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## HEADLINES from Hazel

Please excuse the tears on the copy. I have just finished talking to HELEN WILKE and KATHY LONG as they are about to launch enroute to New Orleans and the start of the Angel Derby. Alas! Alas! Alas! How I wish I were going too. Like the famed Brooklyn Dodgers of yore, just "wait until next year." MARIAN BANKS and THON GRIFFITH checked in via radio yesterday enroute to the same place. Oh woe-woe woe!!!

## ATTENTION MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN OR CHAPTER CHAIRMEN:

In the 68-69 roster Article XV Sec. 2A on page 146 the words "dues plus \$5.00" were omitted. Please insert the following wording in between the first and second line so that it reads . . .

. . . \$5.00 dues plus \$5.00 initiation fee (after March 1st) . . .

I invite your attention to an article in the special features section entitled FREE LIFE INSURANCE FOR VFR PILOTS. This is an article sent out by our FAA Regional Administrator, Henry Newman. The FAA is conducting an Accident Prevention Program and this is in conjunction with that program. I was amazed at the number of reports that mentioned bad weather c/c. had hampered flying all winter. It seems that the winter is at long last about over and with the coming of spring all of us who have been patiently waiting for "better days" will be eager to try our wings. This is a very fine and timely article and I earnestly recommend that you all read it.

## NOTE TO ALL CHAPTER CHAIRMEN/SECTION GOVERNORS:

All Chapter/Section Refund checks were mailed as of January, 1969. Reminder: ALL CHECKS NOT CASHED WITHIN 60 DAYS WILL BE VOID. SO please cash immediately . . . DORIS RENNINGER, TREASURER.

The next issue is an "ANNOUNCEMENT ONLY ISSUE" and most of you have a month off. Of course next month has its share of deadlines what with income tax, licenses for cars, etc. Also the first day for sending in applications for the Powder Puff Derby come next month. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DO HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT PLEASE MAIL SO AS TO REACH ME BY APRIL 20th.

As the flying really gets into high gear please be sure you are APT. This is a great program, so GET APT.

## Section Meeting

### OTTAWA-MONTREAL CHAPTER

The SPRING SECTIONAL, OTTAWA-MONTREAL Chapter, will be held in Montreal at the Grand Motor Hotel at 7700 Cote de Liesse Road on May 3, 1969. Registration, with coffee and doughnuts, will be at 10:00 a.m. The 99's will then hold a business meeting while the 49½'ers will be transferred to the Montreal Airport for a tour of the Air Canada Base. This will also include a check-out in their flight simulators. Luncheon will be held at 1 p.m. and the guest speaker will be from Air Canada.

The cost will be \$6.00 to 99's—this includes a \$2.00 Registration fee—and \$4.50 for 49½'ers. Room rates are \$10.00 whether single or double. Please make reservations early and direct with Grand Motor Hotel, and please contact one of the following members if you are planning to attend in order that we may inform the Hotel of an approximate number for the luncheon—PEGGY BEEMAN—Ottawa

BARBARA BROTHERTON—Toronto  
IRMA SELIG—Montreal

Expecting a good turnout of Canadian 99's and hope that any of our American members who are able will also attend. And, girls, don't forget to bring along those 49½'ers, I am sure they will enjoy the program.

# Backward Glance Column

Virginia Thompson, Historian

Excerpts from "The Ninety-Niner",  
1932 and 1933

On Oct. 15, 1932, "The Ninety-Niner" came into being. Because CLARA TRENCHMANN STUDER had been such a good editor for its predecessor, "Women and Aviation" published during 1929-30, the Board of Governors asked that she continue as Editor. The subscription fee was \$1.00 per year for members or any woman or man interested in what women were doing in aviation.

Speaking of costs, MARGARET COOPER requested that all members desiring an official Ninety-Nine pin send five cents extra to cover postage, insurance, wrapping and boxing. Although postage rates have soared since the days when a nickel would purchase a lot, the cost of our official Ninety-Nine pin has decreased. In 1932, a silver gilt one, cut out but without propeller could be secured for \$.50; a silver gilt one with movable propeller but not cut out, \$3.00; and a solid gold one with movable propeller, \$12.00.

Since the pin was small, thoughts turned to designing a practical flying outfit that would make it possible for Ninety-Nines to readily know one another and for the general public to distinguish them. One idea for a costume consisted of a wind breaker and a pair of slacks with a wide flare at the ankle. It sounds like our 1969 version except that theirs could be secured with a tab and a button at the ankle.

Clothes, though, were secondary in importance. Flying to these young pioneers was serious business and they were competing with men on an equal basis in every type of flying except as airline pilots. But even here, women were beginning to get their toes in the door. Back in the fall of 1928, EDITH FOLTZ, Oregon's first woman pilot and the fifth woman in this country to hold a transport license, wrote that she had her first opportunity to fly as a co-pilot on a tri-motored Eac on the West Coast Air Transport Line. She got around 70 hours on Bachs and Fokkers and a few on Fords before Western Air sold the line to United. It was reported in Jan. 1933, that RUTH NICHOLS too was piloting transport planes over the N.Y. to Hart-

ford run of the N.Y. and New England Airways.

As time rolled on, altitude and speed records, official and unofficial, continued to be set. According to the editor, the first altitude record made by a woman with a barograph to testify thereto, was made by accident in 1921 out in California when AMELIA EARHART decided to test the ceiling of her newly purchased ship, a little Kinner Airster with a 60 HP Lawrance motor. When she came down, they called her 14,000 feet an unofficial record.

Under News Notes, five women aviation record breakers of 1932, AMELIA EARHART, MAY T. HAIZLIP, LOUISE THADEN, FRANCES MARSALIS, and RUTH NICHOLS, were invited as honor guests at a reception and ball by the Aero Club of Washington.

California "99's" flew up to Reno in a six ship formation in connection with the movie, "The White Sister". GLADYS O'DONNELL was the only woman pilot actually in the picture, and the director reported that he was more pleased with her flying than with that of any two of the men. Three days later, the girls flew back in a tight formation. Their planes, painted like Italian Army planes, aroused a lot of curiosity every time they circled over a town. Machine guns (made of wood) were mounted on each ship, making them a menacing looking group. Can't you just imagine the fun they had on this trip?

Another bit of interesting news made the Paris Herald headline in 1933. The title read, "Koklab Amerikanckou letchitse GILLIS prijki e napashutom iz camoletov". Translated it means, Lecture by American Aviator Gillis on Jumping out of an Airplane with Parachute. The language department of the Civil Aviation Institute in Moscow had asked FAY GILLIS (WELLS), private pilot, recently of New York, to give a series of lectures on different branches of American aviation.

It was all arranged. Her first talk was to be on "Pilots", but at the last minute, they had a sudden interest in parachutes, so parachutes it was. As the second woman member of the Caterpillar Club, she had some very vivid memories of how a parachute functioned. According to the report, she gave her speech through an interpreter but the interpreter had it all written out in Russian beforehand so he paid no attention to what she said

## Free Life Insurance For VFR Pilots

A VFR pilot is one who does not have an instrument rating, or an instrument rated pilot who is not current in its use.

If you are planning a VFR flight and are somewhat in doubt about the weather, may we ask you to consider the following:

1. Be sure that you get a weather briefing before departure.
2. The visibility through a wet windshield is not nearly as good as the ground visibility reported on the station teletype sequence.
3. If you've had a weather briefing, give some thought to an alternate course of action in case the forecast does not hold up.
4. If you have been briefed on existing weather at stations along your route, remember that the weather between reporting points may not be as good as the weather shown at the reporting stations.
5. Any thunderstorms that may be in the vicinity of your route will add greatly to the weather hazard.
6. The possibility of icing in the clouds may prevent you from going "IFR" safely, even as a last resort.
7. If things go wrong and you have to go IFR as an emergency measure, are both you and the airplane equipped to cope with the situation?
8. If the cloud ceilings are going to keep you at low level, have you considered the ever-increasing number of communications towers and their long, wide-reaching guywires? A few of these towers may not be shown on your charts!
9. If any portion of your flight will be at night, the risk of accident is greatly increased.
10. The regulatory VFR minimums are far lower than experienced pilots consider safe for VFR flight.
11. Thirty-three (33) per cent of the fatal accidents involving pilots are the "weather" type.
12. Is your trip really necessary — under such doubtful conditions?

but translated from his notes and told the audience all, including several things she had written about but forgot when she got up in front of the audience of nearly 3,000 Soviet citizens.

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Special report on the High Altitude Chamber Tour at WPAFB taken by members of the All-Ohio Chapter of the 99's. Reprinted by permission of the Roof Publishing Co. (This article appeared in the Englewood Argus, Trotwood Sentinel and Brookville, Ohio Area) Reporter—Marcia Singer (All-Ohio Chapter)

It was a lonely feeling for many of the women pilots as they sat in the High Altitude Chamber at Wright Patterson AFB. Oxygen masks were strapped in place. Headgear with earphones were fastened tight so the women could listen to instructions being transmitted by CAPT. JOHN CISSIK, the Physiological Training Officer.

As the women pre-breathed pure oxygen for fifteen minutes CAPT. CISSIK, CAPT. ROBERT REED, the flight surgeon for the flight and MAJOR GILES HALL, who was supervising the entire operation were watching outside the chamber. Three male USAF sergeants were in the chamber to assist the pilots as they took the simulated trip to 29,000 feet. Other Air Force personnel were outside.

Yet, as the pilots watched the instrument panel beside them as a little white tab that represented their respiration rate flipped up and down . . . some felt apprehensive. Quietly and constantly CAPT. CISSIK talked to the group of female pilots. He instructed them on the methods of clearing ear and nasal passages.

The door to the chamber was secured and the women were taken to a simulated altitude of 5,000 feet. Those that could not clear ear passages or the fullness they felt in their head were told that the chamber would be slowly brought back to ground level altitude.

Those that could not clear clogged passages would be asked to leave. They could try at another time. With some a swallow of water helped. One woman pilot could not be helped, although she tried several methods of relieving her ears. She had to leave the chamber.

As the simulated trip to 29,000 feet began again, CAPT CISSIK explained the symptoms of hypoxia. "We are now approaching the 10,000 foot level. If you fly above 10,000 feet of altitude for any period of time . . . you should



Members of the All-Ohio Chapter of 99s in the lecture room of Wright Patterson AFB. The ladies were listening to Capt. John Cissik, the physiological training officer.

wear oxygen. How many of you carry oxygen aboard your aircraft?" questioned CAPT. CISSIK. Only one hand was raised.

At 29,000 feet the chamber altitude was held. Women sitting in odd numbered seats were told to remove their masks, write their name and count from 100 down, by threes as the even numbered seats were told watch the unmasked pilots for hypoxia symptoms.

"Write on the pad the symptoms that you feel. When you experience two hypoxia symptoms, replace your oxygen mask." One wrote . . . "dizzy" . . . another "fuzzy." They replaced their masks.

Then, the even numbered pilots took their turn as her odd numbered partner watched for hypoxia signs. "Put your mask on! Your nails are blue!" One pilot told another. One female pilot counted from 100 down to zero and started back up to 100 again. She only reached 46 on the way up and wrote "dizzy." With the oxygen mask back in place, she reported that she felt "happy" . . . an unreal sense of well being and over confidence . . . other symptoms for hypoxia.

Back to ground level. As the chamber altitude decreased the rubber glove, brought along to show the effects of gases as they expand within the body, slowly deflated. Next, ex-

periences in the rapid decompression chamber and for some a whirl in the disorientation machine.

T/SGT. JOE DE WITT of the USAF Recruiting Office acting as co-ordinator between the Air Force and the Ninety-Nines was the only male pilot to enter the chamber with the women. Those that completed the Physiological Training Program were given a blue card and instructions to return in three years to renew the training.

The women pilots that participated in the Wright Patterson AFB High Altitude Chamber Program were:

VI BLOWERS—Dayton, Ohio  
 JOAN DANGL—Dayton, Ohio  
 PAT CLEARY—Dayton, Ohio  
 NICKOLETT SCHINDLER—Dayton, Ohio  
 CLARA THARPE—Dayton, Ohio  
 SHIRLEY SZABO—Avon Lake, Ohio  
 JANICE KUECHENMEISTER—Cincinnati, Ohio  
 CONSUELO HUFFMAN—Cincinnati, Ohio  
 MARCIA SINGER—Trotwood, Ohio  
 LEE ROCK—Fairborn, Ohio  
 JENEA DYKE—Fairborn, Ohio  
 MARIAN MOYER—Bellevue, Ohio  
 LEAH SCHOFIELD—Blacklick, Ohio  
 MARIE WOLF—Columbus, Ohio  
 MILDRED CLAYMEN—Columbus, Ohio  
 RUTH SITLER—Kent, Ohio  
 MARSHA ORTON—Kent, Ohio

## AIR MEETS

### NATIONAL PYLON RACING ASSOCIATION

The Florida National Air Races, held at Ft. Lauderdale February 14-16 heralded in the 1969 air racing season amid thunderstorms and high, gusty winds for the three day racing event.

The feminine pylon polishers of the National Pylon Racing Association flew in the stock plane class around the three mile course set at Executive Airport.

Winning in the final championship heat on Sunday was BERNIE STEVENSON of Sherman Oaks, Calif. in a new Waco Marchetti powered with 260 hp and averaging 198.10 mph around the course. Placing second was JUDY WAGNER of Miraleste, Calif. in a Beechcraft with an average speed of 189 mph for the six laps. Close behind JUDY at a speed of 186 mph was 1968 U. S. Champion, DOT ETHERIDGE of Greenville, Miss. in her Aero Commander 200. Finishing fourth was NPRA Ex. Dir. PAT ARNOLD of Elmwood, Conn. in her Comanche 260. Fifth place saw DOT JULICH of Jackson Heights, New York finish in her Aero Commander 200.

The Consolation Race was won easily by ELAINE LOENING of Half Moon Bay, Calif. in her Meyers 200, with second place going to MARA CULP of Newport Beach, Calif. and third place was EDNA WHYTE of Ft. Worth, Texas. Finishing fourth and fifth were TRINA JARISH and MARY KNAPP both of Connecticut.

The only records broken were in the Qualifying Time Trials which saw ELAINE LOENING qualify at 195.7 mph which broke the qualifying time held by JUDY WAGNER, set in 1967 at Ft. Worth, Texas. Still maintaining the speed record in competitive heats is DOT ETHERIDGE at 198.115 which was set in 1968 at the Maryland Air Races, Frederick, Md.

## NOTAMS

Michigan Chapter wishes to announce that we are receiving sealed bids for our silent auction of aviation books to be sold from our Chapter library. Bids should be sent to SAMMY MCKAY, G9191 South Dixie Highway, Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439. The following books are those being offered at this time:

- WE WERE WASPS  
Winifred Wood (1943)
- THROUGH THE OVERCAST  
Assen Jordanoff
- TALL TIMBER PILOTS  
White & Florek (1953)
- THE SAGA OF FLIGHT  
Duke & Lanchbery
- RADIO NAVIGATION FOR PILOTS  
Colin H. McIntosh (1943)
- OUR FLIGHT TO ADVENTURE  
Tay & Lowell Thomas, Jr. (1956)
- ONCE TO EVERY PILOT  
Capt. Frank Hawks (1936)
- NORTH OF THE ORIENT  
Ann Morrow Lindbergh (1935)
- METEOROLOGY  
W. I. Milham (1912)
- LISTEN! THE WIND  
Ann Morrow Lindbergh (1938)
- I FLY AS I PLEASE  
Marion R. Hart (1953)
- AIRMAN'S ODYSSEY  
A. DeSaint-Exupery (1942)
- FLYING GRANDMA or GOING LIKE SIXTY  
Maude Rufus (1942)
- FLYING IS MY LIFE  
Hanna Reitsch (1954)
- HEROINES OF THE SKY  
Adams & Kimball (1942)

### Ninety-Nine Article for Sale

COOK BOOK. Lighthearted roster-size gift book that coordinates menus and flight plans. Available April 1st, 1969. \$3.25 ppd. Orange County Chapter, Joyce Nash, 711 N. Euclid St., Fullerton, California 92632.

## A B-LINE from the V. P.

Flew off to Las Vegas with my favorite red-head (my husband) to attend the Lawyer Pilots Association Convention and who do you think is their president? None other than our own Virginia Hash from Phoenix. It was great meeting Virginia and talking flying, of course. I was reminded that the ex-WASP's are soon to be winging their way out to the Cochran Ranch for a gala reunion. What fun, with great envy I wish you all the best.

Flying around the countryside and meeting Ninety-Nines is the best way in the world to make friends. Flying truly is a GOLDEN KEY. It makes one stop and think how great an organization we have and how important it is to maintain it's stature.

Spring has finally sprung and the flying calendar looks busy already. Don't forget your responsibility to VOTE. If you don't know the candidates personally talk with someone that does. Try to be a good Ninety-Nine Citizen and exercise your right to VOTE.

Remember an Active Pilot is an Active Ninety-Nine.

Bernice T. Steadman

## Powder Puff Derby Pins

We finally have an identification for those who have flown the POWDER PUFF DERBY. These distinctive, hand-crafted pins, designed by Marian Andrews, are truly lovely and we know you will be proud to wear it. They are available in 14K at \$22.50 or in sterling silver at \$13.50. They can be worn as pins or pendants, or even as charms with a loop added.

The initial order of limited quantity is in production and your orders will be honored in the sequences in which they are received. We expect these pins will be somewhat higher in the next group purchased.

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# AWTAR

## POWDER PUFF DERBY

The nation's greatest speed "Fly-out" will occur on July 4, 1969 when an anticipated 90 airplanes, piloted by 180 women competing in the 23rd Annual POWDER PUFF DERBY, will roar off from SAN DIEGO'S Lindbergh Field on their calculated dash to Dulles International Airport, WASHINGTON, D.C. In order to qualify, all contestants must buzz the finish line at Dulles, America's most unique airport, by sundown July 7th.

The race is open to all qualified women pilots flying stock model, fixed-wing, single or multi-engine aircraft, 145-450 horsepower. Only daylight flying in VFR (contact) weather, as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration, is permitted. Winners are determined on a handicap basis, "par speeds" having been established based on figures available from manufacturers' data for each make and model of aircraft. Since take-offs are in order of entry, winners cannot be known until all planes have crossed the finish line.

The 2515 mile route is historically fitting for a "red, white and blue" year with 9 en route stops which are officially designated for refueling and remaining overnight. Their towers will be equipped with Simplex Time Stamps so that after the fly-by of the timing lines, time will not be counted in the final scoring until the wheels start their take-off roll on the runway.

As pretty as holiday rockets, the 90 planes will roar off at 9:00 A.M., July 4, headed for NEVADA.

Star-studded LAS VEGAS offers spectacular scenic wonders to the racers who will flash over the penetrating blue of Lake Mead and the intricate spires and serrated ridges of the brilliant red sandstone Valley of Fire, onward to ST. GEORGE. Here in Brigham Young's well-planned town in the heart of the desert, "Utah's Dixie" was founded to raise cotton, and the West's first Mormon Temple, gleaming white, was built.

From altitude the racers may glance Southward to behold the rainbow hues of the Grand Canyon, and Eastward to appreciate the grandeur of Zion National Park.

The first MUST stop is SALT LAKE CITY, surrounded by natural beauty, but whose great appeal may be found in Temple Square, symbolic heart of world-wide Mormonism.

From here the route bends Eastward

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with slight variation for those who include ROCK SPRINGS, Wy. in their planning. Big Sky and Cowboy Country are beneath the racers as they flash over Ft. Laramie, site of the famous stop-over for the Pony Express and Overland Stage on the Old Oregon Trail, and into historic "Tent City." It was on a July 4th in 1867 that the first tents were pitched here by Union Pacific Railroad gangs and "Hell on Wheels", now known as CHEYENNE, WY., was born.

Memories of Custer's Last Stand jog pilots' minds as they continue Eastward towards the tawny Nebraska prairies and KEARNEY. If winds are favorable, contestants may turn off their oxygen and descend to land at ST. JOSEPH, Mo., snuggled in a billabong by the Missouri River. It is fitting to ponder that 104 years ago this became the Eastern point of origin of the Pony Express. The unparalleled "ride" from "St. Joe" to Sacramento, Calif. took 7 days and 17 hours, and carried the inaugural address of President Lincoln. Some of the race aircraft will have covered a comparable distance in 7 hours.

Next on the route is "The King City", 16,000 people with modern ideas—MT. VERNON, Ill.—in the Land of Lincoln. Its slogan, "Think big—Think Jefferson County". Progressive city planning has built a fine airport which is attracting a widely diversified group of industries. Its appeal was so strong that MT. VERNON also was designated a MUST stop. Resisting prolonged hospitality, the racers will depart on the race's longest leg to Tri-State Airport,

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. for a table-top landing, and then navigate the Allegheny Mts. which must be crossed at a disconcerting 45 degree angle.

It's a short final leg coming upon farm greens and into beautiful Dulles, the first commercial airport really to be planned from the start for jet airplanes. There that glorious orange finish line awaits the final fly-bys, testimony to flights well done.

Contestants will vie for the \$5,250 purse to be divided among the top five winners. Trophies will be given as well as several thousand dollars more in additional prize monies for the best scores between stops, best in each horsepower class of aircraft, and in other specialized categories.

The racers will help SAN DIEGO celebrate its 200th Anniversary, which Committee, in addition to the San Diego, El Cajon and Palomar Chapters of The Ninety-Nines, are co-sponsoring the Start. The Terminus is being sponsored by the Washington, D.C. Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, assisted by the Eastern Pennsylvania Section of The Ninety-Nines.

For the 17th consecutive year, an Amateur Radio Network will cover the entire route. This service supplements the standard communications offered by the Federal Aviation Administration. Vital weather data and forecasting services needed for en route planning will be provided by the U.S. Weather Bureau.

The race is managed by an eight-woman Board of Directors, AWTAR, Inc. (a non-profit corporation), and is endorsed by The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

# POWDER PUFF DERBY

Marion Andrews Lopez, Reporter

MILTON CANIFF has made it possible for BITSY BEEKMAN to enter the 1969 Powder Puff Derby. Her plane will be called "Bitsy's Bug". POTEET will accompany her to the start. You can read all about it beginning May 26th in the STEVE CANYON comic strip and follow them to the start. Over 600 newspapers carry this syndicated strip. A quote from TIME—Jan. 31st issue, Pg 52—TV and Radio Industry Standings: "The competition for primacy among the TV networks may not be as exciting as the Super Bowl or the Powder Puff Derby. Over the years . . ."

Entries open April 15th and must be postmarked no later than May 30th, the closing date. After this date, the only changes that can be made are that of co-pilot and the FAA registration number. That means a change of airplane to another of the same make and model, for a fee of \$10.00.

Requests for kits are running about the same as last year.

Please note the change of hotel at the terminus from that reported in this column (Feb. News). It will be the Marriott Twin Bridges Motor Hotel.

We would like copies of AOPA Pilot Aug. '68 Pg 58 for the scrap books.

We have received contributions from the following companies: CHAMPION, BENNETT LUMBER CO., NARCO AVIONICS, AESTRO-AERO CORP., HAWTHORNE AVIATION, BEECH AIRCRAFT CORP., AIR FACTS MAGAZINE, AND GLENN BUFFINGTON.

AWTAR Headquarters: Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, New Jersey.

## STENOYPIST WANTED

Bids for stenotypist for the International Convention at the Waldorf Hotel, New York City, July 9-14, 1969 are now being accepted by International Secretary Lygie Hagen. Any 99 interested in applying should contact Lygie at South 1007 Oneida Pl., Spokane, Washington 99203.

# BRITISH SECTION

Janet Ferguson, Reporter

In spite of sending reports in only every alternate month now, I don't seem to have much news for this one. Either things have been seasonally quiet lately, or else I'm not up-to-date with members' activities—probably a bit of both. (A veiled hint there for British Section members to let me know what's going on every once in a while!)

There is one nice bit of news, however, which we didn't have room for last time: DAPHNE POYNTER has been awarded the AMY JOHNSON Scholarship. We're all very pleased about this and congratulate her on the way in which she prepared herself so thoroughly for the Selection Board. This scholarship is given every few years to assist the winner to obtain her assistant flight instructor's rating, and in fact DAPHNE is already in the throes of a fulltime course at Oxford as I write this. We wish her luck with the tests and with her future flying as an instructor.

SHEILA SCOTT is of course back from her visit to your side of the pond, and sends her thanks to JEAN ROSS HOWARD for organizing a wonderful party for the National Aero Club's "Salute to Women in Aviation" held in Washington during December. SHEILA reports this evening was great fun and she was able to meet many old friends. She also attended the New York Chapter's Christmas Party which she greatly enjoyed. It sounds as if your American hospitality was up to its usual high standard!

We have at least two British Section Ninety-Nines entered in the Daily Mail Transatlantic Air Race, of which more anon. (I don't want to reveal any state secrets at the moment!)

**ALL CHAPTERS  
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GARDEN STATE CHAPTER  
Mary Rose Myers, Reporter

Sorry to have missed the last Newsletter but when the meeting is held the nineteenth of the month and the news deadline is the twentieth . . . it just can't be made from New Jersey to Texas in time.

Our condolences were sent to ESTHER NIELSEN on the passing of her dear 49½-er and then just at that time ESTHER was rushed to the hospital for an operation. Glad to hear that ESTHER will be back at her school principal's post come March 24th. May the "low ceilings of life" give way to nothing but sunshine from now on.

FLO WALSH had quite a glint of pride in her eyes as she told of her son's first solo flight . . . and on his seventeenth birthday.

CAROL KOCZAN has passed her written flight instructor's exam and is now readying herself for the flight portion of the test. Lots of luck.

