machines at the Baton Rouge Trade School to send out our notices of meetings. BARBARA is a teacher, having obtained her B.S. at La. Tech in Business Education and done some work on a Masters at Louisiana State University. She is a member of the La. Vocational Association, American Voc. Assn., Natl. Business Assn. and PTA. She is a Business

Training Instructor at the BTR Trade School. She started flying and obtained her Private license in the same year, within 8 months, encouraged by her 49½er, DALE, who got his license a few weeks after she did. He is a pipe-fitter and former teacher. The TEERs have a daughter, age 7, and a boy, age 3. BARBARA is a partner in a children's clothing shop, spends a great deal of time selecting fashions for young folks for the coming seasons. BARBARA and DALE enjoy the American Football League games and are presently fans of the Miami Dolphins, usually attending two games per season. They also share a home hobby of playing their guitars together. BARBARA is an active 99 and one of our favorite people.

Our January 29th meeting in Houston promises an unusual and exciting activity. Our host and hostess will be new member PAT CHRIST and 49½er C. J. CHRIST. They are planning a little seaplane experience for each one attending our meeting. We all look forward to that and expect a good attendance. At this meeting we will discuss the SC Section Chapter Achievement Award, the Annual Proficiency Test, and our air-marking projects for the year, as well as the photo folio for the International Convention.

Good luck to GINNY SMITH and her 49½er who are establishing new residence in New Orleans (new address: 6522 Gen. Haige, New Orleans, La. 70124). Am sure the Lafayette girls will miss her, but we are delighted that she remains within our Chapter location.

Next month, more news about more 99s.

TOP OF TEXAS CHAPTER

A note from BILLIE HOLMES, Borger, Tex. tells us of a recent "Lady Co-Pilot Day" sponsored by the 99s. It was held at the Tascosa Country Club for wives of pilots and women interested in knowing more of what it's like to fly a plane.

ANN MENTZER, Dallas Chapter member, but living in Amarillo, conducted the four-hour course. ANN is a Ground School Instructor for Precision Flyers at Tradewind Airport. 52 attended the well worthwhile session. ANN was assisted by 99s BILLIE HOLMES and CAROLYN WEINHEIMER among others.

AUSTIN CHAPTER

S. P. Tapley, Reporter

Teaching an air-minded four-year-old our church credo, this reporter ran into some problems . . . "what Pilate was dead and buried" and "what kind of air mishap caused such a thing?" "Was Pilate monitoring the thirty-minute weather reports?" Flying at high altitudes we may be asked next if we can go on up and pay Him a visit. Like Robert Frost, I should hope we could return. "Earth's the right place."

Our group was treated to a fine luncheon at our airport restaurant, delighted with the masculine presence of BEVERLY GREGG's 49½er, and charmed by the moving picture account of the light plane vacation of a family of four. This film and the luncheon were arranged by MARGARET AMSTEAD, who is a real believer in flying her fine family of four on such dandy jaunts. Why not pack up your kids and try some Texas air hours (smooth)?

With cold fronts moving through fast and spring weather just around the corner, let the Austin Chapter remind you to enjoy a vacation somewhere by plane. Keep your eye on the sequence reports and your omni tuned to weather, lest you should come face to face with a front and subject yourself to an "in-lightning" experience.

Next time your little plane wonders where to start for, propel 'er down our way.

COLORADO CHAPTER

Marion Tankersley, Reporter

This inexperienced reporter didn't realize that becoming the Sec. Treas. of the Colorado Antiquers involved a newsletter each month; however, between the 99s and the AAA, maybe I'll improve with age.

Our saddest tidings are our starting the New Year wrong by losing our Membership Chairman, CARROL IAN-DOLI. CARROL has been one of our most enthusiastic members as well as one of the newest. Lucky 'youguys' who get her. As proof of her good job, we are welcoming three new members: KAREN WALKER, JOAN WILLIAMS, and LUCILLE ELGIN.

Colorado Chapter has purchased the Amelia Earhart film "Stamp of Freedom." Our Chapter also had the privilege of having WCBS-TV, New York, loan us, "A Powder Puff For Joan." This documentary film of our 1966

AWTAR was excellent, and our hats are off to WCBS-TV for their generosity.

February 11th, ED BOWMAN has promised us perfect skies for our Colorado Springs Fly-in Luncheon at the Broadmoor Hotel. This reporter wishes we had had same for the TANKERSLEY's return trip from an El Paso New Year's weekend. Being snowed in at Las Vegas, New Mexico with 6 inches of snow and 16 degree below temp sans snow-plows or aircraft heaters wasn't fun. The FSS men, however, make up for all else, as they are extra special there. After wondering if ol' Stinson could depart in snow requiring 2,000 RPM to taxi, they called us 15" out to say that our 4 yr. old had left his Teddy Bear in the FSS, but **not** to return as they'd mail him. Wonder how folks flew before FSS men were invented?

MARY FRENZEL and 49½er, BOB, hopped off to El Paso in their new Apache on a better weather week-end, and are also having a ball being able to hop over the hill to Glenwood Springs in same bird whenever they need a hot spring-type swim in the middle of our Cool Colorful Colorado winter. Es Bueno, Eh, MARY?

FREDDA TURRILL must be the Super Saleswoman of the century. She has hit the 700 mark with her sales of 99 name badges for our Chapter. Thanks, FREDDA.

JO DENNIS is the busy operator of a new CAP radio station at her house. CAP's net is the largest private net in the U.S., and JO, about now is ready to believe it is the busiest. She's had a hard time getting away long enough to take her Annual CAP Checkride this month.

BARBARA MARRION and GALE MITCHELL flew to Michigan over the holidays, and DONNA MEYERS and her 49½er JOHNNY spent New Years Eve Weekend in Phoenix. GWEN CRAVEN was off for Estes Park for same.

DORIS LANGHER is again back with us after a fabulous air tour of Japan and the Orient. We're all looking forward to hearing about this, DORIS.

The NETTLEBLADS are so busy enjoying their new cabin at Dillon that we have a time ever finding JANE.

MARION TANKERSLEY and MARY FRENZEL 'tripped' to Rapid City and back to try out MARION's Stinson's new Narco Mark III. Would you believe, at **last**, a Mark XII and a Mark

III in that 'ol "Sno Jet." Just for contrast, these two went via 1967 310 to pick up the Colorado CAP's new Sky-lane at the factory in Wichita, and came home with no radio in that one. You must admit, this is contrast, Eh?

EL PASO CHAPTER

Mary Olmstead, Reporter

We cordially welcome our newest member, JEAN BYARS. JEAN, a native of Omaha, Neb., grew up in Houston, Texas. She has lived in St. Louis, Little Rock, San Antonio, Limestone, N.C., Nashville, Tenn., Albuquerque, Rapid City, S. D. and now El Paso. She has three sons—ages 17, 13, and 12. So far only the thirteen year old is interested in flying. JEAN's interest in flying started as a youngster when she said "One of these days, I'm going to fly." And she did—getting her license on Sept. 13, 1965. In June 1966, she added a Ground School rating. She has also passed her Commercial written and is rapidly building up her time for the next flight test. JEAN has been checked out in all single engine Cessnas, the Aircoupe, the Mooney Mark 21, and Mooney Super 21.

Chairman, MARGARET THOMPSON, ferried a Cessna 150 from Wichita to El Paso—staying over night with friends in Borger, Tex.

No doubt the busiest member in our Chapter is the Queen of the International Flying Farmers, ELLEN JANE ANDERSON. Besides writing a monthly article for the IFF magazine, attending workshops, State conventions and taking care of family and home, there is barely time to get ready for the next trip. In January it was Kentucky and Arkansas—in February, it's Arizona. Imagine all those flying hours going in her log book.

CATHERINE MAGRUDER, her 49½er, and their daughter Barbara, plus one of Barbara's friends who had never been in a plane—went to Tucson, and by auto toured the Ghost Town of Tombstone. CATHERINE always flies her favorite Skymaster.

MARY FRAN SEIDL flew her Cessna 175 to Rosewell before Christmas to visit her cousin at Walker AFB. On Dec. 21st, there was a "flight" of a different kind of "bird"—the Stork presented MARY FRAN and HANK with their first grandchild—7½ pound ANDREW JAMES SPEARS.

ON Dec. 28th, the SEIDLs flew to Santa Barbara and L.A. for a three

day visit. In early January, their youngest, 9 year old MICHEL had a "flight" too. Unfortunately it was thru the air when hit by a car. It is good to report there were no broken bones and the painful bruises are now healed.

Before leaving for Hallendale, Florida, RUBY TATMAN got in some good time flying to Albuquerque with BETTY ROGERS and her mother, MRS. JAMES ROGERS. They had lunch and a visit with VIRGINIA CUTTER. Congratulations to BETTY on passing her written Instrument.

An interesting item from RUBY tells how easy it is to catch lobsters in the Dominican Republic where she visited her son, RAYMOND, his wife, and four small daughters. Their home is 250 miles from Santo Domingo on a cliff overlooking the ocean. The lobsters crawl up the cliff, on up to the house and onto the screen of the door. When RUBY's daughter-in-law sees the lobsters heading toward the house, she puts a kettle of water on the stove and is soon ready for a *Homarus americanus* meal.

DOINGS of the SIXTY-SIXES: EDNA GARDNER WHYTE of Fort Worth Chapter gave an interesting talk about "Early Days of Flying" at their January meeting at LILY MAE KELLY's home. When a picture of EDNA in her long white flying suit appeared in the local paper, LILY MAE received a telephone call from MRS. DIANE REESE who told her that it was her father and brother who taught EDNA to fly. MRS. REESE's father (unfortunately we didn't get his name) is seriously ill in Dallas.

On a beautiful January Sunday, the 66s (and some 99s) flew to Albuquerque to visit the FAA Control Center, where they had a chance to rest weary feet at luncheon in the Center's cafeteria.

Mother Bird of the 66s, RUTH DEERMAN, reported that LORENE ROGERS soloed X-country and is now a "Loose Goose". CHERI SPIER passed her written and is now a "Wise Loose Goose".

NORMA McREYNOLDS and prospective 99 LOIS KAIP attended the Instrument Pilot's meeting where LOIS's husband, DR. SHERWOOD KAIP, gave the program: Physiological Aspects of Flying and Mid-Air Collision Danger. Present also were RUTH DEERMAN, WIN GRIFFIN, MARY LOU MOON, and yours truly.

HOUSTON CHAPTER

Martha Akins, Reporter

The January meeting was held in the party room of MARY JANE NORRIS' apartment. Husbands were invited and our speaker was MR. THOMAS E. GREACEN, a well known architect who presented his drawing of a possible plan for changing the Terminal Building at Hobby Field, formerly called Houston International Airport, to a complete facility for general aviation aircraft. The Jetero Airport on the north edge of Houston will soon be open and will be a center for all Commercial flights serving the Houston area. When Jetero opens, this will vacate the large terminal building and other facilities at Hobby Field. MR. GREACEN can see the present Terminal Building converted to a motel, with tie downs outside each room, a swimming pool, landscaping, display rooms, a club for entertaining business associates, a place where businessmen may fly in and conduct their business while their families relax. Sounds great, and our Chapter is enthused, but the mechanics of such a plan will have to be worked out.

We voted to nominate LOUISE BICKFORD for International Treasurer and MARY BURKE to the International Nominating Committee. We feel these girls have the qualifications to fill these posts and will devote untiring efforts to these duties—We highly recommend them to you and ask your support.

Air Marking MABLE EDITH OLIVER reports the completion of Jasper. The Jasper newspaper came out and made pictures giving the air marking front-page coverage. A large group turned up to air mark Spaceland Airport near NASA on Jan. 15 and we were able to complete the job in one day. We are quite proud to have LOUISE BICKFORD as South Central Section Air Marking Chairman and MARY ABLE, our International Air Marking Chapter, Section, and International Air Marking Chairmen all on one roof top.

JEAN and RICH LENNERTSEN from St. Louis visited here recently and were able to have dinner with MARY ABLE and LOUISE BICKFORD. LORI HUTCHINS and husband flew a Cherokee to Los Angeles Christmas Eve, stopping in Las Vegas. They liked the place so much they flew a charter flight back to Las Vegas New

Years Eve. LOUISE and MERLE BICKFORD flew their 170 to Los Angeles, meeting LOUISE's sister and family from Pocatello, Idaho. They spent a few days in Santa Barbara and while there LOUISE had lunch with JOAN STEINBERGER. At San Simeon, they visited Hurst Castle and not least on the list was a trip to Guadalupe in a school bus to enjoy a steak dinner. At Blyth, LOUISE visited with PATTY OUSLEY, LA Chapter, and in El Paso talked to MARY FRAN SEIDL. MONTA MAE MEJLAENDER has a new Baron and tried it out by taking a family vacation to Aspen, Colo. MARY JANE NORRIS passed her Instrument written—MAYBELLE FLETCHER is flying a 320. CAROL MOORE's new baby, JOYCE, is logging time in the Queen Air. MARTHA AKINS, DELL HIGHTOWER, MABLE EDITH OLIVER, and 49½ers enjoyed New Years in Eagle Pass with trips across the border. Have you ever had nine people in a Mexican taxi cab?? Ole!! This is what makes flying fun!!

KANSAS CHAPTER

Mildred Early, Reporter

Our January meeting was held on the 14th at the Wichita Municipal Airport and was our big annual "Guest Day". In spite of a freakish little snow squall that blew in out of nowhere, it was most gratifying to have about thirty guests fly in from various parts of the state. All of the guests were either private pilots or student pilots and a short program explaining the Ninety-Nines was presented. Also, preceding our luncheon and meeting, group tours were conducted to the Weather Bureau, FSS, Control Tower, and RAPCON. All in all, it was a very successful meeting!

Belated congratulations to PAT McEWEN, who received her Instructor's Rating in December! Our Kansas 99s are keeping busy: GENE NORA JESSEN, MARILYN COPELAND, MARY JO JANEY, and MARY AIKINS have been asked to speak to various Civic Clubs on "Women in Aviation." Also MARY JO and MARILYN recently attended a meeting in Topeka with the state officials of the Department of Education regarding the teaching of basic aviation in our public schools. ALYCE BLACKHALL has moved her ground school to Midwest Piper Airport and will be associated with the flight department there; and, MARY

AIKINS is instructing student pilots at the new Red Wing Airport, Augusta. Many of our 99s are participating in the local March of Dimes Airlifts this month.

We know that all of you would like to join our Chapter in extending deep sympathy to DONNA and TOM SHIRLEY upon the loss of their son, STEPHEN, age 22, who lost his life in an auto accident Christmas Eve.

In closing, would like to remind everyone that our Chapter has 99 note stationery and beautiful flight bags for sale!

NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Lois B. Durham, Reporter

January found us taking off to a wonderful start—The Omaha girls invited us to lunch—and almost 50 women pilots came — so many exciting things happened at once on the 14th that it is hard to list them. The Mid West Pilots Association (headed by a 49½er, JEROME GIVEN) had planned a dinner meeting with 99 BETTY MILLER as the guest speaker and—so his 99 exercised her wifely privilege and brought BETTY to our luncheon—where we had a program presented by LOIS GRANGE, the Iowa Chapter Chairman. (If you want to thrill again to 'how I got started flying'—this presentation is just the thing—LOIS and the Iowa girls have really worked hard and we all enjoyed the beautiful pictures and script.) To meet BETTY and LOIS, the 99s invited the Cloud Dusters — a social club of women interested in aviation. The Cloud - Dusters, an Omaha group, are most enthusiastic and several are joining with us. Our guest list also included HELEN SIMMONS from the Kansas Chapter and IRENE GRIFFITH and 49½er from Iowa.

