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President's Column

March, 1970

As I sit here about to start my Monthly Message to you, the sun is shining on glistening white snow and the temperature is zero. There isn't a cloud in the sky and I'm thinking ahead a couple of hours and the fact that I will be flying today and this brings to mind how very hard a long winter is on people. I guess people just aren't like bears content with hibernation. It seems easy to let little things begin to bother you when you feel couped up and winter is that kind of thing at times. With Spring in the air let's all get the cob-webs out of our thinking and get into the wild blue yonder. The world is really such a beautiful place when we take time to open our eyes to it.

Our family just returned from a snow mobile weekend in the North Country and such beauty you wouldn't believe. Up there it is hard to believe that we are slowly ruining our environment with pollutants.

Gee it's fun to be your President. I just had a marvelous experience. Our own Loma May from Det. who is also a Zontian was program chairman for the Zonta Club of Detroit. She asked our Michigan Chapter Chairman, Marj Hatfield, our Governor, Mary Clark, and me to give a short talk about what particular traits Amelia Earhart had that we in the positions we hold, admired the most, and had found particularly helpful in our responsibilities with and to The Ninety-Nines. Now reflect on that one yourselves a bit. To me it was "attitudes and goals". I think her philosophy of life was great. She felt that it was not necessary to stick with a goal, if you felt a better course was the way, and that her accomplishment of a task was not as important as was the fact that, if it was right and you pursued it properly, others would be inspired and would continue and ultimate success was eminent. This kind of open mindedness is imperative in this day and age. I feel Goals are important because this is the only way people have of focusing their abilities and drawing fully from the potential they possess.

Speaking of potential, have you heard about Turi Wideroe? A most attractive young lady Airline Captain from Oslo, Norway. Hope she will become a Ninety-Nine and let us all in on her secret to success. I know you all join me in wishing her well in her new assignment. We're all so proud of our feminine accomplishments in the field of aviation. After all this is what our Ninety-Nines' Museum is made of.

Sectional Meeting time is here and "Project Awareness" will be our theme. You know the best way to learn a subject is to teach it. So get involved in this Seminar on Ninety-Nineman-ship.

It's time to put the APT program into full swing. Let's try for 100% participation this year. This should be an annual thing with priority on your must list for Spring. Check out in a new airplane and revitalize your interest in this rapidly growing business.

Plans for Convention are taking shape and let's all plan to get together for an old fashioned clam bake at the Mount Washington Hotel, Bretton Woods, N.H. July 13 through 15, 1970. Circle the dates and you-all come. Join the FAT (Fun Air Tour) and enjoy the journey to convention with your friends along the way.

REMEMBER as of February 1, 1970 VFR Transponder Codes have been changed from 0600 and 0700 to:

3300 for altitudes up to 10,000
3400 at or above 10,000 to the floor of positive control airspace
3500 at or above 24,000 in areas where positive control is not in effect

Radio failure code is 7600 and the emergency code remains 7700.

"The major benefit of the new VFR code is the opportunity it affords controllers to filter out, at their discretion, all VFR targets over 10,000 feet. This capability is especially useful in terminal areas, where normally only traffic below 10,000 feet poses a potential conflict to aircraft under control." FAA T70-6

See you all at Sectional, till then keep 'em flying.

Bernice T. Steadman
President



HEADLINES from Hazel

It is with great sadness that I must report the "Last Flight" of Anesia "Shorty" Machado's 49½. The following was sent to me:

"Air Marshal Antonio Appel Neto—49½er-Husband of Member at Large Anesia Pinheiro Machado died suddenly in Rio De Janeiro on Sunday, February 1st. Anesia was in the hospital at the time and attended services by ambulance."

Your editor has known "Shorty" for a long time and finally had the opportunity of meeting the Air Marshal at convention last summer. Dear Shorty—I'm sure that all of the Ninety-Nines join me in sending our sympathy to you and also wish you a very speedy recovery from your illness in the hospital. Our hearts and prayers are with you.

John Shumway writes that a scholarship fund has been started in the Chicago area in memory of Mary Shumway. It will provide \$500.00 for a Chicago Ninety Nine to be used for a new rating. He reports that there is already enough in the fund to assure it for 5 years. The Batavia, Ill. Public Library has had to start a new section on Aviation because of all the books donated in Mary's honor. What a tremendous tribute to a great pal!

Pauline Glasson sent in a donation to the AWTAR in memory of Mary Shumway, a friend and fellow racer. What a grand way to perpetuate the race and the memory of the gal who was a great competitor.

By now all of the sections have the information on "Project Awareness" and I look forward to reading about the great successes you all have with your seminars. This is a great idea and in our 40th anniversary year, what better way to really get involved than by finding out how and then going out and doing it!

In the April issue we are going to do a feature story on all the gals in the world that are flying for airlines. I URGENTLY request that anyone knowing of any gals in this country or abroad to get a picture and biography to me for the next issue. We want to acknowledge them and hopefully generate some interest in this "heretofore untapped pool" of talent.

DEAR MR. POSTMAN: I am pretty broad in the shoulders and in the beam. My skin is pretty thick! I can take a moderate amount of abuse and not get "up tight"! HOWEVER, my mail is getting progressively heavier with complaints about no news, damaged news, and delayed news. We have now come full circle. Today I received my copy of the February issue and the March issue is going to press. Please, Mr. Postman, I'm fat, frumpy, and forty plus. I have an occasional "flash". Please do better by my readers so they won't heap coals on my headbone. To all of you that wrote, if you need a copy, another copy or whatever, contact Loreta Gragg and she will forward a copy to you. At Board meeting in April, we will try to resolve this.

I invite your attention to the editorial "Bad Blood" which is reproduced by permission from George Haddaway, Flight Magazine, Dallas, Texas. I think it is probably the most meaningful and in depth report on the present turmoil confronting general aviation. I trust that this year of chaos will resolve itself and that we can get back to the fun part of flying. I am tremendously impressed by the part the Ninety-Nines are taking in keeping up with this very important change in flying. I hope that the FFA will listen to the "hue and cry" of the vast majority of airspace users and not force the TCA's down their throats. Our country was founded on the premise that the majority rules and certainly in this instance, the majority feels that the proposed TCA is not only unfair, but dangerous. We are all ladies and we have conducted ourselves as such at these meetings. We have done ourselves proud and have been heard. I know in the coming days we will continue to do so and hopefully our "voice" will not only be heard, but heeded.

Convention News

1970

FUN AIR TOUR/CONVENTION AERO-MADA

Plans for the SE Section fun group flight to convention are moving forward. Dates (July 9-11) remain flexible for possible better coordination with convention plans. The partially confirmed route is as follows:

Natchez to Montgomery via MEI. Montgomery to Santee via TGE, CSG, MCN, ALD, VAN. Santee to Charlottesville area via flight plan route. Charlottesville area to Barre via Route Pilot's choice. Barre to Bretton Woods via Route Pilot's choice.

ADVANCE PROGRAM OUTLINE

July 8

NATCHEZ, MISS. (Hardy-Anders Arpt) START*. Arrivals Natchez. "Roulette" numbers installed.

July 9

NATCHEZ to MONTGOMERY, ALA. (Danely Field)*. Breakfast Briefing Natchez. "Arrival" contest to Montgomery. Lunch Montgomery.

MONTGOMERY to SANTEE, S.C. (Wings & Wheels Arpt)*. "Snoopy" contest to Santee. RON Santee.

July 10

SANTEE to CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. area. Breakfast briefing Santee. "Time" contest to Charlottesville area Arpt. Lunch Charlottesville.

CHARLOTTESVILLE to BARRE, MASS. (Hiller Arpt). "Kamikaze" contest arrival Barre. RON Barre.

July 11

BARRE to BRETTON WOODS, N.H. (Airport Pilot's choice). Breakfast briefing Barre. Card "fill-ins" to Bretton Woods.

* Confirmed

"Roulette" will be a continuing contest throughout the flight. The winner for each stop will be that pilot whose Roulette number matches the Judges' pre-selected number for each stop. Passengers within each plane may have additional fun by "betting on" the number to "show" at each stop.

Details of the Snoopy and Kamikaze contests are "classified"!

The Time contest will be based on the advance flight plan submitted on Pilot's Entry form.

Scoring is on a point system and



The Convention Hospitality Committee is wearing a set of smiles guaranteed to thaw any snow and ice! Their smiles will be just as warm and sunny this July when the girls welcome you to Bretton Woods, New Hampshire for a fun-filled Vacation-Convention. Standing in front of ISABEL BLODGETT'S Bonanza after a meeting at Brainard Field, Hartford, Conn., the girls are, from left to right: SHARON SIMMONS, CONSTANCE MacLEISH, BOBBY HERBERT, CYNTHIA KEMPER, JOY BRICKER, JEAN BATCHELDER, KATHY TOMPKINS, ISABEL BLODGETT (Co-Chairman), GEORGIA PAPPAS, CHRIS SEAVER (Co-Chairman), MARILYN ASHLAND, HARRIET FULLER.

Photo by Bonesteel



The Mount Washington Hotel at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, site of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., 1970 International Convention. A splendid hotel, reminiscent of the Victorian era in American Architecture.

there will be points for passengers and for being APT.

The Southeast Section invites all Ninety-Nines and their passengers to rendezvous with this, our first fun air tour to convention. If you cannot make Natchez, or Montgomery or Santee, we would love to see you at Charlottesville or Barre.

Look for Entry form in the March issue of **The Ninety-Nine News**.

Virginia Britt, Chairman
Flying Activities, SE Section

CONVENTION NEWS FROM NEW ENGLAND SECTION

"Men hang out their signs indicative of their respective trades; shoemakers hang out a gigantic shoe; jewelers, a monster watch; and the dentist hangs out a gold tooth; but up in the mountains of New Hampshire, God Almighty has hung out a sign to show that there He makes men. The Old Man of the Mountain." (Daniel Webster, 1782-1852) Daniel Webster's birthplace is near Franklin, New Hampshire. The preserved two-room cabin is open to tourists and houses many mementos of the famed orator.

On our Convention-Vacation tour we will visit the Old Man of the Mountain, a natural rock formation in the shape of a human profile, in the Franconia Range of the White Mountains of New Hampshire. The "Old Man" gave Nathaniel Hawthorne the inspiration for his story, **THE GREAT STONE FACE**, and is a natural monument to the majesty of nature. The granite rock formation looks like the side view of an old man's face. His craggy profile, at the top of Cannon Mountain, measures approximately forty feet from chin to forehead. What a treat it would be to sit atop the bridge of his nose and see the view he commands. No wonder he appears so stately and noble, The Old Man of the Mountain is the most famous natural stone profile in the world.

Down the road "apiece," is another natural wonder. The Flume, an 800 foot chasm at Franconia Notch, is spectacular in its beauty. Here, you may view scenic wilderness on a half-mile tour through its splendor. Along the narrow bridge, with the water rushing by, the trees and moss create a 'hanging garden' effect. A walk through the Flume on a beautiful summer's day, is quiet and cool and unforgettable.

Further on down the road, we'll head

for the Lost River, but first, a stop at Clark's Trading Post. A must for tourists, where you'll find a mecca of little remembrances as gifts for the folks back home. My husband calls places like this, typical tourist traps, and trapped we are until we pick up a little something for Susie and John, and oh yes, Aunt Kate too.

The Lost River features a magnificent waterfall. Its beauty reflects a quieter era when folks could drop a hook in a gentle stream and daydream about funny things like the bubbles in the water, and the funny way a fish looks under the water when he's thinking about taking a bite.

We don't have to give up our daydreaming as we head back to the Mount Washington Hotel, because there are miles in which to continue, as we head along the Kancamagus Wilderness Highway. On one side, beyond a ridge or two, is the Waterville Valley Ski Resort, where famous people like Andy Williams cavort in the sun and snow. Now, the peaks are a rich green and wild flowers are everywhere. Let's make one stop along the Kancamagus to look at the large topographical map of the mountain area. It identifies each peak and is a work of art in itself.

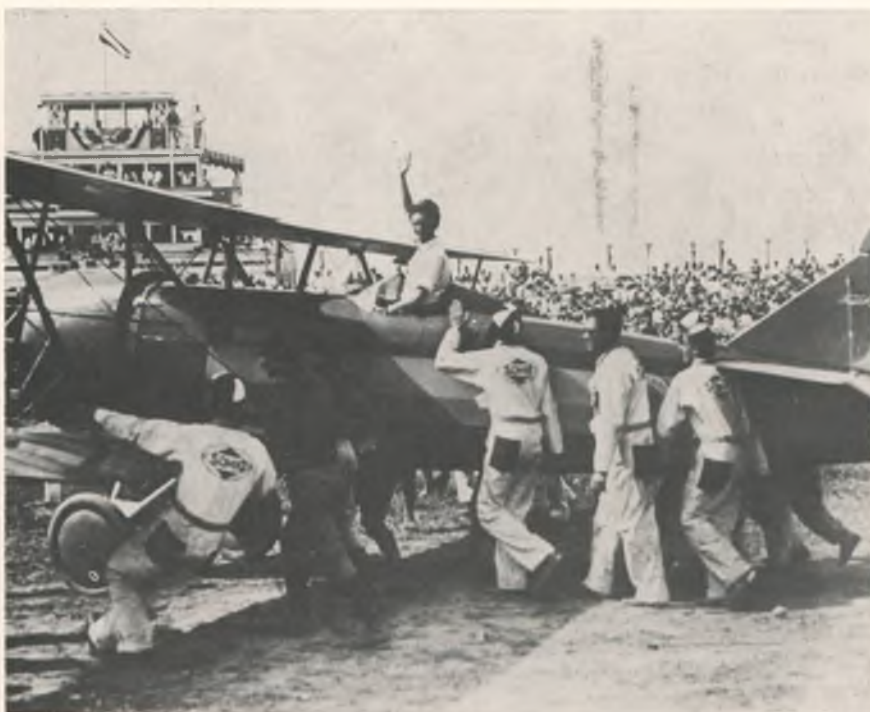
Had enough for today? Then let's head back to the hotel and enjoy the evening's offerings. There's still tomorrow.

Backward Glance Column

By Virginia Thompson

What causes a 16 year old college student to forsake her last major, premed, and enter the uncertain field of aviation? What opinions have been formed during the last forty-four years of flying?

An interesting telephone conversation with LOUISE McPHETRIDGE THADEN revealed that her desire to



Louise McPhetridge Thaden, Winner 1929 First Women's Air Derby, Cleveland, Ohio in connection with The National Air Races.

fly dates back to the age of seven when she jumped off a barn under an oversized umbrella back in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Between her second and third years at the University of Arkansas, she took a job with the J. H. Turner Coal Co. and spent Saturday afternoons and Sundays at the Travel Air factory. MR. TURNER, a large stockholder and a director in Travel Air was influential in helping LOUISE align herself with the manufacturer, Walter Beech. This was the turning point in her life. She returned to college for her third year firmly convinced to get into aviation. The next fall, she entered her new career with Travel Air on the Pacific Coast. Here D. C. WARREN taught her the aviation business and the elements of flight. Upon arrival in San Francisco on April 7,

1928, she wrote back home, "I am so grateful you let me come. Flying gives me better understanding, peace and contentment. Isn't it a wonderful thing that the one who created the mountains and the valleys and the deserts should take care of an infinitesimal bit of humanity? How can we become egoists enough to forget Him, and think only of our own little heartaches and happiness?"

According to LOUISE, she got her licenses back in the days when the requirements for a private license was 10 hours of solo flying; limited commercial, 50 hours solo, entitling the pilot to carry passengers around an airport for hire; and a transport rating, 200 hours, similar to our commercial rating today except less detailed due to our present navigational systems. SHE WAS THE FOURTH WOMAN IN THE U.S. TO RECEIVE A TRANSPORT LICENSE (No. 1943) IN 1929.

California was good to her—an exciting career in aviation; an ex-Army pilot and engineer husband, HERBERT V. THADEN; and three international flight records.

On Dec. 7, 1928, she took off wearing a fur lined flying suit in a Hispano-Suiza. 180 hp engine and climbed to a new women's altitude record.

STENOTYPIST WANTED

Bids for stenotypist for the International Convention at White Mountain Inn, Bretton Woods, N.H., July 12-15, 1970 are now being accepted by International Secretary Joan Hrubec. Any 99 interested in applying or who knows of a stenotypist interested in applying should contact Joan at 16902 Dartmouth Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44111.

LOUISE was overawed with the view, one wing hanging over the Sacramento Valley, the other over the Pacific Ocean. The fact that the only two oxygen masks in the country were being used didn't deter our early pioneer. A hospital mask, a tank of oxygen, some flexible hose and a pair of pliers solved her problem.

Using the same plane, she set two other records—March 16-17, 1929, solo duration, 22 hours, 3 min. and 28 seconds, a new women's non-refueling endurance record and on April 13, 1929, speed record, 156 mph for 2 runs each way over a measured mile course across Oakland Airport with altitude limits between 300 and 500 feet.

She had good persuasive powers too, resulting in MR. WALTER BEECH building a plane for her on loan to enter in the first Women's Air Derby (JOURNAL, Fall 1964). The race began in Santa Monica on August 18, 1929, and ended on the 26th in Cleveland. She became overcome with carbon monoxide poisoning as she approached Ft. Worth from Tulsa. Adding a four inch pipe to obtain fresh air in the cockpit solved the problem and she and her Travel Air J-5, turned in the best flight time to win first place in the field of twenty pilots.

Then followed the Refueling Duration Record, August 1932, in a Wright J6, 220 hp Curtiss Thrust airplane. Not many women attempted this particular type of record. LOUISE said that FRANCIS MARSALIS and she were the knot-heads—with FRANCIS doing the hard work of manning the hole cut in the cabin roof for snagging gas, oil, food, batteries, laundry, mail, etc. Needless to say, their six place airplane was stripped except for the pilot and co-pilot seats. To sleep during their 196 hour flight (8 days), the girls put an air mattress on the floor but it got punctured after the second day aloft. They had their choice—sleeping uphill with their heads under the instrument panel or downhill. They chose heads low, feet high. Finally, the girls got so bored circling Long Island that they could stand it no longer so came down. The fun of this type of flying, according to LOUISE, comes years later.

