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President's Column

The Phoenix coffee was on a warm, sunny November morning at SUE HARPER'S home, with much assist, but especially from LELIA REGER, TRUDY MURPHY, and JUANITA NEWELL. Nice to visit with Ninety-Nines I've known for a long time and meet some of the new ones. And good-natured repartee between your Past President, ALICE ROBERTS, and me. I appreciate all of them taking a busy Saturday morning to come to the coffee.

Mid-November, my 49½er asked if I could be ready the next day to fly to Oklahoma City for a weekend — then he would go on down to Dallas

for a business meeting. I was packed and on the front porch before he finished his question. Our new headquarters are very, very nice. The colors are most pleasing — and we had a big session about the location of the pictures to be hung. Some shelves are needed to get the supplies off the floor and probably a folding door to conceal the shelves. I am so proud of it — hope all of you may have the opportunity to see it soon.

We feel we accomplished a bit — and SUSIE SEWELL took time for a chat on headquarter items.

Attended the annual Christmas dinner with the Colorado Chapter here in Denver. Then the MYERS returned to Oklahoma City to drive with the YOUNGS to Stillwater for the Oklahoma Chapter annual Christmas party at the HOYT WALKUPS.

We were many — Ninety-Nines and 49½ers — not sure how many over-nighted with ARLENE and HOYT WALKUP, and some of us spilled over into a nearby motel. The table was laden — each had brought a covered dish, and variety was great, except, 3 of us took a bean salad. WALKUPS may be eating bean salad for some months to come.

To the tree for presents — to the basement to sing to piano and billiards, some played cards. Back next morning to the WALKUPS for a brunch of bacon, eggs, hot biscuits, etc. While the men talked flying (what else) upstairs, the Oklahoma Chapter had a chapter meeting in the basement. ANNE and BILL CATLIN elected to drive home with us to OKC — and left the airplane at Stillwater — it was a low ceiling even on the turnpike.

I wish I could thank you all personally for the wonderful Christmas greetings — some from our overseas members.

We have new chapters in the process — but cannot report them until we have final approval from the Board. Will report next time.

And would you believe that our editor, PEG ONG sends a card to me each month, saying, "Now — Or do you remember?"

(Ed. note — some call me "PEG the Pest!" too!)

DONNA MYERS

RACE PILOTS: ATTENTION!

Here is the opportunity to become a member of the unique NATIONAL WOMAN'S PYLON RACING ASSOCIATION, a NAA Affiliate.

Membership requirements:

1. 500 hours pilot-in-command.
2. Retractable gear "stock" airplane, single engine, not more than 300 hp ("stock" meaning Cessna, Piper, Beech, Mooney, Bellanca, etc.)

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Write NOW for information and membership application to: MRS. PAT ARNOLD, Executive Secretary, N. W. P. R. A., P. O. Box 294, Elmwood, Conn. 06110.

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JACKIE COCHRAN, is depicted here setting the women's world speed record of 1429.346 mph in 1964. The painting is one of a series by **CHARLES H. HUBBELL** which will be included in the 1968 TRW Aviation Calendar, "Women With Wings."

'Women With Wings' Calendar Paintings

JACQUELINE "JACKIE" COCHRAN — business executive, former International President of the 99s, author and pilot who set more world flying records than anyone in history — was the guest of honor at a special preview showing of **CHARLES H. HUBBELL'S** 1968 TRW Aviation Calendar paintings, "Women With Wings."

The twelve TRW - commissioned paintings were shown to the public for the first time on December 7 at the Frederick C. Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum of the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland.

The "Women With Wings" preview marks the first time the award-winning Hubbell aviation paintings have been unveiled in a museum since the annual calendar series was inaugurated in 1939 by Cleveland-headquartered TRW Inc., a major diversified manufacturer of systems and products for aerospace, automotive and electronics markets.

The first TRW Aviation Calendar paid tribute to the nation's daredevil, pylon air racing Thompson Trophy winners. The first calendar was so successful that Hubbell has since painted more than 350 scenes of aviation history, most of which are on display at the Auto-Aviation Museum.

In addition to **JACKIE COCHRAN** and the **WASPS**, the TRW Aviation Calendar commemorates: **HARRIET QUIMBY**, first woman to fly across the English Channel; **KATHERINE**

STINSON, Washington D. C. chapter member and one of the most famous of the early women pilots who flew for the American Red Cross during World War I; **PHOEBE OMLIE**, first woman to compete in an air tour and a charter 99; **GLADYS O'DONNELL**, a spectacular pylon and transcontinental air racing champion as well as a charter 99; **RUTH NICHOLS**, charter 99 and first woman honored as the American Champion Aviator; **MAE HAISLIP**, record-setting winner of the National Air Races; **LAURA INGALLS**, first woman to fly non-stop across the United States; **LOUISE THADEN** and **BLANCHE NOYES**, charter members of the 99s and first women to win the Bendix Transcontinental Air Race; **AMELIA EARHART**, 1st International President of the 99s who disappeared mysteriously while on a world-circling attempt in 1937; and **JERRIE MOCK**, the grandmother pilot who flew solo around the world from Columbus, Ohio, in a single engine monoplane in 1964.

The Flight Of The Golden Birds

99s — this is for you! "The Flight of the Golden Birds" is a brand new, unique annual aviation event designed to bring more glamour to aviation by annually honoring women pilots in a variety of ways.

The Flight of the Golden Birds will select as the "Golden Bird of the Year" the woman pilot who, in the opinion of the judges, has done most to further general aviation . . . as the "Busy Bird of the Year" the girl who has flown the most hours . . . the "Speed Bird of the Year" the girl who won more races than any other . . . the "Golden Chick of the Year", the youngest 1000 hour girl pilot . . . the "Silver Bird of the Year", the oldest active woman pilot . . . the "Migratory Bird of the Year", the one who flew the most miles in foreign countries . . . as the "Invert Bird of the Year", the one who did most to help promote aerobatic competition among women . . . and for comparable achievements in helicopter and glider fields, the "Humming Bird" and "Silent Bird" awards . . . plus the "Slick Chick of the Year" for the most beautiful girl pilot!

ETA for "The Flight of the Golden

Birds" is the last weekend in June 1968, most probably in Las Vegas, giving AWTAR contestants ample time to meet the Impound Deadline in Van Nuys. One of the prizes will be a fully paid sponsorship for the 1969 AWTAR! ! !

All female pilots who have completed at least one solo flight prior to midnight, Feb. 29th, 1968 are eligible to compete. Entry fee is \$25 with checks payable to APRA and registration closes March 15th, 1968. Registrants receive a complete book with all information, rules, details, and dates of all events leading up to the Final Approach Banquet on June 30th. (Cost of the book to non-registrants, \$2).

For further information contact The APRA Journal, PO Box 55063, Sherman Oaks, Calif. 91403

Following is a poem received by the AWTAR Board from TAR No. 7 **MARGE MITCHELL** and **HELEN HEWITT**. I don't know which one wrote the poem or if they both had a hand in it. Thought it was worth sharing.

DECISIONS-DECISIONS-DECISIONS

In Atlantic City we had such fun
Enjoying the sea and the bright, bright sun.

When across our paths the thunderstorms played

Bringing YOUR DECISIONS for a two-day delay.

Then the flag went down and we were on our way.

Now it was OUR DECISION whether to go or stay.

Some made it through, some landed short,

And, there were some who remained at the very first port.

We have made it to Torrance and advised next of kin

That we are safe and relaxing at the Plush Horse Inn.

The DECISIONS we made have affected our score

We certainly were wishing for a little bit more! !

So now as we sit and reflect on our fate

We are making our plans for year '68—

Without hesitation — Straight from the heart—

Comes our FINAL DECISION—MAKE NEXT YEAR'S START!

The Phyllis Pierce Parachute Jump!

Possibly the best way to describe a parachute jump can be done by answering the most asked questions:

For Heaven's sake why did you do that? There really was a reason. My godson is 101st Airborne; he was home on leave before going to Vietnam, and asked me to jump, with him "tapping" me off.

How did you know what to do? Easy, you go to school and learn. You spend 15 hours of ground school in pre-jump training which includes: parachute landing falls, canopy manipulation, reserve action procedures, aircraft exits and procedures, parachute packing and rigging. This sounds good on paper and is straight forward enough, but possibly something extra should be said about "parachute landing falls" when practiced by a Grandmother whose main athletic achievements consist of pruning the pyracantha! By the time all was in readiness for the jump, there wasn't one square inch that didn't ache (in loud and ringing tones), bruises you wouldn't believe and a definite trauma easily induced by looking at any five foot bench from which you might be commanded to throw yourself off onto the floor and into a wheel-like roll . . . 50 or 60 more times.

What was it like (the jump)? Wonderful! So beautiful and quiet. You seem to be decending slowly with lots of time to "rubber-neck" while executing the two 360° turns required, checking the wind and trying to get in closer to the target area. The parachutes are quite maneuverable and it's fun to move around. (This is done by pulling the toggles on the risers.)

What kind of a plane did you jump from? Not the one I trained for. We spent hours drilling on a mock-up of a Fairchild 51. You get out on the step with your hands wide apart on the strut in front of you, then push off evenly and immediately hit a spread eagle arched position (also practiced 3 million times) which keeps you floating like in a swan dive until the chute opens. So—I jumped out of an Aeronca Sedan. Ho, ho, ho. . . the strut is in back of the door and no step (just one long one if you miss the strut). Imagine yourself all trussed up in 50 pounds of gear trying to get out on that strut backward—right hand way



PHYLLIS PIERCE, Santa Clara Valley Chapter Chairman, all "suited" for her first (and last?) parachute jump Nov. 12th.

out, right knee next, left hand on the door frame and lastly right foot out where the strut joins the fuselage. There you are ready to go! Then comes the flick on the leg and the command to "jump" . . . and away you go. Trust me. On one foot and one knee I didn't push off evenly and immediately got over on my back. It took fantastic concentration to get untangled (arms and legs that is) and

**NEXT DEADLINE
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get into the "brace" before the parachute opened . . . whew, made it.

Do you get an awful jolt when the chute opens? No, not really. Not as much as you'd think. It is kind of nice and reassuring. You don't mind at all.

Isn't the landing terrible? Return to earth you must and it is solid. You are thoroughly briefed on watching the horizon as you get close to the ground to avoid the sensation of "ground rush". This may work if you are not a pilot. But a pilot, even with your attention riveted on the horizon **knows** where the ground is, and you have a tendency to start pulling your legs up. Fortunately, I didn't get them all the way up. A landing directly on the glutinous maximus is something to avoid. Friend husband remarked that he was surprised I didn't hurt myself at all. Maybe I did . . . I already hurt everywhere from the training, so how would I know?

Weren't you scared? No, tho I kept expecting to be. You wonder if you'll freeze into position and not jump, or if you'll keep your eyes closed, or scream on the way out, or who knows what you're liable to do? The jump went just as planned, according to schedule, and was well worth the sore muscles.

Are you going again? Not likely. At least unless 49½er FRED decides he'd like to. He has just barely started talking to me again!

Dates Announced For TRULY International Race!

The 1938 All Woman's International Air Race or "Angel Derby" will be flown from Managua, Nicaragua to Panama City, Florida, April 19-26th wires DOTTIE HARRISON. For additional details contact DOTTIE at 4746 N. E. 26th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33308.

PREPARE FOR THE 17TH ANNUAL SKYLADY DERBY August 10, 1968

A new formula for winning the \$600, trophies, and other prizes is being tried this year. NO full throttle or extreme leaning necessary . . . just an efficient pilot! Plenty of fun too! Contact Chairman EDNA WHYTE, 3155 Willow Park, Ft. Worth, Tex. 76118 for the details.



Back—L. to R.—MR. AL Le FEVRE—Federal Aviation Agency District Office Manager, MR. H. D. HEISTER—Chief of Los Angeles Flight Service Center. Seated, L to R, THON GRIFFITH, Route Director for All Woman's Transcontinental Air Race, MARION BANKS, West Coast AWTAR Chairman, and BETTY WHARTON—Aircraft Inspection Chairman. A big year is planned for Van Nuys Airport in 1968. The All Women's Transcontinental Air Race will take off on July 6 and the annual Jr. Chamber of Commerce Static Display Air Show will run for four days—July 4 through July 7. MR. JOHN DICKENSON, Mgr. of the Van Nuys Airport, MR. JOHN CUTTER, Van Nuys Tower Control Chief, MR. AL LE FEVRE, Federal Aviation Agency District Office Mgr., and MR. H. D. HEISTER, Chief of Los Angeles Flight Service Center were on hand to welcome members of the A.W.T.A.R. Board and to help make plans for the July 6, 1968, Powder Puff Derby takeoff from the Van Nuys Airport. Lady pilots who flew in to advise and assist with the race start problems were THON GRIFFITH from Orange County who is Route Director for the '68 race, MARION BANKS, West Coast Chairman of the A.W.T.A.R. and BETTY WHARTON, Chairman of Aircraft Inspection both from San Diego, and DOT-TIE SANDERS, Chairman of the 1966 race start from El Cajon. Local 99s working on the '68 Powder Puff Derby Start and 99 Convention, and present at the meeting were AULEEN HALL, Publicity Chairman, LOLA RICCI, Powder Puff Derby Start Chairman, LIBBY SVENSON 99 Convention Chairman, ARDIE TRENHOLM, Corresponding Secretary, MARY KEMPER, overall Chairman and Coordinator, and SHIRLEY THOM, Impound Inspector Chairman.

able. The maximum power is approved only for take-off for 1 to 5 minutes duration. Because no adequate reliable means for monitoring a contestant's use of power exists, the Board of Directors of AWTAR, Inc. has ruled that any airplane that cannot be operated at its maximum power available continuously shall be ineligible to compete.

A supplemental handicap list will be ready in May, 1968. If you need a copy of the 1967 listing, send request to AWTAR Headquarters, Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, New Jersey 07608.

quest details. (Met-Co air tips have not been handicapped).

The AWTAR Board of Directors limits as approved by the F. A. A. for each airplane certified. Most airplanes are approved to operate at their highest power available continuously. There are, however, some stock airplanes whose power for all operations is less than maximum power avail-

**Thinking of International
Officer Candidates ? ? ? ?**

Now is the time

Powder Puff Derby

Marion Andrews Lopez, Reporter

There are still a few gold filled map charms available for 1967 race contestants @ \$4.00 each. Make checks payable to AWTAR, Inc. and mail to LOIS FAIRBANK, 6298 Saunders St., Rego Park, N. Y. 11374.

We are happy to announce that PEG DAVIDSON of the Connecticut Chapter has been appointed to the AWTAR Board of Directors. She will replace LOIS FAIRBANK who is still lending a helping hand but found it difficult to attend the monthly meetings. We will miss LOIS who did a fine job as Secretary during her years on the Board. PAT WILSON, who is back on the Board, is taking over the secretarial duties.

Sorry I did not include ANNE CARTER'S address in the last month's column. Remember, she requested any slides or pictures you may have of the 1967 race. Send them to ANNE CARTER, 36 Hope Street, Balgowlan N. S. W., Australia.

Everything possible is being done to resolve the individual handicapping of airplanes for the AWTAR as requested by many of you. We are not sure whether or not the system will be worked out in time for the 1968 race. Therefore, at this time, the following will apply. **PROSPECTIVE RACERS PLEASE NOTE.** Eligibility of Aircraft: Fixed wing aircraft manufactured on or after Jan. 1, 1958; powered by engines 145-450 hp. The aircraft listed in the 1967 official Program have been handicapped and are eligible to be raced in 1968.

Request for consideration of any other models or aircraft must be submitted to the AWTAR Board, in duplicate, no later than Feb. 1, 1968, and must be accompanied by the engine and airplane specifications, all available factory performance data and an owner's operating manual. At least two airplanes of the same make, model and configuration must be made available to the AWTAR Board no later than Mar. 1, 1968 for handicapping purposes. Exception: Aircraft not of U.S. design and manufacture — re-



SIDNEY NEWCOMB and **MYRIAM ZIEL** with the "SEE THE USA" Folio at the Paramaribo Airport, when the Folio arrived. **MR. NEWCOMB** is the District Traffic Sales Manager of Pan American in Suriname. Our Folios were flown around the world by Pan American World Airways, and their representatives have been most helpful in arranging the ceremonies everywhere.

South Central Section Membership Contest

The Oklahoma Chapter is giving a beautiful Bulova diamond watch to the 99 in the South Central Section who signs more members than anyone else.

RULES

1. Contest begins January 1, 1938 and ends Midnight August, 15, 1968.
2. New members will be credited to the 99 who signs the application as sponsor.
3. The chapter Membership Chairman will be responsible for keeping records of the girls in her chapter.
4. Chapter membership chairman will send records to the South Central Section Membership Chairman, **MARGE BLUE**, no later than August 25, 1968.
5. Records will consist of:
 - a. Date new member's application was mailed to International Headquarters.
 - b. New member's name and chapter.
 - c. Name and chapter of sponsoring member.
6. All members of the South Central Section of 99s in good standing are eligible.
7. The watch will be presented at the banquet during the fall Section meeting of '68.