BARBARA CUBBISON is now flying a Cherokee 180, the present plane of the NAFEC FLYING CLUB, of which BARBARA is a member. The CUBBISON family had a nice flight to Norfolk, Va. to visit with relatives.

JUDY MELTSNER, 49½-ER GIL and their Off-spring Bonanza-ed it to Florida for a Family-fun vacation. They timed it to be able to take in the Air Races at Ft. Lauderdale.

ALICE HAMMOND hopped in her trusty Mooney, "THE SUZIE-Q" and winged her way to Deland, Florida to help prepare for the "Teen Derby". As plans progress, I shall have more information on the wonderful First for Teens.

The March meeting was held at Ocean County Airport and it will always be a memorable one. The official dedication of the Garden State permanent headquarters room took place, followed by a wonderful buffet.

Your reporter was sorry to have missed the March meeting but had headed for St. Petersburg, Florida for a vacation and visit with my parents. But I must say that I was quite happy to be flying down to Florida with a brand new commercial rating. At long

last. Now I can start saving for another plane.

The February meeting was held in Millville, N.J. and the highlight of that meeting was the presentation of the Ninety-nines 1967 Powder Puff Derby glass paper weight to the Wheaton Glass Museum.

Well this was all the news I was able to gather at this time . . . meeting time is the only time I have good contact with the members and the last two did not have too good of membership turnout. Time to close the "Flight Plan" on our "Chat-flight". Have lots of happy, safe flying now that winter is breaking.

#### GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER Dee Mosteller, Reporter

Wedding bells are breaking up that old gang . . . Chairman BETTYLOU SCANDLING won't be *that* (name) longer. By the time you get this message, she'll be MRS. TOM HUBIN. TOM is a teacher of business and finance at the W. C. Post College on Long Island, and an avid supporter of aviation (particularly BETTYLOU'S).

Congratulations are also due to BETTYLOU for successfully passing her commercial check ride, and for being named the Most Valued Associate as the outstanding representative of the M. J. Huber Corporation . . . for the second time. We're happy for you . . . and very proud, BETTYLOU!

Congratulations and wedding bells for member JANE VAN EPS, who'll marry fellow Pan American Airlines staffer, ROBERT SCHMEICHEL, JR. JANE is currently in dispatcher school for Pan Am, on her way to higher levels with the company. SHE and BOB hope to be married on the fabulous Kennedy Airport complex where they met and are both employed.

Another Pan Am gal, IRENE KEITH, recently jetted down to San Juan where she won first place in a Rumba contest and second place among the cha-cha-chaers in the Fred Astaire Festival!

The last two meetings of our Greater NY chapter have been held at an interesting new spot—the Commissioned Officers' Mess at the Brooklyn Naval Station. At March's get-together, HERB FISHER showed a nifty film on the roll-out of the Boeing 747, an event he



**DORIS RENNINGER**, International Treasurer, and Convention Chairman for the International Convention, standing ready to whisk some lucky 99s around New York during the convention. Make plans now to attend.



**BETTYLOU SCANDL** (now Hubin) with her Aztec 92PAPA.

attended in Seattle, and another on the new Hawker-Siddeley VTOL craft. HERB, we're happy to announce, will be the official MC at the 40th Anniver-

sary Convention . . . and we couldn't have made a happier choice.

Speaking of convention . . . some great things are in store for all who come. Chairmen had a meeting a couple of weeks back, and things are progressing great. All host(ess) chapters extend most cordial invites to all of you . . . we hope you'll do your best to make this very special 40th Anniversary a great success by honoring us with your presence! Also, since our most honored guests will logically be our charter members, we hope that all chapters with one of these fine ladies amongst their ranks will help sponsor a charter member to convention.

Other news: Includes formation of a new APT committee with NONNIE ANDERSON at the head. (By the way, gotta make a retraction on something I said about NONNIE in the last issue . . . sadly enough, she does *not* fly her own Arrow. NONNIE thanked me for the compliment and asked if Piper was giving her one now that it's been said!)

KAY HILBRANDT and DORIS RENNINGER attended the dedication of the new 99 Room at the new Ocean County Airport a week ago. The room will be a permanent meeting place for the Garden State chapter. Says DORIS of Ocean County, "They're so



1969 Convention Committee chairmen meeting at Teterboro Airport with Progress Report on their committees' plans for the 40th Anniversary International Convention. Program Chairman, **BETTY LOU SCANDLING** and Decorating and Art Chairman, **MARION LOPEZ**, missed the "Birdie" — **BETTY LOU** busy getting her Commercial Multi-Engine Rating the day of the meeting, and **MARION** was digging out from the record snow at her family's home in Massachusetts. Seated: **ELLIE McCULLOUGH**, Ways and Means Chairman; **JULIE VOM SAAL**, Co-Chairman; **DORIS RENNINGER**, Chairman of 40th Anniversary Convention; **HONEY KATE TRATTLER**, Chairman of Amelia Earhart Luncheon. Standing: **DEE MOSTELLER**, Publicity Chairman; **KAY HILBRANDT**, Chairman of Anniversary Banquet; **RUTH DOBRESCU**, Favors Chairman; **LOUISE GALTAS**, Transportation Chairman; **JUDY MELTSNER**, Registration and Hospitality Chairman; **SELMA CRONAN**, Treasurer.

nice . . . they certainly have opened their arms to the 99's, and make us feel so welcome."

**KAY** spoke to the Teaneck/Bergenfield Zonta chapter about the 99's, **AMELIA**, and the Powder Puff; and **PEGGY SHINN** showed the AE film for the Hoboken Zonta ladies.

Because of **KAY**'s fine work last year at the Teterboro Air Show, we'll be handling registration for this year's "do" May 2-3. Bendix provides the booth, which we decorate with all sorts of good 99 "stuff."

**VERA FINDLEY** is back in town, after several months spent in Africa as a medical missionary. And **JULIE VOM SAAL** and **MINA ELSCHNER** are both off—for St. Croix.

April, 1969



**GUSTAVA OLIVIA ANDERSEN**, Member L. I. Chapter.

#### LONG ISLAND CHAPTER Joan Fleischmann, Reporter

**GUSTAVA OLIVIA ANDERSEN** was born in Norway of a long line of Viking sailors. Her family came to America, and **GUS** grew up and went to school in Brooklyn, N.Y. The family then moved to Queens where on a Sunday afternoon in the early twenties a World War I pilot would sell rides in his biplane from a farm sold for a housing development.

As a student **GUS** was most interested in music and studied voice for several years. At this time she taught Sunday School and was a member and director of the choir. She still wears the gold watch she received after her twenty-fifth anniversary. After graduating from Maxwell Teach-

her "last flight" into the great beyond. They were both stalwart supporters of the 99's in everything we did and we shall miss them. Our sympathy is extended to JEAN.

While all of us couldn't win the Whirly-Girls scholarship—we pitched in to celebrate and entertain PAGE SHAMPBURGER on her being chosen the winner. The Washington Aero Club honored her at luncheon, and the Aviation Space Writers honored her at the National Press Club. It was a high tea—very high! JEAN ROSS HOWARD had a meeting at her house for the event, too. Next one is at KATHY POOLE'S house.

BEA WILDER is trying to emulate my figure skating accident of a few years back, and while waltzing down the corridor at the Pentagon she slipped and broke her wrist. It is not deterring her flying—she has passed her instrument written and expects to continue practicing.

Many local clubs: the NAA, Washington Aero Club, Intl Aviation Club, Natl Aviation Club, CAP, AFA, WADA, AOPA and FAA Flying Club keep us very active flying, and with ground school and social events. Don't forget the Race Terminal—visit us and have some fun!



#### ALABAMA CHAPTER Elise Heilpern, Reporter

Our Chairman BETTY FERRELL had the old "Pete and Repeat" for February and March meetings. Feb. 2nd brought bad weather and a total attendance of five at the Birmingham Airport, so BETTY called the March meeting for the same Airport one month later. Better luck the second go-round with clear skies and total attendance of twenty five 99s, 49½ers and guests. JAYE HUDGENS in from The University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa with DR. VIRGINIA FORSQUE as her guest. JAYE, an English Instructor at The University, received an invitation from The Maquis Bibliographic Library Society to become a member of the Advisory Board—The Society publishes "Who's Who" and also "Who's Who in Women of Ameri-

ca"—we're proud of those brains, JAYE.

LAVINIA SPILLMAN'S application was one of two accepted by Southeast 99s for Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award—another feather in our Alabama cap. LAVINIA also won the Alabama Merit Award Trophy for 1968 given for the highest flying points in our chapter.

SYLVIA DERRECK and her 49½er (new member) flew in with KATHIE VAUGHN and RUSS from Huntsville in their new Skylane. JUANITA HALSTEAD and her 49½er FOY flew up with your reporter and her 49½er GENE HEILPERN from Montgomery. We all completed our flights without incident in spite of the fact that we fly a new Super Skylane and FOY predicted doom and destruction. It seems you can't convince a Piper man that Cessnas are here to stay.

Two New Birmingham members, KAY SKEEN and VIRGINIA PARSONS were enjoying the program as were we all. MARY ALICE BEATTY of Birmingham (wife of DON BEATTY, one of the original PanAgra pilots in South America) recalled the pioneer days in aviation with charm and nostalgia. MRS. BEATTY holds an OX-5 license.

Plan to join us at Calloway Gardens, Georgia for the meeting on April 13th (one week after Easter). The Alabama Chapter will fly in to The Gardens Airport, so any visitors welcome and Y'ALL COME.

#### CAROLINAS CHAPTER Page Shamburger, Reporter

In spite of the allocation that the Section Meeting at Kitty Hawk, N.C. this May 23-25 was of the southwest, the Carolinas Chapter, hostess, continues ever onward with plans. Less there still be confusion, would you believe the Southeast Section is meeting there? Fact is, you can hardly get further east than Kitty Hawk. The Wright Brothers figured that, too, even though they had a few troubles finding, and getting to, Kitty Hawk themselves.

We're hoping that none of you have troubles finding the spot—if you look on your charts at the far east side of North Carolina, you'll see first—Manteo Airport, then a bit further east—First Flight Strip. That's the place. The ramp at First Flight Strip, which, by-the-way, is literally in the shadow of the Wright Brothers Monument, can

hold only about 12 planes. When that's full, we'll ask you to please use Manteo's ex-military field. Manteo does have fuel and service, too. First Flight doesn't. We're arranging ground transportation from both.

If you come by airlines, again, you may have troubles—try it to Norfolk, Virginia, thence u-drive-its or air taxi. If you'll let us know you're coming by airlines, we'll try to send you one of our Kuban Kredit Kards, just in case.

A reminder to all members out of our section, we would love to have you join us. Reservations can be made directly to The Carolinian, Nags Head, North Carolina. We're mighty thrilled to already have you-all from Idaho, Michigan, Ohio and our next door neighbors, the Virginia and Washington Chapters. The more the better the competition in our Sea Hag-sponsored fishing tournament.

Your reporter doesn't believe in taking valuable space in this column for personal comments yet breaks over the line this one time, I couldn't have been more thrilled by anything than being chosen as the second winner of the Doris Mullen Memorial Whirly-Girls Scholarship. This was presented in the midst of much festivities planned and head-honcho'd by JEAN ROSS HOWARD and DANNA HENDERSON in Washington in February. Many of the Washington 99s attended the presentation luncheon and reception, and my sincere thanks to all of them for this support. To all of you gals who applied for this Scholarship, and weren't chosen, may I say that it's a first for me, too. And like PRESIDENT NIXON said, this side of winning is much the better. I have signed up with LES HEMBEL, Carolinas Chapter member CAROLINE'S husband, and the instruction starts in April. To all of you fellow-99s who wrote notes of congratulations, thank you, thank you, thank you.

Carolinas Chapter with the Guilford County Pilots Association sponsor a Poker Flight the end of March. Since it barely misses the deadline for this copy, we'll let you know how it goes next issue. PAT WARD, who dreamed up this Poker flying, has given us much valuable assistance. Thanks, PAT.

You all come on and join us at the SE Section Meeting—those dates again, May 23-25th. Kitty Hawk is the place, the Birthplace of Aviation.

(Ed note: Sure am glad to know where Kitty Hawk is located. For us

kids down here in Texas, it is mighty hard to find! I have been unable to locate on VFR Planning chart, RF charts, Jeppesen Airport and data guide, and Colliers Encyclopedia. May just accept your kind invite complete with white all-weather coat of International fame!! Congrats again on your scholarship. The Whirly-girls are wait-in' with open arms . . . RF)

#### **FLORIDA GOLD COAST CHAPTER** **Cecile Hatfield, Reporter**

Florida Gold Coast Chapter welcomes two new members: FRANCES SARGENT and LAURIE SPENCE. LAURIE has just received her commercial and instrument ratings. Congratulations, LAURIE.

Our March dinner-meeting was a most exciting one. FAY GILLIS WELLS had called to tell us that "The Flying Nun" was living in Miami. (No other than SISTER MARGARET MARY who was known as PEGGY BOREK and was chapter chairman of Eastern Penn.) SISTER MARGARET MARY was a guest at our meeting, and we all enjoyed hearing of her work at the Dominican Retreat Home. She still has that great personality, and we were delighted to meet her.

DOROTHY JULICH was also a guest at the meeting. She's getting ready to fly the "ANGEL DERBY". DOT is really tan, and she looks wonderful.

Bon Voyage to DOTTIE SHAW, her husband BOOTS and daughter STEPHANIE. They are going to South Africa March 20th. Sounds very exciting! HELEN MENNITTO reported that her husband and daughter have taken up soaring.

We're so proud of our chairman, MIRIAM DAVIS. She was interviewed on our Educational Channel 2—Television. She spoke of her flying experiences, and was so great that they'd probably like her back as a regular. Watch out, BESS MYERSON!

Our 99's are busy packing and getting ready for the most exciting and thrilling air race of the year, the 1939 "ANGEL DERBY", March 24-27 from New Orleans, La. to Managua, Nicaragua, C.A. Our capable CONNIE STAFFORD (Florida Women Pilots Assoc. President) will be on hand in New Orleans prior to the start and then will fly to Managua to take charge of the Terminus. LOIS PORTER, Impound Chairman and HELEN SMITH, Start Chairman are flying to New Orleans in a Cessna 172. LOIS just re-

cently got her ATR, and she is Chief Pilot at Tursair. HELEN SMITH is working on her instrument rating when she is not busy with the race. LEE AVERMAN is the NAA representative at the start and terminus. That way she won't miss any of the fun! We are ably assisted by several So. Louisiana 99's. DEE COMEAUX is Chief Judge and MOLLY STOCKWELL and PAT WARD will be helping with registration and impound. Our Southeast Section Governor, JANET GREEN, has graciously come to our rescue by taking KATY STREHLE'S place as Chief Timer at the start. KATY has to undergo an operation. All our best wishes are with her for a speedy recovery.

The "ANGEL DERBY" has 35 entries this year and we have planned a full and exciting social schedule in New Orleans including a reception at Beauregard House, home of Frances Parkinson Keyes, the well known author. Our own special "angel", FAY WELLS arranged the visit for us. ADMIRAL RICHARD POOR is the guest speaker at the take-off banquet. ADMIRAL POOR took part in the search for Amelia Earhart, and will tell of his experiences.

MIRIAM DAVIS, route chairman, ably assisted by 49½ HUBBARD, will drop off the time clocks, flying their new Navajo. It has everything from galley to bathroom. The latter especially interest me. My range (or capacity) is about 1½ hours. If MIRIAM has seat belts put on the potty, I'll be all set.

Many 99's are assisting at enroute stops. MAYBELLE FLETCHER, Houston, is chairman at Beaumont, MARJAN EURKE at San Antonio, and ARDATH McCREERY, Tip of Texas Chapter, will be at Monterrey, Mex. VERA BRATZ, Fla. Gold Coast, assisted by 49½ LEE, is stop chairman at Tampico, Mexico. PAT NOLAN and SHIRLEY MARSHALL, Tucson chapter, are at Vera Cruz, Mexico, and you'll never guess who is at San Salvador—BETTY TRACY and IRENE WIRTSCHAFTER. IRENE is from Wash. D.C., and that gal really gets around.

Those helping in Managua (lucky girls) are ANN ROSS, Chief Timer, BETTY McNABB (all the way from Albany, Ga.), Chief Judge, MAGGIE FIELDS, Impound Chairman, and SHIRLEY DAVIS, Scoring Comm. Our soon-to-be 99, MARY BARRER, has ably taken charge of Publicity and

Public Relations at start and terminus as well as Race Program. The cover of the race program is the most beautiful we have ever had. It features an aircraft flying past an active volcano in Managua, Nicaragua.

The 1970 "ANGEL DERBY" start and terminus cities will be announced at the Awards Banquet in Managua. Can't tell yet, but it will be just as exciting as this years.

#### **FLORIDA SPACEPORT CHAPTER** **Mary Dixon, Reporter**

A squall line swept right through Melbourne during our February 15th meeting! But what a great time we had listening to the fascinating stories of women in early aviation as related by our guest, GRACE KENNEY. She and AMELIA EARHART belonged to the Long Beach, California Chapter of 99's so we got a close glimpse of Amelia, too. GRACE flew in several air races in the thirties. What a scrapbook she has! We lunched at Neptune Hall on the Atlantic were, according to the story, Winston Churchill and F.D.R. met and talked during the planning of the invasion of Europe. Their submarines waited just off the coast. Our meeting wasn't quite as momentous, but it was our first Saturday get-together with 49½'ers. And 18 of us literally blew in! Good to have prospective 99's BARBARA ELLIS, RUTH SHOEMAKER and ELEANOR WREN with us. SARA CARMICHAEL and BARBARA ELLIS were our hostesses. Thanks for a great day!

Plans for our "legislative fly-in to Tallahassee" on April 16th have been arranged by Flying Activities Chairman, JO CHRISTMAN. We'll be guests of SENATOR MALLORY HORNE. The other two Florida Chapters of 99's have been invited. We hope by our visit to instill more active interest among the legislators in general aviation in Florida.

The Jax girls did it again! Thanks to JO CHRISTMAN, CHARLOTTE CORBIN, KAY RILEY and JERRE SNYDER for another super day in Jacksonville on March 12th as 15 of us toured the new Jacksonville International Airport. First, over to FANG, the Florida Air National Guard facility, and to the Briefing Room where MAJOR BIGGERSTAFF told us all about FANG. We were quite amazed to hear that this is not just a "Week-end Warrior" organization. It is on a 24 hour a day alert with pilots and aircraft (F-102's) ready to go on 5

minutes' notice. They search out and identify all unidentified aircraft which penetrate ADILZ, they escort, at a discreet distance, all hi-jacked aircraft, and they locate aircraft in distress. With their speed, theirs is a locate and identify duty—not one of rescue. FANG covers the East Coast from Langley, Virginia to Miami, Florida.

After FANG, we met MR. CARL LEAVITT, Chief of Control Tower, who told us about the new tower—one of 8 in the U.S. It is constructed of poured concrete sections and is shaped somewhat like a lighthouse. We were whisked up 10 floors in 1½ minutes by elevator to the top lookout area where the ATC operators explained their routine. Later in the Radar Room we observed the handling of civil and military aircraft by watching 8 radar screens.

Finally, we toured the lovely and efficiently-planned passenger terminal where the paths of out-going and incoming people need never to cross.

At a brief meeting we received the 99 information posters to be distributed at airports throughout our chapter area. We hope to spread the word of 99's to more women student pilots. ANN CONWAY, APT Chairman, reported that membership response was too slow and limited to set up a weekend flight clinic this spring at Embury-Riddle which had agreed to give us the use of their facilities. Such a great opportunity should not be by-passed! Maybe later this year?? JO CHRISTMAN has a troop of junior high Girl Scouts in Jacksonville who are working on their aviation badge. We are still looking for a Wing Troop somewhere in our chapter area.

Great news for JUANITA DIESBOURG, our chairman, who has just received her orders from the FAA to report April 14th to Jax Radar Center for training. Two weeks there and then to school in Oklahoma City for 9 weeks. Best of luck!

Meanwhile, happy flying and get APT!

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#### **SUNCOAST CHAPTER** **Dotty Birdsong, Reporter**

Saturday, February 15, tornado warnings were out for the suncoast and central Florida. Some touched down bringing huge waves as was the case in Sarasota and Lido Beach. Thirty-seven Suncoast Ninety-Nines, 49½'ers and guests kept their Valentine Party date at the Statler Hilton Hotel on Lido

Beach. The hotel convention hall where the Ninety-Nines meeting was to be held was completely demolished and onrushing water filled a six foot sunken lounge with three feet of water. All band instruments and Hammond Organ were ruined and so the entertainment was cancelled.

Chairman MASON LYKES had arranged for chapter entertainment at the expense of three lowly 49½'ers DICK DIAMOND, HARRY BOOTHE and BRUCE ROBINS. The hotel personnel handled the situation beautifully with a partial reserved dining area for the initiation and successful rocketship flight into space to meet way-out JOYCE DIAMOND, HEIDI BOOTHE and SUSAN ROBINS.

Three visiting pilots were THELMA ISENHOWER, MARION FOSKETT of St. Petersburg and DOLORES CORNETTE who will co-pilot Angel No. 1 in the International Air Race from New Orleans to Managua. Pilot DOTTY BIRDSONG and DOLORES are both from Tampa. DENNIS CORR was the other visitor.

THELMA DAWSON looks wonderful sporting a walking cane. She discarded the crutches last month. DR. GEORGE ROTHMEYER who works for ETHEL GIBSON has been ill and we are happy he is back to work.

MISS TAMIE LANELLE SUMMERALL of Anguill, Mississippi is the proud owner of four grandparents—two being DOTTY and CHARLES BIRDSONG. Parents JANIE and JIMMY are doing well, too.

The Suncoast Chapter regular monthly meeting was held Wednesday, March 12th at the J & J Aircraft in Sarasota.

Chairman MASON LYKES was out of the state, Vice-Chairman GINNY VanKESTEREN was not at the meeting and reporter was not present as I had out of town company but I understand there were nine present and enjoyed a chit-chat luncheon at Cris McGuire Pub. HEIDI BOOTH and PEARL ALWARD arranged the program.

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#### **GEORGIA CHAPTER** **Betty W. McNabb, Reporter**

Georgia 99s met in Macon in February to tour Eastern Air Rescue at Robins AFB, a most interesting experience arranged by HAZEL FERGUSON. But . . . it was one of those days, with extremely gusty winds and a front cavorting around which kept the Sa-

vannah contingent hemmed up in the hangar. Present, however, were JEAN VOYLES and prospective BOOTS GORDON of Atlanta, BETTY McNABB and her student LEE STUBBS of Albany; HAZEL and her colleague, student CAROLINE FINCH of Macon's FSS; and student DIXIE HART of Warner Robins. We had a cockpit orientation in a C-141 Starlifter, too.

We had the fun of chatting briefly with ANN ROETKE and HELEN SEILER, enroute to the Virgin Islands in a Comanche 180. They strolled into the Macon Terminal restaurant just as we finished luncheon.

Another visitor to Georgia was former Albanian DELORES LOWE, Dallas Chapter, who is running a flight school at Dallas North—and commutes from her home in Arlington every day by Cessna 150. (104 miles round trip.)

And where was ESTHER WRIGHT at that Macon meeting? She was flying five hours with her instructor, just prior to taking the instructor check ride AND PASSING IT. Congratulations to our newest instructor.

Georgia Ninety Nines visited Hampton, the Atlanta Center, for their March meeting. Winds were up to 45 knots on the Griffin strip so there was only one courageous fly-in, ESTHER WRIGHT from Thomasville. Which puts another date on the ETA trophy for the doughty ESTHER.

BETTY, meantime (your reporter) was dashing up from Panama City with a student, flying back to Panama City to pick up a charter, beating against that wind to New Orleans with her passengers, and then free-wheeling it home to Albany high wide and handsome with a nice 40 knot tail wind.

Present at the March meeting were JEAN VOYLES and new member BOOTS MORGAN; Chapter Chairman CAROL LOWERY, new member JEAN BACKERMAN, ESTHER WRIGHT of Thomasville with two of her students, one male and one female and former 99s BETTY JO ALISON and ELLEN CASWELL. BETTY JO'S family demands caused her to take temporary leave from the 99s, ELLEN is commuting about 100 miles a day as she works on her Master's degree at Atlanta University; she too plans to return to the fold when she can.

The Savannah contingent departed the coast in a Cessna 172. At their first check point they discovered their ground speed was 40 mph, not 140—plain 40—cars were running out from under them on the highways and the

winds gave no promise of abating, so they returned to Savannah and got on the phone.

We have a new sort of standing rule in our chapter—if you can't come, TELEPHONE. You would have spent a lot more money than that getting to the meeting anyway, and it is such a help, after you have sent a "yes" card and then can't make it, to let your wondering hostess know why. We find out it works nicely.

Flying low in a midnight orchid (that's the real name of it—) Thunderbird, from Cleveland to Florida, was Ohio's JOAN HRUBEC with her mother, they RON'd in Albany, brunched with BETTY McNAEB.

#### MEMPHIS CHAPTER

**Netta Holden, Reporter**

Our regular monthly meeting was held on February 1st at Brooks Avenue in Memphis. The Ninety-Nines attending were GLADYS ESTES, INA WALKER, EVELYN PARKER, MARTHA TOBEY, CHRIS BROWN, JUNE PENTECOST, GENNY COOK, TRIS BUCHANAN, JOSIE HOWSER, SYLVIA LUCAS and NETTA HOLDEN. SYLVIA LUCAS was welcomed as a new member of the Memphis Chapter. Glad to have you flying with us, SYLVIA. Plans were discussed for the Angel Derby Flight in March. Those planning to fly in the Derby are INA WALKER and JOY WALKER, GLADYS ESTES and POLLY DUNCAN, and TRIS BUCHANAN and EVELYN PARKER. Good luck girls! We also decided to make our next fly-in to Wynne, Arkansas.