Our two nominees for the Amelia Earhart scholarship award were announced, and the rest of the meeting (aside from mundane topics such as Treasurer's report, etc) was devoted to discussion on pylon racing, picture taking, air marking and section scoring sheets. Our next meeting will be in Kearney on February 5th, luncheon at the Holiday Inn. In March we hope to air mark in eastern Nebraska. Nebraska members present for the January meeting were: ANN ABBOTT, SHIRLEY and 49½er AMEN, MILLIE BARRETT, FLORENCE BORING, DONNA BRUMMER, HELEN ERLICH, JEAN GIVEN, MIMI HA-

WORTH, MARION LARMON and her guest from McCook, LORRAINE PHILIPS, VERDAYNE MENZE, SHARON MEYER, MARY LOU PHELPS, MARTHA and 49½er PURDY, FRANCES ROSE, EVELYN SEDIVY, INEZ STOCKER, and LOIS DURHAM.

The news of flying by Chapter members was highlighted by commercial flights to Hawaii by the LARMONS, the GIVENS, and FLORENCE BORING; the AMEN's new Bonanza; BERNIE BAUER's 49½er husband home for Christmas leave; the wedding at the PURDYS; the advertisement for a woman pilot by the local airlines—and our petunia planting for the Nebraska Centennial . . .

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

Comanche Jane Abbott, Reporter

Inclement weather conditions and illness got in the way of the December meeting and the meeting was cancelled. The first meeting of the new year was well attended in spite of the fact that several of our roving petticoat pilots were out of the state. Fourteen members and three prospective members met Sunday, January 15 in OKC—lunch at the new Will Rogers Airport Terminal cafe and to Catlin's Aviation for the business session. Chairman CAROL WADDELL presided and NANCY ORCUTT (whose husband, DAN, is Assistant Airport Manager) was acting Secretary. Others present were SUSIE SEWELL, NEMA MASON-HALL, ANN CATLIN, MARTHA THOMASON, EMILY FROST, SAUNDRA NIX, WAYNE LEE DUFFER, RITA EAVES, RUTH JONES, SKIP CARTER, AULENA GIBSON, and JANE ABBOTT. Guests were JANE SEBO, CAPTAIN HELEN HILLIS, and PATRICIA WALTER. JANE SEBO married into a family of pilots and flying enthusiasts. Her husband's mother, DOROTHY A. SEBO, is a member of the Montana Chapter of 99s. CAPTAIN HILLIS is an Air Force nurse at the Altus Base and was selected recently for Major. PAT is a junior at Oklahoma State University majoring in aeronautical engineering. She is secretary of the OSU Flying Aggies. All three girls expect to win their wings within the month.

ARLENE WALKUP, South Central Section Governor, and husband, HOYT, flew to Brownsville, Texas, and Costa Rica on a Flying Farmer tour right after the first of the year. ARLENE

and VELMA WOODWARD attended the banquet honoring the HON. A. S. MONRONEY the week-end of the dedication of the new airport terminal in OKC, December 2-4. DOTTIE YOUNG spent the first two weeks of January in Palm Springs, California, on business — helicopter meeting. She went with Colorado 99 BETTY PFISTER. ANN CATLIN has enrolled in ground school for instrument rating study even though her log book chalks up only eighty (80) hours. The two ANNs (CATLIN and GRISSOM) have been getting some added hours flying together over the state. NANCY ORCUTT has been doing night flying and has been checked out on night landings. The RUBLES (99 POLLY RUBLE) have a new Cessna 210. SAUNDRA NIX is the new Treasurer of the OSU Flying Aggies. MARTHA THOMASON is temporarily grounded. The THOMASONS sold their interest in the Flying Club plane and will be moving from Woodward. EMILY FROST spent two weeks in Buffalo, New York, over Christmas. She flew round trip via JET. ANN GRIS-SOM, AOPA's Administrative Chief in the OKC office, recently completed FAA's altitude physiology training course at the Agency's Civil Aeromedical Institute in OKC. ANN holds a Private Pilot license and is currently working toward a Commercial rating.

WALLY FUNK writes again from South Africa. She and her traveling friend are in Cape Town and both have jobs but have to wait thirty (30) days to get papers cleared for flying. Former Oklahoma Chapter member, MANILA TALLEY, now of Greater New York, sends a Christmas letter from Da Nang, South Vietnam. She writes, "we are proud and thankful to have spent this year in the service of our country." Husband B. B. is on engineering work for the U.S. Navy in Vietnam. MANILA is writing a book and completing an Air War College Thesis.

Oklahoma Chapter members will meet February 12 with BRONETA EVANS, in Minco—the Annual Valentine Party meeting.

SHREVEPORT CHAPTER

Evelyn Snow, Reporter

Practically the only things flying in the Shreveport Chapter this month were PEGGY HARRIS' knitting needles . . . a blue bootie for FRANK and a pink one for the Ninety-Nines . . . just to please everyone! We're happy about the

expected blessed event but sorry PEG won't be flying planes for a while.

HELEN HEWITT flew her Bellanca to Longview Texas to attend a Flight Instructor's Refresher Course January 17-21. HELEN, of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Committee, reports she is very pleased with the number of nominations for Scholarship awards received from chapters in South Central Section.

Meanwhile, here's the sick and injured list and the reasons the rest of us haven't flown airplanes . . . JUDY MOORE broke her wrist trying to fly a pair of roller skates and is in a cast from fingertips to elbow — says she's convinced planes are safer . . . HELEN WRAY is in the hospital for major surgery and we're hoping she'll soon be up flying again . . . HAZEL NEALEY tripped over a box of wrappings during the Christmas rush and is nursing a bum leg—no one has ever been known to trip over an airplane, HAZEL! . . . our back-to-college gals, JOAN CARROLL and MARTHA CHRISTY have headaches from all the studying they're doing for semester exams . . . would you believe the rest of us have sympathy pains?! . . . Hope we will all be well enough to accept the invitation extended us by the Shreveport Zonta Club to their 5th annual Amelia Earhart Aviation Service Award Banquet.

We miss our absentee member. DOROTHY KING . . . been wondering whether she's still in Washington, D.C. or out on her Kansas wheat farm—how about hearing from you DOT?

On tap to get us all back in the air is an offer of a ride in a new Beech at Currey Sanders Aircraft over at Downtown Airport . . . CORINNE STRICKLAND parlayed MR. POWELL's kind offer to her into an offer of a ride for all of us . . . thank you, CORINNE and MR. POWELL!

Also coming up is a rummage sale to help pay for our Mystery Project . . . stay on this frequency for more on that!

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

Marian Burke, Reporter

Christmas holidays are over; it's time to take down the tree, put away the decorations and start thinking about the spring and summer "Ninety-Nine" activities. That immediately brings up the subject of air racing!

Why not plan on at least one air race this year! It gives you a chance

to meet new 99s, renew old acquaintances and see new and old interesting places while sharpening up on your cross country navigation.

This year will be the third East to West race for the Powder Puff Derby . . . Come on . . . let's go! Rules will be available soon so send for your information early and make your plans now. It will save a lot of last minute rush.

The International Air Race also sounds like fun . . . maybe if you're lucky you can fly both races. Check your calendar and start making definite plans now!

If it's impossible to fly those two races maybe you can fly a smaller race in your closer local area. Anyway . . . good luck . . . maybe I'll see you somewhere along on one of the racin' stops and we'll visit and swap racin' ideas. Fly Safe! Keep current on new rules and let's all have the best flyin' year ever.



FAR WEST CHAPTER

JoAnn Burkhart, Reporter

Winter weather has curtailed the flying activities in the Northwest somewhat, but in October, ELENÉ DUNCAN and her doctor husband flew to Las Vegas, Tucson, and Lake Tahoe on a combination pleasure trip and medical meeting. BARBARA LaRUE and her husband EVAN, flew to Spokane for the 99 Sectional, stopping off in Ephrata: they had to detour through Columbia Gorge enroute home, though, as they could not get over Stampede Pass. MARGARET LAYTON flies two or three times a week from Port Townsend; she says her car seems to have a mind of its own and whenever it's near the airport, it just turns in and "there she is."

Far West Chapter is split into two segments in a rather unusual topographical setup; the Olympic Peninsula gang is separated from the Bellingham area pilots by many miles of water, and the two areas have differing weather. Therefore, this past year the group has arranged to have separate meetings on either side of the wa-

ter, if weather will not permit flying by one side or the other to get together for a meeting. The Chairman, it is agreed, will be from one segment and the Vice-Chairman from the other, in order to co-ordinate matters. In this manner, there is a reasonable continuity of meeting times without undue postponements.

In Bellingham, LYNN MAHLBERG was all smiles this fall, as she successfully soloed in a Piper Comanche; she said it seemed that everything happens so fast as compared to a Cherokee. JO BURKHART flew her Cessna to Port Townsend on a spotless, bright day in November, with JIMMIE ALLEN as passenger, for the Ninety Nine meeting. VIRGIE HAYDEN has to tear herself away from winter skiing to get to her flying but she does frequently fly a Cessna 182 seaplane at Lake Whatcom in Bellingham.

MONTANA CHAPTER

Bev. Ledbetter, Reporter

1966 was a busy year and 1967 promises to be just as busy according to projects discussed at our January meeting held in Great Falls. Proposed plans for a Sectional Air Race this summer, possibilities of Big Sky Race No. 4 and the Sectional to be held in Alaska were the topics of the meeting attended by DOTTIE PAYNE, ROSEMARY BOWMAN, LU NELSON, and BETTY NUNN, Great Falls; SHAREL BITZ, LAULETTE HANSEN, and BEV. LEDBETTER, Havre; PEARL MAGILL, Glasgow; MADONNA SMITH, Lewistown; ELSIE CHILDS and HELEN DUNLOP, Helena; new members FLO MAJERUS, Lewistown and JO ANN WALDEN, Great Falls. Two guests, both student pilots who flew in last year's Air Race as co-pilot, GRACE NESS and BETTY TINDALL, also attended.

PEARL MAGILL is our only candidate for the AE scholarship this year. Contributions for the AE Award and AWTAR were made.

BIG SKY FLYING

GIB and KAY WIDMER picked a winning team to cheer for when they attended the Rose Bowl game and parade. On their return trip they made a detour around bad weather in the Pocatello area and had the pleasure of visiting with NICKI WEAVER at Worland, Wyo. KAY forgot to include her 99 directory in her list of "must have" items and was unable to con-

tact any members along the route to Los Angeles. She asked for a 99 directory at Salt Lake, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles only to learn that they did not have one. On returning home to Bozeman, she took her 1966 directory to Flight Line for their use. She suggests that each Chapter around the country place a directory in the offices of the local operator for other 99s who might be as forgetful as she and would like to make use of is on some occasion. Sounds like a real good idea to me.

Three methods of transportation were used by PEARL MAGILL to attend the January meeting in Great Falls. She left Glasgow on the Great Northern train, arrived in Havre and proceeded by car with BEV. LEDBETTER to Rudyard. Here they picked up GRACE NESS and drove on to Chester where GRACE's 172 Cessna was hangared. GRACE, a student pilot, made use of PEARL's Instructors Rating to practice the use of radio communication at Great Falls and the three arrived at the meeting.

ELSIE JOHNSON in her position as secretary-stewardess for Johnson Flying Service, was delayed a few hours in Helena on a trip with the Univ. of Mont. Grizzlie Football team enroute to a game in Oklahoma City. She visited with ELSIE and HELEN during the delay.

PATTY and ZALES ECTON flew to Calif. to attend a football game in which the Mont. State Univ. Bobcats were playing.

Our newest new member, JO ANNE WALDEN, and her husband plus two other couples, spent several interesting days in Las Vegas.

How many 99 members can say they have No. 99 for their license plate. A thoughtful 49^{1/2}er, MILTON SCHRANK, presented his 99, VIVIEANNE, with that number when the new plates were issued. Now why didn't I think of that. I picked up my own.

We are going to miss the smiling face of DOROTHY CRAIG who will be leaving Billings and going to Washington D.C. to work in the offices of Representative JIM BATTIN. Best wishes to you DOROTHY; may you enjoy your new Eastern home. DOROTHY's son BOB is an Instructor for a Billings operator.

BETTY NUNN who is not working at present and is "at home," issues an invitation to all members flying to

Great Falls and in need of a ride to town to call her and she will happily oblige with "taxi" service.

WYOMING CHAPTER

Dorothy Misner, Reporter

VIRGILEA SWORTS and PAULINE POWERS flew to Sheridan one Saturday in November to contact prospective members for the 66s which we are trying to get started. These two enthusiastic 99s were also interviewed on the Women's Hour Program on Radio Station KWOR recently.

No December meeting for the Wyoming 99s, as we find ourselves dedicated to the hub bub of the holidays and our families.

MABEL ANESI was out getting some flight time in her Cherokee 235 Sunday, January 8th, stopping in Greybull and Worland, anxious to know how plans were shaping up for the January meeting.

DOROTHY MISNER, 49½er, son DAVID, and family friend JIM SHIPLEY returned from a trip to Yucca Valley, California in their Cessna 195 just ahead of the snow storm and eight inches of snow that postponed the January meeting which was scheduled for the 14th.

Let's pray for nice weather on the 11th of February, as it has been just too long since we've gotten together. Bye now!

ALASKA CHAPTER

Kathryn W. Wayer, Reporter

Now that the Christmas decorations have been put away and we have dug a path through our many recent inches of snow, a good many of us were able to find our way to the home of PAT McGEE for our January meeting. We gathered together in her most attractive play room and enjoyed watching the logs burn in her fireplace.

One of the many interesting things discussed was the making of elaborate plans for entertainment for the Sectional Meeting, the latter part of September. We are hoping for a large turnout. Please come!

Plans were also discussed for helping a young pilot in our area to accomplish her dream of obtaining her private pilot's certificate. She is a very deserving young lady and we hope to further this plan in the near future—at least as soon as the daylight hours are

longer and the weather is a little more cooperative.

Another invitation! Please come. Our Centennial plans are underway—at this particular time an aviation banquet is in the planning stage. The tentative date is June 24th. We are excited, to say the least, just thinking about it and looking forward to meeting many well-known personages who will be in attendance.

PAT McGEE has been working as Chairman of the Zonta Amelia Earhart Dinner. Our own, INGRID PEDERSON, has consented to be Guest Speaker. She will show her slides of her flight over the North Pole from Fairbanks to Norway. Her husband was her navigator.

RUTH O'BUCK and MARION ZAEGLER have been enjoying skiing at Alyeska.

JESSIE DODSON has had little time for aviation activities due to the fact that she is presently President of the Republican Women's Club.

RUTH HURST, our Chairman, continues to take an active part in all aviation activities.

A happy New Year to all of you.

IDAHO CHAPTER

Fern Lake, Reporter

The flying activities of Idaho Chapter Ninety-Nines has been very slow. A great share of us have taken to the ski-slopes for our winter fun.