CAROL WADELL, Chairman
Oklahoma Chapter of 99s



MAYOR YORTY declared June 30 through July 6 as "Women In Aviation Week" and July 6 as "Powder Puff Derby Day". The proclamation reads:

WHEREAS: American women have made significant contributions to aviation for the past 50 years, and

WHEREAS: Great women fliers, such as **AMELIA EARHART**, founder of the 99s, have demonstrated women's equality in the field of aviation, and

WHEREAS: The increasing role of women in aviation has become evident, in civilian and military air transport and in the exploration of outer space, and

WHEREAS: The 99s, the International Organization of Licensed Women Pilots, has espoused the case of continued progress in aviation, And therefore, I, **SAM YORTY**, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, do hereby proclaim the week of June 30 to July 6, 1968, as "Women In Aviation Week" and proclaim July 6, 1968, as "Powder Puff Derby Day".

Accepting the proclamations for the 99s was **MARION BANKS** of San Diego, West Coast Representative for the All Woman's Transcontinental Air Race (Powder Puff Derby) dressed as lady pilots dressed 35 years ago; **LOLA RICCI**, Governor of the Southwest Section, dressed as lady pilots dress today, and **LIBBY SVENSON**, Chairman of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, dressed as women may be dressing 35 years from now.

Coming Events

January 27, 1968

Treasure Hunt
Ft. Worth, Texas

April 19-26, 1968

IAR "Angel Derby"
Managua, Nicaragua
to
Panama City, Florida

April 26, 27, and 28, 1968

Southwest Spring Sectional
Bakersfield, Calif.

May 3, 4, and 5, 1968

South Central Spring Sectional
Houston, Texas

May 10, 11, and 12, 1968

Illinois Air Race

May 24, 25, and 26, 1968

North Central Spring Sectional
Plaza Inn, Kansas City, Mo.

July 6-9, 1968

AWTAR—Powder Puff Derby
Van Nuys, Calif.
to
Savannah, Georgia

August 10, 1968

Skylady Derby
Oklahoma City, Okla.

August 11, 1968

Skylady Derby
Oklahoma City, Okla.

September 27, 28, and 29, 1968

South Central Sectional
Lincoln, Nebraska



MIDDLE EAST SECTION

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Kate Macario, Reporter

Twas almost the night before Christmas and the deadline for the News, so here goes: The annual Christmas Dinner-Dance is now a "fait accompli" and a wonderful time was had by the 65 members and guests who spent the evening of Dec. 9th together at the well-known Inn of the Four Falls in Conshohocken, Pa. JANICE MUNTZ took charge and was very ably assisted by her 49½er, PHIL, who was our M.C. for the evening. SALLY HULL joined her in making the "angelic" center pieces, and BARBARA and BOB FARQUHARSON helped with games and reservations. The paper model airplane contests were a big hit and a novel idea; prizes were awarded for length of flight, spot landings,



MYRIAM (MRS. JOHN) ZIEL, our only 99 in Suriname, presented our "SEE THE USA" Folio to His Excellency H. L. DEVRIES, the Governor of Suriname on October 20, 1987. On the left is the American Consul General, ELDRED D. KUPPINGER, who accompanied MYRIAM to the ceremony at Government House. Photo by Cabenda



1969 AWTAR WAYS & MEANS
Pauline Glasson
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etc. Ninety-Nines with their respective spouses who came were: DR. MAUVINE BARNES, HELEN ZUBROW, MARIE D'ALTERIO, ANN WINSOR, CECILIA STETSER, BETH STURTEVANT, KATE MACARIO, ANNA SPIVEY, ALICE MEISENHEIMER, ADELAIDE TINKER, SALLY HULL, and BARBARA and JANICE. MERLE CHALOW was accompanied by CHARLIE OLIVER and ANNE SHIELDS by PETE GILCHRIST who was given the prize that night for submitting the best picture of Maine in the Photography Contest for the U.S.A. Folio. JANICE deserves a great deal of credit for arranging a delightful evening for all of us.

In November, we held a meeting following lunch at the Reading Airport. Chairman, BARBARA FARQUHARSON, conducted the meeting while Recording Sec., MERLE CHALOW took care of the minutes, and Treasurer, HELEN PRICE gave an interesting report of our balance which brought forth various ideas on how best it could be used. ELYSE CHAPMAN, ELAINE McGARRY, MARIE D'ALTERIO, ANNA SPIVEY, KATE MACARIO, and a prospective member from Downingtown Airport, "DEE-DEE" BULLITT, also attended. The Chapter's program for the coming



Recent graduates of Lycoming Service School, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, from the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter are Chairman **BARBARA FARQUHARSON**, **HELEN PRICE**, **DR. HELEN ZUBROW**, **NANCY DIEMAND**, **ANNE SHIELDS**, and **LIBBY DUVAL**. Instructor is **CHUCK PARKE**.

year was discussed and it sounds both varied and inviting. In January we will resume having the luncheon-theatre-meeting, by seeing "Hello Dolly", on Jan. 20th.; **ELYSE CHAPMAN** has this well under way. In February, **ANNE SHIELDS** is preparing an Educational Seminar to be held at the Franklin Institute, Sat., Feb. 17th starting at 11:00 A.M. In March, the suggestion was for a Breakfast Flight, probably to Harrisburg-York Airport. April we will host the Sectional, in May we hope to have a flight to Elmira, N. Y., June will be Air Marking, July, our Fly-In to **NANCY DIEMAND'S**, August will be the Plane Rallye, and September, time for the Penny-A-Pound, again. Mark these dates on your calendar for future fun 'n flying.

The six "girl graduates", **HELEN PRICE**, **BARBARA FARQUHARSON**, **ANNE SHIELDS**, **NANCY DIEMAND**, **LIBBY DUVAL** and **HELEN ZUBROW**, from the Lycoming Service School at Williamsport, Pa., enjoyed every minute of the week they spent learning to assemble and disassemble a 6-cylinder engine; each girl had her own cylinder to be responsible for. They recommend this Course to any

member who can arrange to take a week off, actually, five days.

On Sat., Nov. 11th, **MARIE D'ALTERIO**, **JANICE MUNTZ**, **ADELAIDE TINKER** and **KATE MACARIO** spent a most pleasurable afternoon with Sister **MARGARET MARY BOREK (PEGGY)** at the Dominican Convent in Media. **PEGGY** is attending a local college, singing with a group of the Sisters who appeared on the Mike Douglas Show, and she is very much interested in the Ninety-Nines and their activities.

PERSONAL P A T T E R: **LOUISE SACCHI** will be spending the holidays flying a Beechcraft to Manila. . . . **NANCY DIEMAND** is attending school to learn the art of making furniture for her house in Vermont. . . . **LIBBY DUVAL** going to Instrument Ground School. . . . **CONNIE WOLF** and **KATE MACARIO** were present at the Reception for **SHEILA SCOTT** held at the British Embassy by the Washington Chapter, on Nov. 2nd. . . . **BETH STURTEVANT** joined her traveling

**Let's hear from
EVERY chapter
but
2 pages or less copy !**

49½er, **CLYDE**, for a jet flight to San Francisco, then to Lake Tahoe, altogether sixteen perfect days.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

Ruth Freckleton, Reporter

The calendar showed December, but the temperature looked more like Spring. Packages hid the faces of the 99s and their 49½ers as each brought dolls and toys to the Christmas Party to be later delivered to the Doll House (an organization of newspaper & radio people who keep the indigent children happy at Christmas). The occasion was the Chapter's party at the American Newspaper Women's Club, through the courtesy of award-winning members: **JEAN ROSS HOWARD** (their President), and **FAY WELLS** (active member). The club was artfully decorated with live holly, fir and spruce trees, wassel-bowl (filled with hot-spicy tongue-lickin' stuff), and using their best antique furniture (they even let us use their beautiful Persian rugs and Steinway). Seated at the piano, under the candlelight, **HAZEL DWIGGINS** led with carols. Supervising the kitchen and dining area were **MARY ANN JESSUP** and 49½er **PHILIP** — wow! — what marvelous food, topped off with Irish coffee. **HEDY JAFFEE** arranged flash-light favors for each of those attending; while **JACKIE SMITH** and **LIL CHESNES** greeted arrivals and counted the money. **BEA WILDER** and **JOHN KELLY** started a game, which was delightful. If you have never played it, try it. Pin the name of a person on the back of someone else. Each one has some name on back — and with 20 questions you have to find out who you are (each must be answered only by "yes" or "no"). I'll never forget **TWIGGY** — our own **NANCY LYNAM**, who looked like a princess in her golden gown, supervised the wassel bowl. Her test-pilot 49½er is out West now on a Navy carrier. **VELTA BENN** looked like an angel in her white gown, and she was talking over the facts of flying with **HEDY'S** married daughter **GILL HORN**, whose brother **ERIC** recently soloed in the family plane, and whose husband **STEVE** (known as "BUDDY") is fast learning. **GILL** reminded Representative **KENNETH GRAY** (Illinois) that

as a Civil Air Patrol Cadet, she had met him at the opening of Dulles Airport, when he represented Congress as their own helicopter pilot.

A non-flyer, my guest ALICE BRUNNER, who is the President of the Georgetown Chapter Business & Professional Women's Club, was favorably impressed with all our celebrities (which Washington abounds with), and in her excitement gave away my secret that I read palms. The line-up began at the right and I almost broke up the party when I told IRENE WIRTSCHAFTER that she would be married three times. JANE RALSON was beaming and I didn't get a chance to read her palm. JERRY SCOTT (friend of JACKIE SMITH) kept flashing pictures — I doubt if he had film in that camera!

BLANCHE NOYES and VIRGINIA THOMPSON were radiant and busily trying to make air-minded people out of STEVE ZABOJI and his guest EVE FORD.

I never knew how long it took JESSIE COOK to get over her automobile accident (of two years ago) — be careful girls when shopping at the super-markets. She was loading her car, and hit from behind. She is fine now. BILL and NELLIE JACKSON (back from Hawaii) are enjoying a quiet life. . . . Not so with LAURA ZERENER, who is Flight Instructor now at Beacon Air Service, Hyde Field. LUCILLE MELLEMA showed up. Haven't seen her in a coon's age.

MITZI and GIL KELLER are still flying hither-thither and yon — and never cease to talk of their twin-engine flying carpet. Life for them is just wonderful!

JEAN COFFMAN, who incidentally does a terrific frug — had some interesting guests — FBI (I guess) — because she never told me their names.

DURETTE HUCK and her 49½er were busily counting out the recipe and keeping the wassel bowl warm, while KATHERINE STINSON (whom I discovered was the first lady engineer in aeronautics) introduced her guest JOAN BARRINGER. JOAN is about to become one of our members.

FRANCES NOLDE reminisced with ROBBIE ROBISCHON and his charm-

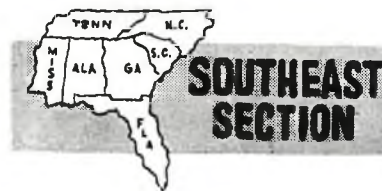
ing wife about the Smithsonian Institution where he is a big-wig. Incidentally, I won a Sikorsky helicopter model as a door prize.

All in all, with the food so good, and the music so fine, it was difficult for me to read palms. All I could see were whirling lines. I will have to try it another time.

May I state, I expect to be Washington Correspondent for the new tion — but I am still working on my book. Send me your story with pictures — publication probably in the Spring.

Most of us attended the big affair of the Washington Aero Club — the Wright Brothers Award Dinner where SIKORSKY was the recipient. Marvellous affair!

More flying next month.



ALABAMA CHAPTER

Kathleen Vaughn, Reporter

The Alabama Chapter Ninety-Nines held its monthly fly-in meeting Sunday, December 3, 1967, in Montgomery, Alabama, and thmeee :jNC mery, Alabama, and the meeting was well attended by Ninety-Nines and 49½ers. Two new members, MERLE RIE, all of Montgomery, were introduced by the Chairman, NANCY BEELAND. NANCY urged members to bring duplicate scrapbook clippings to the next meeting and to review the Constitution in the back of the roster for the purpose of offering suggestions for its revision next year.

The program consisted of a tour of the Rapcon/Tower, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery. Chief ALFRED E. ERICSON not only acquainted the

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group with the latest services available through radar, but was able to simulate situations on the radar scope to demonstrate how these services are carried through. It was a highly informative program.

The members and 49½ers were entertained at a buffet luncheon by JUANITA and FOY HALSTEAD in their home on the outskirts of Montgomery. Christmas gifts were exchanged and luncheon was served on an enclosed veranda overlooking the grounds and swimming pool. JUANITA'S Great Dane "Tiger" added quite a bit of interest by roaming among the guests, obviously enjoying himself tremendously.

BETTY FERRELL and her husband LEW recently went on a flying trip out West. They visited Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kansas, and Mississippi. BETTY reports that the accumulated 35 hours on the trip. Some of which was a matter of getting her instrument rating current.

DICEY MILLER, PENNY DICKERSON, and JEAN LANE have all earned new ratings recently. DICEY earned her Instructor Rating and is now instructing every weekend at Gunter'sville Airport. PENNY DICKERSON earned her Commercial and Instructor Rating and is now instructing full time at Hazel Green Airport, which she and her husband PAUL co-operate. JEAN LANE, who has been instructing for quite some time at Decatur Airport, recently earned her Multi-Engine Rating. This is really an impressive list of achievements for such a short period of time.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

Page Shamburger, Reporter

The major topic of business for our Chapter during the past several months, and, we're sure will be for the next 8 months is the Terminus of the 1968 Powder Puff Derby. The Carolinas and Georgia Chapters are co-hostesses along with the sponsoring Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce. The Terminus is Travis Field, Savannah's Municipal Airport in southern Georgia.

Even though we have no members in that City, we feel that this Terminus can be the best ever. Or, at least, we're working towards that goal.

Savannah is a historical City and renovation of many of the historical homes and battlegrounds is in full gear. Our headquarters hotel, the brand-new Desota-Hilton, which will have a grand opening along with the arrival of the race girls, is in the very center of the old part of Savannah. We feel that many of the participants will thoroughly enjoy seeing this unique part of the old deep south, and, surely Savannah is looking forward to the influx of lady pilots.

Our plans are beginning to firm up, now, with one of the different ideas being a social hour aboard a sailing vessel. The ship will leave the Savannah docks, sail down the River to the ocean, then bring you racing girls back in time for dinner. All this aboard a working schooner, or, that is, one that worked in the days of the sailing ships.

Besides the historic sites all around the hotel's grounds, some of Savannah's famous music spots and unique little shops are within close walking distance. So are many of the fine seafood restaurants.

We'll keep you posted on our plans, but, even if you don't plan to race this year, why not come down and join us? We promise you'll have a good time.

And, in the meantime, if you'd like to support our efforts, we surely would like to sell you some luggage tags! They cost \$1.50 each complete with two lines of name and address. They're worth it, and, anyway, we need the money. Just let the reporter know at Page Hill, Aberdeen, No. Car. 28315 how many you want. You'll get fast service, and we pay the postage.

Joint Chapter meeting of the Carolinas and Georgia is set for the second week-end in January at Eush Field, Augusta. If you're in the vicinity, come join us. The hotel is directly on the airport, so is a swimming pool—in January? Brrrrrr. Golf and hangar flying will be fun, though, so y'all come.

GEORGIA CHAPTER

Betty W. McNabb, Reporter

Georgia Ninety-Nines met in Atlanta at the home of JANICE MASSEE and exchanged Christmas gifts in December. The weather wasn't fitten for

flying, but CAROL LOWERY, Chairman, arrived via lightplane Saturday, RON'D Atlanta and got to the meeting, expecting to be brought home by BETTY McNABE.

Who didn't make it, as even the airlines weren't happy Sunday?

MYRTLE and WALT CAGLE drove in from Macon, BETTY JO ALISON also flew the highways from Griffin, and LOIS LACY drove across Atlanta to JANICE'S house.

JEAN VOYLES is stealing BETTY McNABE's long-distance crown. JEAN has attended educational meetings in California and Miami recently, flying her 210 solo. BETTY has only managed speaking trips to Oklahoma City and Traverse City, Michigan. But she's working on it.

Past Chairman CAROLYN KENNEDY has passed her Instrument written and is about to begin flight instruction with DR. BILL LOWERY of Albany.

Georgia Chapter congratulates the Ninety-Nines who participated in the preparation of the new roster. It is really great in styling and format and the note pages will be much enjoyed.

