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A B-LINE from THE V. P.

How are the new year's resolutions coming? There's one resolution I hope you all make and fulfill, THAT'S GETTING WITH THE APT PROGRAM. We can put forth much more enthusiastic efforts in our quest to promote aviation if we are actively pursuing our own flying interests. Get the form from your chapter chairman and use it as an excuse if necessary to get back to flying. We need an active pilot membership so let's needle each other into APT.

I hope you have noticed in your new roster, page 11, that 1972 is slated for an international site for convention. This will be a first and we, the Executive Board, are most anxious to entertain invitations from chapters and sections outside the U.S. We are truly an international organization and we're all so enthused to meet and read about our international members. This will give us a wonderful opportunity to get to know more of them and hence make our bond of friendship even stronger and more meaningful. Isn't this a great idea? Let's all get ready by thinking International and start saving our cigarette money.

A quick check with our very able Headquarters Chairman, SUSIE SEWELL, reveals our new of ice and museum are really taking shape. The spring Executive Board meeting is scheduled to take place in the new headquarters office. LORRAINE McCARTY, BETTY McNAEB and I will have been to Oklahoma City for final decisions and arrangements by the time you read this and I'll report on our progress and accomplishments next month. Remember this museum is to reflect the accomplishments of the Ninety-Nines, past, present and future. JACQUELINE COCHRAN has graciously offered to donate some of her treasured mementos and you are all aware that the film of A.E.'s last take-off is now property of our Ninety-Nine museum. We hope headquarters will be on your must list for this year.

SUSIE reports our membership now stands at 3500+. When you look at the increase in number of pilots each year you will realize our membership should be increasing at an ever climbing rate. Just think of all those exciting new places to go and members to meet.

Just saw some birds flying north so spring can't be far away. Remember flying is the name of our game.

ATTENTION PLEASE! The Illi-Nines Air Derby was produced and directed under the very able leadership of Bobbie Johansson, Chicago area chapter, with assistance of her committee members of the Chicago area and Central Illinois chapters. Since I gave full credit to the Quad Cities Chapter I guess the only way to break even will be for the Quad-Cities Chapter to come up with some equally brilliant event that I can give the Chicago Area Central Illinois chapters credit for. Sorry about that!

Coming Events

MARCH 1, 1969

Deadline for International Nominations

MARCH 10, 1969

Deadline for entry in "Free Entry Fee for PPD" Contest

MARCH 21-28, 1969

ANGEL Derby—New Orleans, La. to Managua, Nicaragua

APRIL 15, 1969

Income Tax and ENTRIES OPEN FOR PPD

APRIL 18-20, 1969

Southwest Spring Sectional
Tucson, Ariz.

APRIL 26, 1969

Dallas, Poker Party Air Race
Rain date May 3, 1969

MAY 9-11, 1969

Spirit of San Diego Air Race
St. Louis to San Diego

MAY 16-19, 1969

Southcentral Spring Sectional
Ft. Worth, Texas

MAY 17-18, 1969

Dedication of Aviation Technology
Dept., Cochise College, Douglas, Ariz. (See Editor's column)

MAY 23-25, 1969

Southeast Sectional Meeting,
Kitty Hawk, North Carolina

MAY 30, 1969

Last day for Entry in PPD

JULY 4-9, 1969

Powder Puff Derby
San Diego to Washington D.C.
SEE AWTAR

JULY 9-13, 1969

International Convention
New York City, New York
See NOTAMS

AUGUST 17, 1969

All-Ohio Chapter Poker Party

SEPTEMBER 19-21, 1969

Southcentral Fall Sectional
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Charter Members

1969 Convention

OPEN LETTER TO ALL CHARTER MEMBERS

Dear Charter Member:

The Ninety-Nines, Inc. will celebrate its 40th Anniversary in 1969. Since its founding in 1929 with 99 charter members, the organization has grown to over 3,500 with members all over the world. I am sure Amelia Earhart would be proud, as you must be, of the progress of the Ninety-Nines. Proud too of the many outstanding achievements of its members since that first meeting at Curtiss Field, Valley Stream, Long Island, New York on Nov. 2, 1929.

The Greater New York Chapter of the New York-New Jersey Section is proud and pleased to be the hostess Chapter for this memorable occasion. This 40th Anniversary Convention will be held July 9-13 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City. We dedicate this Convention to all you charter members who had the foresight to unite all women pilots and give them a purpose when aviation was in its infancy.

The 40th Anniversary Banquet, Saturday, July 12, 1969 will honor all 99 Charter members. On behalf of the Greater New York Chapter, we cordially invite you to attend this banquet as our HONORED GUEST. You will receive additional information concerning the convention, but this letter is to let you know in advance so that you can make plans to attend. The New York-New Jersey Section will do everything possible to make your stay a happy, exciting one.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR NOT, WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO SEND A PICTURE AND SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF YOUR FLYING CAREER. WE PLAN TO INCLUDE IT IN THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY PUBLICITY.

Very truly yours,
NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY
SECTION
GREATER NEW YORK
CHAPTER

KATHLEEN A. HILBRANDT,
Chairman

40th Anniversary Banquet
425 Franklin Avenue
Hasbrouck Heights, N.J. 07604



(New York Convention & Visitors Bureau)

1969 CONVENTION

To All Ninety Nines:

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY'S HAND is raised in salute to AMELIA EARHART AND THE CHARTER MEMBERS WHO FOUNDED THE NINETY NINES HERE IN NEW YORK AREA BACK IN 1929.

The Ninety Nines, of the New York/New Jersey Section, arms are opened wide to welcome you to New York City and the 40th Anniversary Convention.

The world-famous WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL'S red carpet hospitality will be rolled out to greet you July 9-13, 1969. WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED "RUN OF THE HOUSE" ROOM WITH RATES OF \$14.00 FOR SINGLE ROOMS AND \$20.00 FOR TWIN/DOUBLE ROOMS. The lovely Basildon Room has been reserved as our Registration and Hospitality suite, and the fabulous Starlight Roof for the Honors Nite Banquet.

The Greater New York Chapter is your hostess chapter, with enthusiastic support and cooperation from all the New York/New Jersey Section chapters. The Garden State, Long Island, Western New York and Hudson Valley Chapters are all working and planning to make this 40th Anniversary Convention a happy memorable one for everyone. So PLAN AHEAD—plan to come to Fun City for your 1969 vacation!!!

DORIS RENNINGER, Chairman
JULIE VOM SAAL, Co-Chairman



HEADLINES from Hazel

WHEEEEEEW!! This has been quite a day. Between trying to get the news "put to bed", the President inaugurated, and studying for a final at school, my poor swirling head is a state of utter confusion and I think the one functioning grey cell has ceased.

In an effort to consolidate some of the reports from last time and this time, it was necessary to delete some of the material. Some of you indicate that you are still confused. I am sure that by now, you all have your January copy and can see the difference. I was hoping you would have your copies in time to make a comment on how you liked it. It has been suggested that if this is not a solution to our financial problems, possibly another solution would work. The solution being to do away with the refund from headquarters for the membership. As you all know, headquarters refunds \$1.00 per member back to the chapter. If our constitution were amended to do away with this refund, it might help us to have a regular magazine each month. Of course, now is the time to be thinking about possible amendments, so give it some thought.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the SOUTHERN SIERRA CHAPTER INTO THE SOUTHWESTERN SECTION. DATE OF CHARTER: FEBRUARY 1, 1969.

The TV Guide of January 18-24 reports that: "Travel-show producer BILL BURRUD signed actress SUSAN OLIVER to host a documentary on women in aviation, a segment of his WONDERFUL WORLD OF WOMEN. Sounds like a great show and we can all look forward to seeing it.

DOROTHY WARREN, South Central Section Secretary told us of a friend who is saving cigarette packages. It seems that for every 1000 packages turned in, it will send one retarded child to school for a year. This was all she knew about it, but lets all send our cigarette packages to DOROTHY WARREN, 14648 CHERRY HILLS DRIVE, DALLAS, TEXAS 75234.

The March issue will be another Announcements Only issue, so once again some of you will get a month off. Please take a vote from your members and let me know how you like this type issue. We will publish the results in my column. Remember for YOUR sake, get APT!

Backward Glance Column

Virginia Thompson, Historian

Excerpts from "Women in Aviation" in the 1930's

By the early 1930's, women had entered practically all phases of aviation. Even the old expression "Home, James" had taken on a new aerial expression, "Home, MARIE". MARIE C. GRAHAM probably became the first woman to have the title of personal pilot. In fact her employer, MARY LINDA BRADLEY of Ridgefield, Connecticut, later became so enthused that she too obtained her pilot's license.

It was a time when women were doing things in an aeronautical way such as: giving birthday party flights, having aerial teas, and giving luncheons in the air. At this time in our history, having two tables of bridge in a tri-motored plane was something of a novelty. It was never reported though whether the eight thousand foot altitude influenced the quality of their bridge playing.

On the serious side, various records were being set. The previous woman's loop record climbed to more than seven times its previous level or from 46 to 344; and the woman's solo endurance record mark was boosted nearly nine hours.

LAURA INGALLS, twenty-five-year-old transport pilot and social registerite of New York, established a new record for consecutive loops in an airplane by executing 298 more than had

been previously recorded for a woman. The record was made in a Gypsy Moth plane at Lambert Field, St. Louis, under the auspices of official National Aeronautic Association observers. The previous record for women was forty-six consecutive loops by MILDRED KAUFFMAN of Kansas City.

MISS INGALLS made 66 additional loops just to prove that she could make the 400 she had set out to make, although they were not counted in the record because she had to halt her continuous loping long enough to pump reserve gas from an auxiliary tank.

LENA EERNSTEIN, 22 year old Frenchwoman, who was born in Russia, set up a new solo endurance record for women at Le Bourget Airport, near Paris, after one previous attempt when her motor weakened before she did. She already held the world's record for women in long distance flying with her non-stop journey last year from Paris to Cairo.

Two other adventuresome women, FLORENCE LOWE BARNERS of San Marino, Calif., in her two place Travel Air and GLADYS O'DONNELL of Long Beach, Calif., flew just a week apart to the interior of Mexico. They were probably the first women to do so. While there, GLADYS took out a transport license for that country.

Even in the 1930's, age did not hamper the desire to do the unusual as exemplified by The Duchess of Bedford who at the age of 64 made her first solo flight.

It was interesting to note too that MARY LINCOLN BECKWITH, granddaughter of Abraham Lincoln, signed up for a limited commercial course with Curtiss Wright Flying Service's Baltimore School.

This brings us up to Aug. 1930, the time of the two air derbies for women: Class A Women's Eastern (lighter planes) and Class B Women's Western (heavier planes) Derbies. Entrance requirements then were: 150 hours with 50 hours of cross-country. The tentative course for the Women's Eastern Derby went something like this: Leave Washington, D.C., Aug. 22 at 11 A.M.; Richmond, Va., for lunch; Raleigh, N.C. for the night; Columbia, S.C. for lunch; Atlanta, Ga., for the night; Birmingham, Ala., for lunch; Memphis, Tenn., for the night; St. Louis, Mo., for lunch; Springfield, Ill., for the night; Elgin, Ill., for lunch; and finish the afternoon of Aug. 26th in Chicago.

The requirements for both men and women entries were identical. The results made the doubting Thomases on

the subject of the piloting abilities of women sit back and take considerable notice. The results were:

Winner	Name of Derby	Total Distance Covered	Average Speed
GLADYS O'DONNELL	Class B Women's Eastern	2442 miles	160.44 m.p.h.
PHOEBE OMLIE	Class A Women's Western	1575 miles	138.75 m.p.h.
J. WESLEY SMITH	Class B Men's Atlantic	1086 miles	129.13 m.p.h.
ART KILLIP	Class A Men's Atlantic	1516 miles	127.51 m.p.h.
JOHN BLUM	Class A Men's Pacific	2133 miles	115.86 m.p.h.
JOHN LIVINGSTON	Class B Men's Pacific	1712 miles	105.85 m.p.h.

Then followed the second National Meeting of the Ninety-Nine Club, as our organization was then called, at the Hotel Drake in Chicago on Aug. 27th. Since it is significant in our history and rather lengthy, it will be reported in our next issue.

Please continue to send all articles and newspaper clippings of **international** interest for our History Book to:

VIRGINIA THOMPSON
3803 HILLCREST LANE
ANNANDALE, VA. 22003
All other articles are to be mailed to

the Scrapbook Chairman,
GLADYS COBB
17550 PARKER ROAD
CASTRO VALLEY, CALIF. 94546
Thank you for your help.

ERRATA:

In the October issue when we listed the women honored in the roto-gravure we inadvertently omitted KATHERINE STINSON'S name. Then in the December issue we reported on the Air Derby we had RUTH ELDER 4th and BLANCHE NOYES 6th. It should have been BLANCHE NOYES 4th and RUTH ELDER 5th. Sorry about that ladies!!! The material we received was in error and it is good to, at last, get it straight.

AWTAR

POWDER PUFF DERBY

Marion Andrews Lopez, Reporter

If you call AWTAR Headquarters these days and KAY BRICK answers kind of fuzzy like, its probably because she has a label stuck in her mouth from trying to get a mailing out to all Ninety-Nines containing all the latest.

February means that all hands are busy cranking and assembling race kits which will be ready this month for your requests at \$1.00 each.

ATTENTION ALL WHIRLY-GIRLS!!
A Helicopter Division for the 1969 Powder Puff Derby is now under consideration by the board. Should this materialize, supplementary rules will be issued. Deadline for the contest "Why I Want To Fly The Powder Puff Derby" in 250 words or less is March 15th. Entries should be typewritten double spaced in triplicate. Judges for the contest who are past presidents of the 99s and who have flown the race themselves are: BETTY GILLIES, Chairman; DEEDO HEISE and BRONETA EVANS. The winner wins a free entry fee, worth \$100.00 to 99s, for the year of their choice—1969, 1970 or 1971 Powder Puff Derby. See rules in the Nov.-Dec. News. This should be a good project for a cold winter evening. Let's make those Past Presidents work.

The 1969 Powder Puff Derby will take off from Lindberg Field, San Diego on July 4th. San Diego is going all out in celebration of their 200th Anniversary this year.

The Start is being sponsored and hosted by the 200th Anniversary Committee together with the San Diego, El Cajon and Palomar Chapters of the Ninety-Nines. MARION BANKS is Chairman with Co-Chairmen GERTRUDE LOCKWOOD and EILEEN FREEMAN.

The race will end at Dulles International Airport, Washington, D.C. Deadline to finish will be Official Sunset, WEATHER PERMITTING, July 7th. The Terminus will be co-sponsored by the Washington, D.C. Chapter and the Middle East Section of the 99s.

Does Flying Keep You Young?

Are fliers in better physical condition than non fliers? Does flying keep you young? The answers to these and other questions about aging are sought by DR. ROBERT PROPER, Head, Dept. of Diagnostics and Clinical Biometrics at the Lovelace Foundation in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Lovelace Foundation received a grant, initially to study the age at which an airline pilot is old enough to be retired. DR. PROPER and his staff tested 500 men in groups of 100 in each decade of an age group, beginning with 20 and ending with 60. The study began in 1961, with professional and high time air force pilots as subjects. It was found that more than 800 bits of information were gleaned from each subject. Some of the "bits" revealed that fliers are in better physical condition than non fliers, are leaner, taller and less prone to ulcers and coronaries. Their I.Q. averaged 120 and above, with 100 used as the average.

The study was so successful that DR. PROPER has expanded it to include females. No other scientific endeavor

of this type has been specifically directed toward women.

The Ninety Nines as an organization have been selected (and honored) by DR. PROPER as the group of women to be tested as he wants to test women pilots.

All testing will be done at the Lovelace Foundation on Albuquerque, testing only one applicant per day because of the multitude of tests required.

DR. PROPER would like as many applicants as possible as there are fewer women pilots than men and a wide sampling is needed.

When you indicate your interest and willingness to be tested by applying you will receive a questionnaire to be completed by you and returned to DR. PROPER. Questionnaires may be obtained by writing DR. ROBERT PROPER, LOVELACE FOUNDATION, 5200 GIBSON, SE, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO. State that you would like to be included in the aging study for women, and want a questionnaire.

After the returned questionnaires have been analyzed a selection will be made. If you are selected you will be notified by the Foundation.

the "Powder Puff Derby" ✈

ALL-WOMAN TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE, INC.
Ways and Means 16206 E. Central Wichita, Kansas 67230



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Powder Puff
Polly

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FRAN NOLDE and JEAN ROSS HOWARD are the Co-Chairmen. The Official hotel is the Sheraton Park. The Awards Banquet will be on Wed. the 9th of July which allows time to skip up to New York City for the Convention.

The following is a quote from a letter received from PAUL EDW. GARBER, Assistant Director Aeronautics, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institute: "The trophy continues to attract a great deal of favorable attention. Often when I am in our Air and Space Building I see groups of girls looking at it and ex-

citedly pointing out the winners whom they recall."

We need volunteers, preferably from the northeastern section of the U.S. to assemble the 1966 and 1968 scrapbooks for AWTAR. All materials will be furnished.

Send contributions to AWTAR-Ninety-Nine's Fund Raising Chairman PAT McEWEN, 16206 E. Central, Wichita, Kansas 67230. Send requests for 1969 Kits to AWTAR Headquarters, Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, New Jersey 07608.

COMMITTEES REPORT

Attention Air Markers!

To all Air Marking enthusiasts and would be markers, Welcome! We always have work to do. Many of you have accomplished a lot. I know, because I read the Newsletter. But, many one report have I received. If you go to all the effort of completing a project, be selfish, receive credit for it from the FAA and 99 International.

To those who have written me asking the do's and don'ts of Air Marking and "How to do it?" I have answered they should first procure the excellent Air Marking Guide published by the Palomar Chapter. For the nominal fee of \$1.50 sent to MRS. B. W. PEARSON, RT. NO. 1, BOX 1890 D, SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA, your chapter can own this invaluable guide.

Please let's concentrate on shopping centers and locations that will point the way to the nearest airport for the lost or disoriented student or even full-fledged pilot. Central Pennsylvania told me an astronaut wrote them thanking them for their airmarking job and saying what a great help it was getting him back on course!

We are still using the postcard report system Mary Able set up, because it seems to answer all necessary questions without too much time or effort involved. So, please, send one postcard to me and one to BLANCHE NOYES, CHIEF, AIR MARKING STAFF, FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY, WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

AIR MARKING REPORT

..... Chapter Section
Location of Air Mark Lat. Long.
City State
Airport Hangar
City or Town Runway
New Location Building
Repaint Old Marking Highway
Date Air Mark Completed:	
Mail to: Jerry B. Roberts	
1011 N. Park Ave.	
Haddon Heights, N.J.	

Good Luck and have fun. It would be great if each chapter could schedule two air markings this year!

JERRY B. ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN
AIR MARKING COMMITTEE

A. E. Scholarship

**Dr. Dougherty Strother,
Chairman**

Since the publication of the three pictures of AMELIA and her plane in the September 1968 issue, we seem to have stimulated more people to look through their files and scrap books and, if you are like me, stacks of stuff at home. We are herewith publishing another photograph of AMELIA. We believe it also is hitherto unpublished. It came from GEN. H. H. HOWZE (USA Retd.) a VICE PRESIDENT OF BELL HELICOPTER COMPANY. GEN. HOWZE permitted us to copy his picture and the copy will be forwarded to 99 headquarters. The picture was given to him by a dinner partner during a banquet in Australia. It is said to have been taken of A.E. during her stop in Australia and just prior to her last take-off. We are not able to identify any ring on her finger as mentioned by Goerner in his book, however if we can all look through our "stacks" and stimulate our friends and flying acquaintances to do the same, we may uncover some yet unknown facts (such as the pearl ring). If you have any pictures and would loan them to us, but want them back, this can certainly be arranged and they will be returned none the worse for wear.

I know AE would be proud of the Scholarship which we have created and nurtured in her name. Your Board of Trustees will soon be meeting to review the applications for this scholarship which will be submitted by the Section Amelia Earhart Chairmen. This is an exhausting, but rewarding process. So many of our members are very deserving and the final decision of those to submit to the honorary judges is never an easy one to make. This year the scholarship is \$800. With the rising costs of everything we have raised it from \$700 last year. This would certainly be a good start on any rating and we wish we could give it to all the applicants. Help us make 1969 a great year for your scholarship fund. Contribute generously even though your chapter may not have a candidate. Next year you may have a winner. REMEMBER ONLY ½ OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION GOES INTO THE PERMANENT FUND. THE OTHER ½ GOES DIRECTLY INTO THE SCHOLARSHIP FOR THAT YEAR.

February, 1969



Photograph of AMELIA EARHART during her stop over in Australia prior to departure on her last flight. Original of pictures are owned by GEN. H. H. HOWZE (USA Retd.), V. P. Bell Helicopter Co. He received these from a dinner partner during a visit to Australia.

AIR MEETS

BAHAMA TREASURE HUNT IS FUN Jerry Roberts, Reporter

We, my 49½'er, HAL, as pilot and I, flew the Bahama Treasure Hunt for the first time last November. It was a wonderful trip, and a marvelous way to explore those beautiful, colorful islands. We put 30 hours on our Cessna 172, so you can see; we really did some extensive exploring.

The Treasure Hunt, as well as being a promotion stunt for the Bahamas, is a wonderful get-together of pilots from all over the world. England, Canada and the Isle of Mann were repre-

sented. The coordinates encompassed the islands of Andros, Eleuthra, Exuma and New Providence. The clues were 18 pictures to be matched and coordinated with one minute leeway longitude and latitude. We were given three days to accomplish this and most pilots visited new Clubs (motels) each night, while others had one site as their base. It was tiring, but I thought it was fun to spend each night in a different location. Wherever you went, you were sure to meet a group with the yellow Hunt badges on—then the fun began. The conversation, of course,

was flying and weather. One whole week of fantastic hangar flying. The "hunters" are an extraordinarily congenial, outgoing group and new-comers were warmly received.

I was surprised how few of the women there, though for the most part, enthusiastic fliers, were not pilots. GINNY VAN KESTEREN and her HUSBAND won first prize, a \$20,000 lot on Great Harbour Cay and DOT JULICH won a Honda for placing fourth.

We met KIN MARTIN, 99 from Toronto, who got me all excited about a race they will have in Montreal in May—a husband-wife deal that should appeal to a lot of 99's in the area. We also saw HELEN EGAN, SELMA CRONIN and BETTY LOU SCANDLING.

The entire Hunt was beautifully organized and from our view ran smoothly. No problems or waiting for customs, rooms, taxis, etc. What a great way to travel!

With all the hunting, we found time to play golf and swim, but no time for scuba diving. That was a disappointment, because those waters are fantastically clear with beautifully colored fish and things growing that are fun to look at under the glass. Next year!

One hundred-forty planes participated and all the ports were controlled for the week. Service was speedy and efficient with no serious mishaps to any of the contestants. A couple from California ran into IFR conditions in Alabama and stopped in Birmingham to wait it out. Because two big football games were scheduled that weekend, accommodations were impossible to get, so they hired an Instrument Rated Pilot who flew them to Palm Beach. He got out of their plane and stepped on a commercial flight back to Birmingham with their key in his pocket. After a three hour wait, their key flew back to them—and they finally arrived in the Bahamas. We spent a lot of time dodging thunderstorms that were a concern to HAL, but didn't compare with those we bypassed in the Derby. It was a happy sight to spot Grand Bahama, however, because they close the airport at sundown, and we had exactly five minutes to spare.

This was the Sixth Annual Hunt and I hope we can join all future trips, with you along with us.

All Women's International Air Race

"Angel Derby"

NEW ORLEANS, U.S.A. TO MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, C.A.



\$2500⁰⁰ TO TOP WINNERS PLUS TROPHIES

MARCH 21 — 28, 1969

ENTRIES OPEN JAN. 6, 1969 — CLOSE FEBRUARY 15, 1969

FOR INFORMATION WRITE: Cecile Hatfield, General Chairman
12920 Oleander Road
North Miami, Florida 33161

Organized and conducted under the direction of the Florida Women Pilots Assoc., Inc. in accordance with the Sporting Code of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale and with the Sporting Regulations of the National Aeronautic Association.

Spirit of San Diego Air Race

May 9-11, 1969

Start will be Lambert Field, St. Louis, Mo. at 6 a.m. (CDT) on May 10, 1969. Finish will be Lindbergh Field, San Diego, Cal. 1 p.m. (PDT) on May 11, 1969. The race is open to both men and women. Passengers may be carried.

Route will be: St. Louis, Mo., Wichita, Kan., Amarillo, Tex., Albuquerque, N.M., Phoenix, Ariz., Palm Springs, Cal., San Diego, Cal.

Information and applications may be obtained by sending 50c and writing to:

Spirit of San Diego Air Race
San Diego 200th Anniversary Committee Inc.
635 "C" St.
San Diego, Cal. 92101

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Pacific Air Race

FROM: Gillespie Field, Santee, California
TO: Phoenix, Arizona
October 12, 1968

Race No. PAR	Pilot and Co-Pilot	Aircraft Make and Model	Score	Place	HP	HCP
21	MARIAN BANKS THON GRIFFITH	1966 Comanche	+16.59	1	180	179.2
7	MARGARET CALLAWAY ISABELLE McCRAE	1968 Cherokee 140	+14.96	2	140	128.0
14	JAN GAMMELL MARY BROOKS	1963 Comanche	+11.41	3	250	176.7
33	FRAN BERA TERRY VASQUES	1957 Apache	+11.19	4	300	162.8
48	NELL CONNOLLY	1961 Comanche	+11.06	5	180	161.1
46	KAREN BRYNELSEN VERA McCALLISTER	1967 Cherokee	+10.10	6	235	153.8
12	ELEANOR RICHARDSON BARBARA TUCKER	1967 Cherokee C	+09.47	7	180	139.7
2	ELLEN TRINDLE SHIRLEY THOM	1960 Debonair	+09.21	8	225	174.4
19	ANN LODWIG BETTY McPHERSON	1967 Cessna 172	+08.88	9	145	124.5
11	BETTY WHARTON DOTTIE SANDERS	1960 Cessna 210	+08.51	10	260	185.5

NOTAMS

NEW YORK, N.Y.—New York City has been chosen as the site for the 40th Anniversary International Convention of the Ninety-Nines, organization of women licensed pilots, July 9-13, 1969, according to Mrs. Doris Renninger, Convention Chairman. More than 300 lovely aviatrix from all over the United States and many International members from 15 foreign countries are expected to attend this special anniversary convention which will be headquartered at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in midtown Manhattan. Host for this historical meeting will be the Greater New York Chapter of the New York-New Jersey Section, in addition to the Garden State; Long Island; Western New York; and Hudson Valley Chapters of the Ninety-Nines participating.

The Convention will be coordinated with the 22nd Annual "Powder Puff Derby", Transcontinental Air Race for Women Pilots, scheduled to be held July 4 to 8 from Southern California to Washington, D.C. Winners of the

Derby will be introduced at the Convention Banquet on July 13. Also, winners of the Annual Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award, given to qualified members to further their flying proficiency, will be announced at the Amelia Earhart Luncheon during the Convention.

Other special guests will include International President, Mrs. Donna Myers of Denver, Colorado, and Charter Members of the Ninety-Nines, which was founded in 1929 by Amelia Earhart, who was the organization's first President. These original Charter Ninety-Nines will be the guests of honor at the Annual Honors Night Banquet, July 13, 1969.

NOTAM All mail for Puget Sound Chapter during Feb., Mar. and Apr. should be sent c/o MARCHINE DEXTER; P. O. BOX 2352; EVERETT, WASH. 98201, as our chairman will be in Mexico and mail sent to her will not be available.



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NOTEPAPER. White with compass rose in blue. 24 folded sheets and 24 envelopes. \$1.40 ppd. Kansas Chapter—Pat Kastens; 3027 River Park Dr.; Wichita, Kansas 67203.



CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

Mary W. Nell, Reporter

Meeting of Chapter for January will be on January 16, 1969 at IRENE BATES home in Windham, Conn. Business meeting in the AM followed by luncheon to which guests may be invited.

Anyone desiring CERAMIC TILES as described in the Roster should now contact LESLIE BOYD our new Ways and Means Chairman—1485 STILSON RD., FAIRFIELD, CONN. 06430.

Also we are now making very elegant hand made Pilot tube covers with a streamer on which is embellished the call letters of your airplane. They are very reasonable and for further information please contact MRS. BOEBI HERBERT, 26 STERLING RD., ARMONK, N.Y. 10504. To call: (914) 273-8436. These are all made to order so get your orders in early before the busy season comes.

MISS MARILYN ASHLAND is the new Publicity Chairman. She lives in Brookfield, Conn. and has had some experience in this field. We are delighted.

EVELYN KROPP and NINA HETMAN are both working separately on their instrument rating. EVELYN has passed the written. NINA just took it. Best of everything to those who are working on their ratings!