Paul's Pizza Parlor was the rendezvous for the January meeting. Seven members from Boise, Nampa, and Wilder attended. Our guests were, BETTY HUBBLER and GENE NORA JESSEN. BETTY HUBBLER has just recently obtained her Private license and is a hopeful new member. GENE NORA, International Secretary, was a very welcomed guest. We were delighted to hear that she may soon be joining our Chapter.

A possible Northwest Section Air Race was discussed at the meeting. Our Chapter is volunteering for the start of the Race and members present preferred a Speed Race, closely following the AWTAR rules.

VELDA BELL is planning a long trip to Mexico with her family on January 28.

The JUSTADS are expecting the arrival of a new addition to their family in the immediate future.

Our Chapter has been asked to act as hostesses at the Annual Safe Pilot

Award Banquet on February 17, in Boise. Does everyone have their applications sent in for their Award?



LAS VEGAS VALLEY CHAPTER

Gerry Whitton, Reporter

Hi there! Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season.

In conjunction with our husbands, we had a marvelous Christmas party at the home of HAROLD and LOIS ANN LARSON. Everyone was in a very festive mood and we exchanged Christmas gifts and enjoyed a wonderful buffet dinner.

Naturally with the busy holiday season there has been little time for flying activities—but we do have many exciting things in store for this year.

Looking forward to seeing you at many of them. Happy Flying.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

Katee Moskow, Reporter

Our latest project is sponsoring a Flight Instructors Refresher Clinic, in conjunction with the F.A.A. All Flight Instructors are now required to have his or her license renewed in accordance with AC No. 61-26, to be current. The F.A.A. Academy of Oklahoma City is sending their special trained men to designated flight organizations to in turn train and check Flight Instructors for this special course. There has been a great need of this, to simplify a definite procedure for instructing students. By February 1967 this should be organized and in effect at Claire Walters Flight Academy in our area.

Many thanks to BARBARA and JACK LONDON for inviting our Chapter to the Long Beach Yacht Club for our Christmas Party. We were able to watch the gayly decorated boat parade of Christmas motif. Along with a lovely buffet dinner and dancing thru the wee hours.

FRAN BERA attended the International Piper Dealers meetings held in Denver. Aztec Aircraft, for whom she works, was the number one Piper dealer in the world for the last year and FRAN was Piper's top salesperson. Congratulations!

CLAIRE WALTERS has handsome

movie actor JOHN GAVIN as a student and about to get his license. CLAIRE's Santa Monica School has moved into larger new quarters, while Long Beach School is booming.

Congratulations to JOAN DILLEY, for receiving her Commercial license, plus moving into new home.

We boast of four new members to our Chapter:

FROSTY WHITE, whose activities are Home Engineer, managing three young daughters, flying their Mooney for any excuse, tennis, bridge, and occasional golf, while not visiting Baja, California.

PERT AVIS, who teaches at Torrance Unified Schools, spent two years in the Navy, a native Californian — third generation, roots for the Trojans, and got her private license in August 1966.

TERRY LONDON, a sophomore at California State College at Long Beach, is majoring in Aerodynamic Engineering. This summer is going on tour with Aerospace Workshop around the world. What a wonderful opportunity, especially for a young lady who is making such great strides in aviation.

ANNE PENN, who is working on a Commercial License and Instructors Rating at Santa Monica Flyers. She was working for BETTY MILLER until last November, but is now concentrating on flying and golf.

We had as guest MILLIE KRUGER's daughter, SUZI LORENZ, who has passed her Private written and now working on her license. Good Luck SUZI, we'll be looking forward to when you're a member. She already is one of our hardest working non-members.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Rachel Bonzon, Reporter

Does she or doesn't she? Will she or won't she? Is she or isn't she? Does the fickle fog intend to lift off the ground at Torrance? Will Santa Monica stay Special VFR or won't she? Is Hawthorne open? Is Ventura? Is Van Nuys? The day of our January fly-in, the 15th, found the weather playing games with our members, low fog moving around capriciously. Fortunately, our destination, Santa Ynez Airport, lay clear, calm, and inviting in its gentle valley, and nineteen of our members and guests in seven airplanes found the route of flight equally pleasant. Then came a trip to the nearby Danish village of Solvang in

airport cars, and a hearty Danish lunch.

ANN and MAURY LODWIG had been visiting relatives in Ojai, and flew over to join us from Henderson Field. They reported that a tree at the approach end of the field had grown considerably in the last few years, and they asked why it was not cut lower. The reply: "Well, the local boys know it's there, and they scatter a few leaves now and then, but the branches are real flexible."!

Prospective member AULEEN HALL arrived with husband-instructor AL checking her out in a brand new (25-hour) beautiful Skylane. Prospective member DOROTHY LIMBACH and three passengers arrived a little late, because of having stopped for breakfast in Santa Barbara en route to lunch in Solvang.

Over the holidays LYNN, BOB, and MIKKI OPPER started for New Orleans and Florida, but weather allowed them only as far as Houston. They had to return for work, school, and New Years Eve. (Guess which was for which.)

RACHEL and LARRY BONZON three-tenned to Mexico City for the holidays. The biggest impression was made by the fabulously beautiful Christmas lighting on the buildings, and the lights and other decorations in the parks and streets.

SALLY LaFORGE continues to work on her Instrument Rating. JEAN IVANOFF, BETH KAISER, and REBECCA HELD have been busy flying locally.

BEULAH and BILL KEE have sold their Cessna 172. We hope to hear soon that they are trying on new wings. They both attend Instrument Ground School.

The DORR family are busy working on their PBY, preparing for a projected Baja California trip.

Happy New Flying Year, everyone!

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

Ginny Chandler, Reporter

As of today, the Orange Co. Chapter has a new Reporter for the 99 News, ME! ANN CANTILLON, the previous writer, has been promoted to Chairman of our group, which means more work, work, work. CHRIS ARMSTRONG, our previous Chairman, is now a bride, and on her way to Phoenix. We all wish you well, CHRIS. You'll be greatly missed by every one

of us. What we forgot to mention to CHRIS at her champagne send-off was that her home would be an ideal spot for our headquarters at the Spring Sectional. (Hint, Hint.)

Now down to the gossip — SHERRY BLESSING made her first commercial flight (for real money) in Dec. Oh the ecstasy! I understand she celebrated all afternoon. MARA CULP is at it again. She passed her Instrument Instructors and Air Taxi Ratings last month. That's not all—She made three parachute jumps to boot! Now there's enthusiasm. That's MARA, flexible bones and enthusiasm.

The IFR bug has bitten the "multitudes" here in the VFR CAPITOL of the world. You must realize that although the Chamber of Commerce will concede to reduced visibility once in a while, they never get as drastic as IFR . . . But just in case, HELEN HEDGES, ANN CANTILLON, MARGOT SMITH, and VEE WALENSKY are all working hard on this rating; VEE is after the Commercial at the same time. DORIS BAILEY, our Treasurer, is a Commercial pilot as of this month.

Many thanks to KAY MALICK who so graciously hosted our last meeting. From her conversation I take it the Commercial rating is her goal. I gleaned this bit of info. from her mumblings in the kitchen about "the tail not following the rest of the plane in a Chandelle". Keep practicing, they say there's a trick to it. KAY has also been our champion in the "AIR MARKING OF ORANGE COUNTY AIRPORT" Project that our Chapter has been shouting about so long.

On Saturday Jan. 21st, our happy group of frustrated artists, paint pots in hand, will descend on the taxi strip to leave their mark for posterity. Special thanks to THON GRIFFITH, you too GEORGE, and MARA CULP for the arm twisting you did to come up with a good part of the supplies.

MYRNA SHANFIELD, who has worked so hard on La Liga (our medical airlift to Mexico) now tells us that we'll be ready to go about March or April.

New Business: We have received the news that our Chapter will have a hand in the opening day celebration of Orange County's new terminal and aircraft facilities. I hear that The Blue Angels might even have a show planned for the occasion. (I wonder if we

could talk them into a "Penny a Pound" Airlift????)

Sad News . . . EDNA STENNETT has sold her beautiful blue Tri Pacer. She's up to her ears in income tax work till April. There's a gleam in her eye though, and I'll bet one of these meetings she comes sailing in with a new "bluebird".

This about sums up January for now. If there is any CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM, please stow it till I have finished my course in "How to Write For Fun and Profit" . . .

PALOMAR CHAPTER

Mary M. Moons, Reporter

Many members of the 99s will be saddened to hear of the last flight of one of aviation's finest mechanics, V. M. "ANDY" ANDERSON. AWTAR Contestants and race officials will remember him as a very efficient and helpful Inspector at the race starts from Gillespie Field in 1958 and Montgomery in 1959 (San Diego area). In 1966, he gave TAR 64 his loving care, and much good racing advice to me.

If there is any joy left for his friends, it is in the knowledge that he filed his last flight plan while flying his modified cut, the "Turkey." Above all, ANDY enjoyed the sport of flying, and did everything in his power to help others remember that wings are a privilege earned by a few and to be enjoyed to their fullest.

Th Palomar Chapter of the 99s is sponsoring a "V. M. ANDERSON MEMORIAL FUND" for the benefit of his children, especially two young daughters. If there are some of you who wish to contribute, please make checks to: W. M. ANDERSON MEMORIAL FUND, c-o Flight Trails, Palomar Airport, Carlsbad, Calif. 92008.

Our Christmas party was held at the Fallbrook Country Club early in December. The food was excellent, the decorations beautiful, and the company without peer. Our business meeting was very short consisting mainly of very brief reports on future activities. BETTY GILLIES, one of the original 99s, told us how the group was formed and how they chose the name. GEORGE COLEMAN, who has announced at some of the air shows in which our guest MARGARET RICHIE has participated, gave us a few stories of how she won the Women's National Acrobatics Championship. HILDA PETTROSS gave a report on our pro-

posed fly-in to Ciudad Obregon in Mexico and the relaxed way of life we can expect there. MARY PEARSON reported on plans for our "Splash Down" at Lake Havasu in February. Each member brought two items to fill a basket for some needy family which is to be distributed at Christmas by the Zonta club.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

Evelyn Briggs, Reporter

Hilarity and fun reigned at our December Christmas dinner dance at the Marine Officers' Club. GERALD BANKS, MARIAN'S 49½er, was kind enough to again show his beautiful movies of the 1966 San Diego-Fallon Fun Race, so that members who had missed it last month and all 49½ers could see it. Another interesting film he showed, was one he had taken at the Confederate Airforce Air-show in Harlingen, Texas, last month.

LOIS BARTLING and 49½er HARRY ran into PAT STOUFFER again while on a Bonanza flight to visit relatives in Napa and Fairfield. Last Saturday, they participated in a Coast Guard simulated rescue search over the mountains for three hours.

ELSIE WATSON and LOIS, while on a trip to Van Nuys to have lunch with former S. D. chapter 99, GERRY VICKERS discovered an exciting big new shopping center not too far from the airport. More trips are planned as a result.

In a 210 and a 180, DONNA LEACH, 49½er BUD, and brother flew some of the employees of Leach Industries down to Rancho Buena Vista below La Paz in Baja California, on a fishing trip. An interesting side light was that the biggest fish, a record 685 pound marlin, was caught by the shortest, lightest man. When the boat had not returned to port near dusk, DONNA and BUD flew out 5 miles or so off shore and spotted it stopped in the water with all hands waving shirts, etc. Help was dispatched promptly.

We are very proud because two of our Chapter members received recognition for different things in our topnotch magazine called "San Diego": DONNA LEACH for Leach Industries and their new ideas in the field of exotic plastics under the title "The Million \$ Idea." She says, "We must put out nearly 100 different products including a comb for women to run very carefully through back-combed hair." She assists in the business and pilots their planes. TERRY VASQUES for her work as a Senior Research

Engineer with General Dynamics Electronic Division. She is pictured with the powerful analog computer at the date processing center where she is simulating the movements of a ship which will track astronauts voyaging to the moon. Her problem is to arrive at the most effective steering system.

We've missed seeing THELMA BISHOP for some time, but finally talked with her to find out that she and 49½er HAROLD have been flying almost every week-end either to Calexico, Indio, where their daughter lives, or to Desert Air where they plan to spend New Year's Eve.

Next time, we hope to have more news on air marking plans.

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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

Jeanne Day, Reporter

Several of our members have now gone through the Physiological Flight Training at George Air Force Base. This training is one full day; the forenoon being lectures and the afternoon being actual experience in the high altitude chamber where, among other things, each person gets to experience her own reaction to hypoxia. Although reactions vary among people, a reaction remains constant for individuals. Those recently in attendance were LINDA DENSMORE, VIRGINIA RAINWATER, JEANNE FRIEZNER, BETTY STORRS, and JEANNE DAY.

Many thanks are due LORELI CANGIANO for use of her home for our Christmas party, and to LOIS MAUER and her crew for making it so delightful. Word was sent back that our great helpers in the towers at Burbank and Van Nuys appreciated our holiday remembrances of cookies and stuff.

HANGAR FLYING: EM SANDERS checked out in a Cherokee and a Comanche recently. However she was in a 150 when she landed at the tiny airport near her daughter's in a crosswind that was so strong she decided to take off from the parking lot rather than the runway! She reports that she was airborne in 200 feet!

CATHY BLACK, our busy teacher who studies law at night, found time to study for, and TO PASS, the tests for an Instructor's License. Congratulations, CATHY.

JEANNE DAY flew her husband and mother-in-law to Tucson just in time to share some unseasonable cold and snow with the natives. But the warm hospitality of Tucson 99 VIRGINIA COOK more than made up for the temperature.

PAT PITCOCK flew to Baja in a 206.

La Paz tower cleared her to land second behind a Mexican Airliner, and then in Spanish warned the Airline Captain to exercise great caution because a nutty American woman was in the pattern! PAT got on the mike and said, "I heard that!" So the Captain broadcast to all listening that she made a good landing, and then he and all the officials lined up and shook her hand.

LOLA RICCI attended the Calif., Aerospace Educators Assn. meeting but reports that her flying time was diminished due to her husband's getting his Multi-Ticket.

LORELI CANGIANO reports that on a bumpy, lumpy day she took her brother-in-law for his first airplane ride, and it took all of her doctor-husband's skill to keep him from fainting!

VIRGINIA RAINWATER, the girl with the red hair and the blue face, holds the record of 8 hypoxic minutes at George AFB.

LINDA DENSMORE has recently flown in a C55 Baron and in a sailplane (which the pilot touched down on the precise spot he had told the tower he would hit!) We all realized just how strong our winds have been when LINDA reported that her 180 climbed out at 170 mph, and cruised at 215 mph last week! With winds and ground speeds like that, who needs SST?

DONNA FISHER MASON was welcomed after her absence, and related that a broken arm has kept her out of an airplane, but she will be back at it soon again.

MARILYN ARNOLD said that the way her luck's been running, maybe she shouldn't fly. Her office burned down, her co-workers went on strike, and she's waiting for the third blow!

AUDREY SCHUTTE flew to Watsonville in 2 hours in lumpy weather. Then the winds blew her husband home on the same route in 1:25.

AULEEN HALL just got her license and flies out of Ventura. She admitted to flying out of LAX in a 150!!! Then she adds that she couldn't have done it if her husband (with American Airlines) hadn't been along.

MARY HOLLOWAY recently flew out of the hospital and hopes the doctor will pin her wings back on pretty soon.

LOIS MILES says she has only traveled on the surface since she received her Nov. gas bills. (We all know the feeling.) LOIS has a column (Listen to Lois) due in the new aviation magazine Popular Aviation soon to be published by Ziff-Davis.

