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## President's Column

On May 6th, it was my pleasure to "Bonanza" to Concord, California and officially present the newest chapter, Mt. Diablo, with their charter. The weather was beautiful both ways and the charter banquet was a great success. They had 185 present . . . each one an enthusiastic booster of the 99s. FRED GOERNER spoke on "The Search for Amelia". The leadership of the chapter is in the very capable hands of BETTY BOG-GESS who, I'm sure, will do a very fine job.

For those of us who knew AUTRIE LEHR, it was with a deep sense of personal loss to learn of her death. The Ninety Nines received a letter from KARL LEHR, her 49½er, and I am sending it to the News so you might all share the reading of it.

I am so pleased to report our membership is over 3000 !! HOW ABOUT THAT !! ? ?

By the time you receive this News . . . you WILL HAVE ALREADY CAST YOUR BALLOT . . . (I'm sure there is no doubt you will vote) . . . the computer will be spinning it's wheels counting . . . and the officers for 1967-68 will be elected. I can't impress upon you enough the importance of voting. Lets' have the largest num-

ber of ballots ever cast, counted this year. But more important than having ballots to count, is the importance of your VOICE!

Have been receiving letters from our Overseas members who are making plans to attend our convention. The fact we are an INTERNATIONAL organization, plus the convention being in our NATIONAL CAPITOL, has created a lot of interest. Plan on joining us for the biggest convention ever. It may be the only opportunity we have of meeting some of our members. Let's give them a big welcome.

Then it is only a short distance to the race start in Atlantic City. Whether you are racing or not, it would be a good opportunity for you to take a few extra days and see a start! OR, if you must wing your way home, and if you do live in the Western part of our country, plan to be in Torrance and see a race finish.

This will be the last opportunity I have to remind you the time is running out for your contribution to the AE Scholarship Fund to be counted in this years business. Every chapter intends to give, why not right now so your name can be read at convention. Suppose we could be 100% in contributions????

During the Exposition of Flight in Las Vegas, there were two awards given, and both recipients were children of Ninety Nines, and both were eighteen or under. Both received their awards for flying across country solo. The girl was TERRY LONDON, Long Beach, daughter of BARBARA LONDON. The boy was RON CANTRELL, son of PHYLLIS CANTRELL. There are hopes this award will be an annual event. ELLEN TRINDLE, our Public Relations Chairman, was privileged to present the awards.

In just a few more days we will be seeing each other . . . have a safe flight to Washington.

Sincerely,  
ALICE.

**Have YOU Returned  
YOUR ballot for  
International Officers????  
DO IT NOW !!**

### Amelia Earhart Mountain

Official dedication of a peak north of Yosemite in California will take place on July 1, 1967 at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

The onslaught of this peak was undertaken last year by two San Fernando Valley Chapter 99s, MARY KEMPER and LOIS MILES, accompanied by some experienced mountain climbers. A flag and a plaque were placed at the summit dedicating this peak to AMELIA EARHART, in honor of her courage and accomplishments.

On the day of official dedication at the Smithsonian a two-way communication via satellite from Howland Island, the last place any communication was received from AMELIA, is planned.

A painting of AMELIA EARHART done by the mother of LOIS MILES, will be placed in the Smithsonian.





Frank Blair



Miss R. Mildred Alford  
(Photo by Fabian Bachrach)



Mr. E. Tilson Peabody

## HONORARY JUDGES CHOSEN

We have three very prominent people as Honorary Judges for the 1967 AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS and the following is a brief summary of their biographies:

MISS R. MILDRED (MILLIE) ALFORD rose from the stewardess ranks to become top woman executive in American Airlines — and a leading woman in the airline industry — in little more than a decade. She is the first woman Director of Stewardess Service, and has held the post since 1962. Both the training of new stewardesses and the job performance of all line stewardesses are her responsibility. She received America's Distinguished Service Award, the company's highest honor in 1963. She also serves on the Women's Advisory Committee of the Federal Aviation Agency.

MISS ALFORD worked in the airline's General Office in New York for three years, developing stewardess procedures and training techniques, with emphasis on their application to the upcoming commercial jet transport. She personally taught airline safety and emergency procedures to each student. She also trained many of the women who work at the management level in the Stewardess Corps.

A graduate of Alabama State College for Women, MISS ALFORD

taught science and physical education before resigning to go into defense work during World War II.

FRANK BLAIR of NBC Television Network. FRANK BLAIR started with the "Today" show in 1952. He also is heard on NBC's "Emphasis" and is the Sunday night host of "Monitor" on the NBC Radio Network.

Despite a full broadcasting schedule, he finds time to volunteer his services for worthwhile fund-raising events. In 1964 he received the Epilepsy Foundation's Distinguished Service Award and in recognition of his contributions to the broadcasting industry, he was presented the South Carolina Broadcasters Association's Good Citizenship Award for 1963.

Also he has received the Amelia Earhart Medal for his contribution to aviation and he was presented the 175th Anniversary Medal of Honor from Georgetown University (Washington, D. C.) for his services to the school.

FRANK BLAIR entered the Navy in 1942, serving first as a flight instructor and later as a transport pilot in the Pacific. After the war he returned to Washington and originated "Georgetown Forum." He then joined station WSCR in Scranton, Pa. as General Manager. When "Today" started in 1952, BLAIR became its Washington correspondent later mov-

ing to New York.

E. TILSON PEABODY is Director of the Air Transport Section of General Motors Corporation at the Willow Run Airport. He is a graduate of the Naval Air Training Station, Pensacola, Florida and served aboard the U. S. S. Lexington and the U. S. S. Enterprise in 1936 thru 1938. He also served at the U. S. Naval Air Base at Squantum, Mass. as Base Officer, Recruiting Officer, and Pilot-Instructor. In 1942, he was an Experimental Test Pilot for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft and later Chief Test Pilot of the Eastern Aircraft Div. of General Motors Corp.

MR. PEABODY was the recipient of 1962 Michigan Aerospace Award for "Outstanding Achievement in Aerospace Education" presented by Michigan Aeronautics and Space Association.

MR. PEABODY is currently affiliated as a member of Aviation Committee of the Detroit Board of Commerce; Member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics; The Army and Navy Club; Member of the Society of Automotive Engineers; Members of the Business Advisory Board of the Flight Safety Foundation, Inc.; Member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots; Members of the Armed Forces Officers' Club, and The Wings Club, Inc.



## 1967 International Convention

The Dean of Women Pilots from Brazil, ANESIA MACHADO, was in Washington, D. C. recently and plans to return for our International Convention, June 28- July 2. From across the ocean, we received word from HELEN FAULKNER in Germany that FRAU MUTZ TRENSE, MADAME LIESEL BOCH (Germany's No. 1 Stunt Pilot), FRAU GRASSMAN and DR. MARIE-LUISE WESSEL are hoping to represent their country. Also coming from Europe are: SHELIA SCOTT from England; EBERTHA NIJENHUIS SPIELE, LUCIE WY-MANS and IDA VAN LANTEN from the Netherlands; and HELEN HUNDA from Greece. Then there is RAY JANKS from South Africa, YVONNE GALLOT from Morocco; ALI SHUKRIA from Pakistan; EDITH DIZON from the Philippines. EDITH DENNY, Governor of the Canadian Section states that the Canadian Section and First Canadian Chapter officers are all coming. They and our members from Australia: NANCY BIRD WALTON, F R E D A THOMPSON, MARIE RICHARDSON, MARGARET KENTLEY, ROSEMARY DE PIERRES, OLGA TARLING, CORINNE DRUCE, ANNE CARTER, CARMEL BROWN, EDITH COOPER, CHRISTINE HENDERSON, KATHERINE HENDERSON, BRENDA ANDERS, BOZINA KRAJCA, and BARBARA SHELBY-BROWN will make up the largest contingent of foreign members attending the convention.

These girls are making a supreme effort to meet you, to be with you, and to learn more about the Ninety-Nines of which they are a vital part. Now it is up to you as American pilots to be here to greet them and to show them the hospitality of our country.

Notice to Governors, Chapter Chairmen, Membership Chairmen, and New Members:

The supply of 1966-67 membership directories is depleted. Although grateful the supply did not meet the demand, we sincerely apologize to those new members who did not receive a directory. The next printing will be in the fall, 1967.

Ninety-Nines, Inc.  
Miss Alice Roberts, President  
9828 North Nineteenth Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85021

Dear Ninety-Nines:

Autrie Lehr looked forward to joining you at the International Convention June 28- July 2, 1967. Her death in the crash of her plane April 7, 1967, has made it impossible, but I am sure she will be with you in spirit.

Letters and cards from all over the United States, Canada, and many foreign countries and territories show an insight that has been a great solace to me and both our families. A long time ago Autrie said, "if anything should happen to me, I don't want flowers; I'd rather have donations made to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund". We let this be known and they are still arriving.

Many people did not understand Autrie's way of life and when asked about it she would quote her favorite poem, "High Flight", and say, "this is how I feel".

But also, she wanted flying to have a practical significance to modern man and particularly for women. To her, it was woman's freedom. She promoted general aviation at every opportunity and worked long joyous hours at it. The Ninety-Nines meant everything to Autrie, and she tried to live up to the purpose of your organization, as written inside the cover of your Membership Directory.

In her purse, amid the wreckage of her plane, we found a clipping from the Xenia Gazette, a quotation from the "Upper Room". It reads as follows:

"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer—Be thou faithful unto me, and I will give thee a crown of life". (Revelations 2:10)

My greatest strength comes from the realization of the true understanding that one person, even a stranger, can have for another's grief. This was so well demonstrated by all your cards and letters.

My most sincere thanks to so many people. God bless you all.

Sincerely,  
Karl E. Lehr, 49½  
1809 Parkview Drive  
Xenia, Ohio

KEL:lf

## Congratulations, Dottie !!

Among the first ten women to receive a Gold Seal Certificate was DOTTIE YOUNG, Oklahoma Chapter. The Gold Seal Program was started in 1966 by FAA to identify flight instructors with superior records in training and proficiency, and to motivate others to improve their qualifications as flight instructor.

Gold Seal Certificates are awarded to flight instructors who have: (a) An instrument rating; (b) Hold an advanced ground instructor certificate; (c) Have attended a flight instructor clinic since the last issuance or reissuance of his/her flight instructor certificate; and (d) Within the past 24 months: Trained and recommended for certification at least 10 successful applicants for pilot certificates or ratings, at least 80 percent of whom shall have passed their tests on the first try; or conducted at least 20 flight tests as a designated pilot examiner, or 20 graduation flight tests as a chief flight instructor for an approved pilot school course; or a combination of tests and trainees (two tests equal one trainee).

DOTTIE is Chief Pilot of the Primary and Commercial Approved Pilot Courses for Catlin Aviation Co. in Oklahoma City and will be headquartered at Wiley Post Airport, beginning this month, with Catlin's new expanded school facilities (supplementing the Will Rogers World Airport school operations). DOTTIE was the first woman to be approved as an FAA examiner for helicopters and is a charter members of the FAA's Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation. She holds an Airline Transport Rating for airplanes and rotorcraft, is a past NEWS Editor and currently a member of The Ninety-Nines Headquarters Committee.

### ALL NEWS REPORTERS TAKE HEED . . .

No June 20th deadline but don't take the summer off! Next deadline is July 20th for the big combined July-August issue. Please try to keep reports concise (no more than 2 double-spaced pages) as we have more printing than budget left in this fiscal year!

Thanks, Peg

## WOULD YOU BELIEVE?

**PAT GLADNEY** — First Winner of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship obtained her Instrument Rating in 1941. "I am currently instructing and teaching Instrument Flying for the Duncan School of Flying and Palo Alto Flying Club in Palo Alto, California."

**JEAN HIXSON** — 1948 Winner — applied Scholarship towards obtaining her Master's Degree. "I have directed aviation workshops for teachers in Ohio and advised on curriculum changes. There is seldom a week that goes by that my knowledge in this field is not brought into use."

**JAN DIETRICH** — 1952 Winner — "Winning the Amelia Earhart Scholarship started me on my flying career as I then accepted a full time instructing job. I currently fly as First Officer on a four engine jet for one of the largest corporations in San Francisco."

**DOROTHY WOODHAMS** — 1954 Winner — "This Scholarship has benefitted me a great deal as I am sure it has all the others who won. It enabled me to obtain my Commercial and Sea Ratings and thus own and operate a small airport and seaplane base in Michigan."

**RUTH WIKANDER** — 1962 — "Receiving the Scholarship helped me better my aviation career. I am Chief Corp. Pilot for McFab Manufacturing Co. and when they are not using me, I am instructing or giving Flight Checks as F.A.A. Examiner in Oregon. I have not had one full day away from Aviation in the last year."

## COMING EVENTS

**June 10**

San Diego-Reno Fun Race

**June 23**

Sky Lady Derby  
Ft. Worth, Texas

**June 28 - July 2**

International Convention  
Washington, D. C.

**July 1, 2, 3 and 4**

National Air Races  
Chicago, Ill.

**July 4-8**

AWTAR  
Atlantic City, N. J. to  
Torrance, Calif.

**Aug. 4, 5 and 6**

National Air Races  
Washington, D. C.

**August 28 and 29**

Northwest Section Race

**Sept. 1, 2, 3, and 4**

National Air Races  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Sept. 15, 16 and 17**

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

**Sept. 15, 16 and 17**

Southwest Sectional  
Holiday Inn  
Stockton, Calif.

**Sept. 23 and 24**

Northwest Sectional  
Anchorage, Alaska

**Sept. 29, 30, and Oct. 1**

South Central Fall Section  
Albuquerque, N. Mex.

**October 7**

AWNEMAR  
Norwood, Mass.

**October 7**

Michigan SMALL Race  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Oct. 13, 14, and 15**

National Air Races  
Los Angeles, Calif.

**October 21**

Fairladies Annual  
Indiana Race  
Bloomington, Indiana

**October 28**

Dallas Doll Derby





## Powder Puff Derby

Marion Andrews Lopez, Reporter

Thirty three entries were received with the opening day postmark. First in the drawing for No. 1 position was PAT McEWEN, No. 2 team YVETTE HORTMAN and KATHLEEN STRUZINSKI, No. 3 LOIS SHAFER and KIT HEACOCK, No. 4 PAT JETTON with JOAN HUCKEBA, No. 5 PAULINE GLASSON and JEAN BECK.

The air race may be followed on the Ham Radio frequency which will be operating at each stop on the race route. The Amateur Radio Net will operate on 40 meters on 7.217 MC. In the event conditions on 40 meters are not good, an alternate frequency on 75 meters 3.993 will be used.

We would like to have a report at AWTAR Headquarters of any radio news of the race that you might hear. Please send name of station, announcer, and what the announcer had

to say. If you are off to the races, you might designate a friend or relative to jot down any broadcasts heard. Otherwise, we have no way of knowing what our radio coverage is.

We'll soon be off to Atlantic City. The Race Program is rolling on the presses.

In the meantime send all requests and clippings to AWTAR Headquarters, Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, N. J.

## Membership Report

Alberta Nicholson, Chairman

In case you didn't notice, please turn to the last page of the April Newsletter and take a look at the long list of new members for March, 1967. Isn't that great!—about 80 new members in one month. Thanks to all for your great effort toward our goal of 3,000.

A number of inquiries have come in asking "how do we know if a woman pilot qualifies for membership in the 99? After all, we don't want just anyone." True. I suggest that you refer to page 140 of the Directory. Article III, Section 1,A, states, "if she is of good character", and Article II, under PURPOSE says, "The purpose of the Ninety-Nines is to provide a close relationship among women pilots and to unite them in any movement that may be for their benefit or

for that of aviation in general." Ask her if she will work for a close relationship among women pilots. Ask her if she will support any project to promote aviation, or women in aviation. If she is interested in supporting the 99s in the purposes for which we are organized, then she should qualify. If she is for promoting aviation, chances are she will not join this year and drop out next.

Thanks to all who are working for new members!



# COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolutions proposing changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., to be voted upon at the International Convention 1967.

## 1. THE NINETY-NINES, INC. CONSTITUTION as printed in 1966-1967 Roster.

**Article IV — Officers and Elections**  
**Section 1. B. Officers shall be ACTIVE members in good standing.**

### AMENDMENT PROPOSED by The Bay Cities Chapter Section 1. B.

Officers shall be ACTIVE members in good standing for two consecutive years, and shall have had experience as a Section and/or Chapter Officer.

#### Reason:

It is felt such a qualification is necessary for an International Officer.

#### Resolution Committee Findings

The committee is NOT in favor of this proposal as written. The 2 year requirement of active membership would strengthen the Present Constitution wording. However the restrictive clause of having been a Section or Chapter officer seems unnecessary, active participation within the organization should be stipulation enough.

#### Ex-Board Remarks

A good recommendation in our collective opinion.

## 2. THE NINETY-NINE, INC. BY-LAWS as printed in 1966-1967 Roster.

### Article II — Classification Section 1. D.

Member at Large: An applicant residing in any country in which no Section has been organized may join The Ninety-Nine's Inc., when her application has been approved by the Executive Board and will be considered a Member at Large.

### AMENDMENT PROPOSED

#### by The South Louisiana Chapter Section 1. D.

Member at Large: (retain present wording)

(1) Any member of a Chapter who does not attend any meetings for a period of 12 months, for professional or personal reasons, or as a result of circumstances beyond her control, may by request of her Chapter or her own request, be transferred from the Chapter Roster and designated as a Member at Large.

a. In the event said member should be in a position to return to the Chap-

ter and is able to attend at least 3 meetings in a 6 month period, she or the Chapter may request that her name be returned to the Chapter Roster.

b. Any action described above requires a 2/3 majority vote of the Chapter membership.

#### Reason:

There are 99s in almost every Chapter who fall under the category described in the proposal. Some are members who contribute greatly to the image of and promotion of women in aviation, but because of the nature of their work are unable to attend meetings or participate and contribute to Chapter activities.

Action would be voluntary and allows the Chapter the choice of taking this action or choosing to retain such a member on its rolls.

Chapters should have some means of sorting out of their roster persons who never attend meetings and show no interest in The Ninety-Nines once they become members. This proposal might discourage the practice non-interest and non-attendance of members knew that Chapters were not required to retain them on their rolls.

#### Resolution Committee Findings

The committee is NOT in favor of this proposal. The Member-at-Large classification was established so that foreign memberships could exist in areas where the 99s do not have established groups, or for reasons acceptable to the Executive Board. Domestic problems of attendance and participation should be handled by the local chapter. This amendment would only create a category for non-participating members, it would only create a category for non-participating members, it would not solve or remedy the "reason" for the existence of these members in our organization.

#### Ex-Board Remarks

Appears to us cumbersome and unworkable.

## 3. THE NINETY-NINES, INC. BY-LAWS as printed in 1966-1967 Roster Article IV — Chapters

### Section 2. A. Officers

Officers of the Chapter shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, or Secretary-Treasurer. (See Art. IX, Sec. 2-A, Const. for Sections and Chapters).

### AMENDMENT PROPOSED

#### by The San Fernando Valley Chapter and also The Dallas Chapter

### Section 2. A. Officers

Officers of the Chapter shall be Presi-

dent, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, or Secretary - Treasurer. (See Art. IX, Sec. 2-A, Const. for Sections and Chapters.)

#### Reason:

#### (San Fernando Valley Chapter)

We propose to change the titles of the Chapter officers from Chairman and Vice-Chairman to President and Vice-President.

This change would conform to common usage and would thereby reduce explanations to non-members, particularly reporters. This would ease getting Ninety-Nines material into news media and improve publicity.

This change would also standardize Ninety-Nines usage of "President" and "Vice-President" with that of "Secretary" and "Treasurer". There has been no confusion in the past with the title "Secretary"; where it is doubtful whether the International officer or the Chapter officer is meant, we commonly use "International President," Etc., at present.

#### Reason:

#### (Dallas Chapter)

There is one International President of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. This is as it should be. However, for the purposes of easy identity, publicity, public relations etc., the name Chairman of the local chapter should be changed to "President of the local Chapter". The name "President" somehow lends more weight in the eyes of the news media and others who come in contact with our organization, than does chairman. A local chapter president will in no way detract from the international office, but if anything, should enhance it. A check of other international or national organizations will disclose that they refer to the local head as "President" for the reason named.

#### Resolution Committee Findings

The committee is in favor of this proposal. It provides simple clarification of our chapter officers positions. We will feel that the double use of President and Vice-President will in no way detract from the stature of our International Officers.

#### Ex-Board Remarks

We disagree with the proposals to change the officers names. The Board members feel unanimously that the current "titles" are satisfactory. We would rather see the organization have only one President rather than presi-



dents all over the country or world.

#### **4. THE NINETY-NINES, INC. BY-LAWS as printed in 1966-1967 Roster**

##### **Article XV — Dues**

##### **Section 2. A. New Members**

New members joining on or after March 1. will pay \$5.00 dues plus \$5.00 initiation fee. New members joining on or before the end of February will pay \$10.00 dues plus \$5.00 initiation fee. Both dues shall only carry them to the beginning of the ensuing year.

##### **AMENDMENT PROPOSED**

##### **by The Bay Cities Chapter**

##### **Section 2. A. New Members:**

New members joining on or after July 1st will pay \$10.00 dues plus \$5.00 initiation fee and be accredited with immediate membership, plus membership for the ensuing fiscal year. New members joining on or before June 30th, will pay a full years dues, \$10.00 plus initiation fee of \$5.00 which will carry them to the beginning of the ensuing fiscal year.

##### **Reason:**

At the 1966 Convention in Seattle, it was brought out that the \$5.00 half year dues had been tried in the past, and proved to be a bookkeeping problem — halving refunds, etc., — and it was the opinion of the delegates present that the By-laws should be amended at the 1967 Convention.

##### **Resolution Committee Findings**

The committee is non-committal on this proposal since it feels unqualified to determine the workability of the present dues system. We feel that the International Treasurer and the Executive Board should direct the thinking on this amendment.

##### **Ex-Board Remarks**

We disagree with this amendment. We would rather see the organization try the new system for at least one more year. Since the membership voted it in, we should give it an honest try.

#### **5. STANDARD CONSTITUTION FOR SELECTIONS AND CHAPTERS, THE NINETY-NINES, INC., as printed in 1966-1967 Roster.**

##### **Article IX — Chapters**

##### **Section 2. A. Officers:**

Elective officers of the Chapter shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, or Secretary-Treasurer may be a combined office.

##### **Section 3. A. Elections:**

Officers shall be elected in the same manner as set forth for Section Officers, (Art. IV, Sec. 2 Std. Const. for Sec. and Chapters), except the Nomin-

ating Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman.

##### **Section 4. A. Meetings:**

Chapter Meetings are to be held monthly at a time and place designated by the members or the Chairman.

##### **AMENDMENT PROPOSED**

##### **by The San Fernando Valley Chapter**

##### **Section 2. A. Officers:**

Elective officers of the Chapter shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, or Secretary-Treasurer may be a combined office.

##### **Section 3. A. Election:**

Officers shall be elected in the same manner as set forth for Section Officers, (Art. IV, Sec. 2 Std. Const. for Sec. and Chapters), except the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President.

##### **Section 4. A. Meetings:**

Chapter Meetings are to be held monthly at a time and place designated by the members or the President.

##### **Reason:**

These changes would be necessary to conform with the Amendment to Article IV, Section 2. A. of the Ninety-Nines By-laws, should said Article's amendment be passed.

##### **Resolution Committee Findings**

These changes would be necessary with the passage of the amendment to Article IV, therefore no conclusion need be given by this committee.

##### **Ex-Board Remarks**

See remarks for Item NO. 3.

Each chapter needs to thoroughly discuss these resolutions in order that your delegates to the Convention may vote in line with your Chapter's wishes. What do YOU think??

### **N. I. F. A. Award Committee**

The National Intercollegiate Flying Association held its 19th Annual Meet on May 11, 12, 13, 1967, at the Southern Illinois Airport in Carbondale, Illinois, with the Saluki Flying Club of Southern Illinois University as hosts.

In spite of bad weather, 25 schools arrived to participate out of the 37 entered. Except for the Navigation Event, all other events were held in between low ceilings. These enthusiastic young pilots will go to great lengths to attend an Air Meet. Ohio University is a great example. They

left Athens, Ohio in their club Champion, had engine trouble 15 miles east of Evansville, and had to land in a farmer's field. When safely on the ground, they contacted their other plane, with a Bayside radio, to close their flight plan. (Would we think of that?) They got a ride to the Evansville Airport to talk to a mechanic, and found someone there had a Champion with the same horsepower engine. They talked the man into loaning them his engine and, with the mechanic, drove back to their downed plane. They all worked until one in the morning changing engines, with only the headlights from a tractor as light. Early the next morning they flew out of the field to Evansville to have everything checked. They arrived at Southern Illinois as proud as new fathers. We take our hats off to those Flying Bobcats and to the wonderful gentleman who loaned these boys his engine. It certainly makes one stop and think!

This year of the 352 participating 35 were women. Our Ninety-Nines Achievement Award judges were CONNIE JONES, All-Ohio Chapter, PAGE SHAMBURGER, Carolina's Chapter, and LOIS FEIGENBAUM, Cape Girardeau Area Chapter, filling in for BERNICE STEADMAN, Michigan Chapter. Everyone was disappointed at not being able to meet B.

LYN BOGIE, Oklahoma State University and an Oklahoma 99 won the Top Woman Pilot Award, the Arlene Davis Memorial Trophy presented by the All-Ohio Chapter. MARIE LOBO, Ohio State University, won the Top Student Pilot Award, presented by the Cape Girardeau Area Chapter, and CAROL CONAWAY, Ohio University and an All-Ohio 99 won the Achievement Award presented by The Ninety-Nines, Inc., and also is the 1967 N. I. F. A. Queen. That All-Ohio Chapter has some very impressive members.

Cape Girardeau Area members helping at our 99 table were MARGIE HALL, MARY ELDERS, MARY EVANS, MILLIE LIMBAUGH and NADINE HEUER.

Next year the N. I. F. A. will be held May 9, 10, 11 in Athens, Ohio with the Flying Bobcats of Ohio University as host.