Persistent bad weather had kept most of our Ninety-Nines grounded in the month of January, but a few did manage to get in some flying.

MARTHA and FRANK TOBEY flew their Debonair to Huntsville, Alabama for lunch. CHRIS BROWN went with them.

INA and MIKE WALKER and family flew to Vicksburg, Mississippi in their Mooney.

JUNE PENTECOST flew her Cessna 172 to Nashville, Tennessee.

SYLVIA LUCAS flew a Cherokee 180 to Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

ROSEMARY and BOB WILLIAMS flew to Aspen, Colorado in their Bonanza. Really enjoying the winter sports there, ROSEMARY and BOB made a return trip a few weeks later.

GENNY COOK spent four days in Indianapolis, Indiana.

LT. ANN HATTEN visited friends in

Memphis. ANN is now attending school at UCLA.

HILDA SAVAGE and MARGE SCHULTZ flew HILDA'S Mooney to Huntsville and Muscle Shoals, Alabama and then to Dyersburg, Tennessee. HILDA spent a few days in the Bahamas and the following week SHE and DOYLE went to Jamaica.

LOYCE and JOHN O'NEAL flew to Chattanooga and Knoxville, Tennessee in their Mooney.

SYLVIA LUCAS and husband flew to New York.

Our fly-in to Wynne, Arkansas was held on March 1st. Memphis members flying in were INA and MIKE WALKER, POLLY DUNCAN, GLADYS ESTES, JOSIE HOWSER, MARY OLIVER, TRIS BUCHANAN and HILDA SAVAGE. Meeting the group were VIRGINIA and EVERETT PROCTOR and GERRY and BILL BAKER from Wynne. MARY STANLEY flew her Cessna in from Augusta, Arkansas. Lunch was enjoyed by all at the Wynne Country Club.

The following day, HILDA SAVAGE in her Mooney with JOSIE HOWSER returned to Wynne to play golf with VIRGINIA PROCTOR.

NETTA and DOUG HOLDEN in their Cherokee Arrow along with PEGGY and BOB FENNELL spent four days island-hopping in the Bahamas. Sure was a lot of fun. Until next time—Eye.

#### MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

**Norma Bacharach, Reporter**

For the fourth meeting in a row—we were plagued by poor weather—low ceilings, rain, and fog all combined to ground the Mississippi 99's. However, some members braved the elements and travelled by car to Jackson, Mississippi for our February meeting.

A dutch lunch was held at the Yacht Club at the Barnett reservoir. The fog lifted and the rain ceased temporarily allowing members to go sailing—a real treat provided by hostess ETHEL RADZIEWICZ.

Driving in from Greenwood were: JEAN HODGES and her guest CAROLYN KIMBROUGH; MARGARET SHIPLEY, PEGGY McCORMICK and son FRANK, JR. From Clarksdale—NORMA BACHARACH and 49½ MARVIN; Jackson members attending were ETHEL RADZIEWICZ, BERNICE KELLY, KITTY GREEN, and guest RITA MARTINSON.

Aviation has been extremely active

at the Greenwood-Leflore Airport with as many as 145 planes on the ramp at one time. MARGARET SHIPLEY was among the many pilots who joined in the search for a missing single engine plane last heard from over Greenwood. Unhappily, at this writing no trace has been found.

We're all proud of DOT ETHERIDGE'S many honors—her newest one being named as the outstanding U. S. National Championship Race Pilot for Stock Aircraft for 1968. The award was presented at Fort Lauderdale at the National Air Race and was presented by GENERAL BROOKE ALLEN.

Our next meeting is scheduled to be held in Hattisburg April 12th—maybe—just maybe—the weatherman will give us a break.

#### TENNESSEE CHAPTER

**Ruth W. Thomas, Reporter**

Weekend weather kept the Tennessee Chapter from holding the scheduled February meeting in Chattanooga. As a matter of fact there were six weekends of poor weather right in a row. For the March meeting in Knoxville, LADY McREYNOLDS, GENIE RAE O'KELLEY, RUTH THOMAS and EDNA DAVIS had lunch with DR. LURA ODLAND and FRAN DAVIS, of Knoxville, EEA WITT of Columbia, Tenn. and KAREN WITT (Bea's daughter). This was the fifth of six weekends of poor weather. DR. ODLAND, Dean of the University of Tennessee Home Economics College, was most interesting to listen to. She reported that she was licensed in 1941 and had been planning to contact one of the Knoxville 99s but until now had been too busy to get back into flying.

BEA WITT and her family were in Knoxville for a basketball tournament. Both BEA and her daughter are learning to fly.

JUDY COX (new member) had her first child on February 28th. DAVID (excited father) announced the arrival as another 99 named ELIZABETH BARTON.

FRAN DAVIS who grows orchids as a hobby made JUDY a beautiful corsage of LADY SLIPPER ORCHIDS.

Discovery Department: GENIE RAE O'KELLEY failed to report that she received an Instrument Rating last summer. Her reason: "Well, I was the Reporter then and didn't want to brag on myself."

During our second meeting in

March (Yes, we had two. IRENE FLEWELLEN and BEA REID called to say that they were flying up on Instruments.)

GENIE RAE O'KELLEY asked the Chapter to sponsor a group of Wing Scouts. She outlined the plans for the course and filled us in on what was expected of us. We readily agreed to her proposal. GENIE started off with a group from her own community but the idea was so popular that the whole TENASI COUNCIL asked to be let in. She has around 35 scouts who meet at the airport every 3rd and 4th Wednesday afternoons for classes. (Tenasi is Cherokee for Tennessee.)

EVELYN JOHNSON, Chairman of the Annual Award Committee, reported March 15 as deadline date for receipt of nominations.

Chairman EDNA DAVIS is asking for 100% participation in Annual Proficiency Test.

The April meeting will be in Morristown. MAY MEETING WILL BE AT SPRING SECTIONAL IN KITTY HAWK, N.C.

Welcome to new members EDNA BROYLES of Tullahoma and BETTY GORRELL of Nashville. The June meeting is scheduled for Nashville.



#### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER Marcia Singer, Reporter

Your 99 reporter has so much news rolling around in her noggin that my grey cells are beginning to bulge! Received a beautiful postcard from Mexico . . . RUTH and MERRIL LOVE were down there! As passengers they took the FRANK STROBE'S of Akron. (Forgive me for leaving out some of the details, RUTH . . . my kids got the card first, showed it to all their friends . . . and by golly, it's pretty hard to read between peanut butter, mud and jelly!)

EDY MAXIM sent a clipping on to this reporter with an almost life-sized photo of FLOSSIE CUNY. It appeared in the CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER and eagle-eyed EDY spotted the article. Big headlines said "FLOSSIE CUNY IS A WIFE, MOTHER, WING-RIDER."

MARSHA ORTON and RUTH SIT-

LER plan to fly the Powder Puff this year.

JO ANN STYPE, 49½er ROY and the family planned to take the 210 to Fla. in January.

Did anyone see ANN and HARRY ROSS? Last we heard . . . they were having fun in the sun during the big Bahama Island Treasure Hunt.

PAT and MYRON COLLIER in the Ceech Baron planned a flying trip to California.

DARLENE GILMORE, of the Sacramento Valley Chapter, and her 49½er stopped in Lakeview, Ohio to visit with BERNITA and ROGER NICKELL. The Nickell's daughter MARGARET RUTH took a trip to Wichita, Phoenix and back to Fla. over Christmas vacation. A stop in Ga. and then home!

DEE and her 49½ER went to the Rose Bowl as did JEAN and "DOC" BONAR. They came back singing "I love a parade!"

CAROL CONAWAY is IFR rated and now working on her instrument instructors!

LEE ROCK will be working the Huntington, W. Va. race stop . . . anyone, anywhere near Huntington during the Powder Puff . . . stop in and say hi to our all-Ohio Chapter member.

The JOURNAL HERALD, the daily morning paper in Dayton, Ohio gave the 99's that took a tour of the High Altitude Chamber at Wright Patterson Air Force Base almost full page coverage. "At the completion of the two-day course T/SGT. JOE W. DeWITT, Air Force Recruiter, who had served as liaison officer between the Air Force and the women pilots, remarked . . . Well, this has certainly shown that women flyers can take it and could be high altitude flyers."

Ch. 2 T.V. . . . also of Dayton, Ohio gave us exceptional coverage. There we were with our lipstick smeared from the oxygen masks and our hair flying from the helmets we had to wear and it was . . . "smile . . . you're on T.V." All of us were feeling free! We had been instructed NOT to wear girdles as they would be too binding and with expansion we would be uncomfortable!

Plans for the All-Ohio Chapter's Poker Party are really rolling. The date is August 17th. Details later . . . Contact MARIAN MOYER, RIDGE RD. RR NO. 1, BELLEVUE, OHIO if you need information NOW! At the last stop, there will be a Spot Landing Contest. Heard that LOIS MARSTON

has rounded up lots of prizes etc. to be given away to the winners.

LEAH SCHOFIELD checked out in her son DON'S Luscomb. DON soloed a week after his 16th birthday . . . poor weather before that! LEAH says "it's a lot different than the twin Comanche."

PATRICIA CLEARY is engaged! This newsworthy event happened Dec. 22. The lucky guy is GERRY EGAN of Brooklyn, N.Y.

MARIE WOLF, one of our newer 99's, came over to Dayton for the High Altitude Chamber Tour. MARIE has twelve children. Where did we find her a place to stay? At the BOQ! MARIE didn't bring the young ones, her 49½ graciously stayed at home so she could come alone!

The Columbus Ohio meeting in Feb. was a tremendous success thanks to ANNE ESSELBURNE and MARILYNN MILLER. It was one of our best attended (about a hundred members).

My fingers are numb . . . my eyes are blurred . . . still lots of news, but it will have to make it next month!

Hope to see you all at the Ohio . . . Pilot's Poker Party AND Spot Landing Contest Aug. 17th.

#### CAPE GIRARDEAU AREA CHAPTER

Mary Boyd, Reporter

It has been a long, hard winter for



NELL RICE of Kennett, Missouri, (left) received the Cape Girardeau Area Chapter's annual "Pilot of the Year" award from CHAIRMAN LOIS FEIGENBAUM at the annual awards dinner held in Carbondale, Illinois, in March.

members of the Cape Girardeau Area Chapter but spring was in the air when the group gathered for the annual awards dinner at the home of LOIS and BOB FEIGENBAUM in Carbondale, Illinois, on Saturday, March 15th. The meeting was the first held since November and those present enjoyed seeing the FEIGENBAUM'S beautiful new home as well as the fellowship with the far-flung members of the chapter.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the "Pilot of the Year" award to NELL RICE of Kennett, Missouri. During 1968, NELL achieved her commercial, instrument, and ground instructor ratings and participated in a number of aviation events and organizations. NELL and her husband, DICK, have been most generous in helping local groups by flying their "His and Hers" Pitts Specials which Dick built. NELL manages to keep up with her flying while raising four children and working full time as a Welfare Worker. We were all glad to see her out again after spending some time in the Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

The group also extended congratulations to EVELYN BRAESE of Dyersburg, Tennessee, who received her instrument rating in January with the help of an Amelia Earhart Scholarship. EVELYN completed her work in Florida where they are apparently not quite as plagued with bad weather as the central Mississippi Valley has been this winter.

Our chairman, LOIS FEIGENBAUM, also received the recent honor of being the first woman ever to receive an Area Distinguished Service Award from Southern Illinois Incorporated. LOIS and BOB were jointly honored by the area group for their many contributions to their Southern Illinois Area in the fields of industrial development and the promotion of aviation, especially in the Powder Puff Derby stops in Carbondale in 1967 and the planned stop in Mount Vernon this year.

After a delightful buffet dinner, the ladies retired to the den for a much needed business meeting while the husbands discussed flying in the living room. Chairman LOIS reported on the progress being made in plans for the Powder Puff Derby stop in Mt. Vernon and on the enthusiasm of the citizens of Mt. Vernon in making the necessary arrangements.

MILLIE LIMBAUGH gave a report



A gala get-together was enjoyed by the Cape Girardeau Area Chapter on March 15 after bad weather and illness of members had delayed the meeting nearly two months. Enjoying the hospitality of Chapter Chairman LOIS FEIGENBAUM, (front) was prospective member CHARMAINE FREEMAN, Chapter Secretary KAREN WILLIAMS, Past Chairman NADINE HEUER, Vice Chairman EVELYN BRAESE, MILLIE LIMBAUGH, NELL RICE, and MARY BOYD.

on sweat shirt sales. The chapter decided to hold the next meeting in Dyersburg on Wednesday, April 9th, and to try to hold a joint meeting with the Kentucky Blue Grass Chapter at Kentucky Dam in May, possibly the third Sunday.

A prospective member from Dyersburg, CHARMAINE FREEMAN, was welcomed to the meeting along with the husbands of the members present. Those who attended were NELL and DICK RICE, who drove up from Kennett, Missouri; MILLIE and RUSH LIMBAUGH and KAREN and BILL WILLIAMS, who drove over from Cape Girardeau; NADINE and ELMER HEUER, who flew from Cape; EVELYN and BILL BRAESE, CHARMAINE and SON FREEMAN, and MARY and JOE BOYD; who flew up from Dyersburg; and our most gracious host and hostess, BOB and LOIS FEIGENBAUM.

Missing from the meeting for various reasons were several members but reports were received from some of them. Our newest and youngest member, SUE FEIGENBAUM was in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where she attends the University of Southern Mississippi. SUE recently flew home commercial and had the thrill of flying the jet. She reported that the pilot told her that 75% of commercial airline pilots fly for fun in their time off and that the pilots are not "against general aviation". He also told her he would like his wife to learn to fly and LOIS is planning to contact her in the near future.

MARY EVANS recently learned that heights are more dangerous at home than in a plane. She fell off a chair and spent three weeks in the hospital. She is now continuing her recuperation in the Bahamas. MARGIE HALL and FRANK are in Phoenix where FRANK



The Chicago Area Chapter of the Ninety-Nines recently held their 17th Annual Achievement Award Banquet honoring their pilots of the year. Seated left to right; LOUISE KOKESH, GERRY KRAUSE 3rd place, KATIE BOYD, 1st place "Pilot of the Year", RUTH BAXTER, 2nd place, JEAN CLAUS, 1st place in 2nd category. Standing left to right; JUANITA FINEMAN, VIRGINIA COFFEEN, ELSIE WAHRER, GOVERNOR MARY CLARK of the No. Central Section, CHARLENE FALKENBERG, ELLEN O'HARA, JUDY SUIT and CAROLINE SMITH.

is recuperating from a serious illness but are due home in the next few weeks.

Your reporter enjoyed meeting MURIEL DILLEY and some other Michigan Ninety-Nines at Grand Rapids recently. They were headed for a meeting in Lansing while we were headed back to Tennessee after a brief visit in Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids.

#### CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Clarissa H. Holcomb, Reporter

SO FAR WE HAVE NO FAVORABLE COMMENTS ON THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ISSUES. CONSENSUS is, it can be omitted entirely.

We have good news in the "upgrading" end of the business. JEAN WEST, JEAN READ and I passed Ground Instructor-Instrument.

SHELLEY WALKER, now attending U. of I. Institute of Aviation, passed her commercial and obtained her flight instructor's certificate.

LOUISE STAHLY has an incentive to keep APT. Her son, TERRY, soloed on his 16th birthday at Illini and flies the 250 Comanche with his mother, while husband, NORVAL tries to keep pace in his twin.

BOBBYE KESTERSON is looking forward to helping AWTAR at the Mount Vernon must-stop in July. Says, "you all come!"

The Florida national air races were well-attended — ARLENE JOHNSON and JEAN READ crossed paths down there.

Our Illini meeting was well-attended too. We saw slides of BUNNY WILSON'S when she was chairman a few years back. They were thoroughly enjoyed. Do try to take more pictures of your gatherings.

March 2nd found us in Peoria. Maybe we can coax ANN PELLEGRINO to transfer to our chapter from Michigan. She is living in Peoria but those Michigan girls are pretty loyal to the

ole chapter. We had six guests who are fledglings. Hope they fly on now that Spring is here.

MARGE KELLY, back from Florida, flew FRED over to the Peoria meeting. She was glad to get back to her own plane. Said that renting was darn expensive. She had taken a hop or two around Fort Myers.

MARTHA McMAHON and BARBARA JENISON were all ready to start for Peoria, but husband BILL had urgent business in another direction and left the girls sans wings.

It will be a while before ARLENE JOHNSON flies any but a rented plane. SPIKE sold the Navion and is proceeding to build their next plane.

PAT SMITH and BARBARA BRUSSEAU are keeping Marshall County field open. They flew to the Peoria meeting in their respective planes.

We're looking forward to seeing GLORIA FARR soon. She was observed at O'Hare enroute to Hawaii

so we excused her from the March meeting.

KATHLEEN WOOD has been spending lots of time encouraging her husband, JEAN, on toward his instrument rating so she will have her turn next. She says, "drop in to Shelbyville, Illinois. I'm there 'most every Sunday." So we did and she was.

JEAN READ rode with JEAN WEST and recommended her for her Instrument Instructor's check ride. It was great to be along—and not under the hood myself! JEAN WEST passed her Helicopter Instrument written. Yes, there is such a test!

It was good to have ILA ZABORAC (our newest member) and ESTHER SALOMONE, our membership chairman, back. ESTHER had been flying high—the Iberian Peninsula.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER

Dorothy Nickamp, Reporter

February saw us extending a hand of welcome to new member VIRGINIA HANEY and to guest ANN BLACK from Purdue University.

With spring nearing and with it good flying weather saw our members getting their birds out of the winter nests and stretching their wings. BETTY and CURT DeBAUN limbered up their Skylane and headed to the meeting of the Flying Funeral Directors. My how time adds up, BETTY reports that CURT has passed one milestone, he now has 1,000 hours logged. BETTY has also kept the new bird busy by helping out on the March of Dimes Air Lift held in January at Hulman Field.

April will find four ex-WASP's at Jacqueline Cochran's ranch. ESTHER BERNER will be the boss pilot on the trip with JILL McCORMICK, MARTY WYALL and BETTY NICHOLAS along to keep her out of trouble. Have a good trip, a fun time and don't let those old war stories get any nuttier than they already are.

MARTHA HOLST is certainly proud of her daughter DONNA, who is now pleasing passengers on Eastern Airlines as a hostess flying out of Miami, Florida. Recently DONNA was one of the hostesses on a Santa Claus flight for some 185 Dade County, Fla. children. Not to be outdone MARTHA'S 49½ER JOHN, received his private pilots license. Their latest project is that commercial ticket.

Speaking of parents proud of their children, ROWENA and JOE MILAN are popping buttons over son MIKE



Discussing what to stuff the "goody bags" with for the spring meeting of the North Central Section in Indianapolis on April 25-26 are TANNIE SCHLUNDT, KATIE SAGE and BETTY NICHOLAS.

who placed 3rd in the state High School Wrestling Tournament.

SOPH PAYTON does it again. This time she has placed 3rd in the NPA Proficiency Races and will journey to Harbory, Vermont in June to receive the award at the NPA national meeting.

Welcome back to PEGGY COULTER who had been missing for a time. PEGGY is now grounded having sold the trusty Tripacer back in September, but she still manages to log time.

Congratulations to JANE RAY who recently received her silver wings membership pin in December, 68. She is now making plans for the next 25 years by getting ready to head to Florida for a March vacation.

Congratulations are also in order to ANN and JAY LAUTZENHEISER on the birth of a future 99 member, ELIZABETH, on Feb. 28.

A pat on the back and a tip of the hat go this month to KATIE SAGE who received the Nicholas Award of the Indianapolis Aero Club as the outstanding woman pilot of the year.

#### IOWA CHAPTER

Claudette Parker, Reporter

Ames was the meeting place, February 9th was the date. WOW! What a turn out! LOIS & RAY GRANGE (Des Moines) brought their son JIM, & BILL and I brought our two, KIM & GREG. Touch-down was noon. Coffee and conversation took over for

a while, then off to, The Broiler, for dinner. Later we were transported to Hach Chemical Co. at Ames. While we gals held our meeting, DON JOHNSTON & CLIFF HACH took the husbands on a tour of Building 3. Our hostesses were KITTY HACH & BETTY JOHNSTON. By the way—their plan worked . . . they said in the invitation they sent out to talk "southern" and it would be warm. As it turned out, it was a beautiful day. Our attendance proved that, as 36 of us were there including guests.

DOROTHY SLICK from Des Moines joined our group. Welcome aboard DOROTHY. KITTY HACH, now has her Multi-engine rating—and just in time, as they also have a beautiful new Twin Comanche, which is red, white and blue. Congratulations on both, KITTY.

LENELLE HUNT (Fairfield) mentioned to me that the 5th member in her family is learning to fly. I think that's something to be real proud of and know LENELLE is.

You gals have no idea what flying weather we haven't had here in Iowa. Seems we've had ice, snow, rain, ice and more ice. But again we lucked out on our meeting held in Waterloo, March 9th. Yes . . . you guessed it, it was great. Cold, but crystal clear and absolutely the best flying weather. Hostesses for the day were: GERALDINE (GERRI) WALKER, VERNA MAE PROCHASKA, RUTH SCHLEUS-

by the Minnesota Department of Aeronautics and the F.A.A. that are being held in various places around the state during February, March and April. JOAN SOMMERFELD explained the pilot upgrading program and will be sending us the forms to complete to show that we have taken the Annual Proficiency Test.

BARB WILEY was able to tell us that just the day of the meeting she had been awarded her Instrument Instructor Rating. Congratulations! BARB! We Rejoice with you.

At the annual meeting of the Minnesota Aviation Trades Association our chairman RITA ORR was named "Mrs. Aviation" of 1969. The M.A.T.A. distinguished service award was for her contribution to aviation in Minnesota.

The program for our February meeting was a lecture and demonstration of how an engine of a small aircraft works. We had the opportunity to stick our fingers into the oily innards of a Continental engine of the type used in Bonanzas. LES LEWIS, BUD LADWIG and OSCAR MAY of Modern Aero answered a great many questions for both the 99s and their 49½ers. In March we met at the same place and they explained flight instrument systems and some readings that would indicate trouble for a pilot. Some of us were hoping they would explain an easy method for removing ice that holds hangar doors closed and prevents pilots from getting their planes out. Both meetings gave us an opportunity for some hangar flying and in March we heard about the trips taken by the ORRS and KUECHLES. Both RITA and BETTY KUECHLE'S 49½ER BILL got in quite a bit of instrument time, on that trip.

Plans for future meetings in 1969 were discussed at both meetings and it sounds like we will have an interesting year. We will tell you about them as they become realities.

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Katie Conkling, Reporter

Wisconsin 99's cover the state—meeting at a different location each month. Meetings are scheduled for the second Sunday of each month—visiting 99's and prospective members are always welcome—contact any member for location and time of meeting.

The Austin-Straubel Airport, Green Bay, Wisconsin, will be the location

of our March meeting. Tentatively planned for April is a field trip, by bus, to visit Chicago Center. Our 49½ers and future members (student pilots) are invited to come along.

We in Wisconsin hope to become more involved and knowledgeable on state and national legislation pertaining to aviation by the formation of a legislative committee to keep us informed.

#### GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

Jan Pocock, Reporter

Greetings from Beautiful Downtown St. Louis, where all the Greater St. Louis 99's have passed their APT rides, due to the unbelievably fair weather in these parts! Yek! April Fool! Well, would you believe we have 2 Apt 99's? NORMA BRAUCH and VAL JOHNSON, both of whom passed with (pardon the expression) Flying Colors! The rest of us will catch up—just slow starters and chicken pilots, that's all! (Really, the only sunny days we've had this year have also managed to have 30-50K winds!)

Proud and pleased to announce 2 new members accepted at our March meeting. ROE FULGRAF, who had to patiently wait till she received that coveted Private, several months after having attended her first meeting, and JEAN BRUER, our second member from Greenville, Ill. In addition, we have a returning transferee, ERMA MANZO, former St. Louisan who spent some time in Iowa. We're especially delighted about all three, due to the unhappy prospect of losing our "top two". Our Vice Chairman, DONNA RAE HENKE is running off to Italy in May with her NAVY HUSBAND, JOHN, for a tour of duty which means we'll lose her for a year or so, and the worst blow was announced by our Chairman, MEARL FRAME. Her 49½ER, BILL, has accepted Ch. Pilot position with the Budd Corp. in Detroit, which means the Michigan Chapter is gonna get a mighty great gal, unfortunately for us. MEARL has assured us she'll stick around and close out the school year for her kids, and finish up some of the many projects she started us on this year, thank goodness! (That's only fair!) In addition, the HENKE family had more excitement. FRAN and AUGIE are the proud new parents of a bouncing baby boy! Our sincere congratulations to 99 FRAN, 49½ER, AUGIE, and 24-¾ AUGIE, JR. Sure hope FRAN

will be able to co-pilot for RUTH LAKE in the up-coming Sky Lady. They are quite a team.

Our fun, combined meeting with the St. Louis Aero Club in January brought us four new 49½ers. Most happy to welcome MEL KUHN, KURT LINDAUER, JOE WICKENHAUSER, and JIM BOARD—"better-hal's" of DORIS, BARB, "TEX", and BETTY respectively. Following our "swearing in" with a take-off of a radio interview that proved to be a pretty entertaining evening. In February, we were "entertained" by the F.B.I.! Local Investigator by the name of BOB BENDER gave us some very interesting facts about crimes aboard aircraft and what the F.B.I. does to ward them off.