EDDIE WHITE flew to Orange Co.

and found herself in Special VFR. After missing the runway twice, and executing go-rounds, the tower inquired if she was a student pilot! EDDIE responded that she was a student pilot with a Private Pilot's License.

LIZ CROWLEY took a friend from Boston for his first airplane ride. During preflight LIZ couldn't find the flap handle, and not wishing to convey this problem to her passenger, she simply told him he had to watch outside for other traffic! While he was so busily occupied, she finally found the ELECTRIC flap switch.

ARDIE TRENHOLM, our popular Sky Witch, had a story in Sunday's paper about her SkyWatch job. She recently got to fly the Lear Jet again, and also a 250 Comanche which she will fly in the Powder Puff. Her sponsor surprised her by putting out some T Shirts and sweatshirts with her picture and "Sky Witch" imprinted thereon. She has also been on another TV program and won some money PLUS a free trip to Paris!

SAN GABRIEL, CHAPTER

Dorothy Foxon, Reporter

Thirty-five members and guests of the San Gabriel Chapter had a lovely Christmas dinner meeting at Eatons Restaurant in Arcadia.

GRACE PRITZ of the Pasadena Medical Assistants Association accepted Christmas toys brought by each member for needy children.

AL LINN gave the necessary information for us to arrange a January session of high altitude orientation for us to arrange a January session of high altitude orientation and experience in the high altitude chamber at George AFB.

Everyone busy with Christmas holidays, so not much to report.

Signing off with a Happy, prosperous, and safe flying New Year to all.

EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER

Dottie Sanders, Reporter

Since our Ninety Nine News deadline precedes our meeting date, report of Chapter activities is rather curtailed, except to state that BARBARA ALMAND, in charge of the Ninety-Nine display at the San Diego Aerospace Museum, is still needing pictures of women in aviation — either Charter Members or those who have achieved outstanding feats: i.e., altitude records, overseas flights, Powder Puff Derby winners, closed course racing, etc. Please don't be bashful

and send your picture and history to her as soon as possible.

Our Chapter will join San Diego in their Mardi Gras at Montgomery Field on February 4 to share in the profits and help with the work too.

We have three new members! One, FREDA BREISE of Breise - Johnston Flying Service at Gillespie Field, kept her license a secret for several months, but we finally learned of it and now she has joined the ranks. Her 49½ year old Fred, was a Flight Instructor at Sweetwater, Texas during WASP training days in WWII, and we are looking forward to seeing some of the movies which he took at that time. Two others are Indian members, MISS GIRIBALA MOHANTI, New Capital, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India, and DR. JYOTI JAIN, 68 VIR Sawarkar Market, Indore 2, India. Welcome to this wonderful organization. I know you'll find your membership a most rewarding association.

At this writing, we find ANN and JIM BLEDSOE on their annual vacation, destination this time was a choice of either Mexico or Tokyo — don't know which they chose. IDA GAY spent the Christmas Holidays in Pittsburgh with her family, flying via United; BARBARA and RON HILL took advantage of Christmas Holiday to spend some time in the mountains; LEAH LIERSCH was in Sacramento with her family, but not on as happy a note with illness in the family; ISABELLE McCRAE spent a week in Mexico with her school's Mt. Miguel Choral Ensemble who sang Christmas Carols at each train stop from Mexicali to Las Mochis and Hermosillo. They returned via airlines, but not without a little consternation when they discovered their return trip seats had been sold because of failure to confirm their reservations within the required time. However, all ended well when another plane was ordered to pick them up and return to San Diego with only a short delay.

Adios 'til next month!

NORTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER

Ruth Smith, Reporter

For our first meeting of the year, all but two of our 99s were present, several guests, and two 66s plus new 66. This is an excellent way to start the New Year. Let's strive for 100% attendance in February and throughout the remainder of the year.



Meet GIRIBALA MOHANTI, one of our new Indian Members sponsored by El Cajon Valley Chapter. GIRIBALA graduated in Math and is Honorary Secretary of both Orissa Flying Club and Ekamra Cooperative Building Society.

66 JEAN KNOTT passed her written exam recently and daughter-in-law JESSYE soloed this past week to become our newest 66. HELEN LAWRENCE passed her Instrument written and plans to enter the Powder Puff Derby, if nothing unforeseen happens between now and entry time; let's hope nothing does! By the time this is in the Newsletter, MARY ELLEN will have logged 200 hours. All sorts of accomplishments within our Chapter!

Most of the meeting was devoted to plans for the Powder Puff Derby stop in Flagstaff. There are so many details to be worked on for this stop that we plan a special meeting January 28th with the airport manager and all other interested persons. We hope to make Flagstaff the outstanding stop along the route. At 7,000 ft. we're already the high point on the route. (Just couldn't resist the pun.) All you gals who enter, plan to stop here, I'm sure it will be a memorable experience and besides, it's downhill from here!

Short sketch on Vice - Chairman JUNE ELY: JUNE is unique in that she took her check-ride with the FAA man standing on the ground. By way of explanation: it was a hot day in Flagstaff, the airplane was an Er-coupe and the FAA man was rather large so didn't want to overload it. Any way, she performed the maneuvers he had mapped out for her well enough to earn her license.

One of JUNE's hobbies is playing golf and she has several trophies to show her prowess in that field. Along with 49½er LARRY, they operate Williams Flying Service. They have recently bought a house in Williams, and JUNE says if you land at Williams, be sure to give her a call and she will be right out to the airport. JUNE and LARRY have a daughter, CAROLE, who enjoys flying very much, is 7 years old, and is in the second grade.

The ELYs usually take a vacation trip into Old Mexico in December, but have postponed it this year until April.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER

Helen McGee, Reporter

Although the rain poured down outside, the talk was all of flying at our Christmas party at EV and WALT HENDLEY's home in Modesto. Our husbands were guests for the magnificent meal prepared by EV, MARGARET ANDREWS, and JEAN MURRAY. DOROTHY and FLOYD KOEBEL were in charge of the punch bowl and CHARLOTTE RYAN, JEANETTE THOMPSON, MARGARET, and EV cooperated on the festive decorations. A gift exchange added to the holiday feeling.

Attending besides those mentioned above and their husbands were: BIL-

LIE and ED WYATT, SHIRLEY and GARY MILLER, LAVERNE and BOB GUDGEL, GEORGE ANN and MICKIE GARMS, VI and AL LABRUCHERIE, HELEN and HARVE McGEE, and MARIE McDOWELL (her husband ALAN, was in the hospital, recovering from knee surgery).

Visibility of 1½ miles at the Modesto Airport in the morning caused most members to drive to our January meeting at Jack's Club. LAVERNE and MARIE were the only ones flying in under the special VFR conditions.

RENE NELSON brought a prospective member along, THELMA HANSON, who is almost ready to get her license. She and her husband, also a new pilot, fly a Skymaster.

Speaker at the meeting was AL KELLY, representing Fuel Refunds, Inc., who explained his company's objectives. These include collection of pilot's refunds, ground transportation for members, cheaper insurance, information on pending legislation and a lobbyist in Sacramento representing private aviation. An ambitious program.

Our anniversary party will be a dinner dance at the Hotel Covell in Modesto on the 18th of February. The speaker will be MYRL RUPEL, Ph.D., Superintendent of Education in Tehachapi. He is the author of a book on gliding, and will speak on Air Education. Sounds like an informative as well as fun evening.

EV JOHNSON and her 49½er returned in mid-November from a ten day tour of Mexico in their Cessna 182. They flew to Puerto Vallarta by way of Calexico and San Carlos, and returned via Mazatlan and Hermosillo.

LAURA MAY and GENE CRAWFORD have also enjoyed a visit to Mexico recently, making Mazatlan their destination for a post-Christmas vacation.

Making shorter trips were SHIRLEY and her husband to San Luis Obispo, and I to Santa Barbara to pick up and return my daughter, a student at the University, for Christmas vacation.

MARIE has been practicing for her Instrument Rating.

LAVERNE and her husband plan to fly to San Diego February 1 for the convention of the California Agriculture Aircraft Association. BOB is a member of the Board of Directors.

Thanks to CHARLOTTE for collecting the above news since I was unable to attend the January meeting.

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TUCSON CHAPTER

Dorothy Jenkins, Reporter

November was the month the COOKS, VIRGINIA and KEN, took their Comanche to the Bahamas. Spending about three days at each stop, they visited Freeport, on Grand Bahama; Great Abaco; Eleuthera; and Nassau, on New Providence. VIRGINIA reports that all the airports are excellent, and well-attended.

SHIRLEY MARSHALL, husband ART, and daughter, LEE ELLEN, spent Christmas at San Carlos Bay, Sonora, Mexico. It was lovely and they enjoyed it, but SHIRLEY said that Christmas is really for staying home.

Another member in San Carlos for Christmas was PAT NOLEN, with her family. The NOLENS' San Carlos home is progressing, and there may not be too many mananas before it's completed.

Former Tucson Chapter member MEG GUGGOLZ was also in San Carlos for the Holidays, having driven her car and trailer down there for a stay of a month or more.

In the "it's a small world" department: an old friend turned up in BYRD GRANGER's English 60 class, at the University of Arizona recently — a former Provost Marshall of the 21st Ferrying Camp, at Palm Springs when BYRD was C.O. of the Wasp squadron located at that base.

JAN ENGLEHART has the answer as to how to spend a super New Year's Eve. She and her husband flew to Las Vegas the 31st and stayed until the 2nd. A first class holiday vacation, says she.

The most noteworthy flying trip (she feels) made by BARBARA WELSH last month, was one she made to Phoenix to pick up her new, and darling, miniature Schnauzer. The puppy is now completely indoctrinated into flying.

Others of us have had, not exciting trips, but the genuine pleasure of having our college students and, in my case, servicemen, home for Christmas vacation.

Welcome visitors in Tucson during the month were MARY and BRAD PEARSON (from Palomar), and MARY's Mother. The time seemed so short—not nearly long enough to catch up with everything that's happened since the last time we were together.

As a last minute item, and a good one to end with, a beautiful new Twin Comanche was just delivered to the

NOLENS. There should be notice of a brand new multi-engine rating in the next Newsletter.

PHOENIX CHAPTER

Marjy Crowl, Reporter

NEWS FLASH!!! Prospective 99 CATHERINE MARIE WINIFRED SARAH LAMBART arrived Sunday, January 15, 1967. PAT LAMBART, past Governor of the Southwest Section, her 49½er RIC, and their son, PATRICK are happy MRS. RING, PAT's mother, is on hand to help welcome the new addition.

Nine guests attended the January business meeting: ERNA BLATT, BARBARA WILLIAMS, MARGARET HLAIVENKA, BARBARA GREENWAY, LELIE REGER, DONNA WOODMAN, SUE SMITH, NOLA EARL, and HELEN VENSUS. Chairman MARY VIAL presented MAY DAVIS with her 99 pin, introducing her as our newest member. MARY BATTY distributed the new 99 dresses we had ordered, a whole carload (Christmas present car). Members will model same when our Chapter is hostess for Sectional in April. A letter from JESSIE WIMMERS, now in South Africa, was read and enjoyed. JUANITA NEWELL was pleased with contributions made to Girls' Ranch, as was VIRGINIA HASH. Both of these 99s have done outstanding work on this project, which was originated in our Chapter by VIRGINIA. Members attending the meeting were: MARY VIAL, JEANNE MORRIS, GINNY MOSER, SUSAN STORM, ANNE DAVIS, TRUDY MURPHY, WILMA BLAND, MARY LOU BROWN, JO ANN WINTERLING, JUANITA NEWELL, JUNE KAISER, SUE HARPER, MAY DAVIS, LOUISE BOYD, and hostess MARJY CROWL.

RUTH REINHOLD was guest on "What's My Line?" and almost stumped the panel as Barry Goldwater's personal pilot of his Beech Xcalabir. MELBA BEARD, JUANITA NEWELL, and RUTH REINHOLD were guest speakers at the Zontas Amelia Earhart program luncheon in Nogales. They flew down in JUANITA's Bonanza and were met there by FRANCES FRANCIS of the Tucson Chapter, who lives in Nogales and is a Zontian. After the luncheon the four girls shopped south of the border and returned home late in the afternoon.

On very short notice a number of the girls turned out to greet FRED

VEACH from Toronto, Canada at MARY VIAL's house. We all enjoyed FRED's account of flying in Canada and also chance to catch up on each other's activities. FRED and MICK-EY TOLIVER had been to Las Vegas for breakfast at the Silver Slipper. MARY LOU BROWN sent back that brand new Commercial license for a Multi-Engine endorsement. She also flew to Burbank, California in a Cessna 182, taking son STEVE. GRETCHEN YINGLING checked out in CAP Squadron 311's T-34 in addition to having flown two searches as observer. RUBY SHELDON just complained about how much she has to fly in her job as Flight Instructor at Sun Valley Air Service, but can vividly recall when she was complaining about not flying enough!! Not SUE HARPER's fault that she can't compete in aerobatic meet—it was cancelled. ALICE ROBERTS is ready to stay in Phoenix, for a few days anyway. JoANN WINTERLING and family flew to Tucson in their Cessna 170 formation with student pilot JOANNE KASSICK and husband, RON, in a Tri-Pacer. BETH USSHER flew to Claremont, California for holidays.

TRUDY MURPHY attended the open house of Helton Aircraft Co. at Falcon Field, Mesa, Arizona and flew the new, low wing 2-place Helton. JEANNE MORRIS had a nice visit with GERRI WALKER during the latter's visit here from Iowa during holidays. JUANITA and ELGIN NEWELL flew to their ranch for Christmas in their Bonanza and visited JUANITA's mother, who celebrated her 96th birthday. They picked up a 50 kt. tail wind on return trip. MARY LOU BROWN flew co-pilot ferrying the Geological Survey's Twin Beech to the East Coast for an aerial photography mission. Left the photo crew in Atlanta, Georgia and continued to Washington, D. C. for office-type business, returning via Commercial airline.

DONNA MOORE, Bakersfield Chapter, flew her father and children over for a holiday in Phoenix. CHRIS HOFFMAN and THON GRIFFITH were over on another matter, adequately covered in other news. Tip—we are looking forward to the former's move to our area as MRS. ED ARMSTRONG. CHARLOTTE KELLEY, member of Eastern New England Chapter, winters in this locale, at least she "hangs her hat" here. Is rarely around her

base of operation, was in California at time of last business meeting. She stayed over there, going to Palm Springs to attend Helicopter Association of America convention. Other Whirly-Girls attending who are 99s were LORETTA FOY, CLARE REEDY, DORIS LOCKNESS, MICHAEL KILFOYLE, PAT ARNOLD, FRANK BERA, SPARKY CANNON, MARY RAUB, MARJY CROWL, ILOVENE POTTER, TONY PAGE, BETTY PFISTER, and DOTTIE YOUNG.

Note to all: Please remember to include as prospective members those Whirly-Girls who have had no fixed-wing time. Thanks! Also, to promote Air-Age Education in every way we can, as SUSAN STORM did by taking Camp Fire Girls to the American Airlines Astronautics Display.