In 1936, LOUISE and BLANCHE NOYES teamed up and flew a Staggerwing Beechcraft, Wright 420 hp, airplane in the Bendix Transcontinental Race, New York to Los Angeles, August, 1936. Winning this race the

first year that women were permitted to enter was the highlight of her aviation career.

Life was not all racing and record setting. LOUISE was one of the charter members of the Ninety-Nines and one of the key people who started and held our organization together as secretary until serving as vice president in 1931-32, when our organization had its first full slate of officers with Amelia Earhart as President.

It was PHOEBE OMLIE and AMELIA EARHART who promoted the air marking idea with the Bureau of Air Commerce in the autumn of 1935. Four women pilots assigned to the project, LOUISE THADEN, HELEN MAC CLOSKEY (ROUGH), NANCY HARKNESS (LOVE), and HELEN RICHEY, in less than a year obtained approval in every state for more than 16,000 air markers costing more than a million dollars.

LOUISE feels that the various projects the Ninety-Nines have undertaken both on a national scale and chapter level are doing a good job to promote aviation. However, she would like to see more of a concentration in trying to support the small general aviation airports by flying to them, making the communities aware of their importance and supporting them. She feels that a lot of the fun has gone out of flying because of regimentation but that some of the old feeling can be recaptured by flying a little lower and into small airports.

She feels too that pilots, especially the novice, should definitely learn acrobatics as a confidence building, safety measure. It helps to develop a feel of an airplane that can be gotten no other way besides helping to take away fear by showing what an airplane can get into and how to get out of unusual attitudes.

Today, she urges women to enter all fields of aviation. Engineering is a broad field with tremendous possibilities as well as air traffic controlling. There is no longer the antipathy there used to be toward aviation. The only barrier today is a woman's own capabilities.

Even being an airline pilot with a major airline in this hemisphere is now a reality as reported on the TODAY Program, Feb. 16, 1970, with TURI WIDEROE from Norway flying with the Scandinavian Airlines. However, it holds little interest for LOUISE because of its regimentation—just get-

ting planes from here to there—all cut and dried. She feels that it held more glamour and prestige in the early days. Now it is more the idea that makes it attractive. I am not so sure that her son, a Captain with Eastern Airlines and her daughter working on her private license on Long Island would agree with her.

LOUISE has held a number of responsible positions in aviation and is currently co-partner of Thaden Engineering Co.

She feels that much can be done to further aviation by helping our youth, lecturing, writing, and flying. One of her great joys has been working with the Civil Air Patrol for many years. She is a most interesting speaker and has written numerous articles for the various news media as well as a book entitled, HIGH, WIDE AND FRIGHTENED. Her hobby is still flying, a Bonanza, of course, out of High Point, N.C.

The impact of her contributions to aviation can be noted through her various honors and awards:

Harmon Trophy, Federation Aeronautique Internationale 1936

Civil Air Patrol: Distinguished Service Award, Exceptional Service Award, and Meritorious Service Award with Cluster

OX5 Club of America Broderick Award, Outstanding Aviatrice

World Who's Who in Commerce and Industry

Who's Who of American Women

Who's Who in the South and Southwest

Directory of International Biography
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Hazel McKendrick, Editor

This month, a new service to pilots was launched. To the people at Flight Plan, Inc. a part of DATA automation, it represented many many frustrating months of putting everything together. To the general aviation pilots it provides, for the first time, flight planning much the same as that provided for the airline captain, and for the military.

Dorothy Warren, National Aviation Promotion Director, for Flight Plans Inc. and also Ninety-Nine Governor of the South Central Section was our guide through their offices and it was an exciting tour of private industry's efforts toward safer flying.

The equipment is the RCA Spectra 70/45 computer. The thing that the pilot will see will be a Type 103F or Type 101C teletype housed as your local fixed base operators. A telephone call to the computer giving it a few vital statistics and in a shorter time than it takes to read this sentence, your complete flight log is in your "hot little hand". Dorothy assures me that the only time you would get a busy signal from the computer is if it had 422 simultaneous requests. Then the delay would only be a matter of seconds. That computer is one "smart little feller" because we requested a flight from Seattle to Miami and it came back with all the pertinent information plus the fact that we had asked for the wrong altitude in a matter of one minute 20 seconds. You must see it to believe it. Your flight log contains VOR frequencies, ground speed, radials, ETES, distances, and a very brief weather report of stations along your route of flight. If, for some reason, there is a NOTAM out along your route it will be flagged and if a SIGMET or AIRMET is current for your route, it also will be flagged. The cost is \$3.00 for the VFR planning service and \$5.00 for the IFR planning service. This does NOT take the place of a flight plan, nor does it fulfill the pilot's obligation under FAR 91.5 It does provide the pilot with a detailed plan along a specified route and does provide all that is needed to more than meet his navigational requirements.

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VFR planning is available, and that only in the Southwest. As telephone lines become available they will expand nationally. IFR service will be available soon as will the high altitude structure. No international planning is contemplated at this time. I tried to get Dorothy to plan a "winning altitude and plan" for the Powder Puff Derby, for me, for this summer. She advised that the service will be provided for all the racers, free, this summer. No more sleepless nights drawing endless lines on mountains of charts for we weary co-pilots.

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Bad Blood

From all we can gather regarding the public hearings held in December and January by the Federal Aviation Administration on new traffic rules and blocked off airspace over congested airports, the proposals are about as popular as a dead mouse in a punch bowl.

In Notice 69-41 dated 30 September 1969, the FAA published its intent to adopt new rules for the control or segregation of all aircraft operated within airspace designated by the Administrator as "terminal control areas." By now all airmen are well acquainted with the "upside down wedding cake" or "beehive" system being proposed for 22 high-density airports — with notice that 97 more hub locations would be included later (FLIGHT Magazine, October, 1969, p. 34).

Most general aviation pilots, operators and aircraft owners speaking at the hearings vehemently oppose the proposed system. At one meeting, where the FAA chairman would not permit a vote, it appeared that the entire audience was unanimous in their opposition.

Even more impressive than this overwhelming resistance to the TCA program was a very obvious deep feeling of anger or bitterness against the Federal agency. General aviation consumers are fed up with the very apparent move toward second-class citizenship along the airways, particularly if you're VFR. While most of them will go along with sensible segregation of traffic to reduce the hazards of mid-air, they obviously have had a belly full of blocking out huge areas of airspace and denial of access to many airports under the guise of safety.

There is no doubt but that the lousy treatment general aviation received last year in the printed press (Parade Magazine, Wall Street Journal, the Jack Anderson syndicated column and the Bain book titled "The Case Against Private Aviation") has helped to exacerbate their tattered emotions and increase the flow of bad blood between them and the FAA.

Surely there must be some logical way for Federal Aviation Administration leadership to bring about a healthier climate between the agency and the consumer-taxpayer. The first thing they could do would be to give the

consumer more time to study and comment on proposed rule making and get away from the constant feeling that they're trying to put something over with a short fuse on it.

Second, the top leadership of the FAA should sit down and objectively study and discuss how they can improve their public relations, particularly with general aviation, to stem the tide of bitter antipathy against any and all moves they make.

Third, the Administrator and his staff are in dire need of closer relations with aviation business men, airplane pilots and owners, the area where the communications gap is most obvious. Perhaps a blue ribbon advisory panel made up of leaders from every section of the country might be formed to assist in closing this gap. There simply is not enough consumer thinking going on in the hallowed halls of the FAA.

Fourth, how about re-instating the old "Air Share" program that worked effectively out in the boondocks several years back when FAA people in the field promoted harmonious and closer relations with the consumer, where beefs were aired and proposals were made on a constructive rather than a "totally against" basis.

There is far too much at stake in the work ahead during the 1970 decade to allow bad blood and overwrought emotions to block progress. While all the blame probably can't be ailed at the FAA's doorstep, we do think it's definitely their job to take a good look at the real situation, admit their shortcomings and make the first pass toward improving the climate. Otherwise, the widespread feeling of an actual conspiracy being worked against the entire general aviation community is going to get a lot worse and cause irreparable damage to all concerned.

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The Veep Goes to Israel

MADAME PREZ: I do want to go to Israel on the Study Group, but if they don't hurry up I will be committed.

VEEP: (brightly): Have passport, will travel.

But little did I think I'd really have this wonderful trip that B just couldn't do during December! However, on 3 December, the phone rang. "This is El Al, Israel national airlines. Can you depart for Tel Aviv on December 9?"

Scurry scurry. On December 9, complete with a cocktail dress belonging to DOT, a dinner dress belong in Georgia Chapter 99 ESTHER WRIGHT, and a borrowed camera which broke before we reached Jerusalem, I departed our shores.

The occasion: 99 Yael Rom's invitation to visit Israel, backed by her government, as a delegate to the Fifth Study Group on International Congresses. Israel was out to show us what they can offer in the way of hotel and university facilities, auditorium, translators, research sources — AND THE HOLY LAND WITH ALL ITS WONDERFUL BIBLE-COME-TO-LIFE and HISTORY-WALKING.

I came home a week later, convinced that if they will stop shooting at each other, we ought to have an International Convention over there. No matter what your religion or how much or how little you practice it, this is the most thrilling country I have ever visited.

Here walked the Roman Legions — here were born the Moslem religion, the Jewish, the Christian religion, the Catholic faith. Here are centuries of civilization atop one another and a stone you pick up may have been handled by Caesar. Or, think of it, by Jesus himself!

There are other things, too—the old and the new side by side—available light aircraft which we will be able to fly across this exciting land; marvelous modern hotels. Four seas—the Red Sea, the Dead Sea, the Mediterranean, the Sea of Galilee. Here are not only Jerusalem the Golden, but Bethlehem and Nazareth and Gethsemane—

What we did was a whirlwind, of



BETTY McNABB, Vice Pres. 99's, boards a boat at Eilat on the Red Sea, to visit the Coral Gardens.

course. There were about 19 of us together, fifteen heads or representatives of international organizations and four wives. The only other woman representative was from England and was the Director General something-or-other of International Physical Therapy.

There were diamond merchants and a thin film expert from NASA, an American pathologist and a Swedish Gerontologist, a Dutch student of the old Hebrew culture, Nutrition experts, the Chief of Police of Miami Beach and his cute red-headed wife—and many other disciplines representing some seven nations.

Everybody spoke English except the French delegate and the Flemish gem expert and he evidently understood it. Proceedings, fortunately for me, were in English and our guide, Herman Kohn, was the most wonderful teacher, instructor, speaker, and even preacher whom I have ever encountered.

We stopped at the Tel Aviv Hilton which is a truly marvelous hotel, and visited the University of Tel Aviv, the Technion (Technical University) in Haifa where Yael's 49^{1/4}ER, JOSEF, is a professor of Aerodynamics, and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

We visited several hotels and stayed at the Intercontinental in Jerusalem which is on the Mount of Olives and gives one a tremendous view of the old city.

We flew down to Eilat on the Red Sea and saw the towering pillars of Solomon and across the blue water, which really turns red at sunset, the mountains of Jordan. We visited Meg-

gido above the plains of Armageddon and saw, at the Tel, ten layers of civilization one atop the other, and walked through the aqueduct Solomon had constructed to bring water to his people.

We saw the tragic memorial to the Jewish dead of the Holocaust and bowed our heads in shame that human beings could so treat one another.

We saw the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Via Dolorosa where JESUS walked bearing the cross, and we saw the Dome of the Rock, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Wailing Wall, and a thousand things to remember.

I think I had more fun than anybody. Yael had knocked herself out arranging press conferences and a meeting with aviation officials of Israel, one of the other woman pilots of Israel had an at-home for me with all Israel's woman pilots and there was a lovely reception by other aviation people—and she took me flying in a Cherokee—we couldn't get over Jerusalem because the clouds were too low over the mountain range between Tel Aviv and the Golden City but it was a delightful experience.

The old city in Jerusalem behind its tall golden walls is an experience in itself and ELIZABETH MACKEY, the English woman, and I strolled for hours through the narrow vaulted stone streets, not wide enough for automobile traffic but full of Israel's seventy ethnic groups and languages and dress and picturesque peoples.

Seventy languages! So to amalgamate the cultures, the official language is Hebrew. There were stories about the Ninety Nines in some nine Israel newspapers and YAEL faithfully sent them all to me. ANYBODY FOR HEBREW? One was in French, one in English, so I have a slight idea of what was said—but the rest???

We saw fierce-looking Druses and the wind-bitten desert people, we saw Arab women who quickly covered their faces when Infidels drew near, there were Orthodox Jews with long curling carlocks and the beautifully dressed sophisticated women of modern Israel. There were sun-dark fishermen of four seas and everywhere the young soldiers, both men and women go into military at age 18.

Israel is a land of contrasts—the packed shops in the narrow streets and dark alleys of the old city, the desolation of desert, the green of oasis, the

the "Powder Puff Derby" ✈

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

REMEMBER the International Convention of 99's in 1964?
That was the year we ENTHUSIASTICALLY vowed and voted to support our own race, the A.W.T.A.R. - popularly known as the POWDER PUFF DERBY - SO LET'S DO IT!
Let's get behind the 99's GREATEST AVIATION EVENT that brings us WORLD - WIDE ATTENTION.

Our scrapbook boasts press releases from as far away as the ORIENT, EUROPE and ASIA. What other event could bring the 99's such great publicity?

HUNDREDS of 99'S each year give GENEROUSLY of their time and efforts. ALL of us can PERSONALLY HELP SUPPORT our race.

In 1971 we celebrate the 25th YEAR of racing. Let's make our SILVER ANNIVERSARY a MEMORABLE one. Bless you!



Pat McEwen
A.W.T.A.R. Ways and Means Committee

P.S. Make checks payable to A.W.T.A.R., Inc. and mail to me at
16206 East Central, Wichita, Kansas, 67230.

brown mountains and rocky plains, huge modern cities and tiny walled primitive villages.

And suddenly—it was time to go home.

A long flight—Tel Aviv to Greece and Switzerland, and never an Alp did we see, and then New York and back to Albany.

A wonderful trip, full to the brim with spiritual and intellectual experiences plus factual information and just plain fun. I hope we'll all go there some day.

(P.S. I GOT TO RIDE IN THE COCKPIT OF THE 707 FOR TWO HOURS — GREAT!)

Powder Puff Derby

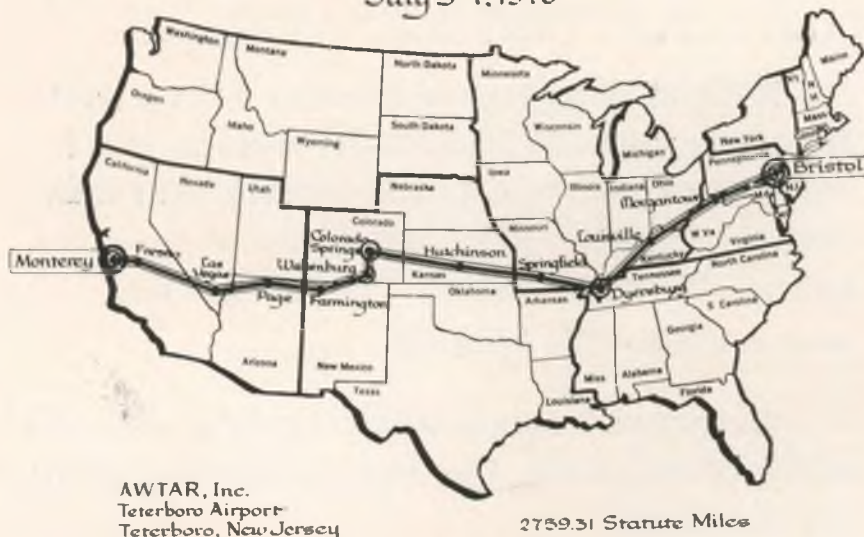
Marion Andrews

BARBARA RIGGS returned from trailblazing the race route with THON GRIFFITH, Route Director. They met at Colorado Springs and had a very full schedule traveling eastward. She reported much enthusiastic advanced planning by experienced stop personnel along the route. Even Louisville which has never been a race stop before was well organized on every phase.

April 15th is the opening date for entries for the 24th Powder Puff Derby

24th Annual POWDER PUFF DERBY

July 3-7, 1970



and must be postmarked no later than May 27th. Entry kits are available for \$1.00 from AWTAR, Inc. Entries postmarked April 15th will be included in the first day drawing for place position. Place positions for those postmarked after the first day are assigned chronologically as received.

BLANCHE NOYES has again accepted the position of NAA Chief Judge at the Terminus. The New Holiday Inn at Trenton, New Jersey will be the official hotel. Handicap requests have been received for the Lake 4, Maule, Beech 36 & A36, and the Belanca Viking. These are in the process

of being screened for eligibility and/or handicapping.

The CBS film, "A Powder Puff For Joan", is still in constant demand. It has recently been shown in Tennessee, Michigan, California, New Jersey and Calgary, Canada.

A bid for the Start of the 1971 25th Anniversary Powder Puff Derby has been accepted from Calgary, Canada.

WANTED—TO BUY: A McCauley "REV-CHECK". IF YOU HAVE ONE TO SELL OR KNOW WHERE ONE IS AVAILABLE, PLEASE NOTIFY AWTAR, INC., TETERBORO AIRPORT, NEW JERSEY 07608.

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship

Alice Hammond, Permanent Trustee

Each year at Convention time the Ninety-Nines honor the winners of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship for that year. But few of you have the opportunity to know how these girls have been enabled to further their aviation endeavors through receipt of their Awards.

With this in mind, your Trustees would like to share with you some quotas from letters received from several of the Award winners of 1965-1967:

JANET FERGUSON, 1965 for US Multi-Engine and US Instrument Ratings, British Section. "These two ratings certainly helped me become firmly established 'on the books' of the leading ferry company in this country

... In fact if we have to ferry aircraft registered in another country, we often validate our US licenses rather than the British ones, as in various ways the US licenses are more flexible and give us more scope. My main work since obtaining the ratings has been ferrying, and these are examples of some of the trips I have made:

2 trips (co-pilot), Bristol Freighter, England to New Zealand

4 Beagle 206 twins, England to Australia

DC3 (co-pilot) Miami to England

Snow Commander (cropsprayer)

Rotterdam to Athens

Cessna Agwagon (cropsprayer) Eng-

land to Ethiopia

Piper Aztec, Lockhaven, Pa. to

Dakar, W. Africa

Beech 18, England to Los Angeles

DHC Otter, England to Canada

5 Beagle Pups, England to Teheran, Iran

DH Dove, England to Djakarta, Indonesia

Jet Commander (co-pilot) Geneva Switzerland to Baltimore, Md.