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

Margaret Shipley, reporter

Fog, a la London, England style covered the Mississippi Delta the Sunday morning of our November 99 meeting. We were the guests of PEGGY EMRICH Cessna and Schweizer Dealer. Finally about noon the staff started to break up but the sequences had already gone out. However, we did have a pretty nice turn out. Hit of the day was RUBY WILLIAMS flying a Homebuilt Tailwind. RUBY says the little bird goes like greased lightning. Daughter BOBBYE WILLIAMS flew the family 150 down . . . BOBBYE'S outfit with long black boots was a knock out. Honorary 99 Senator BILL CARAWAY of Greenville Flying Service came in a gorgeous new Arfrow. Other

Greenvilleans there: LOIS BELL in her Cherokee 180, LUCILE and BOB WOLFE in their Cherokee 180 brought PEGGY McKIE. Driving in was RUBY'S other daughter JEANNE. New member NORA BACHARACH drove down from Clarksdale. NORA has expressed interest to host the Feb. meeting. We'll look forward to that.

Those gliding or soaring as is the correct term, report a real thrill. The EMRICHs recently attended a sales meeting in Elmira, N. Y.

Our roster is still multiplying. We have NORMA BACHARACH from Clarksdale and MRS. KELLY MAHAN from Batesville, Miss. And RUBY WILLIAMS' 3 beautiful daughters are now 99's.

Local members attending the November meeting were JEAN HODGES, PEGGY McCORMICK, EMILY FLOWERS and MARGARET SHIPLEY. Guests were: BARBARA FREEMAN, SYBIL BLEDSOE and ALICE MURPHY.

As LESTER and I did not get to attend the Xmas party in Jackson at BERNICE KELLYS, I will have to get someone to fill me in. I did hear everything was just lovely!

MERRY XMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to ALL THE 99's and their families.



ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

Marcia Singer, Reporter

Happy New Year! Hope Santa stuffed your windsock with lots of goodies.

BESSIE CATON in November welcomed the Ninety-Nines to Zanesville, Ohio for our All-Ohio Chapter meeting. MARIAN PETZEL flew JOAN DANGLE, a new prospective member to the meeting. As MARIAN said, "For a change we had very fine weather . . . all the way. This month the weatherman turned into a monster-man in Ohio. Many Ninety-Nines were muttering that they wished that they had their instrument ticket. Hm-m-m

Thinking of International Officer Candidates ? ? ? ?

Now is the time . . .

... Sounds like a good New Year's resolution!

CLARA THARPE charmed the Village of Trotwood, Ohio when she introduced the Ninety-Nines Air Marking Booklet to the Village Council. The council members were about to dash out and paint the whole town red, until CLARA reminded the men that Highway Yellow was the preferred color.

On Nov. 8th, CONNIE JONES delighted and captivated the Kappa Gamma Delta's at their banquet in Painesville, Ohio with her "Flighty Ladies" talk.

JO ANN STYPE spoke and showed slides to a Wooster group in November and JO ANN is scheduled to talk to the Orville Exchange Club Dec. 14th. Incidentally, JO ANN is now teaching at Orville Airport.

BUNNY FOLEY presented a paper to the International Congress on Aerospace Medicine at Lisbon, Portugal. She also attended the International Astronautics Federation Meeting in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

MARILYN COLLETTE earned her wings last month, her angel's wings that is, by accepting a new Wing Scout Troop in the Akron area. MARILYN and VIRGINIA SCHUMACHER are cooking up an exciting trip for the new scouts. Five plane loads of the Wing Scouts are to be flown by Ninety-Nines from the Akron area to the U. S. A. F. Museum in Dayton, Ohio this summer.

JOAN MACE, a member of the Aviation Department at Ohio State University, recently received her Instrument rating and is now working on her Instrument Instructor's rating.

CAROL CONOWAY has earned her Flight Instructor's rating and has accepted a full time teaching assignment at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. That new faculty member in the Aviation Department is our very own CAROL.

Those very lovely leather earrings given to the Powder Puff contestants at the Cincinnati TAR stop and made by JERRIE CURTIS of Cleveland are available for everybody. They are handmade, beautiful and make great gifts.

MUGS AND EARRINGS?



CLARA THARPE, the All-Ohio Chapter Chairman, presenting the Ninety-Nine Air Marking Booklet to MAYOR RAUSCH in Trotwood, Ohio. (Photo by H. O. Hinton, News Tribune)

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Barbara Brusseau, Reporter

Presently, the activity in Illinois is centered around the preparations for the state Sesquicentennial celebration. Our Chapter along with Chicago area and Quad City has been meeting with the State Department of Aeronautics to plan an air race for May. Members from our Chapter working on the committee are DEED HOLCOMB, MARTHA McMAHAN, ARLENE JOHNSON, LEAH WARREN, GLORIA FARR, JEAN READ, and MARIE MERDIAN. Chicago Area Chapter is handling the technical arrangements and Central Illinois Chapter will be in charge of hospitality.

One of our most active members and Flight Instructor, JEAN READ, appeared in the Peoria Journal Star, Sunday, Dec. 3, feature page in an article, "It's A Flying Eassinet". She is instructing MRS. ROGER RAVELSTAD and as a passenger, they take along four months old AMY.

December 2 meeting at Decatur was well attended. Subjects for discussion

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were the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, "99" Sections and Chapters, and air marking. At the close of the meeting the members visited the tower at Decatur.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

Virginia Roth, Reporter

Rushing around like everyone else during this holiday season, but it doesn't seem possible the year is nearly over. Happy New Year to all! We had our Christmas get-together (cocktails and dinner) Dec. 9th at the O'Hare American Inn and the turnout and fun was great. Thanks to Chairman NONA GUSTAFSON for a wonderful evening. Sorry her hubby SKIP couldn't be with us — weathered in at St. Louis.

Our November business meeting was held at Midway Airport. Many thanks to BETTY ADELMAN and prospective member JOU LICHTENBERG for their wonderful assistance. KATY BOYD arranged a very interesting evening along with DON HARRISON of Aviation Training Enterprises. They had two of the Midway Controllers present two films — Density Altitude and Wake Turbulence. Thanks so much for an enjoyable presentation! Many of the early arrivals had a chance to try the Simulator.

GERRY and RALPH KRAUSE flew down to Louisville, Kentucky for weekend of fun. Two weeks later they were off to the Indiana Fair Lady Air Race. MARY and JOHN SHUMWAY participated in the Indiana Race too. MARY won best of Cessna class and GERRY won best of Beech class. GERRY and RALPH'S son DOUGLAS is newest pilot in family.

MARY PANCZYSZYN and BOBEIE JOHANSSON also participated in the Indiana Fair Lady Air Race. Flew the Comanche 250. Had lots of fun and met lots of nice gals!

HAROLD and EVA WHITE flew their Debonair to Springfield recently to attend an Illinois Press Association meeting. They flew in rain all the way down, but beautifully clear on the return trip. Two weeks later they flew "Debbie" to Milwaukee for another Press meeting—36 minutes there—34 home.

NONA and SKIP GUSTAFSON flew

American Airlines to Acapulco for four days. Had a ball, lots of sun and beautiful scenery. Saw only one light plane though!

BETTY and BUTCH ADELMAN flew as passengers on a Sabliner to Europe (London, Scotland and Ireland) via Goose Bay, Greenland, Iceland and London. Back same route but started from Shannon. Fabulous experience!

LOUISE and RAY KOKESH spent their Thanksgiving Holiday down in Houston, Texas visiting LOUISE'S brother and sister-in-law. Her father from Wausau, Wisconsin took his first long cross country as a passenger.

KATY BOYD had a fabulous trip to the Arnold Aeronautical Research and Development Center at Arnold A. F. Station, Tennessee. Trip was for the purpose of observing the phenomenon of breaking the sound barrier. Three instructors from A.T.E. made the trip and got royal treatment from Air Force at the Center. Interviews with various engineers at the wind tunnels and jet engine facilities, and a visit to the site where experiments on the engine for Stage Three of the Saturn were in progress. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity — and back home again against a 34 knot headwind — like six hours from Nashville!

ANITA DIRE flew her Cessna 150 from Hobart, Indiana to Hawthorne, Calif. A total of 25 hours 1-way. Made this cross-country the last part of August and every bit of it was enjoyable. Spent a few days in Arizona, landing at El Paso, Texas, Tucson Int'l and Palm Springs, Calif.

VIRGINIA BABUNG writes that our two newest members, LINDA and JUNE HECK (daughter and mother) from Waukegan, Illinois deserve some special mention in the newsletter. LINDA took her first flight lesson on September 9, 1966, soloed a Cessna 150 on September 25, got her Private license November 19, 1966 and her Commercial license on her 18th birthday (July 25, 1967). In September, she enrolled in the Michigan Technological University where she will major in Mathematics, having been graduated from Waukegan Township High School on June 8, 1967. She is planning on going on to get additional ratings and eventually to become an air line pilot. It is quite possible that the

Chicago Area Chapter will be fortunate enough to have among its membership the first feminine air line pilot?? Her mother, JUNE, is working on her Instructor's rating, having had her first lesson in March 1966, Private in June 1966 and Commercial in December 1966. She and LINDA in June of this year made a flight to Palms Springs, California via 150. Their instructor, KARL SWANSON, is very proud of his two feminine students. How about that!

The Chicago Area, Central Illinois and the new Quad Cities Chapter are going to have our own Illinois Air Race. It will be an all-woman efficiency air race held May 10, 11, and 12. More information later and BOB-BIE JOHANSSON is looking for HELP!

INDIANA CHAPTER

Delia Sanders, Reporter

The Fair Lady Indiana Air Race created a lot of activity around the Bloomington Airport on Saturday, October 21st. On Friday afternoon, the official tie down area was completed and contestants from many states, including Iowa and New York, taxied to their assigned position. The Poplars Motor Inn was the headquarters for the social activities, the pre-race dinner on Friday and the Awards Banquet on Saturday. First place in the FAIR race was won by JOAN HRUBEC, former governor of North Central Sections; second thru fifth place, CAROLYN JONES, HAZEL JACOES, MARGARET RINGENBERG, NANCY ZEIGLER. First place in antique category was won by GLORIA RICHARDS, second place by VIRGINIA McKINNIS. We surely enjoyed having all our friends from other states joining us in this air activity.

The November Chapter meeting was held at Anderson on the 19th in the Atibi Restaurant with DOROTHA HENDRICKS as the hostess. Membership Chairman, KATIE SAGE, welcomed into the Chapter and pinned the following new members: DOROTHY NICKAMP and ANNE LAUT-

ZENHEISER of Bloomington, OLLIE Place of Fort Wayne and VIRGINIA McKINNIS of Whitestown. Our Chapter Chairman, MID CASSIDY, announced the Committee Chairmen as follows: Air Activities—BILLIE ANDERSON; Air Marking — DOROTHY SMITH; A. E. Scholarship—JANE ROY; Membership—KATTIE SAGE; News Letter Reporter—DELIA SANDERS; Nominating—DOROTHY SMITH; Scrapbook—GARNET MOGLE; Publicity—PRISCILLA BARR; Ways and Means—MILDRED SNYDER; Auditing—MILDRED HURT and EILLIE ANDERSON. The Fair Board Chairman is to be announced at a later date. VIRGINIA MAGGART attended this meeting and will be leaving again the latter part of November for their second home at West Palm Beach, Florida.

One of our newest members, DOROTHY NICKAMP, was recently elected Secretary of the Monroe County Pilots Association at Bloomington.

HELEN GRAHN'S 49½er, VERNIE, has recently recovered from surgery and they vacationed in Tucson during the first two weeks of October.

The first book for the new high school library at Zionsville was presented recently by GLORIA RICHARDS to MRS. WRETHA BAKER, high school librarian. The gift of the book entitled "Gliding" was the result of a program that GLORIA gave at the Zionsville Kiwanis Club and arranged for by JIM LAMB, Kiwanis Program Chairman. GLORIA'S 49½er, BILL, is president of the Central Indiana Soaring Society. MURIAL DYKEMA, the FAIR Board Chairman for this last year, has now recovered from surgery performed shortly after the FAIR race.

BILLIE and SAVAGE SMITH, DELIA and HARRY SANDERS flew to Tucson after the FAIR in Bloomington. They made various trips around Tucson with MARTHA and GEORGE DE VAN, the latter having been a Flight Instructor at Sky Harbor Airport in Indianapolis for several years before moving to Tucson.

BETTY and CURT DE BAUN are proud for a DME which was recently installed in their Cessna 172.

MARTHA HOLST, in her work with the Purdue Extension, now travels the entire state of Indiana. Frequently she finds it convenient to do part

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of her traveling by plane particularly when one day she is scheduled for a meeting in the northern part and the next day in the extreme southern section of the state.

WAYNE SCHLUNDT is home on leave from the service and enjoying the holidays with his parents, PAUL and TANNIE.

ETHEL and RUSTY KNUTH will go by jet to Phoenix, Arizona, to enjoy the Christmas Season with son RON and family.

IOWA CHAPTER

Linda Alberty, Reporter

The second annual "Wing Ding" weekend sponsored by the Des Moines branch of the Iowa 99s was held on the 18th and 19th of November (too late to make last month's edition). WALTER and NATHALIE BROWN once again were the gracious hosts to the thirty-one 99s, 49½ers and other guests at the Saturday evening buffet dinner. The entertainment was provided by North Central Governor ANN ROETHKE who showed slides of her recent trip to Alaska. Initiation rites for 49½ers were also on the agenda. Sunday morning, the regular monthly meeting was combined with brunch at Johnny and Kay's restaurant at which 24 members and guests were present. The Amelia Earhart Scholarship nominees were named at this meeting and the 99s, spouses and guests left already looking forward to next year's "Wing Ding."

Christmas was in the air with the 23 Ninety-Nines and their guests who met for a buffet dinner and gift exchange at the home of CLIFF and KITTY HACH in Ames, Iowa, on December 10th. After the fried chicken was dispatched and the presents were opened with many oohs and aahs, JANICE LOVING, who made 100 on her written test, was approved as the Iowa 99s newest member, in spite of the inferiority feelings stimulated in the voters. A letter from him was presented for the edification of any and all Iowa 99s who plan to fly to Alaska in the future. There could be no one in the Iowa Chapter more qualified to describe the flight in such great detail as ELEANOR made the trip alone to be with her

husband, and since has flown the route five more times. The 99s are expecting many interesting programs when ELEANOR returns to Iowa.

The next meeting of the Iowa Chapter will be at Newton with TINA HEALY as hostess.

KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS CHAPTER

Dot Arnett, Reporter

This has been a fun month with Holiday Parties and Cross-Countries. Our Ninety-Nines have traveled North, South and West. RITA and DOUG LEAVE combined business with pleasure in a trip to Florida; also seeking the Florida sunshine were PAT and DON PAULSEN when right over Tampa International they experienced engine failure! The emergency equipment was there to welcome PAT but she made a normal landing and everything went well, except for a couple of days delay but who can complain about being in Florida. PAT is a new member, flies a 175, is woman's coordinator for the CAP, and is a school teacher. BOBBIE KLETTER and family celebrated the New Year in California. They visited Disneyland and attended the Rose Bowl Game in Pasadena. FREDa and GEORGE VEACH, went back to Canada for a visit. FREDa is a recent transfer from the Canadian Chapter and tells us that they are a great group of gals.

MARIE REISS, FREDa VEACH, DORIS SHAKE, JO ANN KINNISON, NORMA WORLAND, PAT PAULSEN, DOT ARNETT and BOBBIE KLETTER joined by four 49½ers, celebrated the holidays early with a dinner party at the Robert E. Lee Inn.

JO ANN KINNISON is improving her flying skills and is again current, JO flies Cessnas.

Congratulations to SKIP and GEORGE GUMBERT! They are the proud parents of a son born November 22.

ALICE SALKALD our Ways and

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Means Chairman is recovering from surgery. I have a feeling once ALICE is back on her feet we are all going to be busy.

Remember our Chapter has "99" Cigarette Lighters for sale. Send your check to MRS. HARRY KLETTER, 1208 Park Hills Ct., Louisville, Ky.

QUAD CITIES CHAPTER

Marie Merdian, Chairman

The incipient Quad Cities Chapter of the North Central Section of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. met December 9 at Howard Johnson's in Moline with eighteen members in attendance. Speaker at the meeting was the Chief Pilot for D & D Aviation Moline, DUANE EVANS, who spoke on "Winter Flying." Election of officers was held at the November meeting. The following Ninety-Nines were elected to office: MARIE MERDIAN, Moline, Illinois, Chairman; FERN RATHE, Moline, Vice-Chairman; DOROTHY ANDERSON, Moline, Secretary. LILLIAN E. SPICKLER, Rock Island, Treasurer; MARILYN KATRANA, East Moline, Program Chairman, CINDY COX, Rock Island, Membership Chairman.