Margaret Kentley, Reporter

A most enriching experience this month, was to talk with 'Around-the-World' Solo Sailor, and ex-airman, FRANCIS CHICHESTER! At a dinner in his honor, given by the Institute of Navigation, he inspired us all. With such strength of character and self-assurance, he easily carried the confidence he has in himself and his adventures. He is a man with an enormous sense of humor, which kept bubbling over, and who is not afraid to be alone with the elements, and himself, for many months at a time. He believes Navigation is an ART, inherent in only a few people and NOT a mathematical science to be learned by people without the gift. He told me the most difficult navigation he ever accomplished was back in 1931, in an open cockpit Gipsy Moth, when he flew to Lord Howe Island and Norfolk Island after departing from New Zealand. No one had ever before tried to find such small islands in such a huge ocean and of course there were NO Radios in those days. This Dinner was the Institute's first function since NANCY LEEBOLD became President and it was an enormous success.

We have six new members this month, in due course their names will be published in Ninety Nine News. Some of them hope to get to Washington D. C. for the Convention the end

of June. So far we have an Australian Contingent of 12 and possibly 10 more if they can find the finance. Australia is a long way away and a quick 4 weeks trip, (with 3 weeks in U.S.A.) can be done for U. S. \$730 for fares alone but any longer period has to be on a Round-the-World ticket at U. S. \$1300 for fares. If 99s in U. S. A. can give us a bed to save hotel accommodation, more girls might be able to come and see your beautiful country. We are all very domesticated and are prepared to sleep on a mattress on the floor if necessary, to save a hotel bill.

We are very optimistic and hope to have the first Australian Sponsored Entry in the Powder Puff Derby. Piloted by 2 of our young instructresses. This is not settled yet, but we have great hopes. Then there are three others of us who want to fly as co-pilots with American girls, if the cost is not too great, and some American girls will take us.

The other girls in our contingent are looking forward to the 'See America Tour' for 2 weeks after the convention. One girl, BROZINA KRAJA, was an Aerobatic Champion for several years in Europe before W. W. II. After the War she escaped from Czechoslovakia flying a "borrowed" Air Force plane. She migrated out here 17 years ago and has worked hard with no holidays and has bought her own house. Now she is going to borrow on a mortgage on this house to make this trip. She is so anxious to be with you all in Washington and on the tour afterwards.

One of our new members, ROBIN MILLER from Perth, W. A; goes to work at the Maxfield Radiological Centre at Dallas, Texas in February, and will be visiting many parts of the Aerospace World. She is looking forward to meeting many of you.

ROSEMARY ARNOLD and JUDY LORDING, another new member, recently had a wonderful and unexpected 1000 mile delivery flight for Avis, up to Rockhampton in Qld., and were feted by both the Cessna and Piper agents during their 2 day visit.

BERYL YOUNG will be stationed in Sydney for a while, on loan to the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, as their IFR Pilot flying over the Ocean, spotting fish, which all sounds mighty exciting.

BEVERLYE SHAW flew to L. A. just before Christmas and married her MICHAEL SHAE. They will live in Sherman Oaks until MICHAEL finishes his University Course; then they will

return here, for a while anyhow. Congratulations and best wishes BEV and MICHAEL, we miss you.

See you all in Washington,
Cherrio.

BRITISH SECTION

Janet Ferguson, Reporter

Firstly, brief details of our three new members, mentioned in the last report:

JOAN ARCHER learned to fly in 1963 and has recently added an Instructor's Rating to her Private License. She instructs part-time at the Herts and Essex Aero Club, along with her recently acquired 49½er LEN. JOAN won the Hertz and Essex "Pilot of the Year Trophy" in 1965.

DEPUNE POLYNTER has been flying at 11, soloed a glider at 16, made her first powered solo at 17, and qualified for her Commercial at 20. She also has an Instructor's Rating and Twin-Engine Rating. DELPHINE instructs at the Luton Flying Club and does various other freelance flying, including some of the vintage aircraft from the famous Shuttleworth Collection — lucky girl! She flew one of these, the English Electric Wren, at the Farnborough Air Show last year.

DEUHNE POYNTER has been flying since 1955, and does a mixture of gliding and powered flying. Most of her powered flying is with the well-known Tiger Club, where she does racing, air touring, and is currently training in formation flying. DEPHNE is a microanalyst in a research laboratory and is a member of the Womens Royal Naval Reserve.

We reported earlier that CAROL KOCZON, our American friend from the Garden State Chapter, was undergoing refresher flying in a Tiger Moth. We now hear that this obviously had the desired effect as she passed her acceptance test for the Tiger Club last November. Congratulations CAROL! We're pleased that you've experienced the joys of flying the legendary de Havilland Tiger Moth—conventional gear, biplane, open-cockpit and all — even if it is a little breezy in the winter!

We have rumors of yet another Ninety Nine flying with an airplane, but they are as yet unconfirmed so no details at the moment.



British Section Thanksgiving Eve Party. L. to R. SHEILA SCOTT, LADY BRABAZON, and ELIZABETH OVERBURY.

(Photo by Frank Woods, Pictorial Publicity Inc., Surbiton, Surrey)



BETTY CONES, British Section, receiving the Amelia Earhart Medal from guest of honor, LADY BRABAZON.

(Photo by Frank Woods, Pictorial Publicity Inc., Surbiton, Surrey)

SUE PHILLIPS' 49½er PETER recently won a prize in the British Balloon Club raffle. He unselfishly passed this on to SUE, and she will be getting a free ride in a balloon in due course.

No more for now this seems to be a quiet time of the year!

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CANADIAN SECTION

Barbara Brotherton, Reporter

With pride we announce that the Canadian Section is now re-activated! Canada was a Section until 1960, when the distances involved in getting together and the few girls flying, made

WELCOME and Congratulations to the newly re-activated Canadian Section

it impractical and the Canadian 99s because Members-At-Large. But women in Canada are taking to the air! At almost every airport you can find a potential 99 shooting 'touch and goes' or hear a feminine voice on Unicom or Tower frequency. Our "at - large" membership and girls across Canada were discussing with Executive Board members and with each other, the problems and possibilities of again becoming a Section so that local Chapters could form.

Finally the Toronto area group, which seems to have the largest membership within practical flying or driving distance, got together and elected temporary Section Officers. These girls have agreed to serve until chapters are formed and nominations and elections can follow 99 SOP.

Our new Section Officers are: Governor, EDITH DENNY; Vice-Governor, FLORA MURPHY; Treasurer, FREIDA VEACH; Secretaries, JEAN MACDONALD and JUDITH GRAY.

We've gone further. At a luncheon meeting held at EDITH DENNY'S home on Dec. 8th, the first Canadian Chapter was re-activated and officers elected. They are: Chairman, SYBIL DUNN; Vice-Chairman, HILDA DEVEREUX; Treasurer, BARBARA BROTHERTON; Secretary, ESME WILLIAMS.

Those attending besides the newly elected Chapter and Section Officers were DOT RUNGELING, past Governor, EDITH BERRY, MARIA LINDSAY who is checking out in the fam-

ily's new Cessna 182, ELAINE MAGEE who's working on a multi-engine rating, MARIE WALKER, our youngest member who started flying on her 16th birthday, and LYNN THOMPSON who's working on her Commercial and Instrument endorsements.

In a future issue we'll introduce the new officers properly. Right now I'll put in a request to all the Canadian members to send your news to EDITH DENNY, 439 Temagami Crescent, Port Credit, Ont. so that we can keep informed via the Newsletter of who's doing what.

It's a big Canadian Sky, but we're off the ground and on course!

SOUTH AFRICAN SECTION

Yvonne Lourens, Reporter

Meet two more South African members:

1. EVA HOLLINGWORTH won the Wakfield Trophy for being the first woman pilot home for the second successive State President's air race, during September this year. The first time she competed in this air race, she placed fourth out of 35 entries.

EVA was born in Vienna and educated in Switzerland. In 1948, she immigrated to South Africa. During 1957, she won the annual Slabert Hursary organized by the Women's Aviation Association, and obtained her Private Pilot's license in six weeks. She acted as Secretary for the Women's Aviation Association for many years, and Secretary for the Aero Club of South Africa for four years, and is at present Secretary for the S. A. Ninety-Nines. She assisted in the organization and handicap calculations in air rallies and races which prevented her from taking part until 1964.

A favorite past time of EVA's is to fly to Lourenco Marques for a weekend of continental atmosphere, oysters and peri-peri prawns.

2. DR. SHIRLEY SIEW although born in South Africa, was taken to Russia as a baby and spent her childhood in Leningrad. At the age of nine, she returned to South Africa.

SHIRLEY studied medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand, in Johannesburg. After graduating, she became a lecturer, and then a Senior lecturer in the Department of Pathology and Bacteriology. Numerous articles she has written have been published

in scientific journals. In 1963, SHIRLEY was awarded a Doctorate of Medicine for her thesis on rheumatic heart disease. A year later, she graduated as a Fellow of the Faculty of the College of Physicians, Surgeons, Obstetricians and Gynecologists of South Africa.

At present SHIRLEY is in the United States where she is furthering her chosen profession.

She flies for a hobby and has won several trophies over the years. For several years she has been Chairman of the Women's Aviation Association — Johannesburg branch, and joined the Ninety-Nines during 1965.



EASTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Lois Dobbin Auchterlonie, Reporter

Scheduling a January fly-in meeting has a direct relationship to unscheduled fog and rain. Despite the grim weather, 19 members and 6 guests arrived at Fitchburg's Holiday Inn for a business meeting and to see CHRIS SEAVER's pictures of an AWTAR and IAR race.

Due to our news blackout for several months, let's catch up!

October's Fall Section meeting at Merrimack Valley Inn, North Andover, Mass., brought out 42 members on a beautiful fall "foliage" day. Governor ALMA GALLAGHER SMITH was installed by retiring GOV. PAT RUSSELL, other Section officers, ISABEL BLODGETT, Vice-Gov.; MARGARET DAVIDSON, Secy; and CHRIS SEAVER, Treas. The air really churned as nearly everyone arrived IN TIME for the meeting. Our guest speaker at the luncheon was COL. WM. MCCLURE, USAF, stationed with the Air Nat'l Guard at Westfield.

We'd hardly got our airplanes tied down from the Section meeting when we got wind of a dedication, so on three days notice, the Chapter participated in the Amelia Earhart Flood Control Dam and Recreation Area dedication. PRES. ALICE ROBERTS arrived on Oct. 13th for the ceremony, and rode to the dam in AMELIA'S 1922 Kissel Sports roadster — the Ye'low Peril (also being called the "Yellow Bird" by Northeast). Too bad we can't print color pictures, for ALICE'S red hair, white coat, and the yellow car

was very striking! We enjoyed visiting with MRS. MURIEL MORRISSEY, AMELIA'S charming sister. GOV. VALPE addressed the gathering, and a fitting tribute was given by the Mayor of Medford, who read AMELIA'S poem "Courage". A flyby by a Northeast jet "Yellow Bird" added the right note—AMELIA was one of the founders of that airline. The new dam will provide an extensive recreation area for the future.

Altho ALICE'S visit was a brief 24 hours, we exposed her to the New England 'color' which was still beautiful, the 'old north bridge' in historic Concord, dinner with 99's, and coffee-liquor at LOIS AUCHTERLONIE'S where some of the 49-1/2ers joined us. They wanted to meet our President! We hope she'll come back again and stay longer!

The Chapters welcomes aboard four new members — BETTY CRAMER, HELEN DELANEY, MARY SHAW, and RUTH CROWELL, who have been pinned by Chairman FRAN PORTER.

Congrats to MAJOR MARGARET McFARLIN, who recently received her majority at Westover AFB; and to ALLEGRA OSBORNE for her Commercial rating. RIPLEY MILLER is over the first hurdle on Commercial and has passed her written.

November meeting was held at Taunton, Mass., with 26 attending. After a short business meeting, films were shown including LINDBERG'S takeoff for his record flight.

The Chapter Christmas Party was held at Officer's Club, Hanscom Air Base and well attended by 40 members and guests. We were delighted to have as guests the Base Commander COL. and MRS. HENRY (HOWDY) DITTMAN, and COL. CHIP COLLINS, Vice Cmdr. of 94th Reserve Military Air Lift Wing, Section Governor ALMA GALLAGHER SMITH and 49-1/2er LARRY, and Northern New England Chapter Chairman, BEVERLY SHORES. The party committee MILLIE DOREMUS, RIPLEY MILLER, and DOROTHY ANDERSON had arranged attractive table decorations. Was nice to see BEVERLY BELL back from Puerto Rico for the Holidays—her lovely tan was the envy of we bleached snowbirds.

Thirty-two Girl Scouts in Chelmsford, Mass., have earned their "Yellowbird" badge for an aviation education program initiated by PATTI JONES. The program over several weeks included theory of flight and flight safety, a trip to Logan Airport to visit Northeast hangar, examine a jet airliner



99s at A.E. Flood Control Dam Dedication, Boston, Mass. PAM BUGG, FRAN PORTER, HARRIETTE ABBOTT, Pres. ALICE ROBERTS (in A.E.'s "Yellow Peril"), LOIS AUCHTERLONIE, and PATTI JONES.

with explanation by airline pilot, visits to reservation desk, observation to watch traffic, weather bureau, and the Nashua Air Traffic Control Center. The girls also had a ride in PATTI'S Cessna 206 and LOIS AUCHTERLONIE'S Cherokee. The Scouts were real interested in this type of program.

An air marker was painted at Northhampton, Mass., (LaFleur Airport) in October. There was so much smog in the Connecticut Valley, we nearly needed instruments, but with many willing hands, it didn't take long to paint. The wind shifted before we were quite thru — and it provided a beautiful tail wind for a record trip back home.

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

Ruth P. Buckley, Reporter

It was announced that there would be a bake sale. It would initiate the January business meeting. Thus, our baked goods table was filled with con-

tributions from all the attending membership. All home baked! . . . With our cooking venture a success and our proceeds admirable, the Chapter was filled with the joy accompanying a project accomplished, and was hinting toward the view of next time.

While all this activity was going on, the light on the tower was going around indicating weather containing minimums. This enclosure was an inconvenience. However, our good attendance enhanced any weather. We certainly brightened up the airport F.B.O. lounge with our coming and going.

With Bridgeport on the south shore of the state, we traveled from widely distributed sections of the state. The homeward bound route would take ELLEN PURDY, BETTY SAGAN, SHARON SIMMONS, and CHRIS WINZER

north. JO MASSEY, JERRY GARDINER, EVELYN MURCH, TETA GUNTHER, and PEGGY DAVIDSON heading east, while RUTH BUCKLEY, CYNTHIA KEMPER, MARY HORTON, and PRIL LOVERIDGE traveled west. From this blending of directions our meeting calendar will be as listed:

Feb. 7—Regular meeting in Hartford. (Restaurant will be on monthly notice, plus any other needed information.)

March 14—Luncheon at the home of our Chairman PRIL LOVERIDGE — 1858 Merwins Lane, Fairfield.

April 15—Sectional (details soon)

May 24 — I.A.R. — Hartford, Conn. Brainard Field

June 6—open

June 28 - July — Convention

July 2—Air show at Bridgeport Airport.

The Chapter welcomes new member KAY LITTIN of Weston, Conn. KAY is the mother of eight children. She earned her license at Danbury airport, Danbury, Conn. We welcome transfer ADAH MURPHY of Bristol, Conn. Our prospective member MARY NEIL, has attended her second meeting. MARY started her rating out of state, and she completed it at Bridgeport airport.