As you can see, this Award has made a tremendous difference in my flying career, enabling me to do the sort of flying I really enjoy."

CAROL S. RAYBURN, 1965 for Instrument and Instrument Instructor, South Dakota. "That winter I instructed for South Dakota State University while attending classes full time . . . From July 1966 until September 1967, where I was chief pilot for Missoula Skyflite, Inc., my work consisted of flying Fire Patrol, cloud seeding thunderstorms, and spotting lightning strikes for the US Forest Service. I also did a lot of instructing, charter and towed banners . . . I never could have afforded to get my instrument and instrument instructor ratings while I was in college without the A.E. Scholarship, and without those ratings I certainly wouldn't have had the opportunity to work out in Montana on Forest Service contracts at such an early stage in my career. An Instrument rating is required for a US Forest Service Pilot Qualification Card, and an Instrument Instructor rating is a necessity for a Chief Pilot in a Flight School."

CHRISTINE WINZER 1966 for Multi-engine and ATR. New England (Now All-Ohio). "While preparing for the ATR I was a flight instructor and part time charter pilot at Danbury, Conn. . . . In December 1969 I accepted my present position with the Ohio State University Department of Aviation, Columbus. I am Supervisor of the Extension for Instructional Services Program, which translates into adult ground and flight training under the University's Division of Continuing Education. I presently have 15 part-time instructors and over 75 students . . . I am also first pilot on the Aztecs and co-pilot on the Twin Beech and DC-3 used in the University Transportation Division . . . I would like to comment that having an ATR frequently arouses my awareness of the lack of equal job opportunity and income for a woman in aviation."

WENDY MARCUS (FORMERLY BLANCHARD) 1967 for Instrument



AMELIA TAKES OFF ON WORLD FLIGHT — Oakland, California — **AMELIA EARHART** shown above flying over the Golden Gate Bridge, after her takeoff from Oakland Airport, on the start of her round-the-world flight. The first stop will be Honolulu. **MISS EARHART'S CREW INCLUDES PAUL MANTZ, CO-PILOT; F. J. NOONAN, NAVIGATOR AND CAPT. HARRY MANNING, RADIOMAN.** — All bureaus list A-C-D-(O) 3-17-37. Thanks to: Officer Dick Hanscom, Wallkill State Prison, for donating this picture.

and Instrument Instructor, Memphis, Chapter: "With the AE Scholarship I got my Instrument Rating—the most valuable of all the ratings, I believe, and my Instrument Instructor. I instructed at the Andrews AFB Aero Club and Reese Aircraft in the DC area until we moved to Tennessee in February of 1969 and am now instructing on our own Cherokee, and am working for an ATR so I may be even more of a professional pilot."

EVELYN BRAESE, 1967 for Instrument, Dyersburg, Tenn. "Since receiving the Amelia Earhart Scholarship, I've gotten my Commercial, Single and Multi-Engine CFI, and Instrument Rating to comply with Air Taxi Rules to fly night VFR on Air Taxi, since I fly about half of our Air Taxi or Charter Trips . . . What I really like best is taking passengers on their first flights . . . introducing them to the pleasures of this way of travel." **EVELYN** is Chairman of the Cape Girardeau Area Chapter, and Chairman of the 1970 AWTAR Must Stop at Dyersburg this summer.

YVONNE POPE, 1967 for British ATR, British Section. "At the time of receiving the AE Scholarship I had

been promised a Captaincy by the Company for whom I was working if I could obtain the ATR. However, the Company unfortunately disintegrated subsequently and I had to start afresh with Dan-Air Services, Ltd. Since joining them in January 1969 I have progressed from the Dakotas to the Ambassador, and hope to actually start flying training on the Comet next week. This will be my first jet aircraft and one I have always longed to fly. . . . The ATR has helped me tremendously, and I am already fairly well up on the Seniority List. When I qualify on the Comet, the increase in salary will help and I hope to be able to make a contribution to the AE Fund, and so enable further help to be given to more people."

The Trustees know you are as thrilled as they with the accomplishments of these women and will, like **YVONNE** want to help give more help to more of our members. We plan to give three \$1,000 Scholarships this year, and if enough additional contributions come in by May to combine with the generous gift from the 1969 Fortieth Anniversary Committee perhaps we can manage one more.

Coming Events

North Central Sectional
April 10-11-12
Detroit, Michigan

Southeast Section
Apr. 10-11-12, 1970
Huntsville, Alabama

Southwestern Sectional
Apr. 24-25-26, 1970
Santa Clara Valley Chapter
Host

April 20-May 11, 1970
South African 99 Air Safari
April 26th-May 16th, 1970

Flying Poker Run
April 26, 1970
New Smyrna Airport, Fla.

West Canadian Sectional
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
May 2, 1970

Thunderbolt P-47 Pilot's Association—
Ex Jug Pilots also
Imperial House North
Dayton, Ohio
May 8-9, 1970

Southcentral Sectional
Tulsa, Oklahoma
May 22-23-24, 1970

May 22-23-24, 1970
Illi-Nines Air Derby
Rockford, Ill.

East Canada Sectional
London Ontario, Canada
May 23, 1970

Dallas Poker Party
May 23, 1970

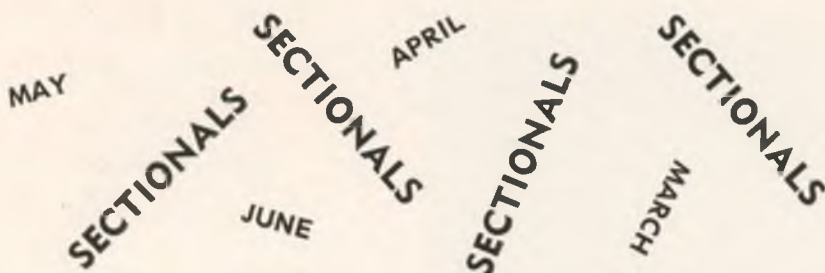
4th Annual Pilot Poker Run
First Canadian Chap.
Contact Sybil Dunn
June 7, 1970

AWTAR
July 3-7, 1970
Monterey, Calif. to
3M Airport, Bristol, Pa.

International Convention
July 12-15, 1970
Bretton Woods, N.H.

Sept. 6, 1970
Nebraska 1st Air Race

Pacific Air Race
Oct. 10, 1970
Contact Eleanor Richardson



By Pat Jetton

If Spring is near . . . can 99 Sectionals be far behind? Not too far behind; with good flying weather coming up many 99s are already planning that cross country to their Section's Spring Meeting. For some it will be the fifth, or tenth, or twenty-fifth Sectional they have attended since joining The Ninety-Nines; for some others it will be the first. Hopefully the first of many more to come.

The meetings the Sections hold are as varied and as individual as the members themselves. Some will be held in busy cities, some in remote vacation spots. Some will be business, decision-making, project-planning, in-

formative type meetings; still others will be the let's-enjoy-ourselves, relaxing and getting acquainted types. WHATEVER kind they are, they are FUN, and Friendship.

And when does the Fun start? When you start making your plans to attend. Figuring out who's going with you; who's going to share what room with whom; what time are you going; what route are you taking; are you going to stop for lunch and as at this airport or that? Lady, this is what it's all about. Getting there is half the fun.

And when you get there, more fun. Meeting old friends, making new ones.

Finding out what's going on in their town, wondering if you could do that in your town. Listen to the reports, what another Chapter is doing might be just what you're looking for for your Chapter. Don't isolate yourself in a group of Chapter members; sit with different groups and get their reactions and ideas and thoughts. One year my Chapter decided that at the next Sectional we would **not** sit with each other. We would deliberately sit in groups and at lunch and dinner tables that did **not** include other Chapter members. We came back from the meeting renewed and refreshed. We had heard new and different thoughts; new and different approaches to the same projects. Try it sometime . . . you'll be glad you did.

The business of some Sections is ruled by majority vote of the members present — some by delegate vote predicated on number of Chapter members. Nevertheless, whichever way your Section operates, remember, YOU can participate and voice your views. You might not have a vote but you **can** have an opinion and should let it be known.

Most times, even at the busy, business type Sectionals there's some spare time. Use that spare time to get acquainted with Chapters and Members you don't know. Generally there will be a hospitality suite or room . . . why don't you go there instead of shopping. You don't really need another dress, do you?

The fun continues on through the evening until the wee hours of the morning. And, after a few hours of sleep you assemble in the dining room for that going home breakfast. It's a time of goodbyes and best wishes. Some you won't see for the next six months until the next meeting; some you'll run into at the airport next week. With all, it's a time for "what's your weather", "are you going to file", or "how long do you think you'll have to wait", "happy flying".

Remember the old saw—"you can't eat just one peanut"; well, you'll find Sectionals are the same—you can't attend just one . . . you'll go again and again.

And, by the way, don't take your husband unless you want him to go again. Chances are, he'll be the first one packed for the next one.

Contest Committee Rules For Publicity In Ninety-Nine News

POLICY

The following policy outlined by the Ninety-Nines, Inc. shall be adhered to in the planning and approval of any contest, competitive event or race:

All contests, competitive events or races requesting Date Publication in the Ninety-Nine News and endorsement of the 99's, must apply to the Chairman of the Contest Committee for endorsement and comply with the following:

1. Be NAA Sanctioned when event provides for cash prizes. Evidence of application and notification of approval must be received by Contest Committee. This guarantees that the monies are in escrow.
2. Dates must be coordinated and every attempt should be made to avoid conflict of dates for competitive events within a radius of 300 miles.
3. On all other events requesting this endorsement (that is trophies, etc.) chairman should provide the Contest Committee with material outlining the purpose, rules and SOP for conducting event.
4. All events so endorsed must comply with F.A.R.'s or be conducted under appropriate F.A.A. waiver.
5. Check with Susie Sewell re 99 Insurance policy.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE OUTLINED POLICIES MAY RESULT IN ENDORSEMENT REFUSAL IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

LOIS FAIRBANK
Chairman
6298 Saunders St.
Rego Park, New York 11374

APT Project

Garnett Hastings, Chairman

Polish your fuselage,
Dust off your wings.
Take your APT ride,
And be ready — it's Spring.

Be proficient you must,
Carry your banner high;
As you thrust your way
Through the spacious sky.

Are you APT yet? Everyone is getting spring fever, and what a most appropriate time for everyone to get APT. Many Chapters are planning special flying activities such as spot landing and bomb dropping contests, flight clinics, etc., and/or obtaining new ratings. All are most opportune

times to work in the APT program.

This is a self-imposed annual proficiency accomplishment intended to make us all better, safer, and more up-to-date pilots.

At long last, we have APT buttons (free of charge) to all 99's who go through the APT exercise. If your Chapter APT Chairman will submit to me the names of those who are APT (since 9/1/69), the ratings in which they are APT, and the dates they became APT, I am APT to send her a button to present to each one of you.

Let's make this our best year yet—
having fun and making friends.

TO: ALL CHAPTER CHAIRMEN AND SECTION GOVERNORS

SUBJECT: FLYING ACTIVITIES AND INSURANCE PROGRAM

Spring will soon be here and with it, more flying activities!

We hope that you are planning some type of group flying activity very soon, whether for fund-raising purposes, getting "APT", or just for fun. One thing is certain, we want you to enjoy it.

If the event requires liability insurance and will qualify for coverage under the 99 non-ownership liability policy, please send me the details of your event, on the insurance questionnaire form, in plenty of time.

The first five months of the program have been very successful. Many chapters have conducted fund-raising and competitive events taking advantage of liability protection by purchasing a policy endorsement adding their chapter as a named insured.

Please feel free to call on me at any time that I may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,
SUSIE SEWELL
Member, Executive Board

Greater Kansas City Chapter 99s have designed the gummed stamp to help promote interest in the AWTAR as well as women in aviation.

By using these stamps you, too, will be supporting the Powder Puff Derby.

SEND \$1.00 FOR EACH SHEET DESIRED
TO ALEAH COMBS, 4726 SKYLINE DRIVE,
SHAWNEE MISSION, KANSAS 66205.
Proceeds will go to the AWTAR fund.



SECTIONAL MEETINGS

COME ONE, COME ALL!
NORTH CENTRAL SECTIONAL
SPRING MEETING OF THE
NINETY-NINES, INC.

Attention all North Central Section 99's: The Michigan Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., International Organization of Women Pilots, is planning an interest-packed weekend for the North Central Sectional Spring Meeting which will be held at the Sheraton Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Friday, April 10, thru Sunday, April 12. Husbands and families of members welcome.

Friday: Registration will begin at 11 a.m. Headquarters will be "The Meet and Greet" Room where your Hostesses will have coffee waiting. Here you may rendezvous with friends and family. You may leave messages or pick them up. Here, too, you will find suggestions for your free time including sightseeing tours to places of interest, current educational, cultural, and sports events to attend, shopping guides and lists of eating places and night spots. From 2 to 4:30 p.m. a tour of Hiram Walker Ltd. has been arranged for those interested. The evening may be spent in the Casino at the Hotel with other 99's, participating in informal planned activities. Refreshments will be available. Old Flying Movies will be shown. And for those who wish to purchase tickets for "Hello, Dolly" with Pearl Bailey which will be playing at the Fisher Theater, a limited number of tickets have been reserved. This is an extra. Tickets may be purchased on a first come first served basis through the Spring Sectional Committee.

Saturday: Continental Breakfast will be available from 9 to 10:30 a.m. while registration continues for new arrivals. Pilots needing transportation to airports on Sunday must sign up for that service at this time. At 10:30, while the membership convenes, a choice of activities will be available for husbands and families, including hangar flying in the "Meet and Greet" Room. The afternoon session, "Project Awareness" promises to be educational and informative as it deals with both the philosophical and practical aspects of The Ninety-Nines organiza-

marily the meeting was for organizing and making arrangements for the East Canada Spring Section meeting in MAY which we are hosting. But, after the work, we all relaxed and enjoyed ourselves and caught up on the news from our wide spread membership.

Joining our group for the afternoon was LOUISE CLARK, Chairman of the London area Air Rangers. She explained to us some of the requirements for the Air Rangers, what was covered by their course and some of the things they looked forward to doing in the future. We discussed ways the 99's could help the girls in obtaining badges for their courses and ways they could assist us in our endeavor to further Air Education. MARY CASSAR, who is our Air Ranger activity co-ordinating chairman, will be working on a program of mutual assistance for the future.

Our very active and talented chairman HILDA DEVEREUX is making plans with JOAN CORBETT to fly the Angel Derby in May. The girls are busy working out finances for the trip as they prepare themselves to fly the route from Toronto to Nassau. HILDA is busy getting her annual instrument check ride and preparing to write her instructors examination, while JOAN is keeping her hand in flying and taking her instrument ground school. JOAN is also planning to take a few days off to fly to Freeport for a vacation in March.

Talking about getting away for a vacation, DORIS and JOHN KORBY took their family to the West Indies the day after Christmas and flew about enjoying the sun and sea for 3 weeks. What a Christmas present! DORIS says they had a beautiful time. After a few stops at places like Trinidad, Port of Spain and Tabaggo and a stop in Costa Rica, they were enjoying it so much they didn't really want to return to our Northern cold and snow.

Those of use who haven't been able to get away have been doing things too. The London Flying Club has seen the girls out flying regularly, whenever the weather permits throughout the winter. New member MARY CASSAR has been busy putting hours on her new private license. London members FAY GARDINER and BERTHA SNELGROVE have also been contributing to our crowded skys.

BERTHA and GARNETT SNELGROVE are also now the proud parents of a new private license as BILL SNELGROVE, their son, won his wings just prior to his 17th birthday.

New member MARCIA WILFORD has taken a position on the staff of Air Windsor and is looking forward to her career in aviation and the many new experiences in her future.

Our A.T.C. member, JUDY STROME, was telling us about the new program sponsored by the London area Air Traffic Control to increase pilot-controller communications. The A.T.C. are inviting the area pilots, particularly VFR pilots, to come to meetings and to ask questions and meet the men and women in the tower. There has been on successful meeting and there is hope of many more to close the gap in pilot-controller understanding on the ground and in the air.

Remember, plan to fly, our March meeting is in Sarnia on the 7th and the April meeting is the 4th in Aylmer, Ontario.

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR OWN CANADIAN MAPLE LEAF? MAPLE LEAF CHAPTER HAS GOLD MAPLE LEAVES ON A CHAIN TO ATTACH TO YOUR 99 PIN, FOR ONLY \$4 YOU CAN HAVE YOUR CANADIAN INSIGNIA. WRITE TO BERTHA SNELGROVE, 333 REYNOLDS AVE., LONDON, ONTARIO, CANADA.

WEST CANADIAN SECTION

ALBERTA CHAPTER
Anola Laing, Reporter

Hear yea, hear yea—we're rounding up all our members to show everyone genuine western hospitality when you come to Calgary for the start of the 25th Powder Puff Derby, 1971. Our bid has now been officially accepted. Plans include a trip to world famous Banff National Park.

Valentines Day and I.F.R. weather meant only nine members were able to attend our monthly meeting. Business consisted of innumerable details, raising more funds and examining the "Standard Operating Procedure for the Start of the Powder Puff Derby." There's so much to be done between now and then!

We have been asked to man or should I say "99" a booth at the Abbotsford Air Show in August. Of course when they said the price was right we said Yes. This will be a grand opportunity to promote 99s.

MARG ROSS, LETHBRIDGE, and

49½er STUB are off to Mexico for ten days. They're taking down their Beech 18. This time MARG will have to be satisfied just to navigate. Also down south, GWEN CONROY and her 49½er, Calgary, have flown their Cessna 210 to Mexico and British Honduras.

Some 99ers will do anything for their 49½ers. ELEANOR BAILEY, Calgary, flew her three children to Mexico so the family could be together with 49½er BILL for the Christmas holidays. ELEANOR reports the American 99ers are great. MARY PEARSON of the Palomar Chapter looked after her real well. Found this to be true on our trip to the Bahamas also. The 99ers we met along the route were most friendly and helpful.