The dawn of 1969 sees us all with some happy memories of 1968 and some new resolves and hopes for the new year.

In the happy memories department your reporter is chockfull. SHE and husband DAVE, son ALAN (20) acting co-pilot and daughter BAREARA (17) have just completed a Holiday tour across and around the Carribean. We left Palm Beach the same day as those other flyers did only they went to the moon and back. We overlew Cuba (it's still there), spent two days in Montego Bay, Jamaica, then flew direct to Panama Canal Zone where we spent Christmas with our other DAUGHTER and her husband (Army). Left there the Friday before New Year's following the coastal route, we passed by the 18,900 ft. snow-capped Pico Cristobal Colon only 10° N of the equator. What a sight that was!

Then on to Maricaoibo for gas—Wow, four full tanks in the Aztec, nearly 100 gals, all for only \$18.00. Then on to Maiquetia, the sea level airport of entry for Caracas, Venezuela, a truly magnificent city. Met some lovely people, swam a bit, sunned a bit and then off for St. Croix where we spent two nights aboard a Trimaran, cooking, diving, swimming, fishing, etc. A stop in San Juan, P.R. to put our SON on a commercial flight to be back in school on time, then on to South Caicos for lunch and gas on our way back home. As we turned final a female voice was heard on the unicom. She pulled up near us, and who should climb out but DOROTHY JULICH, a 99 who used to fly up around these parts. I guess she's a member of the N.Y.-N.J. chapter. We chatted a few minutes. She'd been to Grand Turk to pick up 3 cases of eggs for her boss at the Admiral Arms Hotel. Kind of expensive egg delivery! She sounded great, looked even better than that and couldn't say enough nice things about her boss and South Caicos. She's planning on the IAR and hopes to do the rest of Central America and on around the circle up the islands back to Caicos after the finish in Managua. She invites all 99's to stop and be in touch with her while in South Caicos. If it's late her boss claims no one will have to go on. If they need a night's lodging, he'll find it.

We left Caicos, got back to PBI, turned in our inflatable raft and survival kits which were delightfully unused! and headed for home base. Stopped in Charleston mid-afternoon and whoops—another 99 in a twin Comanche with 5 of her 7 kids on their way to Wash., D.C. after a vacation in STELLA MARIS. PAT McEWEN, the new Ways and Means Chairman for the Derby. My husband DAVE was impressed no end. I think up to now he's thought of us as a kind of flying sewing circle looking for new ways to amuse ourselves. When he sees two of our gals who can fly rings around him, he begins to be impressed.

Hope he is impressed with EVELYN KROPP'S new instrument rating as much as the rest of us are. How she managed to do it with the Christmas shopping is really a feat!

Our NANCY TIER is speaking before the Hartford Zontas the end of January. Lucky Zontas, they are in for a real program.

FLASH!!! BOBEI HERBERT finally got her choice of a trip this time. She

and husband Dana and another couple are just back from the Bahamas—all tanned and rested. We'll hear more about it at the Chapter meeting tomorrow at IRENE BATES house but the newsletter can't wait until after the meeting for the details or any other news or we'll miss our deadline for sure.

Our hope for all the 99's in '69 is much happiness, all the new ratings they want, and an always soft and pleasant landing every time!!!

EASTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Billie Downing, Reporter

First of all, we welcome new members JAN WOOD GRAHAM and DOT BUTLER. JAN flies from Newport, R.I. and has just passed her instrument written examination. DOT EUTLER flies from Hopedale-Draper and is taking acrobatic lessons in a Stearman.

The Flying Poker Party had to be postponed for a week due to bad weather but by so doing it was held on a beautiful day. STU and BILLIE DOWNING and their guests flew down in a Cessna 172 from Massachusetts and had a very good day. STU'S father won the first prize which was a beautiful Sky Watch radio and his mother won second prize. In fact, the Eastern New England Chapter did quite well with a hand in MONA BUDDING'S plane winning fourth prize.

MONA and MAL BUDDING have gone to Florida in their Cessna Sky-master until after the holidays.

LOIS and CHARLES AUCHTER-LONIE have been having quite a time flying commercially all over the country. They have been to New York City, San Francisco, Seattle and Portland and plan to go to Wichita and Albuquerque for the holidays.

Our Christmas Party was held on 10 December at the Holiday Inn in Waltham, Mass. Thirty-one members, 49½ers and guests attended and everyone had a very good time. DOT BUTLER and her husband had as their guests DR. and MRS. NATHANSON who run the flying service at Hopedale-Draper and own the Stearman in which DOT is taking acrobatics. MRS. NATHANSON is taking lessons also and has soloed and is working on her cross-country flying now so we hope she will be joining us soon. FLORENCE BARTON was also a guest. She is an instructor at Beverly Airport and does free lance flying at Hanscom Field.

She is also a veterinarian so is rather busy but we hope she will be joining us soon.

MILLIE DOREMUS missed the Christmas Party as she was in Michigan for the week.

KATHERINE HEYM from Michigan is with us now and we welcome her. She is working at the Instrumentation Laboratory of Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge on optical systems for the Apollo which sounds very interesting.

VIRGINIA BONESTEEL is enjoying her birthday present of lessons in a Citabria. Quite a nice present!

Our January meeting was held at the Newport State Airport in Newport, Rhode Island. There were eleven members, two guests and two 49½ers there. PEG DAVIDSON, Governor of our Section, and her husband flew over from Connecticut. The meeting was arranged by JAN WOOD GRAHAM and we thank her and apologize to her father for not being able to stay for the program that he had planned for us. It just gets dark too early in the winter time!

ISABEL BLODGETT has been galavanting all over the country in her Bonanza and spent the holidays in Denver.

A little late, but hope everyone had a nice Christmas and that this year will hold lots of good flying weather and lots of flying.



GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER Dee Mosteller, Reporter

Lots of news this month, since the reporter has been asleep for a while! Starting with our last meeting—a terrific Christmas dinner party at the beautiful Chappaqua home of Vice Chairman DORIS STOLL. Food, drinks, conversation, and sing-in were all great. SHEILA SCOTT was a welcome guest while on a business trip to New York. Our contribution to the true spirit of Christmas was, as last year, a big bag of toys for the children at Bellevue Hospital.

Going back a bit, Greater NY had a good Poker Run in October—some 90 players made the rounds of five N.J. and N.Y. airports. Great success in several ways—everybody had a ball,



Greater NY member heads south for the winter. Writer Julie Wilson and her pet Siberian Husky, TOCK-TU, stopped in at Safair (Teterboro) to say good-bye before heading to St. Croix for the winter. Julie lives in a NY apartment all summer and flies Cherokees out of Teterboro, then moves to her Virgin Island home and takes up her flying again in the form of island hopping. She plans to raise Siberian Huskies, by the way, in St. Croix . . . says they do better there than in the States!

winners got some nice prizes, and the chapter ended up \$80 to the good. Much credit goes to HELEN EGAN and ANGELA KOVACS for running a good show.

Also in October, BETTYLOU SCANDLING, SELMA CRONAN and HELEN made the Bahamas Treasure Hunt in

BL's newly painted Aztec. "She looks so pretty," says our Chairman. Later, SELMA and JULIE VOM SAAL placed in the New England Air Race in JULIE'S 172. Currently, JULIE is in Spain, helping her ailing daughter who lives with her military-type husband over there. Lucky JULIE reports spring weather and a daughter who's recuperating nicely.

Others enjoying pleasant weather away from New York are DORIS STOLL and husband who are spending the month at their home in Eleuthra. As usual, the STOLLS flew down in the family Cherokee SIX and are enjoying some island-hopping. Our famous financial writer, JULIE WILSON, has flown south again for the winter to her home in St. Croix. "I go for the ideal visibility," she says. Also, any Ninety-Nine who makes the Virgin Islands really should call JULIE at 773-1181. She's at No. 24 Grapetree Bay, Christiansted.

Speaking of trips, IRENE KEITH just completed a route check for Pan Am to Oslo-Stockholm, Hamburg, Berlin, East Berlin, Frankfurt and London. British Governor, ELIZABETH OVERTON, met IRENE at Heathrow and took her home for dinner. IRENE, in turn, extended an invitation to the Britishers to come to the Convention in New York. The gals over there send back best regards to all Yank 99's.

In Dec. we participated in a Wings Club "do" for ROSCOE TURNER. Also formed an Aviation Action Committee with PAT ARNOLD and CHARLOTTE McCOLLUM as co-chairmen. This is to help keep members informed of what's going on in the general aviation/airlines/crowded sky mess, and to help organize action to keep our side on top . . . DON'T LET 'EM CROWD US OUT OF THE SKIES!

The new member column looks great, although we did lose a few to the new Hudson Valley Chapter. Good luck, over there, ladies. New names include: LOUISE INNIS, receptionist for the Piper FBO at Teterboro, Safair Flying Service. Tall, blonde LOUISE is a private pilot. Another new private is DIANE TRIBBLE from Brooklyn and currently a college coed in Florida. She picked up her ticket in Hollywood last spring and flies out of Brook Haven, L.I., when she's home.

MAJOR VIRGINIA SWEET, recently reinstated, comes to us from Lake New York. (She was once an Amelia Earhart Scholarship winner.) MAJ. SWEET has a very impressive list of

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ratings: multi and single land and sea, instrument, commercial, glider, instructor in all of these categories, advanced ground instructor, and she's an FAA examiner for most of the above ratings. WOW!

Another to be reinstated with all the ratings is NONNIE ANDERSON. Quite a gal, she's on the Narco account for Compton Advertising, and flies her own Cherokee Arrow. HERTA HILSCHER, a medical doctor recently transplanted from Austria, joined us this month. She's married, has two children, a private ticket and a Cessna 150.

LORRAINE BISIG became a new member at the Nov. 19th meeting, in a pinning ceremony that was begun a year ago by SELMA. SELMA pinned a couple of her "protégés" and one of them, ANGELA KOVACS, in turn, pinned her gal LORRAINE to perpetuate the custom. LORRAINE has a private license, is going for commercial.

JANE VAN EPS, brand new single engine sea pilot, is already one of our most active members. A computer programmer for Pan Am, she's just back from a vacation in New Zealand where she had her license validated for foreign flying. She spent some time flying a 172 in Timor and will show slides of her trip at our Jan. meeting.

NEW RATINGS: Congratulations to PEGGY SHINN who now has instrument, instrument instructor, ground instructor, basic and advanced, and single engine sea tickets. Also to DOROTHY KIRBY with a new instrument rating.

Convention plans are coming along great. Much fun in store, including some very special fashion shows, just for flying girls . . . maybe. Don't miss it!

HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER Doris Fitzgerald, Reporter

This is the very first newsletter from a brand new chapter. Our first meeting as a chapter was held at Sky Park Airport, Red Hook, New York on Dec. 7, 1968. We were especially honored to have COLE PALEN, proprietor of the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, speak to us and show slides of antique aircraft—mostly WWI vintage. COLE restores antique aircraft and actually flies them at airshows held at his aerodrome on Sundays from Spring through Fall. He has quite an impressive collection of antiques.

We are looking forward to a very



At the first meeting of the Hudson Valley Chapter was Gale Brownlee (Chairman), Cole Palen, Doris Fitzgerald (Newsletter Reporter) and Madelyn Eyles (Vice-Chairman).

active year and hope to start with a Poker Run in the Spring. Our Charter Members are: GALE BROWNLIE, Chapter Chairman, a flight instructor at Sky Park; MADELYN EYLES, Vice Chairman, a Private Pilot who belongs to a small flying club that just bought an Arrow, and flies out of Kingston - Ulster Airport; MURIEL BRAY, Secretary, a Private Pilot from Middletown, New York; BRYARLY LEHMAN, Treasurer, a Private Pilot who flies out of Sky Park; DORIS FITZGERALD, a Private Pilot from Schenectady, New York, who transferred from Greater New York Chapter; VIRGINIA SWEET from Round Lake, New York, another transferee from Greater New York Chapter; MIDGE PARSONS, who flies out of Sky Park; and CAROL ZEHMAN, who holds an ATR rating and flies for Channel Master.

We have been offered the facilities at Sky Park as our permanent chapter headquarters by Tom Stark, owner.

Our second meeting was held at Wurtsboro Airport, Wurtsboro, New York. At this meeting we acquired two new members, PAT BARONE, whose father owns Wurtsboro Airport and

KATHY HEIDRICH, from Watervliet, New York, who holds a Private license and flies out of Albany Airport. We also got another transferee, this time from the San Fernando Valley Chapter, MICKEY DUNCAN. We also have several prospectives and quite a few 66's. At this meeting we were honored to have our Governor, ELLIE McCULLOUGH, take time from her busy schedule to drop in on us. We also had 2 guests from the Garden State Chapter, JERRY ROBERTS and VIRGINIA HAMMOND.

In the January issue of Flying Magazine there was an impressive article about PAT BARONE'S brother, TONY'S Waco UPF-7, which has been beautifully restored and was on the cover of the magazine..

GALE BROWNLIE just got back from the Helicopter Association meeting in Florida. While there, GALE got 6 hours in a Bell. She was the recipient of the Whirlygirls scholarship last year.

In addition to the charter members and new members, we do have one other, who just missed being a Charter member, JOAN WAGER, a Private Pilot from Wallkill, New York. JOAN'S

husband, ARNIE, flies a Queen Air for NevalAire at the Nevele Country Club.

Our next meeting will be at Albany Airport. Hope to get some more new members.

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

Joan Fleischmann, Reporter

The month of December proved to be a busy one for many of our members. Congratulations are due DONNA FLAUM for earning her instrument rating. The comment of "job well done—outstanding!" from her examiner was unusual. She has filed actual, several times since and is currently working on her I.F.I.

IRENE and DICK HENRY have revealed the gorgeous silver color of their 195, and after some hesitation, IRENE checked out in their beauty. Bet she feels proud of that!!

HELEN MOXIM and ELLIE McCULLOUGH are serving on the Aviation Council of Long Island. This group is concerned with future STOL locations, more jet airports, and is fighting for General Aviation interests in the New York and Long Island area.

December 6, was a happy day for us too. Our annual Christmas Party was held at Land's End Inn. It was here about four years ago that our chapter was officially formed, with ELLIE McCULLOUGH, acting as our first Chairman. So having the Christmas Party at this restaurant, seemed very nostalgic to this writer. We had a very good turn-out. We were especially pleased to see DOROTHY JULICH there, all the way from the Bahamas. She came especially to visit her son, and we were all glad that she could fit the Christmas Party into her busy schedule. Things really reached the height of festivities with SHERRY O'KEEFE'S husband JACK doing the honors at an impromptu auction. We all had many laughs and made some money for Convention to boot.

Two more new ratings come to mind also. PEGGY FORD received her Ground Instructors Rating, and IRENE BRUNKS her Commercial. Congratulations to you both.

With all this good news it just doesn't seem right to add a sad note. A few weeks ago Long Island was hit by a severe wind and rain storm. THELMA BAKER'S beautiful Cessna 140A was completely destroyed, at one of our local airports, through no fault of her own. We hope it won't be long

before she'll have some new wings, even tho they can never really replace her old ones.

Until next month, Happy Flying to one and all!

WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

Doris Culp, Reporter

Our Christmas Party was held at the home of your reporter on December 9, and the delicious buffet was made possible by the gourmet foods brought by the members. Everyone got into the holiday spirit especially when HENRY POTOZAK, as our merry and jolly Santa, presided over our gift exchange, assisted by HERB CULP.

Weather has been playing an important part in our flying activities, and HELEN FRASER was forced to turn back to Hamburg on a flight to Sharon, Pa. because of freezing rain. To escape all this, LOIS and CARL RINCK were off to "The Hilton Hawaiian Village" December 28 via C.P.A. for two weeks and a New Year celebration Hawaiian style. PAT and GORDON WEIR left December 31 for Denver, Colo. and Wichita, Kan. to spend two weeks at home for the holidays, the first in 10 years. They had hoped to fly themselves but decided commercial would be more reliable this time of year.

KATHLEEN POTOZAK is working on her Commercial rating and flies with her husband, HENRY, while he practices for his Instrument. They are both members of the Rochester Pilot's Association and attended their Christmas Party December 8 with JERRI MOCK as guest speaker. JOAN MARIE PREHN and MARCIA GOITELMAN, whom we were so pleased to see at our January meeting, were also there, and all thoroughly enjoyed JERRI'S inspiring talk.

For contributions to the Western New York Chapter of the 99s above and beyond the call of duty, ETHEL FEDDERS and TERRI PIRRUNG were presented the Amelia Earhart award medal. They have both worked tirelessly for our chapter and have been instrumental in holding our group together at a time when our members

and enthusiasms were not as great as they are today. We were also especially proud to present TERRI'S award in recognition of her having received the Amelia Earhart Scholarship this year. Many thanks for all your efforts and congratulations to you both.

The meeting of January 13 was a Work Shop at the home of KATHLEEN POTOZAK. Everyone pitched in with vigor to make our Wind Sock project a success, and we shall have more information on this in our next flyer. You will all be interested.

We have good reason to be extremely proud of our new Chairman, AGNES DENLER, because she is an enthusiastic and accomplished 99 who is continually working on her proficiency in flying and adding to her list of ratings. Since April 1967 she has received her Private, Pilot, Commercial, Instrument and Twin and Multi-Engine ratings. She recently co-piloted to Columbus with ED DRENNAN from Prior Aviation in the Navajo to try out her new Twin and Multi-Engine rating. Since it was solid IFR all the way, she managed to get Instrument time as well. Few chapters can boast such a dynamic Chairman and ambition like this deserves our full support!

FRAN WILSON reports that she not only has received her Advanced and Instrument Ground School Instructor ratings but also has passed her Instrument written and is ready for her flight test. Now we know what has been keeping her busy these past months.

A big wonderful welcome to our new members MARIA GOITELMAN, LESLIE CHAMBERS and our transfer from Garden City Chapter, PAT WEIR.

We wonder if CECELIA KENNY is still trying to work up enough nerve to don snow shoes and feed her "feathered" flying friends at her summer home. We call that real loyalty among flyers!

Until next time—fly like angels!



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

Martie Pool, Reporter

That fabulous Christmas party was just that, again. We met at Centre Hills Country Club, State College, where our committee, HAZEL BARTO-

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Central Pennsylvania Chapter, as it presented the Amelia Earhart Bronze Medallion to WILLIAM T. PIPER, SR. Front, l-r, MARIE SALLADE, MARION DUNLAP, SANDY BOORE, HELEN SHEFFER Chm., WILLIAM T. PIPER, SR., RONNIE JOHNSON, HAZEL BARTOLET, Middle East Section Chm., CLAUDELLE FALLER. Rear l-r, SHIRLEY WEINHARDT, BOOTS HUSTED, ALICE FUCHS, CAROLINE HARBOLIS, MARTY OWENS, SHIRLEY THOMAS, NAOMI STAHL-NECKER, MARTIE POOL.

LET and CAROLYN HARBOLIS, had planned a beautiful dinner-dance. HAZEL and CAROLYN made the favors, and distributed the many hand-made prizes. This was a purely social occasion so lots of husbands and friends were there. All 99's were introduced and our year of activities reviewed. We enjoyed entertaining our many helpful friends in the aviation community, and hope to keep stimulating their interest in women's flying activities.

After New Years, Central Pennsylvania chapter gathered at Lockhaven. Our hostesses, ALICE FUCHS, RONNIE JOHNSON, MARTY OWENS, and SHIRLEY THOMAS, whisked us to the new Piper Executive offices and Reception building for a presentation of

the AMELIA EARHART bronze medal by our chapter to MR. WILLIAM T. PIPER, SR. in recognition of his long-time support of the promotion of women in aviation. We toured the Piper plant and saw a movie, "Flight of the Bluebird II". If you have ever had the urge to fly in South America, this is a must movie. A delicious lunch was served at the Dutch Inn, and we met finally back at Lockhaven airport for our business meeting. Our guests this day were MRS. HOWARD PIPER, MRS. TONY PIPER, MR. and MRS. LES BOYER, and MR. and MRS. BOB PAVLICK, those men having been our guides at the Piper plant.

Our officers are busily meeting and planning fun/work for everyone in preparation for the AWTAR. All of us

will sell those raffle tickets for a paid round trip to the Bahamas for two. Our chapter is making the uniform tunics and scarves for Washington chapter.

Two sets of us are planning to fly the Angel Derby—ALICE FUCHS and ELEANOR STILLI in Stilli's 250 Comanche and HELEN SHEFFER and MRS. JOHN SHIVELY in Shively's Cessna.

MARIAN and BOB DUNLAP have opened the Bellefonte airport recently, paved runway and all. We plan to air-mark this field in the summer.

SANDY BOORE has completed her requirements for membership and will apply this month. Sandy is from State College, and is a parachutist Class C,

parachute-jumping instructor, and licensed rigger.

CAROL SMITH presented Merle with a son back in November.

NAOMI STAHLNECKER visited the South African Section Chairman, YVONNE VAN DEN DOOL, in November.

Come to the Middle East Section meeting in April at Hershey, Pa. Our chapter is trying to plan a fine meeting and a pleasant weekend.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Kate Macario, Reporter

December 7th was our Holiday Dinner-Dance, this year in the capable hands of ANN WINSOR who was well assisted by ANNA SPIVEY and "DEE-DEE" BULLITT. It was held at the Old Covered Wagon Inn in Wayne, Pa. and attended by a crowd of fifty, though quite a few who had planned to come had to cancel because of the current wave of flu. Some familiar faces there were MERLE CHALOW and BOE STARER whose wedding will take place on Dec. 22nd, Merle's parents, MURIEL and RUDY CHALOW, ALICE and RAY MEISENHEIMER, CAROL BOHACH, BARBARA and BOB FARQUHARSON entertaining our Toledo Scale donor, JOHN MAIERS and his wife, EERTIS and GEORGE PETERSON, ANN LEMMON attending her second 99 a fair, HELEN and SOL ZUBROW (conducting his own contest for the men) and KATE and TOM MACARIO who won for a prize, the book, "How to Make & Fly Paper Airplanes" by Capt. Ralph Barnaby. Our new Governor (who won a prize for being the shortest one there), HAZEL BARTOLET and 49½, BILL, drove all the way from State College to be with us. SALLY and DICK HULL joined us later in the evening and were proud to announce the adoption of their fourth child, a baby boy. (And while on the subject of baby boys, JANICE and PHIL MUNTZ became parents of a 7 lb. 4 oz. one, ERIC PHILIP, on December 12th.) ANN, ANNA and "DEE-DEE" had provided many interesting and fun prizes, lovely decorations, and a clever plane identification game; a lot of work went into this party, and a lot of pleasure came out of it.

Had a newsy letter from ANN KLEIN of Elizabethtown, Pa. and it explains why we haven't seen her for so long. ANN instructs for Hill Aviation

out of Lancaster Airport, and in six months last year she had flown 500 hours. Added to her flying interest is the manufacture of tires which requires attending Car Meets on the weekends. She's a busy gal! . . . KATE and TOM MACARIO Bonanzaed to San Antonio to visit ARLENE (former Chairman of our chapter and now Chairman of the San Antonio Chapter) and ARNOLD FELDMAN, who was promoted to Major while we were there. The MACARIOS stopped off at Dallas where they had lived fifteen years ago and found many changes had taken place.

Coming events: In January, RACHEL HOPKINSON (who is the Administrative Assistant of the Academy of Natural Science) is planning the theatre-luncheon-meeting for us; February will be an Educational Seminar; March is undecided; April the Sectional will be hosted by Central Pa. and may be held in Hershey; the '69 Plane Rallye is scheduled for May; Air Marking will be in June; in July we are invited to RACHEL'S cottage in Vermont and in August, NANCY DIEMAND will have the annual Fly-In to her place. In addition to these programs we will have much to do preparing for and working at the '69 AWTAR Terminus in Washington.

Newlyweds, MERLE CHALOW and BOE STARER, took off in their Cessna 401 for their honeymoon, spending Christmas in the Bahamas where they were joined for the occasion by their parents (MURIEL and RUDY in their 182). After Christmas, MERLE and BOB flew on to Tikal, Guatemala, the capital of the Mayan Empire, where the best means of transportation is by plane. The landing strip was hacked from jungle in 1950 and was essential for intensive archaeological work which began in 1956 under the auspices of the University Museum of the U. of P. Six flights a week land at Tikal's Airfield bringing the thousands of tourists who, like MERLE and BOB, are fascinated by the gigantic temples which now mark the site of the vanished Mayan civilization.

JANICE and PHIL MUNTZ are leaving our fair city to take up residence in Pasadena, Cal., the first of February. PHIL will be doing Re-

search and teaching (Fluid Mechanics) at the University of S. Cal. The four of them, JANICE, PHIL, SAERINA and six-weeks old ERIC, will be flying out in their 172.

RACHEL HOPKINSON has arranged a full day for us on Sat., Jan. 18th with a meeting, lunch and the pleasure of seeing Jose Ferrer in "Man of La Mancha" . . . ANNE SHIELDS is preparing our educational meeting, which will be February the 15th . . . MARIE and TONY D'ALTERIO are busy these days with daughter, PATSY, graduating from College on Jan. 28th and getting married on Feb. 8th. Not so many years ago, PATSY worked with us on our Penny-A-Pound events . . . Please let me hear what the rest of you members are up to, for future columns.

MARYLAND CHAPTER Lenora Eaton, Reporter

Our only new officer this year is PORTIA HUTTON, Vice-chairman, who is very active in Air Education. We had a fly-in meeting at her lovely 200 year old home, Rose Manor, and a tour of the historic town of Frederick.

We have a new task under the chairmanship of MARGE LAKE—to help the Washington Chapter to sell tickets on a 6 day stay at Nassau via Pan American from Dulles Airport and we're going to work on it. The APT Program chairman is LENORA EATON and it ties right in with her duties as "Queen" of the Md. Flying Farmers this year and we're going to work on that, too.

MARION POLING, our newest member from Cumberland says we really missed out on the soaring invitation in Nov. They reached 19,000 ft. up there that day—and our wx man held us back!

We have another new member from Cumb, DOLORES EIRICH, and one from White Marsh, GARNET SHROUT. We're happy to welcome these girls plus two more on their way to their third meeting. JUNE HANSON and JEANE WOLCOTT. Those last two just invited us to Phillips Air Force Base and through the channeling of DORIS JACOBSON we had one of our best meetings. I know I always say that, but when we can get ADA MITCHELL to travel all the way up there from North Beach, plus girls who had to come sans 49½s,—it was a Saturday football game—well, that's something!

**DON'T PROCRASTINATE
NOMINATE !**

JEANE WOLCOTT is President of her over 100 member club with 7 airplanes at Phillips and has just gotten a new Bonanza of her own. She asked MR. JAMES GARNER (no relation, he said) to give us the tour and he showed us all the Cobras and the new Alphas Helicopters plus some oldies. He was very interesting and so were the aircraft. Homemade cookies and coffee went real well and we thank DORIS, JEANE and JUNE. I had a grand time—"radio out" and all.

About our combined Christmas Party with the Md. Flying Farmers at JOAN and JOEL GREER'S. Our newest prospects were there along with everyone else who wasn't sick with the flu. As always it was a success and our traditional White Elephant Sale brought us a nice sum and the usual fun.

The Greer's also had us for a combined (F.F.) fly-in and picnic in Sept.—the runway's right on their estate. I have some pictures if anyone wants to see us enjoying ourselves.

If you get a date to speak at a men's Civic Club—do so. The Kiwanis Club invited LEAH STINCHCOMB and ME on Dec. 11th and the men were great. One Gentleman got up and said the Program Chairman might have gotten the most famous flyer there was and it wouldn't have meant anything compared to having two women give them the woman's angle. I don't know if we encouraged anyone to get off the ground, but we had them up in the air for a while. They were so nice I forgot to be scared.

In November some of us worked as receptionists at a Weather Seminar at Friendship Airport which was a huge success. Our State Aviation Director, Mr. Dave Snyder, gave a special recognition to the 99's as reported by ADA MITCHELL. ADA'S gotten another assignment from the Civil Air Patrol. Now wouldn't you know? You can see her at the AWTAR at Dulles in July as the official PPD receptionist.

A very sad report from ELIZABETH and DON SULLIVAN—they have had to close Gettysburg Airport. It gives us all something to think about. Well, we are going to get him to come to our next meeting and give us a talk on winter weather flying and that's something to look forward to.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER Ruth Freckleton, Reporter

Reminds me of my magazine writing days—when you must write about date-

less things, because you never know how long it will be before the issue is published. The Christmas mail, I guess is delaying everything—but, ah, what a nice time to reminisce when we receive those cards from far and wide. All of our members want to thank all of you who sent cards. Remember this year — is the finish of the Powder Puff Derby — and we expect "you all" to visit Washington.

Our regular meetings at the Smithsonian Institution have been fabulous.