LOIS FEIGENBAUM, Chairman  
MARY ELDERS  
MILLIE LIMBAUGH

**Next NEWS Deadline  
July 20 (not June)**



## AIR MEETS

### Announcement

#### MICHIGAN SMALL RACE

October 6-7-8

at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Announcing applications and kits ready! Send to:

ALYCE LODGE -  
101 Edge Lake Drive  
Union Lake, Michigan 48085

### 1967 A W N E A R

The All-Woman New England Air Race (AWNEAR) will be held October 7th at Norwood Municipal Airport, Massachusetts. The 300-mile round-robin cross-country is based on fuel and speed handicaps—the contestant's ability to meet the handicaps for her aircraft type rates her 'proficiency' in scoring. Trophies awarded for first five places.

New England foliage 'color' will be in full bloom on October 7th—and a real fun weekend is planned for all contestants according to LOIS AUCHTERLONIE, AWNEAR Board Chairman. The New England Section of Ninety-Nines sponsor the AWNEAR in conjunction with the Norwood Chamber of Commerce.

All inquiries should be addressed to MRS. DOROTHY PULIS, Old Marlboro Road, Concord, Mass. 01742. (Race information packets available-25 cents.) Entries accepted June 15 thru September 15th.

## NOTAMS

### CORRECTION — OMISSION

The first line of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter's 'For Sale' item was inadvertently left out last month . . . the item should have read, Purse size appointment calendar (4"x6"), black vinyl case, with gold embossed 99 Compass Rose and "International Organization of Women Pilots." It's 75c postpaid from PHYLLIS A. PIERCE, 2159 Edgewood Dr., Palo Alto, Calif., 94303.

### FOR SALE

#### By Connecticut Chapter

A heat-proof white ceramic tile measuring 6"x6" and showing the classic blue compass rose design. It is suitable as a decoration or hot mat. Price \$2.50, EVELYN MURCH, 144 Little Meadow Rd., Guilford, Conn. 06437. (Group orders helpful in mailing).

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Members of the Women's Pylon Racing Association who competed for \$5,000 during the Texas National Air Races, May 12, 13, and 14 at Ft. Worth, Texas, are left to right, MARILYN STONEBERG, EDNA WHYTE, JUDY WAGNER, PAT ARNOLD, DOROTHY JULICH, MARA CULP, and DOT ETHERIDGE. Not shown were HAZEL SIGAFOOSE and ELAINE LOENING. These women came from all parts of the U.S.A. and are very carefully checked and coached before being allowed to race. The program allowed 2 women's heats each afternoon using 3 Aero-Commanders, 2 Bonanzas, and 3 Pipers. (285HP low-wing aircraft required)



Betty Ferrell  
Secretary

Historic Natchez, Mississippi, was the gracious scene of the spring meeting of the Southeast Section, May 5-7, 1967. The weather over the southeast about that time was quite a bit IFR here, a bit VFR there, and plenty "closed in" over the Carolinas and Georgia way; nevertheless, 36 Ninety-Nines, along with a sizable group of 49½ers and other guests gathered in Natchez and enjoyed every minute of it.

Things began rolling Friday evening with a reception at the home of member NITA (MRS. BILL, JR) STAHL-MAN, which is a magnificent country



estate situated on a bluff overlooking the mighty Mississippi River.

Activities got under way Saturday with a breakfast meeting for the Chapter Chairmen and the Southeast Section officers at the Holiday Inn, headquarters for the Sectional. The meeting was presided over by MARTHA TOBEY, Southeast Governor, from Memphis, Tennessee.

The Southeast Section business meeting was held at 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning at The Briars (Ante-Bel-



lum home—1812) which is the home of MR. AND MRS. CHARLES (EMILY) KELLEY. The Briars is the birthplace of VARINA HOWELL (the "Rose of Mississippi") and the scene of her marriage in 1845 to JEFFERSON DAVIS, President of the Confederacy. GOVERNOR MARTHA TOBEY called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given and the balance on hand was \$405.60. The individual chapter reports were dispensed with on this occasion and business, though light, covered various areas of Ninety-Nine activities. At this meeting the Southeast Section voted to set up, as an award, cash in the amount of \$50 for the best time made by an IAR participant in the 1967 race on those three legs of the trip falling within the Southeast Section.

Following the business session, a buffet lunch was served and guests were seated at tables set up on the veranda of The Briars. This was an unforgettable occasion. During Saturday afternoon, the Ninety-Nines and their guests enjoyed a visit to a unique shop and a tour of other Antebellum homes. Among these homes were D'Evereux (1840), Dunleith (1847) and The Elms (1782).

Saturday evening at the Holiday Inn, DOT ETHERIDGE, Chairman, Mississippi Chapter, presided at the banquet. Mississippi SENATOR W. J. CARRAWAY was Master of Ceremonies and introduced the speaker, DR. SEAN C. ROBERTS of Mississippi State University. DR. ROBERTS, Professor of Aerophysics and Aerospace Engineering and Director of Flight Research Laboratories at Mississippi State spoke on the subject, "Aerophysics and Its Application to General Aviation." DR. ROBERTS showed movies and slides taken of experiments being carried out in the extensive flight research laboratories at Mississippi State. DOT and these gentlemen were very charming and held us spellbound. Many interesting door prizes were given at banquet time and it was a thrilling moment when the ETA Fuel Consumption Trophies were awarded in this order:

Third Place: MARTHA TOBEY, Memphis Chapter.

Second Place: DOROTHY SHAW, Fla. Goldcoast Chapter.



Natchez 99 MIRIAM LOE, right, greeting Florida arrivals DOROTHY SHAW (on wing) and BETTY TRACY, left, attending SE Sectional.

First Place: KATHLEEN VAUGHN, Alabama Chapter.

The messages received by the Mississippi hostesses from weathered-in Ninety-Nines in Georgia and the Carolinas were most appreciated. It was nice to know their propellers were "running" to be with us. They were sincerely missed and in the thoughts of other members in Natchez, natch!

CY BEERS, Chairman, Florida Space Port Chapter, extended the invitation to come to Daytona Beach, Florida, that great resort area, for the Fall Sectional—and plan to land at the Ormond Beach Airport.

See the Connecticut Chapter report for details of the New England Sectional held Apr. 15th.

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## BRITISH SECTION

**Janet Ferguson, Reporter**

All kinds of happenings to report this month, so here goes.

Congratulations to BETTY CONES on her new job. We're glad to say it's an aviation one—viz: Air Traffic Control Assistant in the Evaluation Unit at Hurn Airport. BETTY is currently in the throes of a training course and we wish her lots of luck with the exams and the job itself.

SHEILA SCOTT was Guest of Honor at the Zonta Club in Milan. This year they were honoring AMELIA EARHART and so invited many famous Italian flying personalities. SHEILA met FIARENZA DE BERNARDI, who sent her love to everyone. FIORENZA is the first Italian woman airline pilot





Some of the 99s arriving at the Natchez-Adams County Airport for the Southeast Sectional May 5, 6, and 7. Left to right, PEGGY McCORMICK, BERNICE KELLY, NITA STAHLMAN, BEE REID, ETHEL RADZEWICZ, JANET GREEN, MARGARET SHIPLEY, and JEAN HODGES.

and is now based at Linate Airport, Milan and would love to see any visiting Ninety-Nine. Back in this country, SHEILA has been on the receiving end of yet more awards . . . the Royal Aero Club Silver Medal for her world flight and the Geoffrey de Havilland Trophy for her performance in the National Air Race last year. SHEILA received these awards from LADY BRABAZON of Tara at the Royal Aero Club last month. Very many congratulations to her!

It was a great pleasure meeting ALICE DAVIS, Michigan Chapter Chairman, during her recent visit to London. PAMELA HUNTLY took her for a flight in her Comanche, ELIZABETH OVERBURY met ALICE and her 49½er for lunch, and SHEILA SCOTT, PAMELA HUNTLY, SUE PHILLIPS and I met her for dinner on her last evening in London. We all much enjoyed our time with ALICE.

PAMELA HUNTLY is going to the Paris Air Show by helicopter, which sounds as good a way as any of getting there. Apart from this news, it seems like she has developed a new interest . . . SHEILA reports that

PAMELA is investigating the sex life of the lobster! Apparently she is trying to found a home for lobsters and SHEILA has promised her that the British Section will present her with a male lobster!

GILLIAN CAZALET was on hand at the Biggin Hill Air Fair as First Officer on the Skyways DC3 which was busily employed giving "joyrides" to the public.

BERYL SANDERS has become involved in aerobatics. She has been practicing hard with the Tiger Club and came 6th out of a field of 13 in her first competition. Keep up the good work, BERYL.

CAROL KOCZON has been very active with the Tiger Club and is sampling all their different brands of sporting flying.

DIANA BARNATO WALKER has just started her second year as Joint Master of the Old Surrey and Burstow Foxhounds. Although this can't in any way be connected with aviation, it's a pretty unique achievement for a Ninety-Nine all the same!

One of our "Sixty-Sixes," EILEEN HOULDER, now has her Private License—in fact, she achieved it in rec-

ord time. EILEEN is a prospective Ninety-Nine of course, and meanwhile joins in many of our activities as a Sixty-Six.

We have an interesting meeting coming up later this month when we visit "Treble One" Squadron at R.A.F. Station Wattisham. It looks like there'll be quite a crowd flying in, and we'll report fully next time.

## SOUTH AFRICAN SECTION

### Yvonne van den Dool, Reporter

Welcome visitors to Durban were WALLY FUNK of Oklahoma, and her companion, ANN COOPER. WALLY and ANN are on a world tour, traveling in a "Camper"—converted Combi-caravan, with their dog TOOTS.

WALLY and ANN spent a very enjoyable evening at the Durban Wings Club with ANN WHITE, AURIEL MILLER, JACKIE JENSEN (formerly HUGHES), and MARIE GODWIN. Our American friends parked their "camper" in ANN WHITE'S driveway for three nights, while they acquainted themselves with Durban. WALLY was able to catch up with her 99 news through the medium of the Newsletter and the latest Roster. They are making their way to Kenya. En route, WALLY intends climbing Mt. Kili-



ANN WHITE of Durban.





Left to right, **WALLY FUNK, LES MILLER (C.F.I. of Durban Wings Club), ANN WHITE, ANN COOPER.** In front, **AURIEL MILLER.**

manjaro. The highlight of her stay in Durban was flying ANN and PETER'S Tiger Moth.

ANN COOPER has completed 42 hours flying, and on receiving her license, will no doubt, become a 99. WALLY has 7,000 hours to her credit—instructing, charter work, crop spraying, etc. She was also one of the 99s who were chosen for the American Space Program, and when the Americans continue this program to include women, WALLY is likely to be in orbit!

ANN WHITE, who was educated at Potchefstroom High School for Girls,

moved to Durban to take up her career. She is a qualified Chemist and Druggist and is now Managing Director of a large Pharmacy in Durban. ANN and her husband, PETER started flying 2½ years ago—something they had always wanted to do. While still a Student Pilot, ANN won the Winifred Osborne Trophy in the Student's section of the Club Day competitions at the Durban Wings Club. When she had 42 hours, she

won the Marie Mills Trophy for forced landings at Brits in 1965. These competitions were the S. A. National Championships and the Marie Mills Trophy is a Women's Aviation Association Trophy. After ANN landed on completing the tests, she thanked her judge for being her first passenger—he had to depart hurriedly from the aircraft for refreshments after that!

Later in 1965, ANN came 5th in the Natal Championships at Ladysmith. In the 1965-66 Durban Wings Club Championships, she was placed 6th, and during the 1966 National Championships, she reached the semi-finals. She was also awarded the Rosamund Everard Steenkamp Trophy for Ladies with over 100 hours experience.

In the D. W. Club 1966-67 Championships, ANN took 4th place and will, this year, represent the Durban Wings Club at the South African National Championships, together with AURIEL MILLER, who took 3rd place in the D. W. C. Championships. So this year Durban will be represented by 2 men and 2 lady pilots at the S. A. National Championships to be held at Port Elizabeth during June.

ANN is waiting for the results of her Commercial and Instructor examinations she recently wrote and has already started studying for her Instrument rating. Husband, PETER has also written the above exams and is also studying for his Instrument rating.

MYRTLE BROOKS for Johannesburg started flying in 1958 on Tiger Moths. After soloing on Tigers, she converted to the Super Cub for cross-country exercises. She has since flown the Colt, Tri-Pacer, and the single seater Turbulent. MYRTLE is the first and only woman in this county to have flown the Turbulent.

In 1960, she flew her Tiger Moth to Durban to take part in the W. A. A. Championships and won the Marie Mills Trophy. MYRTLE enjoyed this flight so much, that she has since completed 3 more flights to Durban in the Tiger, bringing her hours to 220. We expect MYRTLE to be our future aerobatic champion. She also managed to have two babies without letting her license lapse!

Great news! RAY JANKS of Johannesburg has been invited to act as co-pilot in the Powder Puff Derby and has, of course, accepted. She will be flying with SALLY BUEGELEI-

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SEN. RAY will report her experiences during the race, and from then on, she will take over the job of news reporting. At the moment she is too busy and too excited!

Yours truly will also be in Washington for the Convention and the "getting-to-know-you" tour of the States during July.

Ed Note—Hope you include Dallas.



#### CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

Ruth P. Buckley, Reporter

We have two new members! NINA HETMAN of Norwalk, Conn., and BOBBIE HERBERT of Armonk, New York. NINA will be flying in the IAR with TRINA JARISH. CHRIS WINZER displayed our newly printed guest invitation cards at the most recent meeting. CHRIS plans to fly to the Conn. airports and talk to the FBO people and leave these cards. Welcome aboard to NINA and BOBBIE!

PEGGY DAVIDSON was responsible for the arrangements on April 15 in New Haven for the New England Sectional. While the guests toured Yale University, the business meeting for the Section was in progress. Our Chapter report showed significant gains in membership growth, and the establishment of a RUTH NICHOLS project. Our Chapter Chairman, PRIL LOVERIDGE reported the Chapter had gained six members this year, NANCY HOPKINS TIER, a Charter member of the Ninety-Nines, and ADAH MURPHY joined our Chapter by transfer. TRINA JARISH, MARY NEIL, LORRAINE JENCIK and KAY LITTIN are our new members.

MARY HORTON reported the Connecticut Chapter hopes to give RUTH NICHOLS her rightful place as a distinguished pilot. With the aid of the Norwalk EAA Chapter No. 130, we were able to salvage many certified documents, news clippings, and mementos, plus the vertical fin and rudder from the Lockheed Vega "Akita." There were also many documents pertinent to the founding of this organization, such as early constitutions, and newsletters. RUTH NICHOLS, as an aviatrix of the 1930s held numerous records. The Chapter membership is

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Shown at the head table during the New England Sectional were left to right, ISABEL BLODGETT, Vice-Governor; MARY ALMA SMITH, Governor; and guest speaker, MR. FRANK BLAIR of the Today Show.

attempting to catalogue this collection.

We did not supply a good weather welcome. Nevertheless, it is encouraging to listen to those "sunny" reports of the other chapters, such as those given by BEVERLY SHORES of the NNE, and FRAN PORTER of ENE.

FRANK BLAIR was our guest speaker. MR. BLAIR is News Commentator of the Today television program, and one of the judges for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship this year. He shared his early flying experiences with us, mentioning that he genuinely enjoyed hangar flying. We enjoyed listening! One of our guests, MR. THOMAS DEVINE of West Haven was featured in the recent book "The Search for Amelia Earhart."

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MR. DEVINE spoke to each of us informally about his trips to the Pacific. MR. HOWARD GROSS of Hartford was also a guest of the Chapter. With the IAR due here this month, MR. GROSS has been assisting the committee with arrangements concerning the stop.

The Connecticut Chapter has CYNTHIA KEMPER arriving as their convention delegate. Happy Convention CINDY. See the ceramic tiles mentioned in NOTAMS column — CINDY will have some with her.

#### EASTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Lois D. Auchterlonie, Reporter

GOV. ALMA G. SMITH and MARGARET DAVIDSON joined Chapter members to attend the Boston Zonta Club's 40th Birthday luncheon, at which our own BLANCHE NOYES of Washington was guest speaker. Joining them on April 8th, at Pier 4 Restaurant were CHM. FRAN PORTER,



MILLIE DOREMUS, RIPLEY MILLER, DOROTHY PULIS, LOIS AUCHTERLONIE, GERT McGRATH, HARRIET ABBOTT, and CHRIS SEAVER

On April 15th the birds walked and the 99s drove to New Haven for the Spring Sectional, but when GOV. SMITH called the meeting to order, there was a goodly representation of all chapters. The Chapter reports indicated many projects are cooking, and some excellent suggestions for future meetings. The Connecticut Chapter had FRANK BLAIR for guest speaker—it was well worth the trip—even on four wheels.

Welcome aboard to NORMA WILCOX from the San Gabriel Chapter; NORMA is now living in Bedford, Mass. Also, a welcome to new member CORA CLARK who received her pin from CHM. FRAN PORTER at the May meeting.

May 13th meeting held at Norfolk airport, between airmarking efforts. A good day (the weatherman goofed) resulted in a good turnout, and the Chairman had an informal meeting on the grass while we ate our packed lunches. Our thanks to RUTH CROWELL and PAM BUGG for arranging for the Governor's proclamations.

Our airmarking season began with a blast—two airmarkers in one day! Arranged by MILLIE DOREMUS, Air Marking Chairman—Medway and Norfolk (airport). With lots of painters (about 18), the painting was done in a hurry.

RIPLEY MILLER is drying the ink of her new Commercial rating. She had to wait out our 'damp' spring to find enough good flying days.

ISABEL BLODGETT loaded her daughter and children into the 172 and started 'South' only to run into one of spring's unforecasted snowstorms. She elected to make an instrument approach to Bridgeport, Conn. when her passengers became airsick.

PAT JONES is flying the IAR with NORMA WILCOX as co-pilot. CHRIS SEAVER is flying co-pilot for IRMA SELIG of Montreal; they are sponsored by Field Aviation of Montreal. Several Chapter members plan to be on hand at Hartford for the LAR stop activities.

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Disembarking at the Flying W Ranch is COL. F. GERARD, Dir. Div. of Aeronautics, State of N. J. Greeting him are left to right, Garden State Chapter members CHICKIE ALPER and NANCY SMYTH, WENDELL LEACH, Flight Safety Dept., State of N. J.; and "Start" Chairman JUDY MELTSNER. (Photo by Doug Smith, Delran, N. J.)



**GARDEN STATE CHAPTER**  
**Annette Ginsburg filling in**  
**for Nancy Smyth**

To recap what has been taking place in the Garden State Chapter during the past five months, in connection with the Powder Puff Derby will be quite an undertaking—but—here goes.

With the full cooperation of the AWTAR Board and the very capable assistance of COLONEL FRANCIS GERARD, Director, Division of Aeronautics, State of New Jersey, the Chairman of the Start Committee, JUDY MELTSNER has outlined a Start that will be remembered by all

those participating for a long, long time.

On March 12th, a "Kick-off Brunch" was held at the Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City. The Claridge will be the headquarters for all operations connected with the Race. This affair was for the working committee, local dignitaries, and the press.

KAY BRICK, LOIS FAIRBANK, BARBARA EVANS and MARION LOPEZ of the AWTAR Board were in attendance.

There were representatives of radio, television, newspapers and magazine publications in the group. Advance Tip: watch for the June issue of Flying Magazine—be sure to get it.

The Mayor of Atlantic City, RICHARD JACKSON, welcomed us and assured us that all will be done to make





Ribbon cutting ceremonies during the "Kick-off Brunch March 12. Left to right, CURT YOUNG, owner and operator, So. Jersey Airways, JUDY MELTSNER, Chairman '67 AWTAR Start, MAYOR RICHARD JACKSON, Atlantic City, and JACK WEBB, Dir. NAFEC.

our stay in his city a memorable one.

Also present was MR. CURT YOUNG, owner and operator of Southern Jersey Airways at Bader Field, and MR. JOE TRAPPY, General Manager of operations at Bader. These two dynamic men have offered their facilities to us and their utmost co-operation. One thing we must remember—Atlantic City is a summer resort—July 4th their biggest week of the year—so in advance we say "Thanks for everything" to the people of Bader.

MRS. JOHN ALTON and her group of women were introduced. These ladies are the official Atlantic City Hostesses. They will assist with the Hospitality portion during the days the contestants are in Atlantic City.

Other V. I. P.'s in the group were MR. JACK WEBB, Director of National Aviation Experimental Facilities Co., HAROLD ZWICKER, Chief Flight Service at Millville, and WENDEL LEACH, State Board of Aeronautics.

Now to mention who's doing what—GAY MAHER, Chairman of our Chapter is handling Publicity and Public Relations. Assisting GAY, are BERNICE ALPER, MARY ROSE MYERS and ANNETTE GINSBURG. BARBARA CUBBISON wakes up each

morning hearing JUDY say "Send a letter to—," and she goes to bed at night hearing JUDY say, "BARB, send a letter to—," but the job is in very capable hands—she's a fabulous Secretary. Another important job, our money—that is being handled by ANNETTE GINSBURG. Helping JUDY to prepare a complete social agenda is NANCY SMYTH. A more complete list will be printed at a later date.

There is much more to tell you but it will have to wait till next issue, hope you'll be looking for it.

There is one thing I must leave you with. Our Chapter is a small group and we are so very young to have assumed such an undertaking as the Start Committee for the Powder Puff Derby, but we are sure that with the help of our surrounding chapters, the 1967 Start will be the greatest ever!

Happy landings and see your next month—

Meetings, phone calls, speaking en-

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agements, trailers, toilet facilities, guards, towers, luncheons, cocktail parties, banquets, sponsors—these are just a few of the facets that revolve around the Start of the Powder Puff Derby. We here in the Garden State are learning about all of them.

Since our last printing, many things have been happening—our Public Relations Chairman, GAY MAHER has been busy arranging coverage via radio, newspaper, TV and even window displays. GAY and JUDY MELTSNER, Start Chairman, have had many speaking engagements to local civic clubs.

In Atlantic City, preparations are being completed with the help of "Mr. Atlantic City," MAL DODSON, of the City Press Bureau, to make this start unique in every way.

I forgot to mention in last months column about our Mascot. You have heard of teams having donkeys, elephants, etc., now it's Butterflies. JUDY has a "Thing" about butterflies—I think she says their wings increase her lift or something, but she loves them and you never see her without her Butterfly. It could be a pin, earring or you never know what, so don't be surprised if Butterflies keep popping up.

Money - money - money—how to raise it for all the things that have



1967 AWTAR "Start" Chairman JUDY MELTSNER and some of her 'mascots.'





During the "Kick-off Brunch" AWTAR Board Chairman, KAY BRICK cuts the 21st Powder Puff Derby cake. In background, left to right, JUDY MELTSNER, Chairman - Start, WENDELL LEACH, (partially hidden) State Div. of Aeronautics, GAY MAHER, Chairman Garden State Chapter, and JACK WEBB, Dir. NAFEC.

to be done. So far we have sold candy, had cosmetics demonstrations, sold cookies, and even opened "Bader Canteen." The 99s at Bader Field sell coffee, ice tea, and all sorts of goodies every week-end to help the treasury grow. The gals at Lakewood, FLO WALSH and ANN WHISTON have done a tremendous job sending letters for financial support.

On April 29th, a Fashion Show and Luncheon was held at the Flying W Ranch in Medford, N. J. MARILYN TEES, one of our 66s was Chairman and did an outstanding job. We were pleased to have so many of the AWTAR Board among us. A special "Thanks" to the New York Chapter for their overwhelming support. MARJORIE DAVIS, of the New York Chapter displayed a Flying Suit worn by her personal friend, AMELIA EARTHART.

Another item of interest that afternoon—BARBARA CUBBISON, Start Secretary, received her Private Pilot License and became a 99. So nice to have this great gal with us!

Committees, committees, commit-

tees, I never knew there could be so many—The following is a partial list of who's doing what—

Decorations — NANCY DIEMAND; Education—ANNE SHIELDS and DR. HELEN ZUBROW; Hotel Hospitality — DORIS RENNINGER; Impound — MINA ELSCHNER and JEANNE SPIELBERG; Junior Volunteers — RUTH HILL; Operations—FLORENCE WALSH and ANN WHISTON; Inspection—MADELINE WILCOX; Program Sales—BERNICE ALPER; Publicity—GAY MAHER; Social — NANCY SMYTH and Transportation—DONNA JOSS.

At this writing we are concentrating on a social agenda, which will include luncheons, Bar-B-Q, Cocktail parties, Clam Bake, and of course the Banquet. When this schedule is completed, a whale of a good time will be waiting for everyone in Atlantic City.

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## GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER Dolores M. Madden, Reporter

Everyone is getting that restless feeling that comes with Spring and which usually manifests itself in a desire to get up and go, to work on that new rating, to start thinking about that flying vacation, and Ninety-Nines are no exception.

In the new rating line, CHARLOTTE McCOLLUM is about to take her Instrument flight test, 49½er JIM took and passed his Commercial flight test and 16 year old son BRUCE soloed a Cherokee. Other candidates for an instrument rating are PAT WILSON and AGNES ZWEIDINGER who have just completed the Instrument Ground School course at Somerset Airport; add new member BETTY LOU SCANDLING working on her MEL rating for their newly purchased Aztec.

Your Reporter spent a perfectly delightful afternoon at the Flying W Ranch Luncheon and Fashion show given by the Garden State Chapter to raise money for the Powder Puff Derby start. It was well attended and the Greater New York Chapter well represented—Scenes caught at random JULIA WILSON showing pictures of her St. Croix home, MARJORIE WILSON displaying AMELIA EARTHART'S flying suit left in MARJORIE'S care before her last flight, and SELMA CRONAN handing out the precious few copies of her book "A Helicopter Can Be" to those who reserved one.

Back at the helm, guiding the Greater New York Chapter, is JEWEL VOM SAAL after four weeks spent touring Spain with 49½er FRED.

Present at the unveiling of the bronze bust of WILBUR and ORVILLE WRIGHT, were DORIS RENNINGER, SELMA CRONAN, VIOLA GENTRY, LUCILLE WRIGHT, and KAY HILBRANDT; The occasion: the inclusion of the Brothers Wright in the New York University Aviation Hall of Fame on Sunday, May 7th. DR. IGOR SIKORSKY was the principle speaker at what must have been an impressive ceremony.