MARY FREEMAN, Red Deer, has been busy preparing her Kuvacs and Irish Wolf Hounds for the Shows. Congratulations to GINA JORDAN who's gone into business for herself at the Calgary International Airport, instructing. And welcome to our newest member HELEN BAILEY, Olds. She flies a PA22, owns and manages the Siesta Motel, and looks after a family of 3. 49½er HARVEY and she plan a trip to Inuvik, North West Territories this July.

Our 99ers in and around Edmonton are busy planning the spring sectional meeting to be held May 2 in Edmonton. March 14 will see us in Medicine Hat—weather permitting.

Remember—big things are going to happen north of the 49th parallel.



CONNECTICUT CHAPTER
Rose Ann Crim, Reporter

The Connecticut Chapter is happy to report that one of our favorite gals TRINA JARISH got her Multi-Rating Nov. 20th and has also passed the written Instrument Instruction. TRINA plans to fly the Angel Derby and AW TAR if she gets a sponsor. Good luck TRINA.

Our chapter Chairman MARY NEIL and husband DAVE have returned from a frustrating trip to Marathon, Florida. As everyone seems to be finding Florida this year it was chilly. No diving or fishing could be enjoyed. Consequently they are full of shrimp, deviled crab, snapper, etc. and both are

on the lettuce and water routine now. The flying was uneventful which is always good except for the 90° 50 mile crosswind landing at Marathon.

CONNIE & MAC MACLEISH and BOBBIE & DANA HERBERT also found Florida to be chilly recently when they attended the AOPA Clinic at West Palm Beach. They flew down in HERBERT'S Bonanza for the short weekend. BOBBIE, CONNIE & MAC took the 360° Course and passed, feeling it was worthwhile to get up and fly at 6:00 A.M. DANA kept busy in the Instrument Refresher Course.

We are proud to report the MARYLYN ASHLAND'S husband 49½er BILL passed his written private with a score of 93. Congrats BILL!

NANCY TIER, CHARTER MEMBER, has honored us again by addressing the Sharon Womens Club. NANCY spoke on the 99's and found a great interest and response. She also reports to us that after our Nov. 99 meeting in Hartford, she was not able to land at Canaan Valley due to heavy snow. NANCY therefore circled to the south and slipped over the hills and reached Sharon valley where she landed on a "private strip"—a hay field, and was warmly greeted by the owners. NANCY reports this experience took her back to the good old days when landing in pastures was very normal procedure.

IN ENDING THIS NEWSLETTER I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT THE NEW ENGLAND SECTION IS PLANNING A GREAT CONVENTION IN JULY. YOU ALL COME!

EASTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER **Katherine Tompkins, Reporter**

I deeply regret having to report the cancellation of our February meeting due to the unfortunate LAST FLIGHT OF THE HUSBAND OF NINETY NINE GENE WOODWORTH. STUART was a close, well respected friend and will be remembered by us all for his outstanding initiative, organizational ability, and willingness to give of himself to others. He will also be remembered for his exceptional planning and management of the 1969 New England Air Derby.

The loss will be deeply felt by our aviation circle both now and far into the future; and to GENE we extend our most heartfelt sympathy.



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

Well there won't be much news from the Garden State Chapter at this penning as this reporter is still in St. Petersburg, Florida, for over a month now . . . due to the illness of both parents . . . one very ill at home and one in the Veterans hospital.

I shall be back in New Jersey in time to attend the Garden State Chapter meeting which will be tentatively held at McGuire Airforce Base the second week of March. So by then there should be a lot of interesting things to pass on to you.

I did have the pleasure of a very pleasant chat with FRAN BUCHAN of the Sun Coast, Fla. Chapter. Sorry not to have attended the Sun Coast Chapter meeting as I had wished to do.

Also was in touch with BETTY TRACEY of the Space Port, Fla. Chapter. Both Betty and I were former Eastern Penna. Chapter members.

Even though I couldn't pass on Garden State Chapter news at this time, the Garden Staters extend their best and wish one and all happy spring flying.

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER **Marilyn P. Hibner, Reporter**

Dear "Gabby:"

After many hours of soul-searching, I have finally gotten up the nerve to write you regarding a very serious problem that may well destroy my entire future as a reporter for the NINETY-NINE NEWS. At first, I felt like a social outcast; as I did not receive an abundance of news to report in my monthly columns. I had to scratch the bottom of the barrel (my brain) for items to complete a presentable column. Finally, recognizing suicidal tendencies slowly creeping into my actions, I sought other interests and fields where my talents could find

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a firmer foundation. At this point, I am firmly imbedded in a year of back-bookkeeping and numerous tax forms to be completed, and numbers, numbers, and numbers . . . And, GABBY, you wouldn't believe the predicament in which I now find myself! I'm stuck behind an adding machine, encompassed with yards of used adding machine tape; and the gals from the Long Island Chapter are making news like crazy! I'm harassed by a column deadline and green with envy (I haven't even seen a magazine picture of a plane, no less touched one) towards these females flitting about the sky. For example, SHERRY O'KEEFE just finished a course on basic acrobatics, and at the same time got her Commercial written exam out of the way. She raved on and on, over the phone, about the thrill of her introduction to aerobatics, etc., etc., while I built up these tremendous hostilities toward her in my mind. Then I fell into deeper depression when I learned that ELLIE McCULLOUGH had recently been named Chairman of Women's Affairs of the Long Island Aviation Council (and she's the kind of person who always gets me down . . . doing this and doing that . . . until I just can't look her in the eyes anymore). I reached complete despair when I received an invitation from the Wings Club in New York City to attend a Party as their guest on February 18th. Why of course, I couldn't squeeze time out to attend; but to make the situation worse, ELLIE McCULLOUGH, DORIS ABBATE, and RUTH DOBRESCU gleefully traveled into the city for the affair, without one speck of conscience over my predicament. How carelessly social these gals get! The members of the chapter even went so far as to have a real blow-out party on Valentine's Day at the home of JOAN FLEISCHMANN and her 49½er ARTHUR (disgustingly wonderful hosts, I hear), without observing a moment of silence for my absence. I understand they were conducting all sorts of nonsense (dancing, singing, chorus-line kicking?, etc.) until the wee small hours of the morning. Further, diligent DORIS ABBATE labored over a lovely "99" emblem, which she made in crewel embroidery, as a gift for JOAN and ARTHUR FLEISCHMANN. HELEN DELANEY announced at our last meeting that she will be transferring out of our Chapter, as she is moving to Washington, D.C. She is an occupational Therapist and will take a teaching course in same

and then go on to teach Occupational and Physical Therapy at Bethesda Naval Hospital. We all hate to see her leave our chapter; but I feel even worse, because my guilt feelings tell me she's actually transferring to get exposure with a better reporter. Well, Gabby, I'm at my wits end; now the Chapter is planing on having monthly fly-ins to places like Meridian, Connecticut; Bradley Field, Connecticut; Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and others. Oh please, Gabby, I need an immediate solution to my desperate situation so that I can get back in the swing with the gals. Signed: GROUND-ED AND GRUMPY.

Dear G & G: Suggest you "build up steam" and finish your work. A year of backlogged work sounds like and has all the aroma of a procrastinator! Your life sounds like it's becoming a drag, kiddo. This group of 99's, I understand, is out for fun and friendship in 1970. You and others like you are going to miss the boat if you don't get crackin'. And don't cry on my shoulders any more . . . I go for the juicy stuff, like gossipy wives, meddling neighbors, morals, etc. Signed: GABBY.

WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER Doris Culp, Reporter

Enough of this vacation from reporting! Western New York should be starting to thaw out by the time you read this, and many of our gals will be emerging with an impressive list of new ratings. Our 99s are forever busy both studying and teaching during the winter months with great results and accomplishment.

It seems like ancient history going all the way back to December, but the Christmas Party was held at the Village Squire in Fredonia from all reports was a terrific success. Despite the distance from Buffalo, 16 people attended including 99s, 49½ers and guests, and all were delighted with the good food, exchanging of presents and just plain fun. A vote of thanks goes to JEAN VALVO who made the arrangements when not under the hood working on her instrument rating and where she says "frustration reigns supreme". Burt is finishing up his cross countries, and whether he knows it or not he's being followed by PEG PIEPER. She discovered he is an excellent navigator, and while it isn't strictly legal, who can blame her! KATHY and HENRY POTOCZAK along with ARLENE and

MILFORD BRAY have joined the safety group that has just started in Buffalo, and we're so proud of Arlene's being an officer. "Constant progress" is her motto which she exemplifies not only by participating in progressive flight organizations but also by persistent pursuit of new ratings. Instrument Instructor will be her next accomplishment! Kathy's enthusiasm is encouraging to everyone, too, and we're anxiously waiting to hear that she has passed her Commercial flight test. Other members who celebrated the holidays at Fredonia were NARLETTA KAULL, ETHEL FEDDERS, DORITA NORTON, TERRY PIRRUNG and CECELIA KENNY along with guests MARGE and PETER PIEPER, MR. and MRS. JOHN NALBONE (operator of Dunkirk Airport) and ELLEN and JACK SMITH of Lakewood, N. Y.

The dinner meeting at the Old Red Mill at Clarence was most instructive and entertaining with MR. POWELL showing movies of Prof. Art Schoel doing aerobatics in a Tiger Moth. We're in hopes that we might persuade him to show it again for the benefit of those of us who missed it. Even though ARLENE BRAY had been ill with pneumonia, she and MILFORD managed to make the meeting. TERRI PIRRUNG was delighted to have received a card from BERTHA MEANA who was on a trip through Africa. It's always a pleasure to be remembered by some of our former members. And how wonderful to regain DONNA JOSS as an active member. She and husband, BILL, are back in Western New York after four years in Princeton, New Jersey and are flying in Cornell Flying Club's 172 Cessna making short trips in the area with their 3 children. Happy to have you back with us, DONNA. Also present at the January meeting were ETHEL FEDDERS, JEAN and BURT VALVO, PEG PIEPER, KATHY and HENRY POTOCZAK, CECELIA KENNY, JUDY ZENT and friend, TED DECK.

The February dinner meeting at the Airways Motel mainly consisted of planning for the Sectional Meeting which will be held in Western New York on May 23. We are looking forward to extending a most hearty welcome to all the gals in the New York-New Jersey Section at this "important" meeting. Committee heads consisting of KATHY POTOCZAK, TERRI PIRRUNG, ARLENE BRAY and CECELIA

KENNY were appointed, so we're well on our way to another successful meeting. Our Chairman, AGNES DENLER, and husband, AL, have both passed their Flight Instructor written exams, and as the old sooth sayer says—the busiest people accomplish the most. Agnes also had a full ground school class for the fall term and is now happily flying into the spring session. Another gal with a busy schedule, TERRI PIRRUNG, reports working on her Ground Instructors rating. Didn't I tell you we will have many new ratings despite what you might hear about Buffalo weather. Sorry to hear that DON ROCHE has been very ill. Hope to see FREDDY in March and hear that he is fully recovered. Heard that GERRI PAINE is developing an interest in C.A.P.—an admirable and much heeded area for such leadership. How about Lockport, Gerri? Members attending this planning session as well as those mentioned were JEAN (still under the hood) VALVO, PEG PIEPER, DONNA and BILL JOSS, ETHEL FEDDERS, AGNES DENLER, LOIS RINCK and DORIS CULP. Until next time—fly like angels.

HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER Kathy Heidrich, Reporter

We received an interesting letter from Hudson Valley 99, HELENE ROBERTSON, who is stationed in Gaborone, Botswana, Africa with the Peace Corp. HELENE, is teaching typing at the Botswana Training Center. She was very excited to find that the Gaborone Airport was right next door to BTC. A pilot at heart, it didn't take her long before she joined the Kalahari Flying Club and she hopes to do some flying in their Cherokee 160. I am sure this letter would be of interest to all 99's so a copy is being forwarded to the editor.

Welcome to new member VIRGINIA WENTZEL from Norwich, New York. VIRGINIA holds a commercial ticket and has over 800 hours as Pilot in Command. Her hobbies are flying her Piper Cherokee 160, music, writing, and traveling. Happy to have you with us Virginia!

Our February meeting was held at Vice-Chairman DORIS MILLER'S home in Schenectady, New York. We were fortunate to have Bob Wentorf, experienced power and glider pilot, speak to us on Soaring. Bob showed slides and movies as illustrations to his motivating talk. We were all eager to try gliding when he concluded. Fly-ins for this

meeting were PANE THEURER and 49½er JOHN.

We wish to welcome a new 49½er to our chapter, DR. WILLIAM MILLER. Vice-Chairman, the former, DORIS FITZGERALD and DR. MILLER were married on New Year's Eve. Congratulations and every happiness to both of you!

JO ANN PERKO was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the EAA, Chapter no. 146 recently. JO ANN, our Corresponding Secretary, has her work cut out for her.

We were very sorry to hear Chairman MADELYN EYLES has been ill. It was good to hear she is feeling much better and has taken to the skies again.



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Ginny Merriam, Reporter

The situation seems to be getting worse instead of better. I'm having considerable difficulty coming up with some news for this issue. We are between meetings and it seems as if nearly everyone has gone into hibernation for the winter.

One special meeting was held on Jan. 31st at the Holiday Inn in Bristol to discuss the committee assignments for the AWTAR Terminus. There was a good turnout with fourteen members present, two guests from the Maryland Chapter, and five prospective members. After the meeting and lunch at the Inn, a number of us adjourned to the 3M Airport to look over the facilities and to continue the discussion. The committees seem to be shaping up but there is still a lot of work to be done and, I am sure, any offer of help from within the chapter or from any of the adjoining chapters would be very much appreciated.

ANNE SHIELDS passed around a clipping from a Miami, Fla., newspaper of Nov. 13, 1969 of an article entitled "Nun With a Flying Habit" which was a very nice article accompanied by a picture of our very own "FLYING NUN" SISTER MARGARET MARY BOREK.

I understand our chairman MERLE STARER and 49½er ROBERT are doing a little island hopping around the Caribbean in their Cessna 401.

NANCY DIEMAND flew up to Halifax, Nova Scotia, to visit her daughter DEBBIE and then back to Shoreham, Vt., where 49½er BUZZ met her by car for a week's vacation.

The telephone lines are humming from an attempt to arrange a group trip to the special hearings to be held by the FAA in Washington on Feb. 27th. More on that in the next letter, I hope.

As soon as I drop this in the mail, JOE and I are heading for Denver and a visit with daughter LINDA and, hopefully, some excellent skiing. Because of the limited time available and fear of our usual bad luck with weather we are forced to go commercial, but we hope to do some flying once we get there.

As I said before, I'm very short on news. Won't someone please tell me what they are doing or what someone else is doing? Help me to do better next month.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

Connie Marsh, Reporter

The Washington, D.C. chapter of the 99's will donate a trophy for a kite flying contest to be held on the Mall. The contest is organized by PAUL GARBBER, historian of the Smithsonian. The trophy will be given to a girl kite flyer.

JEAN HOWARD just had a book published by Crown Publishers of New York. The title is "All About Helicopters" and is part of the Modern Aircraft Series. JEAN has returned recently from the Helicopter Operators Convention at Las Vegas where the Whirley-Girls Scholarship Award dinner was held. There were 25 Whirley-Girls there and 2 from England. 18 of the 25 were also 99's. The award winner is 99er, 21 year old TERRY LEE LONDON. She is studying aviation administration. Her mother is BARBARA LONDON. JEAN reports that the total membership of the Whirley-Girls is 145.

On May 17 we will have a closed course air race at Warrenton-Fauquier airport in Midland, Virginia. This race is similar to the British handicap races and is the 2nd of its type to be held in the U.S. It is sanctioned by NAA. MARY ANN JESSUP RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO ATTEND A BRIEFING REGARDING THE FAA'S PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION ON THE TERMINAL CONTROL AREAS. "AIRSPACE CONFIGURATIONS GENERATED SUFFICIENT INTEREST IN THE

OPERATING RULES CONTAINED IN NOTICE 6941 TO JUSTIFY A COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING REGARDING THE AGENCY'S PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION." This briefing is the result of information received from hearings held at 22 locations. The meeting is at 10:00 A.M. on Feb. 27 at 800 Independence Avenue.



ALABAMA CHAPTER

Sylvia S. Derrick, Reporter

With bad weather closing in from the south, three planes from Huntsville were the only ones who flew in for the February meeting. Many others drove, including some from Montgomery. At any rate, it was better than January when snow and ice were so bad even the girls in Birmingham couldn't make it to the airport. So we again planned for Birmingham.

JUDY HUCK, newly moved from Mobile to Birmingham, acted as hostess. Her newest love is soaring. She is spending some time at Shelby County airport learning all about it.

BENNIE PETERS just had her second student pass her test and gain private pilot status. BENNIE herself is learning aerobatics at Elmore County. This is getting to be the rage in Alabama. PENNY COUCH has two aerobatic students (in addition to husband Tony).

Welcome to MAMIE RUSSELL (MRS. MARVIN) of Monroeville—Alabama's newest member.

JUANITA HALSTEAD deserves a pat on the back for passing her instrument written. She is well on the way to her rating and working hard so she can make it in time for AWTAR. She's flying with MARIAN DAVIS of Miami. Juanita is also planning to fly in the Angel Derby with NANCY BEELAND. We in Huntsville will be pulling for them when they stop there. Everyone in Alabama is excited about being a stop for the Angel Derby.

The most talk was about the Southeast Sectional in Huntsville on April 10, 11, 12. The beautiful Jetport with the motel on top should prove to be a lovely setting for the meeting. The brand-new Alabama Space and Rocket

Center will be open, complete with moon rocks. It is advertised to be really something—all kinds of undreamed-of advances in science. Worth the trip in itself. On Friday night there will be a taste of New Orleans with a party at "Al Hirt's". GEN. JOHN A. BARCLAY, RET., will be Saturday night's speaker. Until retirement, he was second-in-command at Marshall Space Flight Center. He is now general manager in Huntsville of Northrop Nortronics. In addition to all that, he is a private pilot and very much attune to our slower flying craft.