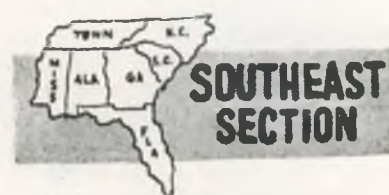
Then again, since the National Aviation Club has moved into newer and larger quarters, we have been there to meetings and receptions quite often. The latest one was given as WOMEN IN AVIATION NIGHT, hosted by JEAN ROSS HOWARD, with the assistance of the Club secretary JEAN MORRELLI. SANDY HARDY (CLUB PRESIDENT) turned out to honor SHEILA SCOTT from England, who has just published her book: "Why I must Fly". By now, she most likely has a publisher in the U.S. GEORGE HADDAWAY, Publisher of FLIGHT MAGAZINE (Dallas) flew up to act as Master of Ceremonies, as only he could do—it was rip-snoring. He introduced SHEILA like she was never introduced in England . . . as only Haddaway could! . . . but he didn't forget the other famous lady pilots there: including MARION HART, author of "I Fly as I Please," and he paid tribute to BLANCHE NOYES, whose foresight has saved many a pilot who had been "blown off course." CONNIE WOLF took a bow for her American balloonist's record, as well as FRANCES NOLDE, who won the first Powder Puff race. JANIE HART drove up to the party on her motorcycle, which is one way to beat the downtown traffic. Incidentally (SENATOR HART'S WIFE), JANIE is always helping someone—and now it is the priests who are having trouble with the Vatican. Many Whirly Girls and 99's represented over fifteen airports.

The following night found the WADA (Washington Air Derby Association) acting as hosts with the 99's (who didn't have to do anything but be present) for the Christmas party. It was very fancy and interesting. JIMNIE DEMAREST, the golfer, almost joined all the pretty gals, but got cold feet after he stuck his head in the doorway!

Last night was the best—the Annual WRIGHT BROTHERS DINNER and Avard Banquet was held at the Shera-

ton-Park with over 2,000 in attendance. Couldn't begin to explain who was there. Most of the greats in aeronautics were present if not grounded by the Hong-Kong flu. SENATOR MAGNUSON (from Washington State) was the recipient.

As their 25th wedding anniversary approached, Dick said to Jean: "What do you want me to buy you, honey?" And, what do you think was the reply?? — Right — "A plane!" And so he did buy her one. The Coffmans are now the proud owners of a COLT — and we're all going to christen it soon as I buy the champagne! Good luck JEAN and DICK—many happy landings.



ALABAMA CHAPTER Elise Helpern, Reporter

December 9th Christmas Party was a huge success thanks to the Huntsville 99s and 49½ers aided by The Huntsville Petticoats. We landed at Epps Field private strip behind the mansion of DOTTIE EPPS and her 49½ER GEORGE (no temptation to try a dip in the pool as the thermometer registered 26). After a brief business meeting, we inspected the antique planes housed in the hangar—an Eagle Rock and an Experimental Plane, built and flown by GEORGE'S FATHER in the very early 1900s.

MARION MAY discussed dieting—with all that great feast covering every available space, just don't see where she gets her willpower. LAVINIA SPILLMAN, KATHLEEN VAUGHN and PETTICOATS ably assisted DOTTIE with the slicing, serving and arranging. DICEY MILLER arrived late as she was instructing one of her student pilots. The meeting was large, hospitable and happy, winding up with the exchange of Christmas gifts and good wishes.

January 12th Meeting in Montgomery produced an excellent turnout due to unusually good weather, 16 members, guests and 49½ers attended. The Huntsville Gals brought two prospective members, CLAUDIA CONN and SYLVIA DERRICK. We hope to see them at the February Meeting—as well as 49½ER RUSS VAUGHN. We are

keeping our fingers crossed for LAVINIA SPILLMAN, Alabama's Candidate for The Amelia Earhart Award. Proud of DICEY MILLER'S brand new Instrument Instructor's Rating, this first week in January. Great beginning for a new year.

After the buffet luncheon at Arrowhead Country Club, we drove to the Capitol Building to view the new statue of GOVERNOR LURLEEN WALLACE, an honorary member of our Alabama Chapter. The bust occupies the place of honor in the entrance hall of the Capitol. My sincerest thanks to JUDY HUCK who drove up from Mobile and helped your reporter immeasurable in chauffeuring the crowd.

See you in Birmingham on February 2nd, all you Alabama 99s and any others in the neighborhood—do drop in to share the meeting—first Sunday in February at the Birmingham Airport.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

Page Shamburger, Reporter

About 20 of the stalwarts of the Carolinas Chapter, and their guests, flew in to Greensboro-High Point Airport for the January meeting on the 5th. A fast business meeting was followed by the pleasure of the year—looking at the lovely antique airplane slides taken by JACK and GOLDA COX, VP and secretary of the North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia Antique Airplane Association's chapter. Our own LOUISE THADEN kept popping up with great comments like "Hey, I flew one of those!" Followed by a really interesting commentary.

Sorry the report is not in full detail, but the reporter has been giving her undivided attention to the Hong Kong flu for the past two weeks—and missed the meeting.

Our first Sunday in February will call for a meeting in the terminal building at Charlotte, and we'd love to have you come join us. January's did bring our ex-member MAXINE WALKER down from the Virginia Chapter. We'd surely like to keep VIRGINIA and Georgia members with us any time—and the rest of you too.

Never to sit still, the Carolinas Chapter is busy planning A/ an air tour of our 2 states probably in March and B/ acting as hostess for the Southeast Section Meeting now scheduled for May 23-25 at Kitty Hawk. We think this Section Meet could be a real spectacular. Kitty Hawk, on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, is the spot

the Wright brothers picked for that first powered flight back in 1903. The Museum and a First Flight Strip await visitors. The rebuilt original hangar and shop are right there, and what better spot could be picked for a fly-in meeting? Headquarters hotel is THE CAROLINIAN and the SEA HAGS will sponsor a 99 & 49½ fishing tournament. Truly, all 99s are warmly invited to join us—just write our secretary, EVIE HYMAN, for details.

Hey, "ed"—about that white all-weather coat left in Savannah after the Powder Puff Derby—it's about your size. Still unclaimed, too—so, what's your bid? (Ed. Note: I wasn't there;—I've never had an all-weather white coat;—I hereby claim it as mine! My bid will be to try at spelling your name correctly and getting your report in the NEWS!)

FLORIDA SPACEPORT CHAPTER

Juanita Diesbourg, Reporter

The Second Annual Ladies Flying Treasure Hunt was held in Orlando, Fla. on Dec. 11th and was a tremendous success. 53 women pilots from all over Florida competed and much fun was had by all. Brightly colored markers were placed throughout the greater Orlando area and each plane was given exactly one hour to search. The team finding the most markers in the allotted time was the winner. We had one very special entrant, S.E. Section Governor, JANET GREEN flew in from Ocean Springs, Miss. and brought MIRIAM LOE, CHARLOTTE JENKINS and CAROL BAHIN with her! Next year the entire Southeast Section will be invited to participate. The prizes were simply marvelous! First place winner, MIRIAM DAVIS (Fla. Goldcoast chapter) won the coveted Eastern Airlines trophy and an \$80.00 AM/FM/VHF radio. Her co-pilot, LOIS PORTER (Fla. Goldcoast) won a Jeppeson Instrument Course. Second place winner, ETHEL GIBSON (Fla. Suncoast) won 2 round trip tickets to Freeport, Bahamas and co-pilot, MARGE MADISON (Fla. Suncoast) won an AM/FM/VHF radio. Other prizes included: an aircraft Telex microphone, complete cosmetics kit, radio sunglasses, table model radio,

electric mixer, trained decorator mirror, \$30.00 worth av gas, 2 cases aviation oil, free airline tickets between Fla. cities and many, many more!! We received extensive press coverage with 2 TV stations, 1 radio station and 2 newspapers on hand. An awards luncheon followed the hunt.

Our Jan. meeting was a busy one. First on the agenda was approval of our new chapter Constitution and By-laws, something we have long needed. One of the policies stated in this document is the promotion of a more active 66 program. Along this line, we have had 99 information posters printed and are making plans to distribute them throughout our chapter area. They will be placed in FBO of ices and small airports where new students will be most likely to see them. We hope to interest many women who are already licensed as well as students in this way. ANN CONWAY was appointed APT chairman and we hope to have the program well under way by February. The idea of individual voluntary proficiency testing was enthusiastically accepted by all our members and we're aiming for 100%.

We are planning a "legislative fly-in" to Tallahassee, our state capitol, in the latter part of April. SEN. MALLORY HORNE of Tallahassee will arrange our schedule, meet as at the airport, introduce us individually to the Senate and see to it that there is plenty of press coverage. We have invited the other Fla. chapters to join us for this exciting day. Our wonderful Flying Activities Chairman, JO CHRISTMAN, set this up for us.

Our Aerospace Education committee has been busy this month. Members in 3 cities are giving weather lectures to girl scout leaders. MARY BLACKWELL, MARY DIXON and JUANITA DIESBOURG spoke to 24 leaders in Orlando and CY BEERS and ANN CONWAY will teach the groups in Port Orange and Cocoa Beach. JO CHRISTMAN, JERE SNYDER, CHARLOTTE CORBIN and K. RILEY have taken on a whole troop of Sr. scouts in Jacksonville and will give them the ground school necessary for their aviation badges. The program will culminate with airplane rides given by 99's.

The whole world was watching when Apollo Eight was launched Dec. 21, 1968, but we in the Sunshine State had the best view of all! NANCY and WARREN HECKSEL were privileged to watch the launch from the VIP platform only 3½ miles from the pad! I

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Ninety-Nines attended Instrument Instructor's Revalidation Course at the Logan Motel, Clearwater Beach, Florida are: ALICA COMO, BUDDY BROKAW, JOYCE DIAMOND, ALMA DURHAM, AOPA Secretary, JANICE CRISP, GINNY VAN-KESTEREN, PENNY CARRUTHERS, PAT GRANT, BETTY McNABB, MARY BLACKWELL, CY BEERS, BETTY McGRAW and BETTY SMITH.

wasn't that lucky but I did fill my plane with excited friends and fly right to the edge of the restricted area over the Cape. From 4 miles away and 4500 ft. up, we had a wonderful view of the whole shot. History in the making.

NANCY and WARREN HECKSEL are being transferred to Detroit, Michigan by Chrysler Corp. Our loss is the Michigan chapter's gain. Although not a member for a long time, Nancy has been an enthusiastic, hard-working 99 and we will miss her! Take your thermal underwear, NAN!!

Yours truly, MARY DIXON, DOT MACNAMARA, BOBBI STEEN, LUCILLE THOMPSON and 49½ER DON BEERS have all been down with the A-2 flu bug but most are up and about

again. We hope Mister Bug has moved on to greener pastures and will leave the rest of us alone.

SUNCOAST CHAPTER **Dotty Birdsong, Reporter**

The Suncoast Chapter hosted the Southeast Section meeting the 13-15th of September at the Airport Motel in Tampa. In spite of bad weather seventy-five were present at the banquet. The girls were entertained with a ride in Rullell St. Arnold's home built experimental "Breezy" and a visit to Busch Gardens. New officers installed were JANET GREEN, Governor, PAGE SHAMBURGER, Vice-Governor, CY BEERS, Secretary and DOTTY BIRDSONG, Treasurer.

ETHEL GIBSON, BETTY McGRAW and BETTY SMITH winged their way West for the annual AOPA Plantation Party in Las Vegas and had a fabulous time and enjoyed meeting other Ninety-Nines from different parts of the country. KAY ALPAUGH had to cancel this trip because of an operation but we are happy to report her complete recovery.

The regular meeting October 9th at Brooksville was followed by the Instrument Instructor's Revalidation Course held at the Logan Motel, Clearwater Beach, October 22-25 and sponsored by FAA, AOPA and NAFL. The Suncoast Chapter members provided transportation to and from the airport and their following members partici-

pated in the clinic: JOYCE DIAMOND, BETTY McGRAW, GINNY VanKESTEREN, BETTY SMITH and PENNY CARRUTHERS.

November 13th the Suncoast Chapter met at HEIDI BOOTH'S lovely beach home in Sarasota. Attendance was plagued by illness of several members. Chairman MASON LYKES was in the hospital recuperating from an operation but is now on the mend and our hope that former Chairman THELMA DAWSON will soon be discarding her crutches.

PENNY CARRUTHERS is moving to Sedona, Arizona in January and will become a member of the Northern Arizona Chapter. Our loss is Arizona's gain. MARGUERITE SMITH moved to Australia in June and we hear she is very happy there. GINNY VanKESTEREN and husband LT. COL. HENRY VanKESTEREN won a first place prize of a beautiful lot in the Bahamas in the Treasure Hunt there last month.

The Orlando girls sponsored a combined Grasshopper, Suncoast, Goldcoast and Spaceport Ninety-Nines Treasure Hunt December 11th. This is their second year for this event and what a wonderful job they are doing!

Southeast Section Governor, JANET GREEN, flew down from Ocean Springs, Mississippi with three passengers and got in on the many lovely prizes. MIRIAM DAVIS and LOIS PORTER of the Goldcoast Chapter placed first for the beautiful trophy and radio and our own ETHEL GIBSON with her co-pilot and spotter was second. BETTY TRACY and co-pilot PEARL ALWARD were third. THELMA DAWSON, still on her crutches, placed fifth with co-pilot husband TOM. What a delightful get-together for all at Hanger One!

The Suncoast Chapter regular meeting January 8th was a send-off luncheon for PENNY CARRUTHERS at the Yacht Club in St. Petersburg, Florida. Eleven members and guest SUSIE ROBINS from St. Petersburg enjoyed her special cake and ice cream after lunch and a memento was given to PENNY from the Chapter Members.

THELMA DAWSON proudly announces her first grandchild—a girl!

February 15th will be a combined regular meeting and Sweetheart Dinner at the Sheraton Sand Castle, Sarasota, Florida at 7:00 P.M. Initiation of 49½ers will follow dinner and meeting.

GEORGIA CHAPTER Betty McNabb, Reporter

Georgia Ninety Nines held their Christmas party - luncheon - business meeting and proficiency meeting in Albany, with BETTY McNABB and CAROL LOWERY, Georgia Chairman, co-hostesses.

Weather, for Georgia, was bitter. Below freezing, in fact, although pretty. Nevertheless ESTHER WRIGHT braved it in her Cessna Skylane. JOYCE SOX and CAROL DUNN came down from Atlanta in a Cherokee (and Carol says DON'T try to go high-style and fly in a cape. She looked darling in a black and white hound's-tooth check suit with a beautiful cape but she said she had trouble flying the airplane.)

A former Ninety Nine whom we are welcoming back into the fold with Christmas bells is MARION SCOTT who flew right seat in one of the Scott DC 3s used in this country and South America for Mosquito and pest control. In the left seat—LOUIS SCOTT, veteran pilot in this area. Everybody had a chance at flying the bird — everybody being 99s JENNY PREETORIOUS, LEE REIS, and ALYCE STRONG, with 49½ers BILL PREETORIOUS and BYRON STRONG.

But they sprung an oil leak out of Vienna and went back to Macon to check it, arriving late but intact.

From Atlanta came prospective SUSIE BACKERMAN and husband IVAN in their brand new Model S. Bonanza. IVAN is an obstetrician in Atlanta.

Luncheon at the Down Towner was a pleasant buffet and after the business meeting Ninety Nines repaired to the airport once more to compete for short field and spot landing prizes. JOYCE won both contests with ESTHER taking seconds by a close margin and CAROLYN getting third in the spot contest.

Prizes were donated by BUDDY HODGES, Fixed Base Operator, Commander Air Service, and BETTY McNABB. BETTY and CAROL didn't compete because they were hostesses and didn't want to influence the judges!

Chief Judge was LEWIS HINMAN of Albany whose wife MINDY is a prospective Ninety Nine, has passed

the written and is almost ready for flight check. Assisting him was HAL KING who flew copilot with BETTY McNABB in the recent "AirGata", and MINDY co-hostessed too.

The "Air-Gata" was dreamed up by the Georgia Aviation Trades Association with an assist from Georgia Industry and Trade. Georgia has a fine airport system but some of its beautiful little paved strips are not very well populated. So GATA decided to give some incentive to visiting the state's airports, and offered nine prizes, three each in 3 classes, to aircraft flying into the most designated airports in a four hour period one Sunday.

Getting logs signed was just exactly like running for the clock in the old AWTAR and IAR days, except in this race we didn't even shut down!

BETTY tied for first place in the fast class, received a generous gift-certificate from Van Dusen products.

Georgia's next meeting will be at Stone Mountain Air Park, a beautiful little strip nestled right under Georgia's famous hunk of granite. Come join us on the second Sunday!

Your columnist is flying low today. Nearly 100,000 medical records to move from the basement to the new record room. But happy to have the nice new quarters! And next—to Headquarters, Ninety Nines, to work with Bea Steadman and Lorraine McCarty on plans for streamlining the office procedures and the new museum. How exciting to have our very own museum!

This is going to be a memory exercise. Georgia 99s met at Stone Mountain, Ga., in January—and somebody else has the list, so I hope I don't leave anybody out. There was a good turnout flying into the nice little strip East of Georgia's granite pile, and enjoying the hospitality of the comfortable lounge with deep chairs, couches and a huge open fireplace. Doughnuts, cookies, coffee, too.

Present were (according to my count!) JOYCE SOX and CAROLYN DUNN who flew over from the other side of Atlanta in a Cherokee; TWO reinstated members, JEAN VOYLES and MARIAN SCOTT—MARIAN flew over with ALYCE STRONG in a Cessna 150; BETTY McNABB Bonanza'd up with prospective (student) LEE STUBBS doing the flying; and they won the ETA contest and the spot landing contest.

It's so good to have SHIRLEY HOLMES and her 49½ER with us.

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SHIRLEY is a transfer from the Space Port chapter. Two prospectives with tickets were GRETA FARRIS whose 16 year old daughter has just soloed and was written up in the Atlanta Journal and KAY REID, a newcomer to our area.

JANICE MASSEE was there and got an APT ride.

We missed ESTHER WRIGHT who was off on a Caribbean cruise; Chairman CAROL LOWERY and JENNY PREETORIOUS were both ailing and LOIS LACY is trying to sell her home, the LACYS have a lovely new one but would like to mark off the old one as past history.

HAZEL FERGUSON drove in from Macon, looking like a snow queen in all-white and that gorgeous spun-sugar hair o' hers.

We lunched at Stone Mountain Inn, a vastly enjoyable smorgasbord. The park is beautiful and being developed into greater attractiveness every day.

Next meeting is planned for Macon where there are quite a number of student pilots and a couple of girls with tickets. We miss MYRTLE CAGLE who with WALT is over at the Air Force War College at Maxwell AFB, so HAZEL has to hold down the Macon fort.

COME TO MACON, LOUIS WILSON AIRPORT, ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF FEBRUARY AND JOIN US IF I HAVEN'T GOT MY DATES MIXED UP AND THE MEETING'S OVER WHEN THIS COPY APPEARS! (Ed Note—I wouldn't bet either way)

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

Netta Holden, Reporter

A gala Christmas party was held on December 6th at the lovely home of ROSEMARY and BOB WILLIAMS in Memphis. After arriving, we all settled down as LOYCE O'NEAL, our miniclad Santa, gave out fun gifts to one and all. Then after a delicious buffet was enjoyed, the 99's initiated their husbands in the 49½ers. Each was presented with a card after promising to be proficient navigators and silent co-pilots. Enjoying the party were EVELYN PARKER, CHRIS BROWN, MARGE SCHULTZ, HILDA SAVAGE, JUNE KUYKENDALL, TRIS BUCHANAN, GENNY COOK, JUNE PENTECOST, DORIS and RAY MABE, GLADYS and GEORGE ESTES, INA and MIKE WALKER, LOYCE and JOHN O'NEAL, MARTHA and FRANK TOEY, and NETTA and DOUG

HOLDEN. Coming in from Wynne, Arkansas were VIRGINIA and EVERETT PROCTOR and GERRY and BILL BAKER. Flying in from Augusta, Arkansas were MARY and JOE STANLEY. Guests were BRUCE KINCAID of Osceola, Arkansas, and ALICE FULBRIGHT of Memphis. Fun and enjoyment were had by all.

CHRIS BROWN was in Cocoa Beach, Florida visiting her brother and watched the Apollo 8 moon-flight launch.

VIRGINIA PROCTOR flew to Prescott, Arkansas to visit her niece.

GLADYS ESTES has been getting flying time in a Cherokee 180.

INA WALKER'S 49½er, MIKE, is in Panama.

POLLY and HOWARD DUNCAN are vacationing in Florida.

HILDA and DOYLE SAVAGE flew to New Orleans, Louisiana to attend the Sugar Eowl game. HILDA made her Instrument cross-country trip to Nashville, Tennessee.

DOUG and NETTA HOLDEN flew to Baton Rouge, Louisiana during the holidays.

ROSEMARY and BOB WILLIAMS flew to Macon, Georgia to visit relatives.

LINDA LANGE flew a Cessna 172 to Greenville, Mississippi, Christmas day.

MARY OLIVER visited Washington and New York over the holidays.

The regular meeting of January was in Memphis at 1886 E. Brooks Avenue. After the meeting, plans were discussed for a ski trip to Aspen Park, Colorado during the first week of February. We had as one of our guests JOY WALKER, Ina's cousin. JOY showed us slides of East Africa which she had taken during her stay in Nairobi, Kenya. While she was there, JOY was an instructor and she also flew safaris. She is now an instructor in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Our other guests were SYLVIA LUCAS and 49½ERS EVERETT PROCTOR and DOUG HOLDEN. So long until next time.

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

Norma Bacharach, Reporter

Poor flying weather has persistently dogged our last three meetings. On November 24, our chapter met at Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Hostess was our section governor, JANET GREEN—who had a full day planned. Pastries, coffee, and picture taking were available upon arrival at the Gulfpark Airport. A dutch luncheon was



Bill and Ruby Williams, Mississippi Chapter, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jeanne Williams, to Steve Walthall Klyce of Sardis, Mississippi. Their wedding is set for December 28 at the First Baptist Church in Sumner, Mississippi. Miss Williams was graduated from West Tallahatchie High School, Webb, Mississippi. She attended Patricia Stevens Finishing School in Memphis. She attended Oklahoma State University earning her Private Pilot's license and is a member of the Ninety Nines. She is a junior at Mississippi State University where her major is home economics.

held at Gulf Hills Dude Ranch, with a business meeting in the Oak Room. An informative film "There Is A Way" was shown by a member of the Keesler AFB Public Information Office.

JANET'S daughter and sons were available to provide boat rides or car rides.

Flying into Ocean Springs were MIRIAM LOE, chairman, and CHARLOTTE JENKINS from Natchez and KITTYE GREEN from Jackson. SIS JONES was JANET'S guest.

Thunderstorms around the Jackson area kept many 99's at home.

The December meeting was to be a part of an air race in Florida—but none of the Mississippi gals made it there.

Our 1st meeting of 1969 was in the

form of a gracious luncheon at the home of MARGARET SHIPLEY in Greenwood. Again—low ceilings and poor visibility around Greenwood kept the gals on the ground. Driving in were KITTYE GREEN, EERNICE KELLY and ETHEL RADZEWICZ from Jackson; LUCILLE WOLFE, PEGGY McKIE, DOT ETHRIDGE and guest JULIE WILCOS of Greenville; NORMA BACHARACH of Clarksdale. Members attending from Greenwood were JEAN HODGES, PEGGY McCORMICK, PEGGY EMRICH, and MARGARET SHIPLEY, and MARGARET'S PARENTS—DR. AND MRS. BRISTER. BERNICE KELLY and ETHEL RADZEWICZ had an exciting adventure flying to the Bahamas in a 172 and entering the famed Flying Treasure Hunt.

Congratulations to PEGGY EMRICH and her 49½ER JOHN, on the near completion of the new hangar at the Greenwood-Leflore Airport — It's a beautiful example of contemporary styling and aviation convenience with the latest innovations in hangar construction.

Congratulations to LUCILLE WOLFE on her newly acquired air taxi rating and to MARGARET SHIPLEY—Greenwood's only female flight instructor.

ETHEL RADZEWICZ announced plans for the next meeting—to be held February 15 in Jackson and featuring sailing—at which ETHEL is quite adept. So we're all hoping for pretty weather for flying and sailing.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

Ruth W. Thomas, Reporter

The Tennessee Chapter will hostess the Fall Southeast Sectional Meeting. Circle the month of September. The weekend that UT will have an out-of-town football game will determine the date. Our combined December meeting and Christmas Party was attended by 81 Ninety-Nines and their guests. This was the first time that we have ever held a night meeting and it was such a huge success that we should repeat next year. EDNA DAVIS was FEM CEE and kept the group lively with choice quotes and stories about her second graders. THE FOUR FLUSHERS, a Sweet Adeline barber-shop quartet, entertained with old, new and familiar songs. This reporter was quite surprised to find herself the center of a hilarious "This Is Your Life" skit. FERRIS THOMAS showed 15 minutes of movies made around the Island and Municipal Airports in Knoxville beginning with scenes and people over 25 years ago. Since most of the guests present were in the movies there was a steady stream of laughter and explanation. The silver ash tray, engraved CHARTER MEMBER, TENNESSEE 99s, was lovely. It has been placed in a prominent spot so that my guests will HAVE to ask about it.

FRAN DAVIS, student pilot and prospective 99, read a poem about her learning-to-fly troubles:

"You taught me to take o'f, to bank and to land;
Ycu taught me the things to do with each hand;
But you felt like throwing me out on the street,
'Cause I never could learn what to do with my feet.
And now that I am finally learning to fly
Here's something for you to remember me by."

And with that she presented EVELYN JOHNSON, her instructor, with a photograph (24 inches square) of her feet—two left ones.

Snow and ice on the runway in Morristown delayed our January meeting one week. Those attending were BEA REID, DOT JONES, SARAH DUKE, and IRENE FLEWELLEN from Chattanooga (in 3 planes); LADY McREYNOLDS, EDNA DAVIS, RUTH THOMAS, JUDY COX (new member) from Knoxville; NANCY FISHER and MARILYN AYARS (new member) from Oak Ridge; JESSIE DRAIN, MARY JANE QUARRELS and EVELYN JOHNSON from Morristown.

SARAH DUKE who has been in the insurance business for only six years made the Women Leaders Round Table for the fifth year. DOT JONES is building a house in Naples, Florida. Her grandchildren live there and that's where she spent most of the holidays. BEA REID had good luck fishing off Marco Island just south of Naples during the Christmas season.

The February meeting will be at Dallas Bay Skypark in Chattanooga.

The FLEWELLENS now have a commercial airport with gas, repair shop and instructor on the field. The power lines at the north end of the field have been removed.

Since the NINETY-NINE NEWS al-

ternates news with announcements every other month this reporter will fill in those vacant months with a CHAPTER NEWS bulletin.

BETTY WICKER, LADY McREYNOLD, GENIE RAE O'KELLEY, EVELYN JOHNSON, MARILYN AYARS and NANCY FISHER attended the three-day Flight Instructor Seminar held at the University of Tennessee in mid January. Also attending was EUDICE MILLER of the Alabama Chapter.



ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

Marcia Singer, Reporter

Whoops! We have to back up several months . . . right into last year, no less!

Our November meeting was held in Akron. Acho-o-o! The weather was like the London Fog. With winds in the late afternoon and a little moisture mixed in, you have the picture of the weather that the members plowed through to make the meeting. RUTH and ROBERT SITLER had just returned from a two month European tour. They were in Prague during the invasion and shared their experience with the members. JOANN and ROY STYPE of Wooster went on the "better late than never theory" and made the tail end of the meeting . . . stayed a few minutes and then turned around and headed home!

MYRA JAMISON wrote a "quickie rundown on the "Superintendent's Seminar" on Aviation Education which was held in Hanger No. 1 at Don Scott Field on November 16th. The program was sponsored by the State Department of Education with "much help from the Ohio State Division of Aviation. Ohio State University and many others." MYRA reports that about 135 educators attended the meeting to hear the "whats, whys and hows" on aviation education in the high schools. The keynote speaker was MARY JO OLIVER of the Air Age Education Department of Cessna. The Kansas Chapter can be very proud of their active 99, MARY JO. Our All-Ohio Chapter member MARGE COMPTON chaired the meeting. And, 11 other 99's from our chapter turned out to help out where needed. CLARA THARPE,

**NEXT NEWS RECEIVED
BY EDITOR ON OR
BEFORE JANUARY 20th**



Marian Moyer (top), Joan Dugl (center), and Marcia Singer (standing) are welcomed by Beech personnel to Ohio Aviation Co. prior to the All-Ohio Chapter's January meeting.

our chapter chairman said "You should have been there!"

No regular meeting in December . . . But, held a Christmas party instead. Gift exchanges, ginger ale . . . gab and good cheer.