Part of the spring picture, getting up and going, were SELMA CRONAN at the Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Aviation Space Writers Association in Las Vegas, Nevada, May 14th 18th; DORIS RENNINGER attending the Twenty-third Annual National Forum of the American Helicopter Society in Washington, D. C.; and MINA





**Members of the Greater New York Chapter who attended the Fly-In Fashion Show at the Flying W Ranch.**

ELSCHNER off to St. Croix for a two week stay.

Looking forward to some interesting events at this writing:

1. Commemorative day in honor of CHARLES LINDBERG at Garden City, Long Island on May 20th, sponsored by Hofstra University of Hempstead, New York. This will include a symposium on Aviation in the morning, and a luncheon and movies in the afternoon.

2. The spring meeting of the New York-New Jersey Section in Buffalo on June 3rd hostessed by the Western New York Chapter. On the agenda will be a talk by MR. WARREN HALL, Aeronautical Engineer and Test Pilot for the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, and a film on "The Role of Variable Stability Airplanes in Aircraft Designs".

3. Washington Convention of the Ninety-Nines. Greater New York Chapter members will hostess some ten Australian Ninety-Nines in their homes from June 25th to June 28th, before the convention.

Another new member: GAYLE BLUMBERG of Elizabeth, New Jersey. Husband JOHN is a Doctor and a pilot. GAYLE is journalist by profession and hails from Los Angeles.

A warm welcome goes to GAYLE and to HARRIET MILLER who transferred to Greater New York Chapter from Western New York!

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#### **LONG ISLAND CHAPTER**

**Helen Maxim, Reporter**

After flying to the Bahamas in their Debonair for a family fun vacation, HONEY KATE TRATTLER returned in time to preside at the May meeting as our new Chairman, and did an excellent job. An Instrument Rating was awaiting her return, and with its acquisition, HONEY KATES' next venture is working on an Instrument Ground Instructors Rating.

With plans for the 21st Powder Puff Derby shifting into high gear, we're proud of our two entries, DOTTIE JULICH and ELLIE McCULLOUGH, and wish them success. Local business' adjacent to the Long Island Airport are sponsoring ELLIE, and her entry plane will be very aptly named, "The Spirit of Long Island".

A word of thanks to JO O'BRIEN for time and effort expended hostessing a "Flying Can Be Fun" exhibit at the Walt Whitman Shopping Center.

New member, DONNA FLAUM from Maspeth, (a former 66), is busy working on her Commercial. DONNA earned her Private Pilot License in July of 1966, and has logged 110 shining hours of flying to date.

Husbands take note: Wives can be useful as well as decorative! When

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49½er RONALD ABBATE, builder of Convention Displays & Exhibits, needed help at a display he was in the process of installing at Atlantic City, who came to the rescue but our fair 99, DORIS ABBATE. She flew a carpenter down to Atlantic City in a Cherokee 140, and thus saved the day.

The Red Baron and Snoopy will never generate as much flying fun as 99s JOAN FLEISHMANN, HELEN MOXIM, along with friends and 49½ers did, the day they flew to Kobelt in 3 Cessna 150s.

ELLIE McCULLOUGH has been her usual busy self, what with auditioning for Long Island Networks pertaining to Air Traffic Watch, and guest speaking for the Aviation Post of the American Legion at the Wings Club in New York City.

With the advent of fair weather, GUS ANDERSON and THELMA BAKER have dusted off their 140s, and are familiar sights around Zahn's Airport once again.

#### **WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER**

**Agnes Denler, Reporter**

The April meeting of the Western New York Chapter was a dinner party at the Airways Motel. The featured speaker was MR. STANLEY KAKOL, Chief Test Pilot of Bell Aerosystems, who spoke and presented a film on Bell's experimental VTOL, the X-22. We were further honored to have MRS. KAKOL as our guest, and to be able to give her a first opportunity to hear her husband speak, and see the film. Seems the other occasions were for the gentlemen only.

Our Chapter welcomes a brand new member, a pilot of many years experience, ARLENE BRAY from Arcade, N. Y. ARLENE and her husband have a dairy farm, their own landing strip, and a new Sky Hawk. Now there is a new member who has everything!

DORIS CULP and her family took advantage of the Spring weather to make flying trips to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to see their daughter who is at school there, and also to make a weekend trip to Purdue University to visit their son.

TERRI PIRRUNG and NAOMI MEEKER flew to Toronto Island Airport so that NAOMI could pick up tickets for Expo '67.

The May meeting was all work,



planning, and excitement. Our Chapter is preparing to be hostess chapter, for the first time, for the Section meeting to be held on June 3rd. If the weatherman tries as hard as the girls have, it should be a great success.

Two of our Rochester, N. Y. ladies attended this meeting, JOAN PREHN, and SYLVIA MACDONALD. They brought us the news from their area. ROSALIE TYGERT, the Powder Puff Derby co-pilot from Rochester in 1964, has been married to FRANK HARRIS, also a long time pilot. GLORIA SANTUCCI, our Ground School Instructor at the Hylan Airport has been averaging 100 students for the past six months—10 per cent female — which proves aviation is flourishing in that area.

JOAN PREHN has been designated by Ray Hylan School of Aeronautics, and approved by the F.A.A. to perform the duties of Chief Pilot. She is working on her A.T.R. rating. Congratulations JOAN!

FRANCES WILSON was a guest at our May meeting. She is the proud owner of a Cessna 172, and we hope that she will join our group.

Your reporter is a brand new "99", with a brand new license—April 4th, hoping to make up in enthusiasm what she lacks in experience, and doing her bit by writing the News Letter. Thank you.



#### **EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER**

**Kate Macario, Reporter**

With so much rain the past month, we were most fortunate to have an ideal day to air mark the Perkiomen Valley Airport on Saturday, May 13th. BARBARA FARQUHARSON, BETH STURTEVANT, HELEN PRICE and BARBARA MORRISON arrived early to lay out the letters with the Chapter's templates. They were soon joined by ANNA SPIVEY, our newest member, and ELYSE CHAPMAN, attending her third 99 event. KATE MACARIO arrived next, after returning from Richmond, where she was a guest of the Virginia Chapter at a Banquet the night before, during which this chapter was presented its Charter (for the second time) by Vir-

ginia's Commissioner for Aviation, JUDGE JESSE W. DILLON. MARIE D'ALTERIO and JOYCE ROGGIO arrived in time to go in search of more paint; seven gallons were used on this particular roof which was at second-story height. Upon their return, lunch was eaten and an informal meeting held while members sat on logs in the parking lot. Others joining the group were HELEN ZUBROW, ANN WINSOR, (taking pictures of some very ungainly positions), SALLY HULL attending her third meeting and WINNIE STRICKLAND who came from Newark, Delaware, to attend her first. BARBARA FARQUHARSON and BETH STURTEVANT were selected as our delegates to the Convention and plans to attend the Convention Banquet and meetings were discussed. A suggestion for having an alternate place rather than an alternate date for our fly-in meetings was met with much approval. ANNE SHIELDS "dropped in" after working to 8 to 4 shift at Philadelphia Flight Service Station. GINNIE SWISHER arrived in time to say Goodbye to a few and was disappointed she couldn't make it any sooner. 49½ers JIM SPIVEY and LINC CHAPMAN passed approval on our paint job as they flew in for their wives; another Air Marking well-done!

PERSONAL P A T T E R : MAJOR JAN KAPUS has been transferred overseas from the Dover Air Force Base. We'll miss JAN at our next Penny-a-Pound in Wilmington . . . LIBBY DUVAL mailed in \$3.00 and two crusts all wrapped up for the box lunch auction that she missed . . . NANCY DIEMAND and LIBBY are using NANCY'S Bonanza instead of a Cherokee in the IAR . . . CONNIE WOLF and MRS. ANDREWS BLACK of Denver will be flying a Debonair in this International Women's Air Race from the Expo '67 city of Montreal to Miami . . . ANNE SHIELDS and HELEN ZUBROW are also participants in this event . . . JANICE MUNTZ now settled in a house in Chestnut Hill and has her Cessna 172 back, intact . . . Ever hear BETH STURTEVANT relate some of her experiences as a Police Dispatcher at

a local station? Setting off the fire siren is part of her job . . . ELYSE and LINC CHAPMAN are flying to Ft. Lauderdale over Memorial Day in their Cherokee 180 . . . SISTER MARY THEODORE (PEGGY BOREK) was among a group of Dominican nuns who appeared on television singing several folk songs which they have recorded . . . HELEN and BILL PRICE jetting to Los Angeles in June to attend a relative's graduation . . . JOYCE and VIC ROGGIO were plagued with severe weather conditions on their return trip from Michigan in the Baron . . . ALICE and RAY MISENHEIMER had a terrifying experience in the Bahamas when the yacht she and RAY were aboard hit coral reef and capsized . . . KATE and TOM MACARIO off to see the antique airplanes at Old Rhinebeck Airport, N. Y. then to West Point to visit 99 member ARLENE and ARNOLD FELDMAN before they are transferred to San Antonio, Texas in June.

#### **WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER Ruth Freckleton, Reporter**

Special from Las Vegas, Nevada . . . Aviation/Space Writers Convention . . . having a fine time, wish you were here!

Just had a flight from the parking lot (next door) with "DOE" MORRIS, our own HELEN MORRIS's 49½er from Ft. Worth. This Wren is a fabulous aircraft, taking off and landing in a few feet. Wish they would come down in their price range! It has tri-cycle gear and 240 HP.

Also, attending this writers convention are: Powder Puff leader, KAY BRICK (Greater NY Chap.) along with SELMA CRONAN; TONY PAGE, Publisher of the Cross Country News who never loses her sense of humor; (I lost mine near the gaming tables . . . ah, me!) LORETTA SLAVICK from Greater St. Louis, who leaves soon for Russia but promises to tell us about it at the Convention; also spotted RUTH KESSLER TAKSEL from St. Louis; and RUTH DOWNIE from San Gabriel Valley is here busy with her 49½er collecting material for future stories. While we have been lectured so far, tomorrow we see Jack-ass Flats. Tell you about it at the Convention!

Speaking of the Convention: FAY WELLS had a fine get-together at the American Newspaper Businesswomen's

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at your  
International Convention**



cn's Club in Washington to tie up the loose ends for the last minute rush of the International Convention. All Committee Chairmen were there, including MITI KELLER, who just returned from Rome. Two days before, JEAN ROSS HOWARD had an interesting tea with the Australian Embassy people for all the high-flyers. See you at the Convention!

PS. Maybe we can get HELEN MORRIS (and the PICKERINGS) to fly with DOC to our Convention in the Wren and take everyone for rides. It has slotted wings, spoilers, and reverse prop . . . makes it Back Up! What a thrill!



#### FLORIDA SPACE PORT CHAPTER

Dot Macnamara, Reporter

Sounds to me as if the Mississippi Chapter was trying to put the rest of the Southeast Section to shame with their wonderful Sectional Meeting. Boy, the Space Port Chapter will really have to go some to come up with anything as wonderful as that meeting. Just wish that I could have gone with CY BEERS, BETTY TRACY and CHARLOTTE CORBIN.

Since JOAN DAVIS of Vero Beach has taken a full time job, she had to resign as our Secretary. We really do miss her, but we do have an able replacement in BOBBI STEEN of Orlando.

Three new members were accepted: LUCILLE THOMPSON of Orlando, LOUISA TAMM of Daytona Beach - hooray at last LOUISA got her Private license! (She kept putting off getting her flight check) and JUANITA DIESBOURG of Orlando. Just last week JUANITA got her Instrument rating. Congratulations to JUANITA! JUANITA also flew to New York week before last and last week she flew to Melbourne where she got her first actual instrument flying since getting her new rating.

MARGARET STANNAH, DOT MACNAMARA and JUANITA flew to the Grasshopper meeting in Crystal River in April. It was lots of fun to see so

many of the Grasshoppers who are also 99s from the Sun Coast and Gold Coast Chapters.

MARY BLACKWELL gave us another instrument lesson. Five girls signed up to take a crash (surely, crash was the wrong word to use when speaking of airplanes!) an intensified (better word?) instrument course. CY said her goal was for all of us to get an Instrument rating. Do you suppose she will accomplish her goal? Of course, she figured without old stupid me. Well, I may never be an instrument pilot, but I can fly a Cessna 170 with cross wind landing gear, yet.

Besides the three new members, CY BEERS, MARY BLACKWELL, BARBARA HAZARD, RICKY CUNNINGHAM, MARDA SALISBURY, ANN CONWAY, BETTY SHERMAN, BETTY TRACY and your reporter, DOT MACNAMARA were at the meeting in Ormond Beach on May 10. Our next meeting will be in Orlando on June 14.

#### GEORGIA CHAPTER

Betty W. McNabb, Reporter

The following telegram is self-explanatory: "PAGE SHAMBURGER, Carolinas, joins Georgians CAROLYN KENNEDY, CAROL LOWERY, HOLLY SMITH and BETTY McNABB in deploring IFR weather. Were all set to go to Natchez. See you this fall."

We understand the IFR gals, some Alabamans and probably Memphis made it — but not Georgia, Tennessee Chapter and Carolinas, as far as we know. We were so disappointed, Mississippi had planned a wonderful Sectional.

HOLLY SMITH is now enjoying her new job in the office of Albany Flight Service Station.

BETTY McNABB after a couple of abortive home - study attempts, has passed her Instrument written. Take heart, all ye exam-flunkers. She went to MR. L. J. MERCURE'S Airlines Aviation Academy, Atlanta Airport, and with a few days guided and concentrated study, emerged with an 84. Flight check next!!

**Have YOU Returned  
YOUR ballot for  
International Officers????  
DO IT NOW !!**

Georgia Ninety Nines had a fly-in reception in Macon to publicize the International Air Race stop there May 24-25-26. MYRTLE CAGLE masterminded the affair and it was beautifully done. There were city and county officials, Macon's beloved Airport Manager, MR. WILSON, and his lovely wife, Air Force representatives, FAA and Weather folks, and just plain aviation-interested people.

Ninety Nines flew into Smart Airport in North Macon, were lunched there by the Fixed Base Operator, MYRTLE CAGLE, and BETTY LARRY. BETTY is an inactive 99 who hopes to be back with us soon. Then we dashed over to WMAZ-TV for one of DALE WARD'S clever interviews and then all flew over to Municipal for the reception itself.

Piece de resistance was a beautiful and delicious cake made by CAROLYN HASKINS, Ham Radio Operator who has worked with Powder Puff communications and will assist with IAR radio-waves. The tiered cake, decorated in blue and white, was topped with an exquisite little angel.

Interesting guests at the reception, the flying kind, included DICEY MILLER and DOTTY EPPES of Huntsville, Alabama, with their Eppes Flying Service Mooney decked out for the I.A.R., FRANK B. WOOD of Panama City, Florida, BETTY McNABB'S father, famous for soloing at 82, seeing the Wright Brothers fly, and lately as a school lecturer about the history of transportation, and two prospective Ninety-Nines, both in the FAA, CAROLINE FINCH whose voice is so familiar to users of Macon Flight Service Station Facilities, and HAZEL FERGUSON who is in Maintenance.

Flying in were CAROLYN KENNEDY and CAROL LOWERY, Parrott and Albany, (Comanche); JANICE MASSEE (Skylane) Atlanta; BETTY JO ALLISON, (Cessna 172), Griffin; and BETTY McNABB, Albany (Bonanza) who brought her father.

Next: I.A.R. with Georgia Ninety Nines officiating the stop.

BETTY McNABB'S home in Panama City, Florida, for June Meeting.

BETTY and CAROLYN to Washington for International June-July.

August meeting at CAROLYN'S in Parrott.

Come join us at any of our meetings if you are near!



## MEMPHIS CHAPTER

Ann Hatten, Reporter

Natchez, antebellum city on the Mississippi, site of the Southeast Sectional, welcomed six Memphian 99s flying their six little planes and endeavoring to meet their ETA's for a proficiency prize. MARTHA TOBEY only two minutes off her estimate (submitted a day before take-off) won 3rd place. CHRIS BROWN took 5th best guess on wind and weather. MARTHA TOBEY, ROSEMARY WILLIAMS and JUNE PENTECOST won attendance prizes. Seven new ratings among the Memphis Chapter members won the roving Southeast Section proficiency trophy. Comments were in the superlative from those attending the Sectional.

On May 13, LOYCE O'NEAL and HAZEL WAGNER hosted a luncheon for POLLY DUNCAN, IAR participant, INA WALKER and VIRGINIA PROCTOR AWTAR participants at the Meadowbrook Country Club in West Memphis. CHRIS BROWN, MARY STANLEY, VIRGINIA PROCTOR, MARTHA TOBEY, ROSEMARY WILLIAMS and JUNE PENTECOST were in attendance to wish the guests of honor smooth air and tailwinds in their up and coming competitive pursuits.

INA WALKER and HELEN BURTON winged over to Wynne, Arkansas to go strawberry picking with VIRGINIA PROCTOR. Each picked twelve quarts of strawberries in a matter of an hour and a half. VIRGINIA PROCTOR estimated her total cost per quart was \$5.50 considering the overhead of liniment, heating pad and two chiropractor treatments for resultant sore back muscles. LOYCE O'NEAL and HAZEL WAGNER flew to Dyersburg for strawberry pie reportedly delicious at the airport restaurant there.

We are all anticipating a fun time at MARY and JOE STANLEY's 3 June for their annual fly-in picnic. MARY tells us the Curtiss Pusher has a fractured undercarriage. It was taxied a little too fast and we won't be able to see it airborne for a while.

DR. CHRIS BROWN has been honored with an invitation to present a paper at an International Meeting of Biochemists in Tokyo, Japan in August. At the West Memphis luncheon we asked CHRIS to tell us the title of her paper and she obligingly recited a technical title with a long string of fifty cent words. There were blank

faces around the table. We don't understand what it's all about but we love the way she says it.

## MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

Margaret Shipley, Jean Hodges,  
and Peggy McCormick, Reporters

On April 30, about twenty 99s and guests enjoyed the discussions and explanations of the experiments in progress at Mississippi State University at Starkville. Because the weather became marginal VFR about 25 miles out of Greenwood, MARGARET SHIPLEY did a 180. She and student pilot EMILY FLOWERS had planned the trip using 2 planes for one of EMILY's cross-countries. As it turned out, it was no weather for a student. We hope soon to welcome EMILY to our Chapter.

This meeting was a tour of the Aerodynamics Department, with talks by PROFESSORS CLIETT, MERTAUGH, BOATWRIGHT, and MURPHREE. Of special interest were the several wind tunnels, each adapted for specialized research. The laboratory concentrates on high-speed high-temperature problems of flight and re-entry, while the aircraft in the school's hangar are rigged for experiments on the other end of the speed line. There are approximately 25 craft, ranging from a single place glider to a Twin Beech, on which and in which boundary layer control surfaces and aids are built for STOL purposes.

An added attraction at Starkville Municipal is the hangar where the Burns Mid-wing twin was developed and now is nearly ready for certification.

Arriving with PEGGY McCORMICK in her Skylane was 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er FRANK, son FRANK IV, LESTER SHIPLEY III, and Chairman DOT ETHERIDGE. Incidentally, DOT ventured as far as GRW in her newly completed clipped-wing Cub in time to ride with PEGGY. DOT built the plane especially for her aerobatic act, which will be seen at air shows this summer.

PEGGY, MARGARET, and JEAN HODGES had flown to Greenville several times for help from student pilot, ORA VEST, in making ceramic ashtrays for use as favors at the Southeast Sectional in Natchez. PEGGY took them, plus 72 goody-filled litterbags prepared by the three of us with

help from DOT and LUCILLE, to Starkville to give to MIRIAM LOE, who ferried them home to Natchez, thus making them the most-traveled, highest-priced souvenirs in the Chapter's history. But, we hasten to add, the most fun project in years.

After arranging this extra special program, LUCILLE WOLFE had to be away on business. We missed her!

With scarcely time to catch our breath, we (P, J and M) found ourselves in Natchez at the Sectional. Convention Chairman MIRIAM had the situation well in hand as the ceiling began to lift about noon, Friday, May 5. JANET GREEN, BERNICE KELLY and ETHEL RADZEWICZ, the Fly-in Proficiency Race Committee, were at the airport to welcome members and guests. PEGGY AND JEAN manned the registration desk at the Holiday Inn. JESSIE MILLER and SAMMIE DANIELS made everyone welcome. NITA STAHLMAN was hostess of a marvelous party on Friday night. Natchez pilots (regrettably not 99s) EMILY KELLY, LUCILLE WEAVER, HELEN SIMMONS and ROSE POWELL were of invaluable assistance to MIRIAM and NITA in planning and execution of activities for the event. BILLY SIMMONS, manager of Natchez-Adams County Airport, sent each departing plane load on its way with a gift of a "snack-pack," which served in lieu of lunch for some of those who had far to go. ALICE FULBRIGHT of the Memphis Commercial Appeal was the guest of JUNE PENTECOST, and wrote a great story for the Monday, May 8, edition, complete with picture of her, JUNE, and S-E Governor MARTHA TOBEY.

Everybody please refer to another section of 99 NEWS for more details on the Natchez meeting.

We hope our guests enjoyed it, because we had a ball.

By the way, MARGARET enjoyed an unexpected brief visit with MARTHA and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er FRANK the other Sunday. The TOBEYS had landed at GRW to wait out some thundershowers in her beautiful Debonair, a gift from Santa.

Congratulations to DOT ETHERIDGE for doing so well in the National Womens Pylon Race. DOT flew the standard 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  mile course in a Cherokee 180 — This is a speed race with no handicaps. Nine women pilots from across the country competed in this event.

**Next NEWS Deadline**  
**July 20 (not June)**



## TENNESSEE CHAPTER

Edna Davis, Reporter

Our Chapter has started a project that we think will be fun and make someone very happy. Annually we will select one person, male or female, whom we think has done the most for aviation in Tennessee and honor that person at one of our meetings.

At our meeting in Nashville, Saturday, April 22, we made our first presentation to MISS LILLIAN WARD of the Federal Aviation Agency, District Office in Nashville. The presentation, a lovely plaque, bore this inscription: "LILLIAN WARD/In recognition of her unselfish devotion to Aviation Safety/By the Tennessee Chapter of 99s—1967." MISS WARD is not a pilot but has done much to influence our aviation lives. She has worked in this office twenty-six years and has done more actual work in Aviation Safety Division than anyone we know. For the past several years, MISS WARD'S health has not been the best but she has not let this stop her good work. When we were discussing her for our award DOT JONES said, "There is no one in aviation in Tennessee that MISS WARD has not helped at some time." This statement is so true!

Our member RUTH THOMAS, has a very talented husband, FERRIS. He designed and made the beautiful plaque. Since you can only look at a plaque, as a more personal memo, we gave MISS WARD a sterling silver necklace bearing the same inscription.

This outstanding lady was delighted to be the chosen one for our first presentation. She was taken by surprise and we were pleased that the news did not get to her in advance. Secrets are hard to keep when so many people are helping with the plans.

Other distinguished guests at our meeting were. Messrs. JAMES E. MARTIN, Director of Tennessee Aeronautics Commission, JOHN HORNADAY and BILL WHITMORE, our Safety Inspectors, Flight Division, FAA Nashville District Office, MAX WAULKE, Inspector in Charge of Maintenance from the Nashville Office, FERRIS THOMAS, pilot, JOHN FLEWELLEN, owner of the Dallas Bay Airport in Chattanooga and his daughter BERYL.

This was another "one-of-those-days" — bad weather! We just had

to be in Nashville by noon so . . . in your car and on the road. Two hundred miles to drive and as always, the further we drove the better the weather.

By the time we arrived at Berry Field, there was not a cloud in the sky. RUTH and FERRIS drove by the airport in Knoxville and decided to wait for the weather to clear; they were the lucky ones. GENIE RAE O'KELLEY arrived after lunch. GEORGIANNA McCONNELL had all arrangements made for a room and lunch at the Sky Chef.

We have a new member, JESSIE DRAIN. She was a student of EVELYN BRYAN JOHNSON. EVELYN gave JESSIE the flight tests for the Private certificate and handed her an application blank for the 99s. I say that is the way to get our new members! Welcome, JESSIE! We also have a reinstatement from BETTY WICKER of Kingsport. We are pleased to have BETTY back with us.

LADY McREYNOLDS has been in New York visiting her son and his family.

EDNA DAVIS spent Easter vacation in New York City with her daughter SUE CAROL. SUE CAROL is an actress and is presently with the Ted Mann Company.

Our member and State Senator, MARY ANDERSON, was very busy and could not be with us for the last two meetings.

JANE HILBERT was disappointed because she could not be in Nashville for our meeting and help honor her long-time friend LILLIAN WARD.

GENIE REA O'KELLEY, the very proud leader of a group of Girl Scouts, is boasting of the accomplishment of her girls — all have earned their Aviation Merit Badge.



## ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

Edy Maxim, Reporter

Our WX—we always talk about that in Ohio — for April was good, good, good. Landed at "Sunken-Lunken" and had a fine meeting and smorgasbord at a nearby restaurant. Many thanks to all the Cincinnati gals. Following the

meeting, a short film titled "Wichita Ramblers." This we hope to view again. It was the photo record of six Cincinnati gals, who ferried new Cessnas from the factory to Cincinnati.

LEE and JIM ROCK spent a delightful 10 days in the Everglades National Park, which for naturalists and fishermen is a paradise. The Mooney performed perfectly — I.F.R. — down and back, with tail winds both ways.

That wasn't the case about 2 weeks again, when the ROCKs were returning from Baltimore. Their ground speed 90 knots. JEAN and DOC BONAR were returning from Washington about the same time, and that "S" Bonanza would do only 99 knots! So you see, those typical western winds sometimes get to the east, too. The BONARs home briefly, and off then to Florida for a meeting.

MARILYNN and BOB MILLER, sons RON and TOM, flew to Eau Claire, Wisconsin over Easter weekend.

MARIAN PETZEL spent a week in California, and did some flying while out there. Then, spent two days at the Piper Aircraft plant in Lock Haven on business.