The Alabama girls are also planning a "special surprise" in the way of favors—something we think you will treasure a long time. So send in those reservations just as soon as you receive the blanks! And bring that 49½¢ —he won't be able to resist the golf and the Rocket Center.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

PS, Reporter

When you've got a Chapter Chairman like we have—MERCY! You don't need an attorney. You see, our worthy leader—known in some circles as Nancy Wrenn—found some errors made by a \$-lawyer in our incorporation papers, so she did 'em all over herself. Ipso facto, and (THAT MEANS—PRONTO TO YOU ED) you're now listening to The Ninety-Nines of the Carolinas Chapter, Inc. It's all signed, sealed, be-ribboned and recorded and we feel terribly important. Lawyers, beware—we don't need you anymore. (Ed Note: I Thought Nancy's name WAS MERCY)

The Ides of February (doesn't that mean the first?) found 10 working members in session in the Astro Room, Friendship Airport, Greensboro-High Point, N. C. We churned right through the joys and chores of making a resolution, of contributing to the AE Scholarship Fund and the AWTAR, of voting and writing our letters of nomination for International Officers, electing to support the Guilford County Pilots with their Carolinas Air Tour April 25-26—and of setting up our next meeting for the Jetport, Greer, South Carolina—March 6th.

Our weather is finally turning into what the sunny-south is supposed to have, except in our mountains where the skiing is superlative on real snow. We're trying to learn to fly again, and watch out world!

We had five potential members at our February meeting—all are enthusiastic. One, BARBARA O'CONNOR,

met with us her first time at Kitty Hawk's charter presentation. She's an aerobatic pilot, flew last year's AWTAR as a co-pilot, and alternates between Cubbing and home-builts, both building and flying. We have a system of a potential member attending a minimum of 3 regular chapter meetings, then we vote—before membership is offered. We feel that being a 99 is an honor not to be bestowed lightly—and we look forward to getting to know all of our potentials in the next couple of months. Besides BARBARA, we had LOUISE WHITE (AWTAR pilot last year), VIRGINIA GILREATH, ELIZABETH BENNETT and MARTHA RAY.

Our near future looks most active. We're shooting for 100% APT (except our one gal, SARA SHONK in far-off lands); we are strongly behind the Southeast Section's Fun Air Tour, and our friends, the non-flying Sea Hags are calling us on their conch shells—tis nearly time for a fishing sojourn. Thank goodness! It has been a long and cold winter.

Your honor, Madame Pres—we thank want to know is when can you come you for the kind words, but—what we back? You can't hardly get to Florida from there without passing through the staked out provinces of either Kitty Hawk or Carolinas. We are waiting—and now that you're a member of our Sea Hags and our Man Will Never Fly Memorial Society, how would you like to try for the Cabin Creek Cooners? (Ed. Note — What's a cooner? Are BCIII invited?)

And to you ye ed—you said once that you weren't accustomed to a guv being a chapter reporter. Have you looked at this section carefully? You really oughta—our vice-guv is a reporter, so is our treasurer—and sometimes our secretary. Besides which, our secretary, Cy Beers—is a newsletter publisher in her own right. So's our VG—even Snoopy likes "you-al land". And, like they say, man—the modern day south is moving. (Ed. Note—Send me in Coach, I'm ready.)

Most especially the Carolinas Chapter. We're back to learning to fly just in time to load em up and move em out

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to our Section Meeting—April in Huntsville.

NOTES FROM THE SOUTHEAST SECTION—Our Vice-Guv, or better fittin—VG RUTH THOMAS, Knoxville, really stuck to locating all of our past governors. With the kind and generous help from both RUTH RUECKERT and VIRGINIA THOMPSON, VG has a complete list.

Our first governor was elected in 1931—MARY NICHOLSON, Carolinas Chapter. We'd be very interested to know how many sections had a governor earlier than that.

The Spring Section Meeting will be held in Huntsville, Alabama April 10-12. This is the Space Capital and we feel a perfect spot to honor all of our past governors in conjunction with Project Aware. When you combine a proud heritage with a fascinating present and a brilliant future, there's only one way to go.

If your section met and had a governor earlier than 1931, please let our VG THOMAS know. Our most sincere thanks, RUTH and VIRGINIA, for helping us track down our missing links. (P.S. Soon as I get Maw Bell satisfied will CTC you again . . . I need a raise or a timer on the fone . . . Ed)

SPACE PORT CHAPTER

Cy Beers, Reporter

Space Port Chapter's February meeting was held in Jacksonville Beach at the lovely home of JO CHRISTMAN. Out of town girls were met at Craig Airport by the local Ninety-Nines; K. RILEY, JERRI SNYDER, JO CHRISTMAN and CHARLOTTE CORBIN. CHARLOTTE is about to be "renistated" in the Ninety-Nines. She has been very busy for the past several months helping her husband start a new furniture business. We are pleased to have her back for we have missed her.

The meeting at JO'S home was joined by her menagerie, Punjab, a dalmation marked great dane (puppy?), and two huge persian cats. We were served coffee and JERRI SNYDER'S delicious fruit cake. JO had everyone put their name, date of their private license and the date of the First Powered Flight on a piece of paper. ANN CONWAY'S license date was closest to our meeting date and MARY DIXON'S "guess" was closest to the date of the First Powered Flight. They were both awarded Flying Ace Snoopys.

JERRI SNYDER told us about the ACARA air races being held in Ft. Lauderdale April 16th-20th. JERRI

whose husband owns an AT-6, and several other Space Port Ninety-Nines plan to help with this event.

JUANITA BLUMBERG and her new husband, LOU, have just acquired a lovely Beech Baron and JUANITA is busily working on her Multi-engine rating. We'll be looking forward to her flying to our meetings in that beautiful (droll) airplane.

Our March meeting will be in St. Augustine and the April meeting will be a Flying Poker Run starting at the New Smyrna Airport and ending back there for lunch at the Skyway Restaurant, Sunday, April 26th, 10:00 A.M. Husbands, guests and other Ninety-Nines are invited. You all come.

After the meeting we were transported by our hostesses to the Sea Turtle Restaurant, where we had a very enjoyable lunch over-looking the Atlantic Ocean. Thank you, Jacksonville Ninety-Nines for ordering a perfect "flying" day and for being such wonderful hostesses.

SUNCOAST CHAPTER

Dotty Birdsong, Reporter

The Florida Suncoast Chapter regular meeting was held Wednesday, Feb-11th at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater Airport in St. Petersburg. Twelve members and guests JUNE BENNER of St. Petersburg, Ninety-Nine CAROL STEPHON of Youngstown, Ohio and prospective member NANCY LEVINE of Tampa heard MR. SHERMAN TINKHAM of F.A.A. speak on past and present day flying and up coming problems.

Following lunch at the airport Chairman ETHEL GIBSON conducted a two hour meeting to complete plans for our Chapter's First Annual Poker Party. All Southeast Section Ninety-Nines are invited to fly in the Poker Run with 49½ers, family and friends March 22nd from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Poker cards will be picked up at Sarasota, Lake Wales, Lakeland, Brooksville and last at Birdsong Tampa Downs Airport where a Bar-B-Q will be held. Trophies and prizes will be awarded in all categories for the best poker hands. Our regular March meeting will be omitted for the Poker Party.

We regret that CLAYTON GRIMES, manager of Tampa Downs will not be with us for our Poker Party. A premature heart failure at fifty-five claimed his life February 12th. In the past six weeks he has helped entertain the Ninety-Nines, Flying Farmers and Grass-

hopper groups of Florida—truly the pilot's friend.

GEORGIA CHAPTER

Shirley Nesmith, Reporter

February is the month of hearts and the Valentine theme was carried out through the meeting. Two of our newest members, PEGGY HUSBY and KAY GUISE were co-hostesses for the meeting in Carrollton, Georgia. After the meeting a tour was taken of West Georgia College and the computer center. Two plane loads, ESTHER WRIGHT in her Cessna 172 and BETTY McNABB in her Bonanza, had to depart early due to the old man weather cutting up in this area. BETTY found out that her parking brake would hold after five years. She taxied to the end of the runway and was ready for takeoff, but the airplane would not go. ESTHER took one of her passengers and was prepared to return to get BETTY and the remaining passenger when they discovered the trouble.

Two new transfers were welcomed to the chapter—MAVIS CHEEK of the Oklahoma Chapter and NANCY PETERSON of the San Antonio Chapter. And a new member was voted in—DENISE BLANKINSHIP of Newnan, Georgia. Speaking of Newnan, BOOTS MORGAN and her husband are now operating the FBO there. If any of you girls are in that area, drop in and see them.

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. That is March 14-15, we will try to meet at Cape Kennedy for a tour through the Space Port. The raindate will be March 21-22.

SHIRLEY NeSMITH, I'm sorry to say, was the only member wearing her APT pin. Others who have been APT, but not received their pins are ESTHER WRIGHT, BETTY McNABB, and JOYCE SOX. ESTHER APTed BETTY, and BETTY APTed ESTHER, both being instructors. How about that! Hope everyone will be APT by next month.

PAULINE'S brave husband, PETE, accompanied her to the meeting. He is always appreciated and welcome, but we missed their poodle this month.

We were happy to have as visitors BARBARA MANN and JOYCE CARPENTER, both new private pilots. JOYCE lives in Atlanta and BARBARA in Albany. YVONNE COOPER, who is a student pilot but soon will be a private pilot, came up with ESTHER WRIGHT and SHIRLEY NeSMITH. We hope all our visitors will return.

We missed our Savannah girls, ALYCE STRONG, MARIAN SCOTT, and JENNY PREETORIUS. It seems as if the weatherman gave them a bad steer. SARA WISE must be having trouble keeping her husband out of the airplane long enough for her to fly. CAROLYN DUNN and JOYCE SOX, at the time this is being written, are still skiing down the mountain slopes of France.

EVELYN GREENBLATT is now MRS. BUCK HOWREN. She and her husband live on their boat on Pier 66, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

ANN JOHNSON, Lt. Colonel in the Air Force, will return from the military and come back to be home folks.

We are extending our sympathy to HAZEL FERGUSON of Macon, who recently lost her husband.

We were delighted to have the honor of nominating BETTY McNABB, a most capable person we've ever had the pleasure to know, for President of the International 99s.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

Netta Holden, Reporter

In Memphis on January 23rd, Delta Beechcraft sponsored a film called "Flying The Spanish Main." The film was made by MARION and BOB AUBURN while flying the Caribbean in a Bonanza. Ninety-Nine and 49½ers attending were INA and MIKE WALKER, VIRGINIA and EVERETT PROCTOR, and NETTA and DOUG HOLDEN. Door prizes were given out during intermission, and lucky Virginia won a "knee-board."

During the first week in January, ROSEMARY and BOB WILLIAMS went skiing in Aspen, Colorado. They will make a return trip there the first week in March. Also the Williams are now the proud owners of a new Bonanza Y.

I made my Instrument cross-country trip on the 22nd. Boy! I was a busy one for 2½ hours.

BETTY and WINFIELD DUNN flew to Dyersburg, Tennessee for a weekend. The DUNNS also flew to Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Nashville.

GLADYS ESTES, JENNY COOK, and yours truly flew 34 Tango to Wynne, Arkansas and visited with the Proctors.

On February 7th our monthly fly-in was held in Tupelo, Mississippi. Meeting us on arrivals were MRS. M. (SUSAN) WINKLER and MR. AND MRS. LEMONS. GLADYS ESTES and JENNY COOK in a Cerokee 180 were the first to arrive at Lemons Field. INA

and MIKE WALKER flew in a Cessna 310. MARTHA and FRANK TOBEY came with the Walkers. CHRIS BROWN came in her Cessna 172. VIRGINIA and EVERETT PROCTOR flew in from Wynne, Arkansas. VIRGINIA got in some "hood-time" while en route. CAROLYN and JOHN BELL came in their Aeronca Champ. NETTA and DOUG HOLDEN flew in their Arrow. PEGGY and BOB FENNEL of Memphis came as guests with the Holdens. After arriving we went to the Natchez Trace Inn for dinner. Enjoying dinner with us were DR. and Mrs. M. (SUSAN) WINKLER of Tupelo. The Winklers both fly out of Lemons Field. After dinner we had a brief meeting, and said we would welcome SUSAN as a future 99er (Memphis Chapter). We all thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality and fun we had in Tupelo, Mississippi.

GLADYS ESTES flew to Bolivar, Tennessee in a Cherokee 180.

P.S. YOUR 99 REPORTER GOT HER INSTRUMENT RATING LAST WEEK.

SIGNED: PROUD 49½ER



ALL-OHIO CHAPTER Judy LaRue, Reporter

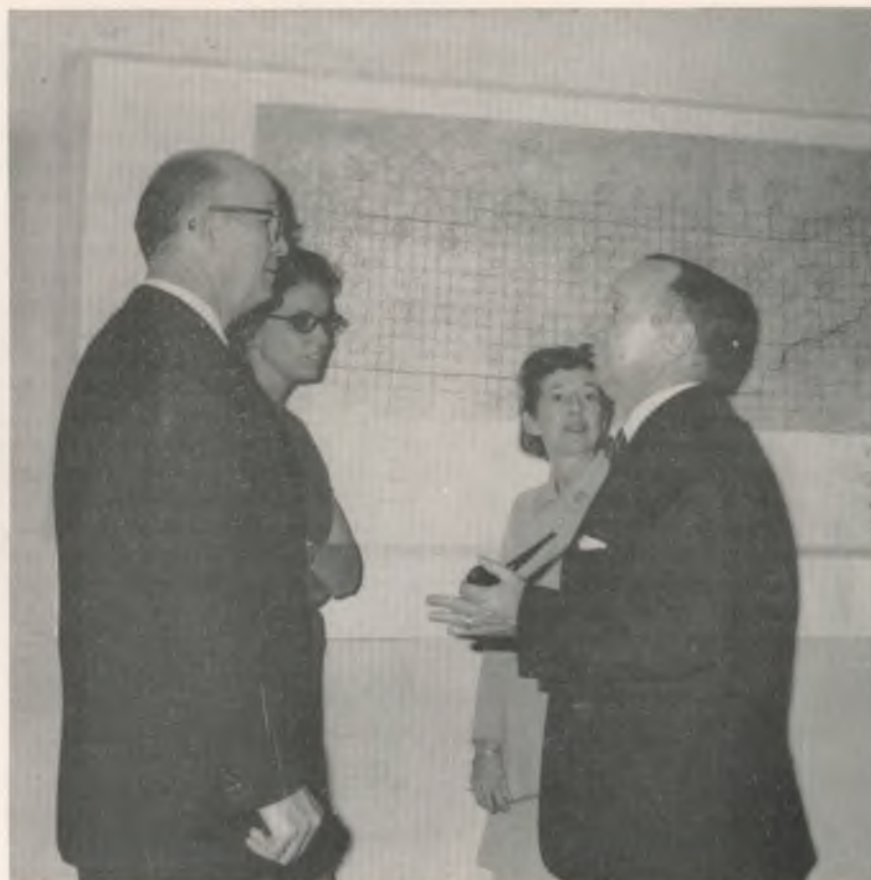
Brrrrr! What a cold year we've had so far. I sure will be glad when Spring arrives and we can flap our wings once more.

Low visibility and icy roads didn't keep members from attending the Akron meeting, but we did miss CLARA THARPE who was home nursing the flu.

VIRGINIA and DOC THOMAS came up the day before the meeting and spent the night with ROSALIE BRACHT. Was also happy to see MARGARET WELLINGTON who drove in from Meadville, Pennsylvania, and new member JANE KUYOTH who drove all the way down from Toledo to attend her first meeting.

MARIE WOLF passed her Commercial flight test on November 18, 1969 and her daughter passed her Private flight test on October 1, 1969, which was her 17th birthday.

Sorry to learn the TERRY SHOFSTAHLE underwent major lung surgery



Plans for the Dyersburg stopover in the 1970 Powder Puff Derby brought Barbara Riggs of Darien, Connecticut, to Dyersburg, Tennessee recently. Although members of the Cape Girardeau Area Chapter were scarce because of the weather, many details of the stop were worked out. Shown are W. H. Richardson, Chief, Dyersburg FSS; Mary Boyd, Ninety-Nines Stop Chairman; Barbara Riggs; and James Arthur, Chief of the Memphis Tower.

Photo by Joe Boyd

last October and will be grounded until April 1970. You certainly haven't missed very many good flying days, TERRY, and we're all happy that you'll be able to enjoy the spring and summer months of flying.

MARILYNN MILLER has some "Ohio 99" route signs that have been discarded by the Highway Department. As a fund raising project, they will be sold from \$2.00 each while they last. They will make a perfect conversation piece for your recreation room or den. (Please send the Editor one—money on the way)

KATHY EMERLING, better known as "KATHY-CUE" was our guests speaker for February. KATHY is radio station WCUE's traffic reporter and is very close to wrapping up her flying hours and taking her Private flight test, at which time she plans on joining the 99's.

I guess that's all I have to report

this month so hope to see EVERYONE at Fremont in March.

CAPE GIRARDEAU AREA CHAPTER Mary Boyd, Reporter

Preparations for the must stop in the 1970 Powder Puff Derby have occupied the time of the Dyersburg members of the Cape Girardeau Area Chapter during the past month. A continuation of the awful weather we have had all winter prevented a regular chapter meeting on February 5th which was planned to coincide with the Trail-Blazers visit but those of us in Dyersburg were happy to meet with BARBARA RIGGS of Darien, Connecticut and delighted with the results of her talk to about 80 members of the Dyersburg Rotary Club. The Rotarians are really enthused about AWTAAR!

We also had a most pleasant meeting with representatives of the FAA,

both the Dyersburg FSS and representatives from the Memphis Area Office and the Memphis Tower, and JOE WALKER of the Weather Bureau, who is hopeful that we won't have a repeat of Greenville, Miss. as far as the weather is concerned.