The next meeting of the Quad-Cities Chapter will be at the Davenport, Iowa Airport the second Saturday of January. Hostesses for this meeting will be IVONNE BOONE and JOAN UPDEGRAFF both of Davenport. Also in January, the Quad-Cities Chapter has been invited to have a joint-meeting with the Quad-Cities Airmans club.

Plans are progressing for a chartering session tentatively set for March 23.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Toney, Reporter

The December meeting was a special evening event at Madeleine's of Wilkesboro honoring DR. HERMAN and DEEDO HEISE. It was a mixture of gaiety and a touch of sadness that we will be losing this illustrious couple to Colorado. DEEDO has been a Wisconsin Chapter member since 1946 and has held just about every office in the 99s on up through International President, which is as high as one



Ninety-Nines who gathered for luncheon at the Quad-Cities Airport, Moline, Illinois the second Saturday of November are l. to r., MARIE MERIDIAN, MARILYN KATRANA, FERN RATHE, MAURINE KAHLE, JOANNE UPDEGRAFF, GINNY COX, JOAN RICHARDSON, EDNA COX, GINA MILLAR, LILLIAN SPICKLER, and CAROLYN POBANZ. Members but not pictured are YVONNE BOONE, DOROTHY ANDERSON, NORMA SMITH, IRENE SMITH and EVELYN FARLEY. (Argus Photo)

can get! In addition, she has been Newsletter editor, Tailwind Topics Editor (a sectional news bulletin previously published), a participant in a number of Powder Puff Derbys and other air races, of which she was a winner of the one from Cleveland to New York, and was Chairman of the AE Trustees. Whenever there was 99 work to be done, DEEDO was always willing to lend a hand and contribute more than her share of effort.

As you know, DR. HERMAN is an excellent photographer and he and DEELO have filmed and produced a number of outstanding aviation movies which were so generously shown to any organization who made a request. No one who has seen it will forget their classic, "Flighty Lady" which is a humorous presentation of DEEDO learning to fly. DR. HEISE has been a staunch supporter of the 99s and is one of our most beloved 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ ers even

though he attempted to elevate the group to the 198s!

In appreciation of the HEISES' many years of service to aviation and the 99s, especially to the Wis. Chapter, DEEDO was presented a charm with the proper inscription, and DR. HERMAN was given two lovely trays. Our very best wishes accompany them to their new adobe.

Thanks to DORA FRITZKE, DEEDO's TAR Co-Pilot, for arranging this memorable evening. It was good to see LYDIA and KAI JENSEN of Madison, JUNE BOYLE, JEAN HAUSER, VICKY MARSHALL, and JEAN MOLHOLT as we've missed their presence at our meetings. We also welcomed HELEN SAILER of the Chicago Chap-

ter who joined us for the meeting.

EHREN and DOUG FATH told us of their flight to New Orleans to take in the sights for a couple of days; then over to Houston to see their daughter and grandson, including a view of the extensive NASA operations. They enjoyed the warm southern weather, but almost froze when they got out of their 192 in 20-degree temperatures at the home base in Waukesha.

JANE OEHLERS flew to Grand Rapids, Mich. in her Cherokee, and JEAN HAUSER flew three friends to Mackinac Island, stayed overnight, then went around Lake Michigan to Chicago and home in her new Skyhawk.

HERB and MARILYN RITZMAN have been doing a considerable amount of flying including a X-C to Long Island, N. Y. and Aberdeen, Maryland in their Luscombe SA.

JOAN and JOHN McARTHUR are renting a Cherokee for their business flights.

RAMONA HUEBNER is planning a

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party for her ground school students which will include speakers from FSS and the control tower.



ARKANSAS CHAPTER

Marguerite Nielson, Reporter

Our Chapter is happy to announce a new member, RAMONIA SLOAT, 910 North 56th St., Ft. Smith, Ark., who received her Private License October 29. All of her spare time is devoted to her Cessna 172 and the Ozark skies. RAMONIA'S husband, DR. H. C., is a Private Pilot, her daughter LYNN is a Student Pilot, and she has one son.

DELORES MITCHELL and husband Dr. BOB, have made 2 flights to California to watch their horses race. Their horses also raced in Sallisaw, Okla., in the Thanksgiving race.

SALLIE SIMMONS flew in to Van Buren and picked up MARGE NIELSEN, and flew to Dallas Love Field to visit with HAZEL McKENDRICK, flew back to Ft. Smith that night, dropped MARGE off, and back to Siloam Springs in her Debonair.

MARGE is spending her spare time in her Luscombe 8E.

We wish you all many many happy flights in 1968. Our best to you!

DALLAS CHAPTER

Hazel McKENDRICK, Reporter

Am in the usual annual confusing, fatiguing, frustrating situation . . . better known as the 'holiday rush' . . . so will just say 'Seasons Greetings' from all of the Dallas Chapter to all 99s everywhere!

If I survive the next few days, I promise to report all the news for the next issue!

Ed. Note—We'll hold you to that promise, HAZEL!

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HOUSTON CHAPTER Charlotte Smith, Reporter

The Christmas season is upon us at this writing, and Houston has been hoppin' with many activities. We had our Christmas affair at the home of CAROL and 49½er BUELL MOORE. It was potluck and we good cooks turned out many delicious delectables. Everyone had a grand old time as usual, and the memories will carry us through to next year.

The Houston Air Tour Club held its party the week before ours, with some of our members in attendance. After two Saturday parties in a row, some of us hate to buckle down and get the shopping, wrapping, cards, etc. done. But this, too, is part of the season, so we gotta do it.

VIRGINIA COOK from Tucson came through town and went to the Air Tour Club party. She also had lunch at the Petroleum Club with MARY COALE, LOUISE BICKFORD, and Chapter Chairman MARILYN STONEBERG.

To top it all off, one of our members recently married (BARBARA BERTOLLET'S new last name is FASH) and two other members are expecting the stork (LOUISE BICKFORD in April and CAROL MOORE in June).

We air marked Huntsville and Montgomery County. Onward ever onward!

And here's a plug for our bumper stickers reading "I'd rather be flying". A nice replacement for the crumbling, torn "Draft beer, not students" sticker you have now. Thirty-five cents each, three for a buck; twenty-five cents each in quantities of fifty or more. First come, first served.

And now, readers, your reporter has put off her package wrapping long enough . . .

KANSAS CHAPTER Ev. Schneider, Reporter

Top news billing in the Kansas Chapter must be shared by two members; MARY JO JANEY for her marriage, and EEA POLING for her new baby.

MARY JO became the wife of JIM OLIVER in a Parisburg, Virginia ceremony on 25 November. We submit

that this will be a winning team, as Cessna should know by now.

BEA POLING showed up at our Christmas party looking svelte as in her modeling days. It was something of a shock to learn she had given birth to a baby boy only eleven days prior. It will take a while for BEA, 49½er TERRY, and their three daughters to grow accustomed to having a little boy around the house!

Yule-time partying was inaugurated on 2 December at the Spring Creek Thoroughbred Farm home of MARY AIKINS. There were 64 assorted members, husbands, escorts, and guests in attendance — all of whom had a perfectly marvelous time! During the buffet dinner, Chairman JOYCE FUNSCH, on behalf of our Chapter, presented an engraved, silver compote to MARY JO and JIM OLIVER as a token of good wishes. More cause for celebration was that MILDRED and PORT EARLY had just observed their 25th wedding anniversary (and that was quite some observance, judging by the weight of the diamond ring PORT gave MILDRED!) As anyone who knows them can attest, the EARLY'S are the youngest Silver Anniversary couple conceivable! It was nice that many of us had the opportunity to talk with JESSIE WIMMERS (who was in from Phoenix to ferry a Cessna) about her two years of charter and instructing service in South Africa. Fascinating! A happy bunch of 99s, were we.

We welcome a new member, DOT-TIE McNALLY (wife of the REV. VERN McNALLY). The McNALLY'S plan to someday spread their wings as flying missionaries, with DOTTIE doing the flying!

JOYCE FUNSCH went along for the ride and sun when husband JACK attended a Queen Airliner Sales meeting in West Palm Beach, Florida. After the meeting, they flew down to Freeport, Bahamas for a week-end of relaxation and sun. The relaxation, they found; the sun was more elusive.

Lack of space has prevented listing the committees appointed for the 1967-68 year. They are GRACE CRIST, Membership; CHARLOTTE PARKER, HAZEL GUY, and CHARLOTTE PETERS, Air Marking; GLORIA BLECK, Hospitality; EV. SCHNEIDER, Newsletter; HELEN LEE, Publicity and

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Public Relations; ELEANOR KNOTT and MARY LEE GEBHART, Telephone; ALYCE BLACKWELL and LILY ANN HINSON, Air Age Education; GARNETT HASTINGS, SHIRLEY CHAPMAN, and ARLENE NELSON, Wing Scouts; and PAULINE Ottaway and BETTY BUCKMAN, Scrapbook.

Our gals have been keeping up the speaking engagements. MARY AIKENS has spoken in Wichita before International Flying Farmers and Civil Air Patrol groups on "Women on the Wing" and "The Hows and Whys of Flying Aerobatics", respectively; while CAROL BIRD has spoken to the Twentieth Century Club in Hays.

The 77 members of the Kansas 99s take this opportunity to wish 99s all over the world a prosperous and safe New Year in the skies.

NEBRASKA CHAPTER **Evelyn Sedivy, Reporter**

September and October found many of the Nebraska 99s in the air. Winging their way to the Albuquerque Sectional were EVELYN SEDIVY, DONNA BRUMMER, SHIRLEY AMEN and 49½er HARRY, MIMI HAWORTH, MILDRED BARRETT, VERDAYNE MENZE and LEAH SNART. Everyone gives a vote of thanks to the Albuquerque girls for a great weekend.

The week after the Sectional, a number of us were off to Scottsbluff for our Chapter meeting. Our hostesses—PAULINE PERRY, DOTTIE ADCOCK, PEGGY STROMER and JOY LANE met us at the airport with a royal welcome as always. CATHERINE MARSH and 49½er, FRED, were there from Council Bluffs. Lincoln was represented by SHIRLEY AMEN, DONNA BRUMMER, EVELYN SEDIVY, FLORENCE BORING, VERA BARTUNEK and MIMI HAWORTH.

PAULINE PERRY, our new Treasurer, conducted the business meeting and did a magnificent job. In addition to routine business, an educational committee was appointed to ensure the inclusion of an educational feature at each meeting.

The November meeting took place in Lincoln in order for the gals to be able to attend both the 99 meeting and the football game (you know, "Go Big Red"). Members gathered for the business, education, fun and festivities were: DONNA BRUMMER, MILDRED BARRETT, EVELYN SEDIVY, LOIS DURHAM, FLORENCE BORING, MIMI HAWORTH, HELEN

SELENTIN, and BERNIE BAUER all of Lincoln; CATHERINE MARSH, Council Bluffs; FRANCES ROSE and 24¾er VICKIE, and EDNA FERRELL, Omaha; BARBARA CARLSON, Verdigris; PAULINE PERRY and PEGGY STROMER, Scottsbluff. Our most welcomed guests were HELEN SIMMONS (a 99) from Kansas, T. SURGES and VERA MARKER. MILDRED BARRETT showed the film, "Path to Safety", an up-to-date reminder for all of us to watch for those "little mistakes" that creep into our flying.

Plans are underway in Big Red country for the 68 Fall Sectional. The committees have been appointed and the girls are already hard at work. Be sure to circle September 27, 28 and 29 on your calendars. They will be truly "red letter days".

Other 99 happenings in Nebraska include: VERA BARTUNEK and 49½er, FRANK, who traveled to Sidney in a Cherokee 235 for a 4-Day hunting excursion. FRANK bagged an antelope within the first hour. (VERA says she shot 4 times and missed 4 times!)

SHIRLEY AMEN and 49½er, HARRY, flew their Bonanza to all the out of town football games this fall. They managed to get IFR time on some of their flights.

From Okinawa, SHARON MEYER reports that she has finally found someone else who enjoys "hanger flying". We wish SHARON well during her stint overseas, but we really do miss her.

FRANCES ROSE has been instructing in Hamburg, Iowa, just across the Missouri River from Nebraska City. She flies 3 days a week in a brand new Cessna 150 — lucky girl.

LEAH SNART was featured as 99 of the month in Pireps, the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics publication.

By the time you read this, we should have made it to Council Bluffs for our December meeting. We are looking forward to seeing their new municipal airport.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all from Nebraska.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER **Arlene Walkup, Reporter**

The Oklahoma Chapter has had some fun meetings this fall. October found us at Woodward where we got to see an exciting airshow featuring two of the Kansas 99s' famous members, JOYCE FUNSCH and MARY

AIKENS. In November, we always have our annual Thanksgiving meeting with VADA MAUK in Blackwell. This year it was extra special because we had a joint meeting with the Kansas 99s. Both chapters had an excellent turnout and what with 5 prospective members and 49½ers as guests, we had a crowd! VEDA and DEWEY always celebrate their wedding anniversary at this time. Two years from now, they will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. THE DAY will fall on a Saturday and she says we are really going to celebrate!

SANDRA NIX gave us a short program on radio frequency changes and on the 4-H aviation project she is heading in Stillwater. SANDRA has been a busy girl this year. From Private to Instrument Instructor and not quite 20 years old! The 4-H program, by the way, was written by a former Oklahoma 99 (now Tulsa member) TRISHA SMITH and her husband.

Our annual Christmas co-ed slumber party was held at the WALKUP'S this year. We were pleased with the attendance. Fifteen 99s and 8 husbands brightened the occasion. More had planned to come but due to weather and illness were unable to attend. We missed you! We were so pleased to be honored with the presence of our International President, DONNA MYERS and her 49½er, JOHNNY. Would you believe a business meeting Sunday morning? We had one right after a late breakfast. And we made a lot of decisions. (That doesn't look correct but the only dictionary I have is a x-word puzzle one)

We voted to have another APT clinic in February. It will be a two day affair this time so that those who can't come on Saturday, can on Sunday or vice-versa. It will be held in Stillwater Feb. 10 and 11. We also voted to purchase APT buttons to be given to all South Central Section members participating in the APT program this year. Once again the cost of the clinic will be paid for from the proceeds of our "I'd Rather Be Flying" tag sales. By purchasing as many tags as we have, the company has given us a beautiful Eulova diamond wrist watch. The Chapter voted to have a membership contest for the South Central Section and give the watch to the SCS 99 who got the most new members from Jan. 1, 1968 through Aug. 15, 1968.

The Oklahoma Chapter has brand new light-weight templates for air-marking and we plan to use them a lot this year. We will start with ADA in March. (We will do such towns as Tishomingo, Woodward, etc., when we become more proficient).

We are still selling "I'd Rather be Flying" tags. They make wonderful gifts to the pilots on your list. Send your orders to RUBY KNIGHT, Box 513, Woodward, Okla. She would prefer that you not send money and she will bill you later. That way she can bill you for the shipping charges and tags at one time and probably save you money.

We hope you had a Merry Christmas. A happy New Year is up to you. To make it so drive carefully and fly SAFELY. GET APT!

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

Marian Burke, Reporter

In the bustle of Xmas shopping, party planning and all of the many holiday activities, the San Antonio Chapter wishes to take this opportunity to wish all Ninety-Nines and their friends a very MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. MAY 1968 HOLD MANY SAFE AND HAPPY FLYING HOURS FOR US ALL!

SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Pat Ward, Reporter

Well, another new year has begun with all the usual good resolutions being made by one and all. Hope everyone's holiday season was a happy one and that 1968 will be the best you can remember.

The South Louisiana Chapter Christmas party was held in my home and I must say that the girls just "out-did" themselves in preparing the covered dishes. Not only was it tasty, but beautifully prepared and decorated. GINNY SMITH gets the "prize" for the poinsettia (pimento and green pepper) on top of her spaghetti casserole. Those attending were:

GINNY and LANKY SMITH (Covington), HELEN HOOKS (Hammond), JAN PHILLIPS, MARGARET RUTH and WEEZIE OGDEN (Lafayette), DEE COMEAUX, MOLLY and JOHNNY STOCKWELL, FOY and PHIL WEST, JUNE and JACK KERN, GLORIA and DAVE HOLMES, ROGER and I (Eaton Rouge), and BOBBY Joe and LINDA WARD (Patterson). We were sorry that the rain and fog kept the rest away. This was the



Enjoying the "chow-line" during the co-ed slumber party were L. to R.; SKIP CARTER, RUTH JONES, BETH SMITH, International President DONNA MYERS, SANDRA NIX, and HOWARD THOMASON.



Brand new member of the Oklahoma Chapter, ESSIE TALIFERRO, left, being pinned by Vice-Chairman, MARTHA THOMASON. . . before breakfast? ? ?

first poor weather we'd had in weeks, but that particular weekend the field stayed IFR almost continuously, which meant that the roads were dangerous, too.