MARIAN MOYER our flying activities chairman stopped in Dayton while her 49½ ER ED had a meeting. Then a few weeks later MARIAN stopped in again. She popped in to shop for a dress to wear to the big January doings . . . balls and presidential festivities . . . in Washington.

CONNIE JONES has not changed her mailing address . . . only her name! CONNIE became MRS. ADOLPH LUHTA during the holidays. Best wishes to both.

MARGARET HAMMON and CLARA THARPE were there! Where? When? They attended the enshrinement of AMELIA EARHART in the Aviation Hall of Fame. Coachella Valley Chapter's JACQUELINE COCHRAN made the presentation. The ceremonies were "impressive." As CLARA said . . . "It was like walking on hallowed ground."

JACKIE HALLER isn't a name-dropper . . . just another name changer. She was married during the holidays and henceforth will be known as MRS. JACKIE H. KINNEY (10325) Terrace Ct., Parma 44130, Ohio.

Anybody that plans to travel to the Buckeye State during August is welcome to enter the Pilot's Poker and Spot Landing Contest Sunday, August

17 . . . rain date . . . August 24th. Watch the Announcements for further information.

ROSALIE BRACHT has the beautiful coffee mugs from the All-Ohio chapter for sale. The set of four are beautiful. GERALDINE CURTIS is waiting to take orders for the very lovely leather earrings.

Can't wait to get to the January 19th meeting and hear about who went where . . . what's new . . . and see everybody. That's all from your News Reporter who will be wishing you a Happy Easter way back here in January . . .

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Clarissa Holcomb, Reporter

The sad news from our chapter is the passing of Janet Zipprich of Washington, Illinois. She was one of our younger members in the Peoria area—pilot and teacher. She will be sorely missed.

ROSE ANDREW flew to Meigs Field on one of the few "good Sundays" and taxied out to U of I Medical Research to see son TERRY who is suffering from Goodpasture's Syndrome. He is home now and we're wishing him a speedy recovery.

JEAN WEST had a quick "commercial" trip to Florida when her mother suffered a heart attack and another trip after her mother's passing. Our sympathies are with you, JEAN.

MARTHA McMAHAN and GLORIA FARR are headed for separate southern vacations, I believe by air. How else? They report having to miss our January 5th meeting at Coles County, but we'll expect them at the February 1st at Illini Airport to swap weather problems.

If you want to see how rusty you are, take the basic ground instructor's test. (It's free entertainment.) Then start studying again!

THE WESTS and I attended an Instructor's Clinic held to better communication between FAA and the flying public. We have grown to about 680,000 pilots—a 38% increase in instructors and 26% increase in instrument ratings in the last couple of years. There are some new films available and this FAA man offered to go anywhere anytime to speak to flyers. Changes are being made continually. Get to these clinics and try to keep up.

It was one of those days, and KATHLEEN WOOD must have felt deserted as she patiently waited at Coles Coun-

ty. I don't know when she has missed a meeting. Hurrah for KATHLEEN! Another cheer for her for she passed her commercial rating.

SARAH ALEXANDER flew in. We thought it was JANE McMULLIN in her 150, but it was SARAH bringing her mother MARY SUMNER. MARY recalled two other memorable plane trips with daughter, SARAH. The first was with SARAH in her arms at the age of three months. The other was a few years later when SARAH obtained her "private" and took her for a flight from the same strip. All MARY could think of was, "MY BABY!"

JEANNE CROCKER made a tremendous sacrifice and drove to those many miles from Lacon to Mattoon. We appreciated her loyalty. It was good to see her and get going with the new APT project. JEAN WEST accepted the chairmanship of this and is working on me to upgrade myself and her. We study something a couple of days a week. JEAN will be glad to help you! WESTS had invited MAX and ME to fly over with them. Weather looked IFR so BOB "filed." Visibility turned out to be fairly good, but it was nice to have the back-up insurance.

GLORIA FARR put much effort into plans for our December meeting. It would have been a delightful party, but seems that December is not the proper time of year with our membership living all over the state of Illinois. Had to cancel the affair because of lack of reservations. Thanks, GLORIA, for your work for us.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

Louise Kokesh, Reporter

December finds the Chicago Area Chapter with a little snow, cold weather, flu and head colds not too good of conditions for flying.

Rockford girls had a fly in to the Playboy Club in Lake Geneva, Wisc. found the runway with 4,000 feet and a \$2.00 LANDING FEE. JUDITH SUIT, ROSEMARY GIDDIS, LIDA and JOHN GASNEY were the lucky ones with the Key to the Playboy club.

EVA & HAROLD WHITE have been flying around in their new Bonanza flew to Ottawa on business, had lunch there and had time to finish the day off at the office.

MARCELLA RITTER flew to Bowling Green, Kentucky on instruments to pick up a plane. Flew back on Sunday and flew 3 girls to Muskegon, Mich. for dinner. SANDY KLOCK and

VIRGINIA RABUNG were the passengers.

VIRGINIA & GEORGE COFFEEN flew a short trip to Bloomington, Ill. taking VIRGINIA'S 83 YEAR OLD MOTHER to visit a sister there. We women fly at any age.

BETTY RIDDLE soloed another student and has one ready for solo X-Country. Keep it up BETTY, we need more 99s.

IRENE GABRIEL has been busy checking out in the Aztec after not flying for two years finds it fun to go through all the maneuvers again. ADAM has been ill and IRENE hasn't had the time for flying but things are going along nicely for her so back to the air she goes. Hope to start seeing her at some of the meetings.

MARY & JOHN SHUMWAY have a new baby girl, congratulations to you all. They now have four boys and two girls. MARY hasn't been up flying yet but hopes to get into the swing of things in the next week or two. Watch out Powder Puff Derby girls. MARY will probably be back in there next summer.

January Meeting will be Chairmanned by JOU JOU LICHTENBERG so all 99's please try to attend all the meetings you can.

SICK LIST: NORMA FREIER.

January meeting of the Chicago Area Chapter was held on Sunday, January 19th at the Du Page County Airport A.T.R. facilities. Membership was discussed and Sponsors are urged to really know the new member they want voted into the Ninety-Nines. Prospective members should be given all the information about the 99's so when they come to the monthly meetings they will not feel like strangers, they will know how we operate and what we stand for.

LOUISE and RAY KOKESH are off to the wild blue yonder on their way to Miami Beach, Florida with five other couples for a week's stay. After fighting the flu bug and colds we are ready for a little fun in the sun. Just hope it shines while we are there.

Chairman GERRY KRAUSE and RALPH just returned from their usual New Year's Holiday in Las Vegas. If you can't win in the races GERRY hope the one arm bandits pay off.

**DON'T PROCRASTINATE
NOMINATE !**

TONI TEIBER is busy getting her Multi Engine rating in JOHN'S 310 I. Good luck TONI in your new venture.

JEAN CLAUSS is also busy working on her Instrument rating. She is taking her instructions from Du Page Aviation, RUDY ZIMMERMAN Instructor. We are beginning to get some instrument rated girls in our Chapter. Can it be they are going to Fly the Powder Puff Derby?"

Our Christmas party was a huge success with seventy six reservations. We all had a wonderful time and many went home with nice door prizes.

Sorry to hear about BOBBY JOHANSSON'S mother passing away. She kept the home fires burning while BOBBY did her flying.

MARY & GEORGE PANCZYSZYN just returned from Florida and MARY has a good tan.

Achievement awards Banquet will be held in March with 11 girls completing their forms. Hope to have twenty two next year. This is one way you can win a trophy if you haven't got an airplane to fly in the races.

CHARLENE FALKENBURG entered in the Amelia Earhart Scholarship. Hope Chicago will come up with a scholarship.

NITA FINEMAN is really working as our membership Chairman. She really is organized and I know we will come up with many fine new members.

NORMA FREIER is off the sick list and is tramping at the bit to get back into the air again. If only the weather would cooperate a little bit.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

Peggy Wright, Reporter

Greetings to all from the Greater Kansas City Chapter. Since our group is such an active one it keeps this reporter busy trying to keep up on all the latest happenings. Some of the highlights of the holidays was the news that everyone seemed to be vacationing. BETTY and DON SIMPSON flew to the Bahamas, and, as I understand it, they had an island all to themselves. BETTY said the only time they even saw any people was when they had to go by boat to get supplies. Wouldn't that be a great place for a vacation for a whole group of 99's. Not to be outdone, JIM and MARGARET WRIGHT went on a windjammer cruise in the Caribbean. All of these tan people in the winter sure makes the rest of us yearn for summer. BILL

and BOBBI MILLER, JOHN WRIGHT and spouse are planning a ski trip to Colorado. Hope by the time the next newsletter is out I won't have to report any broken legs! Speaking of skiing . . . HELEN BODE is now the proud owner of a ski shop in the Louisville Shopping Center in Overland Park. Was in the other day and would like to report she has some beautiful ski clothes.

Congratulations are in order for JOAN RENDL who has her new instructors rating. Having gotten her multiengine rating LAURI MONK is now hopping around in a twin and FAYE GLENN now has her instrument rating. Since there are some top notch ground schools going and being started we should all get busy and try to update and obtain some new ratings. Ground school is beginning Monday given by the husband of one of our 99's. JOHN MAPLE, who is a qualified instrument and ground school instructor is starting a ground school at Fairfax airport free of charge to all 99 members and husbands. I'm sure this will be well attended and enjoyed by our group. BOB SECK has just completed a ground school given to BOBBI MILLER, NITA ERWIN, BETTY BROWN and MARGARET REID. BOB is an excellent instructor. I understand the pizza parties are great too.

Our hats are off to LOIS WILLY who did a fine job of our Christmas party. It was well attended by approximately thirty couples some of whom we had not seen in a long time. We were delighted to have them back among us.

Congratulations to JOY MORRISON whose pilots license will now have to read MRS. JOY GREEN. At our last meeting she was quite surprised when our group presented her with a wedding gift of a lovely silver bud vase. Congratulations JOY.

Speaking of our last meeting we had a guest speaker that was out of this world! MR. DEAN GUERNEY of the F.A.A. who came all the way from Washington gave us a very informative lecture. In fact, he was so great we would like to have him speak to other chapters. To say the least, he had the girls on the edge of their seats. I thought for a while MARGARET REID, RUTH STAFFORD, JOAN REINDL, KATHY ZIMMERMAN and VEE ST. JOHN would have apoplexy! That'll get the old blood circulating won't it girls.

After months of hard work the con-

stitution and by-laws are about to be presented to the membership for approval. I must say our board and officers of our chapter are doing a marvelous job for us.

Till next month girls keep flying.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

Jan Pocock, Reporter

Had a delightful meeting in November which filled to overflowing GOLLY MINER'S lovely new home. 31 in attendance cheered as new member DORIS KUHN received her pin from Chairman, MEARL FRAME. Included were two guests, LYNN BOGIE, an OKC 99 temporarily living in our area, and prospective 99 ROE FULGRAFF. ROE had just received her Private Ticket, and we all look forward to her becoming one of us. CARL WEST of the FAA provided our very informative program geared to Aviation Accident Prevention. (It must have been a good program to draw the ladies' attention away from the many darling innovations in GOLLY'S new home. After all, girls will be girls, pilots or not!) KIT HEACOCK advised that by coming in 2nd in the National Aerobatics Meet, she will be able to go to the World Meet next summer as backup pilot to MARY GAFFNEY. We're all justifiably proud of KIT, and mighty proud she's in our chapter. Also durned proud of RUTH LAKE, our "Race Ace", who but for a fluke in the score tallies, would have come in first at the Fairview, Okla. race.

December found a goodly group of us surrounding the huge Christmas Tree in Hopper's living room. A really great Christmas party, hostessed by our Vice-Chairman, DONNA RAE HENKE and her Mother-in-law, FRAN. Among the decorations were the cute lil red A.E. socks, appropriately stuffed with Green for our "bonus" contribution to the A.E. Scholarship Fund. This has become an annual affair, all the gals stuffing the socks in lieu of exchanging gifts, which seems much more worthwhile. \$20.00 was the total stuffin sent on to the fund as this year's bonus. Talk about giving to your favorite charity! It was also announced by our A.E. Scholarship Committee that we will enter three candidates this year for the Scholarships. Last year's tries, LOIS SHAFER and KIT HEACOCK, and in addition, our Secretary, SUE MATHEIS. Three very qualified gals to represent us. GRACE COVYEAU was announced as our A.P.T. Chairman and the project

was very well received by our gals. Lotta other plans for the future leads your reporter to believe this will not be a year for sitting back on our laurels. Onward and upward for St. Louis. (Like JOAN LAMB and her brand new Commercial Rating!)

Pre-, during, and post holiday flying of our gals included a flight out West by LOIS SHAFER, FANNIE JENNINGS, their 49½'ers, and another couple, BETTY and CHET BRAUN Twin Commancheed to Eleuthera, SYLVIA and LACK BLOOM and kids to Ft. Lauderdale, RUTH LAKE and FRAN HENKE along with their 49½'ers to Dallas, GERI and FRED HALTON, Island hopping in their Bonanza, at which time, GERI landed a co-pilot's job in the Angel Derby in March. KRIS LUDINGTON, MIA 99 who received a 190 Muskateer from Santa, asked her to fly co- with her. Isn't that an exciting thing to warm these awful cold nights with? Rest assured, your reporter will be cheering you on like mad. Your flight will represent my two homes! St. Louis and beautiful So. Florida. Also, unless I have the dates wrong, right about now, JACK LAWS and his favorite 99, AMY should be tooling around the West Indies, too. (Right now, being mid-January!)

On January 25th, the St. Louis Zonta Club will have their annual luncheon honoring AMELIA EARHART, and this year have honored us by asking KIT HEACOCK and DEL SCHARR to be guest Speakers. Couldn't have made a wiser choice. Then, on Jan. 29th, we'll combine forces with the St. Louis Aero Club for our meeting at the Officer's Club, Lambert Field. Should be lotta laughs. Next big deal coming up about which we're so excited, but a little scared. The San Diego 200th Anniversary, Inc. has asked us to handle the start of an air race May 10-11, 1969, from St. Louis to San Diego. We'll keep you posted on this but meanwhile, watch for the news briefs on it, send for the kit, and come on out to the "Gateway to the West" for some real mid-western hospitality! Till then, Happy Flying, Everybody.

INDIANA CHAPTER

Dorothy Niekamp, Reporter

December saw us extending a hearty welcome to new members DOROTHY HODGSON, LOIS HARDY and BARBARA SIMMONS along with a greeting to prospective members and guests



Part of the 1968 FAIR Ladies Race Board. Front row l-r, BETTY FIKE, BETTY DeBAUN, VIRGINIA McKINNIS, and SOPHIA PAYTON. Back row: MURIEL DYKEMA, DOROTHY NIEKAMP, PAULINE GENUNG, PRICILLA BARR, and BILLIE ANDERSON.

RUBY CUNNINGHAM, BEVERLY SUVERKRUP, VIRGINIA McKEE, MARLU ROGERS, ANNETTE KAPLAN and VIRGINIA HANEY. We certainly hope to see all again soon.

A tip of the hat and a pat on the back go to BETTY FIKE who got her commercial license and to MARSHA REYNOLDS who sweated out her instrument rating.

Saturday, 14 December saw our chapter joining with the Indianapolis Aero Club for the annual Christmas party, held this year at the Marat Hotel in Indianapolis. It was decided that if all of the flying hours talked over could have been logged, each person there would have more than enough time for their ATR.

Good news from JILL McCORMICK

who is making excellent progress in recovering from surgery and an extended period of recovery. Hope to see you back with us soon.

The end of autumn and the onset of winter has certainly not grounded any of our members. The Indianapolis Aero Club's trip to Crossville, Tenn. saw HELEN and VERNIE GRAHN, BILLIE and SAVAGE SMITH, and DELIA and HARRY SANDERS participating. The good weather going to Tennessee turned into a gusty and windy day for the return but all arrived home none the worse for wear. The high point of the trip was attending a performance of "Carousel" which all enjoyed.

MILDRED HURT'S daughter, DORIS

POWERS, was able to contact GLORIA RICHARDS, who is now living in Paris, by phone (a nearly impossible feat) and DORIS promised to pay GLORIA a visit in the near future. We will be awaiting news of GLORIA.

Our pride in last year's Powder Puff Derby, SOPH PAYTON and her husband NEAL drove (?) to Key West, Florida for a vacation and a visit with SOPH'S co-pilot PAULINE and PETE MALLORY. We will excuse your driving since we do know you can find your way across the country by air.

Other chapter roamers include CAROLYN and BOB MILKEY who journeyed to British Columbia last August by a Skylark. A luncheon trip to Owensboro, Ky. for PAULINE GENUNG in a 150, BETTY DeBAUN in a 182, and

MARSHA REYNOLDS in a Bonanza. They never said who was the first arrival.

Our surprise for the November meeting was even a surprise for MID CASCIDY who planned the affair—it fell apart at the last minute, so we were promised the surprise later on. Now we are really wondering what she has cooked up for us.

JON GAMES, son of HELEN and BEN GAMES rode the famous Black Horse Troop of Culver Military Academy in the 1969 Presidential Inaugural Parade on Jan. 20th. JON, 15 years old, is also a licensed glider pilot and has soloed in 5 different gliders. He is looking forward to his 16th birthday and his private license which will include a helicopter rating.

IOWA CHAPTER

Claudette Parker, Reporter

Here it is January and deadline time again. My, how time flies . . . Guess it's trying to keep up with us 99s.

Nov. 16th, thirty-eight Iowa 99s and guests were in Des Moines for a lovely (lost?) weekend. A buffet dinner party was held at NATHALIE & WALTER BROWN'S. Which, by the way, seems to have become an annual event. BUD MARTINEAU of the Des Moines FAA office, with wife DOROTHY, were special guests, also WALLY COOK and his wife, who showed films that he had taken during his years of crop-dusting. WALLY had mounted a movie camera on the nose of his plane . . . so I needn't say more. WOW! Also attending were prospective 99s with future 49½ers: FLORENCE & NOBLE IRVING, SUE & WALTER POTTS, MARSHA & JOHN ANDREWS & PENNY LOERKE with her spouse. By the way, PENNY is one of the first gals to earn her Private in the State of Iowa, but until recently had been inactive. All in all, it seemed to be a fine weekend.

On Dec. 8th our meeting was at Centerville with ALICE HOPKINS as Hostess. Guests included three prospective members, among them MILDRED CLAYTON . . . who with her husband, operates the Centerville Airport.

SUE POTTS of Des Moines became our newest member. Glad to have you with us, SUE.

PHYLLIS BARBER gave an interesting talk and showed slides on their Alaskan trip. I understand PHYLLIS has been keeping busy, giving programs on last summer's experiences.

She also recently appeared on WMT TV with the same.

A total of sixteen of us met in Ottumwa, Jan. 12th. Seems there were four of us arriving a little late—BILL & MYSELF, also GERRI & DON WALKER but "thanks" to RUTH SWANSTROM, one of our Hostesses, for waiting at the airport. BEA JOBE was our other Hostess for the day.

Two new members came in: PHYLLIS WOLF from Richland, Iowa and LINDA ARNOLD from Ottumwa. We also welcome MAMIE RAMSBOTTOM from Kirksville, Mo. who has recently transferred from the Ozark Chapter.

Among our guests were two future 99s. ALICE HOPKINS of Centerville, brought her daughter, NORMA & MARY LOU BALLENSKY with her daughter KATHY from Sigourney. Other guests included, PAT & JIM HAYES from Urbandale and JUDY & TED SHANKS from Des Moines.

LENELLE & WARD HUNT from Fairfield, gave a talk on their trip to the Bahamas.

The weather was cold and consequently everyone seemed in a hurry to get on home, so we did just that.

February our meeting will be held at Ames. So YA'LL COME!

YA HEAR! Eye for now.

KENTUCKY BLUE GRASS CHAPTER

Dot Arnett, Reporter

When this article appears in print the joyous holiday season will be well behind us and we will be looking forward to spring sectional and warmer flying weather, however, we can't overlook our December 14 Christmas Party hosted by RITA LeNEAVE. The weather cooperated with light snow to make the fireside more inviting. Cocktails and dinner were enjoyed by members and 49½ers. Our special guests were prospective members, BARBARA LOOS and BEVERLY TURNER. The highlight of the evening was ALICE WILBURN'S own card game which proved to be very exciting with gifts for the winners.

Winter flying vacations were on the agenda for BOEBIE and HARRY KLETTER and DOT and TED ARNETT. The KLETTER Family welcomed the New Year in at the Thunderbird in Miami and the Arnetts in Dallas. DOT and TED attended the Cotton Bowl Game New Year's Day.

Our February business meeting is to be held at the Aero Club with NORMA WORLAND in charge of the program.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Marge Ashton, Reporter

Business beckons beautifully sometimes . . . this time in the case of our Chapter Chairman LILLIAN LEE SNYDER whose work took her on a trip to Toronto, flying a Commanche 400. LILLIAN'S trip was on the order of a whirlwind, and business kept her from looking up local 99's while there . . . much to her chagrin.

Since BECKY THATCHER was unable to obtain the 99 bracelet which we had planned to raffle off at our Christmas party, a voice vote was taken and it was agreed to substitute one of the lovely 99 stadium blankets which Ways and Means Chairman SAMMY MCKAY has for sale. Lucky ticket holder and now proud owner of the new blanket is PAULINE CESSNA.

Our highly successful Case of Cheer raffle is to be repeated this year, and SAMMY is in the process of getting tickets out to all super-salesgirls with an eye to beating last year's record showing. Always thinking . . . our money-maker is getting a list together of aviation books which will be included in a "silent auction" which we will tell you more about next issue . . . including a list of available books.

MARY CARPENTER used her new IFR rating for a trip to Minneapolis with her 49½ER DICK recently. She reported that even though they were held up for two days because of weather they still flew both ways in full instrument conditions. That should keep her current, but what a way to initiate your rating!

By the way, MARY and DICK have extended an invitation to all to drop in to see Detroit Piper's new quarters at Pontiac-Oakland Airport and have a cup of coffee and some hangar flying with them. They also have started a Free Aviation Library on the premises, and will be delighted to receive any aviation books you might care to donate to the cause.

SANDY and JERRY LANKENAU, along with children and new V35A Bonanza, have been burning up the airways with recent trips to Williamsburg and Schuss Mountain, a Christmas flight to Homestead, Florida to visit SANDY'S mom, and at this writing she is packing to leave on a combined business and pleasure trip to the West Coast. They will be going to Las Vegas and San Francisco for fun, then San Diego for a convention. From there they will pick up the "kids"

who are flying out commercial, tour Disneyland and return home via visits to Phoenix, Flagstaff and Carlsbad. SANDY reports no problem with 6 people and luggage.

ELLEN ZAITZ and her 49½ER VIC left for Albuquerque after the Michigan small Race via Skyhawk. This little venture gave ELLEN a chance to log cross country hours and see some new terrain. Managed to take side trips to El Paso and into Mexico while out that way. ELLEN is now working on her Instrument Written.

LIISA DIXON'S fond hubby presented her with a 1967 Cessna Skyhawk for her birthday making it a two-plane family, his being a bigger and more complicated model. LIISA promptly got co-pilot EILEEN GERMONY, a 66 and reporter for the Detroit News, and flew the Small Race in her present. LIISA, incidentally, is looking for locations for future meetings, so please call if you would like to handle one in your area.

Mark your calendars ahead for a tentative Dawn Patrol on May 25. Any ideas and suggestions to help make it another successful undertaking will be most welcome.

"B" STEADMAN gave an excellent extemporaneous talk at the January meeting which was held jointly with the Zontas of Detroit and Highland Park and the Women Engineers of Detroit. She was asked to say a few words following the talk by BETTY LOU SEIDER, woman engineer from New Orleans, on the Human and Hardware in Space . . . and without any previous preparation gave a talk that held everyone spellbound. She spoke of the difficulties encountered by the group of women who underwent all the tests to become our first women in space, and how they were torpedoed by a man who bluntly told them that they would send every other group available before giving the women a chance.

New members voted in at the January meeting include: BARBARA MADDOX of ANN ARBOR and ALICE MARKEE of Grand Blanc. First meeting: KATHY STILLWELL.

KATHY HEYM, now in Arlington, Mass., attended the New England Section Meeting in Hartford. Guest speaker was ED GRANVILLE of the Granville brothers who built the Gee Bees. She also mentioned that the lady mayor of Hartford attended to see what lady pilots look like. Seems Madam Mayor is frightened by planes.

LORRAINE McCARTY, painter, pilot, mother, name it . . . expresses her love of flying and the discipline involved in her paintings . . . and so well that in the 14 exhibitions she entered she came away with either first place or among the top winners. LORRAINE'S daughter JEAN is now teaching in Sydney, Australia, and has visited DEE KEANNEY in Hawaii, MARIE RICHARDSON, CHRISTINE HENDERSON, MARGARET KENTLEY, ANN STEINHAGEN and other 99's in Australia.

Also, any newsworthy notes such as ratings gained, places visited, flying done, etc., should be directed to MARGE or her "newly instrument-rated" assistant MARY CARPENTER, whose phone number is now changed to 332-0403.

At the very successful Christmas meeting hostessed by MARY CLARK in Jackson, with some sixty in attendance, MARY PELTO passed the hat for Michigan Chapter's special interest, MARILYN NEWMAN, who hails from Zeeland, Michigan. MARILYN, you might recall, is the missionary in Kenya, East Africa, for whom we helped raise money to buy a Cherokee Six for use in her missionary work. Our last visit with her was at SAMMY McKAY'S home when she was a student pilot. She has since gotten her private license and left for Africa in the fall of 1967, complete with husband and children. MARY reports that we came up with a tidy sum which will soon be on its way to help the NEWMAN'S in their continuing work in Africa.

MARY PELTO has been teaching ground school for instrument written and will have another class beginning in January in Farmington for those who might be interested.

For those of you who have been looking for beautiful 99's stadium blankets, I would like to remind you that SAMMY McKAY should be contacted at 9191 Dixie Highway, Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439 while she still has some on hand.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER Florence Robinson, Reporter

During this post holiday season the Minnesota 99s want to send New Year's greetings to all of our flying friends and let you know about some of our most recent flying experiences. Our chairman RITA ORR flew her 49½ER, BURT, and another doctor to a medical meeting in Atlantic City in their Bonanza. The whole trip was IFR and she did her first ILS landing after dark. We are proud of her. JOYCE FRANCIS and DOROTHY RYAN took advantage of the weather one Sunday and flew up to Breezy Point to see RUBY ST. ONGE. Since RUBY lives beside the runway it is always tempting to drop in on her when out for a flying joy ride. She tells us that the establishment plans to keep the runway open all winter, and I know that she always finds time for a visit with friends in spite of a busy schedule. MARION and RONNIE FREDLUND had a good time at the A.Q.P.A. Plantation Party and came back with some nice mementos and memories. BARB and GIL LEITER attended the meeting of the Experimental Aircraft Association in Illinois which I had forgotten to report earlier. They are quite enthused about home-builts and are in the process of building one. They are also proud of the baby boy they adopted in August. MARCI and LEN ROYCE have been grounded for a while because of delays when the last annual was done on their CESSNA 180.

Sixteen of us attended our November meeting which was held at the Minneapolis Vocational School Aviation Training Center. Our program consisted of a tour of the shop and a lecture about aircraft engines, octane ratings of gasoline and viscosity of oil. We have been invited to return for more instructions on engine care, so we plan similar meetings in the future. WAYNE MILLER was there from North Central Airlines to invite us to have a meeting at their training center where we will see mock-ups and turbine engines.

The program for our December meeting was a Christmas party at a restaurant in Minneapolis. We had some hearty laughs as SIMA PERRY'S 49½ER entertained us in a monologue of an instructor taking a lady student up for her second hour of dual.

Five new 49½ers were given their membership cards and the wives of two of them were voted into the Min-

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nesota Chapter of the 99s. We are pleased to have FRAN BRYANT and MARILYN BAUER become part of our group.

Santa Claus was fortunate in having the help of Snoopy, who was about the size of PEGGY JOHNSTONE, and Red Baron who resembled ROCKY RYAN to give out the presents.

QUAD-CITY CHAPTER

Gina Millar, Reporter

Time passed by and before we realized it, the summer and fall were gone. All the news we had planned to submit just never made the deadlines. So, here we go again!

Our program chairman, MARILYN KATRANA, obtained several films from the FAA. Among those shown during our monthly meetings were "RX For Flight," "Wake Turbulence," "What's My Traffic?" and "Thunderstorms." MARILYN also presented a film on her flying trip to Alaska. MARILYN, who earned her instrument ticket a year ago, has had much practice since. She made many trips with members of her family to their summer cottage in Sioux Narrows, Ontario, and flew her sons to and from college this fall.

In August, the Ninety-Nines and the Quad-City Airmen's Association held a joint meeting and flyout to Monmouth for a family picnic. There were races and prizes, and CAROLYN POBANZ received a trophy for the best spot landing.