Your reporter had a most interesting visit with ANOLA LAING and ELAINE WRIGHT of the Alberta Chapter at the Nashville Airport recently. ANOLA and ELAINE, with their husbands and two other couples were returning from a vacation in the Bahamas and were headed back to Alberta. They certainly seemed to be having a good time and we enjoyed meeting them and discussing the Powder Puff Derby which will begin in Calgary, Alberta, in 1971. They had spent the weekend in Nashville and we had flown up for a meeting and were waiting for transportation when I noted that two of the four girls in the group were studying charts. They just had to be pilots so I struck up a conversation. They departed Nashville en route to Columbia, Mo. before our transportation arrived and we enjoyed seeing off the two planes headed for Canada.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER Sandy Klock, Reporter

The February meeting of the Chicago Area Chapter was held on the 15th at the beautiful Pillow Hill home of SYLVIA SHELTON and her 49½er. While the 99's met around the indoor swimming pool, the fellas admired Mr. Sheldon's collection of antique cars in the garage. Imagine driving to the airport in a Stutz Bearcat! (Boy—That sounds like tough duty—Ed.)

CAROLINE SMITH, our secretary, won the raffle at this meeting—a long white scarf with the insignias of present-day and old-time aircraft companies in black. She promptly put it on and said, "Who says we don't still wear scarfs and goggles?"

The big news in this chapter is the upcoming ILLININES AIR DERBY, which will be held at ROCKFORD, ILL. on MAY 22, 23 AND 24. This is going to be some event, and the big prize is a trip to Jamaica, no less, staying at Ocho Rios. This race is open to all, and everyone is welcome. JEAN CLAUSSE of our chapter is in charge of entries, so let us hear from you gals.

MARION JAYNE, chairman of the Illinines race board, will be appearing on the Paul Benzaquin Chicago show on February 26th at midnight in a



Front row left to right: RUTH STAFFORD, MYRA STAFFORD and son MATTHEW, BOBBI MILLER with BRETT STAFFORD, FAY GLENN with MARC MILLER and RUTH HERMON; second row: JOANE WYRICK, MARGARET WRIGHT, ROSAMOND OLIVER, JOANNE REINDL, VEE ST. JOHN and FRANCES DUNFIELD. SHELDON STAFFORD, PAT KEENEY and NITA IRWIN not shown.

discussion on general aviation. This is early for MARION, as these talks usually seem to be scheduled for about 2:00 A.M., when all good pilots are getting their 8 hours R & R.

MARCELLA RITTER got bit by the "love bug" and is now MRS. GEORGE KLOTTER. MARCELLA gave a talk on aviation to the Illinois Air Pilots' Association on February 11th at Elliot's Pae Lodge.

SANDY KLOCK has been busy studying and recently passed her commercial written. Now back to those Lazy 8's!

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER Frances Dunfield, Reporter

Our January meeting at MARY ANN NOAH'S was great, both the food and the turnout! Among the guests were SANDRA RIDGEWAY, from the Topeka Chapter, here to observe our chapter in action. There were 23 members present and among them some faces we haven't seen for awhile at meetings including ex-hospital resident, NONA MARTIN, looking very well.

Our chapter is losing MARGARET McDOWELL. She is moving to Boston the first of February. Good luck in your new job, MARGARET, but we will miss you.

Our February meeting was held at Executive Aircraft at Kansas City Municipal Airport and a very interesting lesson was given us on better understanding and care of aircraft engines, electrical systems and radio equipment. This was one of our best meetings in regard to quality and also quantity, since a total of sixty-two 99s and 49½s were present for the meeting and dinner afterward at the Airport Holiday Inn. Although it was late when dinner was over, many stayed on to visit even later—a fine evening.

We also were delighted to learn that secretive SARAH GORELICK became MRS. ROY RATLEY on January 10th in Las Vegas!

Don't forget—we want at least one recipe, and three or four if you wish to share them, from each 99 for our cookbook. The deadline has been moved up to April 30th. Please send them in as soon as possible to Vee St. John, 1018 E. 110th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 64131.

Our 30th Anniversary is coming up in September and we are planning a big celebration. If there are ex-Greater Kansas City members in other parts of the country, please let us hear from you!

RUTH STAFFORD'S daughter-in-law,



Wing Scouts tour Interstate Airmotive, St. Louis. Fred Pogue, Director of Interstate along with Joan Lamb & Gussie Freese were guides.

MY RAE, and two grandson's—BRETT, age 2 and MATTHEW, age 4 months, had their first plane ride with RUTH and 49½ SHELDON to the Nevada, Missouri fly-out January 27th. Also joining the twelve 99s was BOBBI MILLER'S Marc, age 5.

Nevada gave us one of the best receptions we have ever received. The Executive Director and the President of the Nevada Chamber of Commerce, and three Community Betterment representatives greeted the six planes on their arrival and presented each of us with a Bushwhacker Museum key chain. We had a fine lunch and were taken on a tour of the city.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER Fannie Jennings, Reporter

GUSSIE FREESE was our hostess for a busy and interesting January meeting. INSPECTOR MITCHUM, Accident Prevention Specialist of the FAA, was our speaker, and a very interesting one I assure you. The FAA is promoting an accident prevention program very similar to the 99's APT. An FAA inspector will ride with any licensed pilot and make "suggestions" where needed to improve proficiency. What it amounts to is, they believe and have proven, that by making pilots more aware of possible errors that could cause accidents, the individual becomes a more cautious pilot—therefore reducing the chance of an accident. We made tenta-

tive plans to get together with the FAA as a group (husbands too) sometime in April or May and take a proficiency ride. INSPECTOR MITCHUM said they would be happy to sign our 99 APT forms.

We are very busy working on our program for the Aero Club which will be presented Feb. 24. DEL SCHARR has written a little skit which should be real enjoyment to everyone if we all get together and work on it. (It seems there is no end to this woman's talent.) Del, SYLVIA BLOOM and the program committee have really been working hard so we hope it is a real success.

MERLE FRAME was in St. Louis over the holidays and several of our girls had lunch with her. She is looking forward to our coming to Detroit in April. We had letters from ROSE JOLY (Mrs. Dewey Ragland) and HELEN POOLER—hope to see them in Detroit also.

LORETTA SLAVICK and BECKY THATCHER (Mich.) recently returned from a tour of Australia and in talking with LORETTA, she says they had a wonderful trip. There are 400 women pilots in Australia, but not all of them are 99's. Among some of the people the met were RONNIE WILLIAMS, parachute jumper and instructor; NANCY LEEBOLD, operates aircraft supply at general aviation airport in Sidney; NANCY BIRD WALTON, both

she and NANCY LEEBOLD have been honored by the Queen for their role in aviation; and DORIS LANGER, who drove them to Canberra which is the capitol of the Federal Government of Australia. NANCY WALTON took them to a Hawaiian party in the "out back" which was some 700 or 800 miles away. During the trip they stopped at several properties (ranches) to meet people and see unusual homes. Most all Australian "ranchers" have planes in their driveway instead of cars. They also visited New Zealand and New Guinea.

Almost as an afterthought to our conversation, LORETTA mentioned that she is going to be in "Who's Who of the Midwest."

AMY & JACK LAWS and RUTH & NATHAN TAKSEL just returned from a Jamacian cruise aboard the U.S.S. Starward. AMY said the ship was very plush and the food marvelous. The trip is highly recommended. AMY and JACK flew their own plane to Miami and returned, with beautiful sunshine all the way there and back. (They must have a friend at the weather bureau.) They also visited with TOM and BETTY FOSTER who have an apartment in Key Biscayne.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER Maretta Simpson, Reporter

Our chapter celebrated its 36th birthday at the February meeting which was held in Owosso. We were most pleased to have two charter members present, who attended the first meeting on February 17, 1934, at Hartung Airport in the Detroit area. They are MARY VON MACH and FAYE KIRK.

Despite the inclement weather, some seventy people showed up for the meeting . . . pretty marvelous turnout when you consider all were drive-ins.

MARY VON MACH and FAYE KIRK had many very interesting anecdotes to tell about early days of flying.

WYNN CONNELLY has remarried and is now MRS. HENRY K. MILLER. She resides at 4953 Kolohala Street, Honolulu, Hawaii. She also got a new grandson, JOHN CAUGHEY, on January 31st, who resides with his parents in Philadelphia.

We have three new 99's: OLIVIA BOTTUM of Ann Arbor, BERTHA McMENEMY of Detroit, and EDIE ALLEN of Mount Pleasant, and one new 66 . . . THELMA HAVICE of Ann Arbor.

LOIS BROYLES' husband MARTY, is beginning to wonder who the "MARY" is who turns up in so many

of these articles. Please believe this error did not originate in our copy, but rather somewhere after it left our hands. Our apologies to MARTY.

Buy a 99 Stadium Blanket . . . nice . . . reasonable . . . and functional. Michigan is selling them. Contact SAMMY McKAY, G-9191 South Dixie Highway, Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439.

Seen at various times during the Midwestern Air Traffic and Flight Safety Seminar . . . BEA STEADMAN, LILLIAN SNYDER, MARGE HATFIELD, MARGE ASHTON, ETC. It was a well-attended affair, but unfortunately not nearly enough 99's were present to make a good showing. It was a great program.

ELLEN and VIC ZAITZ returned this week from another of their many trips West . . . this time a month long. They took in just about everything between Michigan and California, and then spent the bulk of their time with an interesting relative in California who is an actor, and who managed to show them more than most of us could cram into a two-months visit.

Help is needed for the North Central Section in April. Get in touch with LIISA DIXON, 6815 Country Lane, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127.

MARY CARPENTER can use all the help she can get for the Angel Derby stop in Pontiac in May. If you would like to meet these International Racing Pilots and help cover the race stop, give MARY a call at Area Code 313, 332-0403, or write her at 380 Kendry, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48013.

BECKY THATCHER and LORETTA SLAVICK, a St. Louis, Missouri, 99, visited the South Pacific. They went to Tahiti, American Samoa, Western Samoa, Australia, Green Island and Great Barrier Reef, North and South Islands of New Zealand, New Guinea (as far as you can go), Fiji, and Hawaii. During this wonderful trip, they were on some thirty-five airliners (mostly DC 8's) and flew at altitudes up to thirty-nine thousand feet, and were invited to the cockpit on one of the flights. On their return flight to Chicago the weather was down and they circled Chicago for some two and one-half hours before being able to land, and then had to wait another eight hours there to depart for home.

BECKY and LORETTA received "royal" treatment from the Australian women, who went out to make their visit a most enjoyable one. Among these most hospitable 99's were . . . NANCY WALTON, RONETTE WIL-



Midwestern Air Traffic and Safety Conference — LILLIAN SNYDER, who represented the 99s on the Committee planning the Conference, "FISH" SALMON, former Chief Test Pilot for Lockheed Aircraft Corp. (a member of the panel on Safety), MARGE HATFIELD, Chairman, Mich. Chapter 99s, WINNIE DuPEROW, Chairman Mich. Chapt. 99s and A. G. HEIMERDINER, Chief Pilot and Director Flight Operations for Douglas Aircraft (also a member of the panel on Safety).



Left to right — CHARLES F. McERLEAN, Executive Vice-President, United Airlines; MAJ. GEN. T. E. MARCHBANKS, Chief, Air Force Reserve; ROBERT V. REYNOLDS, Deputy Administrator for General Aviation Affairs, FAA; JOHN W. MEYERS, Chairman of the Board, Pacific Airmotive Corporation; BERNICE STEADMAN, President, Ninety-Nines International; ALLEN F. EDWARDS, President, National Pilots Association; WARNER KIMBALL, President, Corbett Manufacturing Co.; LILLIAN SNYDER, Representative, Michigan Chapter Ninety-Nines; HARVEY A. HOFMAN, Manager-Technical Communications, Teledyne CAE. Speakers Table—Midwestern Air Traffic & Safety Conference.

LIAMS, BOZENA VRLA, and LYN-ETTE BUTLER. Also had the opportunity to meet GLADYS SANFORD . . .

who got her license in 1925 in New Zealand . . . and holds license no. 18. They also got to talk with OLGA TAR-

LING and ANNE STEINHAGEN.

Upcoming Meetings: March 8 in Coldwater . . . preview of 1970 SMALL Race site; April 10-11-12 Spring Sectional in Detroit; May 24 Dawn Patrol and meeting at Lapeer; and June 14 in Grand Rapids.

First Meeting Toward Becoming a 99: ALLENE MUNSON of Walled Lake, BETTY GOODROE of Flushing, THELMA CRAWFORD of Ann Arbor, KAYE BERGER of Ann Arbor.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Betty Kuechle, Reporter

Plane washes can prove profitable in more ways than one. Particularly in the person of one ROBERT PALMER, Safety and Security Director for North Memorial Hospital in Minneapolis. Little did we know when we washed an Aero Commander for him last October that he would host our February meeting. We must have done a good job on his plane for he reciprocated with an evening which turned out to be one of our most unusual. After a short business meeting in the hospital auditorium, we were treated to a film on Canada "Valley of the Swans". MR. HECTOR CROMBIE from the Canadian Government Travel Bureau did an excellent job of convincing all of us to include Canada on one of our next flying trips. Following this film we heard HEINIE YAHN from Executive Helicopter, St. Paul. He told us of "Project Haste" (Helicopter Ambulance Service to Emergencies). North Memorial is one of five participating hospitals in the Twin City area. A heliport has already been built at North Memorial ready for operation around March 1st. Although we didn't actually see the heliport, we did see a film from Bell Helicopter showing exactly how the Bell Jet Ranger helicopter will function in "Project Haste". A tour of the hospital was next on the program and we had to keep moving fast. MR. PALMER showed us the ultimate in modern hospital medicine. We were able to go into many behind the scene places and see first hand what goes on in every department. We ended up in the Security office having our pictures taken and reduced on our own Minnesota 99 I. D. cards. A very impressive end to a very impressive evening.

Our chapter is growing! A special welcome to KRISTI HAWKINSON, BARBARA LUND, and LINDA RADA-BAUGH.

Stand by one for a report from DOROTHY BOLANDER next month.



DECORATING COMMITTEE FOR VALENTINE HANGAR DANCE — Left to right: PAT CICARDO, IRENE KAY, LILY SANDOVAL, JOHNNIE HICKEY, WANDA COTHRAN and BECKY LUTZ.



Left to right: BECKY LUTZ, NAIDA BORDER, JOY FEAKE, WANDA COTHRAN and son, and LILY SANDOVAL.

DOROTHY and husband DAVE will tell us of their trip to Yucatan. Yes, we do manage to keep flying despite the cold and snow.



ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

Lily Sandoval, Reporter

The visit of GOVERNOR DOROTHY WARREN to our February meeting was

a pleasant surprise. DOROTHY was in Albuquerque on other business which co-incided with our meeting date. NAIDA BORDER, LAURA MARIE WEBB and JOY FEAKE took DOROTHY up to Santa Fe for a tour of our new capitol building the next morning. The Legislature was in full swing and we were hoping to hear the progress of a proposed "Downed Aircraft Locator Beacon" bill. The bill was still in committee at this time but has since gone to the Senate and killed. Do return DOROTHY, bring some gals and stay a bit longer.

Congratulations to not one but two members, LINDA SWANN and MILLIE

ELRICK, on the births of prospective 99's!

Our diversified group now boasts a licensed Realtor, GEORGIA TILLERY. Now that GEORGIA is not attending all those classes we hope to see her at every meeting. MARY LIKENS has transferred to our chapter from Northern Arizona. Welcome MARY!

Our members are still doing some flying these days even though our January weather has been not too nice. The FEAKS spent Christmas in Mazatlan, flying down in V.F.R. but returning in I.F.R. The SUTHERLANDS have set up a second home in Guaymas for a couple of months. RANDA reports fishing is great! Congratulations again to BEV MURPHY—this time the Instrument Instructor Rating! This gal has really been hitting the THROTTLE!

Our chapter has been looking forward to Valentine Hangar Dance for a few months. This took place at Coronado Airport on the 14th under the very able direction of dance chairman: DONNA DENTON, Co-chairman, ECKY LUTZ and decoration chairman NAIDA BORDER. Thanks gals for a great job. Everyone had a ball!

We are looking forward to the P.P.D. with special interest since our gals have been asked to man the stop in Farmington, New Mexico. NAIDA BORDER will head this committee of official timers and has already met with the route chairman THON GRIFFITH in Farmington. More on this later.

Welcome to DOROTHY MANNAHAN who was pinned at our January meeting, at the home of VIRGINIA CUTTER.

We are sorry to report our past chairman MARGARET PEREZ is down with flu and possible pneumonia. She and EUGENE did get in a trip to the Bahamas just prior to being grounded.

ARKANSAS CHAPTER

Beverly Harp for Marge Nielson,
Reporter

The Arkansas Chapter has been very busy the past month. On February 3rd RUTH GRAY, BEVERLY HARP, KAY NEWTH, and RAMONIA SLOAT flew to Springfield, Missouri to discuss the Powder Puff Derby Race Stop. They met with BARBARA RIGGS, Assistant Route Director; FRED FORD, Airport Manager; and FAA and FSS personnel. Fixed base operators D. J. PURCELL and CHARLIE PRIESTER

agreed to top the tanks of the first Cessna and Piper to land in Springfield; and JAMES NEWTON of the Ramada Inn has donated a free room for the first pilot to land that stays overnight. We feel Powder Puffers will want to make Springfield a MUST STOP!

On February 22nd the Arkansas 99's are having a Fly-in Dutch Treat Luncheon in Ft. Smith at 11:00 a.m. and we would love to have you join us.

Our chapter had some problems (ran out of paint and then rain) but after three attempts we finally got the runway in North Little Rock airmarked. Gals assisting included: SHIRLEY BOGGESS, RAMONIA SLOAT, CARY HUNT, RUTH GRAY, BETTYE BOLLEN, AND BEVERLY HARP. LARRY HENSLEY, the airport manager, got us some good TV and newspaper publicity. We have two more airports lined up to airmark.

We have six girls APT and they are: SHIRLEY BOGGESS, BETTYE BOLLEN, RUTH GRAY, DONNA HALE, BEVERLY HARP, AND RUTH McADAMS. Our goal is 100% APT!

DELORES MITCHELL and MARGIE NIELSEN were recently awarded the Jeani WNAA Appreciation Award for work done on the 1969 "Youth Derby."

RAMONIA SLOAT has taken her commercial written and prospective 99'er CHARLENE POE is working on her private. Looks like those gals are getting ready for the Powder Puff Derby.

RAMONIA had a pleasant surprise recently. ANOLA LAING and ELAINE WRIGHT, 99s from Canada, were flying through to New Orleans and Florida, and gave RAMONIA a call. RAMONIA said it was interesting talking about the differences between Canadian and U. S. rules and regulations.