DON and PAT FAIRBANKS spent a few days in Toronto touring different air fields for new and different aircraft.

JoANN STYPE spoke and showed slides to the Wooster Lions Club in April, regarding women flying and the IAR and AWTAR. She also spoke to the Junior Progress League during April.

BUNNY FOLEY presented a paper at the Aerospace Medical Association in Washington, D. C. in April.

MARGE COMPTON attended the National Aerospace Education Council Conference held in Tucson, Arizona, March 29-31. The conference concerned aviation education in the high schools. Leaders in the field reported on successful programs and outlined the approach used in courses structured for varying objectives — ground school type — fundamentals with flight training, low-achievers program, programs with and without lab work. It became clear that the fundamentals of aviation must be presented in our high schools, if students are to be adequately equipped to take their places in the aerospace age.

CONNIE JONES spoke to the West Park Radio Club in March — ham



operators. They were interested to hear about the hams' part in the Powder Puff Derby.

CONNIE JONES went to NYC and Miami Beach in April on business (via commercial). In Miami she presented a talk "Analysis of Hydrogen-Rich Refinery Streams by Gas Chromatography" to the Petroleum Division of the American Chemical Society.

In Cleveland on April 4th, CONNIE received one of the five 1966 Aerospace Awards presented by the Cleveland Squadron of the Air Force Association. At the luncheon, ASTRONAUT FRANK BORMAN was the speaker.

In April, BOB and RUTH SITLER showed the Powder Puff for Joan film and gave a brief talk to the Kiwanis Club of Kent and to the University Flying Club at Kent State University.

A new bird in the MENSCHING family. RUBY said that Apache will make their frequent trips to Macon, Georgia, non-stop. RUBY and JIM still have their beautifully - equipped Tri-Pacer.

The BONDS are another Mr. and Mrs. airplane family. FLO flies the Tri-Pacer and DOC flies the Comanche!

CONNIE JONES passed the Advanced Ground Instructor's written.

ELIZABETH McCANN is President of the Columbus Chapter of New Neighbor's Club (a national organization).

JOAN HRUBEC, who is Chief Timer at the Cincinnati Lunken AWTAR stop, and EDY MAXIM, one of her assistants, had the exciting pleasure of witnessing the drawing for the take-off positions for the 1st-day entries for the Powder Puff Derby. CHARLES HUBBELL, aviation artist, who is so well-known for his paintings on the TRW Inc. calendar, did the honors in Cleveland recently. PAT McEWEN lucky No. 1, Ohio will have: MARION BETZLER; PAT FAIRBANKS and VIRGINIA TOOPER; CONNIE JONES and PAT COLLIER; JOANN STYPE and MILLIE KLAYMAN.

All-Ohio was far from winning that Travelin' Trophy at the N.C. Section meeting in Peoria, but we did have: in her Skyhawk JoANN STYPE, her guest ISLA, and MARILYNN MILLER; in MARILYN COLLETTE's Bonanza also MARY SCHAEFER and DOTTY HAUP; JOAN HRUBEC and EDY MAXIM in JOAN's "Pee-Wee"; LEE and JIM ROCK and CLARA

THARPE in the ROCKS' Mooney; CONNIE JONES and JANICE KUECHENMEISTER airlined in.

Weather again. However, we still had a good attendance at the May meeting in Akron. Many thanks to MARILYN COLLETTE, MARY SCHAEFER and all the Akron 99s who hosted a fine meeting. All enjoyed, too, the lovely carnation corsages. Our pleasure to have as our very special guest at the meeting, EDITH DENNY, who is Canada's 99 Governor. Many of us will soon see her again—at the start of the IAR Angel Derby in Montreal.

MARY SCHAEFER, co-pilot for MARILYN COLLETTE on the IAR, will hurriedly leave the terminus for San Antonio, Texas to see her son, HARRY, commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force on the 27th of May. HARRY, SR. will get his first airline trip for the trip.

MUGS, ANYONE?

#### CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

Virginia Roth, Reporter

The April Meeting was held at Joliet Municipal Airport and thanks go to Chairman VIRGINIA COFFEEN and her Hostess Committee. Spot landing was won by MARY PANCZYSHYN and the drawing by HELEN SAILER. After coffee and rolls and the business meeting, LOIS SEKETA presented comments regarding the upcoming Spring Sectional at Peoria and urged for a good attendance.

Well — the all-round turn out in Peoria was excellent (considering rain and poor visibility) and the harried hostesses were much relieved. We came in a close 2nd to winning the attendance Trophy. Speaking for all of us, an especially big thanks to all the wonderful girls of the Central Illinois Chapter for an exceptionally delightful week-end. Everyone was so cordial and considerate and everything ran so smoothly and flawlessly. The programing, transportation, lodging, favors, gifts and food was extraordinarily good and well planned. The speech BRIGADIER GENERAL HOWARD T. MARKEY gave at the Banquet

was dynamic and awe-inspiring. Thanks again! Now girls, don't forget, we're having the Fall Sectional the 15, 16, and 17th of Sept. at Pheasant Run, DuPage County Airport!

Now for our local news, and thanks to MARY SHUMWAY for collecting it for me. Spring vacation found NANCY NELSON at the Convention of the Am. Ass. for Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Las Vegas, Nev. Then on to Travis AFB, Calif. to visit her family where her dad is flying C-141.

A panel discussion was presented at State CAP Convention, Chicago-Sheraton, April 15th. Members of panel — HELEN BURRACK (UAL) Stewardess, BOBBIE JOHANSSON, WILLIE DYE, KATY BOYD, and GERRY RYBERG. Panel was project of Air-Age Education Comm., Chicago-Area Chapter. There were 125 girl cadets attended the session.

GEN BOWMAN had a lovely Easter vacation in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands via Eastern and Caribair.

MARY SHUMWAY, busier than usual, is flying for husband JOHN's foundry, taking castings all over Middle West with the truck strike on. MARY and GERRY KRAUSE flew both their planes down to Indianapolis with castings and merchandise for both their husbands' companies; then both came back loaded down with bird cages. Some publicity shots were taken for the "Indianapolis Star" to illustrate how some companies were getting merchandise into Chicago. MARY, JOHN and two of their children flew to Wichita recently for an invited tour of Cessna Aircraft and MARY had the opportunity to personally consult with JOE LATACE, chief aerodynamicist regarding Cessnas and racing techniques in particular—yeah, yeah! Look out you "Brand X's."

GINNIE and DUTCH KRAFT have traded their Cessna 180 for a 210. Congratulations! GINNIE says it will take some doing to get use to a tricycle gear again. They are still reminiscing over their wonderful trip to Hawaii. DUTCH's eyeballs are still sore from watching all the hula gals!

ESTHER NOFFKE is making aviation history at PalWaukee Airport. As of May 1st, the FAA has taken over traffic control at the airport. This is the first time that positive control by the FAA is being provided at a privately owned airport; thus the start

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of bringing the privately owned airport in the refined network of public airports. She extends an invitation to all 99s to stop in, visit the tower and use the new ultra modern motel with their elegant dining facilities, conference rooms, and pilots' lounge.

ELLEN O'HARA spoke to 150 girls of the Glenbard East High School Teen Club on March 14th regarding Aviation and how we gals can participate in flying. The group was very enthusiastic and ELLEN found the experience rewarding—everyone holding an aviation license today should attempt to spread the word!

YOURS TRULY and husband JOHN flew to Flippin, Ark., fished the White River and got our limit of rainbow trout in 2 days. JOHN caught a 5-pounder on (of all things) kernels of corn. We and our 182 made it home in record time, average ground speed 200 m.p.h. Good tail wind, what!

Ed. Note—Look for BARBARA HEALY who's just moved to Naperville from Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter.

#### GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

##### Amy Laws, Reporter

Our girls had a fly-in for the April meeting—over at Highland, Ill. where BETTY WILLISTON and MERLE FRAME hold sway as “queens of the gliding buffs.” MERLE and BETTY not only provided an excellent lunch, they also saw that most of the members got rides in the beautiful soaring plane their club owns. Couldn't make it, but understand it was all great, until a strong cross-wind halted operations. Those attending were: JAN POCOCK, ROSE JOLY, VAL JOHNSON (who also conducted a brief meeting), NORMA BRAUCH, MARGE JONES, IRENE RAWLINGS, JEAN LENNERTSON and JOAN LAMB. (Anyone else?) Seems they all enjoyed it, except JAN griped in our local newsletter that she got “mighty tired of falling on her face in the soppy grass, helping to tow the glider off.” KIT HEACOCK was scheduled to do some aerobatics, but that old wind postponed that.

Congratulations to JOAN LAMB for passing her Commercial Ground School Instructor exam, and to MERLE FRAME who achieved her Multi-Engine rate in a Beech Travel Air.

Here we go bragging again — our Chapter won the Traveling Trophy at

the North Central Sectional in Peoria, Ill. And it wasn't easy! You know how weather has been all Spring — well we managed to fly three planes in — actually two and one-half if you take into consideration one only got to Springfield, Ill. and the girls, (RUTH TAKSEL and AMY LAWS) let Ozark Airlines take them the rest of the way. Before IFR closed in, LOIS SHAFER and FANNIE JENNINGS made it, and VAL JOHNSON and JOAN LAMB asked for a special VFR approach. Heard others from various quadrants had similar experiences. Two of our members came in with girls from other Chapters — LORETTA SLAVICK with LOIS FEIGENBAUM (Cape Girardeau Chapter) and DOROTHY HAUPT with All-Ohio members from Cleveland, O. Girls driving were: MARY LOWE, KIT HEACOCK, JAN POCOCK, JANE NOYES, ROSE JOLY, JEAN LENNERTSON, NORMA BRAUCH. May we tell the Central Ill. Chapter how very much we all enjoyed ourselves, and how we hope that they all come to STL in Fall 1968 when it will be our turn to entertain at a Sectional?

Huge crowd at our May meeting — JOAN LAMB's home with SUE MATH-EIS as co-hostess. They surprised us with champagne and canapes to celebrate the Trophy from the Sectional. We voted in another 99 — BETTY BROWN who flies from Lambert Field and has a Private license. Several guests too, all Private pilots — JOY KRIEG, HELEN POOLER (who brought the best home-made candy with her) and DOROTHY CLARK. The girls liked them so much, quite a few put in their order. While not a uniform, they felt it would be great to have a jacket to wear to set them apart as 99s while attending functions as a group.

Our hostess, JOAN LAMB, belongs to a Book Club and gave us a delightful review of “The Search for Amelia Earhart” by FRED GOERNER.

Looks like our next few meetings will be in the nature of fly-ins. ROSE JOLY has lined us up an air marking job at Ironton, Mo. for June 17th. She'll be hostess and supply lunch, if we'll all come and paint. July will be over at Greenville, Ill. to visit MARY LOWE, and Aug. will be in Collinsville, Ill., for a swim party and meeting at LOIS SHAFER's home.

Heard that DEL SCHARR has been

in the hospital, but happy to hear too that she is now home. We missed her at several meetings.

DONNA RAE HOPPER's fiancé, JOHN HENKE, is in the Navy now, at Great Lake's Training Center, and DONNA plans to fly up and get him when his leave comes up.

NORMA BRAUCH of STL and NORMA WORLAND got to know each other at the Sectional when N.B. lent N.W. of Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter her door prize, a raincoat. Seems NORMA WORLAND couldn't find her again and so sent the raincoat back by mail with a cute letter. Incidentally, we hope to fly down to Kentucky Lake this fall and have a joint meeting with their Chapter.

LOIS BARTLETT told a funny story which maybe we shouldn't mention — but just can't resist. LOIS was flying around last summer up in Northern Illinois and landed at private airstrip which turned out to belong to a Nudist colony (the only one to have one) and she said everyone was “au naturel,” even the line boy. Before you all start a “treasure hunt” type of expedition, LOIS warns this strip (that's an appropriate name) is not on the charts, and she just happened on it accidentally.

Seems like we had a number of our members visiting the West in the last few months. DOROTHY WHEELER toured California for three weeks, starting in San Francisco and ending in Tia Juana, Mex. before heading home. Ditto GRACE COYVEAU in both March and April with her 49½er. MERLE FRAME and 49½er, BILL, went with a group in a DC-3 to Las Vegas to attend the International Exposition of Flight and to do some gambling. MERLE reports the air shows were fun and she won \$150. MERLE gets her kicks checking out in different airplanes—added to her collection and on her charm bracelet is a Cessna 140 and a Luscombe. She does things backwards—first experience was in the right seat of a Sabreliner, then a twin Beech (which she now has a rate in), then her Private in a Cessna and now tail-wheel.

RUTH TAKSEL brought back an Aero Commander 100 for her new dealership—had such bad weather she was grounded in Muscle Shoals and found she was locked in. She managed to pass the key out to the line boy through a vent window—RUTH says



she had visions of staying locked in the plane through a thunderstorm that was in progress. If anybody flies a 100, please don't turn the key in the lock prior to closing the door or you might find yourself in the same predicament. As the manufacturer said who would do that?

So far, we have two teams for the Sky Lady Derby—JEAN LENNERTSON and GRACE COYVEAU; and VAL JOHNSON and RUTH TAKSEL. Also two teams for the AWTAR: VAL JOHNSON and RUTH TAKSEL; and LOIS SHAFER and KIT HEACOCK in a Cherokee 235. VAL and RUTH plan to take VAL's Bonanza in the Powder Puff and RUTH's Commander 200 in the Sky Lady. Good luck, girls!

MARGARET WALSH is another of our members who gets around. MARGARET flew to Las Vegas to pick up her brother and attended a wedding in San Luis, Mexico, where they had to drive due to windy weather. While in Vegas, MARGARET had a visit with FRAN JOHNSON of the 99s there. FRAN who was Charter Chairman in Las Vegas, says she plans to be in Torrance, Calif. for the AWTAR termination. In Palm Springs, MARGARET also saw 99, ILA MAE CAROSELL of Coachella Valley Chapter.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER

##### Delia Sanders, Reporter

Our April meeting was held in West Lafayette at the Purdue Union building with MARTHA HOLST as hostess. MINERVA MAHONEY was made a full-fledged member of the Indiana Chapter by being pinned by the Chairman, DOROTHY SMITH. Guests from Indianapolis at the meeting included LOIS KENNARD, a new pilot from Sky Harbor Airport and PRISCILLA BARR who flies from Metropolitan Airport. EMMETT BLACK gave a talk on the history of Purdue Pilots, Inc., a flying organization composed of members from the students and staff of Purdue University. After the program we met again in the library where ANN BLACK showed us a display of mementoes of AMELIA EARHART's flying career. There were pictures and newspaper articles taken when she was associated with Purdue. A flying suit, jacket, scarf, etc. were also displayed.

RAE CALDWELL recently flew airlines to Phoenix, Arizona for a short vacation visiting friends associated with the Arizona Republic and Phoe-

nix Gazette. She was a guest at a cocktail party given by MR. and MRS. EUGENE C. PULLIAM.

New member, MINERVA MAHONEY, and SOPH PAYTON flew to Madison, Indiana to have lunch with MINERVA's sister. They also enjoyed a very interesting tour of Madison which is one of the most picturesque spots on the Ohio River.

ADELLA NEFF has been spending some time at Kentucky Lake, trying out her luck at fishing.

MURIEL DYKEMA's 49½'er CARL is off on another ferry trip. He is flying a Beech Baron to South Africa and is really looking forward to overflying the whole continent of Africa.

Despite the weather on Friday of the Spring Sectional at Peoria, Illinois, several of the Indiana members made the trip. PAUL SCHLUNDT with TANNIE flew the Queen-Air and took as passengers, Chairman DOROTHY SMITH, ETHEL KNUTH, BILLIE SMITH and DELIA SANDERS. MID CASSIDY and ESTHER BERNER came later in the evening while BETTY and ELLIOTT KAY - SMITH arrived on Saturday morning. The Central Illinois Chapter did a marvelous job in planning the convention and we can only hope that their members enjoyed it as much as we who came to the meeting did.

ETHEL and RUSTY KNUTH have just received word that their son RON is being transferred from Santa Rosa, California to the Control Tower at Phoenix, Arizona.

Two planes from Indiana are entered in the Angel Derby otherwise known as the International Air Race. Entry No. 48 with RAE CAWDELL, pilot and MINERVA MAHONEY, co-pilot, will be flying a Cherokee 140. SOPHIA PAYTON, pilot and PAULINE MALLORY co-pilot will be race team No. 5.

A Fly-in - Drive-in breakfast was scheduled for Sunday, May 14th at the Bloomington airport by the Monroe County Pilots Association. A rain date was set up for May 21st. Much activity was anticipated with prizes and raffles. This very active group of pilots are doing much to promote the Indiana Fair Lady Race that will be held in October.

#### KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS CHAPTER

##### Nancy Craig, Reporter

Those errant jet streams have deprived us Kentucky "99s" of our usual

superb spring flying weather, but the rain and wild winds seem to have calmed down at last, and our flying summer is under way.

Our Chapter enjoyed seeing the TV documentary, "A Powder Puff for Joan" at the March meeting. Every "99" should have a chance to see this, as it is so well-done — fascinating to watch. In April we flew to the races at Keeneland in Lexington. Perhaps we could persuade our neighboring "99s" to join us at the next racing Fly-In. You'd have a ball, and we enjoy visitors. Our annual Rough River Fly-In is on the agenda for May — wonder if the wind sock down there will be working this time. Some days there isn't even any smoke.

We've been working, too, particularly BETTY THORNBERRY, who's been instrumental in organizing a Wing Scout troop. She's set up a detailed ground school program lasting several months, and we'll help her teach the various classes and supply the air transportation needed to acquaint the girls with the joy and wonder of flying.

JEAN and JIM COVERT are always off somewhere in their Baron; one of their best trips this spring was to the Jekyll Island Fly-In, which they really enjoyed. BOBBIE and HARRY KLETTER flew the Aztec to Dayton, Ohio for a bowling tournament, and subsequently flew their children to Detroit.

The fishing at Kentucky Lake was reported as good, so RITA and DOUG LeNEAVE took their Aztec down to try it out. The flying was fine, but the fish weren't there — only three little crappies.

MARIE REISS won an hour of flying instruction at the March meeting, shared her ride with DORIS SHAKE and JoANN KINNISON, and they all had lunch at Rough River, one of our most favorite Fly-to-lunch places. Incidentally, DORIS just passed her Commercial check ride. It was a tough ride, but DORIS came through as she always does.

The American Association of Airport Directors had our Executive Officers — NORMA WORLAND, DORIS SHAKE, MARIE REISS, and NANCY CRAIG — as guests at the speakers' table when INDIA EDWARDS spoke in Louisville on airport beautification. This is a project we're becoming interested in, and we went to listen and learn.



June means a trip to instrument school at Columbia, S.C., for DOT and TED ARNETT; they'll pick up where they left off last December.

We were represented at North Central Spring Sectional by Chairman NORMA WORLAND, Historian RUTH SOLLEY and their flying 49½ers KEVIN and DOUG. They came back full of enthusiasm, as we all do from Sectional meetings.

NANCY CRAIG is getting her M.S. from the University of Kentucky this spring and will begin work next fall at an experimental school which U.K. is opening. She reports that getting her Private was really more of a challenge than the degree, but fortunately didn't take quite as long. BARBARA HEALY has left Kentucky for Naperville, Illinois; we hope she finds some Illinois "99s" very soon, as she and JIM are fine people to know.

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P.S. Just back from a Rotary Club luncheon in Louisville where JERRIE MOCK was the featured speaker, telling of her round-the-world flight experiences. JERRIE commented that this was the first time she'd addressed an audience of this type where all the women present were pilots.

## LAST FLIGHT

WILMA BAUMANN

Member

Michigan Chapter

### MICHIGAN CHAPTER Mary Peltó, Reporter

It seems that every time we plan a meeting, the weatherman finds out about it and sends us terrible weather. Even our two gals with their brand new Instrument ratings drove to Lansing. JESSIE BOWEN and WINNIE DuPEROW are to be congratulated for their accomplishments.

DOROTHY REAUME showed slides

and told of her experiences on the S.S. Hope during 1966. She just managed to get to this meeting before leaving for two years with Medico in Malaysia.

Attending her first meeting as a Private pilot was MARIAN NEWMAN from Kalamazoo. She has her very own 172 (husband has a plane of his own, too) and a private strip.

HELEN TENNIES and LINDA MARKHAM were pinned.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of WILMA BAUMANN of Battle Creek. Our sympathy is extended to her loved ones.

JEAN FENDT was welcomed as a 66.

Those flying the I.A.R. this year will be WINNIE DuPEROW and DOROTHY LIGON, MARGE HATFIELD and JULIE AUERBACH, JEAN REYNOLDS and DOROTHY REAUME, PAT CLARK, SAMMY McKAY and her co-pilot, KRIS LUDINGTON of Georgetown, Exuma, Bahamas.

MARILYN FRINKEL was honored with a tray as a wedding gift from the Michigan Chapter.

Also honored with a tray will be DONNA WESTERLUND, who really surprised everyone. She was married on Friday, April 21st, to Kamal El-Din of Cairo, Egypt. He was the head of A.T.C. in Cairo, and has been in Oklahoma City taking courses from FAA at their schools. DONNA was doing work in Aviation Medicine for her Master's degree in Oklahoma City, and met him. Their plans are indefinite, although they will be coming back to Detroit in June when their courses will be finished. DONNA will return to Ford Hospital as a physical therapist and her new husband hopes to get into aviation in the Detroit area.

We still have blankets for sale.

And don't forget the AMELIA EARHART FILM. Contact HELEN WETHERILL for rentals.



### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Ramona Huebner, Reporter

April meeting: was combined with the annual conference of the State Aeronautics Commission held at Sheboygan April 23-24. MARIE GRIMM and RAMONA HUEBNER attended as well as two prospective members. The meeting was informative and the Commission expressed its appreciation for the interest and cooperation shown by pilots.

North Central Section meeting at Peoria, Illinois was attended by Governor ANNE ROETHKE, EHREN FATH and RAMONA HUEBNER. We were impressed with the fine convention planned by Central Illinois Chapter and benefited from all events as well as inspiration received from other Ninety-Nines in our Section.

Aviation Education and Public Relations: DARLENE BRUNDAGE gave talks to elementary school children in Neenah on May 12th. She was inspired by their response and we appreciate this contact in education in another Wisconsin school system.

May 13th EHREN FATH and RAMONA HUEBNER flew to Mitchell Field at Milwaukee. They had been invited by the Air Force to participate in the day-session given by the National Guard for Girl Scouts working on their aviation badge. TRACY PILLURS of Chicago joined us and talked to the girls on women in aviation. When the Scouts toured the Ninety-Nines aircraft, it was the first contact for many of them with private planes. EHREN and RAMONA enjoyed giving their autographs. This was a fine opportunity for Ninety-Nines and we hope next year more members will be able to participate.

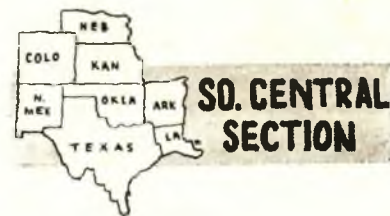
National Aerial Photo-Contest: A fair number of photos have been submitted from Wisconsin. Wisconsin Chapter is proud to report that we have a prize for the Photo-Contest. A week-end and dinner at the Sheraton-Schroeder Hotel in Milwaukee, a dinner at Eugene's Restaurant and 2 bus tours on Milwaukee's unique Skyliner Bus. All members were pleased when MARIE GRIMM reported that North Central Air Lines will sponsor Wisconsin's table at the Banquet at International Convention.

During the coming months, we plan to place emphasis on Flying Activities, better attendance at meetings and an increase in our membership.



# Tip of Texas Chapter

by Elaine Needham



## SO. CENTRAL SECTION

### SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

Please correct the address of Louise Bickford, Section Air Marking Chairman in your rosters. She's a member of the Houston Chapter and her address should be 4802 Viking Dr. rather than 2802 as shown.

### ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

Georgia Tillery, Reporter

The Romantic old city of Santa Fe was the setting of the May meeting, with MURIEL GUGGOLZ as hostess. Santa Fe's Palace of the Governors is the oldest continually occupied home in the United States (now a museum) but has the modern new capitol which is the newest in the United States.

Entrants in the AWTAR, the Albuquerque Chapter is eagerly awaiting with open arms! Best wishes for all smooth flying and landings!

Plans are snowballing, also for the Fall Sectional at which we hope we have lots and lots of 99's. There was a very small group at the May meeting, but various committees were good about sending in their reports.

### COLORADO CHAPTER

Marion C. Tankersley, Reporter

This reporter had the special thrill of seeing all of the Civil Air Patrol cadets in the Puerto Rico Wing pass in review in San Juan. Made me very proud of my CAP membership.

Thirty members and guests met at BETTY JO REED'S home for a short business meeting and program April 27th. MR. CHARLES HJELTE of Colorado game, fish, and parks, presented a movie and excellent talk on survival. The use of aluminum foil as a signaling device was but one of the many very practical ideas presented.

Colorado Chapter will be flying to Yuma, Colorado the 20th of May for lunch and a program on South America. Sounds like fun if sun cooperates.

Our Treasurer, CAROL TILFORD is working at Cole Aviation at Columbia Airport, and reports she's having a ball! CAROL is flying Co-pilot for JAN GAMMELL in the forthcoming AW-TAR. MARGE BLUE will do same for





BETTY JO REED, JAN and ILOVENE POTTER will fly the International Air Race in May (Montreal to Miami). Sounds as if JAN will be one busy gal for a while.

JO DENNIS, JEAN FERREL, and MARION TANKERSLEY spent a combined total of 40 hours last month searching the mountains (via CAP's 182s) for a downed Cherokee Six. Our 99s are keeping those CAP birds flying quite often lately. MARION, JEAN, and MARY FRENZEL flew to San Francisco in same, to ferry medical supplies to POE for the volunteer Doctors in Viet-Nam. The supplies originated at Pennsylvania Wing & were flown by them to Chicago, where Illinois Wing picked them up and flew them to Kansas City. Kansas Wing brought them in to Stapleton, and Colorado's three Skylanes proceeded to San Fran with 1100 lbs of cargo. Was a fun trip with stops at Albuquerque, Prescott, Bakersfield on the going end, and Reno, Salt Lake, (and due to snow storms) Gunnison on the return end. Even managed formation flying!