In the meantime, SHARON EHRICH worked on and earned her instrument ticket in July. She attended an instrument clinic at Edwardsville in early fall, and passed her commercial written examination in November. SHARON is also planning to take the AOPA instrument refresher flight course in January in Phoenix, and she will fly her husband and two sons there in their Skylane. Good work, SHARON.

Again in December, the 99's and QCAA members joined forces for a joint meeting and Christmas get-together at Marando's in Milan. A good time was had by all.

A few days after the meeting, our Chairman, MARIE MERDIAN, flew down to Acapulco with her husband for a well-earned rest. MARIE, who claims to be no fisherman (!), took the prize with the biggest catch of the day—a 9'5", 134 lb. sailfish. MARIE'S only problem at the moment is to find a wall large enough on which to mount

her catch.

JEAN REYNOLDS took a day off in October to make a presentation on the joys of flying to her son's fifth grade class. Jean earned her instrument instructor's rating a few months ago and is now returning to Michigan. Husband, ED, has transferred to the Detroit area and is looking for a place to locate the family. We're going to miss JEAN in the Quad-Cities.

We lost an excellent pilot and friend when MAX MYERS of the Quad-Cities crashed and was killed in Africa in October. MAX had been flight instructor for many of our 99's. At the time of his death, MAX was on a flying mission for his church, which has established a base in Africa. He and his family left the Quad-Cities in May, and MAX was most enthusiastic about his new assignment. We all miss MAX and his cheerful attitude.

Now that I've gotten through the first ordeal of writing, I hope to be more consistent and report the happenings of our Chapter more regularly. We're all looking forward to better weather and more flying in the coming months.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Katie Conkling, Reporter

"Take me along"—and he did—RAMONA HUEBNER went along with 49½, DR. JEWEL, on his recent trip to Tokyo, Japan. While DR. JEWEL attended meetings RAMONA had the opportunity to meet the two Japanese 99's and do some flying. RAMONA has been appointed as a new member of the State Aerospace Education Commission.

BORGHY OLSON has just completed the questionnaire for inclusion in the "Dictionary of International Biography," she is listed in "Who's Who in American Education," "Who's Who of American Women," and in "Outstanding Personalities of the West and Midwest."

FLORENCE TONEY is to receive honorary membership in Wisconsin Aviation and Trades Association—"In appreciation of what she has done for aviation."

DALE CRITES, manager of Waukesha Airport welcomed us for our October fly-in and pot-luck-lunch. We heard about early aviation in Wisconsin and DALE saluted the 99's with a fly-by in his 1913 Curtis Pusher, "Sweetheart." ETHEL WESTERLUND, after completing the instruc-



Ethel Westerlund at controls of 1913 Curtis Pusher. "On second thought—I don't think I will."

photo Dr. Anne Roethke
Wisconsin Chapter

tion of control usage of the Curtis decided that wasn't for her and left the flying to DALE.

During November we were guests of the 128th Air Defense Wing, Truax Field, Madison. We had a guided tour, invited to a pilot briefing and briefed the Air Defense pilots on 99's.

Our January dinner meeting was attended by 46 members and guests. JIM MERTINS, FAA Milwaukee, gave a slide presentation on safety and accident prevention. JIM stressed the recommendation of a proficiency check for all pilots and offered to give the check, no cost, and would in no way endanger any current rating. All of our Wisconsin 99's were given the 99 Pilot Upgrading Program schedule and I am sure most of us plan on satisfying the recommendations.

MARILYN RITZMAN flew their Luscombe to San Antonio to attend the Hemisfair.

ELLEN MAYO, Racine, now holds the instructors rating. MARLYN DON-AGAN received her instrument rating. MARLYN flies a Cessna 182 out of Moreys, Madison.

JULIE STEIR, age 14, a "just soloed" student glider pilot of West Bend was a guest at our Waukesha meeting.



The following was received from Helen Masterton:

"Will the 99 who ordered 14 sets of playing cards for Christmas presents please get in touch with Helen Masterton, Minn. 99." It seems that the check for the cards was sent to the treasurer and was lost in the mail. She thinks the girl is either from Texas or Calif. Whoever you are, please contact Helen Masterton, 3228 48th Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn.

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

Pat Cicardo, Reporter

The most interesting thing that happened to the Albuquerque Chapter this month was a talk on Aging of Professional Aviators, both male and female, by DR. ROBERT PROPER, Head, Dept. Diagnostics and Clinical Biometrics, Lovelace Foundation, Albuquerque. DR. PROPER'S talk was so well received by our group that we are ready to sign up as subjects of his next study on aging.

Our Chairman, "MAYNARD" PEREZ was invited to attend the inaugural.

Last reporting we thought we had lost ELIZABETH HAWES, however, she has returned to the fold as MRS. DAMPH. Welcome back and congratulations, ELIZABETH.

We have another flight instructor in New Mexico in the person of HEIDI REUSS, of Los Alamos. She and MARGARET LAMB attended our last meeting as guests. MARGARET, who is a Ninety Nine and a possible transfer, has passed her commercial, flight instructor and ground instructor written exams. What a busy girl!

LILY SANDOVAL brought as her guests two private pilots, LAURA MARIE WEBB and TOMMIE ALLEN. Both of whom are working on their instrument ratings.

As usual, 22 Fox (yours, truly and 172) ventured out into the wild blue yonder and was grounded, due to bad weather, 200 miles from home. I fly fast but return slow.

ARKANSAS CHAPTER

Marguerite Nielson, Reporter

Airmarking Site Nov. 19 was Boone-

ville Airport, Booneville, Ark., when the Arkansas Chapter and Ft. Smith Unit W.N.A.A. flew in for the project and lunch, and made the front page of the Booneville Democrat. Members painting were RAMONIA SLOAT, local airmarking chairman, BETTYE BOLLEN, CARRIE HUNT, RUTH GRAY, SHIRLEY BOGGESE, DELORES MITCHELL, and MARGE NIELSEN. W.N.A.A. members NANCE DOYLE, and CHARLENE POE. Also MARLENA MARTS, and LOUELLA TAMMAN.

Airmarking Site Nov. 23 was the roof of Wheeler Lumber Co. in Sallisaw, Okla. when the Arkansas Chapter and W.N.A.A. flew in to paint and attend a very lovely luncheon at the home of DELORES MITCHELL and 49½ DR. BOB. The girls made the front page of both Sallisaw newspapers and were interviewed on Radio KRRE. Members painting were DELORES MITCHELL, local airmarking chairman and hostess, RAMONIA SLOAT, DELORES DEAM, BETTYE BOLLEN, and MARGE NIELSEN. W.N.A.A. members LESLEY SCHERRER, Nat'l. Pres., WILMA RODERICK, LOUISE MITCHELL, NANCE DOYLE, and CAROL STROBEL.

I would like to print a retraction here. MARTHA JOHNSON of Jonesboro has not transferred her membership to the Arkansas Chapter from Cape Girardeau. Sorry about that, MARTHA, but keep up the good work in both areas.

MARGE McLEAN and 49½ hosted a lovely Christmas party in their home in Little Rock. A lovely time was had by all and the big attraction was MR. McLEAN'S collection of lead soldiers from all over the world. Members attending, KAY NEWTH, DONNA HALE, CARRIE HUNT, RAMONIA SLOAT, PAM STOWELL, DOROTHY WEBB, NANCY FRITH, SHIRLEY BOGGESE, and HUSBANDS.

CHARLENE POE, W.N.A.A. and husband DR. MAC hosted a lovely Christmas party in their home in Ft. Smith for the local W.N.A.A. Unit. Ark. 99s attending were RAMONIA SLOAT, DELORES DEAM, & MARGE NIELSEN. Happy Flying!

Arkansas members not listed in the new roster are:

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Kay's House of Fashion

3225 John F. Kennedy Blvd.

North Little Rock, Ark. 72116

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501-SK-3-1996

DELORES DEAM has checked out in a Cessna 150 and has been flying local.

DELORES MITCHELL judged the Jr. Miss Pageant in Little Rock, and has just returned from a trip to Houston. NANCY FRITH and Husband are planning a flight to Washington for snow skiing. BETTYE BOLLEN, Husband, and family flew to Aspen, Colo. for a few weeks of snow skiing, and are planning another flight there next month. CARY HUNT has been busy with wedding plans for her daughter, but, will be flying again soon. RUTH GRAY is working toward an Instrument Rating. MARGE NIELSEN has been staying on the ground while the Luscombe 8E is being rebuilt, with the exception of a flight to Ardmore, Joplin, and one air race.

We have news of Member-at-Large JERRIE COBE, still in Bogoto, Colombia, South America flying medicines, supplies, missionaries, Linguists, Doctors, Indians, etc. in the isolated Amazona Jungle. We all appreciate the wonderful job JERRIE is doing there with her Aero Commander 500B. Vaya Con Dios!

COLORADO CHAPTER

Pat Luther, Reporter

Our December meeting wasn't a meeting at all! Instead we had an absolutely wonderful Christmas party at the Wolhurst Country Club with members, 49½ers and potential members. We are very pleased to find that we have a growing number of very interesting and personable prospective members—

Civil Air Patrol has been a busy part of the life of MARION TANKERSLEY, MARY FRENZEL, JEAN FERRELL and JAN GAMMELL who have been devoting many hours to the search for a missing aircraft in our rugged mountain terrain. MIRIUM HANNA contacted SUSAN OLIVER of the Los Angeles Chapter who is in Denver making a pilot TV film. We hope to all become better acquainted when SUSAN returns to Denver. Congratulations to DR. ALICE ROBERTSON and 49½ER

DR. DALE ROBERTSON — Hope the baby will enjoy flying as much as his parents. We missed HELEN MAXSON at our Christmas Party as she is enjoying a trip to California. Good Luck to SARALEE FISHER who is working hard on her Multi-Engine ATR rating.

One of our most interesting 49½ERS, HERMAN HEISE, told this to us — Old pilots never die, they just join a nudist colony when they can't take off anymore —

A VERY HAPPY FLYING YEAR TO ALL OF YOU FROM ALL THE COLORADO CHAPTER.

DALLAS CHAPTER

Lil Tafel, Reporter

Our regular reporter, PAT CLARK and her 49½er FRAN flew to Clio, Michigan where their youngest daughter FRANCINE is being married to her MARINE CPL. RONNIE McPHEARSON who is home on a leave from Vietnam. PAT will be back on the job next month.

CINDY (MORRIS) CARSON and Hubby JACK were in Dallas on business just before Christmas. They had a delicious dinner at BETTY HUNDLEY'S home and EOB and LIL TAFEL took them out on the town.

You missed a lot of fun, good food and drinks if you did not attend our Christmas party BETTY HUNDLEY and her 49½er POSEY were so gracious to have in their home. It was a huge success with a very good attendance.

VIRGINIA and DR. HANDLEY spent Christmas in Houma, La. with VIRGINIA'S family, then went on up to Little Rock, Ark. to visit DR. HANDLEY'S father who was in the hospital.

MARY ANN McCLURE and 49½ JAMES went to Las Vegas over the Holidays—stayed 13 glorious days—no money but lots of fun!

CHARLOTTE BRANUM flew in their 310 to Houston to watch the SMU game. Upon returning to Dallas New Year's Eve CHARLOTTE was wished a Happy New Year by an American Airline captain somewhere over or near Corsicana, Texas. One never knows just when or where our greetings are coming from.

After the Christmas holidays HELEN WILKE took her two children back to school at San Marcus but said it's time to now return and get them again for a long week-end at home. She usually drives a Camaro (to and from the airport anyway) but she doesn't anymore. It seems someone else liked her little



The Christmas party at BETTY HUNDLEY's finds BOB & LIL TAFEL talking to our Chairman HAZEL CORRY and Vice Chairman PEG ONG under the mistletoe.

car also as someone stole hers right out of the garage between 7:30 and 8:30 PM, the car was locked, the floodlights were on and she was at home. HELEN is wondering why they didn't just come to the door and ask for the keys! However, she now has a new, white with blue top, Camaro, and is all smiles again.

PHYLLIS and ROBERT DUKE took a 4 day trip to Mexico City Thanksgiving week. PHYLLIS got her commercial license December 6th, she's moving fast. She got her private a year ago last August, took her commercial and instructors written last summer—just one month apart. She is now working on her instructors check ride. You know, most people have either junk or a car in their garage, not the DUKES, they have a 140. Well . . . part of a 140! They are reworking things on their 140. Sounds like fun and lots of work.

DEE LOWE is now instructing at C & L Aviation on the Dallas North Airport. Good Luck Dee.

SALLY OLDHAM has now added

her instructor rating just two months after betting her instrument rating. I'd say SALLY has been doing her share of flying lately.

MARY KITCHENS tells us their Tri Pacer is in the shop to be recovered like new. It should be ready to fly again soon.

RAMONA UPFIELD and family have bought a ranch in Bosque County and are spending all free time down on the ranch. Their neighbor has an airstrip and has offered it to them to use which makes it so handy for them to fly down there.

DEE LOWE, PAT CLARK and her husband FRAN went to Shreveport, La. for the Instrument Flight Instructors Seminar put on by the FAA.

ELINOR JOHNSON has her Bonanza flying again after many difficulties and flew her son and his girlfriend, Cindy back to school in Lubbock.

RUTH STULTS has been very ill with the flu the past month. She was planning to visit her son DELWIN who lives in Euenos Aires, Argentina and was to leave January 6th but was

too ill to go, so her son is now coming home to Dallas to spend two weeks with the family.

Our January meeting was held at the home of EDNA WRIGHT with a good attendance. We hope our two guests BARBARA POWELL and PAT CHILDS will join the Ninety Nines soon. The following day EDNA WRIGHT went in the hospital for one day and minor surgery. (Spoke to EDNA by phone and she is doing just fine.) BETTY HUNDLEY made for the meeting a poster with all the Christmas party pictures she took with captions under each one.

VIRGINIA FLATO and family went to Monterrey, Mexico for a few days, and this week-end have gone up to Aspen, Colorado where they have an apartment. They plan on skiing while up there.

ANN ENGLISH and ACE spent a few days at a friend's ranch down on the Brazos River bottom near College Station. They thoroughly enjoyed the fishing and just relaxing with friends.

HELEN WILKE and KATHY LONG are all set to fly the Angel Derby. They have been notified they are number 3 and these gals are anxiously waiting for all the fun and flying.

SUE ANDREWS has moved to a lovely new home. Her address is 8 Pebblebrook Circle, Richardson, Texas 75080—Phone 235-5177.

LIL TAFEL has a new address also, 8407 Gladwood Lane, Dallas, Texas 75231—Phone 341-2843.

The annual Zonta Amelia Earhart luncheon was held January 17th with the following 99's attending. HAZEL CORRY, PAT JETTON, DOROTHY WARREN, HAZEL McKENDRICK, EMILY ANDERSON, NANCY WISE, BEVERLY TAYLOR, MARGE BUNCH, MARY REYNOLDS and BETTY HUNDLEY. HAZEL McKENDRICK was honored as the 99 scholarship winner for 1968 and gave a brief description of the scholarship and its benefits. DOROTHY WARREN who is 2nd Vice President of Zonta gave a recap of the highlights of AMELIA EARHART'S life and history of the ZONTA AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIP.

PEG ONG and JIM flew to El Paso for a few days.

BILLIE HOMES and her 49½er of Borger, Texas stopped in Dallas to visit PAT JETTON. We are happy they are up and about again.

LUCILLE CONNELL is flying to

Aspen, Colorado the 1st of February for a few days on the ski's.

KATHY LONG is very busy these days shopping for her daughter's wedding May 30th. This can ease the rush later. JAN will be married on the 30th and son, LARRY will graduate from Texas Tech the following day, so the LONG household will surely be like a busy bee hive.

ANN STUBEL and MARTY have gone on a couple of fishing fly-ins to Caddo Lake. They say the bass are biting real good up there. The end of this month they are taking a 5 day trip to Mazatlan, Mexico and over to Puerto Vallarta.

MARCELINE TODD and BILL are planning on flying to Yuccatan in mid-February — we'll be waiting to hear all about their trip next month.

EL PASO CHAPTER Mary Olmstead, Reporter

At our January meeting, RUTH DEERMAN, APT Chairman, reported the following members Apt'd: LOUISE CROSS and BETTY ROGERS received Instrument ratings; HAZEL GREGORY checked out in different type plane; WANDA GARSON, NORMA McREYNOLDS, MARY NAGY and RUBY TATMAN all had supervised check rides, and MARGARET McFARLIN received her Instructor's rating.

Chairman, ELLEN JANE ANDERSON, presented Blue ribbon to RUTH DEERMAN for winning the morning's spot landing contest. Vice Chairman, NORMA McREYNOLDS, introduced Mr. T. W. Fredrick, Chief of El Paso's FAA, who brought us up-to-date on FAA Rules and Regulations. He told us about the statistical study being made and how pilots could help by reporting any near-mid air collisions (nearer than 500 feet separation) on blanks obtainable at the Flight Service stations and mailed to the FAA. These blanks do not have to be signed.

Attending the meeting, besides ELLEN JANE, RUTH and NORMA, were Secretary WANDA CREAMER, MARGE BLUE, LELA CARWARDINE and prospective member, "HANK" HALLINAN from Las Cruces, SHARON DENICK from Alamogordo (our newest member), MARILYN DOROSK, WANDA GARSON, NORMA KUDIESY, MARY FRAN SEIDL, our FAA gal

66 — DORIS SHREVE, MARGARET THOMPSON and yours truly.

In spite of several last minute cancellations because of the flu, 22 members, and 66's enjoyed the covered-dish Christmas Party held at the ANDERSONS lovely home. MARGE and TED BLUE, CONNIE and HOWARD ROSE, JACKIE FAGIN and LELA CARWARDINE flew in from Las Cruces. DELORIS and HARRY DYVAD, MARGARET McFARLIN and SHARON DENICK flew south from Alamogordo. Local members were RUTH DEERMAN, WIN GRIFFIN, NORMA and "MAC" McREYNOLDS, NORMA KUDIESY, DORIS SHREVE, EMMA and JOHN UDOVICH and the OLMSTEADS.

"HITHER & YON" ITEMS:

EMMA and JOHN UDOVICH flew to the Kenai Peninsula, Alaska on Dec. 21st to visit Emma's sister and family and their son was on TDY from Guam and then stationed in Anchorage.

The McREYNOLDS family flew to Fullerton, Calif. and visited Knott's Berry Farm and Disneyland. Son GERALD was pilot for the El Paso-Phoenix leg, NORMA flew the Tucson-El Paso leg and "MAC" flew all the rest.

The JOHN GARSONS are now flying a Musketeer and recently flew to Belen, New Mexico to attend Sunday Church Services conducted by their former minister. WANDA had a flight to Deming, New Mex. and soon will be taking off for Georgia and Florida with JOHN.

The SEIDL'S have sold their plane so their trip to Chicago for the Christmas Holidays was by the Iron Horse. Fifty-four members of the family gathered there for Christmas dinner.

LELA CARWARDINE returned from her 3 months trip to South America aboard a freighter—being one of 12 passengers. They went as far south as Puerto de Seado (near Cape Horn), sailed up Brazil's Amazon and Argentina's Parana with stops at Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Rio de Janeiro and 14 other ports. LELA didn't say what cargo they took south, but coming back they brought coffee, castor oil, pepper and 250,000 broom sticks. The story of LELA'S lost and found passport is too long for telling here but well worth the listening when you see LELA.

Our next meeting Feb. 15th, will start with a spot landing contest at Sunland Airpark followed by a short business meeting. On Sunday, Feb. 16th, we entertain our Sweethearts (Husbands) at a covered dish dinner

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at MARILYN DOROSK'S home, at 1:30 p.m.

Four of our members (RUTH DEERMAN, NORMA McREYNOLDS, MARIE TARVIN and MARY OLMSTEAD) received certificates from the FAA after completing the 6 hour course in Operation Understanding given to 16 pilots by El Paso's FAA Tower Personnel headed by LOUIS STEPTER. Formerly the course was available only at FAA Centers under the name of Operation Raincheck. The success of the course at El Paso, conducted by instructors ROBERT FRINK and JAMES HAIRE, has convinced top FAA officials that other FAA Towers may also give the course—when pilots request it. We are proud that El Paso Tower originated Operation Understanding—and we now have a long list of pilots waiting for the next series of classes to start.

FORT WORTH CHAPTER

Diane Barnett, Reporter

MARK MAY 16, 17 AND 18 ON YOUR CALENDAR. Committees are working overtime to make an exciting Spring Sectional. We will be looking for you!

Along with working on terrific plans for the Sectional, our January meeting had GEORGE VOSE, of Denton, to speak on float plane flying. He brought his slides and movies of his operation on Garza-Little Elm Lake to show. Everyone who missed his program missed a great meeting.

Some of our members have been able to get out and fly in spite of the flu, bad weather and car accidents. GLADYS and ERNIE LATHAM flew her dad and mother to Port Neches, Texas. We saw PATSY HENNINGS 49½ER, BOB take off in their Bonanza with the beautiful new paint that BOB applied.

I would like to apologize to new member BERINDA McEACHERN for misspelling her name in the last news. She is getting ready to fly to Hawaii to meet her husband JIMMY, on his way home from Viet Nam.

EDNA GARDNER WHYTE has always said she was afraid of Automobiles and slows the driver down to under 50 miles per hour. Stopped at a red light she was hit from the rear and has been under doctors care for a whipped lashed neck, now she says with a stiff neck the airways are too busy to fly and keep track of the other planes, can't win.

The Fairview FLY LADY DERBY, a Fun Race testing the contestants pilotage ability, was won by EDNA GARDNER WHYTE and LESLEY SCHERRER, the president of the Women's National Aeronautical Assoc. which is an organization doing a great deal for young girl pilots and all Private Aviation.

EDNA says all girls interested in the building and flying of the Midget Biplanes contact her for the organizing a group of Midget Biplane Racing. This will be a Midget Biplane Classic for Large Air Show programming. She states she is surprised how many of our women pilots have responded with interest. This could be a large very interesting group of great women pilots. Several of our girls have built their own planes.

EDNA has been giving talks to different groups on the contribution our women pilots gave to aviation before 1925. She feels the women pilots of today owe a lot of respect to the women that flew the unstable planes before 1925. BESSICA RIECHE was the first American women to fly, have a license with the American Aviation Society and was honored at a big dinner in New York in 1911. Women pilots desire to fly started in 1878. She spoke at the EAA Banquet in Dallas in Dec. and has given talks to groups of men that are very surprised at the roll women have contributed to Aviation in general.

KATY BOYD passed her ATR test and is teaching now at Meacham Field, and is building a nice lot of instrument students that think she is great. She has her manual completed on ATR and for sale. They may be purchased from her direct.

EDNA GARDNER WHYTE is getting her plane tuned up for the Atlantic Air Races at Fort Lauderdale, Florida the 12-16 February 69.

HOUSTON CHAPTER

Aline Bush, Reporter

Our January meeting at Houston Hobby Airport was full of plans and suggestions for money making projects, pleasure projects, work projects and fly-ins. Apt Chairman MARY ABLE is planning a city-wide program of publicity prompting all local pilots to become apt, plus a group session with FAA assistance for 99's.

A Valentine fly-in is planned for February 16 at Lakeway in Austin, another "Space Chase" is set for April 20, and

members plan to assist with the Angel Derby as it swings through Beaumont, Texas on March 24.

LARRY AMIOTT with the nearly completed Houston Intercontinental Airport (Jetero) is taking Houston 99's on a private, behind the scenes tour of those facilities including a view from the tower Thursday, Jan. 23.

Amelia Earhart Scholarship nominees are MAYBELLE FLETCHER and MARY JANE NORRIS, two of our most capable members. And MARY ABLE is the chapter candidate for 99's International Nominating Committee.

Aviation Education chairman, JACKIE KELLY, announced plans for an assembly program at Spring Branch school, and another aviation film and education program in March at the Northline Mall. The December project in Memorial City Mall was very successful. Schools near the new Jetero Airport are now planning aviation education and welcome the presentation of programs.

Perhaps influenced by the intrepidity of our Houston Astronauts, Houston 99's have been 'circling the globe.' In December, ALICE SEABORN left for London by way of Nassau and Luxemburg, met a former Houston Chapter member BOBBIE PRENZLER, then the two toured London and then Africa. After falling in love with the country, its people and its fascinating wildlife, ALICE took 30 minutes dual in a PA-28 at Nairobi, following it by a sightseeing flight over the Rift Valley and the game preserve. She tried to do more aerial sightseeing but each time she reached an airfield, weather was zero-zero.

MAYBELLE FLETCHER, instructing in the SW Flying Club, flew to Baja, California for a four day visit. PAT and JIM DAVIES and children toured Florida and Cape Kennedy during Christmas week—from Winter Haven, Sarasota, Ft. Myers, across everglades to Miami, then up to Cape Kennedy and Ocala. Another Florida visitor who flew with Charles to Ft. Walton Beach.

SHARRON HALL made a 1000 mile x-c from Tomball to Pampa and back in her 1946 J3 Cub for a Christmas visit. Reports temp 10 degrees F—nearly froze! SHARRON is now a full time instructor for Coleman Flying Service, Hooks Airport. JACKIE KELLY ferried a 172 Skyhawk from Wichita, Kansas, recently and has passed the fundamentals test for ground school

instructor. RUTH HILDEBRAND and 49½ER TOM are leaving for Mexico with International Flying Farmers Jan. 23 from El Paso to Torreon, Guadalajara, Morelia, San Jose de Purua, and Puerto Vallarta, ten days of flying and fun.

Dynamic MARY ABLE, instructing every day, has passed the 2000 hour mark, is taking her air taxi check ride and studying for ATR. She is taking a trip to Freeport Grand Bahama on Feb. 5. ALINE BUSH and son, DAVID, flew a Mooney Ranger to Sulphur Springs, Arkansas for a holiday visit. It was comforting to find out he is a sharp radio navigator. ADELLE BAKER recently checked out in a Cherokee Arrow. MARY JANE NORRIS busy with Petticoat Pilots and assisting BOB with his studies for Captain's rating. He is now CAPTAIN BOB NORRIS.

MABEL EDITH and JIM OLIVER are now flying a Cherokee 140. (Good-bye to "Der Red Baron"). M. E. flew with 99's MACKIE FUSELIER and MARY SQUIRES on the CAP search for a Comanche with 5 aboard missing between Mississippi and Texas. She is now 1st Lt. in the CAP, writes column "Plane-ly Speaking" on airport activities for Conroe Courier and broadcasts same on KNRO-FM Wednesday mornings.

DEDE PERKINS flew to Pascagoula, Mississippi recently on business. Has been practicing pylons, S turns, and short field landings in preparation for apt test.

HOUSTON IS APT TO BE APT.
Are you?

KANSAS CHAPTER Eleanor Knott, Reporter

Our December meeting was a dinner party held on the 14th of December at the home of MARILYN COPELAND. It was a lovely Holiday party, the guests were greeted at the door by MARILYN'S daughter dressed as Santa Claus, which put all the guests in a happy holiday spirit. Everyone had a wonderful time.

January is one of our guest meetings and luckily for us after lots of bad weather on weekends, the weekend of January the 11th was nice weather so a number of our out of town members and guests were able to fly in to Wichita for the meeting and luncheon at the Lakeshore Club. We had seven guests who we all enjoyed meeting and talking to. One of our guests TONI PEAPPLES has just recently moved

to Kansas from Michigan and TONI was telling us that she has her sea-plane rating but does not as yet have her land rating, which seems very odd to us dry land Kansans.

We all offer our congratulations to ALYCE BLACKHALL, she got her commercial license the last part of November and her instrument license the first part of December.

JOYCE CASE is ferrying a Beech Baron to Australia. JOYCE left Wichita about the 4th of January and the last that I heard is still waiting in San Francisco for the weather to improve.

CHARLOTTE PARKER and Associates will be the new operators of the Wellington Kansas Airport starting February the 1st. CHARLOTTE has her instructors rating so she will be busy running the airport and instructing at Wellington. Two of our 99 members had nice write ups in the Wichita newspaper last week. An article about CHARLOTTE PARKER flying a mercy mission flight. She flew a chest respirator to a former polio patient at Satanta, Kansas. And a story about PAT McEWENS new Bonanza, the reporter says you have to see the plane to know how beautiful it is. It is white with huntsmen's red and bahama blue trim. The interior is red leather seats, red carpet, blue instrument panel and blue headliner and the plane is loaded with instruments. Pat is working to get 50 hours on the new plane so that she can fly it in the Angel Derby in March.

ALICE DODD, ARLENE NELSON and CHARLOTTE PARKER have been flying in most of the Airlifts in and around Wichita for the March of Dimes, Birth Defects.