Have you ever had a patient arrive by helicopter? Well, BETTYE BOLLEN'S husband was hard at work the other day when patients in his office heard the noise of a helicopter. It got closer and closer and finally everyone ran to the window and sure enough—the helicopter was landing. It seemed that R. V. STEWART with North Little Rock Aviation had an appointment with LINDY so he just came by helicopter.

Our chapter has a monthly newsletter and we would love to exchange with other chapters. If interested, contact BEVERLY HARP, 8100 EAST LEGION, MABELVALE, ARKANSAS 72103.

(ED NOTE: MARGE NIELSEN,

regular reporter, is in Tulsa working on CFI ground school. Good Luck, Kid!)
HAPPY FLYING!

CHAPARRAL CHAPTER

Marge Blue, Reporter

We had a successful Flight Clinic on January 28 with 40 aviation enthusiasts present. BILL SULLINS of the FAA, ED BEASLEY and TOM HAIRE gave the three hour program. We plan to have these Safety Seminars every four months through the year. After the program coffee and cookies were served.

On January 19 our chapter trekked to El Paso to tour the FAA facilities. After dinner JACK SCOTT took us through the tower and the Flight Service Station. The lights of El Paso were quite effective at night!

We have really been educated this past month! February 14, KAY BOND, DOROTHY McNALLY, MARGE BLUE, and HANK HALLINAN flew to Albuquerque to tour the center up there. We learned just how safe we are if are planes are equipped. We were joined by 49½ers KAL BOND and JIM HALLINAN and 7 other interested guests.

Our leader KAY BOND logged 12 minutes in a DC 3 January 12. She may be hiring out before long!

Our other flying members haven't been keeping me informed as to their trips so I don't have much news on them. See you next month.

COLORADO CHAPTER

Deedo Heise, Reporter

Colorado welcomes new members JANE HOLLEMAN and DONNA JONES to our midst.

February meeting held at Stapleton in the Board Room was most interesting. MR. GEORGE WELCH showed colored motion pictures of the Apollo 10 flight and a series of slides of both Apollo 10 and 11 that were truly breathtaking. We then looked back at "the good old days" as he showed his slides of the Antique Airplane gatherings at Ottumwa Iowa. (Some of the antiques looked almost as "out of this world" as the "bug which sat on the moon.") I believe the slides can be obtained through the Martin Company and they are really fantastic.

JEAN FERRELL flew off to Europe to ski after presenting the weather seminar at United which was well represented by our Chapter and most worthwhile. We thank JEAN and her co-workers.

CINDY and JACK CARSON flew to Palm Springs, Los Angeles and Las Vegas via Beech Baron, checked the home front and then took off for Texas and Oklahoma City.

CINDY and I will be spotters at Walsenburg, Colorado during the AW-TAR mandatory Fly-By over the airport. So—in the line of duty, I (DEEDO) have driven and flown over the area and made a couple of investigative low passes over the field.

BETTY RIDDLE from Rockford, Illinois was in Denver to meet her pilot husband. Luckily BETTY JO REED who had been a sister Wasp, happened to be in town between trips to Chicago on business and Taos for lunch; so the three of us had lunch, and a talk fest and a personally conducted tour through United's Simulator complex.

GAIL MITCHELL is currently employed as an Air Traffic Controller in the Denver Air Route Traffic Control Center in Longmont, Colorado. Last September she completed nine weeks of training at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City.

A star for GWEN CRAVEN who will be upgrading her rating in 1970.

DALLAS CHAPTER

Janie King, Reporter

The speed with which Dallas North runway numbers were airmarked probably reflected the damp, chilly morning temperature. Some loyal 99s and 49½'ers braved the fog.

MARILYN COPELAND'S luncheon in Wichita, found out IFR-types KATHY LONG and HELEN WILKE filing on Friday. DOT WARREN commed in from ABQ and hitched an IFR ride home in HELEN'S Bonanza. PAT JETTON was ready to go on Saturday AM complete with three hitch-hikers, PEG ONG, DOLORAS SAINSBOTTOM, and RUBY RODGERS, in her Debonair, but the weather put thumbs down on the flight.

KATHY LONG was in the winning airplane in the Tenth Annual Air Race from Lander, Wyoming to Jack Pot, Nevada.

BARBARA POWELL and PAT JETTON flew to OKC where BARBARA visited relatives and PAT had a lovely visit with SUSIE SEWELL.

College seems to be a good reason for our 99s to fire up the bird. ROWENA and FRED BURNS flew their daughter, Evelyn, to Austin, and HELEN WILKE has made several trips to San Marcos transporting son

Craig.

DELLE and GENE HIGHTOWER from Houston visited with PAT JETTON recently on a hunt for a new airplane.

NITA and DON SHUHART have been getting familiar with a certain Cherokee 180 lately.

DOROTHY WARREN, HELEN WILKE, KATHY LONG, and PAT JETTON had lunch recently with FRANCES COLLINS of Midland, who was in town with her husband.

CHAROLETTE BRANUM and JACK flew their 310 to San Diego to attend the International Typographic Composition Association meeting from February 11 through the 14.

PAT CLARK and FRAN hitched a ride to Chicago via Alice American; they'll be moving up there on March 4. While there, PAT saw JERRY KRAUSE and admired her new twin Comanche.

PHYLLIS DUKE and ELINOR JOHNSON can quit loafing; their favorite 150 met with a most unfortunate experience recently, but now they are instructing in a new one.

HAZEL McKENDRICK flew some of the TAR route recently, practicing. Then she participated in the FAA Safety Clinic at Sherman.

PAT and FRAN CLARK flew to Houston to transfer the Texas State Aviation Association files to the new secretary and treasurer, RUTH and TOMMY HILDEBRAND.

EL PASO CHAPTER

Lois Hailey, Reporter

Our February meeting was a Sweet-heart dinner at the Mesa St. Luby's Cafeteria. Present were RUTH and CHARLIE DEERMAN, DELORIS and LARRY DYVAD, BETTY ROGERS, WIN GRIFFIN, NORMA McREYNOLDS, NORMA KUDIESY, EMMA and JOHN UDOVICH, DON ZILER, LOIS HAILEY, MARY FRAN and HANK SEIDL, BARBARA BOOKER, MARY and NOEL OLMSTEAD.

A film, "Flying the Spanish Main" was presented at Burges High School. Those attending were: NORMA KUDIESY, NORMA McREYNOLDS, RUTH and CHARLIE DEERMAN, JEAN BYERS, MARY-FRAN and HANK SEIDL, MARY and NOEL OLMSTEAD.

Our first planned Poker Run got off the ground, but not for long. Wind, wind. Eleven started out, but only one plane completed the run, and first

place winner was JAMES ADAMS, and second place winner, JERRY McREYNOLDS.

The Rain date Poker Run on the following Sunday did better, with five planes and thirteen people. MARY OLMSTEAD won first, ROBER LANDER of Ft. Bliss Flying Club, second, and NOEL OLMSTEAD third.

GERTRUDE HOWARD and her family flew in from Pueblo, Colorado on their way to Mexico. They spent the night with RUTH DEERMAN.

BARBARA BOOKER has completed her cross country and is well on the way.

RON and ELLEN JANE ANDERSON, TEX and JUANITA BURDICK have made trips to Arizona.

Those who are APT—CHERI SPIER, JACKY FAGAN, NORMA KUDIESY, MARY FRAN SEIDL, DORIS SHREVE, NORMA McREYNOLDS, and HESTER OAKS.

MARGARET McFARLAND has been elected Secretary of the Alamogordo Aviation Association, and BETTY ROGERS is Sec. T of El Paso Instrument Pilots Assoc.

RAMONA DUNCAN and PAT STANS of Alamogordo have received licenses.

HOUSTON CHAPTER

Aline Bush, Reporter

Houston is busy making plans for our 3rd Annual Space Chase, set for Sunday, April 26. MABEL EDITH OLIVER heads up a planning committee composed of MARY BYERS, MARY BROOKS, MARILYN CURTIS, and SALLY COX. Anyone wishing info may contact MABEL EDITH or SALLY. Circle the date, it'll be great fun.

Welcome to our newest member, CAROLE VICTORY. Other members are busy attaining higher ratings, passing on skills to others, and flying, flying, flying. PAT DAVIES has passed her instrument written, MARY JANE NORRIS passed advanced and Instrument Ground Instruction, and MARY BYERS is attending instrument Ground School taught by MARY JANE, M. E. OLIVER is busy teaching basic ground school for Crawford Aviation, Inc. in Conroe; MARY ABLE has been flying much charter and instrument instruction, and has flown two trips as co-pilots on a Lear Jet to Denver and Baton Rouge; MAY-BELLE FLETCHER doing a lot of instruction in the Southwest Flying Club. She recently soloed her son DAVID on

his 16th birthday. MARILYN CURTIS has been flying to Matagorda Island for fishing in between learning to play the set of drums hubby JON gifted her with at Christmas. MARILYN is excited over her visit to NASA to see 99 CHARLOTTE SMITH where she had the opportunity to watch ASTRO-NAUT JOHN YOUNG practicing moon walking on centrifuge machine. MARY JANE NORRIS flew to Portugal Feb. 12, visiting with ANNELEISE PINTO in Lisbon who was sponsored into the 99's by our Chapter. RUTH and TOMMY HILDEBRAND toured Central America and Mexico for 3 weeks with International Flying Farmers, flying their recent acquisition, an S model Bonanza with their old call numbers of 18 Sugar. They met two women pilots in Costa Rica and MARY BRANDON from Ohio Chapter in Tapachula, Mexico. DELLE and GENE HIGHTOWER are looking skyward hoping for lots of good weather to fly their new Mooney Executive. And anyone flying into Houston over the Cypress Intersection, stop in at LOUISE and MYRL BICKFORD'S Dry Creek Airport at Cypress, Texas. Check to see if construction is finished or stop by to lend a hand.

49½'ER BOB NORRIS made a most interesting talk during our February meeting at Houston's A La Carte in Westbury Square. Citing the many things that could be accomplished by pilots working together, he urged that different pilot groups combine their efforts so that pilots will be strong enough to tell government regulatory bodies what they feel is best or safest in aviation instead of being told "Here it is, you must accept it." It triggered quite a discussion and prompted some action we will hear more about later. Any other 99 groups interested in more unity among pilot groups might contact Sally Cox for ideas on the subject.

A fly-in to McAllen and trip across the border was set tentatively for March 6-7-8.

See you at the Space Chase!

(Ed. Note: Good girl. This one ahead of time.)

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

Dolores Pasiarb, Reporter

Five Ninety Nines from the South Central Section were among the 61 people who recently participated in the tour of Costa Rica sponsored by the International Flying Farmers.



The five 99's with 2 of the 3 lady Costa Rican pilots. Left to right: Ruth Hildebrand, Broneta Evans, Sigrid Lorengil and her mother Hilda Lorengil, Velma Woodward, Pat McEwen, Arlene Walkup, attending a banquet on the roof of the Hotel Paysbas in San Jose, Costa Rica.



99's in Costa Rica, Central America. Standing in grass soft as a cushion. A portion of the road to the top of the volcano Irazu. L-R. RUTH HILDEBRAND, Houston, BRONETA EVANS, VELMA WOODWARD, Okla., PAT McEWEN, Kansas, ARLENE WALKUP, Okla.

BRONETA EVANS, VELMA WOODWARD and ARLENE WALKUP all flew in one aircraft. ARLENE, changing planes and flying along with PAT McEWEN. Ninety-Nines have participated on other tours, but this is the first time only Ninety-Nines occupied the aircraft. These gals flew from Brownsville, Texas to Vera Cruz, Tapachula, Mexico, Guatemala City, Managura, Nicaragua and into San Jose, Costa Rica.

Guests attending the January meeting included MARY WATSON, MARGARET BROWN and BILLIE WALACE, all from Ada.

MAVIS CHEEK writes she has transferred into the Georgia Chapter and is doing a great deal of flying just attending meetings.

JUDY FILA was the guest speaker at the Zonta Club meeting held in Dallas. DOTTIE WARREN'S husband flew to Stillwater in his twin Comanche and made JUDY fly down and let ARLENE WALKUP fly back to Oklahoma. RUTH JONES and SKIP CARTER were there to hear JUDY.

NANCY ORCUTTT will be moving to Indianapolis, Indiana. Her new address: 3226 So. High School Road, Indianapolis, Ind. 46241.

Our February chapter meeting was held at the home of MARGE HUDSON and then we all toured the RAPCON facilities located at Tinker Air Force Base. We all were most impressed with this sophisticated operation and co-operative personnel.

CONNIE JONES is spending some time in the Link trainer these days. Our "soupy" weather here in January inspired many to work on advanced ratings. JAN MILLION is also spending her flying time under the hood.

KANSAS CHAPTER

Charlotte Russell, Reporter

The Kansas 99's meeting on February 7th was a special benefit (\$3.00 per plate) Valentine for a Friend Luncheon at the home of MARILYN COPELAND in Wichita. There was a good turnout of 28 members and 20 guests for a delicious catered lunch and excellent entertainment from a variety of youthful musical talent from the Wichita area. The proceeds from the benefit luncheon will be added to the special savings account fund for the up and coming 1971 99's International Convention in Wichita.

Among the guest-members present at the luncheon were DOROTHY WAR-

REN, Governor of the South Central Section, HELEN WILKE and KATHY LONG from Dallas, and SONDRARIDGEWAY and PAT STRATTON from Topeka. Donations to the luncheon by members unable to attend were sent by MARY ABLE, South Central Section Secretary from Houston, GENE NORA JESSON of Boise, ESTER BERKLEY of Talmage, Kansas, VELDA MAY KIKER of San Antonio, and MARION BARRETT of Watonga, Oklahoma. During the luncheon MARILYN COPELAND received a telegram from SUSIE SEWELL in Oklahoma expressing her regrets at being unable to attend the luncheon because of poor weather in Oklahoma. SUSIE and the other members of the Oklahoma chapter who were unable to make the meeting were definitely missed.

GARNETT HASTINGS, Chairman of the Kansas 99's, who is the new International APT Chairman is happy to report that she now has APT buttons available. Ninety Nines who will have their APT forms signed by their instructors and sent on to Garnett will be entitled to receive a new APT button. Garnett expects an overwhelming response!

The Kansas 99's will handle the Hutchinson stop for the 1970 Powder Puff Derby scheduled for July 3rd to July 7th. On February 3rd GARNETT HASTINGS, MARY AIKINS, PAT McEWEN and MARILYN COPELAND met at the Hutchinson Airport with THON GRIFFITH, Route Director for the Powder Puff Derby and BARBARA RIGGS, Assistant Route Director. They had a successful preliminary meeting with the Airport, Tower and Chamber of Commerce representatives. GARNETT HASTINGS will be Chairman the stop, MARY AIKINS will be Chief Timer, and HAZEL GUY will be a Timer.

Two Kansas 99's will be number 11 in the lineup for the Angel Derby. PAT McEWEN and MARILYN COPELAND will fly in Pat's Bonanza.

PAT and OWEN McEWEN spent a week in Scottsdale, Arizona during February. Owen showed some horses at the International Arabian Horse Association meeting. While there PAT attended a Phoenix Chapter 99's meeting and gave a talk on the ways and means aspect of the Powder Puff Derby. Pat says she had a good visit with ALICE ROBERTS, a past International President. PAT was told about

the meeting and invited by SARA BERG who works at the Scottsdale airport and is a transfer to the Phoenix 99's Chapter from the Chicago Area Chapter where she was a past Chairman.

OMAHA AREA CHAPTER

Georgiann Rynearson, Reporter

The month of February was launched with much fun in the form of an old fashioned "Box Social" at the home of HELEN and JOHN EHRLICH, with INEZ STOCKER assisting as hostess. Braving the cold night were ROSEMARY and MAX BLOCK, VERDAYNE and DICK MENZE, BETTY and BOB JARVIS, INEZ and HERB STOCKER, GEORGIANN and BILL RYNEARSON, LUCILLE ULEMAN, BARBARA KREJCI, JANICE BESCH, all of Omaha; JOEY and SID KUBESCH of Bellevue, BURTIS and DELL AUFENKAMP of Auburn, CLAUDINE and ED KEAN of Humboldt; and 66s UDY and KEN KOHLER of Ralston and CAROL and KEITH POWER of Omaha. Imagination ran wild with such boxes as "Cloud 99", "A Shot to the Moon", "Airport", "Southern Belle", and many with 99s and Valentine motifs.

After dinner the girls held their business meeting. The fund raising committee brought two articles, which are to be submitted to the board for approval. BURTIS AUFENKAMP invited us all to be guests of the Flying Farmers at their convention in Grand Island on February 20 and 21, urging the girls to attend the ladies' luncheon, of which she is chairman.

With so many members working, week-ends are about the only time many of them can fly, and you know when we have the best flying weather—during the middle of the week. Consequently, flying activities have been somewhat curtailed the past month. BETTY and BOB JARVIS did pack up their plane and two daughters the last week-end in January and flew to Olathe, Kansas to visit friends. On the way back, they stopped in Auburn and had coffee with BURTIS and DELL AUFENKAMP.

VERDAYNE MENZE finally came home from Laredo, Texas, where she was visiting her son and family, including a brand new grandson. VERDAYNE flew down around Christmas and then DICK flew back alone, while VERDAYNE chose to return later via commercial airlines. She reportedly



Omaha Area Chapter 99s and 66s with their "Box Social" dinners, left to right: Helen Ehrlich, Joey Kubesch, Burtis Aufenkamp, Claudine Kean, Georgiann Ryncarson, Lucille Uleman., Betty Jarvis, Barbara Krejel, Verdayne Menze, Judy Kohler, Carol Power, Janice Besch, Rosemary Block and Inez Stocker.

prefers "Menze International" for a direct flight.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

Marian Burke, Reporter

The San Antonio Chapter and guests enjoyed a lovely Mexican luncheon during the February meeting held Saturday the 14th. It was hosted by JOHN and MARY ANNE GREER. The tasty Mexican food and the GREER'S interesting home along with their well known hospitality made the afternoon enjoyable for us all.

VEL KIKER made cute red hearts with a 99 on them to present to each member and guest just so we would not forget that it was Valentine's day.