In lieu of exchanging gifts, we each brought two gifts for a child, a bit of paper and ribbon and a bow and tag to our Christmas buffet. These, we had a ball wrapping and tagging. Then on the following Tuesday, DEE COMEAUX and I flew them down to the Dulac Community Center south of Houma. Inhabitants of this area are remarkable in that they live a very meager existence, still with the



President DONNA and Oklahoma Chairman CAROL WADDELL about to fill their plates during the Oklahoma Chapter "Slumber?" Party at the WALKUPS.

same lack of facilities that pioneers suffered in the early history of our nation. They are a community of Dulac Indians, though the pure Indian blood is almost extinct. We landed at the Houma Airport and were met by REV. JERRY MOON, Director of the center, which is a Methodist Board of Missions establishment. Dulac itself is 17 miles south of Houma, where there is literally an "and of the road"—then a few miles of marsh and swamp, then the Gulf of Mexico. The ride from Houma to

Dulac in his small car was far more frightening to us than anybody's first airplane ride! Unfortunately, we arrived only minutes after the Kindergarten class was dismissed, so didn't get an opportunity to see the 85 little 5 year olds in Attendance. There were over 300 children in the Dulac community that the Center needed to provide toys for Christmas. We contributed 41 wrapped gifts and numerous second-hand items, and they were gratefully received. After enjoying lunch at the MOON residence, we took them for an airplane ride over their area, which they seemed to enjoy if the clicks of the cameras were any indication. Believe me, folks, charity should begin at your own back door. One need not look overseas for destitute persons.

We are proud to announce that our FOY WEST has accepted an important position with the Gulf South Research Institute to begin in January. She will now have an opportunity to employ a staff of assistants for her research projects. We offer her our congratulations! PHIL will stay with Louisiana State University. They have both been working there, together, but PHIL has 27 years service with them and could not be dragged away.

BARBARA TEER finally had her little one—a boy—on November 16th. Lack of babysitters kept her from attending our Christmas meeting, and we missed her, but enjoyed the lovely relish dishes she sent, artistically prepared.

Our January meeting in Hammond will be devoted to laying the ground work for our 2nd Annual Pilots Poker Run. This will have to be in May to avoid conflicting with derby races, etc., and we hope that someone will let us know if the date of the SC Spring Sectional has been set so we won't conflict with that date, either. Help! NITA DELARODERIE is already working with the C-B operator club, A.L.E.R.T., to assist us in communications for the Run. We look forward to another successful flying event for our area.

The WARD-HOLMES airplane (338B) was in the shop for an annual when the Dulac trip came up, and I'd like to extend a public "thank you" to our Cessna Distributor, J. D. HAIR, who loaned us one of his new Cessna 210's for the trip. This isn't the first favor he's done for the 99s—a true friend in need—and we are grateful.

TULSA CHAPTER

Agnes Hellman, Reporter

We are all excited about our December meeting, to be held on Tuesday, 19th at ANNAHLEE JONES' lovely home. Invited are all the prospective new members that we could find and the really big thing will be the fact that ANN PELLEGRENO planning to be with us. What an inspiration she will be to the fledgelings!

SHIRLEY GREENBERG is back in circulation after a short stay in the hospital - - good as new.

A correction to last month's report —JAN MAURITSON says the trip to Miami, Fla., San Juan, P.R., etc. was in conjunction with the Southern Medical Association Convention; not the Flying Physicians, as I had imagined. It was their first long XC in the newly acquired Travel Air and great fun all the way.

Received a Christmas card from FREDA THOMPSON (Australia Section) today - - mailed in Hong Kong - - how her memoirs will read!

Our flying seems to have given way to P.T.A. and Christmas shopping—so we'll just sit back, enjoy the Holiday Season and send a heartfelt greeting to all of you for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER

Shirley MacDougall, Reporter

Our November meeting, held at Buttonville Airport with Guest Speaker Squadron Leader JACK SOUTENDAM, Chief Instructor, Canadian Forces Institute of Aviation Medicine, was a great success. Squadron Leader SOUTENDAM presented an outline of a Physiology Introctrination Programme which he would like to see included in all Pilot Training Courses. This included the effect of smoking, drinking, and drugs on our ability to fly an aircraft. The presentation was so interesting and enlightening that we were sorry there wasn't a larger attendance.

The Canadian Forces Institute of Medicine has offered this course to a limited number of our group in the new year. The course will be given by Squadron Leader SOUTEDAM in Tor-

onto, one evening a week for several weeks. Those interested in attending should contact SYBIL DUNN.

We are delighted to have PHYLLIS MILLER back in Toronto after spending the summer at Wawa, Ontario. Wawa is about 100 miles north of Sault Ste Marie on the shore of Lake Superior. During the summer, PHYLLIS was receptionist for a carrier, flying fishermen and hunters to camps and lodges. While there, PHYLLIS took every opportunity to fly and observe bush flying techniques. According to PHYLLIS, navigation is strictly VFR. The country is very wild, dotted with lakes and rocky outcrops. On a memorable ten-hour trip to Sutton Lake near James Bay, they crossed the watershed beyond which the rivers flowed north.

MARJORIE FRANCOZ of Orillia wrote to say she has been temporarily grounded while awaiting a visit from the stork. Congregations and we will look forward to having you at our meetings after the visit.

JEAN MACDONALD and DAVE have just returned from several weeks in Mexico. In their Cessna 180, they stopped at Vera Cruz, Mexico City, Texas, Guernavaca, Acapulco and Gaudalajara and are looking forward to their next visit to Mexico. Speaking of Mexico, we hear EDITH DENNY and WALLY are planning a trip by Aztec in that direction during the holiday season. Also ESME WILLIAMS and JOHN are planning a southern trip in their Skyknight.

We were happy to learn of the marriage of BETTY BLACK of Toronto to MIKE BRANDON. MIKE is flying instructor at Buttonville Airport. We wish them many happy flying hours together.

BERNICE ESKRITT writes to tell us about their new turf strip which is east of Highway 21 and one mile south of Highway 401, three miles north of Ridgetown. (Ridgetown is between Chatham and London). Visitors are welcome and the ESKRITT'S will be delighted to show you their newly acquired Colt CF-NEE.

Also from down London way, JOAN CORBETT is keeping up her flying. She attended the Brantford Fly-In and Barbeque as well as the St. Catharine's Air Show. JOAN reported both were excellent and she hopes to attend a ski week-end in Bracebridge with the Brantford Club.

SOUTH AFRICAN SECTION

Yvonne van den Dool, Reporter

Our latest addition to the ranks of women flyers is BEATRICE STAINBANK, who comes from Rhodesia where she was employed as a teacher. She started flying at the Mashonoland Flying Club in February 1966. Training in a Piper Cub, she received her Private license in Rhodesia before coming to South Africa at the end of 1966. While training, she was awarded the Britchford Trophy for being the best trainee pilot. Since then, she has converted to the Cessna 150 the Tri-pacer and the Rolkon Junior, and has joined the Pietermaritzburg Aero Club.

The Pietermaritzburg Parachute Club has accepted her as a pilot, and recently she gained valuable experience when she flew the Natal Parachute Team to Rhodesia for the International Skydiving Competitions.

BEATRICE is hoping to write the Commercial and Instructor's rating, but at the moment this is a little difficult as she has returned to university this year.

Dr. Shirley Siew, Reporter

South African, Section held its Annual General meeting on September 30, in Johannesburg, and the following Committee was elected:— Governor—YVONNE VAN DEN DOOL, Vice-Governor—MURIEL GARROW, Secretary—INGRID HEINZ, Treasurer—HESTER ERASMUS, and News Reporter—DR. SHIRLEY SIEW.

YVONNE VAN DEN DOOL, RAY JANKS and SHIRLEY SIEW have all just returned from USA. YVONNE had a wonderful and interesting trip to attend the 99 Convention in Washington, D. C. and got in some pilot time, too. RAY JANKS was the first South African to participate in the AWTAR, flying as co-pilot to SALLY BEUGELEISEN. DR. SHIRLEY SIEW spent 2 years in USA, mainly in New York and attended several meetings of the New York Chapter and NY-NJ Section. She obtained a Special Purposes Pilot's Certificate and flew a Cessna 150 at Totawa Wayne Airport.

Congratulations to INGRID HEINZ, of whom we are very proud as she has obtained a Commercial License

and an Instructor's Rating, making her the 5th woman in SA with the former and only the third with the latter.

The Women's Aviation Association National Championships were held in Johannesburg in August. AURIEL MILLER won the Rosamund Everard-Steenkamp Memorial, the Marie Mills and the de Havilland Trophies. ANN WHITE came second in the RESMT.

MYRTLE BROOKS has converted to a Cessna 172 and the Victa Airtourer, which she flew into Jan Smuts Airport recently. She and SHIRLEY SIEW were the only women competitors at a Johannesburg Light Plane Club Short Landing and Spot Landing Competition on October 28.



CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

Mary W. Neil, Reporter

WE HAD A CHRISTMAS PARTY!! Sounds pretty ordinary when it gets on paper, but it had that extra something, that no one is ever able to describe. The more than ample and delicious buffet was brought by members who have logged many hours in the kitchen. We were able to maintain our tradition of keeping the party at home, because PRIL and LEE LOVE-RIDGE graciously opened theirs, and even had two charming daughters available for helpers. Future 99s, PRIL? MARY and KEN HORTON were absolutely great in the entertainment department with some air-minded games, which stumped, as well as delighted us. The exchange of \$1.00 gifts was fun and funny, and ended an evening that was festive, friendly and just right. It was hard to believe it was time to go. We missed everyone who couldn't make it.

Two prospective members, MRS. ROSIE KRIMM of Fairfield, Ct. and MRS. FAY KRICEK, of Stratford, Ct., came. ROSIE was invited to a meeting last year, and encouraged to become a pilot then, and here she is, ready to join. FAY KRICEK, and English and Speech teacher in the Bridgeport Schools, flew the IAR as Co-pilot with New Yorker, DOROTHY JULICH in a Piper Comanche. MRS.



BEATRICE STAINBANK

MIMI BOND, our newest member, was not able to be there, and we missed her.

At the rate we are growing, we won't be such a little chapter very long, which is why at our last meeting, we voted to re-evaluate our membership procedures. A committee has been formed to study how other chapters and organizations work. If you would be willing to share your procedures with us, would you please write to Mrs. RUTH BUCKLEY, Secretary, 33 Mohawk Dr. Norwalk, Conn. 06851.

January should see us moving the RUTH NICHOLS' files, photos, books, etc. to MARY HORTON'S attic to begin the second sorting.

NANCY TIER, Charter, 99, has accepted the Air Marking Chairmanship for Conn. She does extensive flying over the state, and already has two places spotted. We are expecting a chapter meeting in NANCY'S area in the spring, when she promises to give us a session in map-making.

MRS. SHARON SIMMONS, our Treasurer, reports that she has received her Commercial rating this past month. Husband GENE hopes she's ready for her Instrument next.

The BUCKLEY family (RUTH'S our Secretary) reported a fine day spent at Rhinebeck, N. Y. oogling COLE

PALEN'S antique aircraft that were out for the Air Show.

TETA GUNTHER and husband BOB have just completed a 7000 mile trip that started at New Haven, went south to Virginia, then to Galveston, Tex. through El Paso, then on to Salt Lake City, Utah, St. Paul, Minn., Chicago, and home to New Haven again. TETA says they used oxygen 7 times so they could take advantage of tail winds which helped give them an average speed of 250 knots.

CHRIS WINZER, our Membership Chairman, who has just come back from a month of skiing in Austria, has made it official. She and her Pan Am Capt husband are moving to California, Los Angeles area, where he will be based. CHRIS is our AE Scholarship winner for 1966, and has just completed her ATR. Our loss is LA's gain — so 99s in the Los Angeles area, watch for this one. She's AOK all the way. CHRIS will be looking for a large house, we're sure, because she knows we'll all be out in June for the Convention. A room with a view, and private bath for each of us, will be all right CHRIS, Don't go to any special trouble, just for us-!!

The NEIL'S did it again—As long as the Aztec was in St. Louis for Thanksgiving with us, we took a side trip to Omaha, Neb., to watch son ALAN run in the National Intercollegiate Cross-Country Meet. We, also, had the privilege of watching as one of ALAN'S friends, who has his Private license, test himself as a co-pilot prospect, or candidate for his Multi-Engine. It was terrific, and so was the meet!



LONG ISLAND CHAPTER Helen Moxim, Reporter

Like father, like son! oops—daughter! There's no mistaking DOTTIE BOCK'S femininity. It's easy to picture DOT as a winsome child in Mobile, Alabama, spinning airborne day dreams, mentally soaring aloft under a hot Alabama sun.

When her father attained his Private Pilot's License, the aura of enthusiasm that effuses from any new pilot was all the prodding DOTTIE needed to start on flying lessons of

her own. By now, she was residing in N. Y., and in Jan. of 1958 at Zahn's Airport in Amityville her dreams became reality. But when her instructor turned out to be a "woman", DOT was almost shocked into terminating her lifelong desire. That unsung heroine of our Chapter, DOROTHY JULICH, was the unexpected instructor who taught DOTTIE BOCK to fly. DOTTIE says, "I'm glad I didn't quit! Look at all the fun I would have missed, the friends I wouldn't have made, and the HUSBAND I wouldn't have gotten. My instructor couldn't have been better!"

She received her ticket in Nov. 1958, and the following year found her the proud owner of a 1947 Luscombe 8E, affectionately named "Sassy."

After a flight to Alabama, "Sassy" was quite busy racing until she became too old to meet AWNEAR requirements. DOT entered the All-Women's New England Air Race for three consecutive years, 1961, 1962, and 1963. Whereas DOT and her co-pilot ELEANORE REICHENBACH placed 3rd in 1963, they say not to ask them how they finished in 1962, because at the time the "Tale-End-Tony" would have looked good to them.

DOTTIE has worked as secretary for Airborne Inst. Labs. for the past 13 years. She was also Secretary to the L. I. Chapter when first organized and is now Secretary to the N.Y. - N. J. Section for the 2nd year. She belonged to C.A.P., and loves fishing and gardening.

Her greatest desires are to get her Inst. Rating, and fly in the Powder Puff Derby. ELLIE McCULLOUGH and DOTTIE are teaming up for the 1968 AWTAR, with Armstrong Cork Co. sponsoring them. The Armstrong people were running these marvelous magazine ads showing women outfitted for different sports posing in the kitchen where the floors were waxed with Armstrong Wax, and the punch line reading, "For the Woman who has better things to do!" It was this particular ad that inspired DOTTY to write to the Co., and hint that their sponsorship would indeed provide two certain 99s with "better things to do." Good luck in the race, gals! DOTTY is everybody's friend, and we all love her.

We want to welcome two new members, BEVERLY HOUGHTON and IRENE HENRY. BEVERLY'S Cessna 150 calls Republic Airfield home, while

IRENE flies out of Brookhaven Airport in her Cessna 195 which she also kindly donated to the Chapter for use during our Air-Lift. Their Cessna 195 enables the HENRYS to have a hobby most 99s would love—a Charter Service.

THELMA BAKER reported how delightful she found a welcome from MARY ROSE MYERS after landing at Atlantic City. MARY ROSE is a member of the Garden State Chapter—seems she lives close to the Airport, and on Sundays often drops by to say "Hello" to 99s that land there.

DOROTHY JULICH returned from the Bahama Treasure Hunt brown as a berry. At a dinner preceding the Hunt, DOT was presented with a Gift Certificate for the Woman Pilot with the Most Experience and Ratings flying in the Treasure Hunt. After the Hunt, DOT flew solo to the West Indies. Among her stops were Porto Rico and Antigua where she loafed, made like a tourist, soaked up some sun, and came back looking terrific.

After the turmoil of moving into a new home, MARGE GRAY is look-



DOROTHY BOCK, N. Y. — N. J. Section Secretary and member of L. I. Chapter.

ing forward to two weeks of rest in Curacao.

Our second annual Christmas Dinner Party held at Le Continentale Restaurant in Syosset, L. I., was enjoyed by all, including 49½ers, and friends. 'Twas the most gorgeous looking group you ever saw! Their elegance belied the fact that hours and years of studying and training went into the background of each 99.

'Till next month, see you in that Friendly Sky!—

WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

Agnes Denler, Reporter

We are bursting with pride over TERRI PIRRUNG seen here being congratulated by your reporter, upon receiving her Commercial Helicopter rating. Also shown is JACK B. PRIOR of Prior Aviation Service, Buffalo International Airport. TERRI was instructed at JACK'S school, as was AGNES DENLER who is working toward her Commercial license in fixed wing aircraft.

TERRI PIRRUNG does bookkeeping duty for Prior Aviation Service when she isn't flying charter trips with husband ED, or flying the WYSL Traffic Show for Prior Aviation, or enjoying her hobby as a model homemaker and mother.