KATHRYN BUNNELL, reports that the Wing Scouts had a Christmas Party for their December meeting. The January meeting was a tour of the tower at Wichita Municipal Airport and of the facilities of the United States Weather Bureau. KATHRYN is very enthusiastic about the interest that her group of Wing Scouts show in everything. KATHRYN is doing a great job of keeping their interest up. Their next meeting is to be a tour of Lear Jet at 4:30 on February the 3rd.

NEXT NEWS RECEIVED BY EDITOR ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 20th

GREATER OMAHA CHAPTER

Edna Ferrell, Reporter

Our new chapter is growing every month. Our new members are YVONNE HAMILTON and MARGE PETERSON. BARBARA KREJIC has transferred to our chapter.

VERDAYNE MENZE, ROSEMARY BLOCK and INEZ STOCKER were appointed to write our By-Laws and program for the next year. We now have our copies of the coming events and it looks like our year will be a full one.

FRANCES ROSE, has left our area and now lives in the San Diego area and her office of Chairman was turned over to ROSEMARY BLOCK, who was elected at our October meeting.

BETTY JARVIS and JANICE EESCH have their commercial license, JANICE also has passed her written instructors. JO ELLEN NEWELL has passed her written commercial. Keep up the good work.

Our January meeting was a movie on icing. MR. DON QUEEN of the Eppley Control Tower showed the movie and answered all our questions. This was the best subject for us at this time of year due to all our beautiful weather (ice and all) we have this time of year.

The December meeting was a steak and lobster dinner party at a most appropriate location, Offutt Air Force Base, Officers Club. LT. COL. PRINGLE had a movie on Air re-fueling and each table had an officer who had done air re-fueling and was able to answer all our questions.

INEZ STOCKER and her 49½ enjoyed a visit with PAULI PERRY in Scottsbluff, a member of the Nebraska Chapter. The PERRY'S had just returned from a flying vacation to Mexico, so gave the Stockers some pointers for their forthcoming trip. BETTY JARVIS and family flew to Broken Bow, Nebraska for Christmas and came back by bus. It was 17° below zero and no heat on the bus. The RYNEARSONS flew to Cincinnati, Ohio in December and had to come home the long way via Louisville, Ky., because of rain and low ceilings.

The Omaha Area 99's wish to thank the Iowa 99's for the dinner and corsages and altogether nice day at their meeting. Four couples were able to attend the meeting.

NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Marion Larmon, Reporter

Thirteen members and five guests

met at the Conference Room at the Municipal Airport in Lincoln for our December 15th meeting. Of these thirteen, 5 were from Lincoln, and the remaining 8 traveled a total distance of 1,330 miles to attend and return home! Members and guests were: EVELYN SEDIVY, SHIRLEY AMEN, FLORENCE BORING, HELEN SEL-ENTIN, and MIMI HAWORTH, all from Lincoln; JAN HEINS, Falls City; LEAH SNART, Kearney; MARION LARMON, McCook; MARTHA PURDY, JEANNE GIVEN, MARY LOU PHELPS, JUDY WESTROOK, and BETH HOUGHIN, all from Omaha; guests, JANET SCHMEECKLE, Syracuse; PAT UNDERWOOD, LOUISE FERN, and PAT WOLFE, all Omaha; and DIANE BARTELS, a transfer from Dallas.

We made more progress on the editing of the Constitution. For the designated AWTAR gas stop at Kearney, JEANNE GIVEN, and JAN HEINS were assigned to work the timing.

A trophy point system was presented to the members, and will consist of a traveling trophy to be presented to a Nebraska 99 earning the highest number of points for the month. This is another activity for our enthusiastic group! The program will start with the month of January—the first presentation to be made at our February meeting. So, watch for this monthly announcement!

MIMI HAWORTH, membership chairman, presented membership applications to JANET SCHMEECKLE, LOUISE FERN and PAT WOLFE. We hope to see these gals at our future meetings.

One item of interest to 99's who might not know—PAULINE PERRY reported on her inquiry to Headquarters that girls with glider ratings **only** are eligible for 99 membership. The point being that no medical is required for glider ratings, but a current medical is specified for 99 membership. So, now you know.

Now about news of our members—MARTHA PURDY and husband traveled to Williamsburg, Va., and Florida in November. With good weather for only 4 days of the two weeks, they were glad they had wheels instead of wings. Lucky girl, JAN HEINS, is the proud owner of a 180 Comanche. BARBARA CARLSON reports their plane was in the shop for an annual, and some "bird" taxied into their rudder—so their wings are clipped temporarily.



Relaxing and doing some hangar flying during the Annual Fly-In at Fairview, Oklahoma, held in November, Armistice Day, were, from left to right, Robert Loomis, Mary Cornelson, Gary Linz, Ann Catlin, Mrs. Bud Baker.

MARION and HAROLD LARMON flew to Denver in January to visit friends and attend the DU-Minnesota, Duluth hockey games.

January weather in Nebraska was not the best for flying. However, our monthly meeting was held in Omaha at the home of JEANNE GIVEN. This reporter was unable to make it due to undesirable weather en route—and I am sure this affected other members out state. However, no doubt, many members were close enough to drive. A report on this meeting will be included in the next issue.

P.S. Forgot to mention that the day before our December meeting in Lincoln, we had a Christmas party. Understand it was a real success with a large attendance, good food, lots of fun and fun gifts for the various guests attending. Each member attending brought a gift for part of the decorations, after which they were distributed to an orphanage in Lincoln.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER Dolores Paslerb, Reporter

The Oklahoma Chapter is busy these days accepting all volunteers and drafting a few members to assist with the planning of the South Central Sectional meeting. To date, this is what has been planned. The meeting will be held September 19-21 in Oklahoma City.

This will also be Aviation Week in Oklahoma as declared by the governor. The meeting headquarters will be the Downtown Holiday Inn. Transportation will be furnished for members flying to the meeting. For guaranteed room reservations, requests must be received by the Holiday Inn by September 12, 1969. Husbands are invited and arrangements have been made for golf on Saturday. Committee chairmen include:

Co-ordinator: BEBE BARRETT
Publicity: BEBE and ANN CATLIN
Accommodations: ANN CATLIN
Registration: RITA EAVES
Entertainment: ARLENE WALKUP
Transportation: MARY ELLEN MURDOCH
Decorations-Programs: JAN MILLION
Door prizes: PAM BUGG

The Oklahoma chapter recently welcomed ANITA FLOYD, Ada, Oklahoma who is also a glider pilot.

Taking advantage of the free time during the holidays, our 99 members traveled from coast to coast. SUSIE SEWELL flew to Miami, Fla. without a detour to Cuba, to attend the annual meeting of National Air Taxi Conference and National Aviation Trades Association. MARY ELLEN MURDOCH and TOM enjoyed the improved facilities of Mexico aviation and sug-

gest to those planning to travel this country reading "AIRPORTS OF MEXICO" by ARNOLD SENTERFELT. Flying down to Houston to watch the Bluebonnet Eowl were the WYNNS of Edmond, Okla. NORMA reports the Andrau Airpark most convenient and added to the pleasure of flying. SANDY NIX, who has been at Texas Univ. in Austin is now back in Stillwater, Okla. Home from a most adventurous experience is VELMA WOODWARD who spent two months in Africa. Our February meeting will be held in Norman, Oklahoma and will review for all members, flying and thunderstorms, with emphasis on tornadoes. Good reminder for all who fly this southwest region. The season is getting near.

Make plans to visit the Sooner State in September. Will keep you posted as our plans develop.

PIKES PEAK CHAPTER

Marion Hein, Reporter

Our last get-together for 1968 was a Christmas Party at the home of PAULINE MEIGHEN. It was a covered dish dinner and the food was delicious. 49½ER NEIL HEIN entertained with slides: "An Airchair Tour of Paris," much easier on the feet than pounding the pavements!

We missed MURIEL and WALLY LELAND as they had left for Hawaii where he is to be stationed after a tour in Vietnam. Our loss will be the Aloha Chapter's gain. MURIEL met WALLY recently in Hawaii on an R&R and they tried soaring there and loved it. I know they will enjoy their tour in Hawaii.

We were happy to welcome our new transfer member from Houston, Texas, now living in Pueblo, to our Christmas party. She brought a prospective member with her, too, ANN FRINK. We are planing to attend an informal meeting of a group of the Pueblo area pilots. I hope we can persuade them to join our Pikes Peak Chapter—we are just a little over a year old and need new members!

Flying in Colorado is good most of the time—year around—aren't we lucky? The only trouble is finding the time to fly. Most of our members work and only have weekends but they fly, if at all possible. JANE WHITNEY and her 49½ER WINSTON, and their family spend nearly every winter weekend skiing in this area. For long trips they have their Cherokee 250. MARION GABRISH and JOE own a Cessna Skyhawk and love to fly on weekends.

RHEA ALLISON sells real estate but in her spare time manages to spend a lot of time at the Black Forest Gliderport giving aero tows. She flew to Baja, California, and Mazatlan, Old Mexico, and said it was a wonderful trip. RHEA also hunts and fishes in cur Colorado Rockies—she got her deer this year! Now, she is learning to ski—how about that! PAULINE MEIGHEN and TOM are real flying enthusiasts and have been active in the Pikes Peak Flying Club for years. They love to be in our beautiful mountains, too, and spend lots of time camping and fishing whenever possible. MARION HEIN and NEIL, her 49½ER, have a FORNAIRE ERCOUBE and make several trips to Wisconsin each year, but not in winter—ugh—it was 35° below zero there this Christmas when they visited NEIL'S parents near Black River Falls. JANIE OESCH and her 49½ER built a home with a hangar and taxiway to the Black Forest Gliderport. JANIE keeps busy flying sailplanes, aero club aircraft, and as part time secretary for the United States Air Force Academy Soaring Club and Elack Forest Gliderport.

Hope we can get our wheels down now and get in lots of flying and more members this year.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

Marlan Burke, Reporter

Saturday, Dec. 7 BILL and BETSY HOGAN hosted a beautiful Xmas party at their lovely home. Almost everyone was there and we made it a combination business and fun meeting. We will have to have another nice party like that soon.

Welcome . . . new member PAMELA CRANE! She recently obtained her private rating. Her husband COL. CRANE is a pilot with many many hours and is very active in aviation projects. He is real proud to have a flyin' gal in the family. We hope both of you enjoy our group. It's real nice to have you join us.

We enjoyed the recent visit of FAY WELLS. Our being close to LBJ country has made it handy for her to visit us. We hope you will still have business bringing you our way in the future FAY. Please come back again.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL 99s AND FRIENDS FROM THE SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER.

SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Molly Stockwell, Reporter

January 14, 1969. For an enjoyable change of scene, the South Louisiana Chapter held its regular meeting on January 5 at Eunice, La. I say a change, since we have never met in this particular town though we now have a new member and a prospective member in Eunice. The occasion was a joint meeting with the newly formed Eunice Pilots Association concerning plans for our groups to air mark the Eunice airport. Our hostess for the meeting was CHARMAIN BROWN who has been a 66 associated with us for some time, and who is now waiting for her seventeenth birthday later in January so that she may become a private pilot and a member of our organization. CHARMAINE is a lovely girl and one of the representatives of her age group that anyone would enjoy meeting.

Those present were JIM LAFLEUR, who came for the first time since I can remember without busy 49½ER DOC. We missed him since we always enjoy his company. Also present were Chairman, MARGARET RUTH, JAN PHILLIPS, LORNA and BOB WHITNEY, GINNY and LANKY SMITH, PAT WARD, ELEANOR LOWRY, DEE COMEAUX, MOLLY STOCKWELL, LYNETTE LOEWER, CHARMAIN BROWN, FOY and PHIL WEST and former member ILENE WEBER who is now MRS. AUBRY VANCE LAFLEUR of Eunice.

Four new members were welcomed to our chapter. JUNE KERNWHO was one of our 66's from Baton Rouge and whose husband really served beyond the call of duty in helping us so very much with our first ventures in air marking; ELEANOR LOWRY, a new private pilot and an electrical engineer, also from Baton Rouge; CAL MEREDITH, Houma, another of our 66's who took and passed her written exam before she had any flying time at all; and LYNETTE LOEWER from Eunice.

We were most anxious to have an opportunity to talk to FOY and PHIL WEST who were in one place for a few days in a row for a change. They travel to so many exciting places in connection with their work and just recently returned from Kingston, Jamaica where they were invited as consultants to an international meeting of the Institute for Cancer Research. Their only complaint about this trip was that all of their time was spent working leaving none for sight seeing.

**DON'T PROCRASTINATE
NOMINATE!**

Chairman MARGARET RUTH reports that she has been busy flying CAP search missions. She had one out of Opelousas over the swamps in an L-16 Aeronca on New Year's Day, and another out of Alexandria in a 170 over piney woods country a few days later. She complained that she wore about 50 pounds of clothing but she was still cold in the L-16.

If appearances are any indication, I'd say GINNY SMITH must be fully recovered from her recent bout of ill health. She looks just grand though it may be due in some measure to her being one of the proudest grandmothers I've seen lately. GINNY reports FOREST W. SMITH, JR. was born on Oct. 28, 1968 in Houston, Texas, and is by for the most handsome fellow in the state.

A few issues back, our reporter mentioned that BILLIE BLEIER from Lake Charles was injured in the crash of her Mooney a few hundred feet short of Jackson, La. airport. BILLIE wishes to thank the many 99's who sent cards and notes following the announcement of her accident. The thoughts of so many who wished her well have meant a great deal to her especially since she required further surgery and must have therapy and still more surgery in the future. She regrets she hasn't been able to answer each of you, but asked me to express her gratitude for her.

Other items I've heard about are that LORNA WHITNEY wishes her two week vacation back home in St. Louis could have been longer. I'm not sure she's used to the South yet. And last but no means least, 49½er GUY and WEZIE OGDEN of Baton Rouge are the proud owners of a Skyhawk and we expect to see them frequently on the La. airways.

TIP OF TEXAS CHAPTER **Catharina Biehn, Reporter**

At our January meeting, DRU ROSSON, a 17 year old high school student, joined our chapter. We are happy to have another member of CARLA ROSSON'S family in the Tip of Texas Chapter.

Our Jan. meeting had a small attendance. After the meeting was adjourned, three of the girls had lunch at the airport terminal. We are still working on our beaded scarves and selling them. PAULINE could not get enough of these to sell during the Christmas season.

PAULINE and ELAINE did five air-markers during Christmas vacation. If the weather had permitted they would have been able to paint a few more.

ELOISE NASH, from Kingsville, took her glider to San Benito for a sailplane meet in the near future.

SHARON JACKSON, also from Kingsville, has left us to live in Oklahoma for an undetermined length of time.

TULSA CHAPTER **Agnes Hellman, reporter**

If Christmas is a time for strengthening friendships, sharing happiness and giving joy, then our holiday party was a huge success. The MAURITSON home was decorated in supreme good taste and all of us came away knowing that "this is also a part of what Christmas is all about".

AGNES and PAUL HELLMAN made a fun-trip to Brownsville, Texas in Comanche 43P during November for her first look at the citrus growing area of the Rio Grande Valley.

BETTY NATION, of B & J FLYING SERVICE, Pryor, Okla. is all excited about their new Cessna 310 and will be making her first charter trip into Mexico next week. During the holidays the NATIONS flew to Houston for a long awaited family reunion because BETTY'S sister was home from Rio de Janeiro for the first time in about five years.

The MAURITSONS flew to Missouri to visit son DAVID as an excuse to get some "reluctant" grandparents airborne—they may get them converted yet. While DAVID was home for the holidays JAN prepared him for his Multi-engine rating—the advantages of having a built-in instructor right in the family.

Tulsa Chapter Charter Member, FAYE SULLINGER, helped JAN with many hours of research, phone calls and letters in the past several months to come up with a fascinating and accurate history of the Tulsa Chapter of Ninety-Nines. We really owe them a vote of thanks for a job well done.

Our January meeting at MARY KRUTSCH'S was enjoyable and if our efforts match our enthusiasm — just watch our smoke in 1969.

WICHITA FALLS CHAPTER **Jean Medlinger, Reporter**

BEVERLY PRESTON was hostess for the meeting of November 9, 1968 at Wichita Falls Country Club. We had an attendance of twenty-eight people.

Our 49½'ers were well represented at our luncheon and meeting.

MR. DICK GIFFON and MR. JOHN DONNELLY were the guest speakers for the meeting. These two men are very dedicated F.A.A. employees who are promoting a new program for "Accident Prevention" in aviation. This plan has been in effect since July 1, 1968 and so far has been rewarding. A portion of this program consists of taking the APT check ride. The FAA people will be glad to give courtesy check rides to new aircraft owners to make them more comfortable in their airplane and tell them how to better themselves in this particular aircraft. The program also is making a survey on the collected causes of accidents.

Congratulations to BETTY ALLISON who has earned her instructors rating.



ALASKA CHAPTER **Catherine Kippenhan, Reporter**

As of the middle of January, the Alaska Chapter finds itself practically in hibernation as far as flying activities go. Temperatures in the Anchorage area have been sinking to about 15° below zero at night and rising to no more than 10° above during the day. These temperatures are really not unbearable—but throw in a frequent gusty wind of 25 to 50 m.p.h. and spread it all over a 30 day period and you've got coooooold! weather. When the wind is not blowing we find ourselves shrouded in icy fog. During Christmas week Anchorage air traffic came nearly to a standstill with eight days of steady fog. This all contributes to the Northern phenomenon—cabin fever. And the only cure for cabin fever is warm sand and palm trees.

The Alaska Chapter annual Christmas dinner party was enjoyed by MARY GANGE, MARY REID, MARYLYNN GRIFFIN, ANNE WILBUR, RUTH O'BUCK, JUDY KEELER, VIRGINIA CUTSHALL, LAVELLE BETZ, CATHY KIPPENHAN, husbands and guests. The chapter Christmas project, organized by Chairman MARY GANGE and MARY REID, brought toys, candy, books and popcorn to the Eskimo children of the far north villages of Eek and Napakiak.



Alaska Chapter Chairman Mary Gange and chapter member Mary Reid prepare toys, books, candy and popcorn for Eskimo village children as a 99 Christmas project.

Speaking of the far north—MARILYNN GRIFFIN—our "Farthest North Member" who lives in Barrow on the Arctic Ocean, reports that she was on the Dew Line when MAX CONRAD landed in December on his much publicized trip around the world via both poles. MARILYNN, by the way, seems to love living in the tiny Eskimo Community. She's very enthusiastic about her job with the Public Health Service Hospital.

JESSIE DODSON worked at election headquarters until November 30th and is now getting reacquainted with her family. STEPHANY DEDRICK reports that she and 49½ER PERRY have leased their Beech Baron for a year and are hoping to acquire a Turbo charged Baron this Spring. STEPHANY continues to work on her Instrument rating. RUTH O'BUCK says the charter business is a little slow this time of the year, but she is still faithfully turning out those students. MARION ZAEGEL is trying to catch up on her sleep. She and 49½ER BILL returned to Anchorage January 11th following three fantastic weeks of skiing in Austria and Switzerland. They skied seventeen days in a row and completely exhausted themselves at St. Anton in Austria and Davos, Switzerland. She says their short stay in Munich on the way home was especially enjoyable. They were very much im-

pressed with the Deutsch Technical Museum.

January is the month for resolutions. Resolution number one: Plan Ahead. LAVELLE BETZ says "let's have a float fly-in picnic on Father's Day" in June at her cabin on Shulin Lake. That gives us five months to organize ourselves . . . and we just might make it, LAVELLE.

Happy New Year to you all.

COLUMBIA-CASCADE CHAPTER Ethelyn M. Opheim, Reporter Pro-Tem

Some 15 members, 49½ers, and friends enjoyed our annual Christmas party, hostessed by LEE WRENN at her home.

TOM TAYLOR, General Aviation Operations Inspector-Principal, FAA, was guest speaker at our luncheon meeting Saturday, January 11, at Portland International Airport. A long-time pilot, he briefed us on cold weather flying, adding much valuable advice from his own wealth of experience plus his flying days in Alaska.

We celebrated, with cake and good wishes, DR. H. VIRGINIA ("GILLY") GILLILAND'S retirement from active medical practice. GILLY has been a pediatrician on the Permanente staff for 20 years. She says she intends to 'do what other people do—like flying and living a little'. The cake did double

duty, as it was also the birthday of our chairman, JO CLARRIDGE.

BETTY PRAKKEN and 49½ER GORDON drove (who can fly in this weather?) to Boise, Idaho, over the holidays. Son RANDY, student at M.I.T., and bride, KATHEE, caught up with them there for a telephone visit from Boston on Christmas.

LILLIAN LEWIS is looking forward to a trip to Canada the end of January. LILLIAN, who has her instructor's rating, is hard at work on her instrument. But our weather has kept her on the ground, too. SALLY STUDDARD, commenting on our weather, says she 'has been thinking sunshine and getting rain'. Wish it were just rain. So far, we've had snow, sleet, ice, freezing rain, 50 knot winds.

JO CLARRIDGE says she has done nothing recently but keep her nose to the grindstone. She 'graduated' from Real Estate School and is licensed to sell. JO, like the rest of us grounded Oregonians, is champing at the bit to do some flying.

We heartily welcome our new members and recent transferees, and are proud to present some of them to you:

LEE WRENN—hails from New York, now considers herself a real Oregonian. Flying since March, 1967, she already has her Commercial, and is a 'whisker' away from her instrument (passed her written). Two children, who both ski. LEE is also a proficient scuba diver. Incidentally, LEE is considering selling shares in her Skylane 180—equipped with everything! So here might be just the chance some lucky 99's are waiting for.

LUCY DRUCKER started flying in 1935 in St. Louis. Flew an American Eagle biplane with a Kinner engine. Instrument ticket in 1966. LUCY works in her 49½ER'S office, Phillips-Drucker Company manufacturer of laboratory equipment. Flew in Powder Puff Derby in 1966.

PATTI ENGLISH has been flying since 1957, has over 500 hours. She owns the Mexican Craft Shop in Morgan's Alley (a posh shopping spot in Portland) featured in November, 1968, SUNSET Magazine. Flies to Mexico on frequent buying trips, and is knowledgeable about that country. Starting June 7, she is sponsoring a 21-day shoppers' tour to off-beat areas in Mexico. The tour will fly via commercial, but Patti hopes someday soon to organize an all-woman, private plane shopping tour.

FAR WEST CHAPTER **Elene Duncan, Reporter**

The members of the Far West Chapter join me in wishing each of you a very happy and successful new year. There is not much news to report this month inasmuch as the November meeting was cancelled because of adverse weather and the December meeting was eliminated due to the busy holiday season. The regular January meeting has been postponed a week as there are still a few inches of white, fluffy particles on the ground. This is apparently the longest and most severe spell of winter weather in this area since 1916 and we can now appreciate the drizzly warm weather when it arrives. Bellingham will be our destination next Thursday.

Congratulations to MARGARET LAYTON who is our first member to obtain an advanced rating. She passed her commercial flight test at Arlington on January 13th and, in addition to her commercial rating, she has her SES and SEL and plans to work for her instrument rating next. This should be an inspiration for all of us. MARGARET was also a recent overnight guest of MARCHINE DEXTER of the Puget Sound Chapter since she was weathered in at Paine Field. We are happy to hear that MARGARET'S husband, RICHARD, has returned to work and has fully recovered from his illness.

MARY KOCHANNEK has recently had surgery and is recuperating at home. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope she will be joining us soon. MARY has also been studying for her commercial written in her spare moments.

BARBARA LA RUE received a welcome Christmas present from husband, EVAN. They plan a trip to Troutdale where BARBARA hopes to complete her requirements for her commercial rating and EVAN will pursue his instrument rating. Would highly recommend this plan to other 49½ers—also helps make brownie points!

In November ELENE and BILL DUNCAN headed south via Salem and Las Vegas for a week at Lake Havasu for a R and R type vacation following BILL'S surgery and returned via Ontario, Oregon, Pullman and home with fair flying weather for this time of year.

I hope to have some news from Bellingham members JO BURKHART and LYNN MAHLBERG after our next meeting.

PUGET SOUND CHAPTER **Marchine Dexter, Reporter**

Present at our Xmas fun fest at MARGARET and PERCY AMES' home were MARY ANN and DICK NORFLEET, BETTY and DR. CURRAN, MILDRED and AB PEARSON, JEANNE REEVES, and MARCHINE DEXTER. VONNIE CAMPBELL and husband ED were our guests. VONNIE has been learning to fly in their Fairchild 24 and recently switched to Aeronca Champ training while the Fairchild undergoes overhaul. She had most of the gals "wondering," as they had never met her husband, and she introduced him as her boyfriend with the comment that her husband was too dull to bring.

The party wasn't dull with that potent punch bowl! Gifts were exchanged and MARGARET showed a film on Central America.

MILDRED took MARJORIE HOPE, from the "classified ad" department, of the Everett Herald, for her first ride in a light plane. They went to the San Juans and had lunch at Anacortes. Although it was cold in the Cruiser, MARJORIE was very enthusiastic.

BETTY and VIC CURRAN flew to Las Vegas to enter a tennis tournament just before the holidays.

Our usual rain has been predominantly snow in late Dec. and first half of Jan. Very little flying has been possible. In fact, driving conditions were so miserable that only MARGARET AMES and MARCHINE made it to JEANNE'S for the Jan. meeting. After a beautiful Cessna film, "Venezuela Adventure", narrated by Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, we had a brief "meeting." MARGARET plans to show the film to another group, as it's too nice to return with so few being able to view it.

MARGARET LAYTON, of the Far West Chapter, was your reporter's overnight guest shortly after the holidays. MARGARET had stopped at Paine Field to wait for Arlington to go VFR so she could take her commercial check ride. Suddenly Paine became IFR and she couldn't get back to Pt. Townsend without wave-hopping Puget Sound. No floats on the Cessna. My house had stacks and boxes of Xmas things being repacked, current sewing projects spread out, and silk screen still waiting to be cleaned up after printing Xmas-New Year cards, but we had fun in spite of it all. We were still hangar flying long after the

youngsters returned from CAP and went to bed.

MARCHINE'S daughter, LYRIC, a Civil Air Patrol Cadet, was one of 10 from Washington to spend her holiday vacation in Missoula, Montana on a winter survival training mission. The coldest night was -48°F and the propane liquified, leaving their quarters without heat. The proposed training search for downed pilots (smoke-jumpers) was called off and they devoted their time to first aid training and their own survival. It warmed up to -27°F by the time they left.

MARGARET and PERCY AMES are just waiting for the weather to improve enough to take off for 3 months in sunny Mexico. The rest of us would be happy just to be able to fly locally!



SOUTHWEST SECTION

The following was received from Helen Masterton:

"Will the 99 who ordered 14 sets of playing cards for Christmas presents please get in touch with Helen Masterton, Minn. 99." It seems that the check for the cards was sent to the treasurer and was lost in the mail. She thinks the girl is either from Texas or Calif. Whoever you are, please contact Helen Masterton 3228 48th Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn.

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ALOHA CHAPTER **Dorothy Read, Reporter**

Aloha and a Happy New Year! Weather has not encouraged flying in our part of the country but several of us have managed to get airborne, even if it was as a passenger in a commercial airliner for holiday travel, as MARY KING, DEE KEAVENY, RUTH O'CONNOR, LINDY BOYES and DOT

READ have just done.

IRENE ROGERS has managed to add a new rating over the holidays; she is now a Commercial Glider Pilot. MARIE MITZENHEIM has also been getting some glider time. She and IRENE both fly with the CAP.

SANDY LeDREW now has a temporary office for her Sandy's Flight Operations sideline. It is temporary because she will be moving to Oahu's new general aviation field at Bellows Air Force Base as soon as it is set up for civilian operations. SANDY gets good advice from MARGUERITE WOOD, whose many years of experience as a Honolulu FBO are invaluable for finding office, hanger, and parking space.

DOROTHY KELSEY is a part owner of a new Cherokee at Island Flight Center. The Hong Kong flu has kept DOT out of her new plane but she should be flying soon.

ANN ANDERSON is working for the Navy now, which makes her eligible for the Hickam Flying Club, where JANET HITT, IRENE ROGERS and MARIE MITZENHEIM do their flying.

PAT DAVIS and MARGUERITE WOOD did a fine job of organizing our Christmas party. PAT'S decorations, which centered around Santa's flight plan, were in keeping with the flying and Christmas spirits.

We are looking forward to meeting many of you in Hawaii this year. If you are planning a Hawaiian vacation (and right now it is clear and the temperature is 72°, you snow-bound mainlanders!), bring along your roster and give some of us a call. Aloha.

BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

Persis Webster, Reporter

Be sure to read the January, 1969, issue of *Airways*. JUNE EDWARDS has an article in that issue entitled "HOW TO BECOME A CROP DUSTER." She speaks with authority on the subject—49½er WAYNE is a most experienced crop duster. And on January 6, JUNE spoke to the Zonta Club of Porterville and donated her fee to the newly formed Sierra Chapter of 99's. Appropriately enough her topic was "Women in Aviation."