Best news at the CHOUN and NORDSTROM homes is the acceptance of RANDY CHOUN at Princeton and of CRAIG NORDSTROM at Northwestern: both for the fall sessions.

MARIE ENGLEMAN'S Aircoupe was weathered in at Hill City, Kansas a few weeks ago, and as far as we know, is still there. I like the way MARIE says that the 'airplane' was weathered in! How about MARIE? Well, she borrowed a car and drove home. Most of us aren't that lucky, eh?

GAIL MITCHELL and BARBARA MARION hope to see lots of our overseas 99s when they take off for Europe this summer. More lucky guys!

EULALIA NICHOLS son, STEVE, earned his gold altitude badge (25,250 ft.) at the Black Forest Glider Port. He and EULALIA soared to 30,000 ft. together. The NICHOLS are enjoying a new Skyhawk.

BETTY JO REED never quite gets unpacked. Latest trip was to Chicago with husband, CARL, for a reunion. Just missed the tornado, and felt so great that they're going to try for California in May.

Our Amelia Earhart film has been busy around the country. Hope everyone enjoys it as much as we did. We are renting the film for \$7.50 plus return postage. Also, have name badges for \$1.10, and white blouses with the 99 compass rose screened on

them in blue, for \$4.50 plus .35 postage. CAROL TILFORD is the contact for all of these items.

RONNIE and RAY JOHNSON spent the week-end in Las Vegas for the International Exposition, RAY being one of the speakers. Subject: The need for more airports for General Aviation.

Jefferson County Airport will dedicate their tower June 3rd, and our Chapter feels privileged to have MARGE BLUE, BETTY JO REED and DORIS LANCHER participating.

#### ARKANSAS CHAPTER

Marguerite Nielsen, Reporter

I'd say you all love EVA HUGHES of Mena as much as we do here in Arkansas, judging from the many cards and letters she has received from you after her poetry was printed in Ninety Nine News. So, here's another one for you:

Compulsion

Don't hold me too tight,  
For I have to go,  
Where the sky is clear,  
And the wild winds blow.

Don't bind me to earth,  
For the call is too strong,  
And a whispering wing,  
Is a siren's song.

I cast off the bonds,  
Of my earth bound feet,  
And I ride the wings,  
Of a phantom fleet.

The nomad in me,  
Don't try to possess  
For I have to fly—  
And I have to be free.

—EVA HUGHES  
Mena, Ark.

The city of Mena is really getting with it. The taxi-way has been paved to HAMP EDWARDS' Hanger, and there will be many more improvements of the airport. This makes the Ark. 99s very happy. For you girls who don't know HAMP EDWARDS, he is a dear friend of all pilots. He is a 73 year old Flight Instructor who taught aeronautics at Pan American College 30 years before retirement and now does just what he wants to do, which is teaching people to fly, hunt and fish. HAMP spent several years as a

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bush pilot in Alaska, and can keep you spell bound hours on end with his hanger flying. When you fly in to Mena, say hello to HAMP while you're there.

RUTH McADAMS has earned her Commercial ticket. SALLIE SIMMINS and MARGE NIELSON attended the South Central Section meeting in Tulsa. They had a wonderful time. The Tulsa girls did a terrific job there. The entertainment was by the local 99s and just great. Their vaudeville show just about brought the roof down.

MARGE NIELSEN was house guest of EDNA GARDNER WHYTE over the weekend in Fort Worth. EDNA was competing in the First Annual Texas National Air Races, Ladies Pylon Race. Other girls competing were, JUDY WAGNER, DOT ETHERIDGE, ELAINE LOENING, PAT ARNOLD. MARILYN STONEBERG, DOROTHY JULICH, and MYRA CULP. The girls flew a good race. It was a wonderful week-end and the "Greatest Show In The Air." MARGARET RITCHIE of Riverside, Calif., Womens Aerobatic Champion, was flying each day. Her aerobatic demonstrations are real good. Also doing aerobatic demonstrations were HAROLD KRIER, National Champion, CHARLES HILLARD, BILL FORNOFF, and BOB HOOVER. Wonderful.

Arkansas Ninty Nines and Ft. Smith Unit of W.N.A.A. will hold a joint meeting this month in Ft. Smith, to make plans for working together in Arkansas to do a bigger, better job here. Five of the W.N.A.A. members are student pilots and we expect them to become 99s before long. Our special guest at this meeting will be ARLENE WALKUP, South Central Section Governor. Another special at this meeting, will be a review of "The Search For Amelia Earhart" by HAZEL McKENDRICK of the Dallas Chapter. We are expecting many other 99s to fly in from Texas, Oklahoma, and Mississippi. Until next month, Good Flying.

#### DALLAS CHAPTER

Hazel H. McKendrick, Reporter

Gloppy weather didn't daunt some of our "hale and hardies" and four members showed up to airmark Bowie Airport. They were BETTY and POSIE HUNDLEY, BEV TAYLOR, and ELINOR JOHNSON. There was a swinging party (so I heard) at PEG ONG'S that night complete with a combo



from Plano High School. For those of us who were tending the store at the Friendly Flight Service or for other reasons missed out on the party, it was our loss and we hated not being there!

DOROTHY WARRENS and NANCY WISE are all packed and ready to go to Montreal. HAZEL McKENDRICK got a wind fall via BETTY VAN BUSKIRK (Puget Sound) having to withdraw, and will also be on her way to EXPO 67 and the IAR with BETTY CURRAN. How lucky can I be? KATHY LONG and MARGE MITCHELL having been "doing" Canada with her Bellanca. So "hail!" KATHY wherever you are! PHYLLIS EMMERT and her 49½er are on the way to a Denver meeting in their Cessna 182.

We talked to DOT ETHERIDGE while she was here for the Texas National Air Races. For those who went out and watched, it must have been more fun than anything. Being a big chicken, I still think I would prefer to be in the grandstand. It was a shame that the finals were rained out, but I understand they will be rescheduled later.

Our beloved "GUV" will be here for the May meeting and since I will be on my way to Canada, I know that I will miss a good meeting. She is bringing MEMA MASONHALL with her and we will be delighted to have them both with us.

Know all of us who attended the March meeting and heard STU MADISON, Chief Experimental Test Pilot for LTV, were shocked and saddened over the "Last Flight" of this gentleman last week. They were on a routine simulated rescue mission in the V/STOL when something happened.

We're going to do a story for the Cross Country News on the IAR and things, so check that publication to see whether I can find the Atlantic Ocean on schedule or not. Last summer I was looking for the Gulf and found the Atlantic. This summer, who knows!

#### **EL PASO CHAPTER** **Mary Olmstead, Reporter**

We are happy to welcome another new member, JULIA SHELTON HARRIS. JULIA was born in Louisville, Kentucky, and graduated from the University of Louisville in 1954 with a degree in Business Administration. Following her marriage, she and her husband moved to Minneapolis where she did graduate work in Educational Psychology at the University of Minnesota,

El Paso was the next stop where Julia worked in Testing and Guidance at Texas Western College (now University of Texas at El Paso) for a year. Since 1960, she has been with Human Resources Research Office (HUMRRO) at Fort Bliss doing work for George Washington University Washington, D.C.

JULIA'S interest in flying started when a friend took her flying in a Mooney and pointing to an airstrip (it was Las Cruces Municipal) said: "If I have a heart attack, that's where you have to land" — JULIA admits she did not land the plane that day—but within two weeks she started lessons—first at Westside Airport, where she had experience in a Beechcraft Musketeer — later finishing her student work at El Paso Aviation flying a Mooney Master. She soloed Jan. 12, 1965 and received her license July 5, 1965. She was the first student at El Paso Aviation to get a license, and since has been checked out in a Mooney Mark 21. JULIA'S work requires her to go to Fort Huachuca, Arizona where she attends Combat Surveillance School and it was there she had an opportunity to fly as an observer in one of the Army's electronic observation planes.

ELLEN JANE ANDERSON, our International Flying Farmer Queen, has been visiting in South and North Dakota, Montana, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. On April 20th—ELLEN JANE and her 49½er RONNIE and another couple left on a "People to People" tour of Europe which took them to Holland, Russia, Hungary Germany and England.

LELA CARWARDINE of Las Cruces flew her pink and silver bird to Las Vegas for Mother's Day.

LOUISE CROSS and WANDA GARSON each flew a plane in the 35 plane. El Paso Aviation Association's Fly-Over of the Loyalty Day Parade on May 8th. LOUISE had her 49½er and "DOC" COLE as passengers in the 182—WANDA and her son, KIRK, flew the family Bonanza. In the parade was JUANITA BURDICK driving her car with Chairman, MARGARET THOMPSON and NEVA PETERS for the Ninety-Nines. RUTH DEERMAN drove her car for the SIXTY-SIXES and had WIN GRIFFIN, LORENE ROGERS,

GRACE SANDER, EMMA UDOVICH, BETTY SCOTT and EVALINE LYNN COFFEE riding with her. WANDA GARSON will be flying her Bonanza to Lafayette, Indiana, later this month to attend, as a delegate, the Presbyterian Women's National Conference. Then she flies to South Bend to visit relatives. On an earlier trip to Padre Island, she and her 49½er, JOHN, stopped off in Kerrville and toured the Mooney plant.

NEVA PETERS and her 49½er, HOWARD, flew their Aircoupe for a vacation at Lake Havasu, Las Vegas and Lake Tahoe.

The last meeting of the 66s was held at FRAN BRANDT'S home. NORMA McREYNOLDS is now a "Wise Loose Goose" (passed her written) and LORENE ROGERS got her ASEL. Besides LORENE, three others have received their certificates: LIZ NETCHER, MARY LEE WINSTON and SHELIA DUYKA. Congratulations Girls—may that 66 soon be turned to 99.

JACK SCOTT of FAA showed two films on weather (Stability in the Atmosphere and Thunderstorm Turbulence) at our last meeting. LELA and KAY BOND came from Las Cruces joining RUTH DEERMAN, JUANITA BURDICK, WANDA GARSON, new member MARY BESS CLAYTON and this reporter for the program.

One lovely evening, the OLMSTEADS decided to fly to Las Cruces and say "hello" to the young Albuquerque couple who are operating the largest of Las Cruces' three airports. It was a pleasure to meet charming MARY ISABELLE HART and her 49½er THEO and their two young daughters, and be invited to have refreshments and see the MARION & BOB AUBURN color film of Western United States. LARRY BARTLETT flew his 195 from El Paso with his wife, son, and BOB GILMORE as passengers. We all joined the 75-80 wonderful people of Las Cruces, including LELA CARWARDINE and KAY BOND and her family who drove over to see the beautiful program the ANBURNS presented. Here's to THE HARTS—a happy and successful life in Las Cruces.

#### **HOUSTON CHAPTER** **Martha Akins, Reporter**

We have special pride in our new member CHARLOTTE SMITH who is a physiologist at the bio-medical branch at the Manned Spacecraft Center. Getting a license is a special accomplishment for CHARLOTTE, since she is

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confined to a wheelchair due to polio at the age of 10. She flies using a special hand control. LOUISE BICKFORD is beaming since she received the \$150.00. Petticoat Pilot Scholarship which she will use toward an Instrument rating. Chapter Chairman MARILYN STONEBERG flew in the Texas National Air Races, a pylon ace in Ft. Worth. MABLE EDITH OLIVER and 49½er JIM flew in a C119 to attend a Civil Air Patrol meeting in Hot Springs, Ark. Liberty has a new airmark and the girls painting were treated to Bar-b-que and all the trimmings. This air marking is getting better.

We had one of the most exciting weekends our Chapter has experienced with the dedication of David Wayne Hooks Memorial Airport, formerly Houston Northwest. DAVID made his last flight in March 1965 shortly before his sixteenth birthday on which he had planned to solo several types of airplanes including the twin engine Apache in which he, his instructor, and two others were killed during an engine out procedure near the airport. He practically lived at the airport and so his parents decided to make it a memorial to DAVID. The dedication was a beautiful and well planned occasion and held special meaning to those of us who knew DAVID. The Houston Chapter stood out beautifully in their bright blue dacron knit dresses and were really honored to hostess the affair. The 2500 people went away knowing exactly what a 99 is after hearing Charter Member BLANCHE NOYES, Chief of FFA Air Marking, speak about women pilots and present the film "The Stamp of Friendship" to the University of Texas film library. We all enjoyed BLANCHE'S visit and the privilege to show her some of Houston. While here, she was interviewed by a local radio station and did a beautiful job plugging the 99s. Also a local paper had her picture with a write up. On Saturday evening our Chapter gave a reception for BLANCHE in the Bonaparte room of the Continental Houston Hotel. You talk about mixed emotions—back at the airport the Good-year blimp was coming in—We all wanted to be at both places at the same time. Many of us did get to ride in the blimp on Sunday. What a thrill! There are only two blimps in the world. This one has 2 170 HP Continental engines and goes 35mph. It is 160 ft. long and has a crew of 18.

The main speaker for the day was FRANK KINGSTON SMITH who lived up to his introduction as "The Eob Hope of Aviation." The dedication was planned a very happy and bright occasion, but we were all touched by the last item on the program. The University of Texas Glee Club, the Tom-ball Band, and all the people stood to sing "America the Beautiful." Just as we started to sing, ARNOLD PALMER'S white Jet Commander, with 99 DEDE PERKINS as passenger, did a fly by—headed for a large blue hole in the sky and disappeared behind a big beautiful white cloud that seemed to have been placed there just for the occasion. That song took a new meaning for all of us that it never had before. In fact, life takes a new meaning for all who fly—don't you think?

#### KANSAS CHAPTER Mildred Early, Reporter

These have been busy times for our Chapter: Air Marking, Spring Sectional, regular meetings and all. On May 1st, MARILYN COPELAND assisted GARETT HASTINGS with the Wing Scouts, who were given their annual rides — this time in a Queen Air, courtesy of Beech Aircraft Corp. Eighteen Wing Scouts enjoyed the rides in spite of a very windy day. On April 29th, JOHN and MARILYN COPELAND opened their beautiful home for a farewell party for GENE NORA and BOB JESSEN. Thirty-four 99s, husbands and guests attended and GENE NORA was presented with an engraved AMELIA EARHART medal and a small desk radio, also appropriately engraved from our Chapter and the Wing Scouts.

We are happy to welcome EV SCHNEIDER into our Chapter. She has transferred from the Western Washington Chapter. EV's new address is 7048 E. Kellogg, Apt. H, Wichita, Ks. 67207. And, we also very happily welcome the following new members to our Chapter: OLIVE KEMPER of Wichita and RAE SHAFFER of Russell!

The new Augusta (Red Wing) Airport held open house May 6 and 7. On Sunday, May 7th, about 10,000 people were there to see and hear Governor DOCKING and watch the aerial

show performed by our own 99s, JOYCE CASE FUNSCH and MARY ATKINS. Third participant was DON PITTMAN. The new airport is about four miles west of Augusta and the welcome mat is always out for each of you!

Congratulations to PAT McEWEN who drew first place for the Powder Puff Derby! PAT plans to fly the race in her Bonaza; and, also entered from our Chapter (No 28) is JOYCE FUNSCH in a Debonnair. Her co-pilot will be DOTTIE BIRDSOON from Tampa, Florida.

Our Chapter will divide this month. Saturday, May 20th will find members from the northern and western parts of the state going to Lyons to air mark and the rest of us to southeastern Kansas, namely, Moline and Elk Falls to air mark. We're praying for the weatherman's cooperation!

#### NEBRASKA SECTION Lois B. Durham, Reporter

Our May meeting was held in conjunction with the AOPA Clinic at Lincoln, and 99 emblems were much in evidence. Not only did some of the 99s double as drivers, projector operators, registrars and greeters, but BERNICE BAUER was so busy giving flights instruction that she didn't even make the meetings. Our Nebraska weather acted normally, and most of the girls drove to the meeting.

June meeting is scheduled for Norfolk on June 11. Plans for a display, hand outs, and pretty girls in attendance are being formulated. Incidentally, an air show is scheduled and there will be some entertainment for the whole family. Hope you neighboring girls fly in too!

It's hard to believe that snow stops lady pilots, but SHIRLEY AMEN and JEANNE GIVEN both cancelled a trip to St. Joseph, Mo., due to a late snowstorm. SHIRLEY had two more hours before the commercial at last meeting . . . another upgrade.

The favorable comments from the Tulsa trip made envious. We're all enthused about scrapbooking, air marking, and border buttermilk. Haven't been able to get much more news, everyone is out flying . . .

#### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

Sorry so many of you missed the Sectional in Tulsa; they really had a nice one and loads of fun for all! MEG GUGGOLZ, ABQ, 99, was a houseguest of ERONETA and NAMA'S

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and attended the Sect. with them, where she presented ABQ's bid for the Fall Sectional, Sept. 29-30-Oct. 1.

Congrats to LYNN ROGIE for winning the NIFA Top Woman Pilot Award in the Annual Meet held at Carbondale, Ill. Also to POLLY RUBLE and SAUNDRE NIX on being brand-new Shiny Commercial Pilots. Regrets that we are losing LYNNE to the Colo. Chapter, but know she will be in good hands and we wish her well.

T'wont be too long before we have two Mother-Daughter 99s in our midst; PAT, MARY LESTER'S daughter and LINDA, MARIE KETCHUM'S daughter, both nearing that Private License stage and 99 membership.

Wally is still abroad, touring by this time, up the African East Coast, possibly enroute to India from there. (See S. African report)

ARLENE and NEMA had the very pleasant experience of visiting the Ark. 99s at Ft. Smith for luncheon and a review of the "Search for AE" ably given by HAZEL McKENDRICK of the Dallas Chapter. That's a real fine bunch of 99s, our neighbors to the East and we enjoyed our visit. From there we 3837D-alta-ed to Dallas to be house guests of PAT JETTON for the Sect. EB and Dallas Chapter Meeting. So good to see so many of our Texas friends and enjoy that good old Texas hospitality.

Cessna-ed up to Ada for a visit with MARTHA THOMASON and thence to our Chapter Meeting at VELMA'S cabin on Lake Eufaula for the weekend of fun and frolic along with a little sunburn and you know what. Details of this in the next issue along with a report of our Guest Day at the OCGCC, June 4th.

#### **SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER**

**Marian Burke, Reporter**

"Powder Puff Derby" news! . . . MARY CSASZAR and CAROL YOUS are flying in the "Powder Puff Derby" this July. It will be their first race and they are certainly excited. We wish them luck and a wonderful time. We will be waiting to hear all about the big flight.

Sunday, May 21st will be the San Antonio Chapter fly-in at Stinson Field. Each year before it has been held at MARIAN'S ranch but Stinson Field was the location for this year. We certainly hope that the weather is good and we are looking for a big "turn out." Fly in and eat lunch with us! We'll be at the Terminal Bldg. at



Relaxing as they watch Shreveport 99s check out in Citabria are left to right, 24¾ STEVIE SNOW, 49½ers DAN SNOW, HENRY SAUR, GEORGE HENLEY, "WHITEY" HEWITT, DAVE CARROLL, CHARLIE WRAY and "MULE" NEALEY. (Unidentified stranger in background heard the cheering and came to watch).

Stinson Field located South of San Antonio.

That's about it for "flyin' news" for the month. By the next News letter we hope to have lots of air race news and other summer flying plans of the San Antonio Chapter.

Ed Note — Look for arrival of Arlene Feldman, Eastern Pennsylvania Chap.

#### **SHREVEPORT CHAPTER**

**Evelyn Snow, Reporter**

We know you've all been on pins and needles waiting for the unveiling of our Secret Project that we have mentioned in our column in past months. Well, the big day finally arrived May 13th and now we can tell you all about . . . OPERATION TAIL WHEEL! Yup, we all got checked out in the conventional gear Citabria as part of our program to update and stay APT. Cheered on by a rooting gallery of 49½ers ensconced on lawn chairs along NAYLOR'S Airstrip, our fearless leader JOAN CARROLL took

off first, followed by MARTHA CHRISTY, HAZEL NEALEY, HELEN WRAY, JERE SAUR, SARAH HENLEY, HELEN HEWITT, DOTTIE PORTS, CORINNE STRICKLAND, and EVELYN SNOW. 49½er BUD PORTS and RAY CHRISTY and FFA Inspector CECIL ROSS donated their time as instructors — all they got was some schmaltz and a sandwich and some lemonade, but we think they know how grateful we are. They were wonderful, and patient! Money for rental of the planes was earned by sale of rummage (JERE SAUR headed this big task). HELEN HEWITT deserves a lot of credit for coordinating the whole project, arranging for planes and people to be at the right place at the right time, and keeping track of who flew how long in what with whom, etc . . . A job well done! It was altogether a fun day and we're rarin' to go back and fly that thing again.

This is exactly what HELEN WRAY and DOTTIE PORTS did—they went off on their own and kept at it till they soloed the Citabria, adding more feathers to their caps (already full of feathers). However HELEN was in-

#### **Next NEWS Deadline**

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Proudly posing before one of the Citabrias they flew recently are Shreveport 99s (standing left to right), EVELYN SNOW, JERE SAUR, SARAH HENLEY, HELEN HEWITT, DOTTIE PORTS, JOAN CARROLL, CORINNE STRICKLAND. In the foreground, left to right, are: Instructor CECIL ROSS, Instructor BUD PORTS, 99s HAZEL NEALEY, MARTHA CHRISTY, HELEN WRAY, and Instructor RAY CHRISTY.

advertently given a Multi-engine rating by this generous reporter in last month's column, so that's one feather we'll have to take back—sorry, HELEN! But at the rate she's going, it won't be long til she does have that Multi-engine rating anyhow.

JENNY McWILLIAMS flew a brand new Skylark back from the Cessna factory at Wichita . . . that's work?!

More on education and information . . . SHV 99s gathered at Downtown Airport to view two films, "Density Altitude" and "Wake Turbulence." Then our regular monthly meeting was held May 15 and PEGGY HARRIS was hostess in her snazzy little apartment, all jammed full of gadgets for the new baby (to be). HELEN HEWITT led us through a refresher session on the computer, just to keep us on our toes. (Some of us were standing on our heads before it was over). JENNY McWILLIAMS, Air Marking Chairman, outlined plans for air marking Center Texas Airport, which the Houston Chapter has graciously offered to let us do, since Center is really closer to us than to them. We do thank MABEL EDITH OLIVER, Houston Air Marking Chairman, and LOUISE BICKFORD of Houston, who is South Central Section Air Marking

Chairman, for all their help and advice. Without their help we would never get our air marking projects off the ground (or should we say on it?) . . . anyway, thanks a bunch, gals.

Looking to the future, MARTHA CHRISTY and HELEN WRAY are planning to enter the Sky Lady Derby . . . HELEN HEWITT is going to fly the AWTAR . . . All of us are looking forward to the BARBQ Fly-in at Naylor Airstrip May 27th, Monroe Fly-in (MARION COLE will be there) June 10 and 11, and Barksdale AFB Fly-in July 16th. Come join us!

#### SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Last month we said that we hoped to be able to report this month that GLORIA HOLMES had passed her Commercial Written. Well, she "dun good," and passed it, and is now putting the finishing touches on her practice for her checkride. Congratulations to her and also to PATSY JONES who passed her Commercial Written since our last writing. We're always proud of a member who goes that one step further to improve her flying ability.

Our meeting at New Orleans Inter-

national Airport proved most interesting and informative. The FAA personnel were cooperative and pleasant and we enjoyed an almost 3-hour tour of their facilities — from the Control Tower Cab and down in the basement where their radar equipment is located to the Weather Bureau.

And it was at this meeting that we found out that our Chapter is going international this summer. PATSY and DEE are going to Montreal for the start of the IAR, YVONNE RYDER is going to San Juan for vacation, and GINNY SMITH is going to Honolulu for vacation. Then we found out that FOY and PHIL WEST are going to Europe for 3 weeks toward the end of the summer.

The flying grapevine tells us that JAN PHILLIPS has gotten checked out in the CAP T-34 in Lafayette. Our 66 MARGARET RUTH, from Lafayette, was in Baton Rouge recently in the T-34 on a training flight. She reports that she is almost ready, but still has to pass the written.

Our May meeting was held at ROY and PHIL WEST'S lovely home in Baton Rouge. PHIL is an expert on the barbeque pit and we enjoyed the most delicious meal before our tour of the Louisiana State University research labs where the WESTS work as a team. Their project is concerned with air pollution. DR. WEST was interviewed by WALTER CRONKITE on CBS television on May 18th with his discovery of cancer-causing materials in cigarette paper. FOY'S project has to do with the use of silver for purification of water. They are interesting people, and we are proud of our association with them.

Our best wishes to the chapter in Canada with their Pilots Poker Run. We're been communicating, ALICE, with HILDA DEVEREUX in London, Ontario, Canada, to lend our assistance as much as we can. We sort of figured that since they're so far away they wouldn't be taking any of our prospective entrants for our own 2nd Annual Pilots Poker Run next year, and we were happy to assist them in an advisory capacity.

Due to a midnight phone call on Friday, May 5th, PAT WARD was persuaded to have lunch in Natchez with the SE Section girls the next day. She enjoyed seeing the gang again, even though CHRIS BROWN (Memphis) couldn't stay awake long enough to go to the airport to see PAT off that afternoon. Seems she stayed up



all the night before calling people on the phone! Was happy to learn that CHRIS will be going to Japan this summer for some very important work in her field of medicine. Also good to see MARTHA TOBEY and JANET GREEN and all the girls in the Miss. Chapter again. It looked like a lovely Section meeting. Wish we could have attended all of it. We'll keep you posted on the plans for the Spring SE meeting which might be hosted by the Memphis Chapter in New Orleans (?) with coordination by our Chapter. We'll get a meeting in New Orleans yet!!

We had to cancel our air marking project in Houma for May since so many of our members are vacationing and in other Spring activities. There just wouldn't have been enough woman-power there to be effective. PAT CHRIST is going to help us set it up again in the early Fall.