JACK PRIOR deserves special recognition as "Official Den Mother" for our Chapter. A most welcome and regular visitor at our meetings, our advisor, mentor, and best friend the 99s could have. Sorry we missed last month's publication date but we wish to thank DR. ROBERT HAMILTON, of the Linde Division of Union Carbide, who spoke to us at our last meeting at the Airways Motel. His subject was "One Hundred Fathoms Plus," concerning deep sea diving research. For a group dedicated to being anywhere but plain old "Terra Firma," it was fascinating and vastly informative. We are very grateful to DR. HAMILTON and his charming wife for so honoring us.

Our Christmas Party was held at the beautiful home of DORIS CULP on Dec. 11th. DORIS served a splendid dinner and put us all in the proper holiday spirit with the gorgeous decorations she has created. Such hospitality will be long remembered. HERB CULP was the jolliest of Santas for our gift exchange.

The business meeting heard a re-



Left to Right: JACK B. PRIOR, AGNES DENLER, TERRI PIRRUNG.
(Photo by Prior Aviation Service)

port from NAOMI MEEKER, TERRI PIRRUNG, and ADELE ZIMMERMAN, who attended the Fall Sectional in New Jersey. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the meeting and came back full of ideas and plans for the future.

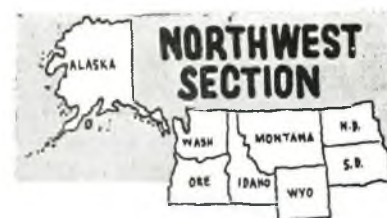
Our modest ARLENE BRAY barely mentioned the news that she received her Commercial license on Oct. 13, but she has our most resounding congratulations anyway!

Our guest at this meeting was RONNIE BURGIO, a student pilot and we hope prospective 99.

JOANNE KOEHLER is recuperating at home following surgery that resulted from an automobile accident last Spring. We wish her a speedy recovery from what has been a long ordeal.

Till next time—fly like angels!

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EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

Mary Jane Becker, Reporter

We would like to spell out CONGRATULATIONS to LYGIE HAGAN, in great big letters which would reach from the ground up to this 720B cruising at 33,000 ft., on being elected International Secretary. LYGIE was joined by CORNIE as she and JEAN CARBON, MILLIE SHINN and BARBARA THISTED jetted their way up to the Northwest Sectional in Anchorage. The tour included a trip to Kotzebue to visit the Eskimos and their reindeer herds, panning gold and eating pancakes with the miner and his wife, taking a PBY to Annette Island and a ferry to Ketchikan. Then they jetted down to Seattle where ILOVENE POTTER met them and flew them to Hillsboro to pick up their

Commanche making Spokane in time to meet ANNE ROETHKE, Governor of the No. Central Section, and HELEN SAILER from Chicago, staying overnight en route home from Alaska.

Congratulations to BARBARA THISTED newly elected Vice-Governor of our Section. BARBARA started out with a bang—sharing co-pilot honors with MILLIE SHINN on a Piper Turbo Jet, one the Governor of Alaska had been using to fly around during "99" week, enroute from Alaska to Tacoma. To top it off, they were ferried to Boeing Field in a Queenaire. They brought back the Permanent Trophy for the outstanding girl in our Section. Award plaques were presented to live-wire GINNY HARPER, and to lovely FERN LAKE, 1965 and 1966 winners of the Achievement Award. We welcomed two transfers from the Boise Chapter, FERN LAKE and ROCHELLE JENSEN at our Recognition Day celebration held in the mirror-walled room at the Spokane Club. FERN'S new address is Box 412, Hayden Lake, Idaho-near Coeur 'd Alene Airport where AUGUST has business interests. ROCHELLE'S address is 3506 Joseph, Spokane, Washington 99208 - Phone HU 7-4017. MINNIE and TERRIE flew in to join ALBERTA, GINNY, LYGIE, BOBBIE, MILLIE, BARBARA, FERN, ROCHELLE and guest PEGGY ADAMS in presenting WANDA SMITH, our newest member, a welcome to our group.

During the September meeting—a picnic at Mission Park, attended by MINNIE, ALBERTA, BARBARA, BOBBIE, LYGIE and PEGGY—RENIE was high overhead passing her Commercial test ride. Congratulations RENIE and also on passing your IFR written! RENIE had been giving rides to the Aviation Class at Rogers High School and testing new aircraft this past month. ALBERTA ANDERSON is a proud new grandmother—her daughter MRS. A. H. RIZZUTO presented her with a grandson in September—congrats to the whole family! BONNIE HANSEN is busy down in Los Angeles taping the sound on the film they took in South America for JACK DOUGLAS "Golden Voyage" Show.

KATHLEEN HITCHCOCK is busy getting ready for "99" KAM HITCHCOCK'S wedding. Felicitations KAM and the best of luck from us all!

GINI RICHARDSON is busy running the spray business in Yakima, flying her 11 year old daughter, JILL to distant cities to figure skating competitions and getting ready to go over to Greece where RALPH has been spraying all summer. BOBBIE has been studying French at Fort Wright College when not co-piloting or flying for TOM. BETTY SEAVEY'S address was changed by the Post Office. . . it is now Route 5 Box 348, Walla Walla, Washington where seeding of winter wheat is still in progress. The weather man co-operated better in the Pullman area for CARL BOYD finished in time to don his green pilot's leather jacket and meet CORNIE and LYGIE, ALBERTA and MILLIE, RENIE and HARRY, ROCHELLE and LYLE and PEGGY and her 49½er who flew in for the November meeting in Comanches. He drove them out to their wheat ranch in his Cadillac. MINNIE held the gathering of pot-luck lunchers in the Recreation Room which has drapes decorated with drawings of all the planes they have owned.

Felicitations to MYRA who is now MRS. HOWARD HETTINGER living at 209 N. 38th Ave., Yakima, Washington. HOWARD is an attorney besides holding all ratings up through twin, balloon and helicopter. Three cheers for MYRA!

IDAHO CHAPTER

Hilda D. Elliott, Reporter

Our November 18th meeting was held at the Kitty Hawk Room at Boise Municipal Airport with Chairman HILDA ELLIOTT presiding. Members attending were VELDA BELL, FRAN BROWN, CLAIR JUSTAD, EULA LOGSDON, GENE NORA JESSEN, SHIRLEY CHANEY and our newest member KATY BURKE. GENE NORA introduced her giving the girls a resume on the accomplishments KATY has been diligently and enthusiastically working on to complete. She has her Private, Commercial, Instrument and working in Beech Baron for her Multi-Engine rating. We certainly welcome KATY to our flying group! SHIRLEY CHANEY had the distinction of being our newest member for only two meetings, but also welcome to these two new pilots to our group. GENE NORA also introduced two students and guests, MONTY STOKER and NAN SARVIS who we are hoping will soon be in our group

as new members.

GENE NORA JESSEN went to Wichita for the Beech Distributor's Meeting. Also Washington, D. C. for meeting of FAA's Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation, to Atlanta to tour FAA facilities and Lockheed to see mockup of C5A, and home by way of New York City.

CLAIR JUSTAD had an immense thrill this month shooting her first elk. Flew via Beech Baron, 206, Super Cup, helicopter, then horseback to remote hunting area. She's having the antlers mounted even though they were not trophy size.

HILDA ELLIOTT busy trying to catch up after her trip to Alaska for Sectional.

Our December Meeting was held the 9th at the Kitty Hawk room at Boise Municipal Airport. This was our Xmas Social and gift exchange. Members attending were EULA LOGSDON, FRAN BROWN, SHIRLEY CHANEY, ANNETTE GOOLD, CLAIR JUSTAD, GENE NORA JESSEN, VELDA BELL, KATY BURKE, HELEN HIGBY & Chairman HILDA ELLIOTT. We were all pleased to see HELEN. She's been tied down pretty tightly with her Mother's illness. Our guest was NAN SARVIS who GENE NORA promises will soon be able to qualify to join our group.

Our time was spent getting acquainted and some talk of our Idaho 7th Annual Air Derby in the offing this summer. FERN LAKE has offered to take care of a stop at Coeur 'd Alene, and the Eastern Idaho group has offered to take care of a stop in Eastern Pocatello. This will be decided later. There was talk of a fly-in picnic that husbands and children would enjoy with us.

Our guest NAN SARVIS has 9 children and should certainly qualify for Mother of Most children on our Annual Air Derby.

GENE NORA proudly announced KATY BURKE'S Multi-Engine rating since our last meeting. Congratulations KATY! We are all proud and thrilled to have you in our group. Looks like we older and longer time pilots will have some real stiff competition in these newer pilots joining our group, in our forthcoming Idaho Air Derby. Just mentioning an Air Derby begins to get me excited so I better close with a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all our 99 friends everywhere!

SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER

Lenette Macy, Reporter

Our widely scattered members of North and South Dakota have a mixture of activities and interests. AUDRY BAIRD, our Past Chairman recently visited Rapid City using her Instrument rating on her way to Colorado to visit her son in Fort Collins. Even with an active husband and family, she finds time to keep up with her flying and is proficient in her ratings. GENEVA OLEASON, our popular reporter for the Dickinson Press, attends many of our monthly meetings and puts out an effort to be present. KAY VOGEL, recently received her Multi-Engine rating in a Piper Apache and we're proud of her interest in upgrading herself. Her husband has also received his Multi-Engine rating. WANDA BUSFIELD and friend KAY WILLIAMS recently flew to Montana to visit WANDA'S daughter. WANDA'S husband is operator of Busfield Flying Service at Belle Fourche. As a nurse and anesthetist, BARBARA HEDBERG has been attending school for additional training. She brought two guests to a recent 99 meeting; VERLA RADKE, student pilot and AGNES ALLEN. We don't see WILMA JACOBSON as often as we would like, but I hear she still keeps up on her flying and can handle the 172 very well, even in a 30 knot wind. CLARA JOHN always gives us such a warm welcome when we come to Bison. We always look forward to our meetings there.

Everyone asks about OLIVE JACOBS and LOIS JEAN LANGE. . . They are greatly missed at our meetings. We'd love to hear from you or better yet see you in person.

DOROTHY LEE, S. D. Chairman, has really put forth effort in her year of office. Besides her work at FSS and Co-ordinator for Search and Rescue of Rapid City, she carries out all of her duties as 99 Chairman to the hilt. If you could see the correspondence she has and how she helps each officer of our Chapter, it would amaze you! She certainly needs 100% support from all of us. While recently returning from a 3 weeks vacation in Iowa, she took her parents on an extended trip by car to Washington D. C. JEAN TOUGH, who also works for Rapid City FSS, gives her assistance to DOROTHY. This fall, she spent 2

weeks in Winnipeg visiting relatives. ELIZABETH MAGNUSSON has been working toward her Instrument rating and will soon be putting it to use. Sae and her husband, who is an orthodontist, spent a week in Arizona traveling by plane. Her husband received his instrument ticket this summer and thoroughly enjoys the added rating. PHYLLIS PETERSON flew with her husband DAN in their Bonanza to Miami for a vacation. PHYLLIS is doing such worthwhile work as County Probation Officer for girls in Brookings. Her interest in youth and helping them is very inspirational. CAROL RAYBURN, who has been in Montana this summer, has returned to Brookings to attend school. She certainly had an interesting summer flying in Montana. My flying activities have been several trips in our Bonanza to Vermillion where my husband and I started a new radio Station, which is a FM and AM station, and the call letters are KVRP AND KVRA. (102.3 and 1570 on your dial) LOIS SAXTON continues to fly on the ground and in the air. She certainly flies very well in the dark according to JEAN TOUGH who accompanied her to Dickenson to a 99 meeting. JOAN THOMAS is a Relief Flight Service Specialist in Alaska and is having a ball in her work at Cold Bay, Salmon, etc. I haven't seen LOIS CHISHOLM for some time but I know she does a lot of traveling with her husband as they are both members of the Flying Farmers. Her husband, DAYTON, is a former International President of the Flying Farmers. GEORGIE FIKE from Wyoming Chapter visited Jean TOUGH and DOROTHY LEE recently. Dorothy and Jean have an ideal living location for all 99s who come to Rapid City! ! ! They both live at the airport and they put out the red carpet to all those who call. In the next month, we hope to have 3 new members: ADELINE HAMILTON, from Rapid City who is a nurse; LINDA WALKER from Grand Forks and is a teacher; and CAROL DRAEGER Sioux Falls, who is a student at the U. at Vermillion. We are anxious to welcome them.

We were pleased and very surprised to get a call from BETTY DAVIS, one of our 99s who moved to Florida a year ago. After 3 letters and phone

calls, I had about given up hearing from her. She is doing some instructing and recently received her Ground Instructor rating. Her new address is 250 Estero Blvd. Pink Shell, Fort Meyers Beach, Florida. So you can see that our members reach from Alaska to Florida and I think we are going to have a week long meeting in S. D. to catch up on news and get acquainted again. (Goodnight, MARTHA;)

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

Luella Burrows, Reporter

Our November meeting was a money-raiser — we had a White Elephant Auction, run by HELEN DURHAM. It was great fun, and parted us painlessly from our money to benefit our depleted treasury.

There is very little news this month. At news-gathering time most of us were so busy flying to the stores in preparation for Santa's big flight, we had little time to do any other kind of flying.

The exception was FLORENCE BELL. She and 49½er GEORGE escaped the winter drizzle and went to Palm Desert in their Bonanza.

CHARLOTTE KAMM squeezed out the time to take her Commercial Written, and passed too!

MARION BARRITT got a nice surprise at the Seattle Glider Council Award Banquet. In appreciation for her excellent work as editor of their publication, "Towline," she was presented with a tape recorder.

BERTHA MacMILLAN should be up in the air again soon. She and her 49½er EDWIN have been without a plane for the last few months, but have joined the 'Lazy Eights', a flying club based at Renton.

Our scrapbook received a rare addition. VIRGINIA ELLIOTT, one of the early 99s, sent, via DOTTIE DAUB, a letter she received from AMELIA EARHART in 1932.

HELEN GIVENS made a surprise visit to Tokyo. In a postcard to JAY LAURENCE, she said she'd had one and one-half days to get ready! No other details.

Airplane bristling with skis and poles, LUELLA and JIM BURROWS flew to Schweitzer Basin for a weekend of skiing. The hardest part of a trip like that is getting the skis in the airplane!

WYOMING CHAPTER

Pauline Powers, Reporter

The November meeting was held in Cody with RANDY HILTON as hostess. It was one of our nicer days for flying which made our attendance the biggest in a long time.

Flying from Cheyenne was BETTY FERTNEY, her 49½er and son. MABEL ANESI flew from Lander and picked up VIRGELIA SCWARTZ in Thermopolis, and BETTY ADAMS, LILLIAN TOLLMAN in Worland, ELAINE MON CUR and BETTY WIETZLING of Powell, NIKKI WEAVER of Worland, and PAULINE POWERS of Greybull. We also had three visitors all of Cody, MARY FLEMING, JOAN ELGIN, and JUNE HERRINGTON, who has taken her written this month.

RANDY with the help of her 49½er showed films of the Reno air races, which they attended this year and last year. RANDY who is a fairly new pilot has really been pursuing her flying. She flew to Bartlesville, Oklahoma and encountered some pretty rough weather but, feels she is a more seasoned pilot now. She also got her Multi-Engine rating this month. MABEL ANESI is taking a refresher course in ground school at Lander. LILLIAN TOLLMAN, of Worland, is working with the Girl Scouts in Wing Patrol. The girls need some time in the air so the 99s are helping out in giving rides.

For any of you enthusiasts who are planning to fly to Wyoming, we now have two new VOR stations—one in Worland 114.8 and Cody 111.8.

The Wyoming 99s have bought decal stickers, which are replicas of the 99 patches, for a money making project.

Wishing you all good flying for the Holidays.



BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

Judi Faulstick, Reporter

BFL Congrats to Yuma. One of the Arizona Department of Aeronautics November meeting highlights was the chartering of a new 99 Chapter in Yuma. Bakersfield 99 RHODA THOMPSON was on hand to extend

our congratulations to the new affiliates and wish them much success!

That Palmdale ATC Center is a Busy Place. On that November day, as on other days, "shrimp boats" cluttered the radar screens and the controllers were kept busy pushing them around so they continually covered the "blips" they represented. As quickly as possible, each approaching airliner was identified and cleared through the next Air Traffic Control Center. Behind the controllers, the action was being closely watched by some 45 persons who had flown from Bakersfield to the Palmdale Center specifically to see just what goes on in these remarkable stations. Eight of our flying feds and four 49½ers (EDNA LONG, MARIANNE LAXAGUE, DAWN and BILL MOORE, JO ANN MURPHY, LAURINE and LOREN WITMER, FAITH JOHNSON, ADA and GEORGE BELLA, and RHODA and WARREN THOMPSON) were among the attendants and, upon return, their enthusiastic comments revealed that the experience had been exciting, educational and fun. Palmdale's hospitality was arranged through the courtesy of our local tower personnel at Meadows Field, and we are most grateful to them.