Lotsa work in the future for our chapter, like the start of the "Spirit of San Diego Air Race", which will originate at Lambert Field, STL, on May 10th. "GUSSIE" FREEZE is working on the housing for both people and aircraft and RUTH LAKE will handle the impounding (with assistance from the F.A.A. and others!) The Executive International Inn, right handy to Lambert Field, will be H.Q. for out-of-towners and we're looking forward to seeing many of our flying buddies. Then, June 21st, the Sky Lady will originate from the "Spirit of St. Louis" airport, with most of the details being handled by the WNAA, thank gosh, but our gals who won't be flying the race will help with the ground work. That eliminates JEAN LENNERTSON and GRACE COVYEAU, RUTH LAKE and FRAN HENKE, plus several others, cause they'll be up there challenging the best! The end of June, at St. Clair, Mo. airport, and the end of July at Arrowhead Airport in St. Louis County, we're planning to have aerobatic shows. AMY LAWS will do her famous "360° turn on take-off roll trick", JAN POCOCK will demonstrate how to get your live take-offs and landings in on one approach, and (Oh, good grief! Can't seem to get off that Foolish April Kick!). Seriously, KIT HEACOCK and several of her Aerobatic pals have agreed to put on a demonstration of their skills while the rest of us non-aerobatic 99's will sell soda and other goodies to J. Q. Publik—the proceeds of which will be donated to our U.S. Aerobatic Team to help get them to the World Meet in 1970. Wouldn't it be great if several Chapters would do likewise? Maybe it's just because it's closer to home for us this year, with KIT in the "running", but

really, tiz a mighty worthy cause and seems rather a shame that the team representing the wealthist Nation in the world should have to scrimp and scrounge in order to get the pennies together to go! Huh?

Will leave you with this thought. Wanta put some fun into your life and have an excuse to fly? VAL JOHNSON says "Join the flight to lunch, bunch!" She, JOAN LAMB, MARY LOWE, GERRY BEETZ, AMY LAWS, and several others have started a get together on Wednesdays at various airports within, roughly, an hour's flying distance from home base, just for the fun of it! Sounds like a fantastik idea, if they'll stop through Lambert Field and pick up their reporter friend! All near-by chapters are very cordially invited to join. Contact VAL to find out which airport they plan to "invade", and meet 'em there for lunch! So Long—see you No. Central gals at Indianapolis April 26th.

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Katie Conkling, Reporter

FLORENCE TONEY (TONEY) was presented an award by the Wisconsin Aviation Trades Association. The award was presented by BILL LOTZER, a Director of W.A.T.A., for TONEY'S "contribution to aviation in Wisconsin over the years."

RAMONA HEUBNER contributed the following notes from our February meeting held in Sheboygan —

We thank MR. HARRY CHAPLIN for making the day a very pleasant and educational event.

1. HARRY gave information on air-marking in Wisconsin. If there are areas where Ninety-Nines can help, we will be informed.

2. We unanimously approved MR. CHAPLAIN'S suggestion that we have a Ninety-Nine committee to "watch" aviation legislation in Wisconsin and to inform us thru our Monthly Flyer—and when to take action.

3. At the present time the Wisconsin Division of Aeronautics gets funds only from:

- a. fee or tax from airlines
- b. from pilots who do not claim gas tax
- c. aircraft registrations.

4. The Council of Aeronautics can only advise. The only division in our State Department of Transportation that is limited in this way.

We welcomed as new members: BARBARA NELSON, Milwaukee and MARGE DUNN, Okauchee.



**BILL LOTZER, Director of Wisconsin Aviation Trades Association presenting an award to FLORENCE TONEY "for her contribution to aviation in Wisconsin over the years."**

Our March meeting at Austin-Straubel Airport, Green Bay, was well attended—weather was favorable for a good Ninety-Nine fly-in. MR. R. HEMPEL of the Green Bay, FSS, showed some FAA films and briefed us on the many services the Green Bay FSS has available for pilots.

Our April meeting will be a field trip to tour Chicago Center at Aurora, Illinois. Guests and friends will be invited to join the tour.

JANICE THOMAS, ETHEL WESTERLUND and KATIE CONKLING plan on attending the Spring Sectional.

#### CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

Louise Kokesh, Reporter

The Chicago Area Chapter had their 17th Annual Achievement Awards Banquet Saturday, March 15th at the Toll Gate Inn in Aurora, Illinois. Sixty Eight Ninety-Nines, Forty Nine and a Half's and guests attended. Winners were 1st place KATY BOYD, 2nd place RUTH BAXTER, 3rd place Chairman GERRY KRAUSE. Fourteen girls participated in the 1968 Achievement Awards contest. Fourth place was CHARLENE FALKENBERG, 5th place CAROLINE SMITH, 6th place ELSIE WAHRER, 7th place JOAN SCHOGGER, 8th place PEG TRANER, 9th place NITA FINEMAN, 10th place JUDITH SUIT, 11th place VIRGINIA COFFEEN, 12th place LOUISE KOKESH, 13th place ELLEN O'HARA. Last

year we tried a little different approach to our Achievement Awards. We were not having the participation we thought we should have so we added another 1st place trophy to be given the Ninety-Nine who had the most points without flying time. Winner of this trophy was JEAN CLAUSS. Some of the girls don't get to do too much flying but do so much work for the 99's we thought they should be rewarded also.

GOVERNOR MARY CLARK came in from Michigan to present the girls their Trophies. We all had a wonderful visit with MARY and was very happy she was able to attend the Banquet. Other out of town guest was ANN ROETHKE our Past Governor from Milwaukee. It is always a pleasure to have ANN visit with us. Past Chairman SUE ROSCOE was presented the Past Chairman's Pin by Chairman GERRY KRAUSE. New members were presented their pins and the 49½'s their cards. Entertainment was the movie POWDER PUFF FOR JOAN. Everyone had a wonderful time and fourteen girls had beautiful trophies to take home. Chairman of Achievement Award was MARY SHUMWAY and she really did a bang up job. Many thanks MARY from Chicago Area 99's.

HELEN SAILER had been on vacation with ANN ROETHKE, they flew to St. Croix in the Virgin Islands. When they were in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. they ran into EDIE MAXIM. You never can tell where you will run into another 99.

EVA and HAROLD WHITE left Sat., March 15th for a two week stay in Florida, Poodles and all.

LORRAINE & WALLY BRUCHER are the proud owners of a Cessna 210 which they will keep at Naper Aero Estates. They live just across the street from EVA & HAROLD WHITE. Good luck with the new plane.

It was nice to see BEA and VERN SIEMON don't get a chance to see them too often as home duties keep them pretty busy.

NONA & SKIP GUSTAFSON took a fast trip out to the West Coast and NONA just love it out there, can hardly wait for the next trip out there. It is always nice to get away but its is nice to return to home base.

With Spring coming up hope to see nice shinny airplanes taking off for the Spring Sectional in Indianapolis April 25, 26, and 27th. Get your reser-

ventions in early. I know we will all have a wonderful time.

MARY and JOHN flew via Airlines to Portland, Oregon and MARY got to go skiing on Mt. Hood. She flew over Mt. Hood in the 1966 Powder Puff Derby and got to go skiing on it in 1969. MARY is a pretty busy gal with taking care of a new baby she is finding time to go out and fly once in awhile. Guess you plan on Powder Puffing this year?



#### ARKANSAS CHAPTER

Marguerite Nielsen, Reporter

The benefit Style Show held in the home of CARRIE HUNT in Little Rock on March 13 was well attended and profitable for the Arkansas Chapter. Clothing was furnished by Kay's House of Fashion of North Little Rock. Food was furnished, prepared, and served by our Chapter. Members attending were CARRIE HUNT, RUTH GRAY, BEVERLY HART, MARGE MCLEAN, MARY DU KETT, BETTYE BOLLEN, SHIRLEY BOGGESS, RUTH MCADAMS, KAY NEWTH, JOAN MORGAN, RAMONIA SLOAT, & DELORES MITCHELL.

The Arkansas Chapter will have another style show in May at the home of DELORES MITCHELL in Sallisaw, Okla.

RAMONIA SLOAT made four flights to Little Rock and one to Louisiana this month, in her 172. DELORES DEAM flew her 182 to Greenville, Miss. for a visit with home folks. MARGE NIELSEN was pleased to do sand bag time with DELORES and spent most of the day hangar flying in Greenville with DOT ETHERIDGE.

DELORES MITCHELL is very busy in Sallisaw getting the town ready to be a race stop for the "Youth Derby" to be flown July 26, 1969 from Wiley Post to Sallisaw to Cushing to Wiley Post. The race is to be a X-C Proficiency sponsored by W.N.A.A. of which DELORES is National Vice President. The race is open to male and female pilots between the ages of 17 and 25, attending school or an accredited college, holding a Private license or better. Co-Pilots are mandatory of the same age bracket with

or without a license. Prizes include flight scholarships and trophies. HAROLD KRIER, World Aerobatic Champion, offered 10 hours aerobatic training as one of the prizes. Entry fee is \$15.00 and entry blanks and additional data may be obtained from PAUL E. MARTZ, P. O. BOX 10786 MIDWEST CITY, OKLAHOMA 73110.

DELORES MITCHELL is the happy owner of a new Bonanza.

Adams Tower, Adams Field LIT was presented a plaque by KAY NEWTH and SHIRLEY BOGGESS on behalf of our chapter for outstanding service and help given to the Ninety Nines.

OUR CHAPTER WILL DONATE A TROPHY TO THE ARKANSAS AERO CLUB RACE FOR THE BEST SCORING 99. THE RACE WILL BE HELD IN HOT SPRINGS ON JUNE 21.

HAPPY TOUCHDOWNS!

#### COLORADO CHAPTER

Pat Luther, Reporter

Horray, another ATR rating for the Colorado Chapter!

Congratulations to SARALEE FISHER . . . BETTY JO REED and GRACE MAYFIELD have big plans to attend the Wasp reunion at JACQUELINE COCHRAN'S ranch in Indio, California April 11-13. The High Altitude Chamber with a trip to 29,000 feet was enjoyed by CHARLOTTE CLEVE, RO-ANN MOULTON, SANDY COOPER, MARIUM HANNA and JUNE CHRISTY.

"Runway Ramblings" — LUCILLE ELGIN is sporting a "new" Bonanza and hopes to do a lot of cross country flying . . . GWEN CRAVEN has been checked out for night flying so she can fly from Greeley to our evening meetings in Denver at Stapleton International . . . JAN GAMMELL and HELEN MAXSON are busy preparing the Comanche 250 for their departure for the Angel Derby . . . FREDDA TURRILL and 49½ER LARRY with their Ports of Call Travel Club have been enjoying trips to South America and points south. They have been joined by HELEN CHOUN and 49½ER JOE from the Colorado Chapter and MARY WENHOLZ of the Long Beach Chapter. DONNA MYERS, our International President will be leaving for California to present a Charter to the South Sierra Chapter and will also be busy at Oklahoma City for the Board meeting . . . Longest trip of all was made by JEAN FERRELL who spent ten days in Norway skiing at Voss and

sightseeing at Copenhagen and Oslo before returning via Polar Route. The Captain was advised of her presence on board and he had JEAN as a guest while flying over the Magnetic North Pole, in the DC 8-63.

An extremely interesting and informative program was presented by DR. HARPER on High Altitude Physiology . . .

Happy Flying . . .

#### DALLAS CHAPTER

Pat Clark, Reporter

I can see the hand writing on the wall, you have the wrong gal for news reporter: LIL TAFEL has done a great job of stepping in and reporting the news.

Everyone take note: THE POKER PARTY DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MAY 3RD WITH RAINDATE MAY 10TH. PEG ONG wishes to announce that this year we are adding a spot landing, Lucky 13th award for both male and female and a wild card award at each of the five stops. The selected airports stops are ADDISON, SHERMAN, GAINESVILLE, ARLINGTON and ending at Redbird Airport Terminal. Hope to see everyone out flying the Poker Party.

When PEG ONG was in St. Louis she had lunch with Greater St. Louis Chapter members ANY LAWS and JAN POCOCK.

JO ALLISON has a new Telephone No. where she can be reached after 4 P.M. 328-1579.

While CINDY and JACK MORRIS were in Dallas on business they were able to spend an evening with PAT & FRAN CLARK. Sure do miss you folks here in Dallas.

PAULINE & JACK WINTHROPE were in Sherman March 16th for installation of a new Experimental Club chapter. JACK flies for Braniff and both are active antique plane pilots.

Ole man weather didn't cooperate. ANN STUBEL & RUTH STULTS were weathered out of their week end in Juarez, Mexico — Ice in West Texas. PAT CLARK was weathered out of the Mardi Gras weekend — Tornadoes in La.

PHYLLIS DUKE has been one busy gal; she passed her flight instructors rating.

BARBARA POWELL is a new member. She keeps house for her father in Farmerville. Works as a medical technologist at St. Paul Hospital. She learned to fly at Airhaven.

Your down to the date deadline re-

porter's wings have been clipped. 463B is getting a new "heart beat" by way of shiny new engine. This business of staying home and answering the phone is confusing me. And now I'll close with a communication story told by MARV STEVENSON on the Wyoming Air Tour that I think bears repeating. Situation: A jet pilot aircraft 5558 at 8,000 feet, five out, on final, gear down and locked, wants to make a touch and go land.

THE TRANSMISSION SOUNDS LIKE THIS:

Sun Eurst Tower, this is chrome plated stove pipe, triple nickle 8 ball, angels 8, five in the slot, got my boots on and laced and I want to bounce and blow.

TOWER RESPONDS:

Roger — repeats transmission and adds: You got the nod, just hit the sod.

Now untwist your tongue.

#### HOUSTON CHAPTER

Aline Bush, Reporter

FAA Aviation Safety Director E. A. DODDS was speaker for Houston Chapter February meeting. In addition to entertaining and enlightening us verbally, MR. DODDS illustrated his remarks on safety with slides and films. Members viewed an impromptu, on-the-scene film which grimly showed the results of propping a plane with no one in the pilot's seat, along with slides of recent aircraft accidents and causes of same. This was a most constructive and informative program, one that gave us as pilots much to think about.

Two new members, MARY and EDWARD BROOKS and JAN, (MRS. W. C.) McELOCEN were guests for the evening. Both MARY and EDWARD, from Denver, Colorado chapter, trained at Arapaho, checked by JIM MUNCEY. MARY received her license in August, ED in November. They remarked that if the rest of Houston was as friendly and hospitable as the 99's, they would probably retire here. JAN received her single engine rating September 1968 and her multi engine rating December 1968. She and her flying husband have their Turbo Aztec C based at Lakeside.

On our Valentine fly-in in Rockport Sunday, February 16 (Erroneously reported as planned for Lakeway, Austin) we must have kept safety in mind. In an excellent turnout of more than 50 people, we had no mishaps. Some of the Eagle Lake chapter joined us,



PAT McEWEN and ARLENE WALKUP by PAT'S new psychedelic Beech. They will be off and running in the Angel Derby.

in addition to ol' man Sol, a gentleman who has shown his face but rarely around this area the past few weeks. The group had lunch at the Sand Dollar Motel and toured its beautifully landscaped grounds.

TOMMY and RUTH HILDEBRAND returned from Mexico and the Flying Farmer Tour in time to join us at Rockport. MARY and CONNIE ABLE just returned from Grand Bahama Island and Bimini. RUTH flew SALLY COX and MARY JANE NORRIS in her Debonair to arrange for Space Stations for the forthcoming Space Chase in April. Locations are to be Eagle Lake, College Station, Hooks, Huntsville and Cenro. We had such a good time last year in spite of marginal weather that everyone is getting excited over plans for this year's chase.

One who doesn't say very much but does a lot is MACKIE FUSELIER who has been experiencing the fun, excitement and suspense of piloting the jump plane for a sky-diving group which includes her husband ERWIN and son PHILLIP. MACKIE also flew on a search and rescue mission recently for CAP.

JUDY HANNA was recently welcomed into the 99's and we are looking forward to adding several other new members from the Petticoat Pilots who are almost ready for their check rides.

#### KANSAS CHAPTER

Alice Dodd, Reporter

The big news from our Chapter is the 18th birthday of the Kansas Chapter, and we celebrated in style! Forty two girls, and some of the husbands, began the afternoon of March 15, by hearing DON CARY, Beech Training Center, give an excellent presentation on Power Plants. The group then adjourned to the Candle Club where the party began, complete with cake and candles. The Chapter was not the only luck recipient. Our Chairman, MARY AIKEN, was presented with a cake in honor of her birthday. We were delighted to have several distinguished guests join us in the celebration: NEMA MASONHALL, Vice Governor of our Section, DOROTHY WARREN, Section Secretary, and ARLENE WALKUP, Past Governor.

Many of our girls stay busy with flying activities regardless of the weather, and believe me, it hasn't been too good! MARILYN COPELAND and PAT McEWEN have promoted women in aviation by giving talks to local groups. JOYCE CASE flew in an airshow at Liberal, Kans. in February.

A most unfortunate happening—ANNE WADDELL fell and broke her pelvic bone and will be immobilized for some time.

I am pinch-hitting for lucky ELEA-

NOR KNOTT, who is having a dreamy vacation in Old Mexico!

#### NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Marion Larmon, Reporter

Low ceilings, freezing drizzle, poor visibility and fog! This was the order of the day throughout January and February! Most disconcerting — but Nebraska 99's did manage to hold meetings and have some interesting flights.

In February 13 members met at Eppley Airport in Omaha for meeting and lunch at the Silver Lining. March 1st meeting was held at Kearney with LEAH SNART, hostess. Weather kept this reporter from attending, so no report on this meeting. Those attending in Omaha in February are: EVELYN SEDIVY, MARTHA PURDY, ROSEMARY HARVEY, PAT UNDERWOOD, MARY LOU PHELPS, CAROL MISCHNICK, BETH HOUCHEIN, CATHERIN MARSH, JAN HEINS, PAT WOLFE, JEANNE GIVEN, JAN SCHMEECKLE and JUDY WESTBROOK. Newly appointed committee Chairmen are: APT — SHIRLEY AMEN, who reminds us that June 1st is the deadline; Trophy Point System — JAN HEINS, who announced that a trophy will be awarded each quarter to the Nebraska 99 accumulating the most points under a system adopted by the chapter, and said trophy to be retired at the end of each year, going to the one with highest cumulative points; and MARTHA PURDY, Scrapbook. With such enthusiasm as these girls show, we can look forward to an active year.

We added two new members to our roster since the last news report — ROSEMARY HARVEY and PAT UNDERWOOD, both from Lincoln. Our Chairman, EVELYN SEDIVY, can once again be called a "student". She has begun work on her Master's degree at the University of Nebraska. In addition to her night class, she is teaching another session of ground school.

DIANE BARTELS, a transferee from Dallas now living in Lincoln, and husband, GARY, are the proud parents of KAYE DIANE, born January 19th in Lincoln. The JOHN PERRY family Stagger-Winged their way to the Yucatan peninsula for Christmas, spending the holiday in Isla Mujeres, the Isle of Women in the Caribbean. They covered 4,400 miles; met other flying families from the U.S., and had a wonderful time. BETH and DON HOUCHEIN, Om-

aha, flew (commercially) to Albuquerque and report they were entertained royally by 99's and EAAers. ABQ 99 WANDA COTHRAN and husband, CHUCK, took them to dinner at El Pinto where BETH ate her first tacos! The EAA president showed them a partially completed WOODY PUSHER and TAYLOR TITCH, and then gave them an air tour of ABQ in a 172. MARION LARMON, McCook, flew to Arcata, California, (also commercially) for a 9-day visit with her sister who leaves in March for Egypt where her husband will be the chief fisheries biologist of Lake Nasser at the High Aswan DAM. While there she was given a view of the coastal area in a Cherokee 180 by a friend of her sister's.

The upcoming item on the Nebraska 99 agenda is the gas stop at Kearney for the AWTAR. Plans are beginning to take shape and we all are looking forward to participating in this event and welcome all entrants who will be making Kearney their stop en route.

Happy Flying!

#### OMAHA AREA CHAPTER

Georgiann Ryneearson, Reporter

Before we got down to business at our February meeting, we enjoyed a box supper with our 49½ers at the home of HELEN and JOHN EHRLICH, with BETTY and BOB JARVIS assisting them. The array of fancy boxes indicated there is much artistic talent among our girls. HARRY DIRGO, flight instructor at South Omaha Airport and a long time pilot, gave a humorous but very informative talk on the importance of, "Being Professional in Your Flying." Besides the hosts, other members present were, ROSEMARY and MAX BLOCK, EDNA FERRELL, CAROLINE and LT. COL. GRANGER, BARBARA KREJCI, JOEY and LT. COL. KUBESCH, VERDAYNE and DICK MENZIE, GEORGIANN and BILL RYNEARSON, INEZ and HERB STOCKER and LUCILLE ULEMAN.

The March meeting was at JANICE KNEIFL'S home with GEORGIANN RYNEARSON as co-hostess. Other members present were, LUCILLE ULEMAN, MARGARET SOBECK, VERDAYNE MENZIE, BETTY JARVIS, YAVONNE HAMILTON, EDNA FERRELL, JANICE BESCH and ROSEMARY BLOCK. We were very happy to have with us as guests four student pilots (prospective 99s, we hope), BOBBI McCAFFREE, DONNA MOEN, LAVONNE GILBERT and

JAN CLEMENT. Discussed were possible civic projects that we can undertake in the near future. The evening's entertainment was an animated movie about weather, how and why the various types develop, shown by Joe Wenzel of the FSS.

Congratulations are in order to JANICE BESCH, who has just received her instructor's rating. JANICE was beginning to think that she was jinxed because her check-ride was cancelled four times by bad weather.

Because Midwest weather has been so disagreeable, INEZ and HERB STOCKER, GEORGIANN and BILL RYNEARSON of our chapter and MARTHA and BUB PURDY of the Nebraska Chapter flew south of the border in search of sunshine. They spent two weeks in Mazatlan, Guadalajara and Mexico City—sightseeing, deep-sea fishing, bargaining in the local markets and just generally enjoying the warm, clear weather. INEZ hooked a 150 lb. marlin, and MARTHA got a good start on her Christmas shopping. However, the highlight of their trip was seeing the very colorful performance of the Ballet Folklorico of Mexico in Mexico City. Also, they recommend a ride in down town Mexico City traffic for anyone afraid to fly. After that, a plane ride is mighty tame.

HELEN EHRLICH is back in circulation again after a bout with pneumonia, and INEZ STOCKER is battling some flu bugs.

In addition to her flight instruction, ANN PRINGLE has been busy teaching a ground school course at O'fallon.

JANICE and PHIL KNEIFL and children are looking forward to flying to Denver this month for a week-end of skiing.

Here's hoping that before the next newsletter is due, it will have been our pilots, rather than the weatherman, who have been "flying up a storm".

#### PIKES PEAK CHAPTER

Marion Hein, Reporter

JANICE OESCH was presented with two awards and plaques honoring her for obtaining the National Record of Feminine Multi-place Altitude Soaring and Altitude Gain, by the Soaring Society of America. This group holds a meeting once each year for all board members and directors for the purpose of making this award. This year the meeting was held at the Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, on Feb-

ruary 1st. VIRGINIA SEITZER, from the Western New York Chapter attended. Congratulations, JANIE!

A special meeting was held on March 5th to which we invited the ENT Air Force Base AERO Club, and the AERO Club from the Air Force Academy, as well as the Pikes Peak Flying Club and other interested pilots. MR. JON WILLIAMSON, an air traffic controller from the Peterson Field tower in Colorado Springs, was our speaker. After showing two films of interest he spoke on his experiences in his line of work and answered questions. We were happy to welcome a number of pilots and prospective pilots to this meeting. IRENE MOCK, Flying Farmer Queen, drove in from Limon bringing a student pilot with her. MR. AND MRS. LADWIG were also in attendance. MR. LADWIG is director of aviation.

We are delighted to have LUCY SHATTUCK join our chapter. She is working on her commercial and trying to line up a sponsor so she can enter the Powder Puff Derby. We hope she makes it! PAULINE MEIGHEN would love to be her co-pilot and she has had experience flying the Powder Puff Derby.

We are planning a series of meetings which will be of interest to new pilots and student pilots in this area. Several have expressed interest in joining our chapter—hope they will.

Happy flying . . .

#### SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

Marian Burke, Reporter

Is everyone prepared to fly the Angel Derby? . . . Got the family flyin' machine all polished up? . . . Refreshed yourself on some good navigation? . . . Brushed up on your Spanish? We hope all of those answers are "YES" because the San Antonio 99 Chapter is certainly looking forward to your stopping at San Antonio Int. Airport (even if it is just for a few minutes to pick up "a plane load of tail-winds"! We have ordered only clear skies, lots of sunshine and plenty of "tail-winds" for everyone throughout the race!

We are sending lots of "good luck and have fun" wishes along with our San Antonio contestants, JOYCE STEIN and "EVE" KERR. JOYCE will be flying as pilot in the "family Comanche 250" and EVE will be Co-pilot. EVE, who recently married, is a Major in the service and will be transferring to Japan in June. Her husband



HELEN HEWITT (left) and MARTHA CHRISTY, of the Shreveport Chapter, proudly hold a sign proclaiming the 1,000 hours flying time they have each logged. That's HELEN'S Bellanca 300 in the background.