The Connecticut Chapter officers this year are Chairman — PRIL LOVERIDGE, Vice - Chairman — EVELYN MURCH, Secretary—CYNTHIA KEMPER, and Treasurer—BETTY SAGAN.

Chairman PRIL LOVERIDGE has piloted a Piper Colt. Family have owned a 180. A native of Watertown, Conn., she has returned to Connecticut after fifteen years. She has four children, three girls ages 6, 11, and 12, and one son age 9.

Vice - Chairman EVELYN MURCH resides in Guilford, Conn. She flies a Cessna 172. A native of Tennessee, she is the mother of two girls and one boy. She enjoys her part-time nursing activities, and participation on the Public Health Board. Her home base is Griswald Airport, Madison, Conn.

Secretary CYNTHIA KEMPER was licensed in 1959 in Maryland, learning in an Aeronca Champ. Her husband BUB and CYNTHIA are re-covering their presently owned Taylorcraft. She writes that she has experienced flying a Cub on floats and aspires to put in more seaplane time again. Enjoys boy STEPHEN now age 6, and swimming.

BETTY SAGAN resides in Wethersfield, Conn. She flies both a Cessna 172 and Cherokee 235. Has a SEL rating. Favorite winter sport is skiing. She has two boys 15 and 13 and a daughter 11. BETTY is currently working on the upcoming IAR, conferring with VIRGINIA BRITT of the Woman's Pilot Association.

In conclusion, the Chapter represented by JERRY GARDINER, will be working with the Federated Garden Club on the airport beautification project.



GARDEN STATE CHAPTER
Nancy Smyth, Reporter

On December 17, The Garden State Chapter had its Christmas party —
February, 1967



New Connecticut Chapter Officers, left to right: **PRIL LOVERIDGE**, Chairman; **CYNTHIA KEMPER**, Secretary; **EVELYN MURCH**, Vice-Chairman; **BETTY SAGAN**, Treasurer.

cocktails, dinner, and dancing at Flying W Ranch. It was well attended by 99s, 49½ers, 66s, and guests — including some of the Early Birds. A good time was had by all!

On January 15, we had a Box Lunch Auction at Morrisville Airport hosted by MARY JUNE LOCH. The lunches were really works of art — derbys with powder puffs; airplanes; airports; and even a flying saucer — and all were a gourmet's delight! Also, our thanks to YVETTE HORTMAN for the use of Hortman Aviation's new facilities at the NEW Airport Terminal Building.

Our meeting was devoted to the Start of the Powder Puff Derby. Things are shaping up, but please — any and all help will definitely be appreciated. As a reminder, IMPOUND DEADLINE is JULY 4 and TAKE-OFF is JULY 8. As you know, this is the week following Convention in Washington, D. C., and the Garden State 99s, will be in Atlantic City from July 1 on, to welcome any early arrivals. Our headquarters in Atlantic City is the CLARIDGE HOTEL. Our biggest goal for the Start of the Derby is to provide "T. L. C." (Tender Loving Care) to all the contestants and guests.

MARY JUNE LOCH and MARGE BRYANT are flying to Florida soon for some "fun in the sun". Then, in February FLORENCE WALSH and

ANN WHISTON are also flying to Florida. At the same time, chairman of the Start, JUDY MEITSNER and her 49½er are off to California and Hawaii. I'm afraid the rest of us are going to have to stay home and dig our way out of the snow drifts!

MARY JUNE LOCH sent an application to Eastern Airlines for a job as a pilot and was turned down. They politely said "we do not have a job for you." She would be very interested in knowing how many other 99s have applied for similar jobs and what has resulted.

That's all the news from New Jersey for this month, but the members of the Garden State Chapter would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm invitation to all 99s—both contestants and supporters — to come to ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY for the START OF THE 1967 POWDER PUFF DERBY.

GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER
Charlotte M. McCollum, Reporter

Sorry I missed last month, but buck up—we're getting a new Reporter. DOLORES MADDEN has kindly consented to take over my two and a half year old job, so be kind to her and send in your news items.

KAY BRICK was gone over a month on her ferrying trip in the Queen Aire to Australia. Arrived home Christmas

Eve. The plane is to be used as a Hospital ship for the Australian back country.

SELMA CRONAN, MINA ELSCHNER and ARAX SIMSARIAN flew to the Bahamas for the Treasure Hunt, came Back in BEA HAYDU'S Cessna 310. Apparently they didn't get to fly the Hunt, but had a ball.

Our Christmas Party was held at SELMA CRONAN'S this year and was a big success. Lots of people, good food, gracious hostess, etc. We collected the usual gifts for the children of Bellevue Hospital, delivered by RICK VOM SAAL, and also 15 stamp books for the Tom Dooley Foundation hospital ship.

FRED and JULIE VOM SAAL and daughter are flying commercially to St. Croix the end of January to visit flying friends in that area. JULIE WILSON, one of our newer members, is already firmly ensconced in her St. Croix home.

JIM and CHARLOTTE McCOLLUM are heading for the Bahamas in their Comanche the middle of January, and if all goes well, will be joined by TOM and BARBA BROTHERTON, and ELIOTT and RUTH BLISS. The BLISSES will be picking up a new Cherokee either on the way down, or the way home.

KAY HILBRANDT has two speeches lined up for the Zontas. She'll show the "Stamp of Friendship" film which our Chapter recently purchased.

We want to welcome four new members to our Chapter—MISS VALERIE HNOT, who flies a Cherokee; DORIS STOLL, also a Cherokee pilot, and whose daughter MARGO is also taking lessons; DOROTHY KIRBY, who learned to fly in a Tri-Pacer, but who is now the proud owner of a Comanche 250; and PAT BLUM, also a Comanche owner. DOT flies out of Somerset Airport in New Jersey, and DORIS and PAT are both out of White Plains, N. Y.

I don't believe our November meeting has been mentioned, since I have been a bit lax in my duties. It was a fly-in meeting at Caldwell-Wright, with members bringing a few of their best slides or movies, and proved to be a most interesting meeting. Our January meeting was held at JULIE VOM SAAL'S home, and was strictly a business meeting, with one of JULIE'S delicious Buffet dinners thrown in.

I have undoubtedly missed items worthy of print—if so I humbly apologize, and suggest you write DOLORES MADDEN immediately. She will be most happy to hear from you!



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Kate Macario, Reporter

December was noted for its Christmas parties. This year our Chapter's affair was arranged by ALICE MEISENHEIMER and held at Shillings in N. J.—A group of a hundred members and guests ate dinner, danced to "The Tempos" and enjoyed a private showing of the CBS film, "A Powder Puff for Joan" starring our MERLE CHALOW and CBS correspondent JOAN MURRAY. It was quite a full and rewarding evening and well done by ALICE.

We were fortunate also in being able to attend the N. J. Chapter's Christmas party at the Flying W Airport. ELSIE McBRIDE and, disc jockey, JOE McCAULEY, joined KATE and TOM MACARIE for a flight to the party, a night perfect for flying. There, also, were dining, dancing, and a delightful evening spent with other 99s, including BARBARA and BOB FARQUHARSON and MARGE BRYANT and her 49½er, from our Chapter, plus prospective member JOAN BERTLES.

To backtrack a little, our November meeting was held at the Allentown-Bethlehem-Eastern Airport and just about everybody flew in. RUSTY STAHLEY hopped over from the Bethlehem-Eastern 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'S 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 LIEBY DUVAL from Central Bucks Airport for her second meeting, in the DIEMAND Bonanza. LIBBY and her husband own a Cherokee 180 and are flying to the Bahamas . . . MARIE D'ALTERIO and KATE MACARIO flew in with JOYCE ROGGIN in the Baron . . . ANNE SHIELDS and HELEN ZUBROW (who participated in the Michigan SMALL Race) brought the projector needed for the highlight of this meeting, the film "THE STAMP OF

FRIENDSHIP" which the 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.

FLORENCE WALSH and JUDY MELTSNER, Chairman of the 1967 AWTAR start, flew in to give us a pep talk on the Start at Atlantic City. They are seeking help from all the nearby Chapters. While our Section is committed to the Convention in Washington the week before, many of the girls offered to help wherever they could. June 28th to July 8th inclusive, will be a busy time for most of us.

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, flew the Aero Commander 200 to the Bahamas to make another film for CBS . . . Gentle GINNY SWISHER and her date joined us at the Christmas Party by flying in from Towanda to the Flying W, where they were picked up by HELEN and WAYNE PRICE . . . Was nice to have EVELYN KENNEDY (long time, no see) at the Party . . . And we were glad to see many of these good gals from New Jersey join us for this occasion.

In January, BARBARA and BILL MORRISON and the BASTINELLIs entertained the Int. Flying Farmer Duchess, PATRICIA SMITH (a 99 member of the Tulsa Chapter) and her husband, SOL, who flew in from Oklahoma to attend the IFF's annual banquet in N.J. Ninety-Nines and their husbands attending the banquet included BETH and CLYDE STURTEVANT, HELEN and BILL PRICE, BARBARA and BOB FARQUHARSON, and the MORRISONS.

ARLENE and ARNOLD FELDMAN drove down from West Point where ARNOLD is the Podiatrist at the Army Hospital, to spend the New Year holidays with their family and 99 friends. They are both active members of the Stewart (AF) Flying Club and have been getting checked-out in many of the Club's planes.

NANCY DIEMAND, HELEN ZUBROW, and ANNE SHIELDS flew in to YVETTE HORTMAN's Morrisville Airport for the January meeting of the New Jersey Chapter. The box lunch auction was a big hit and a good way to raise some money; money being a much-needed item to cover forthcoming Convention and Race expenses.

WASHINGTON D. C. CHAPTER

Ruth Freckleton, Reporter

Civil Air Patrol News: ADA MITCHELL is being reinstated as Air Inspector on Wing Staff of the National Capitol Wing (Lt. Colonel). RUTH FRECKLETON (Major) is Co-ordinator for Women. Together, we hope to have a crew waiting for each arrival to the CONVENTION next summer. We are proud of our Civil Air Patrol unit here.

Convention Activities: Washington Chapter under the direction of Co-Chairmen VIRGINIA THOMPSON and FAY WELLS are busy, busy, busy getting Committees working. MITZI KELLER, in charge of Ways and Means, co-ordinated the selling of candy and fruit cakes during the Christmas season. This helped our treasury. FAY WELLS has called a meeting during January of all Committee Chairmen at the American Newspaper Women's Club. Elaborate plans are forthcoming.

Christmas Party: Just to show how cosmopolitan we are, HEDY JAFFE had us at her home for the December meeting, to celebrate Honakau and Christmas. We had a marvelous dinner (turkey with all the Viennese trimmings) followed by a white elephant auction. This also helped the treasury. (Couldn't eat the elephants anyhow!)

Flying trips: MITZI KELLER and her 49½er GIL, are going off for a two months secret excursion in their plane, so if they phone you from somewhere in the World, don't be surprised! Not content with sitting at home by the fireside, HEDY JAFFE flew with her brand new son-in-law, STANLEY HORN, to Sky Bryce, the ski resort . . . but they were flagged off the runway as it was too soft to land the Cessna. NELLIE JACKSON as co-pilot expects to go to Indiana in BILL'S Beech. NANCY LYNAM and VELTA BENN will be in Florida to teach the AOPA Clinic, while FUTH FRECKLETON goes north to Rochester, New York for Christmas.

Vice Chairman JACKIE SMITH took over the January meeting very ably, during the absence of NANCY LYNAM. NANCY, together with VELTA BENN, is enjoying the sunshine of Florida during the AOPA Clinic, where they are both teaching. Isn't it wonderful to be a flyer?? Our charming hostess for the evening was KATHARINE STINSON, who thrilled us with a choice dessert: flaming cherry jubilee! We have such marvelous recipes cooked up around here that HEDY JAFFE

and I are thinking of putting out a 99 Cook Book. What do you say?

The Washington Chapter of ZONTA International again honored AMELIA EARHART and their president URSULA KELLER invited us to a dinner. Zontian BLANCHE NOYES arranged for MR. SAMUEL SOLOMON, who founded the Boston-Maine Airways (now called Northeast Airlines) with AMELIA EARHART, PAUL COLLINS, and EUGENE VIDAL, was on hand to tell us first hand of some of the pioneers' experiences. To top this, CAPTAIN MILTON H. ANDERSON, recently retired from Northeast Airlines, flew up from Florida for the meeting. His talk told of the "Pilots Thoughts of Amelia Earhart." It was one of the most enjoyable evenings we have had. The movie "Stamp of Friendship" was shown, commented by NBC's FRANK BLAIR, and introduced by FAY WELLS. See this picture if you can. BILL BARCLAY (49½er) graciously acted as projectionist. BLANCHE NOYES autographed some Amelia Earhart First Day covers for philatelists, to raise some money for use by the Convention Committee.

MITZI KELLER and her 49½er, GIL, are still on their second honeymoon. What tales they will have to tell upon their return, for both of them now have their twin engine ratings—and MITZI is a professional photographer! You know the old story, a picture is worth a thousand words. We hope to share some with you later.

The prospective Richmond, Virginia Chapter is building up interest. Best wishes for the winter season — and see you at the CONVENTION!



CAROLINAS CHAPTER

Kay Nisbet, Reporter

The Carolinas favorite writer, PAGE SHAMBURGER, has another first! She became the first woman to fly a TAC Reconnaissance Mission in an RF — 4C phantom jet, the fastest and highest flying one, operational in the Free World. She flew out of Shaw AFB (S.C.) with COLONEL LES ALUMBAUGH, a Vietnam veteran of 195 missions — really a pilot! More about

this will appear in Page's article in "Air Progress."

BEBE RAGAZ was hostess to the Carolinas Chapter on Sunday, Dec. 18. LOUISE SMITH and EMILY KELLEY flew in from High Point; EARBARA SCHIEBEL and FRANCES DOMAHUE flew in from Raleigh; NANCY WRENN drove down from Swannanoa.

The Carolinians are eager to rent, for a nominal sum, their copy of the Ninety-Nine film about the flyaway of the Amelia Earhart First Day cover. More information and the film are available from:

LOUISE SMITH (MRS. H. H.)
421 Edgedale Drive
High Point, North Carolina 27262
Phone 919-888-4931
Happy Flying in 1967!

GEORGIA CHAPTER

Betty W. McNabb, Reporter

Our new rosters are beauties. They'll surely lie flat and last longer than any we've ever had. But if you come through Albany, please ask Commander Air Service for my phone number—it's wrong in the roster. Please change it in your new roster to 435-4326. Weekdays I'm at the hospital, of course, and since I'm free to dash out and have lunch with you, please call me at work — 436-5741. There's nothing I enjoy more than meeting transient Ninety Nines.)

From Puerto Rico came 99 CLARA LIVINGSTON to Albany, to buy a beautiful new Aero Commander 200. We hope she enjoys it tremendously!

January meeting, joint with Alabama, Huntsville. Georgia was a mess, weather-wise, but Georgia 99s were well-represented. ELLEN CASWELL and 49½er STAN, with one son, drove over from Griffin; BILL LOWERY dropped CAROL and JODY enroute back from Memphis; JEAN VORLES went on the gauges to bring BETTY BENNETT and ESTHER GRUPENHAGEN from Atlanta.