Audio-Visual Shake-up. November's meeting Program Chairman JO ANN MURPHY drew upon the FAA's extensive informational film library and arranged a screening of "Wake Turbulence". The DG-tumbling sequences were very realistic — all too — and the film offered many good "rules of thumb." Recommended viewing.

Aerial Wanderings, November. ALICE PEMBERTON and spouse ROY flew to Clark Bluffs (eastern Sierras) for a day's fishing. Ask her about their luck. . . JO ANN and MURDOC MURPHY upped their 210's wheels and set its course for a weekend of fun in Reno; then took their two little ones to a four-day family reunion in San Francisco. After deciding it was about time they toured their town, that's just what they did — all 23 of them!

Let's hear from

EVERY chapter

but

2 pages or less copy!

JEAN MARIE SKINNER gives her quarter horse mare the day off several times a month to accompany her husband on his journeys up and down the state. MILTON is a professional and pilots a Queen Air. Los Angeles, Palm Springs and the "City by the Bay" were some of the touchdowns made this past month.

The lure of Las Vegas was too strong, so MAXINE and TED TURNER "proped" over recently — to a football game.

Santa Barbara's weather was not too hospitable the day she was to visit her son (a student at S. B. State), so LAURINE WITMER finished the last leg of her trip in an auto. Oh, well, it happens to all of us once in a while.

Heard in Passing. Congratulations to FLORENCE and GLEN MOODY, and to their industrious son, who is an instructor at Bloomington's Indiana University. His new title is Doctor of Hispanic Languages. Needless to say, FLORENCE is very proud — and we are, too!

In addition to Bakersfield, ADA BELLA's doctor husband GEORGE maintains an office in Palm Springs, and ADA often accompanies him there. Flights across the desert have recently been made even more enjoyable: their new mode of transportation is a brown and cream Twin Commanche. Nice!

Holiday Fun. The trophy room of DR. WILLIAM MOORE, SR. (that's DAWN'S father-in-law) was the location of our very successful Christmas Party on December 3rd. Matching Christmas card halves yielded dinner partners and proved to be a good "mixer." DR. MOORE'S African and Indian safari films were excellent — and doubly interesting because many of the trophies themselves were on the walls around us. Although the party was primarily for fun, the Chapter also intended it to be a source of funds for our sponsorship of the not-too-distant Spring Sectional. Needless to say, this, and the results of our holiday cake sale, made our Sectional Ways and Means Chairman very happy.

And speaking of this extra special time of year, may we wish all our sister affiliates throughout the world a very, very HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON! !

Maneuvers, Fundamentals of Instruction, Weather, and Medical Aspects.

SUSAN OLIVER'S five world records have been confirmed. We're very proud of this little brave gal!

Long-absent SALLY (BROYLES) POLLOCK was a welcome member at our Dec. meeting.

LYNNE and BOB OPPER spent a Sunday at Elsinore recently, and while LYNNE stood around and froze, BOB spent two hours jumping off a 6' platform for the Parachute Jumping Ground School. Then as dusk drew near he made his first jump. He loved it, but almost chickened out when the jumper before him broke his leg.

Sat. Dec. 16 is our Xmas party. This year it will be at the Opper manse.

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

Margo Smith, Reporter

1968, a brand new year - the time to pop noisemakers and to make resolutions. Let us, as 99s in Orange County, and throughout the world, resolve to try harder than ever this year - to meet more 99s, to protect and improve our public image, to offer our services in new and varied ways, to be undaunted by failures and to be spurred on by our successes. Like Avis, let us try harder in our aim to be No. 1 in our contribution to aviation - in safety, in education or wherever we can find a need for improvement.

Now to blow the whistles and toot the horns. THON GRIFFITH, in her new role as AWTAR Route Director will be lending a guiding hand even further afield. Congratulations and two dozen red roses to you, THON! Yours truly may be biased but, it has been THON who, more than anyone, made me an enthusiastic 99.

Orange County, like other areas of high density population and aviation activity is in the throes of re-evaluating present facilities and future plans. The Aviation Council, recently established under the auspices of the Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce, will act as an advisory group working with the Orange County Planning Commission. TIG PENNOCK has been named one of the four members of this Council. Our hats are off to you TIG, as a woman, a 99, and a civic-minded pilot-

in a beautiful setting of trees in their gorgeous fall colors. After a lunch of green turtle soup and nutty hamburgers, we spent the P. M. viewing Cathedral Rock, Coffee Pot Rock, a high lookout point. Then a drive down a dusty road to the creek itself, where we hiked along the edge, picking up driftwood, pretty stones, and enjoying the gorgeous calendar picture views of the creek. At sundown a visit to the church built high atop a hill amid the red hills finished our afternoon. After a short rest, showers (we all looked like Indians, covered with red dust), and a short happy hour, we repaired to the Green Turtle for dinner, where I was pleasantly surprised with a luscious strawberry shortcake for my birthday. A long walk in the nippy air topped off a most memorable day.

Next day, Sunday, we went to the airport to meet MARY ELLEN LIKEN and 49½er WARREN from Holbrook; RUTH SMITH and 49½er Bill, and DOTTIE WARD of Flagstaff, who braved the turbulence to fly down and have brunch with us. After all the goodbyes were said, the N. Ariz. girls took off, the KEES headed for PHX, and Romeo, followed by Juliet, took off for home. NORM and THELMA in Bonanza 79 CHARLIE took off a while later but got ahead, natch. SALLY was optimistic and filed for L. A., but after flying thru rain showers over the desert and hearing the FSS say the pass was obscured with rain, in L. A. we decided to call it quits at Palm Springs. We rented a station wagon and all 8 of us piled in, luggage and all, for the long drive to SMO. KAREN, being the youngest, and I the smallest, were scrunched up in the rear with the baggage.

We plan to co-sponsor, put out publicity, hostess, assemble material, help with clerical work and registering the Flight Instructor Clinic Jan. 28, 29, 30 at El Camino College in Torrance. This will be conducted by a 4 man team from the FAA Academy in OKC who tour the U. S. and who will come here after completing a clinic in Alaska. Subjects covered will be instruments and Performance, Flight

EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER

Judy Bachman, Reporter

Santa came early this year for DOTTIE SANDERS and her husband. They got a beautiful 1964 Cessna 182. One problem however, that dashing 120 is too much of a pet to part with so they have two airplanes.

Our November meeting was held at LIN COULTHARD'S apartment. AILEEN SAUNDERS FREEMAN showed us movies of her recent Alaska trip. We saw the helicopter trip that MARY LIVINGSTON provided and the float plane ride with MARY REID at the controls.

Our Christmas party will be held at IDA GAY'S home this year with a gift exchange and slides of IDA'S recent trip to Tahiti.

JUDY BACHMAN flew to Phoenix with husband and children last month for a much needed vacation. It lasted a day because the entire family got the flu. JUDY is wrapped up in getting a business started - a service for local doctors doing allergy environment studies on problem patients.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Rebecca Held, Reporter

Ten of us made it to Oak Creek RON'd there, and flew to Oak Creek Canyon, Ariz. for our Nov. fly-out. BEULAH and BILL KEE flew to Phoenix Fri. the 17th to see friends, Sat. morning. NORM and THELMA SMITH got there Fri. DOROTHY and KAREN LIMBACH (KAREN is DOROTHY'S daughter and a 66 2-3), and RACHEL BONZON in DOROTHY'S Skyhawk 60R; and SALLY LaFORGE, TILLIE KLEMENTS, and REBECCA HELD in DOROTHY'S Cherokee 180, 97J, RON'd at Bermuda Dunes, having left clear SMO late Fri. P. M. and penetrated the thick smog over the eastern L. A. basin. The curtain parted at the pass to the desert-rather dramatic. Sat. A. M. 60Romeo took off first, 97Juliet following, and altho supposedly faster Juliet overtook Romeo, he was never more than 5 min. behind, Figures!

The Oak Creek Canyon area is beautiful beyond belief! The aircraft carrier-type landing on the strip on the top of a mesa overlooking the town of Sedona was quite an experience too. We rented cars and drove to our motel, which had balconies overlooking Oak Creek far below us

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instructor. Lots of luck in the coming tussle. TIG confesses she fretted like a mother as well as instructor when she soloed her son BILL on his 16th birthday in Dec. With his 70 hours in gliders, you needed to worry, TIG?

The high winds and smoke didn't deter ERMA WESSON from making like a reporter for the Orange County News when she and hubby JOHN took some excellent pictures of our recent forest fires. However, a happier experience was photographing the arrival of the liner 'Queen Mary' in Long Beach.

Fate does direct people to strange places. And strange were some of the experiences MADINE PARSEL had in New Guinea last summer. With MADINE as hostess, photographer and raconteur for our Nov. meeting, we glimpsed an almost improbable world of primitive people, where civilization is a relative term, meaning clothes instead of nakedness, jail being more desirable than life in the jungle and second grade being higher education. Being river boat pilot, skin diver or butterfly collector is much more exciting when MADINE does it. A truly fantastic evening MADINE; thanks! But tell me; if you could navigate a twisting river through the jungle, in darkness, in rain, with crocodiles and bugs, how could you mistake Thermal for Imperial County Airport right here in California?

Hello new member MITZI KEESECKER, happy to have you with us!

Thanksgiving saw members scattering, like - ETHYL DORSKY to Klamath Falls, Oregon, MARGE and KEN ROLLE to Montana, GINNY and BUD CHANDLER to the bright lights of Dallas.

The skeptics who chided the Wright brothers about their machine would have been outclassed by the kibitzers (49½ers etc.) who claimed no mere male Instructor could survive a Navajo training flite with 5 eager females. But somehow during the 2 day Grand Canyon, Salt Lake City, Las Vegas circuit, courageous and patient RALPH CARPENTER not only survived them but managed to teach them (KAY MALIK, BONNIE KIEFER, THELMA MICKLESON, DOREEN CHRISTENSEN and MARGO SMITH) how to turn the twin-engine beast into a purring puddy cat. "No, BONNIE, that little plane is not

flying backwards - we're going so much faster." That makes you realize you are in the big league, for a while.

A silver and blue tree, bright decorations, fancy dresses, holiday spirits - these provide the 'traditional' for the Chapter's annual Christmas dinner party. "Going once, going twice, going three times - sold to..." supplied the unconventional. Yes, an auction it was, a gift-wrapped White Elephant auction with all the baiting, kibitzing, puzzling, shaking, squeezing, auctioneer DICK CULP (and assorted cohorts) could muster. Funny how such gorgeously wrapped parcels could contain such a wild assortment of surprises. Naturally, you expect a can of Instant Passion to be wrapped in a sexy red and pink package - or would you? Anyone need a large-size bedspread rack? I know where you can get one, cheap. As the final package came up for bids, a plot was hatched; to make a joint purchase, leave it unopened, take it and 18 people in a DC-3 on a breakfast flite to Catalina where it could be won on a 'lucky' draw. (Do you believe that tall tale? You better, it's true!) THON GRIFFITH, are you not yet convinced you really needed that big Lazy Susan? A party is fun any time but it's a special way for friends to wind up a full year and it was great to see so many there. 'Twas a pleasure to meet MADINE PARSEL'S escort, MIRA SLOVAK. And CHRIS ARMSTRONG, nice to have you with us!

Now that life is back to normal at your house, why not go out today to become acquainted with another 99 and find out if you and she share the same soapbox?

PALOMAR CHAPTER

Skip Darwin, Reporter

Well, we have been initiated into Mexico weather! It was an eventful trip both down and back for MARY and BRAD PEARSON, DEAN and WANDA MILLER, HILDA and BILL PETROSS, PAM and VICTOR VANDER LINDEN and fledgling 99 BARBARA JOHNSON and husband BILL. The group had flown to Ciudad Obre-

gon for Thanksgiving with HILDA'S parents. Obregon is the leading wheat raising section of all Mexico. It is called the breadbasket of Mexico. A wonderful time was shown everyone by HILDA'S family, and a side trip to Alamos was enjoyed by all. Alamos is an old old silver town. The flight home was very rough, and bad weather all the way. "Mother hen MARY," who taught most the girls to fly, was very relieved when all were in safe and sound.

Our Christmas party was a gala get together for a delightful dinner and then a party at LOU and ESTHER WHITTS'. Silly gifts were exchanged and lots of hanger flying done. We have a new 49½er. IVY WALTER'S husband DEAN joined the exalted ranks! We will soon be losing IVY and DEAN as they are moving back East very soon. We will miss them and hope they return to Sunny Cal real soon.

We are having a noon Social Fly-in at Borrego Springs Airport with Yuma and Coachella Valley Chapters the 27th of Dec. That should be lots of fun!

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

Margaret Moody, Reporter

Thanks to VIRGINIA SEAVER, the San Diego Chapter had a really big Christmas party. Approximately 50 members, 49½ers and guests attended a prime rib dinner followed by a hypnotist show. DR. MICHAEL DEAN, the world's only Ph.D. hypnotist, gave an excellent demonstration showing how hypnotism works and having some of his subjects do excellent imitations of DORIS DAY, DINAH SHORE, LESLIE CARON and LILY ST. CYR. The weather man even "co-operated" and provided a trace of snow a couple days before to put everyone in the mood. It was the first snow for San Diego since 1949!

LOIS and HARRY BARTLING, RUTH and JACK EBEBY and BETTY and CLAUDE WHARTON made the fly-in to Van Nuys for a tour of the Busch gardens. At least BETTY and CLAUDE tried but a flat on their 210 held up their take off and they only made it as far as Van Nuys Airport. This fly-in was held in conjunction with the San Fernando Valley Chapter. LOIS and RUTH reported they had an excellent time. The rest of us will have to go the next time.

Thinking of International Officer Candidates ? ? ? ?

Now is the time . . .

FRANCINE MOXEY, ELSIE WATSON, MARIAN BANKS, JUNE HICKOX and LOIS BARTLING represented the San Diego Chapter at the December meeting of the Southern California Aviation Council. TERRY VASQUES represented the San Diego Chamber of Commerce. The main topic of discussion was the present and proposed development of San Diego County airports with primary emphasis on the future of Lindbergh Field. Lindbergh is currently being beset by several groups of local people who do not understand any phase of aviation and are trying to make the future of Lindbergh Field quite bleak.

MARTHA and JOHN MULLENS are planning on a New Year's flying vacation to nowhere in particular but just to get away from it all. MARIE and JACK LEWIS and BETTY and CLAUDE WHARTON are going to Wickenburg, Ariz. for the New Year holidays. MARIAN and JERRY BANKS have both arms all shot up in preparation for the upcoming AOPA fly-it-yourself safari to Africa. They are being allowed 44 pounds of baggage and I understand that 25 of those pounds will be taken up by cameras. It sounds very exciting and we will be waiting for them to show some more of their good travel flicks.

Please note RUBY'S new address. . . she doesn't want to miss any of you when you visit "The Islands". RUBY KEAVENY - Apt. 1008, 1617 Keeau-moku St., Honolulu, Hawaii 96822; Phone - 511-163.

Nuff for now. All of us wish all of you a most happy and prosperous New Year!

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

CHAPTER

Virginia Rainwater, Reporter

Ten members of our San Fernando Valley Chapter left from Skyways, Van Nuys, in three twin-engine airplanes, for International Airport. There, we boarded a TWA Convair 880 bound for Wichita, Kansas.

We were very attractive in our Lou-bella skirt and sweater sets, in the new shade of berry. They were a big hit wherever we went, in fact you couldn't miss us. People's guesses, as to what we represented, ranged from special airline pilots to stewardesses and tower operators. A fitting name for us would have been, the Skyways

Cessna Bardhal Berry Ferry Flight Girls.

JOYCE FUNSCH, and her Kansas Chapter members met us at the Wichita Airport with a warm welcome, and were most helpful in transporting us to our hotel. Cessna representatives hosted us for dinner and presented each of us with a dated Cessna Fly-Away charm and Bracelet. Saturday, most of us enjoyed a tour of the Cessna factory. Because of snow flurries and strong winds, we waived take-off Saturday and took lodging in a quaint hotel, the Osage in Arkansas City, ten miles from the Cessna delivery center.

Early the next morning, a windy Sunday, our ten little Cessna 150s took off from the delivery center at Strother Field. Because we were one day behind schedule, El Paso was our destination for that night, which some of the girls didn't reach until after dark. Enroute, fuel stops were made at varied fields, including Hemphill, Trade-winds, Perry Le Fores, and Roswell, (Old Walker AFB). El Paso Chairman WANDA GARSON, and Past-President RUTH DEERMAN, with several other members and press people greeted us upon our arrival, and socialized at our hotel that night.