Shreveport 99s at a recent fly-in meeting at Ruston, La. Pictured (left to right) are: HAZLE NEALEY, KITTY JENKINS, HELEN HEWITT, SARAH HENLEY, DOTTIE PORTS, SARA CALDWELL, JENNY McWILLIAMS, JERE SAUR.

is now serving in Viet Nam. This will be the first race for both JOYCE and EVE and both girls are really excited.

Running a close second on that excitement is JOYCE'S husband, STAN. Anyone trying to locate him during "off-duty" hours for the next month might try Texsun Beechcraft hangar at Int. Airport. He'll probably be putting an extra coat of wax on the

Comanche to get that "extra two miles worth of speed."

It's all going to be fun and take-off day will be here before we know it. May we extend our very best wishes to each and every contestant. We can have only one official winner but keep in mind . . . DON'T TAKE UNNECESSARY CHANCES! KEEP A SAFE FUEL RESERVE IN YOUR PLANE!

## DON'T ARGUE WITH OLD MAN WEATHER!

Have a safe flight and have fun. That will make everyone of you a race winner! Desiamos veras en el aeropuerto Internacional de San Antonio el dia veinticuatro de Marzo! Adios!

Members and friends of the San Antonio Chapter wish to extend their "heart-felt" sympathy to NORMA McELVAIN because of the loss of her husband, COL. W. H. McELVAIN. NORMA (a past Chairman of our chapter and still a member) and MAC had been living in O'Fallon, Ill. where MAC was stationed at Scott AFB.

MAC died March 13th from a heart attack and was at the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo.

NORMA and MAC were favorites of our group. We enjoyed them so much during MAC'S tour of Military duty in this area. NORMA we hope that your knowing that we all care will help bear the pain of adjustment. He was loved by us all. Again please accept our sincere sympathy.

## SHREVEPORT CHAPTER

Evelyn Snow, Reporter

Our January meeting was held at the home of JOAN CARROLL. Welcomed to their first meeting were MADGE KELLY and PAT GUSTINE.

For our February meeting we flew to Ruston airport, where we were guests of JENNY McWILLIAMS, whose 49½er, DON, manages the airport. (DON, by the way, has recently been made an FAA Examiner). Vetoed in by JENNY on Unicom were: SARAH HENLEY, JERE SAUR, HAZLE NEALEY, HELEN HEWITT, DOTTIE PORTS, KITTY JENKINS, SARA CALDWELL, and EVELYN SNOW. JENNY is expecting the arrival of an heir soon . . . a prospective 99 maybe? We were interested to learn that JENNY was the first lady pilot in the Republic of Liberia!

It's three big cheers for MARTHA CHRISTY and HELEN HEWITT—they have each passed the 1,000 hour mark in their log books!! HELEN started flying in 1958, holds Multi-engine, Commercial, Instrument, Instrument Instructor, and Ground Instructor ratings, teaches flying and ground school regularly. (One of her students recently scored 100% on the FAA private written!). HELEN flies a Bellanca 300. MARTHA'S flying began in 1961. She holds Multi-engine, Commercial, Instrument, and Ground Instructor ratings, and since receiving her de-

gree in education from Louisiana Tech last November, she teaches 5th grade math to 120 elementary school students. MARTHA flies a twin Comanche.

Another member of whom we are justly proud is HELEN WRAY. HELEN was chosen to receive the Shreveport Zonta Club's annual Aviation Award! In just two years of flying HELEN has earned her Multi-engine, Commercial, Instrument, Ground Instructor, and most recently her Instrument Instructor ratings.

CORINNE STRICKLAND is back managing her restaurant after a few months' vacation, during which time she got in some flying and a trip to Europe and Alaska. CORINNE used to be associated with the FAA in Alaska, and she showed us some colored slides she took while there, including one of the world's northernmost FAA station, at Barrow.

SARAH HENLEY has just completed HELEN HEWITT'S Commercial course and passed her FAA written test. Congratulations, SARAH.

HAZLE NEALEY'S 49½ER, "MULE", is in the hospital recuperating from major surgery. We know that all their friends among the 99's and 49½ers will want to wish him a speedy recovery.

I am proud to announce that I'm now eligible for the flying grandmothers club—our daughter BETTY and her husband, LT. JIM HEISE, presented us with a grandson, BRENT MICHAEL, born February 21.

## TIP OF TEXAS CHAPTER

Catharina Biehn, Reporter

We had a nice turnout for our Feb. meeting at PAULINE'S office. Almost all our C.C. members were present along with the girls from McAllen, Harlingen and Kingsville. We also had several guests: WANDA NICHOLS and EONNIE HALE from Corpus Christi, and CLAIRE GANTREAU from McAllen.

After we talked over business, we saw a movie of AMELIA EARHART and some other famous 99 girls. ARDATH McCREERY brought the film with her from McAllen.

After the film, we had lunch at the Cotten Bar B Q at Robstown. It surprised several of us to have our food served on pieces of paper, but it did not take anything away from its delicious flavor.

Our March 1 meeting was held at

PAULINE'S office and some of us had lunch afterwards at Cotten's again. We discussed the Angel Derby and the possibility of having some of the CC girls go down to Monterrey, Mexico to do the timing for the race. Let us hope for nice sunny weather.

## TULSA CHAPTER

Agnes Heilman, Reporter

Our February meeting at JAN MAURITSON'S home on the 11th was clock-ull of business. Two guests—prospective members—added much to the evening. PAT JENSON has come to our fair city from Iowa and is employed as an instructor with Cessna Pennant Aviation at Tulsa International Airport. MRS. MABEL BOEHLER, our other guest, is no beginner in the aviation world either. She and her husband and their son, Terry, are all members of the Tulsa Chapter of the Antique Airplane Ass'n. Terry is the young man who set the new official world's record for soloing the greatest number of different makes and types of aircraft on his 16th birthday (53) here in Tulsa at Harvey Young Airport last fall.

Early in February AGNES and PAUL HELLMAN made their second venture into Mexico; this time to Mexico City and on to Acapulco—much fun.

On March 18 we gathered at MARY STURGIS' home for our regular meeting. Membership applications were issued to PAT JANSON and MABEL BOEHLER. We have accepted the challenge of manning the Tulsa Stop for the "Spirit of San Diego" Race, May 9-11 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the city of San Diego. NANCY CAIN has her Instrument Instructor's Rating now and made good use of it her first time out with her family enroute to Houston.

JAN MAURITSON had the big story of the evening. On a recent trip down the Eaja Peninsula (flying, of course) she survived the supreme ecstasy of catching a 100 lb. blue marlin and she came equipped with pictures to prove it. If you know JAN you also know that the fish had to be about twice as long as she is and outweighed her by several pounds. At their Serinadad, Muleghe stop she ran into MARION BANKS and we all know what fun it is to meet a fellow 99's way off the beaten path. It also gave JAN a good chance to get some first-hand information about the "Spirit of San Diego"

Race that we find ourselves involved in.

This beautiful Spring weather should bring out the aviation in all of us; so Happy Flying and we'll be seeing you at the Spring Section Meeting in Fort Worth.

#### WICHITA FALLS CHAPTER

Jean Medlinger, Reporter

A Christmas party was held in the home of RUTH RENTON, December 13, 1968. The meeting of January 11th was held in the Wichita Club. Thanks to ELAINE and JOHN EDWARDS for the dinner. A total of 23 people attended the meeting. The guest speakers were two men we have obtained before for our meeting and were so interesting, we invited them back again. MR. DICK GIFFON and MR. JOHN DONNELLY are with the G.A.D.O. office in Ft. Worth.

Welcome to our new member, Mrs. GOLDIE MARTIN,, 4513 Jennings.

APT buttons have been earned by RUTH RENTON, SHIRLEY WESBROOKS, BERNICE HARVEY, BETTY ALLISON and LAURIE STEPANIAN.

Congratulations to PAUL and RUTH RENTON for their new instrument instructor ratings.

The meeting of February 13, 1969 was held in the home of OLA MAE COOK. Valentine decorations and beautiful refreshments were prepared by OLA MAE.

Although it was a miserable rainy night, we had a fine attendance. Those attending the meeting were RUTH RENTON, BETTY ALLISON, GOLDIE MARTIN, LOU ELLEN FOSTER, LOLA EILLS, EARLENE GARLAND, JEAN MEDLINGER, MARYLYN O'NEIL, OLA MAE COOK, and SHIRLEY WESBROOKS. Two guests were present, NORMA DODGE and JUSTINE WOODS. JUSTINE was a former WASP.

LOU ELLEN FOSTER presented a film on Density Altitude.

APT buttons have been awarded one third of our group and we are striving for 60%.

#### SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Molly Stockwell, Reporter

March 16, 1969. The current activity for our chapter is its participation in the Angel Derby this coming week-end. We are proud to have had New Orleans selected for the start of the IAR which has impound and festivities, etc. beginning the 21st, with take off

scheduled for the 24th. We know the racers as well as the helpers and spectators can't help but fall under the spell of old New Orleans and we hope it will prompt some of them to further explore our lovely state of Louisiana.

We were very sad to hear that PATSY JONES and MARGARET RUTH who were planning to fly the IAR were unable to get all the details worked out, and will have to try again another time.

Our February meeting was held in New Iberia during one of our typical week ends. Someone up there really must like to "sock it to us" because we've surely had our share lately. However, YVONNE RYDER was a gracious hostess as always and had invited a most interesting guest speaker for our meeting. MR. GORDON BROWN of New Iberia, a businessman pilot, is one of a group of 6 concerned people spearheading a drive to save a large portion of the former New Iberia Air Station and retain this land for use as a much needed regional airport serving the Acadiana area. To date his group has been partially successful and MR. BROWN outlined the methods used and the progress made, and asked for our help in prodding local, state, and federal officials into lending a hand in what we thought was a most worthwhile effort. Those present were GINNY and LANKY SMITH, JAN PHILLIPS, CAL MEREDITH, YVONNE RYDER and her mother, MARGARET RUTH, ELEANOR LOWRY, MOLLY STOCKWELL, DEE COMEAUX, PAT WARD and LINDA WARD and all the LITTLE WARDS, and GUESTS MARIAN BALTZER of Baton Rouge, SHIRLEY EERNHART of Raceland, CATHERINE WOMACK of New Iberia, and MR. and MRS. GORDON BROWN.

Our regular March meeting was canceled since a meeting is to be held in New Orleans during the week end of the IAR. On April 13, we will hold our regular meeting at Eunice, La. We will air mark there with the help of the Acadiana Fliers, a local pilots group.

JAN PHILLIPS reports Lafayette is fortunate to have an L16 CAP plane. JAN is fairly short and says she has to use a heavy blanket and a big pillow to reach the rudders. With all this padding, the stick won't go all the way back. Well, she says it's fun though.

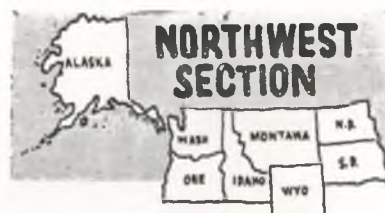
The Zonta club of Baton Rouge had PAT WARD as speaker at their annual Amelia Earhart program in Feb.

The topic was "Women in Aviation After Amelia Earhart". Also, DEE COMEAUX was asked to be Chief Starting Judge for the IAR. DEE is well qualified since she has flown the race several times and last year she handled all the details for the stop in Lake Charles.

Our newest member of the baby brigade was born to GLORIA and DAVE HOLMES. Their first child, MICHAEL DAVID, was born Jan. 28. I think that's correct; if it's not, I'll surely hear about it.

Your reporter and hubby JOHNNY drove to Albuquerque with some friends in February. I had big plans to try to meet some of the 99's there but things didn't work out that way. We of course had to try some skiing and the first day my husband broke his leg in all that beautiful soft snow. After two days in the hospital, we flew back home. Some vacation! We must commend everyone from the ski patrol on down the line for being some of the nicest folks we've met yet.

Well so long, but come see us in Houma at the air shown and fly-in on April 19 and 20. The Blue Angels and others will be there and it will be a very nice week end.



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#### ALASKA CHAPTER

Catherine Kippenhan, Reporter

The Alaska Chapter met in February at LAVELLE BETZ' home. In attendance were MARION ZAEGEL, PAT McGEE, PAT GILDA, MARGARET WAGNON, JESSIE NOLL, BLANCHE KRAGER, JAN PESSSEL, CATHY KIPPENHAN, MARY GANGE and MARY REID. LAVELLE pulled a sneaky and taped a couple of hours of the meeting on a hidden tape recorder. According to those who have heard the tape, there were usually three separate conversations going on

simultaneously with the business meeting. As a result, the March meeting was held in a conference room at the FAA Regional Headquarters in Anchorage. Business is business and the meeting was very efficient. Attending were MARGARET WAGNON, BLANCHE KRAGER, CAROLYN KENNEDY, MARY FLAHART, LAVELLE BETZ, MARY REID, CATHY KIPPENHAN, ANNE WILBUR, LIZ FELLABAUM (El Paso Chapter), PAT McGEE and CHAIRMAN MARY. Following the business meeting, the group traveled to Elmendorf Air Force Base for a program devoted to Survival, conducted by COLONEL FLETCHER of the 317th Fighter Squadron. The program was excellent and those attending felt that it was most worthwhile.

It was certainly good to see MARY FLAHART, who has returned to Alaska for a breather following several months of traveling in the Gulf States, Nassau, Africa and Europe. Also, a welcome addition to the group is LIZ FELLABAUM of the El Paso Chapter. We hope to see more of her while she and her husband are stationed with the Air Force in Alaska. LIZ is working toward her commercial.

We heard a rumor that INGRID PEDERSEN was visiting in Anchorage from Stockholm for a few days in February. NANCY KESLER is getting married sometime in April. RUTH HURST reportedly was seen cross country skiing at Skwentna. RUTH packs her skis in her Cessna 180 when she makes the mail run to Skwentna and enjoys the great outdoors while she's working. On the down-hill skiing scene, MARION ZAEGEL and 49½ER BILL are skiing twice weekly at Mt. Alyeska. RUTH O'BUCK manages to squeeze one day of skiing in each week and CATHY KIPPENHAN spends as much time as possible on the slopes. MARY REID finds that her Cessna 180 on pontoons doesn't work too well on snow and ice so she has been enjoying winter closer to the ground on a snowmobile.

Although Spring won't be officially "sprung" until the 21st of March, it is here unofficially. Those of us who have already mopped up run-off water in our basements can testify to the fact. With Spring breakup comes longer days and a word to the wise for those who haven't flown all winter: don't forget those take offs and landings to a full stop to become current before loading passengers into your planes.

The Alaska Chapter is sponsoring a

Flight Safety Seminar in the very near future. This all inclusive seminar will cover Weather Forecasting, Alcohol and Medications, Density Altitude, Mountain Flying, Situation-Anxiety, Wake-Turbulence, Night Flying, Communications, Oxygen, Low & Slow Hunting, Emergencies and Survival. These subjects will be discussed by the FAA, Civil Air Patrol, the U. S. Air Force and the Alaska Medical Society, and will be open to anyone interested in aviation. The dates will be announced soon.

#### COLUMBIA-CASCADE CHAPTER

Ethelyn M. Opheim, Reporter Pro-Tem

February's meeting was held at the Quay Restaurant, Sunday, February 9. An excellent turnout of members and 49½ers breakfasted in this spot which perches right on the edge of the Columbia River.

January and February weather kept us all grounded, but our members have been doing some interesting things, nevertheless.

MARCELLA OTHUS, our teacher supreme whose ability to motivate students with a unique program rated a two-page spread in the OREGONIAN, said she is "resting up" teaching, after beating the Russian Army out of Prague by 5 days (along with Shirley Temple). MARCELLA and JOHN took their two children on a 23-country tour of Eastern and Western Europe last summer. HER FEELING UPON RETURN HOME—"THE MOST WONDERFUL COUNTRY IN THE WORLD—THE USA—HAVE NEW FAITH IN DEMOCRACY!"

JO-NEAL and DR. HOMER HARRIS went to Miami for a convention. Then in February, attended another meeting in Chicago.

LILLIAN LEWIS enjoyed Survival School, with stress upon winter wilderness survival, sponsored by our "OMSI", Oregon Museum of Science and Industry.

Our March meeting will be held at the Salem Airport Restaurant, March 30, 11:00 a.m. JO-NEAL HARRIS and MARCY WOLFARD are in charge of arrangements. RALPH McGINNIS, Assistant Director of Aeronautics, State of Oregon, will speak. All 99s, friends, husbands are invited.

May 25th has been set as the date for our annual fly-in breakfast at Scappoose Airport. All our flying friends and families should put this date on their "must do" list. The park adjoining the runway is pretty and

spacious, and we always have a wonderful time.

Our chapter is starting to gather books, periodicals, and any publications on flying, to furnish what we hope will be a fine library. All donations of materials will be put to good use.

#### EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER

Emmalyn Payne, Reporter

For a couple of weeks, a new-looking red and white shell of a Piper Cub sat on skids in a field below EMMALYN PAYNE'S home in Jackson Hole, waiting for the weather to clear. Attached to it was a long cable which lay along the flat, dropped down the bench, ready to be attached to a truck.

Last year, the fuselage was yellow, and was part of the Cub belonging to DIANE and GLEN JEX, of Blackfoot, Idaho. Old Yeller had tangled with another plane while tied down during a windstorm and had ended in the trash heap.

GORDON EASTMAN, Jackson movie producer (*High, Wild and Free*), had gone looking for a stand-in for his own Cub, to be crashed and burned during a wolf hunt in his new picture. Old Yeller's fuselage, along with the wing of another discarded Cub, subsequently made the trip back to Jackson Hole.

The sun finally peeked through the snow long enough for Old Yeller—now red and white—to take her last flight. Three cameramen were poised to get different views as CANADIAN JIM THIBIDEAU, on signal started the truck which tightened the cable, then sped off toward the creek in the pasture below the bench. At a predetermined spot he stopped. The plane came sailing over the edge of the bench, then crashed into the snow some 15 feet below.

In a subsequent scene, the trapped pilot, a bad guy of course, dropped his cigar into dripping fuel, and flames engulfed the Cub. WES MARKS, cinematographer assisting Eastman, and next-door neighbor of the PAYNES, said they had quite a time igniting the gasoline—he wondered what it was the distributor was pumping into his storage tank.

The shooting schedule was pretty flexible, so while EMMALYN was on hand when the Cub came sailing over the bench, she was out skiing the day it went up in flames, arriving home in time to see only the smoldering ruins.

Locale of the movie is in the far north, where Eastman has now returned with his cast. However, as Jackson Hole is plenty snowy in winter, he took the opportunity of doing some shooting there, while at home with his family.

MARY and GRANT KILBOURNE attended the presidential inauguration, touched home base briefly, then took off on a 30-day Caribbean cruise. LOIS and DICK BAUER took a flying trip to Arizona just before Christmas. PAT and MICKEY DUKICH flew to California for the holidays.

ONITA HOFF excerpted her favorite Gill Robb Wilson poems from *The Airman's World*, made them into booklets and sent them to friends in lieu of Christmas cards. ONITA is having the landing strip on her ranch outside of Idaho Falls lengthened so friends can drop into visit more often.

Her youngest son, JOHN, has just soloed in her Cessna 120, so now all five of her children are pilots.

DARLENE SCHIERS was hostess at the January luncheon chapter meeting at her house. The February meeting was called off due to weather, and the March meeting will be a fly-in, possibly to Salt Lake City or Boise, probably on March 29.

After the January meeting adjourned and MARY KILBOURNE had left, members decided to donate a dollar each to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, in memory of MARY'S father, who had died suddenly.

#### **EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER** **Mary Jane Becker, Reporter**

Our December meeting at the Town and Country Restaurant, Spokane found ALBERTA ANDERSON, IRENE ANRODE, TERRIE BECKER, MINNIE BOYD, CHARLOTTE DETWILER, LYGIE HAGAN, LEONA HEBERLING, FERN LAKE, MILLIE SHINN and guests LOIS DeFLUER, DOROTHY FOWLER, MARY E. RENO, VALERIE A. SHERMAN and MAE LOUISE ZIPFEL greeted by the Arctic Low which forced all the girls to either drive in or fly commercial. Many thanks to our Santa Clauses, ALBERTA, MILLIE and LEONA who presented us with mistletoe, choir boy angels, toy twin planes, crown shaped pin cushions, credit card holders and flying angels.

Plans were made to do air-marking at the Prosser Airport in May and to

hold Operation Ladybird, which will be a one day seminar for women interested in flying presented in co-operation with the local FAA boys. ALBERTA is off to Atlanta, Georgia, MINNIE to Palm Springs, CHARLOTTE to Phoenix for some more acrobatic flying lessons, and LYGIE to Phoenix, the Southeast and Mexico sporting a brand new transponder in their Comanche. BOBBIE PRICE checked out in a new Navajo while enroute to Disneyland and Baja, California with TOM and their seven children and was surprised to find it flies just like a CHEROKEE. KATHLEEN HITCHCOCK is looking forward to being checked out in their new Sabe this month.

All the girls wish HELEN DEWEY, now MRS. JOSEPH E. FISCHNALLER much happiness and happy flying. IRENE ANRODE is extremely busy instructing in her Comanche and some leased Cessna 150's. LEONA is flying a Cessna 172 while her 182 is being repaired after it had a disagreement with the turf runway at Felt's Field while LEONA was in the right hand seat, luckily.

Because of icy road conditions, zero, zero flying conditions no January meeting was held. The February meeting was held in the Mosse Lodge dining room in Spokane with ALBERTA, RENIE, CHARLOTTE, LYGIE, LEONA and MILLIE present and prospective members EDNA ABRAMS, JEAN LANDA, LOIS DeFLUER, and MAY LOUISE ZIPFEL attending. Congratulations to FERN LAKE on being appointed Chairman of the AE Scholarship Award, to LYGIE HAGAN on being appointed Historian, to LEONA HEBERLING, Sunshine Committee and to MILLIE SHINN for doing our publicity, and BOBBIE PRICE for Membership Chairman. Congratulations to LYGIE on passing her Instrument Written.

MINNIE visited ILIA MAE CARSELL from the Coachella Valley Chapter while in Palm Springs and the Santa Clara County Chapter rolled out the red carpet for TERRIE BECKER thanks to PHYLLIS PIERCE who displayed real "99" warm hospitality. Each member answered roll-call by telling about the flying she had done the past month, a unique idea. TERRIE is anxious to show Mardo Crane's book about the WASP's to all our members.

#### **FAR WEST CHAPTER**

**Elene Duncan, Reporter**

BARBARA LaRUE and MARGARET LAYTON flew to Bellingham for the January meeting on a cold, but clear day and were joined by LYNN MAHLBERG. The February meeting at Paine Field was also postponed a week, this time due to fog in the area, but we have had a long period of blue skies and perfect flying weather recently. VAN ADDERSON, president of the Far West Chapter, met with BARBARA LaRUE and MARY KOCHANNEK to discuss further plans for the fall sectional in Bellingham.

On February 12th BARBARA, MARY, MARGARET and VAN flew to Bellingham for a meeting with LYNN and the manager of the Leopold Hotel to make the necessary reservations and arrangements and we will have more news about the plans in the next newsletter.

Arlington will be our destination this coming Thursday and I hope to be present to gather some additional news items.

#### **MONTANA CHAPTER**

**Kay Widmer, Substitute Reporter**

Winter has not been kind to Montana pilots. Meetings were cancelled when temperatures fell to -40 and -50 over the state, and again when visibility lowered to 100 feet due to fog. PATTY ECTON was snowbound in her ranch home for 19 days.

Hopefully, spring will bring the completion of the AOPA Pinch-Hitter course organized by KAY WIDMER in Bozeman last October. Only half of the class was able to finish their flight time before the snows fell. Ten slightly nervous women enrolled in the course, and out of the five who have received their certificates, three intend to get their licenses. We hope the remaining five will increase the percentage. One of the Pinch-Hitters had a flat tire on her last landing, and she still wants her private license.

Our February meeting was scheduled in Livingston where the winds usually whip along at a 20 or 30 knot clip. Funny—there was no wind at the airport that day, but the weather was bad everywhere else. Six of us enjoyed the Valentine luncheon arranged by MARY ANN JORDAN and her two guests, MARY BETH FLEMING and GERRY ARTHUR. WINIFRED LOVE-LACE, DOROTHY SABO and KAY WIDMER drove the 25 miles to join them.

DOROTHY told us about her trip around the world on a medically oriented tour of Asian countries. In Honolulu she saw the stone monument commemorating the flight of Amelia Earhart from Hawaii to the States. They visited Wake Island, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Manila, Bangkok, and Singapore. A stop in Colombo, Ceylon, was highlighted by a visit to the hospital ship, Hope. Then on to Bombay, New Delhi, and the Taj Mahal at Agra. In Delhi, they watched the Republic Day parade which started with a fly-over of a helicopter scattering rose petals on the crowd. At the end of the parade, India's air force flew over at a low altitude, and they watched the French Mystere fighters, the Canberra bombers, the Alouette choppers and finally 40 Mig 21s in perfect formation. During the month they flew in Viscount VC 10's, a Caravelle, a DC 8, and 707. She gave us vivid pictures of conditions in the countries she had seen and made it a meeting to remember.

ELSIE CHILDS jetted to Anchorage, Alaska, in March to watch her son KIM compete in the Junior Ski Nationals.

PEARL MAGILL was one of 20 qualified flight instructors who completed a concentrated refresher course of instruction on procedures and methods of flight instruction at Great Falls.

Our congratulations to MARGARET TUXILL, who participated in Montana's second aerial radiological monitoring program. We now have three 99s qualified to search out radioactivity from the air.

MARY ANN JORDAN flew to Las Vegas and Salt Lake City for a vacation, and encountered some pretty hairy weather on the return trip. MARY ANN is talking about an instrument rating now.