Ninety Nines brunched buffet style at the Officer's Club at Redstone Arsenal, visited Marshall Space Center Museum, saw films on the first spacewalk, the docking, and the projected Appollo Mission. MARION MAYS did a wonderful hostessing job!

Said CAROL LOWERY, my informant, "We just must ask Alabama if they'll repeat this fabulous affair for the Georgia gals who had to miss it." (Hint to Alabama.)

Weren't the Christmas cards from Ninety Nines exciting! All over the world, flying women held out friendly

hands to each other, and perhaps we can somehow help hold the balance of peace.

Next Georgia Meeting, Lagrange—join us if you can.

And don't forget the wonderful tour of antebellum hosts at the Spring Sectional in Natchez. We'd love to have 99 visitors from other sections.

ALABAMA CHAPTER

Donna Willard, Reporter

Our January meeting was postponed one week because of the arrival of the New Year. We planned a joint meeting with Georgia to be held in Huntsville, Alabama. However, weather intervened and Georgia and Southern Alabama were socked in with fog. A few hardy souls from Georgia did attend, either by driving in or flying IFR. These were ELLEN and 49½er STANLEY CASWELL and their son, BETTY BENNET, JEAN VOYLES, ESTHER GRUPENHAGEN, and CAROL LOWERY. Most of the Huntsville 99s made it. These were BETTY ROWE, PENNY DICKERSON, LOIS BATES, KATHLEEN and 49½er RUSS VAUGHN, DOTTY EPPS, ELAYNE BROWER, DICEY MILLER, JEAN and 49½er JOHN LANE, MARION and 49½er RICHARD MAY, GERRY and 49½er LEWIS CHASE, DONNA WILLARD, and LAVINIA SPILLMAN. SANDRA and 49½er ROBERT WALKER brought two guests, LT. COL. and MRS. PODELL from Montgomery. BENNIE PETERS and BETTY FERRELL found the weather good in Tuscaloosa and Birmingham and they flew in. One prospective member from Mobil, JUDY HUCK, drove up for the meeting with her mother. She's the kind of prospective member that will get my vote.

MARION & 49½er RICHARD MAY, from Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, arranged for brunch at the Officers Club, an Army bus for transportation, and a tour of the Marshal Space Flight Center.

At least two teams from Alabama are planning to enter the Powder Puff Derby. One of these teams hasn't got a sponsor yet, but are spending much time on the phone and at the typewriter.

This pilot feels as if she has let the image of Woman Pilots down. I got lost on a Commercial cross-country flight yesterday, and was so embarrassed that I wouldn't take any money

from the gentleman who missed his plane because of a ten minute delay while radar found us and vectored us in. There is a lesson here, that's why I mention it at all. I flew a 1967 airplane and trusted a 1967 omni receiver too much. I let my passenger, who is a student pilot, try out his cross-country navigation while I flew the needle. I flew the needle all right, but missed my destination by ten miles! The approach controller was just marvelous and had me straightened out in just a few minutes. What wonderful services we pilots receive! After this embarrassing experience I was glad to find that there is still humor among jet airline pilots. While waiting for my take-off sequence among five Whisper Jets, I heard the pilot of one say that he would follow the "Red Baron" off. (Me in a little red 150.) The tower told him to be sure to watch out for my wake turbulence! So, with that, the "Red Baron" flew a straight line for home alone.

The movie "The Blue Max" finally got to Huntsville and almost every pilot in Huntsville was there. We sure enjoyed the flying scenes.

Perhaps some of you expert pilots have learned some lessons that you would care to pass on to us. I sure would rather learn some things by reading than by experience.

We'll be reading your columns!

FLORIDA GOLDCOAST CHAPTER

Dottie Harrison, Reporter

Our December meeting was a Las Vegas party, held at the home of Chairman DOTTIE SHAW. There were twenty-seven members and guests present. BETTY TRACY came down from Melbourne. She has transferred to the Spaceport Chapter since leaving Pompano Beach. Reports are that all had a delicious dinner and lots of fun.

Welcome to our two new members, BERNICE YENKLUM of West Palm Beach and ELAINE HARRISON of Miami. They were pinned at our January meeting, held at Tursair Opa Locka Airport. We had an interesting guest at the meeting, LOIS FEIGENBAUM, Chairman of the Cape Girardeau Area Chapter.

LOIS PORTER has been flying the Sky Patrol over Greater Miami every morning. An observer makes radio reports on the traffic conditions on the streets of Miami while LOIS pilots the airplane.



ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

Edy Maxim, Reporter

Much appreciation to our gracious hosts, JoANN and ROY STYPE. Festive and holidayish and good fun for our December 99 day at their lovely home in Wooster. A great day, except for our Ohio sky. Most of us drove.

ANN and FRED NICHOLS and MARION and CHUCK BETZLER participated in the Bahamas Flying Treasure Hunt. Found no treasure, but had a great time.

DOTTY HAUPT of the St. Louis Chapter is presently a Cleveland. She says, "Ya'all come to the SKY LADY DERBY, JUNE 22nd, FORT WORTH, TEXAS." Write to DOTTY for APPLICATIONS AT: 4153 W. 157th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

CONNIE JONES talked some more! "Flighty Ladies" to the Painesville Betterment Club on Nov. 28 and the Warren-Niles Zonta Club on Jan. 19th. "A Bird's Eye View of the U. S. A." to the Lee Road Golden Agers in Shaker Heights on Dec. 10th and Bedford Kiwanis Club on January 10th.

AUTRIE LEHR met with Ohio's Director of Commerce and hopes that in the future, Chapter members will meet with her and the Department to see if air marking money can once again be allocated in the State budget.

THELMA K. MILLER just returned from attending the Flight Instructors' Seminar at Ohio State University, and found it excellent. She strongly recommends attendance of any F. L. or those fast approaching this rating to these seminars.

PAULINE EK is checked out in C150, C172, PA235, Tri-Pacer and Stinson.

Congratulations! Two more Instruments Ratings — VIRGINIA SCHUMACHER and JOANN STYPE.

PAT FAIRBANKS, who instructs on Cincinnati Lunken, recently soloed her daughter, 16-year old CAROL SUE. Coincidentally, CAROL soloed on the same day as Pat did 18 years ago.

JoANN and ROY STYPE will be nosing the Skyhawk southward on Saturday, January 21st, to spend a week in Florida.

MARY and HARRY SCHEAFER are presently enjoying the Florida climate too.

Nigh on to 80 people attended the January meeting at the N. A. S. A. faci-



The Tennessee Chapter was hostess at the dedication of the new Down Town Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee. From left to right, **LADY McREYNOLDS, JANE DULANEY HILBERT, EDNA DAVIS, EVELYN BRYON JOHNSON, and BEE REED.** In the background is a small part of our exhibit. (Photo by C. Brownie Colquitt)

lity in Cleveland. Had the weather been reasonable over the entire state, would have had 18 planes fly instead of 5 for the tightly scheduled day of activities. Many, many thanks to **CLIFF CRABS**, an N. A. S. A. test pilot, who coordinated all those excellent arrangements for our N. A. S. A. tour. Thanks, too, to **BOB LEKO, WALT MAXIM III, and DICK SPEERS**, who were our tour guides. Scheduled: (1) Hangar tour — the B57 high-altitude research facility and the newly-acquired F106, which will be set up for advanced air breathing propulsion testing, (2) 10 x 10 foot supersonic wind tunnel, and (3) the new Zero-gravity facility, which can provide a weightless state up to 10 seconds. The tour time went by entirely too rapidly. Then, a quick shift from the west side of the airport to the east side for a buffet luncheon,

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which was followed immediately by a showing of CES's 1966 Powder Puff Derby film. A well-presented film, and **JEAN BONAR, CONNIE JONES, JoANN STYPE, and MILLIE KLAYMAN**, once again relived their experiences of that Seattle to Clearwater TAR.

Proud to learn that in 1966 the USAF honored **LAURETTA M. SCHIMMOLER**. She received her official "wings" and a plaque from the office of the Surgeon General USAF, giving her the title of "Honorary Flight Nurse." This presentation came 37 years after she took to the air. She was lauded for her "foresight and determination in initiating the idea of flight nursing and her continued support of this vital element of aerospace medicine." **LAURETTA**, formerly of Bucyrus, Ohio, developed and managed the first air-

port there. She has been living in Glendale, California since 1933. She started her flying in 1929, and at the time that **AMELIA EARHART** was president of the Ninety-Nines, **LAURETTA** was secretary-treasurer. In the early 1930's, following a disastrous tornado, she conceived the idea of flying nurses to a disaster area. Later, she interested more than 600 RNs in training for aviation procedures. They called themselves The Aerial Nurse Corps of America.

MUGS, ANYONE

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

Weather is great for Mid-December—good flying. Hope you all have had a wonderful Christmas Season. Our December meeting was in the nature of a Christmas party at the home of **GOL-**

LY MINER. Members brought Christ-fas cookies which instead of eating we made up into gifts for our services at the airport — Weathermen, Tower operators, FAA, FFS, and firemen — who give us such Tender Loving Care all year 'round.

GOLLY made it up to us by letting us fix our own ice cream sundaes—reward for keeping our fingers out of the cookies. A brief meeting let us know that in January we will have a joint meeting with the St. Louis Aero Club and will see the film called, "The Stamp of Friendship", a documentary on the AE stamp and her life story. We understand it leaves no eye dry.

FLYING ACTIVITIES:

JEAN LENNERTSON, who missed the meeting due to a flying business trip to Texas with her 49½er Rich, has been on Cloud Nine for a month. JEAN, as Pres. of Missouri Pilot's Association helped play hostess to movie star, BOB CUMMINGS. He was here to be guest speaker at their Wright Bos. dinner. ORVILLE WRIGHT was his godfather—in fact his name is ROBERT ORVILLE. JEAN, IRENE RAWLINGS, and MPA officers really wined and dined him for four days. GOLLY MINER and ROSE JOLY won a ride in his Artec but due to unfavorable conditions had to take a rain check. I got in 'on the act' by taking St. Louis MAYOR CERVANTES' place as STL Ambassador. The city presented him with a replica of the Arch and a key to the city. Quite a thrill especially since he bestowed a kiss on the cheek for my efforts. JEAN got one too when she presented him with an MPA pin for his wonderful speech.

He is quite a pilot and has a lot of wonderful memories to talk about. He gave a great plug to the Ninety-Nines, by the way, both at the dinner and on television when he recounted his efforts to start another television series in which he would be an airport operator, as well as "Grandpa" who start an airport in Missouri called "Erigh Future." It would be here that the famous 'SCHULTZIE' (ANN B. DAVIS) would come flying in as a "reject from the Powder Puff Derby." Sounds as if it has great possibilities. Hope he can swing it—the Ninety-Nines would certainly come to the public attention this way, albeit in a humorous way.

KIT HEACOCK and 49½er, GENE, flew to N. J. to pick up their new S3A3 Stits Playboy — both are keen on aerobatic flying. received a full page spread in Metro-East newspaper—



How would you like to have an airplane in your recreation room? This is exactly where DOTTY PATRICK of Lakeside, Ohio, has been building her 3/4 scale Buecker-Jungmeister. She even has the 125-HP Lycoming mounted already. She hopes to test-fly N701D in the Spring. And, yes, she will be able to move it out of the recreation room. Double doors.

human interest story full of her flying adventures.

KAY MEYERS was pinned at our party although she has been a member for awhile now. Transfer member GERI HALTON, from Chicago Chapter, came to meet us. She flies a Bonanza over at Arrowhead airport—welcome to the Chapter, GERI! GEORGIA KNOWLTON, a member, works part time at Arrowhead in the office—gets in a little flying too.

GRACE COVYEAU, another new member, has finished her Parachute Club training and plans a jump this month. Good luck, GRACE.

ROSE JOLLY has lined up a town to Air Mark come Spring—Ironton, Mo.

JANE NOYES was in Phoenix, Ariz. this fall for a National Guard Convention and met a 99 there but didn't get her name.

Both JAN POCOCK and MILDRED JAMES plan to spend the Xmas holidays out-of-town, visiting their folks—JAN at her mother's in Florida, and MILDRED with her parents in Arizona.

Hope you all had a barrel of fun New Year's Eve, and didn't mix bottle with throttle.

Deadline Acapulco! Just because there is so much sun and sand and blue, blue water this will not be much of an addition to the NEWS this month. Ten planes from St. Louis came down to this "Paradise by the Sea." Ninety-

Nines on the tour are two: SUE MATH-EIS and 49½er DICK, and AMY LAWS and 49½er JACK, each in their own planes. The rest of the group included well known St. Louis pilots and their wives and friends. The tour sponsor is TOM FOSTER, and his wife BETTY. A lot of you will remember TOM from SKYLADY DERBY races which he judged in past years.

From here we go over to Mexico City and then home—eleven days of fun in all. On the way down, we had to go to Dallas for a fuel stop, since weather was bad to the east. Talked to HAZEL McKENDRICK in the FSS and she cleared us to Laredo where we ROned.

On to Mexico City the second day and ran into a storm just before dark. We managed to get over the last mountain range at Pachuca and into Mexico City for the night. Clear sailing the third day to Acapulco. Mexican customs still take a bit of time but, all in all, flying conditions are pretty good. All the VORs were operating as expected and the ONC charts were surprisingly accurate. No trouble with tower operators—all speak English.

Going to try to call ELEANOR McCONVILLE, our 99 Member-at-Large, who lives in Mexico City. Tried to reach her last year but no contact.

Hope to have better luck this time.

Not only did we see an article about our Italian Member-at-Large FIORENZA DE BERNARDI, in the St. Louis newspaper, but saw the same piece in the Acapulco English news. All about her becoming Italy's first woman to fly commercial airlines as a co-pilot. Thought she might like to know she made International News! The 99s are certainly proud of women like her!

Before leaving STL, had lunch with VAL JOHNSON. She reported that she and RUTH TAKSEL and their 49½ers BELMONT and NATE had a marvelous trip around the Bahamas on the Treasure Hunt—didn't win but enjoyed the flying.

Must say "Adios, amigos." Promise to cover more current news next month. Wish I could send a postcard to all 99s. It would simply say "Having a wonderful time — Wish you were here" . . .

IOWA CHAPTER

Mary Lou Ballensky, Reporter

Admittedly, the flying weather in the Midwest is not always the best and is often further curtailed when one is flying off a grass strip. But once in awhile, one of those crisp, sparkling, sun-brilliant winter days settles over the Plains, and then, if one wants to go flying, it is absolutely essential to have a faithful 49½er who takes his "Vows" seriously!

Would you believe—my own arose early Sunday, January 8, went to the airport, shoveled out the drift in front of the hanger, put the heater on the engine, brought the oil cans back into town to be heated in a pan of hot water on the stove, traversed back to the airport to change the oil in 20 degree temperatures, wheeled out the Skyhawk to fly around the "pickle patch" to complete the warmup, and finally made a trip back to town to pick up Yours Truly and guest JOYCE BAUMERT?

After all this, he "graciously" let me fly away to Newton for the January meeting! Thank you, dearest 49½er!

TINA HEALY hosted the meeting and thirty were in attendance. This included fourteen 99s and several guests besides our 49½ers.

LOIS GRANGE presided at the meeting, complete with pictures and sun-tan left over from her Jamaica trip. Now, one could make some snide remark about Chapter Chairmen who take such glamorous vacations in-

stead of going to December 99 meetings, but I wouldn't DREAM of being so nasty! Besides, that girl has REALLY been working and deserved that vacation!