Enroute, it was so nice to hear the occasional masculine voices of DON DOWNIE, well known aviation writer, and JIM ZONLICK, professional pilot and FAA examiner. They made comments such as, "We are just 20 miles out of Miami" (Texas, that is), and a melodious "Oh what a beautiful morning". BILL PATTERSON, the Bardhal representative, was also a joyous passenger as far as Amarillo.

The weather Monday morning wasn't clear enough to take off, so we drove across the border to Ciudad Juarez. Just as we arrived there, we noticed that the weather had cleared enough in the West. We immediately returned to the field and took off, accompanied by a new passenger, BEVERLY MALTBY, reporter for the Van Nuys News and Green Sheet.

Deming was the next fuel stop, after which we continued on to Tucson via a few thunder showers, and arrived

just after dark. I must say, the tower got a bit confused with all Ten Cessnas having numbers ending with Sierra. The tower told all other traffic that they had better stay out of the area for a while, because "the sky is full of little Cessnas". (No mention that they were all women pilots). MARY MARTIN and her Tucson group had waited all day to greet our fleet. Thanks, Tucson Chapter, and sorry.

Tuesday morning, one hour before sunrise, we left Tucson and headed for Phoenix, where we waited for the fuel boys to arrive on the job. Several of us visited the tower in hope of seeing CARL SWANSON, a past Van Nuys tower operator. He was not on duty, so AUDREY SCHUTTE gave CARL a call and woke him up. We then headed for Thermal, an hour or so ahead of schedule. Our Chief Pilot, LOLA RICCI, was doing a great job. Strong headwinds had not deterred our efforts to arrive on time, so far.

Brave PAT PITCOCK lost her radio and became the "clicking mystery of the skys". HELEN KEEL, who had earned her Commercial license just two weeks before the trip, acted as interpreter. VIRGINIA RAINWATER had also received her Commercial license recently, in fact, just the day before departing from Van Nuys.

We landed at Thermal to get fuel and organize our last leg home. On the flight to Van Nuys, we climbed to 8500 feet, above the white billowy clouds, ten little gnats all in a row. Weather conditions deteriorated so rapidly that it was necessary to backtrack to Palm Springs. After an hour or so, we were able to complete the last leg of our journey to Van Nuys and arrived only a few hours behind schedule.

Champagne reception at Skyways given by MR. PAULSON and OLE BARDAHL was enjoyed by all. HOWARD KEEL (HELEN'S husband) presented each girl with a gold charm commemorating the flight.

Weather, 40 knot headwinds, engine trouble, radio out, and various fuel consumption rates and speeds the 150s were capable of made the flight a real challenge for ten women to coordinate so beautifully.

ARTIE THRENHOLM, in behalf of ALLEN E. PAULSON, general manager of Skyways, was our most gracious "mother" on the trip, with the tiresome task of making all ar-

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VIRGINIA RAINWATER, ARDIE TRENHOLM, PAT PITCOCK, ELLEN TRINDLE, BETTYE FRY, HELEN KEEL, LIZ CROWLEY, AUDREY SCHUTTE and LOLA RICCI, all members of the San Fernando Valley Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, who returned from a 1600 mile ferry flight from Wichita, Kansas to Van Nuys on December 5. The lady pilots were selected by **MR. ALLEN E. PAULSON**, General Manager of Van Nuys Skyways to fly the new Cessna trainers solo across the country. These new airplanes will be added to the present fleet to handle the increase in enrollment in flight training, now covered by the new G. I. Bill.

rangements and taking care of all tabs. It was great to just walk away and say, "Mother will take care of it." The fun lasted for five glorious days, including approximately eighteen hours of flying time and covering about 1600 miles.

Back home at Van Nuys, the San Fernando Valley Chapter had their meeting as scheduled with **EDDIE WHITE** filling in as Chairman. In attendance were fifteen members and five guests. Our Chapter enjoyed a delightful pot luck dinner Christmas party, in the home of **ELLEN TRINDLE**. As could be expected, there was much hangar flying.

SOUTHWEST SECTION SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER Marilyn Norton, Reporter

Fly-in Chairman **MARGARET LAWSON** and husband **DAVID** duplicated their success of the previous month and ordered an absolutely gorgeous day for our December trek to Solvang. Another record group of pilots and friends put in an appearance for a day of shopping, sight-seeing, wine-tasting(?), and lunch. Among them were members **JUNE DENNEY, BETTY**

HUMBLE, LOLA and SAM FLETCHER, LIBBY and CORKY KIRK, DORIS and LOU BAILEY, MARION and BOB MARRIOT, MARILYN and JOHN NORTON and of course **MARGARET and DAVID LAWSON**. Note: a Special thanks to **DAVID** for the great job of chauffeuring! Guests were **GARY and SANDRA SANDERS, JO SHAFFER, ELIZABETH ECKELS, JEAN ELLIOT, WILDA NICHOLS, PHIL WHEELER and GAIL BLISS**.

Our annual Christmas party was at the home of Chairman **VIRGINIA WEGENER**. (A change in format to enable new members to become better acquainted). Hostesses **MAR-**

**NEXT DEADLINE
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GARET LAWSON and JEAN ELLIOT served a marvelous Champagne punch during the gift exchange and later heavenly home-made iced cakes and hot coffee. Gifts contributed by members and guests for patients at Casa Colina Rehabilitation Center in Pomona will be distributed at the Center's Christmas party. We also had the opportunity of voting for and welcoming new members NITA THORNTON, JEAN ELLIOT, and JO SHAFER. Congratulations, we're very happy to have you with us!

Capsule Comment: PENNY SWOPE enjoying a delightful cross-country flight with NORMA WILCOX, starting at Merced, Calif. and ending in Bedford, N. J., where NORMA and NATE showed PENNY the historical sights in detail. . . . ISABEL OWEN more than a little happy since her Bonanza came out of the shop with a new transponder, slaved gyro, and a strobe light. . . . enthusiastic participants in Skylark's Mystery Flight were SHIRLEY and CARL GILMORE. . . . and it's off to Mazatlan for JEAN ELLIOT to enjoy the Christmas holidays (JEAN is our expert on South-of-the-Border flying). . . . Ed. Note -- We'll be there too -- wonder if our paths will cross? ? . . . next time you're at Long Beach Airport stop and say "Hello" to GRACE PAGE, Long Beach Ninety-Nine and latest female entrant in the flight school biz. . . . congratulations to LIBBY KIRK, the Commercial written is behind her. . . . MARGARET and DAVID LAWSON on a pre-holiday visit to Phoenix.

Bad News Dept. It was an ill wind etc. (the 85 m.p.h. variety) that totaled JULIE SHORT'S Cessna 150 at Morrow Field. . . . VIRGINIA WEGENER snowbound in Omaha and missing the Christmas party held at her home! members and guests missing VIRGINIA at the Christmas party. . . . DOROTHY GEDDES, after a determined effort, losing the gift of the evening (a fish complete with bowl) to equally determined MARILYN NORTON. . . . LOLA FLETCHER dipping a prop in the mud at Solvang. . . . and LOLA finding Nut Tree Inn closed at Thanksgiving, (evidently they haven't heard the song written about you!)

Until next month (when I hope the Bad News Dept. can be deleted) wishing you all the best for the coming year and happy flying!

SOUTHWEST SECTION **SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER** **Amy Sylvestri, Reporter**

A very enjoyable day was spent on Nov. 19 by thirty-nine 99s, 49½ers, and guests as they participated in a "Chinese Poker Flight" arranged by our Flight Chairman, MARY SMITH. Flying enthusiasts from San Francisco to San Jose met at the Livermore Airport for their poker hands and directions to their next stop . . . which proved to be Modesto. There it became a "Japanese Poker Flight" as the directions for the next leg of the flight were in Japanese brush painting. Cleverly disguised in the Japanese letters was a diagram of the Stockton Airport. There a late lunch was enjoyed and winners of the poker hands were announced, 49½er FLOYD HUGHES and FRANK SHELTON, guests BEN LAWSON and BONNIE SEYMOUR.

A nice big welcome to three new members: JAN HALAJIAN, BARBARA KNAPP and BARBARA POTUCEK.

Congratulations to GINI DAVIS recently elected President of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Assoc.

Many thanks to Monterey Bay Chapter for asking us to join them Dec. 6th at the Monterey Airport when they toured the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field, saw GCA approaches and participated in Link Trainer "flying". 14 members and 1 guest from our Chapter made the Fly-In: JACKIE PETTY, CHARLENE TAYLOR, PAT GLADNEY, GINI DAVIS, PHYLLIS PIERCE, EADIE HOAGLAND, JEANNE McELHATTON, NATALIE BOSIO, EVELYN LUNDSTROM, JEAN PEVEHOUSE, MARION BARNICK, MARY LAIL, JEANINE CECCIO, MARY SMITH and ALICE TAYLOR.

The annual Christmas Party was held on Friday, December 15 at the lovely Los Altos Hilltop home of JACK and PAT GLADNEY. A delicious Buffet Supper was served after the usual cocktail hour(s). The more than 50 99s, 49½ers, and guests concluded a very merry evening with exchange of gifts and dancing. A thank you from all who attended this gala event to the gracious PAT and JACK! and a HAPPY NEW YEAR to all! ! !

**Thinking of International
Officer Candidates ? ? ? ?
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SOUTHWEST SECTION **UTAH CHAPTER** **Gini Streeter, Reporter**

Winter has descended upon us, bringing our air marking to a standstill. We are lucky to find a day when we can take to the air.

The long Thanksgiving weekend found NANCY REULING and family flying to Tucson and Prescott. NANCY reports that the weather was not too good to them. They will be flying to Peoria, Illinois for the Christmas holidays. NANCY has added another rating to an already impressive list -- that of Instrument Flight Instructor. Congratulations, NANCY

GINI STREETER and family flew to San Francisco for Thanksgiving and GINI logged 5 hours MEL plus an hour of actual IFR.

ALBERTA NICHOLSON was delighted to have as house guests ELAINE JANSSEN and a friend. ELAINE is a niece of LUCIE WYMANS of Holland.

CARYL KNOWLTON says she hasn't done any flying recently, but they are anxiously awaiting her son's arrival home from a mission in Japan.

LYLE BECKSTAND and 49½er flew to Mexico. They had 10 marvelous days in Mazatlan, San Blas, Uruapan and Zihuatanejo.

December 9th found the Chapter's Christmas Party flying high atop Salt Lake's tallest building. The view was tremendous, the food excellent and we even managed to get some of the 49½ers on the dance floor. MAUREEN RICHARDS, Ogden, stopped to tell me that she passed her Commercial. Congratulations, MAUREEN!

Some of the girls have some interesting trips coming up the first of the year and we will report on them later. Until next time, happy flying.



AUSTRALIAN SECTION **Olga Tarling, Reporter**

Once again as Xmas draws nigh, come more news from the land beneath the "Southern Cross". We hear that CHRISTINE HENDERSON enjoyed her visit to the U.S.A. so much that she now hopes to obtain work in Los

Angeles. FREDA THOMPSON will shortly return to these shores after a bus tour from England to India. Unfortunately, we Brisbane members missed ROBIN MILLER on her ferry flight from San Francisco, but I managed to send her greetings "over the air" as I was on duty at Air Traffic Control when she departed from southern Centres. Sydney managed to give her a welcome at their Aero Club Xmas party. Believe ROBIN almost missed her flight to the U.S.A., being stranded with a damaged aircraft in the outback of Western Australia. Not to be daunted, she managed to make a very good "Bandage Job" on the wing tip and finally D.C.A. allowed her to ferry the aircraft back to civilization! Just in time to catch her flight to Eastern States.

MARGARET KENTLEY has written to say that the get-together of Australian Ninety-Nines held at NANCY WALTON'S home on December 3rd was a huge success, being attended by eleven members. All the girls enjoyed re-living their exciting visit to the U.S.A. earlier this year and showing their films. BOZINA KRAJCA is very thrilled at the moment. After 14 years out of the air, she recently completed a solo flight after two hours dual and renewed her license. BOZINA was Aerobic Champion of Czechoslovakia in 1948.

Also over in Western Australia, ROSEMARY dePIERRES organized another very successful fly-in to her Aero Club in Wyalkatchem, and had a most exciting flight in an Ag-cat.

After a three hour delay due to a flat battery and oily spark plugs, BERYL YOUNG and I managed to get a Dehavilland Dove into the air for an hour's test flight recently. It was quite a thrill for me as it has been eight years since I sat in the co-pilot's seat of a Dove and more of a thrill to have BERYL sitting beside me as Captain. She and I were both co-pilots on Doves and Herons with a small charter company in Victoria, back in 1959.

Our only Whirly Girl, ROSEMARY ARNOLD, spends her time gazing at her newly acquired COMMERCIAL Rotary Wing Rating and is trying very hard to get into this new field of aviation. JUNE NELLIGAN has one subject to complete towards her Commercial License. HELEN BLACKBURN who now lives in Darwin, at-



His Excellency, the Governor General of Australia, LORD CASEY, receiving the magnificent album of colored aerial photographs of the U.S.A., together with their Official Proclamation—Invitations from the individual U.S. States & Territories, a gift from the U.S.A. Ninety-Nines. At a later time it is to be put in the Australian National Library. The Presentation took place at a Reception and Buffet Dinner given to Australian Women Pilots by their Excellencies, at Government House on 14th October, 1967. Left to Right - Her Excellency the LADY CASEY, MISS OLGA TARLING, Governor Australian Section 99's, His Excellency LORD CASEY, MR. EDWIN M. CRONK, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy, and MRS. MARGARET KENTLEY. (Photo by Australian News & Information Bureau)

tended a Cotton Festival at the Ord River Scheme and came equal first in Streamer cutting and second in the Sport Landing competitions.

Our next big project for our Australian women pilots is the Annual General meeting to be held in Adelaide, South Australia, late in March. After this meeting most of us will be proceeding on a Flying Safari to the Australian "Dead Heart", Alice Springs. We are hoping to have another Australian team for the Powder Puff Derby this coming year and we are planning to hold a competition to select this team at the Adelaide meeting.

To all Ninety-Nines around the world, a very bright and prosperous New Year from the "Winged Femmes" of Australia.

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Janet Ferguson, Reporter

Our big annual social event is over for another year and our new Governor, ELIZABETH OVERBURY, did a marvelous job of running it. About 200 guests joined us at the Royal Aero Club and they included two Ministers of State and LADY BRABAZON of Tara. Among other activities during the party was the presentation of the beautiful folio from the U.S. to mark International Year, firstly to SHELIA SCOTT by MR. LEACH of Pan American (who had flown it over for us), and then by SHELIA to MR. J. P. MALLALIEU, Minister of State at the Board of Trade, who accepted it on behalf of the country.

We were glad that our ex-Governor SHELIA SCOTT just made it back in

time for the party. She had made a great effort to be back from her U.S. visit before November 22nd and succeeded in breaking the record for the South Atlantic crossing on her way home, flying "Myth Too" from Natal, South America to Dakar, West Africa in eleven hours. Our congratulations to her once again! Since the party, SHELIA has joined the supersonic set — she visited a Royal Naval Air Station in the West of England and flew a Hunter jet fighter for an hour, including a brief trip beyond "the barrier". She was thrilled with the experience, needless to say.

Most exciting news from GILLIAN CAZALET. She is now proud possessor of an Airline Transport Pilots License — a great reward for a lot of hard work, and essential to her airline career. Many congratulations, GILLIAN!

ELIZABETH OVERBURY is now in the midst of the flying part of her BAC One Eleven course, during which she will make several supernumary flights as First Officer with British United Airways on their scheduled runs, and will eventually take the flying test to get the One Eleven on her license.

DELPHINE GRAY-FISK has been working as an instructor at the Herts and Essex Club for some time now, concentrating mostly on instrument rating instruction. The Club recently bought a Britten-Norman Islander, the 10-seat utility twin, and is planning to use it for instruction, demonstration flights and charter; DELPHINE is one of three pilots selected to fly the aircraft.

We welcome as a new Ninety-Nine BARBARA CANNON, who has been joining in many of our activities for the past year as a Sixty-Six. BARBARA flies at Stapleford Tawney (the home of the Herts and Essex Club) and has a Private License with 150 hours. And not only that. . . . BARBARA and her husband have their own Piper Cherokee — a fact which is quite a rarity in this country, as there aren't too many "private" owners" around. Before her marriage, BARBARA was an aerodynamicist with de Havillands for nine years, which must have given her a more advanced background for flying than most of us! We also welcome her husband EDGAR as a new 49½er. EDDIE, incidentally, is

another of the three pilots for the Islander that DELPHINE is flying.

We've just had a most enjoyable meeting at the swimming pool of the Royal Aero Club. A few souls ventured in the pool — albeit a well-heated one — and then we had a bit of a hanger-flying session over supper.

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