PATSY JONES, Pilot—DEE COMEAUX, Co-Pilot, IAR No. 40, in an Aero Commander 200 furnished by JACK LAWS of The Aircraft Co., Baton Rouge! And sponsors they did get: Dow Chemical, Holsum Bakery, Baker Bank, La. Metal Culvert, Aero Transport, and FRED BANTON who is Aviation Advisor of the B. R. Chamber of Commerce. They've made TV appearances, been named Ambassadors of the City and the State by the Mayor and the Governor and all sorts of exciting fun things. Their airplane sparkles like new and they have a whoppin' big cheering section. Nobody can know, unless they've entered a race what a lot of work it is for months ahead, and what a lot of hidden expense, but what a thrill and an experience. Everybody ought to do it once, anyway, and if you're like DEE and PATSY, you'll try it again. This is their 2nd IAR, and perhaps they are more excited this year than they were the first time. This year they know what to expect and already know how much fun and excitement that's in store for them. Their Chapter is sure proud of them. At this writing the race hasn't even started, but let us say this one thing our Chapter doesn't absolutely **have** to have a winner, even though that would be nice, but we're just as proud that we have someone in there playing the game!

#### TOPEKA CHAPTER

Ginny Maddox, Reporter

Plans for our "Pilots' Raid" on May 21st, are hot — as we hope the

proceeds will be also. Pilots with plane loads will depart from Topeka and have three hours to scavenge their loot from airports. Snacks and prizes will follow the "Raid."

Welcomed into our 66s at last Wednesday's meeting was EULA BARGER, bringing our 66 membership to a grand total of two. (No chuckles please, that's a 100 per cent increase in one month.)

Also on the agenda was an informative trip to the Weather Bureau which included a talk on forecasting, chart reading, and general briefing procedure.

When BETTY JEAN, our Chairman, told us that our new friends in the Chamber of Commerce had asked us to hostess and explain the N.A.S.A. Space Capsule (Mercury Spacecraft No. 8) at the Airshow last Sunday, we laughed. Someone probably did have the last laugh because it was no joke. We did! It actually wasn't so difficult though, I did just fine when a little six-year-old asked how the monkey drove it.

JOAN RUSSELL, our Vice-Chairman, came up with a darling idea which we adopted. A "traveling basket" (money kitty included) has started making the rounds to all Chapter members. Upon receiving the basket with enclosed item, the member places a money token of less than two dollars in the kitty. She then makes something herself (food, apron, token, etc.), places it in the basket, and takes the basket to the next person on the list. Sounds fun eh?

Wish us luck on our scavenger hunt.

#### TULSA CHAPTER

Jean Engler, Reporter

Many thanks to HAZEL McKENDRICK for such a good reporting job on our Sectional, but I think I should apologize to the Salvation Army. My band was made up of airplane parts that I borrowed from MARVIN SULLENGER, so I called it the Salvage Army Band. Don't blame me though, my sister thought that one up. We do appreciate the nice report and thanks to all of you letter writers who took time to send us one. Now that you know we're house-broken please come back to see us.

We dropped in on AGNES HELLMAN for our May meeting. Besides LOIS BOOTS, MARY SHADDOCK, DOROTHY JOHNSON, JAN MAURITSON, NANCY CAIN, BETTY PLUMMER, LOIS MARTIN, COLLEEN

WHITE, ANNAHLEE JONES, AGNES and me, we had six guests; BETTY RIDDLE from Chicago, CHARLOTTE THOMPSON from Pryor, ANN MILLS, GEORGIA HEDRICH and D. A. STARK from Bartlesville, and SUSIE EDWARDS from Tulsa. The room was full so we all kept warm. We still haven't gotten rid of Winter up here and are getting mighty tired of bumping our heads on the fog.

NANCY CAIN and LEE BROWN escorted 13 Flying Priests to the FAA Center in Oklahoma City the other day and I understand they had a ball touring part of the facilities.

We are now brushing our teeth and combing our hair for the Powder Puff. Hope a lot of you gals are planning to stop. We'd hate to get all cleaned up for nothing, besides we gotta lotta Wampum and dodads for you.

See you next month.



#### ALASKA CHAPTER

Kathryn W. Wayer, Reporter

Our May meeting was held at the home of MARY GANGE where we had great fun as well as enjoying the company of MARY who has moved back to Anchorage. She had been living in Tok which is at the Yukon Territory Border. She is happy to be back with her Chapter again, re-newing acquaintance with old friends, and getting back into the swing of activities.

Plans for the Air Pioneers Banquet, to be held June 24, are progressing. We are honoring one hundred of our early pilots, living and dead. We feel fortunate that we do not have to choose the honored ones as this would be difficult job to say the least. The banquet is in connection with the Alabama Purchase Centennial Aviation Week. The 99s have been appointed to make arrangements for the banquet. Many aviation notables from outside Alaska are being invited to attend.

We are also working

We are also working the Sectional Convention for September. Things are shaping up slowly. Hope you are all coming.

We enjoyed TERRY KELLOGG when she was here. We all had lunch with her. Just like old times!



CATHY KIPPENHIAN has been out in the Cessna 140 enjoying the late Spring flying weather. She made a recent trip with a prospective pilot Eklutna Lake and Mt. Alyeska to see how much snow was left on the mountain for the skiers.

MARY REID has been trying, or probably striving is the word, Not to ground loop her 180 Cessna. Quite a jump from a T-Craft to a 180! So far she hasn't bought any runway lights — thanks to JAY HINYUB'S quick recovery of her boo-boo! Fishing season is approaching so getting checked-out is a must.

MARION ZAEGEL and RUTH O'BUCK have recently returned from Lockhaven, Pennsylvania, where they picked up a Super Cub for Safeway Airways and ferried it to Anchorage. They were weathered - in in Minnesota but otherwise the weather was beautiful.

MARION has been sailing on San. Lake and thus has acquired a beautiful tan. She manages to keep several sailboats and a float plane right in her own front yard.

RUTH HURST has been busy, busy, busy, flying. Business is good!.

#### **EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER**

**Onita Hoff, Reporter**

The May meeting of the Eastern Idaho Chapter was held at Rainbow Ranch with ONITA HOFF the hostess. Attendance was good ARLENE BAILEY and guest. JANETTE CHRISTOPHERSON (Idaho's Flying Farmer President) drove from Pocatello; DIANE JEX, our Chairman, from Blackfoot; FRANCES CUNNINGTON, "PAT" DUKICH, and MARCIA SPAKOSKI from Idaho Falls; and EMMALYN PAYNE from faraway Wilson, Wyoming. Hostess HOFF and little JANA CHRISTOPHERSON made nine unless "FRITZ", ONITA's mascot German-Shepherd puppy, who entered JANA most energetically, can be counted.

A light luncheon was served before the business meeting. Plans were discussed for participation in the Flying Farmer Air Proficiency Program to be held May 27th and Aero-Space Day, sponsored by the Air Force Association, July 27th-28th, both to be held at Pocatello. And now, news about our lively members:

MARCIA passed her written Commercial and is now reaching for her Flight Instructor's Rating while loving every minute of it all.

EMMALYN has completed teaching a Ground School Course to ten flying aspirants EMMALYN has many accomplishments and is a real and appreciated asset to Ninety-Nines.

Our Chapter boasts a new member from Pocatello. ELAINE PARTRIDGE obtained her Private License in February. She is a full-time school teacher whose husband is, also a pilot and they are the owners of a Cherokee 180. Welcome, ELAINE, to Ninety-Nines!

More proud owners are the GLENN JEXES who have purchased a J-3 Cub, N6254 Hotel! With this little number, DIANE plans to wrap up untold hours all summer long. And, ONITA promises coffee and cookies every time DIANE lands on that enticing, 2000 green strip at Rainbow Ranch which is such good practice for spot-landings. (and that goes for all others, too) The JEXES have been ferrying aircraft about Idaho and adjoining states as a side-line and, I suspicion, for fun, too.

FRANCES CUNNINGTON and hubby, KEN, spent some wonderful time in Hawaii in March. There is no place where an ever-changing panorama is more pleasing to the eye than Idaho. Come once and you will come again! And do.

Ed. Note . . . The Eastern Idaho Chapter recently lost a loyal and enthusiastic 49½er when J. MARK HOFF passed away. The entire area feels the loss of a pilot, community worker, and friend to all. This untimely death follows by 2 months, the loss of the HOFF's son, also a pilot. We all extend our sympathy to ONITA.

#### **EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER**

**Mary Jane Becker, Reporter**

"Who are you?" shouted some local citizens from the observation platform of the sleek new Pasco Terminal Building to us, as we were leaving a lively and informative Fly-In. After explaining who we were, they were still doubtful that we should take-off in gusty air. We did so after thanking MR. E. RICHARDSON, the Airport Manager, for making a special trip to open the luxurious conference room. With five guests, hangar flying started in the lunchroom before the meeting.

RENIE ANDRODE flew NANCY HARBERT down in the Comanche 250. NANCY has twenty hours toward her Private in her husband's Cherokee 140 and loves it. MINNIE BOYD'S Cherokee 180 stayed right on course flying

the radial out of Pullman VOR while her passenger, TERRIE BECKER, was still recovering from her long IFR Dual to Nevada from Lewiston, Idaho under actual conditions and on oxygen, in the Cessna 182. MINNIE had been flying school teachers out of Felt's Field on a scenic tour of the area, a part of the program of aerospace education given by BILL TOTH, educator and pilot to teachers attending the County Conference.

LYGIE HAGAN flew some teachers to Montana a month ago under a similar program. After being forced to fly Commercial to the Phoenix meetings, LYGIE was happy to be flying the Comanche 250 with CORNIE to the International Exposition of Flight in Las Vegas. Some of the events were limited because of high winds, but the lectures were most interesting especially the ones on turbos and transponders, and the Thunderbirds always delight pilots with their show. MILLIE SHINN flew in with LYGIE and helped to welcome two of RENIE'S guests who flew in together, EDNA ABRAMS and MARGIE GRAZIER. They departed from EDNA'S private landing field among the wheat fields near Mead in the Cessna 172 with EDNA as Pilot-In-Command and MARGIE was planning to fly the return trip even though she generally flies a Cessna 140 or a Bonanza. Their small study group procures free film from the FAA (paying only for postage) which they use as an aid toward the Commercial and IFR written. RENIE instigated the idea and brought two films to show us. MARY JANE APPLING could not make the meeting but sent her projector instead for RENIE to use. We learned what not to do after seeing the one on "High Density Altitude" and on "Vortices". We hope to have some more for our future meetings.

MYRA ROEHL had to fly around rain squalls again near Yakima in order to make the meeting in the Cessna 172. We were delighted to see that her navigator was none other than HELEN CRUM. HELEN has been flying a Cessna 310 to various Western States to watch her grand-daughter ride in horse show competitions. She invited us to the Yakima Pilot's Seminar on June 3 so we decided to hold a short meeting in Suokane on June 2 and then all go to Yakima for the Seminar. Our Pasco guest, WANDA SMITH is now working on her Commercial and is flying a Mooney instead



of the Cessna 172 she flew to our Spokane meeting with ANNE CLEMENT from Richland and MARTHA BERTSCH from Kennewick, as passengers.

BEV PAULSON had to leave her Commanche in Tacoma where she flew it for the Daffadil Festival and did not make the meeting. KATHLEEN HITCHCOCK has a brand new Beech Barron and a new Bonanza but the weather wasn't co-operating around the White Swan area. GINI RICHARDSON wrote saying she is busy flying her daughter JILL to ice skating competitions when not attending to their flying business since GINI is President of the Yakima Figure Skating Club this year. RALPH is still spraying in Greece on their Five Year Contract.

Even though the wind was gusting at thirty knots in Spokane and Pullman, all our girls made expert cross-wind landings so the citizens on the observation platform worried needlessly.

#### FAR WEST CHAPTER

Jo Ann Burkhardt, Reporter

MARY KOCHANNEK and her sister-in-law, JERRY KOCHANNEK, have been asked to have an art exhibit in Port Angeles in May; they are painting diligently to prepare for the showing. ELENE DUNCAN and her husband visited San Francisco and other points in late January, and JOANN BURKHART, and her 49½er visited San Francisco and Los Angeles in mid-February. MARGARET LAYTON'S plane developed an oil leak and — one thing leading to another, like a major, a re-upholstering job, etc. — it is still not airborne in April. BARBARA LARUE is on Cloud Nine this month, because an antique-r let her fly his Aetna. She's not sure of the exact vintage of that aircraft, but believes it to be in the 1930's. "What fun!" was her reaction. VIRGIE HAYDEN has been flying a Piper Cub on floats this winter, between ski trips to various points in the Northwest and to Sun Valley. A fly-in meeting to Olympia is scheduled by Chapter members for April 20th.

#### MONTANA CHAPTER

Bev Ledbetter, Reporter

Almost half of the members were present at the April meeting held in Billings. Chairman ELSIE CHILDS presided over the meeting, HELEN DUNLOP, Secretary, took the minutes and Treasurer, ANN HAFER gave



Flying Farmer Queen, ELLEN JANE ANDERSON, El Paso Chapter on the left and LOIS CHISHOLM, South Dakota Chapter at Havre, Mont., on their return trip from Canada.

a financial report. Other members present were, PAT JOHNSON, VIVIANNE SHRANK, MARTHA GAUNCE, ELSIE JOHNSON, MARY STEVENSON, KARIN RIBI, BETTY NUNN, ROSEMARY BOWMAN, JO WALDEN, CAROL SCHWARTZ, NITA HUBBER, JOANNE ORLEY, PEARL MAGILL, LAULETTE HANSEN, BEV. LEDBETTER, ANN HAFER, NORMA ROWLAND, BOBBY KRAMER, MARY COMBS and JOY LUECK. We had the pleasure of meeting CAROL RAYBURN from South Dakota Chapter and three guests.

The President of the Montana Pilots Assoc., RED DUPREE greeted the group and welcomed us to Billings.

PAT JOHNSON gave a report from RON ADAMS, Supervisor of Aviation Education for the Mont. Aeronautics Commission, concerning the Aviation Workshops to be held in cooperation with the State Dept. of Public Instruction and units of the University System at Dillon, Havre, Billings and Bozeman colleges this summer. He has asked 99 members to assist in any way possible with these workshops.

The Nominating committee, VIVIANNE SCHRANK, LAULETTE HENSEN and PEARL MAGILL were asked to appoint a member for the Sectional Nominating Committee and prepare a list of names for the Chapter election which will be this year.

There was discussion on the picture contest and Sectional Air Race.



CAROL RAYBURN, South Dakota Chapter member and Chief pilot for Missoula Skyflight (left) and PEARL MAGILL, bookkeeper for Wokal Flying Service, Glasgow attended the Fifth annual Flight Instructors Seminar held in Great Falls.

#### BIG SKY FLYING

LU NELSON was absent from the April meeting but was enjoying a flight to Jackpot, Nevada with husband KEN and friends. She reports a handy sod strip where you can taxi right up to the back of Cactus Petes Place. Convenient! LU and KEN had just returned the week before from Lansing, Michigan, returning daughter No. 2 back to college after spring vacation. St.



Ignace was an overnite stop due to poor weather over and around the Lakes.

HELEN and GENE DUNLOP flew to Great Falls with two of GENE'S women students. HELEN is busy preparing for a trip to Hawaii the end of May with the Sapphire Temple, Daughters of the Nile Oriental Band of which she is a member.

DOTTIE PAYNE and husband JIM flew to Havre where they attended a meeting of the Havre Hanger of the MPA. JIM is Vice-President of the state MPA and gave a short talk on the private pilot's place in aviation in Montana.

MARY JORDON missed the meeting in Billings but visited with the group during lunch. She and her mother were lunching and visiting in the airport dining room.

It looks as if Montana will soon have a Whirly Girl to add to the fast growing of women helicopter pilots. Many of you will remember PEGGY KRUEGER who flew in last year's race but has been too busy too get her membership in to our group. She recently solo'd in a Brantly. JOY LUECK is taking instruction too and has reached the "frustration point" but hopes to get beyond that point soon.

Dual instrument time was logged by ELIZABETH TIMM with her father as instructor on a trip to Denver with her family. Two other Instrument pilots who enjoy logging a little hood time are MARY and JACK STEVENSON. They logged time in the company 180 on a trip to San Francisco and also on a pleasure trip to Mexico in their own 182 in February. They visited in Tuscon with 99 member CAROL EWING and husband DON, former Montana residents who have taken up flying themselves after being visited by the STEVENSON so many times on flying trips.

MARTHA GAUNCE hopes to enter the I. A. R. again this year. MARTHA and her daughter placed No. 8 in last year's race. She would also like to enter the AWTAR this year and is working toward that goal.

The Billings Hanger of the MPA advertised their Easter Breakfast by saying "Don't let the Mrs. cook on Easter morning." LAULETTE HANSEN was lucky enough to have husband ERMAL fly her there from Havre, enjoying the fine weather that morning and the good food served in the Combs - Pickens hanger.

I had the pleasure of visiting with International Flying Farmer Queen ELLEN ANDERSON, member of the El Paso Chapter and LOIS CHISSOM, South Dakota Chapter, who's husband, DAYTON, is the Immediate Past President of the International Flying Farmers. They were checking through Customs after attending the Alberta Flying Farmers Convention in Edmonton. The speaker at this convention was BERNICE STEADMAN, Michigan 99 member and winner of last year's AWTAR. The CHISSOMS had spent the previous nite with ELEANOR and BILL BAILEY in Calgary. LOIS and DAYTON conducted a tour of flying Farmers to Europe last fall and had just returned from a conducted tour to Yucatan, Mexico.

SHAREL BITZ flew several plane loads of Havre High School Geography students on a field trip observing different types of farming and terrain in the area.

99 members who have been elected to fill offices in their local Hangers of the MPA are MARJ SWARTZ, Sec-Treas. of Missoula Hanger, PEARL MAGILL Sec-Treas. of Glasgow Hanger, and RHODA JOHNSON, Vice-Pres. of the Malta Hanger.

PEARL MAGILL had many interesting stories to tell about the Flight Instructor Seminar that she and CAROL RAYBURN attended. 19 General Aviation Instructors from Montana were selected to attend the seminar. PEARL and CAROL were the first women instructors to attend the seminar but according to reports, won't be the last.

There is a different Bonanza in the ORLEY hanger and JOAN and family, are enjoying it every chance they get.

One last news note, BETTY NUNN and family will be moving to Billings at the close of the school year. Better get to Great Falls soon for that taxi service to town.

Would you believe I missed the deadline last month, by two day . . . The first time in two years and I am crushed. With two months news to be printed in one issue I will make the news for May short.

We have three new members welcome to our group. JOANNE MESSINGER, Plentywood, along with two Canadian gals from Calgary, Alberta. DR. JEAN BLENKINSHIP and REGINA JORDON.

The Montana Pilots Convention held in Havre was attended by 10 Chapter members, LAULETTE, PEARL, VIVIANNE, MARY STEVENSON, PAT

ROEMER, ELEANOR GREENING, SHAREL BITZ, BEV. LEDBETTER, JO WALDEN and DOTTIE PAYNE whose husband JIM was elected to the position of State President.

My family and I spent Mother's Day in Great Falls where we enjoyed the buffet dinner in Victors and had the pleasure of watching the Great Falls Hanger giving rides for two-cents a pound. They had a large crowd of passengers and plenty of willing 99s to help with the rides; namely, JO WALDEN, ROSEMARY BOWMAN, DOTTIE PAYNE and LU NELSON.

The dedication of the new Gt. Falls control tower was held in conjunction with Aviation Week. This ceremony was held in the afternoon and drew many interested flying personalities plus hundreds of Great Falls people.

#### **PUGET SOUND CHAPTER**

**Jeanne Reeves, Reporter**

Our monthly meeting was held at the home of MILDRED PEARSON. Our Chapter was honored with a visit from ILOVENE POTTER, Northwest Section Governor, at our last meeting. ILOVENE had many interesting things to tell us and we enjoyed having her very much. ILOVENE has visited almost every chapter in the Northwest Section which is quite a fete.

We welcomed a new member into our Chapter at our last meeting. JUNE COFFMAN started flying last May, received her license in October, and is starting to study for her instrument rating. We are very proud to add her to our membership.

BETTY CURRAN and BETTY VAN BUSKIRK flew to Los Angeles with their 49½ers, JOHN and LYLE, to attend a one week medical convention. BETTY V. said they had a ball. BETTY CURRAN flew IFR both ways and is really logging up the instrument time.

MARGARET AMES and husband PERCY are in San Francisco enjoying the sunny climes. They really enjoy flying and are off on many jaunts across the country.

NITA MATHESON jetted to Hawaii for ten days and how we envy her soaking up the sunshine. Our weather here has been steadily improving and more flying is being done.

MARCHINE DEXTER passed the written for her Commercial and has only a few more hours in the air to nail down her rating. She still is actively working at Willards Flying



Service and has started teaching ground school. We wish her luck in her new venture.

#### **June Coffman, Reporter**

Inasmuch as our regular Reporter, JEAN REEVES, was not able to attend our last meeting, as newest member of the 99s, I was unanimously elected to send to you all our greetings and news.

NITA MATHESON just returning from a lovely vacation in the Hawaiian Islands. Her stories of the enchanted islands were such that we were all ready to climb aboard and head for the land of sun and fun.

BETTY CURRAN, our courageous Chairman, is taking off this month for the "Angel Derby." We all wish her best of luck and know she will do a tremendous job.

MARSH DEXTER is very busy at Willard's Flying Service where she has embarked on a new career of teaching ground school. I hope she can recruit more female fliers.

MILDRED PEARSON is busy with her work but managers to get in flying time. She has related stories to us newcomers that gives us courage to keep flying.

ANNETTE SCHMITT is a prospective new member. She has her Private license and is working at Cal Aero, Paine Field. We certainly hope she will decide to join our group.

Yours truly is busy with instrument ground school and about this time wondering if flying on sunny VFR days isn't the only way to go.

Our Chapter is anxiously awaiting the Fall Sectional in Alaska this September. We hope to have quite a delegation attending.

Hopefully next month, our regular Reporter will be back to greet you all.

#### **WILLAMETTE CHAPTER**

##### **Jane Capizzi, Reporter**

Our last meeting was held in Eugene with the Southern Oregon Chapter as guests. Our Sectional Governor, ILOVENE POTTER, flew in from Seattle to be with all 26 of us, and watch the film on the AMELIA EARHART Story.

POLLY PEERCE is back from 2½ months in El Paso, Texas.

LOU WICKS has received her Commercial rating and ROSETTA VENELL, her Instrument rating.

CAROL FLEMING summed up her adventurous flight to Kerrville, Texas and back by saying, "You never get

to smart, but what you can learn something."

Our May meeting will be at the Seattle Radar Control Center where ROSETTA made friends while working on her Instrument rating. She will act as hostess this time.

#### **WYOMING CHAPTER**

##### **Dorothy Misner, Reporter**

Wyoming Ninety-Nines haven't had a meeting since February 11th. The weather just hasn't been cooperating a bit as you all probably know from the news reports.

March 11th meeting planned for Powell. Guess What? Snow storm! April 8th meeting planned for Powell. Guess What? Rain storm! May 8th meeting planned for Casper. Guess What? Snow storm! Alternate weather date May 20th, Worland. Believe it or not it looks like Spring has finally sprung, temperatures are in the 80's and ole Sol is greening things up. VIRGILEA SWORTS says, "Come rain, hail, sleet, or snow, weather the storm, and be there."

DOROTHY MISNER and two prospective 66, MRS. JERRY TOLMAN and MRS. BILL HUHNKE did start out for Powell on the 8th of May and get as far as Greybull, 38 miles north of Worland. Ninety-Nine PAULINE POWERS met them at the airport and they enjoyed a visit at her home and then after lunch scooted back to Worland with about a twenty-five knot tail wind.

Chairman MABEL ANESI has been in Missouri for surgery and while there contacted Ninety-Nine DOROTHY STRATTON and had a wonderful last day in Excelsior Springs. DOROTHY took her for a drive around town and to the airport and a flight over town in a Cessna 150. DOROTHY and her husband operate the airport there.

MARIE ENGLEMAN and husband vacationed for a month at points South, Las Vegas, etc., and MARIE is now back from a visit with her Mother in Detroit. Welcome back MARIE.

If the weather holds, our meeting on the 20th will start with a spot landing at the Worland Airport and lunch at the home of NIKI WEAVER. Bye for now.

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## **SOUTHWEST SECTION**

#### **BAY CITIES CHAPTER**

##### **Loretta Gabrielson, Reporter**

RUTH RUECKERT airlined to Phoenix Tuesday, the 18th, to attend the Executive Board meeting at ALICE ROBERTS' new home. Then the Section Meeting — the Phoenix Chapter did an excellent job on all arrangements, including a pot luck dinner for the EB members. A real fun deal. RUTH stayed an extra day and visited her uncle, a resident of Phoenix.

FRAN GRANT was delightfully surprised at the Phoenix Sectional to receive a Life Membership from our International President, ALICE ROBERTS. It seems her nice 49½er, NORM, wrote to Alice requesting the membership for FRAN. What a marvelous 49½er!

MARY FIELDS and DONI PEREZ flew with MYRTLE WRIGHT in her Cessna 172, to the Phoenix Sectional. Although the weather was not too warm, they had a lot of fun.

DOROTHY FULLER and two other teachers from San Leandro, joined DOT in an Easter-week flight to Las Vegas in a Cessna 172. It was delightful to be on a cross-country at last, on this coast, in spite of two six-hour weather delays at take off.

JAUNDA BIGELOW flew her daughter, ELIABETH, and son, IRA, to the Nut Tree for lunch and to celebrate her birthday. Good flight and smooth landing! JAUNDA was delighted to hear that a friend, whom she had flown to lunch a couple of times, is now taking flying instructions.

BARBARA LAPOINT entered a spot landing contest sponsored by Fly Ten, Inc. at Tracy Airport. These are her words — not mine — "terrible — came in 12th—ugh!"

DEBBY BYRAM'S cousin, LYDIA O'NEIL, of Pittsburgh, Pa., on her way home from a world tour, spent some time with DEBBY in San Francisco. Naturally, a flight to our unique Nut Tree was in order. HIALEAH REILICH was delighted to be able to fly the gals up there — it was a perfect flying day!!