MARILYN SWARD is our newest member. She received her private pilot certificate in 1950 and is now on the way to getting her commercial. Her husband, JOHN, is working toward a private certificate. They own a Cessna 172 and on long weekends com-

mute to Cottonwood, Arizona, where they are building a home. MARILYN, a physical therapist, also runs a successful business.

JUDI and DYREL FAULSTICK recently flew their Bonanza to Las Vegas for a weekend. A real challenge to try to make expenses on that trip.

Our Christmas party, held in the trophy room at the home of MRS. WILLIAM MOORE, senior, was a most delightful affair as well as a financial success. About 70 persons attended the buffet dinner. After dinner we enjoyed a film on flying in Mexico, courtesy of LARRY HALL of Beechcraft, and some of DR. MOORE SR's. safari films. Another successful holiday fund raising activity was the sale of fruit cakes and strings of Christmas tree lights.

Bakersfield has been pretty well "socked in" the past few weeks. JAN CROOKS managed to get some hours in at the Torrance Airport when she was south during the holidays. And when the sun peeked out this past weekend, JOAN PAYNTER took her sister on a flight to Fresno for lunch, and DAWN MOORE took MARIANNE LAXAGE and a visiting friend for a short hop.

DIABLO CHAPTER

"Buckie" Johnstone, Reporter

FEVER, GOLD FEVER has struck the Diablo Chapter of 99's—so off into the mild blue yonder to the Mother Lode Country, Columbia, Calif. We are taking a short look at some of this great state's heritage. Entering the pattern overhead some of us saw the stagecoach and four (horses that is) heading down the main drag at a high lope. Golly, maybe they're coming out to the airport for us. Now all we need is the dashing bandido to come racing after the coach. However, our hopes of getting a ride in the old Concord Stage were dashed. We were picked up by—of all things—a V.W. bus I guess it was. How utterly revolting. Sardined — and I mean sardined into it were members GRACE ELLIS, LOUISE GIERCH, and daughter, JOAN GORE, MARTHA GRAHAM, PAT

KEEBLE, MARIE PORTER, MARJORIE ROGERS, NANCY WALLIS my guest and myself. Funny, when we arrived in town and debarked I'm sure I heard that V.W. kinda groan a sigh of pure relief.

Used to be you got out your ol' handleless skillet and went pannin' for gold. Not any more, the modern gold seeking individual puts on his wet suit, straps a tank of oxygen on his back, picks up the nozzle of his oversize vacuum (Electrolux type) wades out into the stream, gets to the bottom of things looking for likely little crevices and holes in the fast running water that might contain particles of gold. He vacuums these out into a holding tank on shore, then takes his time looking for possible flakes, or nuggets of gold. The fellow I spoke with does this only on weekends and while he won't say just how much he gets he did say it was good wages for a weekend and lots of fun too.

The museum in town had a great variety of artifacts of the Gold Rush Days. Old firearms, tools, gold pans, some good size nuggets and oh so much I don't have space to detail it all here. Any chapter within flying distance might really enjoy this trip as much as we. It was fun, interesting and we could really almost visualize the romance of these Sierra Foothills. This area also had a great deal of placer mining as evidenced by tailing still showing after all these years along the banks of the rivers. Well, all too soon—BACK into the Sardine Can for the return bounce, bump, plunk ride? to the airport and off into the western sky to home.

Our chapters new news this reporter believes is the greatest. At our quarterly meeting this past week it was unanimously agreed to sponsor a Girl Scout Wing. As of now there are sixteen members, all eager to learn about aircraft and flying. Can't think of a better activity for teens, creating an interest in the future, and in aviation. Who knows, maybe one of these young people will be the first "Astro-lady"?

Another item on the agenda was having a "Paintin' Party" at Buchanan Field. Fine—I'm all for it—until someone mentioned 0600. Hope they don't mean Pacific Standard Time—ZULU—maybe?? Ok, Oh Kay! Muster the paint bucket brigade. PRESENT BUCKETS, no I mean mops—oops, brushes? Oh well, Hup 2 3 4, Hup 2 3 4. Hi Ho it's off to work we go. See ya next month.

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citement—Terror—What a daring experience CLAIRE had. A most enjoyable evening we all had.

We welcome four new 49½ers—ALLEN SMITH, KENDALL DAWE, DOUG HINKLE and BILL BLATT.

Congratulations to JESSIE WIMMERS for receiving her ATR rating. This makes her 14th rating. JESSIE flew a Cessna 150 into the Colliseum parking lot for the National Livestock Show. Very interesting — short, short field with 60 foot palm trees on final approach!! JESSIE also had the privilege of flying the Sperry Test Aircraft Beech Super 18 equipped with all Sperry Flight Director Systems and the opportunity to practice Cat I & II operations, including one touch down simulating 0-0 conditions at Blyth, Calif.

BRUNHILDE BRADLEY flew to Portugal in December. She had the opportunity to go through the Portuguese FAA Facilities. They have very modern equipment and train pilots on the spot. They have only 200 licensed commercial pilots in all of Portugal.

A new bride on Christmas Day — AGNES SANBORN to DALE LILIEGREN flew to Las Vegas, Nevada, to tie the knot.

Congratulations to LELIA REGER for passing her instrument flite test. LELIA and HARRY flew to Wichita, Kans., December 26th to pick up their new Cessna Super Skymaster.

JEAN BONAR and her 49½er from the "All Ohio Chapter" flew their Bonanza to Phoenix to spend their holidays with JEAN's brother, DR. ARTHUR NELSEN. JEAN has flown many Powder Puff Derbies and is known to many of our local girls.

ANN DAVIS and her 49½er flew in from Yuma in a rented Cherokee for the holidays with relatives and friends. ANN likes Yuma very much.

MARY VIAL flying her Cessna 182 to Greeley, Colorado, and Columbus, Ohio.

ALICE ROBERTS boasting about her record flight to Tucson—from take-off to touchdown—30 minutes. It must be the new transponder, ALICE.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

Beth Schoof, Reporter

Well, here it is . . . time to take up the telephone and the typewriter and find out what everyone has been up to over the holidays.

First of all, we want to welcome to our chapter DEE OLSEN, a new mem-

ber. She has held her private pilot's license since 1966 and flies all the Cessnas from the 140 to the Skylane. Her husband, JAMES flies as does her son, STEPHEN who holds an instructor's rating and although he is still going to school he has designs on being a commercial pilot someday in the future. Daughter CAROLYN is a stewardess with National Air Lines and often flies the Miami to San Francisco run so they get to see her once in a while. At Christmastime they flew (commercially because of the weather) to Miami to visit and take in the sights of the big city.

Our best known globetrotters, JUNE and JIM DEVINE, were off to far fields the early part of December to see such wonderful spots as Tahiti, Bora Bora and Australia, where they were to spend the holidays. At this writing they are still galivanting and we shall have to wait a while to hear the story of their newest adventures.

As many of you know, the weather here in the Sacramento Valley this time of the year is not very conducive to logging many flying hours, so a number of our members who went on trips over the holidays had to do it commercially. FLORENCE BREEN and her 49½er husband JACK flew United to Omaha, Nebraska, to visit their daughter JOYCE and her family and even flying with the big boys the airport was closed to them for 13 hours. They had a lovely white Christmas, though, which they enjoyed thoroughly.

The Sacramento Chapter 99's threw a very lovely Christmas party at the Quinta De Las Rosas and had as their guests along with their husbands, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Air Squadron and their wives. Everything was candlelight and Holly berries which was very impressive. All the tall, beautifully colored candlesticks had been made by CLAIRE RALEY and VIJA BERRY. Honored guest "Snocopy" in his Sopwith Camel pinata constructed by VIJA BERRY and sons occupied a spot over the dance floor where the Tijuana Trio inspired everyone to trip the light fantastic. All the greenery of holly and pine was gathered by DOROTHY HUNTLEY at her ranch up on the Mendicino coast where she and her doctor husband ARTHUR, better known as ACE have their very own landing strip. These fragrant branches were placed strategically

here and there by everyone, while yours truly, BETH SCHOOF, got in the way more than anything else.

There is an old saying that a red sky in the morning is a sailor's warning, and a red sky at night is a sailor's delight. Where sailors got into an article about flyers, I'll never know, but I wonder what a red sky all day means to a flyer? Trouble, I'll bet. Well, anyway that's what happened to our brave soul AUDREY SNOVEL when she tried to return to Sacramento after taking her two children back to Ashville, North Carolina, on a Christmas trip in her Bonanza. They were bucking a storm front the whole time getting mixed up at 7,000 feet with blowing dust and wind which reduced the normal 170 mile an hour ground speed to a mere 110. How about that!

I still haven't been able to get the lowdown on our celebrity DOROTHY ANDERSON after she got back from rubbing shoulders with the great and the near great at the UN, but I shall do my best to get her into the next installation from Sacramento.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

Margrit Goodrich, Reporter

The San Diego Chapter is currently busy preparing for flying activities during San Diego's 200th Anniversary Celebration during the year of 1969.

As everyone is aware, the Powder Puff Derby will take off from Lindbergh Field, San Diego Air Terminal, July 4th, 1969. Because of the 200th Celebration a tremendous turn out is expected. Our local race-start chairman, MARIAN BANKS is contributing to a substantial degree to the expected success of the race.

In addition, the 200th Anniversary Committee is sponsoring the Spirit of San Diego Air Race from St. Louis, Missouri, to San Diego on May 10 and 11, 1969. This is the 42nd anniversary of Charles A. Lindbergh's flight in the Spirit of St. Louis from San Diego where it was built, to St. Louis and New York, Curtiss Field. This was just prior to his Atlantic Flight to Paris. LOUIS BARTLING and her 49½er HARRY are co-Chairmen of this race, and the San Diego Chapter is working on terminus arrangements.

Flight briefs: PAT OSMON working on her commercial rating flew to Long Valley (elev. 7132) near Mammoth Mt. to practice high altitude landings.

BONNIE ADAMS flew to Arizona in a Cessna 172 and spent part of the holidays with relatives. BONNIE and her husband STEVE also flew to Palm Desert for brunch. RUTH BASSO, a frequent guest at the Chapter meetings has soloed and has been seen practicing x-wind landings.

The San Diego Chapter is sorry to have FRANCINE MOXEY, our Public Relations chairman, move to the Los Angeles area. She is a qualified flight instructor and we are sure her many qualifications will be appreciated by the 99's up there.

It is with sadness that we report the last flight of KITTY SCHIEDING, Road Runner of the San Diego Chapter for several years. She has been very generous in volunteering in many of the Chapter activities. While vacationing in Hawaii last year, the pleasure chartered plane she flew in crashed. All donations in KITTY's memory will go to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

We are proud of the fact that MARIAN BANKS of San Diego and THON GRIFFITH of Costa Mesa won the PAR. Others from San Diego Chapter placed as follows: TERRY VASQUES and FRAN BERA, fourth; ELEANOR RICHARDSON and BARBARA TUCKER, seventh; BETTY WHARTON and DOTTY SANDERS, tenth; FRANCINE MOXEY and MARY SCHEPPEN, nineteenth; MARGARET MOODY and BONNIE ADAMS, twenty-eighth; PAT OSMON and DOTTY KLOTZ, twenty-ninth.

ELEANOR RICHARDSON worked very hard programming the racers and their handicaps and TERRY VASQUES helped at the terminus with the final computations.

Later the San Diego Chapter participated very actively in a fund raising Carnival. MR. CORDELL, Chairman of the San Diego 200th Anniversary Committee participated in giving away the prizes.

99's and their 49½'s from the San Diego area had a preview glimpse and delicious dinner at the brand new "Wind Sock" restaurant at Jimsair, Lindbergh Field. JIM BRACAMONTE, owner, was a most gracious host.

Six members of our chapter, LYN BRIGGS, MARGRIT GOODRICH, ELEANOR RICHARDSON, PAT OSMON, STELLA HARDIN and FRANCINE MOXEY, attended Lindbergh, Montgomery and Brown Fields respec-

tively during the Pilots Poker Party Flight. The terminus was Palomar and MARGARET MOODY not only enjoyed the hamburgers for lunch, but won a first prize trophy for having the best poker hand—four aces.

Flight briefs: SYLVIA COLTON temporarily inactive member until she finishes college this spring, attended the XI World Soaring Championships at Leszno, Poland, this summer as the official representative of Soaring Magazine. She had a most interesting time and plans to share the pictures she took with our Chapter.

VIRGINIA SEAVER and her 49½ EDWARD flew to Prescott, Arizona, to go deer hunting, in their new Debonair. Within one-half hour, EDWARD got a deer (the four legged kind). This was fast work.

MARTHA and JOHN MULLEN and MARIAN and JERRY BANKS flew to Nut Tree and up to Clearlake, Calif. MARIAN also flew to Mazatlan, Mexico, to meet JERRY in their Twin Comanche while JERRY participated in the 1000 mile boat race from Los Angeles to Mazatlan. Despite getting seven fractured ribs, JERRY had a good time. MARIAN arrived first with the help of her Christmas present from JERRY, a new Transponder.

LOIS and HARRY BARTLING and LYN BRIGGS flew to Las Vegas and all had a good time. FRANCINE and TERRY MOXEY and their 2 children flew in a Cherokee 250 to Missouri. Despite radio and weather problems they enjoyed themselves. PAT OSMON did her commercial cross-country to Tucson. BONNIE ADAMS flew with Flotilla 12 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary in the 11th District Admirals Review at Long Beach. MARGRIT GOODRICH received her instrument rating and her 49½ MURRAY also received his instrument rating, and both are starting on their commercial ratings. Is there never a let-up? BETTY WHARTON and CLEO HUDSON are preparing for their instrument written exams. BETTY WHARTON and her 49½ CLAUD flew to Punta Chivato, Mexico, and then to Mulega in their

Cessna 210. BETTY's comment of their flying weekend to Mexico, "an experience to remember."

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER Peggy Dervin, Reporter

The San Fernando Valley's Annual Christmas party was a great success! Over thirty couples attended the festive occasion and enjoyed a catered buffet dinner of ham and turkey plus other sumptuous dishes provided by the girls. I understand that at 2:30 A.M. host and hostess JIM and ELLEN TRINDLE were still bidding happy farewells to some of the partygoers.

The evening was highlighted by the 49½er ceremony, a traditional ordeal for SFV husbands to be put through. Some of the husbands who dubiously signed this pledge were JIM STEVENSON, BOB REED, ROBERT FLEMING, AL TUCKER, PHILIP CREESE, GARTH BAIR, FRAN MALYE and newcomer LYLE JENSEN.

Some of the other swingers at the December 6th party were JEAN and DENVER DAY, LORELIE and PAT CANGIANO, LIZ CROWLEY and date, the DOUGDALES, ABBY HADDADWAY, LIBBY and HAL SVENSON, VIRGINIA and CLYDE RAINWATER, DOROTHY PLATNER and date, AUDRY and RAY SCHUTTE, ANNETTE and TED SYDEL, EDDIE WHITE and date, SHIRLEY and GENE THOM, BEV and CLINT WOODWARD, the TUCKERS and the REEDS, to name a few.

BERNIE STEVENSON flew in the 5 day Bahama Flying Treasure Hunt this month. This was only one of the high points of the 77 hour trip that took BERNIE over 13,000 miles around the United States solo in her lovely Mooney.

JEAN DAY and hubby flew in the Skylark Poker Fly-In. Each participant landed at a series of airports drawing a playing card to make a poker hand. The best hand wins and an exciting time is had by all!

The big winds came to the San Fernando Valley this month and along with them came JANE MILEY in a Cessna 210 from San Jose with a 50 knot wind pushing her all the way. ELLEN TRINDLE, in a turbo charged 206, was helped all the way home from Kansas. WHIZZZZZ. VIRGINIA RAINWATER also ferried home (solo) a Cherokee 180 from Kansas City. She

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was greeted in Tucson by their Chapter 99's.

The December fly-in didn't get off the ground unfortunately! When MARGARET WARD, fly-in chairman, heard that a 707 had reported severe turbulence over the mountains in route to Bakersfield she decided the gals would adjourn to a local restaurant instead of Freddy's at Meadows Field. An exchange of Christmas gifts at the Skytrails Restarant in Van Nuys took place and ELLEN TRINDLE who had planned to carry a birthday cake for her mother to Bakersfield made the presentation at the party. Some of those who joined in the fun were: ROCHEL JENSEN, EDDIE WHITE, ESTER FLECK, LOLA RICCI, PAUL-ENE FLEMMING, FLORA HUTCHINSON, CAROLYN FORD, VALETA FRIEDMAN and LIBBY SVENSON.

The San Fernando Valley proudly announces BREDA CREESE and ROG ROGERS as new members of the 99's. Welcome, gals!

The San Fernando Valley gals and guests tightened their seat bel's an extra notch for the January meeting. The reason for this added safety precaution was the showing of the film "Art Scholl's Aerial Ballet." This is truly a great film depicting the quiet San Bernardino College instructor and the aerobatics school he runs in his spare time! It's no wonder that ART SCHOLL was selected to represent the United States in the Aerobatic Championship held in Russia.

The film was shown in the newly opened GOLDEN WEST AIR CENTER located at the Van Nuys Airport. The evening was hosted by ARDIE TRENHOLM who is also an employee of the center. RUTH MAYLE, in conjunction with Pennzoil and MR. NORMAN SHELDON, presented this fast moving film. Many thanks to them for bringing this thrilling flying experience to us.

The Canadian Society of Los Angeles has invited members of the 99's to attend a preview tour of the mock-up of the Lockheed 1011 on January 30. This special tour will be followed by a dinner at the Sportsman's Lodge in Studio City. The Chief Engineer of the L1011 Project will be the main speaker at the dinner and he will cover the topic of design and performance of this aircraft. We hope that many of the 99's will be able to attend this rare occasion.

LOPELI CANGIANO, PAULINE

FLEMING and PEGGY DERVIN visited the Van Nuys Airport Control Tower during the Christmas holidays and got a first hand chance to see how things look from a controller's point of view. The girls found it most comforting to see that the new facility is equipped with the most up to the minute electronic equipment in use. Everything to help the flying female!

January has been a cold, wet month in Southern California and our scheduled fly-in to Bakersfield, Meadows Field has been cancelled for a second time! We are looking forward to sunnier skies in the near future so we will have more flying fun to report. HAPPY LANDINGS AND CLEAR SKIES IN 1969!!!

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER Marilyn Norton, Reporter

In view of the fact that the Hong Kong flu has decimated our ranks, the turnout for our January monthly meeting was encouraging. (The epidemic appears to be waning.) No program — just old and new business and chairman reports. The new business was the decision to again have a 2c a lb. flight for our annual fund-raising event. May 4th will be the chosen day.

MARY SEBELIUS reported that she received an enthusiastic thank you from the Sherman Indian School at Riverside for the records the chapter purchased to brighten their Christmas. MARION MARRIOTT was not so enthusiastic about the Christmas Party held at her home for the chapter members and guests. It would seem that the Hong Kong flu was at its height during this time and attendance was at a minimum. (What to do with dozens of Christmas cupcakes? Why, put them in the freezer and served them for the January meeting.)

The best excuse, though, for not attending came from DORIS BAILEY, who, with the President and General Manager of Parflite, Riverside, (plus two instructors) flew to Wichita in a Cessna 310. Management stayed on to attend a meeting while DORIS and the two instructors ferried the three Cessnas back to California. (DORIS flew the Skyhawk.) Other than strong cross or head-winds to fight, DORIS reports the weather was clear, crisp and cool with the kind of visibility we all love to have.

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still! jubilant over her new toy—her very own Cessna 140 . . . Off to Tubac, Arizona, in their Arrow are MARGARET GAMBLE and her husband for a vacation trip . . . PAT INWOOD joined the ranks of ferry pilots when she brought a Cessna 150 back from Wichita. PAT just recently received her Commercial license and has her sights set on an instrument rating . . . For Thanksgiving MARION and BOB MARRIOTT enjoyed a visit with relatives in Houston (sharing the pilot-in-command title in their Cessna 210) . . . At least twice a month SYLVIA HAMILTON and her husband can be found soaring at Perris . . . The holidays appeared to be a time for family reunions with VIRGINIA and JACK WEGENER off to San Jose to spend Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law and LIBBY and CORKY KIRK jetting to the East Coast for their daughter's wedding . . . After a hair-raising 2½ hours in the air with "gear problems," MARIE CAWYER was, to put it mildly, delighted to be safely on the ground. Despite the sight of an ambulance and fire-wagon just off the runway she made a beautiful landing and the gear stayed where it was supposed to.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER Thelma Hansen, Reporter

The 'flu' and the 'fog' have been our two worst enemies these past three months. Wintertime not only brings on the bugs that lay us low, but the ground fog in our valleys to keep us too low. Many of our airports, even S.F. International, have had many hours of zero weather. About a third of our members are instrument rated — and many are studying for that rating. Most of us feel that Instrument Flying is a must, but must be treated with great respect. Our weather on the West Coast is not stormy as in the East, but we have our hazards, with mountains and fogs, we also get our share of unstable weather during our rainstorms. We have many places to fly where there is no snow, and icing is rare.

This month, our Chairman, HELEN McGEE, made her first, unattended Instrument flight from Stockton to Sacramento. We salute you, HELEN.

Since our last report we have our fly-in chairman, MARIE McDOWELL, to thank for planning many wonderful places for us to go. In November about

six of our girls visited 'Sunny Santa Barbara' on the Pacific Coast, toured the courthouse, the Mission and El Paseo shopping center where they had their luncheon. CHARLOTTE RYAN, MARIE McDOWELL, HELEN McGEE, SHIRLEY MILLER and guests enjoyed the outing that our ex-member planned—PAULEEN CHRISTENSEN.

The end of the month found our Pilots and their Mates across the border into Mexico. They flew into Calexico (U.S.A. side) where the managers of the airport and our good friends, MR. and MRS. AL BORGES furnished us with tiedowns, cars, and made arrangements for our stay at Hotel Lucerna in Mexicali, Mexico (just a five minute drive across the border). That evening they joined our group for dinner. Our thanks to them. Those on the long fly-in, overnight junket were LAVERNE and ROBERT GUDGEL and their guests, ELAINE and LEWIS SMITH and their guests, CHARLEEN KIRK and her husband and guests, HELEN and HARVEY McGEE and their guests, and our fly-in chairmen without her spouse and her guests (MARIE McDOWELL). A great time was had by all, and we that missed this trip felt pretty left-out—but business first, etc.

Next, in December our group met in Palo Alto to conclude their Xmas shopping at the Stanford Shopping Center — DOROTHY McALLISTER arranged for this day in her territory. Luncheon was had early in order that the girls had plenty of shopping time. Two planes full flew in from the valley for this day. HELEN McGEE, EVE HENDLEY — CHARLOTTE RYAN, JEAN MURRAY. Transportation to and from the airport was provided by DOROTHY McALLISTER and RENEE NEALON. THELMA HANSEN had the best of intentions to do her share of driving but an extra long business meeting in San Francisco kept her from even making the luncheon, but did see some of the girls in the shopping center later in the day. 'Sorry about that, girls.'

Somewhere in between these trips there was a successful fly-in to Merced and a fine Chinese feed was had.

Our Jan. meeting was in Modesto. Again our "lucky 13" arrived—HELEN McGEE, CHARLENE KIRK, DOT KOEBEL (made the day's arrangements and gets a vote of thanks), MARIE McDOWELL, JEAN MUR-

RAY, EVE JOHNSON, ELAINE SMITH, SHIRLEY MILLER, LAURA MAE CRAWFORD, EVE HENDLEY, BILLIE WYATT, and CHARLOTTE RYAN. It was a beautiful day for flying to the meeting. The air was clear and one could see the distant mountains covered with snow our tilled valleys awaiting their planting. Spring is in the air. Our blossoms will burst in full glory soon, and we will all take to the air in force and onward toward our goals of better and more proficient flying.

The best of the New Year to all our flying friends.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER Phyllis Pierce, Reporter

A big welcome to our three newest members: KATHY BRIM, MARION ROBINSON and VERA ARNOLD. We're happy to have you with us.

Our big social news this issue is the annual Christmas party, and a wonderful time was had by all. JEANNINE and PETE CECCIO were our hosts and 60 happy 99's and their guests had a lovely evening, including late dinner and traditional gift exchange.

Recent Chapter Fly-In to Salinas for lunch was attended by VERA WEST and her guests DONA and MELANIE SHAFFER, BARBARA KNAPP and her guest SUSANNE WARRINGTON, JAN HALAJIAN and her guests LILLIAN McKAIN and DONNA DiFRANCESCO, PHYLLIS PIERCE and EVELYN LUNDSTROM. Was fun running into GENEVA and DOUG CRANFORD (Monterey Chapter) arriving from Tahoe.

Many members of our Chapter are also active members of the Santa Clara Airmen's Association. December elections found several in key positions: NANCY BLOOD as Treasurer; EVELYN LUNDSTROM, Program Chairman; MARION ROBINSON, Social Chairman; and MARY SMITH, Newsletter Editor (3rd year). Keep taking your vitamins kids!

Our collective hats are off to PAT GLADNEY. Every year she has master-minded our fund raising project of Katy-Did candies. It is by this means that we can continue our contributions to the AMELIA EARHART and AWTAR funds. This year alone



MARDO CRANE was recently featured in the parade celebrating the 60th Annual Centinela Days in Inglewood, Calif. She was requested to wear her WASP uniform, and after running into unforeseen difficulties (?), she donned her field coat & tam, white scarf and gloves and insists no one was the wiser! She says it was a historical parade, and her family has been there since 1926 (and I quote) "and they probably consider me a relic!" TRUST MARDO!

she ordered 1150 tins of candy. Distributed them, collected the money (and you know this isn't easy), did all the necessary bookkeeping and still keeps smiling. PAT, we love you!

PIREPS: Congrats to TONI KUHN and NANCY DRAKE—both passed their instrument writtens. BARBARA and PAUL POTUCEK took their bird on a four day fun trip to Borrego Valley. JEANNINE and PETE CECCIO enjoyed a flying vacation, touching down in Salt Lake City, South Dakota, Niagara Falls, New York City, Washington D.C. and on to Florida before returning home. JEAN and ROY PEVEHOUSE with their guests BETTY and HAL CONWAY buzzed off to Poway (San Diego area). GINNY DAVIS attended the Concour de 'elegance at Elmasero (near Sacramento) which featured antique autos and planes. Her pictures of this event were wonderful, even though it was difficult to watch the poor little C-3 ground loop. Just too much wind for a wee bird. JEAN and DICK COLLINS flew in to Nevada

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City to enjoy the yearly tour of ghost town houses and mines in that area. Joining Bay Cities Chapter on their tour of Pan Am facilities were ALICE TAYLOR and prospective member SHARON THOMAS and husband BRIAN.

AMY SYLVESTRI recently found herself married to a Grandfather! This happened on the happy arrival of their 1st grandchild. Big Congrats! BARBARA KNAPP was busy selling aviation when she guested a neighbor to the Nut Tree for lunch. It was beautiful Cherokee 180 weather, and we may have a new student pilot. VERNA WEST presented an hour of aviation orientation to a class of 5th graders, covering such topics as weather, navigation, use of radio, etc. She is thinking ahead to the next group of happy pilots. A group of three of our gals and their guest VIVIAN ESSLER trundled off to Mexico on a trip to put the travel folders to shame. "99F" (Cessna 182) carried PAT GLADNEY, MARG STANDISH and PAT SHERWOOD to such exotic places as Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta, Acapulco, Ixtepec, Merida, Uxmol, Cozumel, Isla Mujeres, Campeche, Vera Cruz, Mexico City and Guadalajara. This is one easy way to make whole gobs of pilots green with envy.

Several of our members were seen at a Progressive Lunch Fly-In. Half Moon Bay Airport for seafood cocktail at Hazel's, and on to Rio Vista for lunch at the Point Restaurant. We were supposed to have dessert in Stockton, but the day got late and tummys full. Enjoying the fun were SALLY and TED ROHLFING, BARBARA and PAUL POTUCEK, PHYLLIS and FRED PIERCE, EVELYN and OSCAR LUNDSTROM and MARION and VINCENT ROBINSON.

Living it up in the grand manner during Christmas holidays, RUTH GAMBER flew to Puerto Vallarta for two weeks. Also on this trip was BETTY HICKS (Bay Cities) who just recently received her ATR—No. 60. Isn't that terrific? Huge congratulations. ELLE and HAP BAILEY 206'ed with guests to Bahia de las Palmas over the holidays.

Another glamorous trip was shared by JIMMYE LOU and FRANK SHELTON and NOVIS and JOHN PERCIVAL. They attended the Piper meetings in Freeport, Grand Bahamas and Hollywood-by-the-Sea, Florida. All ferried planes home just to add some spice and all things nice.