We're Proud of JOY LUECK, our candidate for the AE Scholarship, who has passed the Northwest Section requirements and now enters the national competition.

PEARL MAGILL, The Northwest Race Chairman, has asked LOU WICKS and PHYLLIS PETERSON to co-chair her committee. It should be an interesting race, from South Dakota to Oregon.

ELSIE JOHNSON is participating in an active winter program. One evening in the week she takes judo lessons, and the next evening she goes to charm school. Sounds like a conflict of interests.

We were pleased to see two of our

Canadian neighbors, DR. JEAN BLEUKINSOP and GINA JORDAN, at the March meeting in Great Falls. PAT ROEHMER told about her trip to Acapulco, and MARY STEVENSON recently returned from a flight to California, which was highlighted by the news that her daughter had broken a leg in a ski race accident while she was gone. Our sympathies, Mary.

JOAN ORLEY, our reporter, is in Houston at the time of this writing, attending an Airman's Medical Examiners seminar with her doctor 49½.

#### OREGON CHAPTER Charlotte Dodson, Reporter

February 22, a beautiful day for flying, and the Oregon Chapter met for luncheon in the Port West Restaurant at the Portland International Airport. LILLIAN BILLINGS was program chairman and hostess for the day. She had secured a very good friend of all 99s, SANFORD YATES from the F.A.A. to be speaker. As he always does, MR. YATES had a very interesting program. He told us about the Boeing Model 747 which is the largest Airplane designed for commercial use. It is almost impossible to realize that each four wing-mounted Pratt & Whitney JT9D turbofan engines will produce 43,500 pounds of thrust. It has a range of up to 6000 miles at 625 mph. That is a far cry from the Wright brothers day. MR. YATES also discussed Operation Lady Bird as well as giving us a word of caution in regard to anyone planning a trip to Mexico. He said to be sure you have your certificate of ownership or if a rented plane written permission. After a question and answer period we were taken on a tour of the Tower and newly remodeled Radar room. Ninety-Nines and guests present were: LILLIAN BILLINGS with THELMA ENOS and SHIRLEY SELBERG, NONA GOARD and guest DOROTHY MOLIN, PAULA OCCHUITO and daughter DIANNE LYNE, MARGARET TEUFEL, RUTH DOLAND, DOROTHY PARKIN, BETTY JOHNSON and CAROL FLEMING. We thank SANFORD YATES and the FAA for an excellent meeting.

SUE SMITH and 49½ DAVID have good reason to be elated. DAVID received his grant—a sizeable one—from the National Science Foundation to continue his research for his flying class room. This is really a step forward.

Progress and supermarkets forced NONA GOARD to move her plane after

many years at the Beaverton Airport. A piece of Oregon Aviation history was wiped out when the airport finally had to give way to the population growth.

Plans for the Oregon Petticoat Derby are tentatively set for May. Terminus will be Sun River near Bend, Oregon. More later on that.

PAULA OCCHUITO has been getting in some skiing between bouts with the children's chicken pox and mumps.

GRETCHEN FRASER, BETTY JOHNSON and MARCELE CARSON all have news for us about their respective trips to Europe and the Far East. MARCELE has an adopted child in Inchon as well as being a sponsor for a Kindergarten teacher in Taiwan.

With the weather clearing and the Hong Kong flu behind us the news should be better soon.

#### SOUTHERN OREGON CHAPTER Merlene Lawless, Reporter

Hasn't this been some winter?? Between the rain, fog and the unusually heavy snowfall, even the birds are electing to walk. It seems as though the weather is at its worst on our regular meeting date, so we haven't all been able to get together for some time.

On January 23, our members were the invited guests of the Medford Zonta Club in honor of Amelia Earhart, who was also a Zontian. This was the fourth year we have been to their annual dinner, which was at the Rogue Valley Country Club. MAXINE PIKE, our Chapter Chairman, showed a film "The Sky Is Yours" which was enjoyed immensely by everyone. Those able to attend (through the ice and snow) were MAXINE PIKE, GLADYS BURRILL, JERRI PARKER, her daughter and guest, MRS. PATRICK ASHBY and your reporter. This is an event we all look forward to.

We are all proud of and happy for BETTY GLINES of Coos Bay. After hours of studying and a lot of hard work she has received her Instrument Instructor and Ground School Instructor, Advance and Instrument tickets. This winter and spring she has had a ground school "Co-Pilot" course she has been teaching to the wives in the area. Good going, BETTY.

PENNIE HARDY took her son "BUTCH" for his Orientation flight to earn his Aviation Badge in Boy Scouts.

MAXINE PIKE distributed an APT schedule to all of us for the Pilot Up-

grading Program. This is an excellent idea for every pilot, 49½'s too.

Our December meeting was at the PENNIE HARDY home in Canyonville, which was all decked out for the Christmas season. HOPE McKAY and ROSE ELLISON of Roseburg, MAXINE PIKE from Grants Pass and myself had a delicious luncheon served by PENNIE.

ROSE ELLISON hosted the February meeting at her home in Roseburg. Weather again interfered with air travel so our girls from "over there" on the Coast were unable to attend. Maybe that weatherman will be nice and give us some good weather for our March meeting. ROSE is such a good cook we will all have to go back to our diets now.

ROSE ELLISON and I traveled to Salem on February 26th to visit with the Willamette Chapter at their monthly meeting. Weather that day was very questionable so we were glad we had driven. The meeting was held at the Airport. It is always a lot of fun to get with these gals and look forward to another visit.

JERRI PARKER and 49½ THOMAS left Ashland the first of February for an extended trip. They went to the Phoenix, Arizona area first, then traveled back up to Palo Alto to visit their son and family, the BUZZ PARKER'S, then up to San Mateo to visit with their daughter and family, the NORMAN GOULD'S.

In answer to the question "What do you think of the Announcements Only issue". Well . . . announcements are important, but there don't seem to be enough of them to warrant an issue for them alone. IT WAS AN AWFULLY SKINNY ISSUE, LET'S GO BACK TO THE OTHER WAY AND HAVE EVERYTHING IN EACH ISSUE, EVERY MONTH. WE ALL LOOK FOR OUR COPIES EACH MONTH, let's give us more to read. Do other Chapters share our view???

Next time you go flying . . . take along a friend. Perhaps she too will join us in our fun and start her flying career.

Until next time, Happy Flying.

#### WYOMING CHAPTER

Mabel Anesi, Reporter

Our Wyoming winter flying weather has been great! — at least most of the time.

Of course we're getting wildly enthusiastic about our very important role in the AWTAR this year. I was

delighted to be appointed Stop Chairman for Cheyenne, 'or which the Wyoming Chapter will be responsible. Plans for this momentous occasion dominated the January meeting in Worland, the February meeting in Cody, and our March meeting was held in Cheyenne to check on accommodations in advance of the "Trail Blazing" by route director THON GRIFFIN, whom we expect in April. We're tentatively planning a very small gift for every "TAR", guaranteed not to weigh over 3 ounces, so it won't be left behind anywhere.

There were many flight plans to Billings in January and February to visit with NIKI WEAVER, whose daughter ANN was in "intensive care" for weeks, following a very unfortunate auto accident. I'm happy to report that she's now very much improved. ANN was such a delightful guest at many of our meetings, and very helpful with our Airmarking program. We are all wishing for her very speedy recovery. NIKI is our regular reporter, but asked me to fill in for her during this emergency. We enjoyed the hospitality of EOBBY KRAMER while in Billings — with friends like that, you can almost forget that your flight wasn't primarily for pleasure. We have a potential candidate for the 99s next year! MARY ECKHARDT of Cody completed her first solo flight on her 16th birthday! — we'll be watching her closely.

I would highly recommend the AOPA intensive study course for the instrument written exam — especially if you don't need much sleep! I attended in Salt Lake City last week, where instructors JACK EGGSPUHLER and STACY WEISLOGEL really cracked the whip! — found that DOROTHY WEISLOGEL is with the All-Ohio Chapter, who were so helpful to us when we first started air-marking. I did take 2 hours off from study to call a 99, ALBERTA NICHOLSON, and wonderful hostess that she is, invited me to dinner and a visit with LILA FIELDEN, Chairman of the Utah 99s, and a ski enthusiast 99 whose name escapes me at the moment. We discussed plans for the SLC, RKS and CYs stops for this year's AWTAR, while enjoying cookies and punch in front of the fireplace. Even if I didn't pass the exam, I certainly had a wonderful week-end, and my flight home was only marginal VFR (here in the West, that's visibility less than 70 miles).

Our Chairman BETTY ADAMS is

keeping busy remodeling her home. ELAINE MONCUR is planning a flight to Mexico—just so it's not on a 99 meeting date! MARIE ENGELMAN is off on another fabulous trip with her Dr. husband. PEGGY FURTNEY is keeping very busy with her Church work, and won't be home in Cheyenne for the 4th of July! — but we shall forgive her, since she's doing so much of the preliminary work now. RANDY HILTON knows just the right people so that we can get a ride to a meeting when the forecast is for "partly IFR". Haven't heard from JUDY HISLE in Casper recently, so won't she be surprised to hear that our next meeting will be there — or will we be surprised to find her not home!

Enjoyed a flight of perfect weather to Rapid City in Febr. to visit with 99s DOROTHY LEE and JEAN TOUGH, most important co-workers at the FSS. GEORGIA FIKE, Meteorologist was my passenger. It's been over 4 years since we were both members of the So Oak Chapter—we've really missed those gals, though glad to have a Wyoming Chapter.



## SOUTHWEST SECTION

#### ALOHA CHAPTER

Dorothy Read, Reporter

We are just back from a very successful fly-in to Kalaupapa, the leprosarium on the neighboring island of Molokai. The lure of history and wild and rugged scenery drew a very enthusiastic turnout. In fact, if a few more of us were apt, we would have had even more as we had too many passengers, not enough pilots or planes, and not everyone who wanted to go found a space. There were nine planes, though; quite a large number for the little airport.

VIVIAN ING and IRENE ROGERS shared piloting, as did DOROTHY KELSEY and NORMA BELLEISLE. JANE KELLEY worked hard getting apt in the Arrow (nothing like the prospect of landing with an audience of your peers at a short gusty strip to make everyone sharpen up those landing techniques!) and I did the same in a Cardinal. MARGUERITE WOOD flew a Cherokee, as did 49½ RICHARD KELLEY. SANDY LEDREW flew her Cessna 150. 99s who went along as passengers included

MARY KING, MARIE MITZENHEIM, DEE KEAVENY, ANN ANDERSON, and MURIEL LELAND.

We had a thorough and very interesting tour by RICHARD MARKS. MR. MARKS is a patient who runs "Damien Tours". He is a very intelligent, articulate and out-spoken man, and he had a devoted following of 99s and friends, thirty-six of us altogether. The stories of Father Damien, shooting sharks, and early patients were fascinating.

Kalaupapa is a small peninsula on the windward side of Molokai that was originally chosen as a place of exile for those who had leprosy. With its 1500 feet cliffs and inaccessible shoreline, it made a virtual prison for the patients. Even now, it can be reached only during the summer by ship, or hiked into by a steep trail, or flown into when weather permits. Many of our fly-in passengers had lived here all their lives without visiting Kalaupapa. I think each of us is ready to go back again, though, as the combination of beautiful weather, matchless scenery and friendly people make it one of the best places in Hawaii to visit.

Down to earth now, for a moment, with news of our members. MARIE MITZENHEIM represented us at the Zonta Club and spoke on learning to fly and AMELIA EARHART. PAT DAVIS has passed her Instrument written and NORMA BELLEISLE is a new private pilot and new member.

Speaking of new members, we have BETTY MILLER, from Long Beach, in our club. BETTY told of her solo ferry flight from Florida to South Africa, via South America and Dakar, and kept us entranced with her many adventures. We are delighted that she and her husband have decided to make Hawaii their home. We also welcome MURIEL LELAND from Pikes' Peak Chapter. MURIEL is a private and glider pilot and is already active in local soaring activities.

We enjoyed MARGUERITE WOOD'S movies of flying in Hawaii in prewar days. MARGUERITE'S movies have been borrowed by 20th Century Fox to give them an idea of what Honolulu looked like at the time of Pearl Harbor's attack. (Fox is filming "Tora! Tora! Tora!" here and almost any day we see the "meatballs" out over Pearl with their mock bombing and strafing run; should be a good picture for flying enthusiasts!)

That is the news from Hawaii. Aloha.



El Cajon Valley Chapter's Membership Chairman, BARBARA HILL (left) presents a copy of "30 Sky Blue Years" to the Chapter's newest members, BETTIE SLIMMON (center) and VIRGINIA KERTH (right).

#### BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER Persis Webster, Reporter

Sunday, March 16, the weather man cooperated and 23 members and guests attended our monthly luncheon meeting—a fly-in at Apple Valley. Members and guests met at Meadows Field. PERSIS WEBSTER in her Baby Ace had to leave about an hour earlier than the others. MAXINE and TED TURNER made the trip from Taft. LORETTA and PASCO GRANT with their two children made it over for breakfast. PRISCILLA SPENCER, EDNA LONG, and prospective member, ROBERTA MASCHMEY, flew over with MARIANNE LAXAGUE. DAWN and BILL MOORE brought DAWN'S father and another guest. JUDI and DYREL FAULSTICK brought 2 guests as did LAURINE and LOREN WITMER. JAN CROOKS brought 3 guests. After lunch the guests visited the museum while members held a short business meeting.

JUNE EDWARDS contributed to the "Career Opportunity" section of the new high school text *Aero Science* by TED MISENHEIMER of Redondo Beach High School. The book is to be published in May by Aero Productions Incorporated. JUNE is also the San Joaquin Valley correspondent for *General Aviation News* which is now an international publication.

Many members are planning to attend the banquet and presentation of the charter to the new Southern Sierra Chapter of the 99's at Porterville. Bakersfield is proud to sponsor the new chapter.

At Christmas LORETTA and PASCO GRANT gave themselves a 172. They have now moved back to Bakersfield so LORETTA will be able to make the meetings without being dependent on the weather.

DAWN MOORE recently flew to Tucson taking a friend home who had been visiting in Bakersfield. It was instruments most of the way home. She also flew her son CAMERON and another friend to the Nut Tree near Sacramento for lunch—a pleasant outing.

JAN CROOKS heads a committee to increase our membership. The committee keeps informed of those women in the community who are working for their certificates and informs them of the 99's.

Our April meeting will be a challenge to all members. We will have an APT examination consisting of a pre-flight inspection and a written examination. Prizes will be given to those members scoring highest. Excellent incentive for all of us to do some up-grading of our proficiencies.

### EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER

**Dottie Sanders (For Judy Bachman, Reporter)**

We're delighted that "BOO" CHRISTENSEN has become active again, and contestants in this year's Powder Puff Derby, starting from Lindbergh Field, San Diego, will be in for a treat at the Takeoff Breakfast, of which "BOO" is Chairman.

Pacific Southwest Airlines (PSA) donated an airplane for two scenic flights over San Diego on March 1st to assist the 200th Anniversary Committee in its fund raising toward its co-sponsorship of the Start of the Powder Puff Derby with San Diego, Palomar and El Cajon Valley Chapters. On hand to help sell tickets were AILEEN FREEMAN, Co-Chairman of the Start, LYNN COULTHARD, DOTTIE SANDERS and MARIAN BANKS, San Diego Chapter, Co-Chairman. DOTTIE was a Co-Co-Co-Pilot on one of the flights, getting to sit in the 2nd Jump Seat throughout the entire flight.

FREDA BREISE, Flying Activities Chairman, arranged a successful Fly-In to Yucca Valley on February 16th with 45 in attendance. The food was good, the scenery breathtaking with beautiful snow-capped mountains forming a background for the warm desert setting among the cactus, and a surprise air show was conducted by the operator at the field.

LEAH LIERSCH has been hard at work on our nominations for International Officers, coordinating with San Diego and Palomar Chapters.

Hangar Flying: LYNN COULTHARD and VI CHAMBERS are cramming for their Instrument Writings (LYNN has recently sprouted wings with a part ownership of a Cessna 172); DOTTIE and DICK CAMPBELL have been journeying into Mexico, flying missions with the Flying Samaritans; our prospective member, SUSAN BERGER CASTANG, has recently married and is now a good prospect for the Fresno Chapter; AILEEN FREEMAN, just back from a trip to Mexico City; ISABELLE McCRAE accompanied MARIAN BANKS on a trip to Mulege, Baja California, Mexico, in MARIAN'S Twin Comanche—ISABELLE is also studying for her Instrument Written and will soon have wings again after refurbishing a Model 35 Bonanza with new paint, radios, etc.; we have welcomed two new members, MARGE BROWN and VIRGINIA KERTH, and hope to have still another one before the Ninety-Nine year ends.

Adios!

### FRESNO CHAPTER

**Helen Smith, Reporter**

By the time the festivities were over last month, it was too late to reach the press. We had a marvelous Valentine Dinner-Charter Night Banquet at Fresno's gracious Tower House Restaurant. As is our policy on Charter Night, a MR. 99 for the year was selected from all the various men in the aviation community and this year the recipient was BOB ASBURY of our local FAA GADO. BOB is another of those wonderful men who approve of and encourage women flyers and for many years, long before our chapter was formed has offered assistance to all pilots, male and female. The speaker for the evening, giving us some insights on glider flying was none other than successful author and Educator, MYRL RUPEL of Tehachapi. In addition to being Superintendent of school in Tehachapi, he is a glider instructor, President of the California Aero Space Council and the National Director of the Flying Educators. Our own flying educator, CAROL BUGAY handled all the details for the event. CAROL has brought back to our group many of the benefits from her other flying organization. She was the only woman educator among the 11 who were given an all expense trip to the Cessna factory to the Aviation Education Seminar there. She was chosen to represent our sales zone. These High School and Junior College Teachers were briefed on the manufacturing and distribution of airplanes, sales promotion techniques and Medical information related to flying.

Our Flyaway Chairman, VOLINE DODGSON arranged an airport identification flyaway, where we used only a photo to find airports for 270 miles and intrepid flyers we are, we flew through sun and storm, hail and sleet and we found them all. (VOLINE says the weather man lied a little.) The FALLERS, BARBARA ANN and STAN stole the show, (but not the trophy) when mom and pop and all the kids showed up in matching outfits color coordinated to match their Cessna 210, 83 Romeo. THEOLA NUTT won the first prize trophy in the Novice class and for those competing with over 200 hours flying time, BETTY MAC PHERSON won the prize with a not so perfect score.

KATHIE says her film, Red Plane Blue Sky regarding safety precautions in crop dusting is getting more and

more in demand, sooooo if you want to borrow it, get your name in early. Contact KATHIE MULLER at CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION at CHANDLER FIELD in FRESNO CALIFORNIA.

### LONG BEACH CHAPTER

**Mary Pinkney, Reporter**

The chapter Christmas party at the PINKNEY'S is over; the Instrument Flight Instructor Revalidation Clinic jointly sponsored by the LGB-LAX chapters is over; and most important, so seem the rains!

FRAN BERA and 49½ER BOB weren't swept away by the floods so that the new enterprise "FRAN BERA AIRCRAFT SALES" is looking to pick up come the nice weather . . . MARGARET CALLOWAY off to the "Angel Derby" with MARGE MITCHELL and a 260 Bellanca . . . JEAN CLARK'S phone number omitted from the roster: OX 6-7983 . . . JOAN DILLEY managing to stay ahead of her chapter chairman responsibilities . . . GENE FITZPATRICK, an old flyer turned new instructor soloed her 16 yr. old daughter KATHLEEN who hopes to be co-pilot for mom in the '69 PPD . . . RUTH GAY, RITA GIBSON, and DUDLEY GREER among the members present to hear FRED ROBISON, "Diamond C" glider pilot and instructor and owner of Great Western Soaring School at Pearblossom, dare the gals to come out and test the thrills of silent flight . . . CHRIS HUERTH and 49½er found no rain damage to their DeHavilland Moth hangared at Santa Paula, so they're off to the Antique Show at Lompoc the end of March . . . CHRIS HUTSON with 220 hours of logged time added the instrument rating to her private license . . . JOYCE JONES really going to it now that she's acquired or re-acquired all those ground instructor ratings . . . MILDRED KRUEGER flying up to Fresno to see daughter SUSI and to let her stay current by flying the 182 . . . GEORGIA and JOHN LAMBERT flying without wings now that they're grandparents . . . VELMA LAPP taking over the 99 coffee detail at the recent Torrance Hangar Session on "The Care and Feeding of Engines" . . . BARBARA and TERRY LONDON still treading the mill at Aztec Aircraft . . . EDNA LOUDON and ELE PETERSON to enter the Hayward-Las Vegas proficiency race . . . DORIS LOCKNESS among

those chapter members attending the Revalidation Clinic . . . EMMA McGuire lamenting the damage done to her Skylane by an "engine left running, unattended 180 at Smo . . . JUDY MATTOX let a broken leg break up her work toward an instrument rating . . . BETTY and CHUCK MILLER building a new home in the Islands . . . DORIS MINTER still doing the secretarial chores for 49½ER REX . . . KATEE MOSKOW going the route for an instructor's rating . . . MARY PINKNEY back under the hood now that the "Thundermug" no longer has a soiled bottom from the driving winds and rains and on to Porterville with 49½ER BOB for the chapter presentation to the new South Sierra Group . . . ANITA and DON ROMINE and the Cessna 175 Mohave desert hopping with the rabbits . . . MARGARET ROSS trying to finish up that last little bit for her instrument rating, but slightly delayed with midwife chores for a batch of puppies . . . JEAN SCHIFFMAN and 49½ER PAT (recently changed from SMO to LGE GADO) doing the rounds in their one of a few Meyers . . . JUANITA TANGER flying the desk still at Rose Bellanca Sales . . . LEE and WIN TITTLE majored the Tri-Pacer engine and are back giving orientation rides to anyone who dares mention they've never been up in a small airplane . . . JUDY WAGNER took second in the closed Pylon Races in Florida; went off to Europe; to be back for the Angel Derby, and then back to hostess the chapter April meeting . . . PHYLLIS WALKER to fly with FRANNIE in the 69 AWTAR . . . CLAIRE WALTERS to be awarded "Woman of the Year" achievement award by the Westwood Business and Professional Women's Club . . . MARY WENHOLZ and 49½ER BOB just back from New Zealand off again for two weeks in Errope . . . FROSTIE WHITE and 49½ER DAN like Sedona, Arizona, — a place to fly, and a place to buy, and they did!

Chapter projects to include flight orientations for high school youth on "Air Youth Day" at Brackett, a result of TED MISENHEIMER'S talk to the chapter on Air Education in January; lots of representation at the fun sectional due at Tucson in April; and for all members for the rest of the year—CAVU!

## LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Rebecca Held, Reporter

Well, we survive (past tense of survive) the recent deluge, but not completely unscathed. ANN and MAURY LODWIG, who live in hard-hit Topanga Canyon, could have used a seaplane rating, at least to taxi out of the canyon. Luckily, they had camping equipment, as no telephone or electricity was available for 2 days.

I had some flood waters in my house and garage. Also had to drive thru badly flooded streets in San Fernando Valley during one of the worst days, plus being caught for more than an hour in monumental traffic jams occasioned by a spectacular accident.

DOROTHY LIMEACHI got some of the flood in her house too. Worse than that, tho, was the fire that hit her Crescent Bay Flyers office 2 days before the flood; it started in an adjoining office from a heater being too close to drapes. Luckily, the damage was from smoke, scorching, and water rather than fire, so altho there was extensive damage, it could have been worse, and they are able to carry on with business.

This year we teamed with LGB Chapter to cosponsor the FAA Instructor Revalidation Clinic in SMO. Out of 101 registrants, 98 showed, and FAA said it was the most efficiently run clinic of all they gave!

Congrats to RACHEL BONZON—she got her commercial, which makes her the "pilot compleat," having received MEL and instrument ratings several years ago.

FLYING ACTIVITIES: DOROTHY LIMBACH and a friend to Palm Springs for 2 lovely days of clear warm weather plus the exciting Tramway trip. RACHEL and SALLY flew CAROL and BERNIE LEWIS to Needles to recover their 182 which they had been forced to leave there because of the deluge. REEECCA to Brackett Field on a gorgeous day after the storms for some "country" peace and quiet. THELMA and NORM SMITH flying only enuf to keep from getting rusty (them?), but they attended the meeting and banquet in San Diego of the Calif. Council of Aviation Assoc., which they enjoyed and at which THELMA was asked to be a delegate from our chapter. SUSAN OLIVER, who is in Toronto for 2 months to make a film, wanted to fly there in her Aero Commander 200 (the one she flew to Copenhagen on her

attempted flight to Moscow), but didn't relish the idea of running into a lot of snow. Last year she went to Lear Jet ground school for 2 weeks, and now has 30 hours co-pilot time in the Jet, making her the 1st U.S. woman pilot, to her knowledge, flying a 3rd level airline jet. Congratulations, SUSIE! What makes it so much fun is coming in to Oakland Center, calling in to report, "Lear Jet so and so reporting at Flight Level 200" and having Oakland come back with "HI, SUSIE!" since hers is the only female voice they've heard at that altitude. They also happen to know her personally, having met her at a meeting of PATCO, of which she's been made a trustee (honorary member). Other trustees are JOHNNY CARSON (of TV's "Tonight"), who has a private ticket, ARTHUR GODFREY, ARNOLD PALMER.