RUTH JACQUOT spent an interesting day, to say the least! She was invited to go on board the aircraft carrier Orishany. The Navy was honoring JIMMIE DOOLITTLE, his wife and the



Raiders. This is a sampling of what happened that day — first a B-25 flew between the bridges to salute the Raiders. Then they sailed out to the Farallon Islands where the A-3 performed refueling in mid-air with the A4E. The F82's came by, and made touch and go landings on the carrier—what a breath taking operation. After the F82's landed, the A-D's landed, then they catapulted all the aircraft off—what a thrill! As they were returning, between the Bay Bridge and the station, The Blue Angels put on their show. How can one top a day like that?

RTTA HART is recovering from her recent illness and operation. Also, GLADYS COBB'S 49½er, RAY, is on the mend from an operation, in fact, he has taken the 235 out on a flight.

As you so aptly said it PEG, How can the 20th arrive on the 20th, and so soon too.?

Ed Note — Haven't found out yet—!

#### EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER

Dottie Sanders, Reporter

Such a busy month! The weekend of April 21-22 was most delightful for LYNN COULTHARD and DOTTIE SANDERS who were our Chapter's representatives at the Southwest Sectional Spring Meeting, hosted by the Phoenix Chapter. Phoenix really proved itself as the Valley of the Sun and gave us bright sunshine the whole weekend for the wonderful program planned by the Chapter. It was so nice, and such a great honor, to see the entire International Executive Board there.

Our April meeting, held at the home of JEAN BUSSY, was most enjoyable with home movies shown by 49½er, FRED BREISE, when he was an instructor of Wasps during World War II at Sweetwater, Texas. We even saw a picture of JACQUELINE COCHRAN in one scene! It was so interesting to see the WWII vintage airplanes in which they trained. FRED also commented that he had been the Examiner for most of the girls present at our meeting.

April 29, after a light, early morning rain, we drank coffee in the control tower at Gillespie Field until the runway dried sufficiently to do our second air marking project. On hand with lots of muscle, vim and vigor at 7:30 AM were FLORENCE FRASER, Co-Chairman of Air Marking, FRED BREISE, BOO CHRISTENSEN, BARBARA HILL and DOTTIE SANDERS. With the cooperation of



Things are looking up, high atop the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway (and in the snow, too), as three members of the Coachella Valley Chapter enjoy watching the start of the first International Balloon Race in which six aeronauts took part, representing Canada, Denmark, Switzerland, and the U. S. The balloon watchers, who are members of the Palm Springs AWTAR "Stop" Committee, are, left to right, BOBBI TROUT, a Charter 99; ILIA MAE CAROSELL, Committee Chairman; and DR. GRACE SONG LINE.

the airport management's having marked the letters out for us, we were through in record time and before the weekend traffic became heavy. FRED BREISE flew FLORENCE and your writer over the field after we were through to admire our handiwork in one of BREISE and JOHNSON's Cherokee 140's.

Incidentally, FRED BREISE and FLORENCE both have become grandmothers again—FRED BREISE with a grandson, DEVON WAYNE BREISE, and FLORENCE with a granddaughter, CHRISTINA RAE FRASER.

Airplane ferries of the month—BARBARA and RON HILL delivered a new Citabria from Wisconsin to Stardust Aviation, and DOTTIE and BOB SANDERS flew two new Cherokees from Vero Beach to BREISE and JOHNSTON, formation all the way, with "you know who" in the lead. Believe

you me, it's a good navigation drill to have your husband following you—you don't dare get lost!

With EOB working in El Centro temporarily, DOTTIE has been commuting to El Centro on weekends after her work week is over, flying trusty '36C over on Saturday night and returning Monday AM's.

Honeymooning in Spain after a beautiful wedding on May 6 are AILEEN SANDERS FREEMAN and our new 49½er, AL. We wish them both many years of happiness! (AILEEN will hostess our July meeting at their home with a potluck dinner and swimming in their pool.)

San Diego Chapter members, LOIS BARTLING, MARIAN BANKS, RUBY KEAVENY and their prospective member, MARIE LEWIS, joined our Chapter in welcoming San Fernando Valley Chapter members at Gillespie Field for



their May fly-in, transporting them to beautiful Singing Hills Country Club for lunch. Those from our Chapter who could attend were FLORENCE FRASER, FRED A BREISE, LYNN COULTHARD and DOTTIE SANDERS. We had a total of 20—a good round number for lots of good hangar flying. Come again, girls!

LEAH LIERSCH has moved to Pt. Loma to share an apartment with a girl friend, so after the trials and tribulations of moving, she spent Mother's Day weekend in Sacramento with her parents.

The weekend of May 13th commemorated the Spirit of St. Louis' having been built in San Diego prior to Lindbergh's famous flight in it to Paris. Its replica, built by FRANK TALLMAN, was on display at Lindbergh Field, and among those standing by with pamphlets, etc. were IDA GAY and DOTTIE CAMPBELL from our Chapter. In addition, IDA GAY was official photographer in a Pacific Southwest Airline (PSA) who donated flights in a fund-raising campaign for retaining this replica in San Diego after the Paris Air Show is over. She was thrilled to have been able to sit in the "jump seat" of the Electra during the landing. The PSA pilot, not being used to flying at the low altitude of 2500 feet, said it was a "Sky full of Cessnas down there." 49½er, DEL GAY, flew their Cessna 182 and conversed with the PSA pilot for the entertainment of the passengers on the PSA flights.

Next exciting event—San Diego-Reno Fun Race!

#### FALLON CHAPTER

Elaine L. Brown, Reporter

This month's report flies to you between ferrying trips to the Little League park, guitar, drum and ballet lessons, plus checking on trophies, publicity, etc. for our forthcoming Fun Race on June 10th. Ah, for summer vacation and a screeching halt to the old worn treadmill.

DEE EAER took time out from her moving plans to Phoenix to give a talk on private aviation for a group of second graders. DEE reports a most attentive audience, so much so that when the recess bell rang they didn't move a muscle or even an eyeball toward the door! After an hour and a half she had to excuse herself in order to make a flight to Phoenix to see 49½er, RICK, who is attending a Bonanza's copilot school there. Great work, DEE!



**"Flight 99, this is San Diego Radio," may be the voice of El Cajon Valley Chapter's LEAH LIERSCH, if you hear a pleasant and distinctive female voice on your call. LEAH is former Chairman of the Chapter.**

I accompanied my 49½er, STAN, to Las Vegas for the International Exposition of Flight, April 27-30th. STAN is Chairman of the Reno National Championship Air Races in September, and we manned a booth at the Exposition, handing out circulars and programs describing this fall's events in Reno. We met lots of old flying friends, plus many 99 members who stopped by the booth. RONNIE JOHNSON, Colorado Chapter, was the first to stop and chat. Her 49½er, RAYMOND, Manager—Air Carrier Division for Piper in Denver — made a convincing speech during the symposium on the need for more private airfields. I also met AULEEN HALL, who is a new member of the San Fernando Valley Chapter. Her 49½er, AL, is Superintendent of Flying Training for American Airlines in Los Angeles, and I guess you know, with AULEEN and I both ex-A.A. stewardesses, we all had a good chat. Soon after the HALLs left our booth, GINNY COOK, Tucson Chapter, arrived and we managed to keep ourselves enthralled until long after everyone closed their booths. Seems GINNY's 49½er is a retired American Airlines Captain, so that started us off. Then I learned that LOLA RICCI (Southwest Section Governor) has just appointed VIRGINIA COOK Chairman of the Contest Committee for the Southwest Section. They're giving a new annual award for Women Pilot of the Year for the Southwest Section. Blanks will be sent out to each chapter to submit names and a committee was appointed to devise a point system. I also met a lovely lady from my home

state of Massachusetts, MRS. E. C. LOCKE, who is an aviation writer for the Patriot Ledger in Quincy, Mass.

LOIS BROWN reports a new addition to the ever-growing fleet of aircraft. Her 49½er, MIKE, purchased another Sea-Bee for their Scenic Ride Tours at Lake Tahoe. This one has been modified so even LOIS can reach the rudder pedals. They usually build them for giants. And speaking of giants, MIKE just completed a giant task of obtaining his A & P rating. This in addition to all of his other ratings. Congratulations, MIKE!

From Carson City we report JOAN REID and HAZEL HOHN diligently working on a fly-in to be held at Carson Municipal Airport on May 19 and 20th. HAZEL says her 49½er, WERNER, is now the official sky divers' pilot for Sierra Para Skydivers. HAZEL also told us about being a guest of the Wings Club and The Women's International Aviation Association for dinner while she was back East. She was actually the guest of Greater New York Chapter member, PHYLLIS CROUCH. While there she saw many 99 friends, including KAY HILBRANDT, Governor of the New York, New Jersey Section, DORIS RENNINGER, former Governor of the N.Y.-N.J. Section and first professional woman helicopter pilot in N.Y. City, and SELMA CRONAN, Greater N.Y.-N.J. Chapter, who is the authoress of "A Helicopter Can Be," published by Random House plus others coming out shortly which will be textbooks on aviation for young children. The guest speaker was HERB FISHER, well known test pilot and Asst. Director of the New York Port Authority, Aviation Division. He showed films of his test flights and many interesting clippings of his whole aviation career.

We conclude this list of events with our consistent winners of our trip of the month award, DOROTHY and CARROLL STAUFF, who made their almost weekly pilgrimage to Palm Springs. There's a slight rumor aloft that DOROTHY's ideas of physical fitness don't coincide with her 49½er's, particularly after a 14-mile job in 100-degree heat just to check an airplane. She has a beautiful tan to show for it, however. Their trip home in the Cessna 210 was interesting, particularly after the tower at Palm Springs informed them of their wide open gear doors! After an overnight in Santa Barbara, they had an uneventful gear door open IFR trip home to Reno!



## FRESNO CHAPTER

### Louciel Freeman, Reporter

NEWS — at last — your reporter has awakened from her long nap with a lot of interesting news. We all as a group have accomplished so many things — such as Air Marking — Poker Runs — D.F. Steers — Treasure Hunts — and flying ADF courses — Fun, Fun, and more Fun. And now for the second year, the AOPA Pinch-Hitter Course. The Chapter has airmarked Gustine, Sequoia Field, Coalinga, and repainted Madera with more to be done — busy — busy — this California liquid sunshine hasn't bothered our activities.

We welcomed three new 99s — LORI PARSONS, THEOLA NUTT, and MARY WILDER.

Our "Mr. 99" award was won by CAL MacPHERSON — who belongs to our Chairman, BETTY MacPHERSON. He won it with his good looks—charming smile and hearty laughter, and his ability to help we poor women out — we all love you, CAL, really we do.

We have a couple of our girls who went out and exchanged their airplane for a different flying machine. VOLINE DODGSON went from a Debonair to a 260 Comanche, a beautiful spanking new job, and KATHIE McNAMARA changed over from a 170 Cessna to a 182 — then we have MARIE KEMPLE, who has stripped her Bonanza down to have it painted — please MARIE, hurry up with the paint job, your baby looks bare out in the open.

And what have our charming girls been doing? CAROL BUGAY — A very wonderful Air Marking Chairman—has kept us women going with spray guns and paint rollers — she does a lot of air search work — keeps that plane flying all directions — received her Commercial license recently—Congrats! VOLINE DODGSON—Getting checked out in her new 260 Comanche—Made a recent flight to Mexico City for a week with 49½er (by Jet). VOLINE is our Chairman for Airport Beautification — (like planting trees at the base and end of runways). HELEN SMITH — Congratulations—she received her Instrument rating (now she can fly around with her eyes half closed.) HELEN also does Air Search Work, and holds a Ground School Instructor rating. Currently she is holding ground school for our Pinch-Hitter Course.

BETTY MacPHERSON — Has made flights to Phoenix and down into old Mexico. She has recently gone into business—yep—"Mate Letter Shop" — doing quite well too.

MARIE KEMPLE — Has made a few flying jaunts here and there — using the Shell map to navigate, and now she's grounded — she decided to paint the airplane.

KATHY McNAMARA — checking out in her new 182 — planning to fly the Fun Race. KATHY did real well with the 170 so she'll become a Pro with 182—she'll show her 49½er.

CLAUDELL FALLER — Has been attending ground school toward a Commercial ticket — so we'll soon have another — "better yourself gal."

BARBARA FALLER — Made several trips to the East Coast to visit with her folks — experienced sadness with the loss of her father.

LORI PARSON — another gal that's working for her Commercial — no holding back.

SARA JANE CLOUSE — at long last is getting her 49½er interested in flying.

GINNY RUSSELL — and her 49½er are busy getting their new large Radio Shop and hangar completed — will be the biggest at Fresno Chandler field — we are waiting for open house — as soon as the contractors complete the job.

VI HUCKLEBERRY—Returned from Korea with her 49½er. Busy making plans for her son's wedding.

MARY WILDER — Our newest 99 member — she's attending College of Pacific at Stockton and commuting back and forth by flying her Cessna — sounds like fun.

LOUCIEL FREEMAN — Busy replacing hangar roof — which was completely blown off by hard winds recently, but did not cause any damage to Navion—have been doing some cross country flying between spare time and lousy weather — but brighter days are ahead.

Members and 49½er who attended the Mt. Diablo Chapter Charter dinner were: BETTY and CAL MacPHERSON, VOLINE and PAUL DODGSON, HELEN and JOE SMITH, CLAUDELL and DAVID FALLER, SARA JANE and DON CLOUSE, and MARY WILDER.

## LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

### Rachel Bonzon, Reporter

A few of our members attended the Torrance Hangar Session on April 20, honoring the Ninety-Nines, and kicking off the Long Beach Chapter's AWTAR Terminus activities. They were happy to have a visit with CAROLYN WEST, former Chairman of the Los Angeles Chapter, past winner of

the Powder Puff Derby, and now very active in boating and marine writing.

VIRGINIA SHOWERS and BOBBIE GARRETT went to the Southwest Section at Phoenix via Bonanza Airlines, and enjoyed a great week end, while the rest of us were grounded by the weather.

SUSAN OLIVER was official hostess for the International Exposition of Flight, April 28-31 in Las Vegas. In connection with this, she was flown around southern California in a King Air, and met ELLEN TRINDLE and other Ninety-Nines working in Public Relations. SUSAN also appeared on Channel 5 in spot announcements of the Exposition, and on MAYOR SAM YORTY'S Sunday evening program. She is being flown to New York to tape some material for the JOHNNY CARSON show, and being filmed in the new model Link Trainer. She attended the Stock Plane Races at Shafter Airport on May 6 and 7.

All this leaves SUSAN so much spare time that she's working on her Multi-engine rating, aerobatics, and plans for flying solo to Russia. For details, and an illustrated account of her activities, read "Hi, There, Susie", in the May AOPA Pilot.

REBECCA HELD has logged more miles of flying, having just returned from a delightful trip to the islands with United Air Lines. From Honolulu she prop-jetter to the Kona coast, receiving orchids at room registration, orchid leis, and going on orchid nursery tours. She drove to Hilo, flew a prop-jet again to Maui for four days, then a Beech D-18 to Honolulu. She was thrilled with the sunset, views, and food, and returned with a magnificent tan.

TILLIE KLEMENTS also showed up with a beautiful tan, but for a slightly different reason, having had an enforced vacation after surgery. It's good to see you looking so great, TILLIE.

On May 6, fourteen from our Chapter flew in four airplanes to Buchanan Field, Concord, California, to attend the charter dinner for the Mt. Diablo Chapter, hosted by Sacramento Valley. They had ordered beautiful weather and arranged for a dynamic speaker, (FRED GOERNER: The Search for Amelia Earhart) and a delicious prime rib dinner. We have it on good authority that just as the after dinner coffee was being poured,



there was a pop, and a jacket button from one of our members rolled on the floor. A sincere testimonial!

On Sunday morning, we flew to Nut Tree for a breakfast with Sacramento members and others who were able to attend. From there two of our airplanes set out on the Fresno Chapter's "treasure hunt," although we had to drag DOROTHY LIMBACH away from the Nut Tree shops to get to the preliminary briefing. Our entries were: HALDIS RAUCHFUS in a Cherokee with TILLIE KLEMENTS and REBECCA HELD; and DOROTHY LIMBACH in a C-172 with VIRGINIA SHOWERS and RACHEL DONZON. We had a lot of fun in this challenging contest, and think that HELEN SMITH and her Fresno committee came up with some real goodies. (We'll never forget the Spanish for "cow"! ) The hospitality of the Fresno Chapter extended to the point of allowing DOROTHY and her crew to win first place.

SALLY LAFORGE has passed her Instrument written. Congratulations!

RACHEL BONZON is instructing ground school for the UCLA Flying Club.

We have three airplanes so far entered in the San Diego-Reno Fun Race, June 10. They are: LYNNE OPPER and LINA STROUPE in a Cessna Skylane, ANN LODWIG and JEAN IVANOFF in a Cessna 170, and SALLY LAFORGE and RACHEL BONZON in a Comanche 250.

At our May business meeting we viewed the FAA films, "Wake Turbulence" and "Density Altitude." Now we'll always carry our computers, and refresh ourselves on their use.

#### MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER

Sue Johnson, Reporter

The friendly greeting as we alighted from our planes at Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix started a wonderful visit for many of our members at the S.W. Sectional. We wish to thank the Phoenix Chapter for its hard work, organization, and hospitality. Dodging rain clouds on the trip down was worth it for members and husbands: DELL and GEORGE HINN who flew down in the PETTY'S 235 Cherokee with JACKIE and LLOYD PETTY of the Santa Clara Chapter; HELEN and FRANK SHROPSHIRE took BETTY and DICK WORSTELL in their Comanche; GENEVA and DOUG CRANFORD in their Bonanza, GERI and

NORMAN HALFPENNY in their Cherokee 235; and SUE and BOB JOHNSON, with their children, in their Cherokee 235. SUE and BOB got weathered - in and managed to stretch the weekend to Tuesday.

GENEVA CRAWFORD hosted our May meeting, at which we welcomed new member RUTH HUSTON from Hollister. It's a long drive over from Hollister, but RUTH, ANNA MAY PARK, and MARY PAINTER manage to make our meetings frequently.

April 29 finally arrived, and many of us went for our first Stearman ride. JACK JELLA offered all the 99s a ride, and we enjoyed the loops, snaps, and spins in his beautiful Stearman. HELEN SHROPSHIRE, LOIS BRADSHAW, TRISH MARKS, SUE JOHNSON, GERI HALFPENNY, GENEVA CRANFORD and 66s JOANN HUSTED and BARBARA RESTANI all donned flight suits and parachutes for a wonderful ride. Many, many thanks, JACK! DELL HINN had flown to Palm Springs that day and missed the Stearman rides; however, she had earlier wangled a ride home from Oakland in a Mustang, and slow rolled the whole 15 minutes it took to fly to Salinas.

TRISH MARKS is working on her Commercial rating, and congratulations to GERI HALFPENNY who has passed her written exam toward that same rating. Congratulations, too, to the new Mt. Diablo Chapter, and their very successful charter night!

#### MT. DIABLO CHAPTER

Barbara Lagier, Reporter

On the evening of May 6, 1967, the 98th Chapter of the 99s, Inc. became an official members of the 99s when President ALICE ROBERTS presented our Charter to Chairman BETTY BOGGESS.

Over 150 guests met at the Concord Inn for the Charter Dinner, with forty-five guests flying in from Fresno, Los Angeles, Phoenix and Sacramento. Los Angeles Chapter took the honors for having the most members with fourteen flying in from L. A. The weather cooperated and we had our first summer-like weekend.

Mt. Diablo Chapter expressed their thanks to Sacramento Chapter for sponsoring them and to Chairman LARUE BROWN without whose help we could not have gotten off the ground. (No pun intended.) RUTH N. RUECKERT, Treasurer of the Inter-

national Organization gave the invocation.

Chairman BETTY BOGGESS introduced the eighteen Charter Members who are JUDITH BIGBY (MRS. LYLE) of Concord; VIRGINIA BONDE (MRS. DUKE) of Pleasanton; SYLVIA BREUNER (MRS. GERALD) of Orinda who worked on decorations; JOAN GORE (MRS. WILLIAM) of Lafayette Donations Chairman; BARBARA GRABER (MRS. VICTOR) of Orinda Vice Chairman; MARTY GRHAM (MRS. JERRY) of Antioch, Treasurer; NINA HADDON of Berkeley; PAT KEEBLE of Concord, Programs; DARLENE KELLER (MRS. R. L. JR.) of Antioch; BARBARA LAGIER of Concord, Publicity; PATRICIA PETERSON (MRS. RONALD) of Orinda, Secretary; IRENE PIGATI (MRS. ERNIE) of Antioch, Reception; MARIE PORTER (MRS. WALTER) of Concord, Airport Reception; MARJORIE ROGERS (MRS. JOHN V.) of Walnut Creek; PEGGY WINTERS (MRS. LEE) of Lafayette; MYRTLE A. WRIGHT of Hayward, Secretary Southwest Section.

WARREN BOGGESS, BETTY'S husband and Councilman of the City of Concord then introduced our guest speaker, FRED GOERNER, KCBS radio personality who spoke on his book "The Search for Amelia Earhart."

The next morning we flew up to the Nut Tree for breakfast rounding out a wonderful charter weekend. Now we are looking forward to participating in other fly-ins and meeting other 99s all over the country.

#### NORTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER

Ruth Smith, Reporter

This will probably be as brief a newsletter as my last one was long, since it falls before our monthly meeting and I just haven't seen many of the gals to catch up on flying activities.

MARY ELLEN LIKEN and JEAN KNOTT (66) attended the Southwest Sectional at Phoenix in April. From the reports I have heard, it was one of the best ever. We're looking forward to seeing some of the Phoenix and Tucson gals at our Fly-In breakfast at Kayenta on the 21st.

HELEN LAWRENCE has passed the first half of her Instructor written and was going to go to Prescott today to take the other half. Former 99, DOT WARD, was going to fly her down.





Showing some of the members of Monterey Bay Chapter after a ride in the Stearman. Left to right, **TRISH MARKS, LOIS BRADSHAW, 63 BARBRA RES-TANI, HELEN SHROPSHIRE, 66 JOANN HUSTED, GENEVA CRANFORD, and JACK JELLA** of Air Trails in Salinas, who gave the rides in his Stearman. Not pictured: **GERI HALFPENNY and SUE JOHNSON.**—Picture by **FRANK SHROPSHIRE.**

HELEN isn't quite able to handle all the controls yet, as her movements are somewhat restricted by her brace. She can only fly in smooth weather and today seems as though it will be a good day. Good Luck!

BETH and TEX WRIGHT'S Cessna 150 Trainer was in a flip over recently, so it is out of commission for a while. Just when JEAN KNOTT was getting ready for all the work that preceeds the check ride. BETH returned from Columbus the last week in April.

ROSEMARY KAHLE and MARILYN BILLS are working on souvenirs for our Chapter to give to the Powder Puff Derby gals who stop here in Flagstaff. Our Airport Manager, FRANCES SHAMRELL, has offered to top the tanks free for one of the contestants. Standard Oil donated \$75.00 for a leg prize and MARY ELLEN has written to Headquarters for their approval to break that down into two legs, \$25.00 for one and \$50.00 for another.

ROSEMARY and JOHN KAHLE spent their Easter vacation in Canada and North Dakota, where they were weathered in for five days. Ran into sand storms over the reservation in Arizona that reached up to 12,000'.

ROSEMARY has a farm in North Dakota and commutes back and forth to oversee the planting and the harvesting of the wheat crop. ROSEMARY had her first flying lesson on the 26th of December 1962 and received her Private license on the 11th of July 1964. The KAHLE'S have three daughters, ages 6, 8, and 10, the youngest has between 400 and 500 hours in the air as a passenger. Besides being active in activities with her daughters, ROSEMARY enjoys needlework and is an excellent cook.

Just had a call from the Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce and they have arranged to give a charm bracelet to the occupants of the first five planes that land here during the Powder Puff Derby. Also they want to have someone on hand to give the girls a real welcome to Flagstaff. The Flagstaff Jaycees have offered transportation for the gals—this includes those who might want to leave as early as 3:00 or 4:00 a.m. They also have an old model car available if some would like to ride to the Motel in that. All the 99s plan an overnight stop in Flagstaff or at least refuel here and refresh in our cool and comfortable 80° (or thereabout) temp. We're looking forward to meeting all of you!

## ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

Ginny Chandler, Reporter

The Southwest Sectional last month was well represented by our members. In spite of bad weather hovering over the entire Calif. coast, many stout-hearted ladies found a unique "break in the clouds" right over the airport, and were in beautiful Phoenix before they had time to worry about the icing level. EDNA STENNETT, JOYCE NASH, VIRGINIA LANE, ANN CANTILLON, and NELL BROWN of the Chicago Chapter, were a few who took to the Phoenix sunshine like they were accustomed to it. It was indeed a fun Sectional, and we thank the Phoenix Chapter for making us so welcome.

Speaking of NELL BROWN, let me tell you something about this interesting lady. She has been flying for a good many years, and her stories of navigating by the "concrete" compass before aircraft radios were available, are tremendous. Now that was flying!

Orange County Airport Dedication Day was sparked by some very interesting events. THON GRIFFITH, ANN CANTILLON, and MARGOT SMITH, gathered together another Penny-A-Pound airlift. This was the second such events for us to undertake, and Californians by the hundred were in line as early as 7:00 a.m. for their rides. 99s were everywhere, and as usual, our 49½ers were there to assist.

The highlight of the day was a performance by the BLUE ANGELS that was too awesome to describe. "Goose bumps" is about the best word to use to relate the feeling of the entire audience to the outstanding maneuvers and precision flying.

A proficiency race for 99s and other female pilots was organized by MARA and DICK CULP for this special day. All race planes were released at starting times that would bring them all back over the finish line at the same time. I imagine the tower boys got a kick out of nine planes of female voices shouting "Race 00 is approaching the timing line now." HELEN HEDGES, and co-pilot KAY MALICK were the winners. It was the first race for both gals. Good Show! Second place was awarded to GINNY CHANDLER and SHIRLEY McCLUNE (a student with one hour flying time.) The rest of the results are not available to me at this time.