TUCSON CHAPTER **Ginny Cook, Reporter**

The Tucson Chapter is busy as a bunch of honey bees getting ready for their coming Spring Sectional. We are really putting the "bee" on everybody and all you lucky participants are going to get the "honey". The "honey" in this case being the wonderful grand prizes and goodies donated just for you. When we asked the Southwest Section to be our guest and come to Tucson for the Spring Sectional, we said that we couldn't offer anything but western hospitality and please come and take "pot luck". However, we didn't know just how lucky the pot was going to be. It just makes you aware of how helpful people really are: like WING DERRINGER sponsoring a cocktail party for us at "old Tucson" and Flying Magazine donating a VHF portable, as also did, SKY STORES. You can also win an executive desk and sun lamp by SEA & SKI, or a free week-end donated by the STATLER-HILTON, or one at the RONTTEL donated by the TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY (who also are giving us, for you, a lot of other goodies).

We thought one of these sectionals would be a lot of work, but it is turning out to be just a lot of fun and excitement, just like Christmas! We just have so much fun and happenings planned for you that we can hardly stand it until April 18th, when we can welcome you with our "Big-Hat" welcome with the ANGEL FLIGHT GIRLS and the TUCSON VIGILANTES. OF COURSE, YOU MAY WIND UP IN JAIL, (OR EVEN HUNG) IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A COUPLE OF ITEMS OF WESTERN DRESS ON!

E. B.'s (EARLY BIRDS) have all the fun! All reservations in by April 1st (and that's not April foolin'!) will have a chance in a drawing for a training flight on one of the airlines' 707! You won't want to miss this so shoot that reservation back as soon as you get it. If you don't get one shoot it back anyway! We have another prize drawing for those early reservations too (you must be present to win) of a SAVINGS BOND, DONATED BY THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Arrive early on Friday so you have time for a swim and/or a free lunch, "western saloon style," before 100 of you go on the training flight at 3 p.m. Those who don't go on the flight will go to the LIVING DESERT MUSEUM in Tucson Mountain Park and meet

up with the flyers later at "Old Tucson" for a western round-up party (guess what that is) followed by a barbeque. We will also have the train operating and the mine ride and lots of cute shops, including one where you get a newspaper with YOU in the headlines. After dinner, and/or during, we will be entertained with musical acts, then we will have some square dancing. Then back to the "barn," the Statler-Hilton, you can catch the late show in the Carriage Room before you turn in, if you want to.

Saturday morning after a cowboy breakfast, the cars start leaving for where-ever. Those who missed the desert museum on Friday may get a chance to get it in this morning. Or you have a choice of tours:—a historical and cultural tour — a shopping tour — a tour of the Air Force Base and a visit to Rapcon (Radar Approach Control) or if we can work it out, a combination tour. There will also be a tour to Kitt Peak with a picnic on top. It's possible we may work in a few other little goodies if you send us your suggestions! Tours run from 10 to 3 with a stop for lunch included. You return to the Hilton for a wine tasting party and fashion show around the pool, and time for a swim or nap before the "bronc-busting" party preceding the banquet. Awards will be presented, and the drawings for the grand prizes will be done, and we will be entertained with the professional talent from the Carriage room of the Statler-Hilton. Before the evening is over the grand sweepstakes prize will be awarded; we can't tell you what it is yet, but hold your breath. Prizes will be awarded from the Hospitality room throughout the week-end and your goodie bags will be distributed as you come into register.

UTAH CHAPTER **Barbara Dunkley, Reporter**

Greetings from Utah—the land of fog and snow! I wouldn't want to knock our winter weather, but it sure puts a crimp in our flying.

We have had three delightful get togethers, however, and at the head of the list was the very pleasant evening we spent with CLAIR WALTERS. She entertained us with movies and a narration of her trip to Australia for the purpose of delivering a Piper Aztec plane. She had quite an experience crossing over the Pacific Ocean and had an extremely humorous way of telling her tale.

Those in attendance were ALBERTA NICHOLSON, JANE PATTERSON, VIVIAN YARDLEY, ELOISE WILCOX, JOAN WILLIAMS, TERI WOJCIK, LILA FIELDEN, LINDA FARR, NANCY REUHLING, GINI STREET-ER, MARGE MACKEY, CARYL KNOWLTON, KAY HOWELLS, JACOY SAWYER, HARRIET ERIN, BARBARA HANSON, and BARBARA DUNKLEY. Several of our 49½'ers were there also.

On December 28th we all got gussied up for our annual Christmas party, which was held this year at the Cottonwood Country Club in Salt Lake City. JOAN WILLIAMS, JANE PATTERSON, KAY HOWELLS and TERI WOJCIK were there, as well as BARBARA BARLOW and her mother, MRS. WILKONSON; GINI STREET-ER, LYLE BECKSTRAND, VIVIAN YARDLEY, NANCY REUHLING, MARION O'LEARY, BECKY WILKONSON, BARBARA DUNKLEY, ALBERTA NICHOLSON and her sister CLARA SANTELMAN, LILA FIELDEN and all the 49½'s. We had a fun filled evening of feasting and fellowship.

LYLE BECKSTRAND and her 49½ braved the elements and flew to Mazatlan, Manzanillo and Zihuaterejo in Mexico, and made a stopover in Los Angeles.

ALBERTA NICHOLSON'S plane is being reupholstered, so she has taken to the ski slopes and says it's just great. ELOISE WILCOX tried her hand at it also and seemed quite enthused.

LILA FIELDEN flew to Saratoga, Wyoming to look at a copper mine and traveled from there by plane, truck, jeep and snowmobile. Some people are game for anything!

TERI WOJCIK'S 49½ is building a strobe, and they're saving up to buy a new radio. No flying to speak of though.

NANCY REUHLING enjoyed having her son, RICH, home for the holidays. He attends school in Tucson, Arizona. The entire family flew to Tucson in November, in NANCY'S father's Aztec. While there they visited Nogales, Old Tucson and the Desert Museum. Her trips to Bullfrog on Lake Powell, have slowed down during the month of December. I told you about this weather!

JANE PATTERSON, JOAN WILLIAMS and BARBARA DUNKLEY managed to get up once for a local flight, but the cross countries will have to wait.

MAUREEN RICHARDS has been

able to get to Salt Lake City several times in between the fog patches.

Heard from GINI STREET-ER, and she says that she and her 49½ flew to Scottsdale with KAYE and CLAIR COLEMAN for a weekend of sunshine. Upon their return they repacked their bags and took off in the 411 with their children and flew to San Francisco. She got to fly on both trips, so got in some good twin engine time.

We held a business meeting on January 8th in Ogden. Those attending were WILMA NICHOLS, LYLE BECKSTRAND, VIVIAN YARDLEY, HARRIET BRIN, ELOISE WILCOX, JOAN WILLIAMS, ALBERTA NICHOLSON, LILA FIELDEN, TERI WOJCIK, JANE PATTERSON, NANCY REUHLING, KAY HOWELLS and BARBARA DUNKLEY.

When you get a call from the tower and he asks you where you are and you tell him you are on the runway in the process of lifting off, you know it's time to quit making touch and go's and make the next one a final!

Happy Flying!

YUMA CHAPTER

Joan Melser, Reporter

Just got back from attending the annual Luncheon Fly-in of the Arizona Chapters. Thought we would be flying to Francisco Grande, but due to rain, the airport was changed to Tucson International at the last minute. Unfortunately, the weather was bad enough to keep all grounded except one plane from Phoenix and two from Yuma. OLIVE and ELLIS BROWNING and their daughter, SYLVIA EHRHART, flew in one plane. MARGARET CARPENTER and JOAN MEISER flew in another. Met SUSAN and JOE STORM and daughter CHRISTINE and her friend, DAWN LEONARD. Had a leisurely lunch and nice visit. Certainly hope we have better weather next year.

Welcome to our newest member, LORRAINE JACOB! This brings our membership to eight. MARGARET SCHULTZ, a new pilot, and DIANE WINKLER, student pilot, attended our last meeting.

Plans are still under way for improving our practice strip south of

town. After marking the runway with a center stripe and putting up a windsock, we still hope to have the Spot-Landing Contest for local pilots. We're finding out that there is a lot of work connected with this kind of project, but feel that it is well worth it.

All of us shared some anxious moments with SUE GALYEN during December when her 49½, DON, crashed in his Stearman duster plane. He suffered some serious injuries but we are happy to report that he is on the mend and hopes to be back in the air again soon.

BEVERLY FLEMING will be representing the Ninety-Nines at the Zonta meeting on January 28 when they celebrate Amelia Earhart's birthday. BEV tells us that VIRGINIA HASH of the Phoenix Chapter will be guest speaker.



Australian Section



Olga Tarling, Reporter

This month my news report comes to you from Melbourne, Victoria, where I have been temporarily transferred as an Instructor at Air Traffic Control College for five months. The weather has warmed up and I am enjoying my stay in the South.

Visiting Australia in November from Los Angeles were THELMA and NORMAN SMITH, who were welcome guests of WINIFRED WILLMORE, NANCY WALTON and MARGARET KENTLEY. Many Sydney 99's had the pleasure of meeting them at NANCY'S home where they also met EDITH DIZON from the Phillipines who is staying with MARIE RICHARDSON. MARIE spent some time with EDITH on her recent Far East tour and was thrilled to be able to do several hours flying around Malaya in a C172. She was made an honorary member of the Royal Selangor Flying Club. EDITH was visiting her daughter who is an exchange student from Manila. MARIE also attempted to take them on a flying tour over Sydney but smoke haze forced them back to the field.

I have just farewelled MARIE and NUGGET GROSSETETE from Albuquerque who stayed with me in Erisbane just before I departed. They flew into Melbourne from New Zealand yesterday on their way through to Perth in Western Australia to visit with

**NEXT NEWS RECEIVED
BY EDITOR ON OR
BEFORE JANUARY 20th**

ROSEMARY DE PIERRES. PEG KELMAN took MARIE and NUGGET on a Flying Tour of Queensland in a BEECH Bonanza while they were with us.

ROBIN MILLER made a quick business flight to Sydney this month in her Moonie. With an average fifty knot tail-wind, the 2,200 mile flight took only eleven hours.

We were very pleased to hear that at the 50th Annual General Meeting of the Royal Aero Club of N.S.W. MARGARET KENTLEY became the first woman in the history of the Aero Club to be elected to the ten member general committee and is now Chairman of the Touring Sub-committee.

Early in November MARIE RICHARDSON with MARGARET KENTLEY as Navigator won second prize of fifty dollars in the Rothman's Open Navigational Trial at the 1968 Expo to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Royal Newcastle Aero Club. ROSEMARY ARNOLD and JUDY LORDING were awarded a thirty dollar prize for the second best placing of a Commercial pilot in the race. ROSEMARY has just passed her turbo-jet engine exams and the Alison jet engine course and hopes to have her Jet engine Helicopter Rating very soon.

ANNE CARTER was recently elected President of the otherwise all male committee of the Cessna Fliers who plan to hold fortnightly meetings and frequent tours. RONNETTE WILLIAMS who recently gained her Instructor's Rating is now a very keen parachutist and hopes to take up the complex aerobatics, baton passing and sky stunts.

We were very sad to hear recently of the death of BARBARA SELBYEROWN who was one of the first to use her aircraft for commercial photography in the 1930's and was the first woman to fly to and in New Guinea when she owned and flew a Gipsy Moth.

It is Air Race time again and ESTHER MATHER and I are two of a five woman committee who is now organizing an Air Trial in Victoria for women pilots. This Trial is being sponsored by Peak Frean biscuits with one thousand dollars in prizes. The dates for the Trial are March 11th or 12th, depending on the weather.

The following weekend, March 16th, we will hold our Annual General Meeting in Hobart, Tasmania. On that note I wish all 99's a wonderful and adventurous New Year.

This month we are very proud to an-

nounce that on the recommendation of the President of the Royal Federation of Aero Clubs of Australia that the Paul Tessandier Diploma has been awarded to ESTHER MATHER by the Federation Aeronautique Nationale for her services to women in aviation in Australia. She is the first Australian woman pilot to receive this tribute. ESTHER was presented with her diploma at a gathering at the home of RUTH HODGES, in Melbourne, Victoria, last week. Fifty members and friends of the Victorian Women Pilots attended and we offered our sincere congratulations to ESTHER on this well-deserved award. ROBIN MILLER writes that flying in the North West of Australia at the moment with reduced visibility in the bush fires is not much fun. Another exciting experience for her was landing on the strip at Cockatoo Island. There are two wind-socks at Cockatoo, one at each end of the strip and they always stand straight out in opposite directions due to the effect of a cliff at one end and a gully at the other—so, on short final you get the impression of being in the centre of a "Willy Willy" (Aboriginal name for a small whirlwind). ROBIN has also recently had her aircraft registration changed and now has her full initials R.E.M. (Romeo Echo Mike) as call-sign.

The October Fly-In to ROSEMARY DE PIERRES farm at Wyalcatchem, Western Australia, was a great success with ROSEMARY acting as Hostess to women pilots and their 49½ers, who arrived per medium of six light aircraft.

Her Excellency, THE LADY CASEY, recently found a few minutes in her busy schedule to attend an evening at the Institute of Navigation where, as usual, her very interesting talk was given in the true spirit of aviation.

New South Wales members have just welcomed home NANCY BIRD-WALTON after her extended tour of Europe and the United Kingdom. NANCY, in return, welcomed members to her home for this year's Christmas party and knowing her parties from the past, I am sure it was a great success. Here in Victoria, we are busy organizing our "Pattie Puff" Air Derby to be held early in March. Present indications are that it will be a great success with quite a few entrants.

I have finally settled into the Air Traffic Control College and am starting to enjoy this new role of Instructor, though I will be looking forward to

returning to Brisbane in May for the opening of our brand new Area/Approach Control Radar Centre. Now until my next Newsletter—jolly good flying to all from "Down Under."



Janet Ferguson, Reporter

I couldn't rustle up any announcements for January's News, so here goes with our activities over the past two months.

The big event has been the annual party in November, to which we invite everyone who has helped us in the past year, as well as a host of other friends and "V.I.P.s". Unfortunately I missed the party myself due to a ferry trip, but have heard excellent reports and ELIZABETH OVERBURY obviously did a first class job of organizing it. During the evening certificates of appreciation were presented to 99 Squadron Royal Air Force and H.M.S. Heron, Yeovilton, both of whom had entertained us superbly during visits to their stations.

We welcome two new Ninety Nines, EILEEN HOULDER and JULIA TURNER. EILEEN has been a Sixty Six for a couple of years and an enthusiastic supporter of Ninety Nines functions. Her 49½er JOHN is operator of Elstree Aerodrome, one of the busiest general aviation fields in the country, and does a lot of business flying himself. EILEEN learned to fly at Elstree, obtaining her Private License in the summer of '67, and since then has been building up her hours to the 100 necessary for becoming a fully-fledged Ninety Nine (British Section by-law).

JULIA TURNER has a Private License and flies at Staverton in Gloucestershire. She was one of the first girls (possibly the first) to obtain her "IMC rating," a new "junior" instrument rating which will soon be a requirement for pilots flying under "Special VFR" in control zones, among other things. JULIA tried her hand at air racing last summer, entering both



BRITISH 99'S VISIT RAF — Members of the British Section turned out in good force at a recent fly-in visit to the Royal Air Force Squadron 99 at R.A.F. Lyneham. Photo shows some of the Ninety Nines' aircraft parked beside the Squadron's huge Britannia. Front and center is SHEILA SCOTT'S famous Comanche, "MYTH TOO" which has crossed the ocean four times and set eight major world records. Brantly helicopter in the rear was also flown in by one of the English gals.

(Photo by Peter March)

the Goodyear Trophy and Ninety Nines Trophy Air Races. She placed 3rd in the latter — a good start. We welcome JULIA's husband GEORGE as a 49½'er.

Two awards for Ninety Nines: SHEILA SCOTT adds to her enormous collection with the Britannia Trophy, which is awarded annually by the Royal Aero Club to the British aviator accomplishing the most meritorious performance in the air during the previous year. SHEILA was given it for the efforts she has made to typify the challenge of earlier days and which she has endeavoured to keep alive in modern times, in particular taking into account her eleven record flights during 1967. JOAN HUGHES was awarded a Royal Aero Club Bronze Medal for her exceptional flying career (13,000 hours to date) which, over 30 years, has included 9,000 hours of instructing, ferrying of all types of aircraft including 4-engine bombers in Air Transport Auxiliary during the war, and her flying for films in recent years, notably "MAGNIFICENT MEN IN THEIR FLYING MACHINES" and "BLUE MAX."

YVONNE POPE has left Morton Air Services and joined Dan Air, another independent airline based at Gatwick and operating DC3s, Ambassadors and Comets. Considering there is a fright-

eningly large number of surplus pilots at the moment, YVONNE did pretty well to be able to change jobs in this way, and we wish her luck with her new company.

Mentioning my own work yet again, I had a very prolonged ferry trip last November when I took an Otter from London to Ottawa. Extra fuel but no de-icing, resulting in weather delays.



ALBERTA CHAPTER
Doreen Wright, Reporter

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The past three months have been busy for 99's in Alberta. On November second, a banquet was held in Calgary honoring MAX CONRAD on his only stop in Canada during his proposed around the world flight that is to take him over both the north and south poles. Nine members attended this, and Chapter Chairman, ELEANOR BAI-LEY represented the 99's at the head table.

November 15-16 were dates of the annual Alberta Aviation Convention, which had several of our members in attendance. A feature, a panel discussion on aviation medicine, and the

psychological and psychological aspects of flying was most informative. Those in attendance gained an insight into what is in store for us at our January meeting which will feature a talk on oxygen lack, and several other medical aspects of flying.

An excited DR. JEAN BLENKINSOP has just received her twin rating. Congratulations, JEAN, and does this mean a twin for the Powder-Puff next year?

ELEANOR reports that PEGGY BEEMAN, Chairman of the Ottawa-Montreal chapter was on her way home from Hawaii when she called to say Hello. Also, KATIE SYKES has been in Calgary house-hunting. KATIE is Western Manitoba Chairman, and would really be a wonderful addition to our chapter.

Our Christmas Party, held December 14, proved to be a smashing success with 49½'ers and boy friends joining in. The party went on into the wee hours of the morning and we are all looking forward to seeing the candid shots.

Congratulations are in store for Vice-Chairman LUCILLE HALEY for having set a new record for high-altitude flying for women. LUCILLE and her 90 horse-power Fleet-Canuck climbed to 18,116 feet ASL. Carrying portable oxygen, a barograph and an official F.A.I. observer, we feel sure this does stand as a record at present—any challengers from other Chapters?

Just to round up our news, we are all looking forward to having DRS. WILLOUGHBY and HANSON from the Canadian Department of Transport as guest speakers for our January 18th meeting to be held in Edmonton. DR. WILLOUGHBY tells me he is planning on speaking of the various medical aspects of flying, so we are looking forward to a large turn-out. More about this next report—until then HAPPY FLYING.

FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER Heather Sifton, Reporter

Another tip to our American friends that might be visiting Canada—did you know that:

"In Canada you cannot fly above 9500 ft. (east of Calgary) and 12,500 ft. (west of Calgary) without a Block Airspace Endorsement or an Instrument Rating. This means within Block Airspace IFR and Controlled V.F.R. only are permitted."

Our November meeting took place at the Ascot Inn, Toronto. The dinner was followed by a very interesting



Vice-Chairman Lucille Haley in her record making aircraft, a 90 horsepower Fleet-Canuck.



ELEANOR BAILEY pins her 99 pin on MAX CONRAD at a recent banquet in Calgary during the early part of MAX's most recent record flight. With the pin go best wishes from 99's all over the world for the safe completion of this 33,000 mile flight.

Kee Photographics, Calgary

speech and film shown by KAY BRICK, Chairman of the AWTAR BOARD. In 1966 she received the FAA Certificate of Commendation for exceptional leadership of the race and many contributions she has made to the development of American civil aviation. She has been a 99 for twenty-seven years and is a past International President and member of the FAA Women's Advisory Committee.

KAY was accompanied by BARBARA EVANS who is on this year's International Nominating Committee.

In December we held our Christmas



EDITH DENNY, DONNA MYERS, CONNIE WOLF and BEA STEADMAN visiting before the dinner which took place during the Canadian Section Meetings in Toronto.

party at the home of your reporter and it was great fun. Each guest arrived with a small gift for a child. These gifts were then taken down to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. This gesture gave the party a true Christmas feeling.

We were thrilled to hear that our treasurer, HILDA DEVEREAUX tried and received her Class II Instrument Rating. This has been a good year for HILDA because she also achieved her Commercial Rating and purchased her own plane.

JEAN MacDONALD and her 49½ recently had a fascinating trip which took them many miles. They visited places like Veracruz, Merida, Cozumel, Acapulco, Puerto Vallarta and other points south. As they flew northward they found countless uncharted landing strips on the Pacific coast. They said that the rugged mountains were glorious and the dark golden sand beaches inviting.

Other Mexican travellers were ESME and JOHN WILLIAMS in EJW who also flew up the West Coast.

Our ex-governor, EDITH DENNY and her 49½ WALLY will be leaving shortly for a three month tour of South America. I understand that they have both been studying Spanish and they are doing very well.

Our chapter count is up to over fifty members again. This is after losing our Ottawa-Montreal members six months ago through the formation of a new chapter in their area.

WESTERN MANITOBA CHAPTER Dorothy Jean Rosenman, Reporter

Western Manitoba Chapter of 99's are pleased that one of their members, RUBY MacDONALD was named Governor of Canadian Ninety-Nines at the annual meeting in Toronto.

The hospitality of the Eastern 99's was just wonderful. International officers attending were President DONNA MYERS and Vice-President BERNICE STEADMAN.

The Brandon Flying Club held their Annual two-cents-a-pound flight, funds raised for the United Appeal. 99's served coffee and doughnuts to the crowd who took advantage of having a flight.

SHIRLEY MENNIE organized a trip to Winnipeg where her brother is in the services of Air Search and Rescue. All girls were present and were royally treated with lectures, demonstrations, and a display of air crafts and equipment. We were all joined by a few Winnipeg girls and 49½ers of members.

KAY SYKES tells of visiting members of Alberta Chapter in Calgary



Some members at the Sectional during September were, left to right, YVONNE VAN DEN DOOL, (Durban prospective member), INGRID HEINZ, BEATRICE STAINBANK, MARIE GODWIN. Kneeling, ANN WHITE, LO-AN ROUX, AURIEL MILLER.

and meeting PEGGY BEEMAN, chairman of Ottawa-Montreal Chapter on her way home from Hawaii.

At the time of reporting, this news letter, it is 30 degrees below zero and RUBY MacDONALD and 49½er, JIM, are winging their way to South America.

SOUTH AFRICAN SECTION

Yvonne van den Dool, Reporter
AURIEL MILLER received the Shell
Rose Bowl for being the Champion

February, 1969

Pilot of the Durban Wings Club for 1967/68, in precision flying competitions—beating the men! This is the first time that a woman has been the champion.

During July, 1967, at the Natal Championships, AURIEL was placed second. She received her Natal Colours for flying when she competed in the South African Championships during August. This is the first time that provincial sporting colours for flying have been awarded. We are very proud of you,

GET APT

AURIEL!

Nine women attended the Sectional meeting held in Durban during September. Two more were to have flown down from Johannesburg, but their aircraft was not ready in time. The following morning everyone was up bright and early to take part in a navigational exercise starting from Virginia Airport, Durban, then via half a dozen places for which obscure clues were given, and arriving back at Virginia in time for breakfast. ANN WHITE, INGRID HEINZ and YVONNE VAN DEN DOOL were together in ANN'S Cessna. I would not like to find my breakfast that way every day, but we did have fun!



AURIEL MILLER received the Shell Rose Bowl from **MR. C. VAN DEN HEEVER**, with the Chairman of the Durban Wings Club in the background.

AIR SAFARI

The Ninety-Nine South African Air Safari to be flown in South Africa, South West Africa, Swaziland and Mocambique, will take place from 20th April, 1970, and will cover approx. 4,500 miles in aircraft which you fly yourself, over a period of 22 days.

Each aircraft should carry two people, and will have a complete set of aerial maps. Two is ideal considering baggage for three weeks, long legs to be flown and therefore full tanks of fuel. Remember some of the airfields have high elevation.

COST OF TOUR:

R1500 (US \$2100) if you fly alone.
R 900 (US \$1260) per head if two share the aircraft.
R 700 (US \$ 980) per head if three share the aircraft.
R 600 (US \$ 840) per head if four share the aircraft, inclusive of ground transport, accommodation and all meals (except where specified).

There is a flying limit of 48 hours for the Cherokee 235/Cessna 182 types and 55 hours for the Cherokee 180/Cessna 172 types. All hours in excess of 48 in the case of the Cherokee 235/Cessna 182 will be subject to a charge of R23 (US \$33) an hour and all hours in excess of 55 in the case of the Cherokee 180 and Cessna 172 will be subject to a charge of R20 (US \$28) per hour. But you should really have to do a lot of extra pleasure flying (or get hopelessly lost) to exceed those hours.

Tour leader in his own aircraft is the

Editor of "Wings over Africa", **JOHN CHILWELL**. Varied entertainments will be arranged with flying types in the different centres visited. The cost includes repairs, maintenance, hangarage where available, fuel, landing fees and insurance covering the aircraft. Beverages, laundry, telephone calls and other services of a personal nature are not included in the tour price.

YOUR DEPOSITS MUST BE IN THE

HANDS OF MR. CHILWELL BE THE **END OF NOVEMBER, 1969**, to enable him to make the necessary arrangements re accommodation, aircraft etc. A 20% deposit is required.

There will be approx. 15 aircraft available i.e. approx. 30 people. Excursion fares from New York to Johannesburg via Rio de Janeiro are available to groups of 15 and over, at R560 per head. More about this later.

ITINERARY

SOUTH AFRICA, SOUTH WEST AFRICA, SWAZILAND AND MOZAMBIQUE

- 1st day—Arrive Jan Smuts Airport and transfer to Langham Hotel. At hotel participants must foot the bill for their meals, as an all-inclusive rate is not quoted.
- 2nd day—Validation of licenses and flight tests at Grand Central airport. Night stop Kyalami Ranch Hotel.
- 3rd day—Visit to gold mine, if possible, or Johannesburg scenic tour and night stop Santa Barbara Hotel. 15 minutes flying time from Grand Central. Hotel has own airstrip.
- 4th day—Santa Barbara Hotel to Upington (Refuel and night stop) on Orange River 440 miles.
- 5th day—Upington—Aughrabies Falls—Fish River Canyon—Keetmanshoop (refuel)—Windhoek (refuel and night stop) 570 miles.
- 6th day—Windhoek—Tsumeb (refuel)—Etosha Pan for Aerial viewing of game—night stop Manutoni, an old German fort 350 miles.
- 7th day—Fly 200 feet above game, along pan from Manutoni: to Okaukuejo, lunch at Swakopmund (refuel). Fly along the coast skirting Namib Desert to Luderitz (refuel and night stop) 650 miles.
Both Swakopmund and Luderitz have much of the atmosphere of pre-world war I Germany.
- 8th day—Luderitz to Springbok (refuel) and on to Youngs Field, Cape Town (refuel) 560 miles.
- 9th day—In Cape Town bus tour of Cape Peninsula.
- 10th day—Fly to Cape Agulhas, most southerly tip of Africa, and on to Oudtshoorn (refuel to see Cango Caves and Ostrich farms. Night stop at Fairy Knowe Hotel in Wilderness. Hotel has own airstrip adjoining lagoon on coast 300 miles.
- 11th day—Fly to Port Elizabeth (aerial viewing), East London (refuel) and Wavecrest on Wild Coast. Hotel has own airstrip and it is possible to see native Transkeian dances. Seafood a specialty 365 miles.
- 12th day—After lunch, fly to Sani Pass Hotel in Drakensberg Range. Hotel has own airstrip and mountain tours, horse riding and tennis is available 200 miles.
- 13th day—Sani Pass.
- 14th day—To Durban. Parkview Hotel, 100 miles.
- 15th day—In Durban.
- 16th day—To Hluhluwe to see White Rhino and other game 120 miles.
- 17th day—To Matsapa Airport, Swaziland, and visit Swazi Spa Casino 150 miles.
- 18th day—To Lourenco Marques (lunch) and beautiful Inhaca Island across the bay. Hotel has own airstrip 100 miles.
- 19th day—At Inhaca—swimming, boating fishing.
- 20th day—To Lourenco Marques (fuel and customs), Komatipoort (S.A. Customs). Sabi River Bungalows in beautiful lowveld setting. Land on hotel golf course 150 miles.
- 21st day—To Rondalia Game Reserve where game viewing from air and by open air truck possible. Night stop. 100 miles.
- 22nd day—After morning game-viewing, fly to Ranch Motel in Transvaal Highveld (Hotel has own airstrip) for lunch and to Jan Smuts Airport for overseas connection, 380 miles.

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