One of our interesting newer members:

HALDIS RAUCHFUS, born in East Germany, left their home to the Russians and fled west in 1944. At age 5 moved to Munich, where she grew up and went to school. At 19, came to L.A., went to LACC for 3 semesters, then applied for and became a stewardess for Continental Airlines. Interested in ariplanes as long as she can remember, her mother says she watched them from her baby bed on sunny days in the garden. The pilots she watched at work in the 707's and 720's suggested she take flying lessons. Despite being broke at the end of every month she took lessons at Gunnell Aviation in SMO, and remained bankrupt and completely addicted to flying. Her record is impressive: March 1965—solo, July 65—private, June 66—commercial, Oct. 66—instrument, Apr. 67—flight instructor, Aug. 67—multiengine, Jan. 68—instrument instructor, Sept. 68—advanced ground instructor, Sept. 68—instrument ground instructor. To be able to talk with male pilots about carburetors, jugs, and other odd objects, took flight engineer course at Fowler Aeronautical Service.

"During this time I flew Continental Airlines international flights, which brought me to some of the most interesting parts of the world: Europe, the Pacific islands, and Southeast Asia. Since we generally spent only one or two days at each stop, being able to fly myself, I could see far more of the country than otherwise possible.

In Hawaii we toured the Islands in a Cessna 172, seeing huge waterfalls on the eastside of the Islands, the leper colony, sugarcane fields and Honolulu. In the Philippines I joined the Clark Airforce Base Aero Club and toured otherwise inaccessible parts of Luzon by plane. Some highlights were the Taal Volcano smoking at the time and ready to erupt; Corregidor, Manila Bay, and Manila; several trips to Baguio, a city almost 5000' high near Lingayen Gulf, with cool dry weather, a wonderful relief from the unbearable heat and humidity of the lower parts of this tropical island. In Germany a group of us took off for a beautiful flight across the Alps to Venice. Flying thru the Brenner Pass we had to stay clear of several thunderstorms and sulfur rockets shot off by farmers below to combat hail. This flight reminded me very much of Vietnam. We were taking MAC troupes in and out of there on Continental. On our approaches at night we often tried to spot the flashes of gunfire the VC aimed at us to take our proud bird out of the friendly skies. We had not been too concerned about getting hit because we always made it safely to the airport until one summer evening when the plane had stopped at the terminal in Da Nang and kerosene was running out of a bullet hole in the wing. Charlie apparently did mean business. That's when I decided to stay over the peaceful grounds of the USA. Here you only get hijacked to Cuba.

"In spring 1968 when APRA organized the "Efficiency Flights" I became interested in racing. In the first four flights I came in 4th, 3rd, 1st and 2nd, and I won the final "Flight of the Golden Birds" June 29. I also received the "Golden Chick" award for youngest pilot with more than 1000 hours, and the "Easy Bird" for the most hours logged between Jan. 1967 and the day of the race.

"In May 1968 I flew to Rio de Janeiro as copilot in an Aero Commander 500—the only girl with 6 men. I was well protected. It took us almost 90 hrs. flying time and 16 days for the round trip with stops in San Juan, Surinam, Belm, Brazilia and Rio on the way down. The return route went thru Porto National, French Guiana, and Saint Thomas.

"Now I am offering coffee tea or milk on Continental flights between Los Angeles and Chicago, and do some part time instructing on my days off."

## MT. DIABLO CHAPTER Buckle Johnstone, Reporter

Had a big write up on the WESTERN AEROSPACE RESCUE & RECOVERY CENTER at Hamilton Air Force Base here on San Francisco Bay—but the pictures were a little late in arriving so will have to ask you to hold your breath till next time for an extremely interesting visit to this huge AFB.

Seems every time I pick up a news paper these days there's a picture of our 99r BETTY BOGGESS and her 49½ WARREN — His honor the Mayor of Concord, Ca. These busy, busy people are into everything connected with the betterment of their city. It's great to see someone dedicated to aviation also so interested in their civic duties.

Speaking of celebrities—we have a couple others too. Our own Whirly Girl MARIE PORTER is jumping up and down in one spot 'cause the weather is so lousy here even the 'Copters are grounded. It can't last for ever MARIE—only been forty five days, nites, and week-ends so far. MARTHA "MARTY" GRAHAM one of last years recipients of the Amelia Earhart award mentioned at our last meeting that as we are supporting the A.P.T. program 100% let's not forget to get a check ride. It's been a year since I've had any type of check ride—put me on your list—I'll be out. MARTY is using her scholarship to get her Instrument Instructors certificate, and a Multi-engine rating. I'm sure she will be available for any other chapter members to check out also. While you gals are thinking about it—when did you have your last medical? We all want to be more proficient pilots, and the best way I know is by supporting a program such as A.P.T.

Last issue I mentioned our "Fledgelings" the Wing Girl Scouts. Say, those young ladies are the most! Under the guidance of MARJORIE ROGERS and NANCY WILLIS these budding Amelia Earharts are getting a very good basic ground school course. This next meeting our own ground instructor BARBARA GRAEGER will give them an introduction to instruments—their use and interpretation. Ya know, bet I could stand some of that review too. Will try and attend. Any other chapters w/scout programs we'd like to hear from you.

NANCY WALLIS—our little chatter box has moved to Corte Madera over in marvelous Marin Co., but manages

to get to all the meetings, etc., on time full of vim and stuff. Don't know where she gets all her vitality.

Last but by far not least is our UP COMING "Paintin" Day. Tentatively scheduled for 3rd week-end in March if it ever quits raining around here. "FLASH" KEEBLE got out her trusty camera to get some of the action—but I understand the camera refuses to focus. Something about the outlandish clothes. Really now PAT—please remove the lens cover. We're not THAT BAD—or are we? Heard an offer by the "Fledgelings" to help. Hand 'em a brush mam. Any other chapters wishing to join us we'd LUV YA. I'll buy the coffee, tea or what ever.

In my ramblings I just noted I forgot to tell you our check pilot & her 49½ run the Antioch Airport. It's on the Sacramento Sectional. Look for the big new name on the runway next time you come to Buchanan Field. That's the work of all OUR GALS. Look for us next month with our most interesting visit to Hamilton AFB.

## NORTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER Mary Ellen Liken, Reporter

There was one good flying day in Febr. and that was the day we met in Prescott for brunch. The SMITHS, EESONS, and DOT WARD flew over from Flagstaff. LOIS WARD made arrangements for the meeting. RUTH and her group had the thrill of meeting MAX CONRAD out at the field. We are hoping to have him speak to us and all interested folks in June.

FERN BEESON was hostess to our business meeting in March. She served a most delicious dinner—thank-you Fern. The snow showers were getting thicker and more numerous so HELEN LAWRENCE took me back to the airport where my husband was waiting for me. We didn't linger. Had an interesting flight around and thru snow showers.

There is really not much flying news. DOT WARD took part in a CAP search in Nevada for a downed F111. Sorry — unsuccessful. Holbrook High School is seriously considering a class in Aviation Science next term—thanks to the efforts of DOT, and JEAN KNOTT who came over and helped me present the program to the Counselor and Curriculum committee. My daughter LORI would be one of the first to sign up for that class. I am sure there will be lots of interest.

I understand that LOIS WARD has

passed her Commercial written and HELEN LAWRENCE is going for her instructors rating. Good girls! Congratulations! FERN BEESON'S son is stationed at Fort Sill and our son MARK is at Chase Field—Beeville, Texas. Happy to be surrounded by jets. Next meeting—Spring Sectional—Tucson, Arizona. See you there ! ! !

#### ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER Bonnie Kiefer, Reporter

With the addition of six new members since the last report, Orange County Chapter is now boasting fifty-eight members. We are happy to have two transfers, AGGIE LANGTON and ESTER GRUPENHAGEN join our roster along with four new members, WANDA GULERANSEN, DELIA NEFF, MAYBELLE DEWEESE and JUDY FLEMING.

Usually men are welcome to our meetings when we have speakers, but the March meeting hosted by chairman MARGO SMITH was an exception. Our guests were aircraft and engine mechanics BOB KILFOY and PAT BOWERS. This was the opportunity for us girls to ask all those silly (we think) questions that have been nagging us about engine failures, sick mag checks, ruined batteries, etc.

ARNOLD SENTERFITT, who has just returned from Baja, will speak at the April meeting about flying in Mexico. He has been working with the National Geographic Society on an article about whales. Friends and 49½ers are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to MITZI KEESECKER for receiving her commercial rating. THON GRIFFITH and JANA KOERSELMAN have thankfully passed their instrument written. You can uncross your fingers and toes now girls. MARA CULP has just achieved the distinction of being the first Orange County 99 to receive her ATR rating. Who will be next? New member ESTER GRUPENHAGEN has a sea plane rating.

CHRIS HOFFMAN did all of the arranging for our visit to Edwards Air Force Base. Fourteen members, three 49½ers and six guests were chauffeured around in a bus unloading at each stop for close looks at aircraft such as the X-15, XB-70, F-111, B-52, the fastest plane in the world, the YF-12A interceptor, and the Lifting Body, also known as the "flying bath tub". The highlight of the trip was the opportunity to view the static test firing of the F-1 rocket engine. The F-1

produces one and one-half million pounds of thrust and was used for the Apollo 8 program.

In February's rain and mud members of Orange County Chapter did marvelous job of providing transportation in cars (and boats?) for the AOPA flight clinic held at Orange County Airport and the Newporter Inn.

The WX man was good in making possible a beautiful day on March 8 for our second Picture Hunt fly-in to Bermuda Dunes airport. The fun was provided for 12 airplanes and 41 people by MARA CULP and her helpers, THON and GEORGE GRIFFITH, the GRUPENHAGENS, ERSOL THOMPSON, CHRIS HOFFMAN, JUDY FLEMING, RUTH PHILLIPS, HOYOT THOMPSON and MARA'S brother, VIL. The NASHES and the SHATTUCKS tied for first place in the Hunt by only missing one check point and the GREGGS missed only two. BERT NASH won the spot landing contest, 3 feet off, and MITZI KEESECKER came in second place with a distance of 30 feet.

Prizes were donated by AIR EIRD PUBS., AIR FACTS PUBS., OTTO'S INSTRUMENTS, ART SCHOLL'S AEROBATIC SCHOOL, SKY STORES, and JOYE and BERT NASH.

#### PALOMAR CHAPTER Skip Darwin, Reporter

The 200th celebration of San Diego draws nearer! Which means of course that the AWTAR is almost upon us. This is an exciting time for us down in this area. And having the race start from here is truly exciting. Much planning, and many hours of labor has gone into this. If you have ever had a race start from your town, I'm not telling you a thing you don't know!

Our chapter flew to Bermuda Dunes for our meeting this month, and had a delightful brunch there. We have been flying some place different each month for our meeting, and it is lots of fun.

CHRISTIE MOON and spouse flew to Santa Barbara the day the oil leak started. Said it was quite a mess. She also flew her husband and four other men to Las Vegas to attend a modern and antique gun show.

Our chairman ESTHER WHITT and LOU, her husband entertained at their mobile home in Bullhead City. Members flying over were the VICTOR VAN DER LINDENS, BOB KITCHINS, BRAD PEARSON, and the BILL PETTROSS'S and three little ones.

We will be losing CAROLYNN TER-

RY soon I fear. TED gets out of the service and they plan to return to Coos Bay, Oregon where he wants to start his dental practice. She is our youngest member at 21, and a delightful gal.

PAM and VICTOR VAN DER LINDEN have been fishing again! This time to Parker, Ariz. They plan on building a cabin at Big River. (I have ski, will travel!)

AGNES LANGEVIN, our newest member has passed her commercial written! Only got a 93 on it. Shame! She got 100 on her private!

BRAD and MARY PEARSON have been to San Francisco, and on to Sacramento visiting relatives. They have a new Apache and MARY is working on MEL rating.

NELL and PAT CONNALLY flew to Mexico, stayed over in Guaymas, San Blas, Guadalajara, and took the night train to Mexico City, then back to Guadalajara. They met the PETTROSS family for dinner at San Blas. They are also entering the Spirit of San Diego Air Race, and NELL checked out in the Debonair.

We were honored to have as our guest in Bermuda Dunes the Coachella Valley Chapter chairman JEAN PATANE. She told us about the seminars with various people in aviation they have held. Many interesting facets of aviation including search and rescue.

We are holding our semi-annual "Poker Party" again May 25th. Would love to have lots of interests. More details next month.

That long legged bird is busy around here! We have babies coming up! SHIRLEY NOWICKI is expecting very soon. They have a couple of good sized boys, so we hope for a girl! HILDA PETTROSS has some of each, so we won't put any "druthers" on what type baby she produces in a couple of months. CHRISTIE MOON has one little boy and would sort of like a girl. And I should be a grandmother for the first time by the time this is printed.

See you next month.

#### PHOENIX CHAPTER Betty Smith, Reporter

JUANITA NEWELL, MELBA BEARD and BEVERLY POWELL flew to Marana Air Park for the Fly-In of the Arizona Antique Aircraft Airshow which was held February 1 & 2. Some 50 antique and home-built craft flew in from thruout the west and Okla-

homa. MELBA'S 1928 Bird biplane won Best in Class and Oldest Antique Awards.

MELBA BEARD celebrated her 40th anniversary of flying on February 10th having started in 1929 at Long Beach, California. MELBA is one of the original 99's.

JO and SUSAN STORM with daughter CHRISTINE and DAWN LEONARD attended the January Fly-In at Tucson.

BEVERLY POWELL arranged a tour of Luke Field for the "Cactus Pine Council" Girl Scouts. Twelve girl scouts and two mothers made the all day tour. They had guided tours of the flite line, learned to pack parachutes and took rides in the 104 simulators. A demonstration on ejection was also shown.

BEVERLY received a \$100.00 award for suggesting the October Civilian Fly-In at Luke AFB.

PAT GLADREY, of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter, spent five days in Phoenix (two days for a cat show and three days because of bad weather). She flew two of her Persian cats down for the show in her Skylane 99F. The Smoki Persian placed second best in the show and first in its class. The six months old champagne Persian was not entered at the show but nevertheless attracted a lot of admiration.

On the subject of shows—JUANITA NEWELL showed her GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER at the Phoenix and Tucson dog shows and picked up second place in the Puppy Class at each show.

SARA M. EERG has transfered from Chicago to our Chapter. We're so happy to have you join us—Sara.

MARY LOU BROWN flew to Washington, D.C. for business meetings. Also have been involved in aerial surveys of Santa Barbara Channel oil leaks and mud slides in Los Angeles Basin.

MARGY CROWL flew to Tehachapi (Holiday Airport) in a 172 with son CHRIS at the controls. Mission was to accompany CHRIS'S employer ROY COLLIETTE of Bobaquivai Glider School to purchase a 2-33 Schweizer to add to the school.

Our March meeting was held at Sky Harbor Airport with tours to the tower and radar room. This is always so beneficial to all.

BEVERLY POWELL and committee working hard on our Air Lift which will be April 27 at Phoenix-Litchfield

Airport. BEVERLY is doing a tremendous job.

BETTY SMITH has received her Instrument rating.

VIRGINIA HASH has been appointed co-chairman of the Air Transportation Committee of the Phoenix Forward Task Force.

Two planes have entered the Angel Derby from the Phoenix Chapter. ALICE ROBERTS and MARY VAIL flying in ALICE'S Bonanza — CHARLOTTE KELLEY and BETTY SMITH flying in CHARLOTTE'S Skylane — Best of Luck Girls.

#### REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

Bette D. Smith, Reporter

Our March meeting was held at the Camaron Park Airport near Sacramento, operated by our HILDA and PAT CASEY. Lunch was at the El Dorado County Club. Members attending were BETTY WORSTEL, ANITA WOREL, PATRICIA STOUFFER, JANET MEYER, HILDA CASEY, MYRTLE WRIGHT and BETTE SMITH. Two new pilots and prospective members were RAYE JEAN NORTON who got her license in February, and ANN CUTTING receiving her license in December. Weather has certainly hampered our flying activities this year. We hope it will break soon and give us all a chance to get back in the air.

Our January meeting was held at the beautiful home of our LOUISE MONTERO in Petaluma. We had a good turn-out of our members even if it was raining. PHYLLIS CANTRELL was chosen "Pilot of the Year" for the award for 1968, and SHE and ANITA will be chairman for this year.

Those of us who ventured out in bad weather certainly enjoyed hearing JACKIE COCKRANE speak at the Zonta banquet in San Francisco on Jan. 25th. Several of our group are making plans to attend the charter presentation of the Southern Sierra Chapter in Porterville on the 22nd.

Hope to see all of our friends at Tucson in April, weather permitting. In the meantime, a Very Happy Easter to all.

#### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER Peggy Dervin, Reporter

BERNIE STEVENSON was named the San Fernando Valley Chapter Pilot of the Year during the Chapter's Annual Awards Banquet this March. BERNIE has been active in all chapter projects as well as competing in air

racing. She recently brought home first place trophy from the Florida National Air Races. MARGARET WARD, our chapter fly-in chairman, took second place in this award. JEANNE DAY, a lady who helps us relive our flying experiences by writing the Chapter news letter, the Aux Tank, placed third. LORELI CANGIANO, our present chairman and active participant in all 99 projects, was fourth in this standing while LIBBY SVENSON our past chairman and Powder Puff Derby entrant last summer, was fifth.

ELLEN TRINDLE was announced as recipient of the TRIXIE ANN SCHUBERT MEMORIAL AWARD. This award is presented annually in memory of the San Fernando Valley Chapter's past chairman and charter member BEATRICE ANN SCHUBERT who did much in the formation of the chapter. ELLEN was selected as the member who did the most in aiding the chapter in every way possible during the past year. ELLEN has been the sponsor and ground instructor for the Wing Scouts in the San Fernando Valley and even found time to fly in the Powder Puff Derby last year. She has a list of talents a mile long, that are put to good use in all the chapter events. Certificates of outstanding aid to the chapter in this respect were also presented to MARY JOHNSON and VESTA MALEY.

After the awards presentation and a delicious steak dinner, the girls relaxed and listened to FATHER RUITER, a combination mission priest and bush pilot, who gave accounts of his flying experiences in the bush country of New Guinea. FATHER RUITER has logged some 9,000 hours as a bush pilot, sometimes flying 14 missions per day. At many times he would be the only one to carry supplies, food and even live stock in and out of the bush. FATHER RUITER is presently en route to England where he is planning to pick up a twin engine aircraft which will extend his capabilities in his mission work. We wish FR. RUITER the best of luck in the future and thank him for his exciting slides and tales of his flying adventures.

The monsoon season (some 20 plus inches of rain) in Southern California has finally ended long enough to allow a few hearty souls led by ROCHELL JENSEN to do some air marking at the Van Nuys Airport this month. Armed with weed killer, paint brushes, rollers and paint buckets, the girls worked with great vigor for two days

to etch out 20 foot letters acclaiming that his, indeed, is Van Nuys Airport. In 10 foot letters, they gave the airport elevation as 800 feet. This fine artistic work can be seen as one flies over the old east west runway which is now closed I might add. AUDRY SCHUTTE flew over the working troops for an aerial view of the progress of the work. The girls had quite an exciting lunch when they selected as their picnic spot the area between the left and right (active) runways. Seeing those planes on final must have given them all indigestion! Some of the cheery members who participated in this thrilling event were: MARY JOHNSON, LORELIE CANGIANO, SHIRLEY THOM, GERRIE VICKERS, PAULENE FLEMMING, FLORA HUTCHINSON, JAN DRYFUS, ROG ROGERS, PAT HALLETT, VALETA FRIEDMAN and MARGARET WARD. The gals were so elated by the success of this air marking that they have their sights set for three other airports in the near future.

AUDRY SCHUTTE is the proud owner of the Viking Air Service in the Angles Area at the Van Nuys Airport. It's somewhat of a family operation since AUDRY has put her DAUGHTER to work in a variety of duties such as flight dispatcher, chief errand runner and line "boy".? AUDRY'S 49½ER waits patiently each night for AUDRY to come home and fix dinner after a hard day of work, only to find that dinner may consist of a McDonalds hamburger!

JEAN WILEY and MARY LYONS were pinned as new members this month and JEAN is already longing to fly in the Powder Puff Derby this year.

The fly-in this month will be to California Valley, a desert recreational area near California City. Evidently the landing strip is cleverly concealed, as this fly-in will also be a test of navigational skill for our fine feathered fliers. Hope to see everyone make the ETA of 11:30. If you don't, we will assume that you are lost!

#### **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER** Marilyn Norton, Reporter

Based on reports filtering in from across the land, "Far-away Places" should be the theme for the S.G.V. Chapter and ISABEL OWEN the "Globe-trotter of the Month". A postcard to this reporter indicates that ISABEL and HUSBAND NOEL have

been five weeks a-traveling (in their Debonair) with the Bahamas and Puerto Rico on the agenda. ISABEL has been on the longest trip but there seems to be a group who are turning Mexico into their home away from home. MARIE CAWYER and her husband flew to Guatemala City and Mexico City in their 210. They discovered "Isla Carmen" during the three-week trip, where they hope to retire someday. Sounds exciting! JANE LAMARR, NAOMI WILDER, MARY SEBELIUS, LIBBY KIRK, MARGARET GAMBLE and Chairman DOROTHY GEDDES tried Tecate, Mexico, for a week of the health spa life. MARY SEBELIUS went to the Bay o' Los Angeles and LIBBY and CORKY KIRK to San Carlos. Closer to home PORTIA CORNELL has been making short hops around the local scene. One to China Lake nearly resulted in an overnighter because of weather. PAT INWOOD reports a terrific fly-in that she attended with the Orange Co. Chapter. A mystery flight complete with clues, photos and a special envelope with a panic button on it in case all else failed.

Wichita, Kansas, was brightened by the presence of four of our chapter members, there to ferry home three Cessna 150's for Ginny's Flying School. VIRGINIA WEGENER flew DORIS BAILEY, PAT INWOOD and LIBBY KIRK to Wichita in the Cardinal. Ask if they had a good trip and you get an enthusiastic response from all four. Even being weathered in at Amarillo, Texas didn't dampen their spirits!

MARION MARRIOTT couldn't have picked a better day as far as weather is concerned for the March fly-in to Bakersfield. After the "unusual" weather we've had in Southern California for the past two months, it was a treat for everyone to get together for a day of flying. Enjoying lunch and the beautiful day were the MARRIOTT'S, BETTY and SANDY SANFORD and their daughter, and MARAGET and DAVID LAWSON with their two children.

The MARRIOTT'S are busy planning their Easter vacation. Scheduled for March 27th take-off, they are packing up their turbo 210 with plenty of charts and wash and wears for a trip to the Bahamas.

#### **SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER** Thelma Hansen, Reporter

Finally our Sunny California weather permitted this group of flying women and their spouses to make a weekend

fly-in to Morro Bay on the Pacific coast, just outside of San Luis Obispo. Those arriving early enough to enjoy the day on the Golden Tee Golf Course were RENEE and IVAN NEALON in THELMA and ELWOOD HANSEN'S Skymaster, Cessna 3336 — ELWOOD just a two week old Instrument Rated Pilot, THELMA telling of the many trips planned for this year, but alas, not in their plane. They will try to rent a Skymaster in Montreal, Canada in April to do some touring after their business meeting.

LAVERNE and BOB GUDGEL arriving in 'her' Debonair — 'his' aerocommander (which is the latest plane in the family) was going to make its maiden trip this day but, a duplicate set of keys were being made and the locksmith took the original set with him and, as fate would have it, could not be located in time for take off. LAVERNE has just passed her written Commercial test and is now studying for her Instrument written, at Merced Jr. College, along with our new 99, CHARLENE KIRK and her husband BOB. Both BOB and CHARLENE are one year pilots and intent upon getting all the knowledge possible. CHARLENE is a busy girl, besides flying she is owner of an antique shop and runs it. This year, she is President of 'Tenaya Hospital Guild' and is busy raising funds for needed equipment in the Valley Children's Hospital. JEAN MURRAY and better half, HARLEY, telling of the moving of their house boat to a lake near by. JEAN has been busy this winter taking water color classes. JEAN is a very clever and artistic girl. When asked about her latest flying—she said 'what flying? this !\*@% weather'. We know what you mean JEAN.

HARVEY and HELEN McGEE hoping to squeeze in three major family events in June — The first is a High School Graduation, then the arrival of their first grandchild somewhere in that same month another daughter is getting married . . . all this to be done at the sametime she is planning to enter the Powder Puff Derby with LAVERNE GUDGEL as co-pilot (their second time). Good luck girls.

ELAINE SMITH and husband, LEWIS, arriving in their Cessna 205 looked like they were moving house and home. First out came a pair of crutches, then a leg with a huge cast, attached to this was ELAINE'S ankle. Seems that she was picking flowers in

her garden and fell, "it wasn't even a hand fall, I didn't trip, just down I went—and landed in the hospital to have my ankle pinned together" said ELAINE. Next thing out of the plane was a foot rest, then the rolling stock came out. She and her wheelchair were the center of attention this weekend. She was in complete control of her craft—now to get that cast off and back into the pilot's seat of her '205.' Guess (DR. and MRS. HOWARD ALEXANDER—from that area) joined them for the weekend.

We want to thank our ex-member, GRACE McCHESNEY who now belongs to Santa Barbara Chapter, for all the arrangements she made for us and, the 24 mile round trips to tote our group to the Golden Tee Motel at Morro Bay.

We heard the good news that our 'plucky' EVELYN HENDLEYS trip to the hospital was not too serious. A speedy recovery to you Evelyn.

OUR CHAPTER DOES HAVE ONE REQUEST TO MAKE OF OUR EDITOR — PLEASE, LET'S FORGET ABOUT THE 'ANNOUNCEMENT' PUBLICATION AND GET BACK TO THE REGULAR PUBLICATIONS.