All Iowa flyers should take special note of the announcement in the January issue of the Iowa Aviation Bulletin about the Adult Education Course being offered at the Des Moines Tech Aviation Laboratory. "Designed for pilots, student pilots, and aircraft owners," the course will "provide them with a better working knowledge and better understanding of the aircraft engine and air frame."

The nine-week course will start February 1st, meeting every Wednesday night, for a modest total fee of \$12. And our own hard-working LOIS GRANGE was instrumental in arranging this project and getting it underway! Our heartiest congratulations and a big "Thank you," too!

Among other business, it was our happy duty to welcome BERT JOHNSON of Newton as a new 99! BERT'S 49½er is EARL JOHNSON, operator of the flying service at the Newton airport. And a big "Hello, again" to NORMA CHRISTIANSON who was recently reinstated. NORMA is now living in Marion, Iowa.

Next month we will meet in Waterloo, where all those "snide" remarks will undoubtedly catch up with me! (I assure you, they were made in jest!) Here's hoping for another beautiful winter day in Iowa!

CAPE GIRARDEAU AREA CHAPTER

Margie Hall, Reporter

1966 was a banner year for our Chapter and 1967 is already shaping into another busy, and interesting one. We have the NIFA Meet at Carbondale, Ill. in May. We're looking forward to seeing all those young college flyers demonstrating their ability.

Also on the agenda for this group is another POWDER PUFF DERBY stop. We're already getting excited about seeing our old friends again and hoping that new ones will make Carbondale a must stop. We can assure you from the preliminary plans we already have made, that this will be a stop you can't afford to miss.

NADINE HEUER will again be the Stop Chairman. She did a fabulous job last year and has accepted the Chairmanship again this year; this in itself will assure a smooth working stop.

NADINE HEUER, MARY ELDERS, LOIS FEIGENBAUM and your report-

er met with the Southern Ill. Inc. committee heads, at Carbondale, recently, and we are overwhelmed by their cooperation. Their enthusiasm is something to behold! They can hardly wait for the girls to start landing. So plan your flight plan now for a stop at Carbondale.

REP. KENNETH GRAY of Southern Ill. met with the above group, and extends to each contestant, his personal invitation to stop at Carbondale.

Following our meeting he graciously consented to take your reporter and NADINE NEUER for our 1st helicopter ride. It was the thrill of a lifetime for me!

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

Nita Irwin, Reporter

The January meeting was held at KATIE LETCHER's house where SARAH GORELICK was unanimously voted to be nominated for International Treasurer. We learned that MARJE PARIS and LAURIE MONK are officers of the Atchison Flying Club; MARJE being President and LAURIE, V.P.

99s are participating in a Weather Seminar presented by the Weather Bureau and sponsored by the Kansas City Aero Club. It's being held in the New Federal Building on January 19.

ALEAH COMBS has been on the ball by having already made reservations at the Hilton Inn for the North Central Section to be held in Kansas City in 1968. It's going to be a good one, so y'all come. Some of the girls are holed up by the fireside plotting the course to Peoria, Illinois for the 1967 Spring Sectional.

MARY WOOD joined friends in the Wolf Pack for the trip to Los Angeles to see our Kansas City Chiefs defeated at the Super Bowl. Better luck next year.

NONA MARTIN was checked out in a Skyhawk by Instructor MARILYN DICKSON, who, in turn was checked out in the Skylane. To beat the cold weather, BETTY SIMPSON with 49½er and friends are on their way to Jamaica in their Baron. We expect to see a lovely suntan, BETTY. The same goes for MARGARET WRIGHT and husband JIM who are in Tosada Vailacta, Puerto Villarta. RUTH and SHELDON STAFFORD and family spent the holidays in California, but they forgot to bring back some warm weather for January. We could certainly use some.

KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS CHAPTER

Nancy Craig, Reporter

Despite wind, weather and the holiday rush, many of us here in Kentucky keep on flying, especially busy Chairman NORMA WORLAND. NORMA has made combined business and pleasure trips to Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Mississippi; the latter flight for the opening of a new Panelite plant in Tupelo. She flew this one in a Comanche 260B, IFR, and with a 60 knot headwind. MARIE REISS, in her Cessna 172, visited Cincinnati, while VIRGINIA CHAMBERLAIN started for Evansville. It was one of those days when a 180 degree turn is the better part of valor for a non-instrument rated pilot, and VIRGINIA wisely did just that, coming home to Bowman after waiting in Elizabethtown for the weather to pass.

Winter flying vacations are on the agenda for BOBBIE and HARRY KLETTER and SKIP and GEORGE GUMBERT. Both couples are heading west, the KLETTERS to Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Hawaii, and the GUMBERTs to San Francisco first for an Orthopedic Academy meeting, and then to Aspen, Colorado for skiing.

Ferrying new aircraft is DORIS SHAKE's latest accomplishment; she brought a new Cessna 150 from Wichita to Louisville. Our small nucleus of Instrument fliers will eventually have at least one new addition, MARY ANN BRANGERS. She's starting her work on this rating. RITA LeNEAVE will be building her flying skills, too; she and DOUG have stepped up to Multi-Engines in the form of an Aztec, '52 PAPA.

Perhaps our best news of national interest is the new cigarette lighter which we will soon be offering for sale. The prototype has been approved at last, and we're now almost in business. The lighter is most attractive, both in appearance and in price, and you'll be hearing much more about it within the next several months. This is an item which many of you will want, and we'll be glad to fill your orders.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Mary Peltó, Reporter

Despite the snow, 32 members and guests attended the January meeting. In conjunction with the Detroit Zonta Club, we gathered at the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

MARY CLARK, a Jackson Zonta as

well as a 99, spoke on the "Duties of a Co-Pilot." She shared many of her experiences as co-pilot on the winning plane of the 1966 AWTAR. BEA STEADMAN, her pilot, was unable to attend due to prior commitments. Other Powder Puffers, LEAH HIGGINS, FRAN MYERS, and JEAN REYNOLDS remembered some of their experiences with us, too.

Prospective 99s attending their first meeting were ELINOR TITLOW, Utica, guest of HELEN TENNIES and DIANNE McFARLAND, Lansing, guest of FRAN MYERS and ARABELLA MELICK. MELBA DODSON, a student, came as PAT CLARK's guest.

JULIE AUERBACH was pinned and welcomed officially by ALICE DAVIS, our Chairman.

SAMMY McKAY brought a guest to the 1966 SMALL race. Apparently she was quite impressed, for MARGE ASHTON went home and has since passed her written and acquired in excess of 40 hours toward her rating. We're looking forward to her joining our Chapter.

Only people to brave the winter weather, CAROL WELCH and 49½er BOB flew in IFR from Alpena. They brought DR. GEORGE STUMP and wife ALIDA, student pilots, who both soloed just recently.

JESSIE BOWEN passed her Instrument written and earned her Commercial Rating. When she found decent weather to fly, we'll never know.

PAT CLARK ended the year right—went out flying in a ski plane. Her first time in a tail dragger, tandem, stick control, made her anxious to try it again. PAT and her 49½er FRAN, each flew a Bonanza-ful to Marshall for a Christmas Eve supper. Metro Tower cleared "Six-three Bravo and Playmate" for take-off.

SANDY LANKENAU and family Bonanza'd down to Columbia, S.C. during Christmas week to visit family. Next week, they're on their way to New Orleans for a long weekend. I'm absolutely green.

MARGE HATFIELD and her 49½er FOREST, spent Christmas vacation flying to Columbus, O., Philadelphia, and Hartford. They lucked out with the weather all along the way. That's the kind of news we enjoy hearing.

SUZANNE CROOK, 66, and her mother, BETTE, a 99 and Zontian, attended the meeting. BETTE, who has been absent for 5½ years due to ill-

ness, hopes to attend regularly from now on. SUZANNE is active in a USO troupe entertaining at Air Force bases throughout the state. She has managed to get in some C47 time on these trips. Unofficial and unloggable, of course.

INDIANA CHAPTER

Delia Sanders, Reporter

The Christmas party was held on Saturday evening, Dec. 17th, at the Weir Cook Airport Hotel in Indianapolis with 53 members, guests, and 49½ers attending the festivities. A social hour preceded the dinner; then with ELDORA WISWELL at the piano, everyone joined in singing Christmas songs. DOROTHY SMITH, Chairman, co-hosted the party with Vice Chairman, RAE CAWDELL. Games and dancing followed.

Wedding Bells rang for BETTY ARCHIBALD on Dec. 22nd when she became the wife of RICHARD FERNANDES. He is a professional pilot for Bowes Seal Fast Corporation and flies a Lockheed. Best Wishes, BETTY, for many happy years ahead.

TED and BETTY NICHOLAS are the proud owners of a new red and silver Cessna 150 which they purchased in August. With BETTY's mother now living in Sandusky, Ohio, they are enjoying frequent flights to that destination.

JOSEPHINE RICHARDSON had the honor of pinning wings on Congressman - elect NORM NELSON (News Editor) of Cloquet, Minnesota at a dinner in October. JOSEPHINE was the lucky gal who rated a ride last year in ARTHUR GODFREY's Jet Aero Commander J 1965. This plane was the same one that was flown around the world by ARTHUR G. and his friends.

The SCHLUNDTs, PAUL, TANNIE, and WAYNE, spent the Christmas holiday in Florida enjoying the sun, fun, and the Cape. They highly recommend this tour to everyone.

OLIVE and CASSIUS McCORMICK jetted Air France to Paris for three weeks at Christmas. Used a Cessna 172 to see the French Alps and as far south as the Riviera.

While MURIEL DYKEMA was winning the FAIR Race in Evansville, 49½er CARL flew to Denver and Grand Lake, Colorado to hunt his first elk. Brought home the remains of an 850 lb. buck—12 point rack and 200 lbs. of delicious meat for the freezer.

PAULINE GENUNG — having fun

working with 14-15 year old Girl Scouts earning their Aviation badges. She hopes to influence some of them to think more seriously about flying.

MARCIA REYNOLDS, our newest incoming member of Terre Haute, is currently being checked out in Bonanza 8568M, formerly owned by MID CASSIDY. Wonderful fun — great airplane.

SOPH PAYTON and NEAL spent Thanksgiving at Riverside, California, where he placed 5th in National Run off of Sport Car Club. Towed car to California, then after returning to Indiana, they spent Christmas in Cleveland, Ohio, with SOPH's twin sister.

MARK ARCHIBALD, son of BETTY FERNANDES, has been accepted at Indiana University and will start in his Freshman year shortly, when the next semester begins.

BILLIE and CARL ANDERSON with GARNET and DEAN MOGEL are busy making plans for a flying trip to Alaska this summer.

KATIE SAGE brought a most interesting guest to our Christmas party. She was YASUKO OKUDA whom she met in Japan in 1965. She expressed a desire to attend school in the U.S. She had graduated from a University in Tokyo. After an inquiry was made at I.U. for a scholarship for her—a transcript of her grades from the Tokyo U. showed a very high score. She was admitted to the I. U. graduate school for a 2 year course after which she plans to teach in Japan at the College level. She spends some week-ends and vacations with the SAGES. She loves I.U., enjoys meeting friends of the SAGES and as KATIE puts it — she is a joy to know.

MARTHA HOLST is proudly showing a piece of the Purdue goal post — a fringe benefit for having attended the Rose Bowl game in California on New Years Day.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Toney, Reporter

Our major project this new year is co-sponsoring a Weather Seminar with the Wisconsin Aeronautics Commission which will be held in Oshkosh the middle of February. All pilots are invited and a good attendance is anticipated. RAMONA HUEBNER and MARIE GRIMM have been doing a great deal of work with CARL GUELL of the Commission in getting the Seminar organized and promoted.

DR. ANN ROETHKE is off to the

Bahamas again in her Comanche to enjoy the warm weather during our especially cold weather the middle of January. Upon returning to Milwaukee she will be starting a new job at Trinity Hospital in Oak Creek.

MARILYN and HERB RITZMAN have their Luscombe on skis and with a good snow cover are able to land on the various lakes in this area. With skis practically every field becomes a landing field, including all of the waterways.

Over the holidays, DEEDO and HERM HEISE flew Jet to Denver to visit their daughter and her family, then on to Akron for a get-together with son and family.

RAMONA got in some IFR flying to St. Louis during the holiday season in their bird (Twin-Comanche) and is planning a long weekend in Houston with her doctor-husband in February.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Florence Robinson, Reporter

MARCI ROYCE was hostess for our October meeting. RITA ORR took over as Chairman since DOROTHY WESTLING was on the sick list.

JOYCE JOHNSTON had been approached before the September meeting to suggest to the Ninety-Nines the idea of taking on a service project. No decision had been made so JOYCE explained it to those who had not been at the previous meeting. The project involves doing follow-up on the work of STAN CLASEN, a pilot who for several years has been conducting ground school courses for teenagers who have been referred to him by the Minneapolis Courts. He has graduated ninety boys. Several of them have continued their interest in aviation and are on their way to careers in flying or aeronautical engineering. When they finish STAN's course they prepare a triangular flight. The plan includes obtaining charts, weather reports, plotting wind corrections by triangles without computers. Then they direct a pilot who follows their instructions. One leg is done by pilotage, one by dead reckoning, and one by radio. They have earned their expenses by washing airplanes. The boys have built a club house at Holman Field in St. Paul. Recently, eight girls have completed the course. The Ninety-Nines have been asked to help keep them interested in aviation as well as to offer them an opportunity to get acquainted with and identify with women in aviation. We

voted to accept the challenge. Six of the girls had expressed interest in learning more about aviation. Three of them came to the meeting and described a project they have in mind. They want to make drapes for the club house that the boys have built. We voted to supply funds for material. Some of the Ninety-Nines helped them find portable sewing machines. BARBARA LEITER, a Home Economics teacher, helped them select material. The girls stayed to enjoy a talk by SANDY WIL-LARD, a Northwest Airlines stewardess, who told us the qualifications a stewardess for Northwest must have and the training she receives. This proved to be interesting to all of us. We plan to find other means to help them get closer to aviation and us.

We were pleased to have GRETCHEN GEPHART with us for the meeting. She has been ill and grounded temporarily.

We planned to meet at the Faribault airport in November but the weather man said flying would be unwise and because of icy roads, we should only if necessary; therefore the meeting was cancelled.

Our December meeting was strictly a Christmas party where a lot of hangar flying was done. Santa Claus, who was about the size of JOYCE JOHNSTON's 49½er DICK, gave each of us a bottle of champagne and each of the 49½ers a membership card. There were other nice gifts which space will not allow mentioning.

Some of the new ratings which probably have not been reported are Instrument Ratings for RITA ORR in June and RUBY ST. ONGE in July. JOYCE FRANCIS is working hard on hers.

RITA ORR has been checked out in their new N-Bonanza and has been enjoying flying it. During the holidays DOROTHY WESTLING, her 49½er, and their son JOHN who has a new Private rating, flew to Phoenix. JOHN did most of the flying and did a fine job according to DOROTHY. DOROTHY and DON attended a Beechcraft club meeting in Florida in January. I have sold my Cessna 140 and joined a club that has recently purchased a Cessna 175. I have been checked out in it, but the day JOYCE FRANCIS and I were going up for some exercise, the beacon was turned on at Flying Cloud so my solo time in it has been limited.

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