Speaking of flying (as usual), I sometimes try to think of what I did



before I learned to fly . . . certainly nothing as rewarding as this. How fortunate we 99s are to be pilots and part of a unique organization such as this one.

Ed note—Amen!

#### PHOENIX CHAPTER

Marjy Crowl, Reporter

Our May business meeting, held at TRUDY MURPHY'S house, was mainly devoted to re-hashing the Southwest Section meeting. From all reports it was a huge success in every respect. GINNY MOSER was "Chief Hostess" of the Greeting Trailer at Sky Harbor Airport which was in operation from Friday morning to Sunday afternoon, providing refreshments continually as a part of their welcome. The 49½ers were busy furnishing most of the transportation, for which we are most grateful. FREDa TOLIVER, in charge of publicity, said there was good radio and television coverage by KOOL and news stories in morning and evening papers. Registration appeared to go smoothly under guidance of MARY LOU BROWN, who also was "in the saddle" the whole time. Those work sessions at ANNE DAVIS' really paid off, judging from the comments re: those products and the goody-bags under direction of TRUDY MURPHY. Could spend the whole report lauding the efforts of the girls assigned by Chairman MARY VIAL, who not only did their jobs but helped on other committees as well. (This includes MARY, who really worked hard!)

Two interesting incidents occurred. Seems that BILLIE HERRIN, from Santa Barbara, was selected to draw for the door prizes because it was her birthday. First one she drew was MARGARET MEAD, with whom she attended convention and with whom she plans to fly the race! At the Saturday night banquet the grand door prize, a Sky-Ox portable oxygen unit, was won by MAYOR MILT GRAHAM, a pilot!

Now for our Busy Bee section: ANNE and TED DAVIS flew with friends to Las Vegas for the International Exposition of Flight. EVELYN and KEITH SASSER went to Grand Canyon Caverns with Flying Farmers. MAY DAVIS flew to Tucson for Arizona State Bowling Tournament for lady bowlers. ALICE ROBERTS flew to Concord, California for the charter presentation to the new Mt. Diablo Chapter. JUANITA NEWELL



MARGARET MEAD, Long Beach, and BILLIE HERRIN, Santa Barbara, are greeted upon their arrival at Sky Harbor Airport, Phoenix, Arizona to attend the Southwest Section meeting by PAT LAMBART, former Section Governor and member of Phoenix Chapter. (Photo, Brian Lanker).

spent several days at the Waggoner Ranch in New Mexico on company business, as she has been doing about twice a year. (She informs us this is the second largest ranch in the world, 160,000 acres formerly an old Spanish land grant loaded with white face cattle and antelope.) Aside from taking what some people refer to as a retreat, JUANITA and 49½er ELGIN have kept the route hot between PHX and Springerville in their Bonanza to dip their poles in Becker's Lake. MARGARET HLAVENKA and family flew a sightseeing trip to Grand Canyon. Later MARGARET and 49½er DICK flew into North Las Vegas Airport, where they found the Airport Package deal most convenient. MARY LOU BROWN flew to Denver, Colorado in the 182 with SUE HARPER taking this opportunity to start their teamwork for flying the race. MARY LOU was tied up on business but SUE took advantage of invitation of former Flight Instructor now working on United Airlines training program to tour their facilities. JOANN WINTERLING flew to Lake Havasu City.

All the International Officers, ALICE ROBERTS, President, DONNA T. MYERS, Vice-President, GENE NORA JESSEN, Secretary, and RUTH RUECKERT, Treasurer and all the members of the Executive Board (LYGIE HAGAN, BETTY W. McNABB and DORIS RENNINGER) were in Phoenix just prior to Sectional for their meetings and were able to be with us for that event. They and EDITH DENNY, Governor of the Canadian Section, were honored by the Phoenix Chapter at a Buffet supper at MARY VIAL'S home.

MELBA BEARD, RUTH REINHOLD and JUANITA NEWELL were invited to express their opinions re: the questions raised on the fate of AMELIA EARHART as mentioned in Goerner's book "The Search for Amelia Earhart," on the Jody Noll Show on television, our Channel 12. In addition to a lively discussion of that topic the girls got in a plug for the AWTAR.

JOANN WINTERLING reports that the 66 meeting was held at home of SARA MACCAM. Also in attendance



were JAYNE OSBORN, JOSIE TANG, MILLIE DOVE and NANCY NUTTER. We have high hopes for this group.

Didn't tell you who attended the business meeting: ANNE DAVIS, GINNY MOSER, EVELYN SASSER, LELIA REGER, WILMA BLAND, RUBY SHELDON, JANE WICK (guest), PAM PETTY, MARY BATTY, MAY DAVIS, NOLA EARL, MARGARET HLAVENTKA, MICAELA DOVER (former member), ALICE ROBERTS, her daughter BARBARA PINE, JUANITA NEWELL, FRED TOLIVER, MARY LOU BROWN, SUE HARPER, MELBA BEARD, MARJY CROWL, TRUDY MURPHY, JOANN WINTERLING, MEG JACKSON, BEV PERIMAN, SUSAN STORM and MARY VIAL.

MARY and GEORGE VIAL plan to fly to Greeley, Colorado to see daughter and son-in-law, the latter a professor at Colorado State College there. Son CHARLES graduates from high school in June. MARY will fly daughter MARGOT to Yellowstone in June to join her husband, where the young couple will work for the summer.

JOANN WINTERLING plans a trip to Brigham City, Utah before the long flight to Indianhead, Maryland, where they plan to live. JOANN will be missed by both the 99 members and the 66, especially the latter as that was her pet project. It's not goodbye, just au revoir!

#### **REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER**

**Hilda Casey, Reporter**

Our thanks to PHYLLIS CANTRELL for the fine job she did of reporting. Due to a busy schedule of instructing, she has turned this over to me. I humbly accept the job and hope that I can be a credit to the Redwood Empire in bringing bits of news about our Chapter to the other chapters over these United States. We are small in number but our flying spirit flies high.

Napa County is mentioned many times in our Chapter, mostly because so many of our planes are based there; also it is a good central place to meet, plus many of us made our first solo on good old Napa Airport. Our March meeting was held at Napa County — oh yes, a good place to eat also. We were addressed several weeks ago about the accident of one of the instructors at Napa County. He sent several of our members for their flight into the blue. We are happy to report that though he will be grounded for

several more months, he is progressing. Sometime read or study about a wind sheer and just what it does to one, if you happen to be unlucky enough to encounter it; BUD MARS our injured instructor, can tell you.

At least five of our 18 members will be seeing you all at the Southwest Section in Phoenix—wish I could make it.

Our Chapter showed "Powder Puff for Joan" to those of the public interested and we were delighted to see a shot of SANDY and PHYLLIS CANTRELL right at the start of the film, taken in Seattle just before the race. BETTY WORSEL, LOUISE MONTERO, JUNE O'DONNELL and ANITA WOREL did not end up on the cutting room floor; they appeared with two other teams with their sponsors. Sometimes things do not run as planned and though the show was planned for 7—it was finally shown at 9:30—No, most of the people stayed, only a few went home! Bless the people who love to fly. What happened? ANITA went to get the film from San Francisco, since it was arriving by plane. Film was lost somewhere and then found after a 2½ hour search—at last. ANITA jumped in her trusty Bonanza and rushed film back to Napa Airport, and then to Vallejo where the people were still waiting. Really there are days when one should stay in bed!

Our next meeting will be a "Get Acquainted Party." Have many prospective members we will want to meet and become acquainted.

Had a beautiful flight over San Francisco and Bay area one night a few months ago. Flew a Cherokee with two seasoned Air Force pilots and my 49½er Instructor, and happy to say, made a beautiful night landing.

#### **SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER**

**Juanita Bowler, Reporter**

For her participation and promotion in aviation RUTH WAGNER was named Woman Pilot of the Year Wed., April 19, at our meeting at the Pheasant Club. RUTH received her pilot's license in 1952, and joined the 99s the same year. She has been a busy one, more than 650 hours, a Commercial license, two Powder Puff Derbys, along with loads of other things she does. RUTH came to the meeting, in much pain I am sure, as she is still wearing a brace from the ruptured disk she suffered before Easter. As a surprise,

her first instructor, JACQUI BENDER, was there to tell about some of her first experiences. All very interesting! ESTHER PHIPPS, our Woman Pilot Of The Year, last year, was there to give her the lovely bracelet from all our girls. Members who were there to help celebrate were — BETH SCHOOF, MARIANNE McDONALD, DOROTHY ANDERSON, FLORENCE BREEN, CAROL HAMMOND, DARLENE GILMORE, DONNA MARTIN, GLO FONG, JUNE DEVINE, DONNA PRITCHARD, LORAIN HERY, WINFRED SWETZER, DOROTHY HUNTLEY, JUDY LAGOMARSINO, LILLIAN GRAY, VIJA BERRY, LaRUE BROWN, RUTH WAGNER, VIRGINIA TOWNSEND, ESTHER PHIPPS, AUDREY SNOVEL, THELMA CULL, JUANITA BOWLER and MARILYN JAKS. We had five guests with us.

The weather failed to co-operate, but we did have some of the girls and their husbands, make it to Phoenix to the Sectional Meeting. LaRUE and NORMAN BROWN, FLORENCE and JACK BREEN, ESTHER and LEWIS PHIPPS, DARLENE and WILLIAM GILMORE, RUTH and AL (M. D.) WAGNER, JUNE and JIM DEVINE, MARILYN and CARL JAKS, AUDREY SNOVEL, CAROL BLOOM and her guest.

May 3rd some of the Lady Bugs flew over to the coast for lunch, landing at Monterey, and driving to Carmel for lunch. It just happened to be VIRGINIA TOWNSEND'S birthday, and some one just happened to have a birthday cake, birthday cards and some gifts.

LaRUE and NORMAN BROWN plan to take off for Mexico again May 25th. Have fun!

DONNA MARTIN and family are moving to Rochester, N. Y. Some of us haven't even had a chance to see the new baby. We will miss you DONNA.

DOROTHY HUNTLEY is planning a trip to New York this summer. I guess it is getting to be about that time. Even I am going on a trip, and to Alaska again. This time commercially, my other twelve trips up there were delivering Pipers from Lock Haven, Penn. Will be nice seeing my friends again.

#### **SAN DIEGO CHAPTER**

**Evelyn Briggs, Reporter**

LOIS really thought up a fun fly day. On an unbelievably beautiful



sparkly April Sunday ordered especially by LOIS BARTLING and DOT-TIE SANDERS, Co-Chairman, 18 airplanes with 58 people aboard started out on the mysterious Picture Hunt. The mystery was where to meet for lunch. LOIS gave each pilot (for \$1.00) an envelope containing a set of 10 pictures which were to be identified by an exact dot on the pilot's chart and numbered according to the picture. To aid in direction, there was a brief note for each picture. If you followed correctly, you flew approximately 143 miles (statute) north a bit, then east, northeast, south and finally to the Salton Sea identifying pictures as you flew. The last clue was to head for home, but land at the nearest hard surfaced airport, which was Borrego, where we had lunch. The cleverest part was the smaller envelop accompanying the pictures. On it was glued a button with the words Panic Button. This envelope was only to be opened if by 12:00 o'clock you had not found the lunch destination — then you could push the panic button. In it were the direction to find Borrego Airport.

At Borrego the judges checked each pilot's chart with a plastic template. In case of ties, LOIS and DOTTIE had wisely designated a secret spot for the final point in winning. Everyone was all primed for a landing spot, but it turned out to be a spot on the clock, 12:00 o'clock, or the plane landing nearest to that time. ISABELLE McCRAE, El Cajon Chapter with BUD and BETTY McNEIL and CLARENCE PRESCOTT won first prize trophy; MARGRIT GOODRICH with 49½er MURRAY, RUTH EBEEY and LYNN BRIGGS, S. Diego Chap., in the GOODRICH'S Debonair won second prize; JOHN TUCKER, BARBARA'S 49&er, RON and BARBARA HILL in the TUCKER'S new Twin Comanche won third prize. ELSIE and ED WATSON in their Cherokee were awarded a special prize called "Hopeless." Thanks to the Sheriff's Aero Squadron for arranging transportation from the field to the Casa de Zorros for lunch.

RUTH EBEEY, BETTY WHARTON, ELEANOR RICHARDSON, and our loyal supporter, KITTY SCHIEDING aided the El Cajon gals in air marking Borrego airport.

Our April business meeting at the Aerospace Museum in Balboa Park was a very brief but a well attended

one. We adjourned so that our 49½ers and other guests from El Cajon Chapter and Palomar Chapter could join us in seeing the film "A Powder Puff for Joan."

At our May meeting we were very happy to welcome our new member, VIRGINIA WHITE. She and her husband, JACK, are Tri-pacer co-owners with MARGARET and JIM MOODY. We also voted to spend money as though we had lots of it. Some went to AWTAR, some to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, and some to the San Diego Aerospace Museum to help buy an exact flying replica of Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis" which was built by the Ryan Aircraft Co. in San Diego forty years ago. We made plans to help entertain SRA. ANESIA MACHADO when she is here in June for the S. D. Aerospace Museum Hall of Fame banquet. She was delegated to represent the Secretary of the Air Ministry of Brazil to accept a plaque honoring the late ALBERTO SANTOS DUMOT, a fellow countryman. Our own AMELIA EARHART is the only woman to be honored by the Hall of Fame this year. We have invited her sister, MRS. ALBERT MORRISSEY, to attend our pre-S. D.-Reno Fun Race banquet, June 9.

MARTHA and JOHN MULLINS, in their Debonair, and MARIAN and JERRY BANKS, in their Twin Comanche flew to the Bakersfield "100." They plan to fly to the Nut Tree May 26 for JERRY'S class reunion.

ELEANOR RICHARDSON and KITTY SCHIEDING enjoyed trying out an antique Travelair at the Fallbrook Avocado Festival. They were also happy to receive the fruit bagged so nicely and given to them at the airport.

Not all who would have liked to go, made it to the Sectional, but those who did, thoroughly enjoyed the Phoenix Chapter's hospitality. LOIS and HARRY BARTLING in their Bonanza, RUBY KEAVENY and ELEANOR RICHARDSON flew with BETTY and CLAUD WHARTON in the latter's 210. MARIAN and JERRY BANKS took guests, JACK and MARIE LEWIS, and STELLA HARDIN flew airlines.

MARGARET LANG has been putting in many hours working at the Aerospace Museum (a volunteer). BETTY W., RUBY, MARIAN, and LYNN of the San Diego Chapter, with help from some of the El Cajon girls staffed the

gate at Lindbergh Field when the "Spirit of St. Louis" was here to assist in raising funds to buy it when it returns from Paris.

BETTY W. thinks she's made some kind of an unofficial record when a whizz of a tail wind latched on to her 210 on the way to Holbrook, Ariz. Flying at 11,000 feet, she made the 435 miles in 2 hours flat.

Twenty seven entries have been turned in as of May 15 for the S.D.-Reno Fun Race, June 10. Gonna' be fun, better come! The Civil Air Patrol has again, kindly volunteered to assist at the race start.

## SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

Jeanne Day, Reporter

The Spring Sectional at Phoenix was enjoyed by LOLA RICCI, VESTA MALBY, LORELI CANGIANO, FLORA HUTCHINSON, MARGARET WARD, VIRGINIA RAINWATER, ELLEN TRINDLE, and JEANNE DAY. Three cheers for the sponsoring chapter for working so hard to make the Sectional such a success!

ANNETTE SEYDEL attended the Torrance Hangar session which honored the 99s.

LOIS MAUER says that taxes and the weather have shot her out of the sky, but not for long. LINDA DENS-MORE, who is leaving us for Wash., D. C., flew a twin Beech before she left, and made some farewell trips to Catalina.

PAT GARLAND has been doing some familiarizing with strange airports, and so has JOY BAILEY who was treated with utmost courtesy when she landed on a Naval Air Station, instead of at nearby Long Beach!

PAULINE FLEMING reports that having a rear-view mirror is not such a hot idea, especially when it reflects the nose of a 707 right behind you.

NITA LOVELESS was assigned lucky number 7 for the Reno Race. ABBY HADDAWAY advises pedestrians to give a wide berth to the Thunderbird—and she is still combing sand and sagebrush out of her hair to prove her point! ABBY flew a modern Waco to Las Vegas, and a Lear Jet back.

LOIS MILES has been doing lots of flying, and took EDDIE WHITE with her to Las Vegas. LIZ CROWLEY has been getting in some Instrument time, and CAROLYN FORD is now Instruc-



tor rated for gliders! Congratulations!

FLO STANTON has been doing local flying, but not FLO DITTMAR: she and her hubby just returned from island hopping around Hawaii in a new Cessna 172.

AULEEN HALL worked for the LA Chapter Airlift, and flew to Durango, Mexico, in a 310. She also co-piloted a Queen Air.

PAT HITCHCOCK soloed her 16-year-old son and is now teaching her 12-year-old daughter the fine art of flying. She was victim of a radio theft from her 172.

JOY SILBERKLEIT passed her Commercial-Instructor writtens and has done local flying. LORELI CANGIANO says it is no fun trying to show an out-of-towner the sights in Special VFR weather. ELLEN TRINDLE has been very busy as a representative of the 99s. She's been to Phoenix, Las Vegas and Santa Monica.

VIRGINIA RAINWATER succeeded in bringing her hubby to Phoenix and she flew! Another first! CHAR DANIELS and CONNIE LEHMAN were guests and we hope to see more of them.

BETTYE FRY reported on her Mobilgas Economy run, and says the story will appear in a future Flying Magazine.

The San Fernando Valley Chapter finally ended the growing suspense by revealing the current year's winners of the highest award for the Chapter.

ELLEN TRINDLE won the award for Pilot of the Year. ELLEN is our Chapter Treasurer and is Publicity Director for the International 99s. She is a familiar sight at our fly-ins in her beautiful Debonair. Her husband and her son are avid flyers, too, and enjoy many family activities together. ELLEN has been a consistently strong member of our organization, and has worked unstintedly at whatever job has needed doing.

LIBBY SVENSON was the surprised recipient of the TRIXIE ANN SCHUBERT Award, which honors the girl who has done most for the Chapter during the year. LIBBY is our Chapter Chairman, and has done an excellent job, and we are all so proud of her. She has been a real working Chairman, and has kept our Chapter weather CAVU. Each of the members share a delight that LIBBY was honored and recognized.

Congratulations!

## SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Helen McGee, Reporter

At last clear weather has returned and though the soaring temperatures make it look like we've skipped spring this year, we're thankful for the change from cold damp skies.

Our rummage sale, held May 8 in Stockton, was a huge success and well worth the work days put in previous to the sale to get all the items in shape. After mending and pressing the clothing at EV HENDLEY'S in Modesto, we hung it all in a bus for the trip to Stockton — efficiency plus! The bus also proved handy for clean-up afterwards.

One item that never made the sale, was a large heavy dining table that LAVERNE GUDGEL was bringing up from Merced on a pick-up. When she pulled out to pass a truck on the freeway, the load shifted. She spent the next 40 minutes picking up splinters!

Since it stormed not only on our April meeting date but on the alternate rain date as well, we've decided to do away with the rain date and meet on the second Tuesday of the month, regardless of the weather. Vice Chairman PAULINE CHRISTENSEN presided at the meeting at the Modesto Airport. Chairman JEAN MURRAY was visiting her daughter in San Diego.

Congratulations to CHARLOTTE RYAN who received her Commercial license on May 5, and to SHIRLEY MILLER who has passed the Instrument written and has more than 15 hours work on her rating.

MARIE and ALAN McDOWELL took along the American Field Service student from Gustine when they went to Disneyland with the California Flying Farmers. This is the fifth year they have done this, but, for the first time, the student, from Chile, was familiar with private planes. His parents often fly in South America, even with student pilots. MARIE is our candidate for Section Treasurer.

We're all going to miss GEORGE ANN GARMS and PAULINE. GEORGE ANN'S husband, MICKIE, has accepted a position at Columbia University so New York will be her destination when school's out. PAULINE is moving to INGLEWOOD where her husband will attend the Northrup Institute of Technology for an A&P rating.

At our May meeting, committee as-

signments were handed out for the Fall Sectional to be held in Stockton. The dates are definitely set for Sept. 15, 16 and 17 and there is no conflict with the Reno Air Races.

Weather kept many who were planning to attend the Spring Sectional home, but LAVERNE and her cousin managed to find room enough for her Debonair between the trees and the clouds through the Tehachapi pass. MARIE and ALAN also flew over and JEANENNE THOMPSON was there too. She's been living temporarily in Chandler, Ariz., but will be home this month.

Visiting the Las Vegas Air Show were CHARLOTTE, MARIE, and their 49½ers. SHIRLEY and her family went with friends to the Bakersfield Air Races. They took two planes so SHIRLEY flew the ladies down while husband GARY piloted the other plane.

JEAN and her 49½er, HARVEY, represented our Chapter at the charter dinner of the new Concord Chapter. They also flew to the Nut Tree the next morning for the breakfast and start of the Treasure Hunt sponsored by the Fresno Chapter.

ELAINE SMITH flew to Monterey for lunch but EVELYN JOHNSON has been too busy helping her attorney husband and hasn't flown since January. Now that the weather's lovely again she — and all of us — should have lots of flying activities to report next month.

## TUCSON CHAPTER

Food Service Consultant  
On Way To Viet Nam

MAJOR MARY A. ARMSTRONG, AMSC, volunteered — and now she's on her way to Southeast Asia. She will take over as Dietetic Consultant to the Surgeon, U. S. Army, Viet Nam.

MAJOR ARMSTRONG is one of the very few women in the Army who has her own airplane and a license to pilot it. She has been flying solo in the Powder Puff Derbys for a number of years. She traces her interest in flying back to high school days when she studied aviation history in a "Lindy" Club. Her first flying lessons were taken while she was assigned to the U. S. Army Hospital at Fort Benning, Ga., in 1957.

MAJOR ARMSTRONG earned her baccalaureate degree at St. Olaf College in her hometown of Northfield, Minn., and taught Home Economics at



Wabasha High School, Wabasha, Minn.

During World War II she enrolled for a dietetic internship at Walter Reed General Hospital, and served as a dietitian on hospital ships in both the Atlantic and Pacific. When she left the Army in the fall of 1946, she took a position as dietitian with the Veterans Administration Hospital in Marion, Indiana.

Since her recall to active duty in 1951, she has progressed from hospital dietitian to Chief of the Food Service Division of Army hospitals in the South and Southwest and completed two tours of duty with the U. S. Army in Europe.

MAJOR ARMSTRONG is a member of the American Dietetic Association, and the Tucson Chapter of 99s.



**AUSTRALIAN SECTION**  
Margaret Kentley, Reporter

Excitement is mounting as the time for our departures for Washington, D.C. draws near. I am already on my way — writing this in a Qantas Boeing while flying to Hong Kong, then via Karachi (where I hope to see SHUKRIA ALI), Beirut (where KATH HITCHCOCK and MONIQUE RENDALL are), Istanbul, Copenhagen, London (and the British 99s)—and then the Paris Air Show where I hope to meet with the U.S. 99s on tour. During the next six weeks, Australian 99s and members of AWPAA will be wending their ways to the U.S.A. by at least seven different routes around the world — what a world — we seem to be loaded down with welcoming letters from 99s everywhere and good will messages to all 99s from those we have left at home.

We hope that at least 4 Australians will fly the AWTAR, including an Australian team — ANNE CARTER and CARMEL BROWNE, in a C-182, sponsored by Rex Aviation, the Australian Cessna distributors. OLGA TARLING is planning to fly with BETTY MILLER, which is very exciting.

Getting back to the Australian scene — All our heartiest congratulations go to ROSEMARY ARNOLD — our first and only woman helicopter pilot —

“Whirly Girl No. 99”—who now has her Commercial license!! And all done while coping with a husband and four young children.

We are still swapping stories of our flights home from our Autumn Sectional at Brisbane. The girls going the longest distance—2500 nm — to Perth, got home first. They were ROBIN MILLER, ROSEMARY DE PIERRES, and SUE FOLKS, who got away just before the weather closed in on the rest of us.

I was marooned on a small country airport with one DC-3 service per week which happened to call on our first day there. My co-pilot, ALISON HOLLAND, had to get back to Sydney, so we waited, ankle deep in water, for the airliner—600 miles from home — and would you ever believe it — the First Officer of this DC-3, was my son Peter!! How small is the world?

ROSEMARY ARNOLD'S co-pilot, JUDY LORDING, also had to get back to Sydney by airline, so ROSIE flew her Cherokee 140 home solo in lousy weather and was greatly helped on her long lone flight by chatting with and getting weather info from our “big brothers” flying on top, via her VHF frequency. MARIE RICHARDSON had radio trouble in her Cherokee 206, just when she needed a clearance to go through an Air Force Jet Training Control Zone. The weather was too bad to go around it, but she made it through all right. A few girls were licensed to go over the top — a rare permit out here — but most of us found we had to fly under the “isolated showers” at 100' to get home after the third day of weather.

This month, we had a letter from EILEEN STENSON in New Guinea. EILEEN was the second woman in Australia ever to be employed as a flying instructor back in 1954. At present, she is flying Convairs in and out of the treacherous Highlands of New Guinea for Territory Air Lines—flying into very high altitude, small, one-runway, mountain strips, often on the side of a precipice—up hill to land and down hill to take off! The Missionary Aviation Fellowship gave her the original familiarization check-out on the Western Highland and Sepic River Area. She now flies mostly the Garroka Area and on the East Coast where they can carry heavier loads. She does bits of shopping for people who only leave their areas once each

year. She always carries fresh bread and similar commodities in the aircraft locker for people in areas where the Millionary Fellowship plane only calls once a week. She often takes very sick people to the hospital and they have so much faith in the airplane and in EILEEN, that they sometimes ask her to fly an emergency mercy flight in impossible tropical thunderstorms. Sometimes, after the storm passes, she is willing to take-off, find Wewak, and land by flare path—I just don't know how she does it!

My Boeing is just coming into Manila in the Philippines where I will post this. See you in Washington, D. C. or on tour!  
—Cherio.

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