Our eager-beaver CHARLOTTE RYAN has just received her instructors rating and is working on her multi-engine rating. She and BILL are getting a Barron.

MARIE and ALAN McDOWELL couldn't be with us in Morro Bay—they just returned from a Flying Farmers convention in Tucson, Arizona.

Our girls rushed home from Morro Bay and into the work that is involved in the May 5th rummage sale in Stockton.

Our Life member, MARGRET ANDREWS and husband, DON, spent two months in Mazatland, Mexico enjoying every 'sunny minute' of it. They flew a Commercial Airliner 'Air West'. This is quite a 'flying family'. DON and their two sons are flying for Air West and Flying Tiger Lines. The newest pilot in the family is their daughter-in-law, MARILYN, with her new private license.

The son of LAVERNE and BOB GUDGEL is patiently awaiting his 17th birthday this year in order to get his license. He soloed July 1968.

The NEALONS 'bird', also the McALLISTERS 'bird' were caught in the snowstorms at Lake Tahoe, and a special trip was necessary to pick



**ROBIN MILLER** (Australian Section) makes sure everything is in order for the ferry trip from San Jose to Australia to deliver a Beech Baron to the Royal Flying Doctors. **JEANINE CECCIO** (Santa Clara Valley Chapter Chairman) is most interested in the tanking to accommodate 230 extra gallons of petrol, and the temporary HF radio gear which must be on board. **NOW WHAT'S THIS ABOUT TOMATOES IN THE NOSE FOR A FRIEND ON AN ATOLL?**

them up. **RENEE NEALON** was a good scout and flew **THELMA** and **ELWOOD HANSEN** to Southern California (Riverside) to retrieve their 'weathered in plane'.

We here in California are not used to this afore mentioned !@\*%! **WEATHER** — but, then we're spoiled.

#### **SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER** **Phyllis A. Pierce, Reporter**

Fun is feting a Chapter member. **AMELIA REID** recently had a grand opening party to celebrate her enlarged facility, hangar and flight school at Reid Hillview Airport in San Jose. The Chapter presented her with (appropriately enough) a wall barometer. This will help her students keep the Weather Bureau honest. Success and best wishes from all of us.

Everyone attending the luncheon in **ROBIN MILLER'S** honor (Australian Section) at the new San Jose Municipal Airport Restaurant reported having a wonderful time. Guess we about wore her out asking questions about her trip, and her work in Australia as a flying nurse. She is working with communicable diseases, and is "all over" the "out-back". While waiting for favorable winds to make the trip across, she visited areas in our Southwest and says, "Now that I have the lay of the

land, perhaps I can better understand the Newsletter." Seems like we use all sorts of nomenclature foreign to our Australian counterparts. (It is also true that wee mental "willy willy's" are created here when we read the news from "down under".) Those attending the luncheon were: **DOROTHY ASDEL**, **MARION BARNICK**, **JEANINE CECCIO**, **MARDO CRANE**, **JAN HALAJIAN**, **JOANN HAWKINS**, **MICKEY HUGHES**, **EVELYN LUNDSTROM**, **NOVIS PERCIVAL**, **PATTY SAXTON**, **BONNIE SEYMOUR**, **PHYLLIS SHANKS** and guest **ANITA SAWYER** (Robin's hostess in SJC).

Quite a celebration was held in San Mateo to "pin" **ERNIE SHULTZ** (Snoopy's creator) with a pair of gold wings. Fly-by of Stearman's, the Blue Angels, a marching band and many dignitaries were in attendance. Joining in the fun and banquet following were: **TONI** and **DALE KUHNS**, **JEANINE** and **PETE CECCIO**, **MARION BARNICK** and **MARY SMITH**.

We are pleased to welcome two new members, both transfers: **BETTY HICKS** from Bay Cities, and **MARION OWEN** from Western Washington. Know your old Chapters will miss you, but we're very happy to have you with us.

**PIREPS:** Two new instrument rat-

ings: NANCY DRAKE and TONI KUHNS. Well done! NOVIS PERCIVAL has passed both commercial and instrument writtens. Congrats! A firm proponent of "flying is safer" is JANE BAKER who is, happily, all convalesced after a head-on collision in an auto. All flying this time of year is quickly done between departing wx, wx and approaching wx. CHARLENE and BOE TAYLOR Arrowed to Tahoe and got snowed in for four days. Sneaky way to get a vacation! VERA ARNOLD chauffeured son MICHAEL (home on furlough) on an air tour of the Bay area and down the Coast. Highlight of the trip was spotting 3 "huge" whales. Frustration was no camera! MARY SMITH had fun piloting a photo hop to record a slipping swimming pool—it's coming down off the hill! GINNY DAVIS attended the EAA Conference in Lancaster. MARION ROBINSON trundled off to Monterey for breakfast. JERRI, DONN and son DONN HILE made a trip to Los Angeles. TONI and DALE KUHNS managed to sneak in a long week-end at Muleje. PAT GLADNEY and ALICE TAYLOR attended a Cat show in Phoenix—got weathered in—and had fun while waiting to get home again. JAN and HARRY HALAJIAN are proud new grandparents. DOROTHY ASDEL has become the first lady President of the Northern California Chapter of the Soaring Association. Good going! Was much fun having TERRI BECKER from the Eastern Washington Chapter visit with us at last meeting. Do it again TERRI.

#### **TUCSON CHAPTER** **Ginny Cook, Reporter**

Ten-nine-eight-seven — countdown has begun — perhaps by the time you read this it will be down to three-two-one-HELP!

We hope you know what we are talking about. We sure do: as we haven't been thinking of anything else since the Tucson Chapter was given the privilege of hosting the Southwest Section for the Spring Fun Sectional.

New member KATHY PARRY is getting her "Angel-Flight" girls ready to give you-all a "Big Hat" welcome and JANET ROBERTSON is preparing to play a game with your flight plans, so please, please, file your flight plan. SHERRY BOICE is going to do her "thing" and I can't tell you any more or you'll guess what the surprise is. If you can guess who the mystery

voice is from the tower, you win a free pack. Nothing in it just a free pack. DOROTHY JENKINS has the coffee pot on in the Tower Building, and MARY MARTIN is polishing all the cars. (Not really, Avis, Hertz, Pima Volks, and Selby Motors are.) MARY is busy mapping out all the routes. LORAIN YOCUM is frosting the donuts—I'm kidding—dunkin donuts is.

Meanwhile, back at the barn, registration chairman, MIRZA CLARK, and NORMA WILCOX, CAROLE EWING, JUDY PREBLE, and PATTY HAUGEBAK are busy fabricating your tickets for registration and may slip in an extra ticket or two if you smile!

Busily stacking up the give-a-ways (would you believe 99) in the hospitality room No. 170 are VIRGINIA and LUM EDWARDS, PATSY and BOB BROOKS, and MAGGIE SCHOCK (alias Diamond Lil). BARBARA WELSH is ready to hand you a goodie bag and CHRIS RUCK (alias Kitty) is ready with another kind of goody. Preparing to spell them are BYRD GRANGER and JAYNE HUNTER.

"Old Tucson" is ready to swing when the Diamond Squares lead us in square dancing after the barbeque and western round-up party put on by the TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY and WING DERRINGER. (We ought to call it a wing-ding?)

Our tour coordinators MARY MARTIN and ISABELLA BREASTED are briefing the various tour leaders: KITT PEAK, JIM PREBLE, Aviation, KEN COOK, Shopping, LORAIN YOCUM, Historical BYRD GRANGER, and Miscellaneous, MAGGIE SCHOCK.

Identification number one was given to the new Southwest Section Governor, ALBERTA NICHOLSON when she sent in her registration February 1st. That's a real early bird! She has been getting her ESP in good shape to draw for you one of our grand prizes among which are: a vacation at Lake Powell, two season passes for the Reno Air Races: an Instamatic Camera: portable AM-FM-VHF radios: a strobe light: a 40 lbs. fruit basket: an executive desk and sun lamp: set of china for 8: an electric blender: a savings bond: two week-ends in Tucson, and two in Las Vegas!

Never on Sunnay? Don't you believe it — our Sunnay gal, ELAINE BARNFIELD, is cooking up something for you "Good Time Charlies" who will stay over on Sunday. Would you like to go to Mexico? Or Mount Lemmon, or the dog races, say so and it's done!

SHIRLEY MARSHALL and PAT NOLEN are having a ball in the Angel Derby, we have no word as yet as to how it went — let you know next issue. SEE YOU AT THE SECTIONAL?

#### **UTAH CHAPTER** **Barbara Dunkley, Reporter**

Anybody been reading any good books lately? During the inclement weather we've been having here in Utah, your reporter has read quite a few. Among my favorites are "FIRST SOLO FLIGHT" by Betty Crashes; "CROSS COUNTRY FLYING" by Victor Airways and "LOW ON FUEL" by Willy Makit, illustrated by Noah Can't.

Now that we've got that out of the way, let's get on with the flying news.

VIVIAN YARDLEY has been quite active, flying to Reno, Sun Valley and Santa Barbara. The last two flights were made with her 49½ in a Twin Beech. Sounds like a lot of fun. DARLA TOWNLEY was the co-pilot and said she got a lot of radio experience.

GINI STREETER'S been a busy little BEE, and is going to be even busier in the near future. Besides skiing, she flew to San Diego in a 411 to drop off a passenger, and in ten days she's leaving for Phoenix, Puerto Vallarta, Zihuatanejo and Guadalajara for a ten day vacation. Having just returned from an eleven day stay in Mexico myself, I have a word of caution. Don't drink the water! If you do, you'll find out why I advised against it!

ALBERTA NICHOLSON flew to St. George to play golf, and she also entertained a fellow 99 from Wyoming by the name of MABLE ANESE. MABEL was in Salt Lake City for AOPA Instrument Ground School. ALBERTA had her and a few fellow flyers in to talk about flying—what else?

BAREARA HANSON recently moved from Bountiful to Salt Lake City. Since it's approximately fifteen miles further South, perhaps she was hoping the weather would be better!

ELOISE WILCOX reported flying VFR all the way to Antelope Island—a distance of at least 10 miles. Congratulations, ELOISE!

LUCILLE CHRISTOPHERSON went commercially to Hawaii in January, flew to Phoenix, Arizona and has made several trips to Provo, Salt Lake and Ogden.

LILA FIELDEN has had fun skiing, and we recently heard that she got

her instrument ticket. Congratulations, LILA.

TERI WOJCIK plans to fly to Portland, Oregon in two days to attend her brother-in-law's wedding, and she will play the organ for the ceremony. The only thing that might prevent her from going is the fact that she doesn't have an engine in her plane. Would you believe a real strong rubber band, TERI?

WILMA NICHOLS has been skiing, but not much flying.

BECKIE WILKONSON has been studying and flying around the local area.

BARBARA EARLOW has had a few charter flights and has been snowmobile racing with her 49½.

NANCY REUHLING flew to Tucson via her Aztec, to visit with her father-in-law and also her son, RICH. After resting for a whole day she went commercially to New Orleans to attend a convention, and she and LILA FIELDEN are leaving on March 19th for New Orleans to fly the Angel Derby.

JOAN WILLIAMS, JANE PATTERSON and BARBARA DUNKLEY have been meeting every Wednesday for local hops, if the weather permits, and otherwise just terrorizing the coffee shop. We have two such loyal 49½'s that meet with us, namely PAT PATTERSON and BILL SEWARD, that we were wondering if we could make them honorary 99's. PAT is a flight instructor and has been checking us out on our APT tests, which proves that we can be serious once in a while. Other than picking up a little carburetor ice on takeoff and frozen landing gears, we've been getting along great.

Our last meeting was held at LILA FIELDEN'S home, and the guest speaker was TED MARTIN, the Chief Control Tower Operator at Salt Lake. He not only was extremely interesting, but we discovered he has a great sense of humor. I wonder if he was the one who moved the entire airport yesterday when I was looking for it in the haze?

Happy Flying Gals.

#### YUMA CHAPTER

Joan Meiser, Reporter

Yuma Chapter's first Spot Landing Contest has now gone into the history book of local aviation as a huge success! It was held Feb. 16—a beautiful Sunday afternoon—at Auxiliary Airstrip No. 4 about 15 miles southwest of Yuma. Nearly 200 people braved



"CAN YOU LAND ON A DIME?" was asked by the Yuma Chapter to promote Spot Landing Contest Feb. 16. Left to right, counter-clockwise: LUCILLE JOHNS, SUE GALYEN, MARGARET SCHULTZ, BEV FLEMING, MARGARET CARPENTER, and JOAN MEISER. (Photo: Yuma Daily Sun)

the dusty road to watch the event. There were about 25 CONTESTANTS entered in three categories—"Anything Goes", "Power On", and "Power Off". Approximately 75 landings were made before the sun dipped in the west. After all events were finished we counted nine trophy winners and a very sizeable boost to Yuma Chapter's treasury. Our local flying enthusiasts have practically insisted that we have another contest. So-o-o maybe next year—

Welcome to MARGARET SCHULTZ, our ninth member. Another gal has just earned her wings—SYLVIA EHRHART. Her mother is OLIVE BROWNING who joined our chapter last fall.

The March meeting was held at the home of LORRAINE JACOB. Guests were RUTH McGEE, student pilot, and ANN DAVIS of the Phoenix Chapter. ANN and TED DAVIS are living in Yuma now.

Saw GEORGIA HART' in the supermarket several weeks ago. She tells us that she is quite busy teaching



BEV FLEMING watches a Cherokee come in for a try at the spot during Yuma Chapter's Spot Landing Contest, Feb. 16. (Photo: Ted Davis)

night classes in math at Arizona Western College.

LUCILLE and FRANK JOHNS invited all the gals and their 49½s to their home for dinner March 13. Those attending were JAKE and LORRAINE JACOB, DON and SUE GALYEN, ELLIS and OLIVE BROWNING and daughter SYLVIA EHRHART, RAY and BEV FLEMING, and BOB and JOAN MEISER.

We had so much success with the Spot Landing Contest that we are making tentative plans to bring an air show to Yuma. Lot's of details to be worked out yet, but when plans are made we'll send flyers to all Ninety-Nines in our area.

Hope to see many of you in Tucson in April at the Spring Sectional!

#### **SOUTHERN SIERRA CHAPTER**

**Phyllis Taggart, Reporter**

Hello everyone! We're a happy bunch of women right now! WE'VE JUST FORMED OUR OWN CHAPTER OF 99s, and are working at high speed getting ready for our charter banquet on March 22. It will be in Porterville, Calif. The guest speaker will be MR. ARVIN O. BASNIGHT, Director of the Western Region, F.A.A. Our charter is to be presented by our own Southwest Section Governor, ALBERTA NICHOLSON. Our charter members are BERTHA COE, KAY COMPTON, ESTHER DAVIS, BARBARA JAMISON, JO STAFFORINI, RUBY UPTON, WANDA WOLLENMAN and yours truly.

My 49½er, BOB, and I, along with the DALE FRYS of Fry Aviation of Tulare flew to Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta and Guadalajara in Mexico in January. Like the rest of the West, the flying weather has been terrible, but we did manage to get out, and by waiting two extra days in Imperial, we finally got over the Tehachapis and back home. As of this letter we've had 19 inches of rain!

#### **SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER**

**Beth Schoof, Reporter**

I finally cornered our gal, DOROTHY ANDERSON, who has been to the United Nations on the Fellowship given by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women. She attended the 23rd General Assembly of the UN in New York City and was most



**Left to Right: HEATHER SIFTON, SHIRLEY ALLEN and SUSAN OLIVER (Los Angeles Chapter) at Buttonville Airport, north of Toronto.**

concerned with the Human Rights related commissions. She also attended the meeting of the Commission on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space while she was there and traveled on to Montreal to the International Civil Aviation Organization Headquarters. There were two panels of experts there in session from ASTRA, which is the Application of Space Techniques Relating to Aviation and the Sub-Commission on the Warsaw Convention as Amended by the Hague Protocol.

Of interest to Aviation is the space-related uses of satellites in the field of communications, navigation and weather prediction. DOROTHY is gathering material from these observations to see how general aviation in the non-airline fields fits into these new international forecast plans.

While she was hob-nobbing with the elite she had the privilege of meeting the Secretary General of ICAO Headquarters, MR. B. T. TWIGT of the Netherlands; MADAME INDIRA GHANDI, Prime Minister of India and ANNA ROOSEVELT HALSTEAD of our own famous Roosevelt family to name a few.

DOROTHY has been busy since her return with speaking engagements to local organizations telling of her adventures in these fascinating fields of endeavor.

The 99 meeting which was held on February 19th at RUTH WAGNER'S was a very busy one with everyone working their heads off already to see that the fall sectional to be held here in Sacramento in September will be a great success.



#### **FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER**

**Heather Sifton, Reporter**

We have just received news that our London Ontario area members have formed their own chapter. The executive officers are, Chairman—HILDA DEVEREAUX, Vice-Chairman—BERNICE ESKITT, Secretary—PAT ROY, Treasurer — BERTHA SNELGROVE. Their name will likely be the Maple Leaf Chapter in lieu of any other suggestions before their next meeting. A decision about their boundaries will be left for a joint discussion with our chapter.

Congratulations girls and very best wishes—we'll miss you.

For our January meeting we had the pleasure of being the guests of Air Canada for the evening in their Training Centre at Toronto's International Airport. During the evening our members underwent the exercise of being assigned a mock flight to Frankfurt, Germany. We were given the pilot's entire flight plan, weather progs and maps etc. exactly as it would be for a real flight. After the briefing we were led to the DC 8 and DC 9 simulators where we enjoyed back seat flying along with the pilots taking dual instruction. The realistic effects of the flight simulators became startling when No. 1 and 3 engines were out on the DC 8 and smoke began pouring into the cockpit.

In February a few of us had the

pleasure of an enjoyable lunch with SUSAN OLIVER (Los Angeles Chapter) at Buttonville Airport just north of Toronto. SUSAN is staying in Toronto while she is working on a new film.

Past Governor EDITH DENNY and WALLY are now on their three month trip through the Caribbean Islands and South America in CF-SKY. EDITH has been wonderful in keeping us informed of her whereabouts with position reports. From Brazil she reported that an instrument rating is a necessity. They crossed the Equator at the mouth of the Amazon in a tropical cloudburst which she described like "flying under water". Some of her interesting stops have been Tobago, Caracas, Georgetown (Guyana), Belem, Bahia (Brazil) and Rio. She also reports that "Canadian SKY" is causing quite a stir being so far from home and Senhora Pilota is quite a curiosity. While in Brazil EDITH spent quite a bit of time with ANESIA MACHADA (member-at-large).

According to her last card the weather had improved but it was "very hot and humid" and they were off to Sao Paulo, Montevideo and Buenos Aires. I will continue to report on this exciting trip which sounds like lots of fun and a wonderful experience.

PHYLLIS MILLER recently completed an interesting course. It was the first course of the only civilian bush survival school in Canada. She was one of two women to receive official certificates. PHYLLIS has since had additional hours added to her certificate and is now an instructor. This course is run by an ex-military bush survival expert and is tailored to the needs of civilian pilots with the full support of the Department of Transport and the Armed Forces Air Search and Rescue Organization. During the course they chop trees, build shelters, signal fires and sleep out in below zero weather in deep snow.

## SOUTH AFRICAN SECTION

Yvonne van den Dool, Reporter

I am pleased to report that I have received several letters from 99s mainly in the U.S.A. but also in Australia, who are interested in flying the 99 Air Safari during April 1970. Remember, there will probably be no more than

15 aircraft available for the tour, so don't delay in advising me if you want to take part. Aircraft will be in the Cessna 172-182 Cherokee 180, 235 class. Instrument and light ratings are not necessary for this safari, but of course, they are always good to have. Remember also that we have not as yet got all the radio, navigational aids that you have in the States, and apart from a couple of VOR's and many NDB's, you had better brush up your map reading. No need for worrying though, considering how well some 99s coped during an AOPA safari a year or so ago. Maps will be supplied in each aircraft. The itinerary appeared in a previous 99 newsletter. I have not yet received any since October, but I think the itinerary would be in Nov./Dec. or January issue.

Not much news in general except that ELLY BEINHORN from Germany visited South Africa for two months, but dashed around (by car) so much that she wrote to me only after finishing her tour. Sorry to have missed her. I well remember our trip in the helicopter over New York together in 1967.

ANN WHITE, our Governor, has been granted a government subsidy for advanced flying. Well done, ANN. ANN has also been instructing future 99s.



### EASTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Billie Downing, Reporter

Our February meeting was a wonderful Valentine Party at the home of STU and GENE WOODWORTH in Weston, Mass. Their home is one of the oldest in Weston, having been built in 1747 and is really a showplace. We had a wonderful meeting with 14 members present and afterward with seven 49½ers and 13 guests enjoyed STU'S slides of "Flying in Mexico". We would all love to take a flying trip like that. Thanks to both STU and GENE and we hope GENE will be joining us soon. She is about ready to solo.

HELEN RHODES was pinned at the meeting and we welcome her. HELEN

is a high school art teacher and flies from Hopedale-Draper.

CHRIS SEAVER has become a grandmother again and is anxiously awaiting the time when she can go out to Chicago to see her grandchild.

HARRIET FULLER became a grandmother for the first time recently and went out to Ithaca to help take care of her grandchild and then went off with her husband to Europe for a wonderful trip. They visited Germany and England. In Germany she visited the Deutsches Museum which has many examples of antique aircraft.

STU and BILLIE DOWNING flew up to Rockland, Maine just before all of the big snowstorms in February. Rockland is near Thomaston where the inmates of the Maine State Prison make and sell beautiful furniture and all kinds of wooden products. Of course, we couldn't bring much back in the plane so will go again with a truck. The trip up takes you across Casco Bay and Friendship, Maine where the Friendship sloops are built.

DOT and DICK PULIS are enjoying a trip to the warm Caribbean right now. How lucky can you get?

MONA BUDDING has gotten her Multi-Engine Land rating and HELEN RHODES her Basic Ground School Instructor's rating. Congratulations to both.

RIPLEY MILLER has applied for the Amelia Earhart scholarship to help in the completion of her instrument rating. Good luck!

Our March meeting was held on a beautiful but windy day, but several of us were brave enough to fly to Manchester. The others drove and there were 13 members present with 5 guests and 3 49½ers. PEG and DON DAVIDSON flew up from Connecticut to visit with us again. DOT BUTLER was finally pinned and we are glad to have her officially a member. We had lunch at the Sheraton-Wayfarer in Bedford, N.H. What a beautiful place! There is an old grist mill with a waterwheel, two waterfalls and a covered bridge. After the luncheon we listened with great interest to DICK BARNARD from the Flight Service Station at Concord and KEN STOCKMAN from the Grenier Tower. Thanks to both of them for a very informative and interesting program. DICK told us how the new Doppler Direction Finding equipment installed at Concord works and how he can find us if we are lost on top!

Our Chapter is going to have an in-

teresting New England Cook Book for sale at the New York Convention so be sure and look for it!

The Spring Sectional meeting is being planned for May 10 at Pease AFB, Portsmouth, N.H. This should be interesting. Pease is a SAC base and has the longest runway in New England.

KATHY HEYM has transferred to our chapter and we welcome her. She wasn't at the March meeting as she was being married that day at her home in Michigan. We are looking forward to seeing her back and wish her the very best.

A vote was taken at the meeting on how the members like the Announcements Only issue. We don't really care for it. A motion was made that the Newsletter report for the Chapter that we feel that less expensive paper should be considered for the magazine and the Newsletter come out every other month only and eliminate the Announcements Only Issue.

This is all for now, you all!

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**NORTHERN CHAPTER**  
Alma Smith, Reporter

Spring Section meeting at Pease Air Force Base, Portsmouth, N.H. Saturday, May 17 is the most important date on Northern's calendar. This will be a first for 99s at the SAC Base on New Hampshire's coast.

COL. CARVER, base commander, promises a warm welcome and an interesting day. He is an old friend of CHARTER MEMBER LOUISE THADEN and HER 49½ER.

As hostess chapter chairman JEAN BATCHELDER is making arrangements for the 17th. BEVERLY SHORES is handling luncheon reservations. Chapter chairmen in the section may be contacted for forms 180 (Hold Harmless) and 181 (Insurance) which have to be on file before landing at the air base.

Twice in a row the weatherman cooperated. Both February and March chapter meetings were fly-able days. Laconia Airport on Feb. 15 attracted



**HOT OFF THE PROP**, the recipe cards now available from Northern New England Chapter, receive approval from JEANNE BENNETT, vice chairman; BEVERLY SHORES, section treasurer; JEAN BATCHELDER, chairman, and ALMA SMITH, former governor.

a record attendance. Chairman JEAN introduced two new private pilots, JOY BRICKER of Ashland and GERRY GRENIER of Laconia. GERRY learned to fly and bought a Cherokee 180, all since last summer when she joined the office staff of Winnepesaukee Aviation. Her Air Force husband was her first passenger on his return from Korea.

Your reporter did some reminiscing about her early flying days in the '40s.

KATHY HOSMER invited the chapter to her home in Keene for the meeting March 8. They came by three planes and one VW to hear JOE TROMBLEY of Bowman Flying Serv-

ice tell of his adventures flying the Atlantic in December in a twin Bonanza from Keene, N.H. to London. JOE'S movies of the flight are excellent.

DORIS WURSTER presided at the business meeting in the absence of Chairman JEAN who flew her 49½er to Key West in their Cherokee "JULIE" for rest and recuperation after a long hospital session.

JEAN has invited the chapter to her home for the April 12th meeting. Transportation will be provided from Pike's airport (2000' and paved) or Laconia airport. JOANN DECKER will tell about her flying in Washington and climbing Mt. Rainier.

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