A case of the flu and bad weather prevented our gov., DOROTHY WARREN and some of the group in the Houston area from attending our meeting. We are sorry the girls couldn't make it and we will try again later.

Welcome! Welcome! New member MARY ANNE CHAMBERLAIN. It's nice to have you in our group. MARY ANNE has a private license. Her husband is an Air Force Captain and is based in San Antonio. They have 3 children. We are sure you will enjoy being a 99.

This season is going to be a busy one for the San Antonio Chapter. They are helping during the AOPA clinic that will be held in San Antonio Feb. 27, 28 and Mar. 1. With a new Airport opening and the Space Chase as well as air race season almost here we really are going to be busy.

Our chairman will be the busiest of us all . . . VEL KIKER will be playing

grandma along with all of her other activities. BARBARA presented her with a new granddaughter, STEPHANIE DIANE on Jan. 26th. It's her first time to be grandma so she is almost as excited as 49½er HAROLD about the whole event.

BILL and BETSY HOGAN have moved back to the country and they are about a ten minute drive from Marian Burke's ranch. They have already acquired three horses so it looks like they are going in for country life in a big way. The 30 ft. by 80 ft. swimming pool looks like a fun place for a 99 get-together this summer.

We received a recent letter from ARLENE FELDMAN, a past chairman of our group who is now in PA. Everything is well with her family and she is leaving Feb. 23 for Hawaii to meet ARNOLD who has been in Viet Nam for several months. It sounds like a great trip ARLENE . . . Have fun . . . We miss you.

SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

By Pat Ward, for Bev Titzer, Reporter

Our January meeting was held the last weekend in December, and was the Holiday Hangar Dance in BTR as reported in the last issue. Our February meeting was also held in Baton Rouge, and featured DR. H. T. LANDRY as guest speaker. DR. LANDRY broke 13 world records on his recent flight around the world in his "Hello World" Bonanza. His films and presentation were highly entertaining and interesting. He will be featured speaker at the Canadian Owners/Pilots Convention in Calgary, Alberta, Canada,

on April 25, and we hope that some of the Canadian 99s will be there to meet him.

Our March meeting will be held in New Orleans for a tour of the radar and control facilities of the FAA at New Orleans International Airport, and an inside look at the workings of an airline operation — Delta Airlines, of course. Who else?—especially since two of our 49½ers are Delta pilots. EVELYN LYONS will co-hostess this meeting along with new member, GRETCHEN BEALL of New Orleans.

Other exciting programs on tap for the South La. Chapter in the coming months will be a tour of Callendar (military) field in New Orleans in co-operation with the Air Force, including a tour of such military aircraft as the C-130 (and an added feature connected with this is not yet confirmed!!!); working the Houma Air Show again this year with Penny-A-Pound Rides. The Air Force Thunderbirds will be featured at Houma this year (it was the Blue Angels last year); also scheduled is a weekend camping trip for the whole Chapter to Dolphin Island on the Gulf Coast, probably in August. Several girls plan to go to Tulsa in May, and we might be able to sponsor a delegate to the International Convention this year. We expect to take part in some Cessna Dealer Shows (GRETCHEN'S 49½er is NO factory rep.) this summer, too. We meet the first Sunday of the month! Let us know you're coming, and join us!

WICHITA FALLS CHAPTER

Nan Park, Reporter

A special program of vital interest and importance for all pilots and plane owners was held on February 12, 1970 at 7:30 P. M. in the Wichita Falls Museum and Art Center, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Sponsored by the Wichita Falls 99's and Accident Prevention Team of the Federal Aviation Administration, the session emphasized air traffic control, enroute and terminal procedures, services and systems in general. Of particular interest was the recent and proposed changes at high density terminals affecting both I.F.R. and V.F.R. traffic, transponder and DME requirements, collision avoidance, student restrictions and other regulations affecting general aviation.

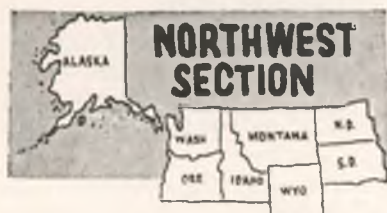
Speakers were MR. CHARLES DAVIS, Assistant Chief of Dallas-Ft.

Worth TRACON-Tower, MR. A. T. HILL, ATC Controller Ft. Worth-Dall's Radar, and MR. H. B. GOWIN, Ft. Worth GADO Collision Avoidance. All three are general aviation pilots and were able to shed much light on many items confusing many of us. They used films and slides as visual aids for their talks.

We, again, were delighted with the response to our written invitations to area pilots to attend the meeting. Nearly two hundred pilots and owners signed our register, ranging from student pilots to air line pilots. The numbers attending our two safety seminars have made us certainly more aware of the need for this program and the interest it generates.

Pilots in this area are marking their calendars for the second Thursday night of the month as a reminder to them of upcoming 99 programs. They then, await an invitation by mail, watch the newspapers and television for announcements of time and place and topics of the next program.

We not only have interesting programs planned for the remainder of the spring, but have some business meetings scheduled also. Some necessary business such as election of officers and installation of officers will be on our agenda also. We have a fund raising project coming up in March and a sneak preview of this activity proves most interesting. Your chapter chairman will receive this information soon.



ALASKA CHAPTER

Catherine Kippenhan, Reporter

The February meeting of the Alaska Chapter was held at MARGARET WAGNON'S home on the shores of Lake Spenard. It was a real business meeting primarily concerned with plans for the AOPA Pinch Hitter course which our chapter will give the first week in March. With funds earned from this course, we plan to sponsor a \$500.00 flying scholarship for some lucky Alaska woman to apply toward a Private ticket. RUTH O'BUCK closed the meeting with a timely presentation on crash locator beacons.

This reporter recently heard from our "silent" member from Fairbanks, PEARL LASKA. Since it is difficult for PEARL to get down to Anchorage for meetings, there are many in our Chapter who have not had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with her. For their benefit, we are presenting a little biographical data on this extremely interesting member.

PEARL'S childhood was spent in Hinton, West Virginia. After two years of high school, she passed her state teacher's examination and began her teaching career in a one-room school house. At some point in her growing-up years Mrs. Laska's interests turned skyward and she began flying lessons which eventually led her into flying and instructing flying fulltime to Navy student pilots during World War II. One day in 1944 she met a woman who told her they needed pilots in Alaska. Soon after, she was in Nome working for Rainbow Skyways as a flight instructor and bush pilot. 1945 found her in McGrath and back teaching in a one-room school house. At that time she married the late LEW LASKA, owner of the local trading post. In the years since, Pearl has averaged 100 flying hours each year and in the summers away from teaching, has continued to give flying instruction. She has flown much of Alaska and made several solo flights back to West Virginia.

Pearl has carried her love for Alaska and aviation into the completion of her own education. She received her B.Ed. from University of Alaska in 1955 and in 1959 took her M.A. in aviation education at Miami University, Ohio where she wrote her thesis on "The History of Aviation in Alaska".

PEARL was recently appointed acting director of the University of Alaska's Upward Bound Project. In this position she will recruit high school students from low-income families in Northern Alaska into the project in order to develop and motivate them toward college.

PEARL is planning a trip to the South 48 in April to purchase an aircraft "new only to her". The Alaska Chapter will keep its collective fingers crossed that PEARL stops by Anchorage on her way home for a little southern hospitality.

EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER

Diane Jex, Reporter

In spite of gloomy weather, more

than half of our members attended the January meeting at DIANE JEX'S home in Blackfoot. BEVERLY LEDBETTER and DIANE were co-hostesses. They welcomed LOIS BAUER, LEORA BERGEVIN, PAT CHASE, PAT DUKICH, ONITA HOFF, GLENNA LINDERMAN, CAROLYN RIZZIE, and DARLENE SCHIERS. Lunch was served and a short business meeting was held. GLEN JEX was on hand to greet the 99s and run the projector so members could enjoy viewing two films. BEV LEDBETTER obtained one film about flying in Montana, the other was a short comical film about a chimp flying nowhere in particular.

KAREN ROBERTS became MRS. JAMES WHITELEY on December 27. We all extend our very best wishes to her. KAREN was unable to attend our January meeting due to college term papers requiring her time.

ELAINE PARTRIDGE is enjoying her beautiful baby girl, and CLARK is helping with baby sitting while ELAINE finishes this semester of college. She, too, had term papers to complete and was unable to join us in January.

To bring everyone up to date on our membership . . . GLENNA LINDERMAN is our newest member. She received her pilot's license on October 10, 1969. She is the mother of four children and has five grandchildren. She is a substitute high school English teacher in Idaho Falls. Her husband, BOB, operates Intermountain Aviation Academy at Fanning Field in Idaho Falls.

LEORA BERGEVIN chose to attend the meeting instead of skiing that day. It would be a hard choice for anyone to make, but we enjoyed having her decide in favor of the 99s. LEORA is Chapter Treasurer.

VIRGINIA FINKELNBURG is busy teaching again. She didn't attend our meeting because of a very bad cold.

MARY and GRANT KILBOURNE just returned from four weeks of flying all over the United States. The Northwestern States usually have the reputation of having some of the lowest temperatures in the winter, but MARY tells me they found extremely cold and wet weather on their trip. She and Grant left Pocatello in a new Aztec for Houston, Texas, but were unable to get there due to the bad weather. The commercial airlines

were having difficulties there too. They did eventually make it on the airliner. In Odessa, Texas their airplane had to be pulled into a hangar in order to defrost ice on the wings, before they could depart that day. It was MARY'S turn in the left seat going into La Guardia, also on departure. Other places they found cold were Chicago, Kansas City, and parts of Indiana. Meanwhile, back in Idaho, our temperatures were mild . . . snow was melting and we had lots of rain.

IDAHO CHAPTER

Eula Logsdon, Reporter

The Idaho Chapter celebrated Valentine's Day at the Village Inn in Boise as their February meeting. The attendance was rather small as several members had other commitments for the day, but GENE NORA JESSEN, ELOISE STOVER, BETTY HUBLER, JOY LOU WAITE, FRAN BROWN, EULA LOGSDON, LUCILLE TAYLOR, and HILDA ELLIOTT did attend. HILDA brought her young daughter, CYNTHIA, as a guest. Special guest and speaker was MR. JAMES PRENDERGAST, Supervising Inspector of the General Aviation District Office of the F.A.A. in Boise. He was a very interesting speaker and held sort of a Round Table discussion in which everyone was able to take part, and we each felt we benefited materially from the discussion.

LUCILLE TAYLOR and 49½ER JIGGS spent the last week in January in San Francisco at the Furniture Market. FLORENCE WATKINS and her 49½ER DON also were in San Francisco lately on business and FLORENCE took time out to visit her mother who lives in Oakland. The last we heard from HELEN HIGBY she was sitting by the phone with her packed suitcase ready to go to California to assist the stork in bringing a baby to her daughter JEAN. KRISTI JESSEN from Wichita is visiting GENE NORA and BOB JESSEN in Boise.

HILDA ELLIOTT has a busy Spring ahead of her. On February 24th she has been invited to speak to the P.E.O. in Payette on "Flying from a Housewife's Standpoint", and in May she has invited her daughter, CYNTHIA ANN, Girl Scout Troop to take their first airplane rides. This is a large troop and she expects to be busy several weekends with the girls.

JOY LOU WAITE is happily prepar-

ing to join the tour to Mazatlan in March which is sponsored by the Idaho Department of Aeronautics. At this writing this reporter is seriously thinking of going too if everything works out favorably.

OREGON CHAPTER

Charlotte Dodson, Reporter

Plans for the July 18, 1970 Oregon Petticoat Derby are being finalized and they look really good. Mark your calendars now.

Our January business meeting was held at PAULA OCCHIUTO'S home and when it was said to be business—PAULA meant just that. She is very thorough in bringing all matters before the Chapter.

DOROTHY PARKIN has been promoted from Captain to Major in the Civil Air Patrol. DOROTHY is a grandmother and started flying a Cessna 150 in January 1961 with RUTH WIKANDER as her instructor. In 1962 DOROTHY joined the Civil Air Patrol, the Washington County Composite Squadron. She spends her summer months at Fairchild A.F.B. as Chief of Staff for C.A.P. encampment as well as assisting on Search and Rescue missions and all C.A.P. emergency service work. In September 1969 DOROTHY took over as Commander of the Squadron. The Squadron consists of 18 seniors and 27 cadets. She is proud of the fact that there are ten pilots in the group. DOROTHY has been very active in 99's, also—helping on all Chapter activities as well as flying the Petticoat Derby. She has served as Secretary-Treasurer and is now Vice Chairman of the Oregon Chapter. Her next project is to get her ground instructors rating. This she knows will help her to be a better Commander in her Squadron of young people.

SUE SMITH is all smiles over the family's recent trip to New York and New Jersey. SUE, her 49½ DAVE and children KIM and TERI took the Cherokee 180 and flew East—SUE got to do all the flying. When she tells about it she bubbles. Her's is a real flying family.

PAULA OCCHIUTO and her 49½ DICK are getting their horses ready for the racing season. This will mean many flying trips in the next few months.

My news gathering has been at an all time low because CHARLOTTE DODSON (that's me) and LANDY

(that's my 49½) have moved both our factory and our residence this last few months. It was only across the river to Vancouver, Washington but it might as well have been across the United States. I would rather go flying any day. OUR NEW ADDRESS IS 216 N. E. 83RD STREET, VANCOUVER, WASH. 98665. Phone 696-1940 or 693-2575. With the move over and the weather clearing there should be more news next month.

REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JULY 18 AND JOIN US FOR THE OREGON PETTICOAT DERBY.

PUGET SOUND CHAPTER

JoAnn Andrews, Reporter

The January meeting was held at BETTY CURRAN'S beautiful home, and was highlighted by delightful films of past derbies that BETTY has participated in. Guest in January was young CONNIE GANIERE, a student pilot and also a student at Everett Community College working for her A & E.

February meeting held at JOANNS had as guest speaker, MR. PORTER from the FAA at Paine Tower. He spoke on wake turbulence and new regulations regarding the 747 and its mighty wake. There is a 10 mile wedge of turbulence behind the 747 and new regulations require a 4 minute or 10 mile wait for clearance on all runways after departure of the 747. This local problem will no doubt affect other areas in the future.

MARGARET AMES is still enjoying her vacation in Mexico. February found us with two new members, EUDICE MILLER who transferred from Huntsville, Alabama. DYCEY is an Instrument Instructor and has been actively participating in derbies, and races besides working and giving Flight Instructions. Another new member, WANDA VAN DEVANTER, has been very busy working as a nurse and spending weekends during the winter months with her family at their cabin in the mountains enjoying the skiing.

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

Priscilla Cook, Reporter

Our February meeting was held at DOTTIE DAUB'S lovely home on Mercer Island. It was fun to see some of the DAUB'S slides on a trip to San Diego and the Southwest. Some beautiful scenes of Northwest fishing trips

made us anxious for spring and summer to resume our own fishing and camping.

JOAN DAVIS and husband are rebuilding a J-3 Cub. JOAN was telling us they had to wait a whole year to obtain a needed wooden spar. Ah! The trials and tribulations of the Do-It-Yourselfers!

PRISCILLA COOK and family are about to cover the fuselage of the Super Cub they started rebuilding last summer. The whole house seems to be occupied by same. The carport is full of wings, the recreation room is overflowing with fuselage and tail assembly, the basement is stuffed to the top with cowlings, struts, floats, etc.—but, ah, hopefully, the rewards will come this summer when we will wing our way north to land on a beautiful blue lake and throw a line into the water and catch a trout for dinner—Camp under the stars and listen to the Loons calling! Heaven!

WILLAMETTE VALLEY CHAPTER

Beverly Saxon, Reporter

Hello from the Willamette Valley Ninety-Nines! The January meeting was an evening affair held at North's Chuck Wagon in Eugene with the 49½ers as our guests. The speaker for the evening was MR. FRANK ELLIOTT, LANE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, speaking about the proposed acquisition of Mahlon Street airport by Lane County. The meeting was attended by eleven members, eight 49½ers and two guests.

The previous meeting was a luncheon held at the Village Inn Restaurant in Springfield. Our guest speaker was MR. MELVIN GASKILL, Division Chairman of the Mechanics Department of Lane Community College. MR. GASKILL is an exceptional speaker. He kept everyone spellbound with a most interesting talk on the history of aviation. He made his speech all the more exciting by reading excerpts from actual newspaper accounts dating back to the early 1900's.

We have several new airplanes being flown around the Willamette Valley by our 99's and their 49½ers including the Vennell's with a new Mooney Executive they flew home to Corvallis from Texas. The Groesbeck's with their Beech Duke brought home from Denver. The Wick's with a "S" model Bonanza and the Hovland's with a Comanche.

DR. and DORI LOHR'S trip to Hawaii to attend the Medical Assistance

Convention and the Pan American Surgical Convention was inadvertently left out of the last report. The highlight of their trip was listening to a lecture given by DR. CHRISTIAN BERNARD.

Happy spring flying to all of you and welcome to our chapter DR. MERCEDES ALTIZER, our newest member.



ALAMEDA COUNTY CHAPTER

Eleanor Alford, Reporter

The beautiful Norse Room of the Doric Motor Hotel in Hayward was the setting of our February meeting. A short meeting with chairman GLADYS COBB presiding took care of our pressing business. Our nominating committee, WILLIE MOSHER, chairman, had the unanimous affirmation of our members on both national and section levels. We then joined our husbands for a fine roast sirloin dinner. MR. and MRS. STEVENSON were our guests, she a member of ATMO.

EDNA BAKER in her own inimitable style, donned a mustache, poncho and sombrero to put on a skit in which our 49½er husbands were presented with their pins.

PETRINE LOCKHART showed a film of actual moon shots with recording of the astronauts voices at the time of filming. These were extremely interesting and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

ADELAIDE MORRIS and DOROTHY SHAKLEY missed our meeting because they were off flying down below the border with their husbands.

March 1 is the day for our forthcoming airmarking project on the Livermore airport. MRS. MARFREDA COFFIN is chairman and HELEN KELTON of Bay Cities, HIALEAH REILICH and EDNA BAKER are on the layout committee. ELEANOR ALFORD and DENISE GORDON are in charge of early morning refreshments. This project is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. and is a Sunday morning. JIM BRYANS, airport manager, has asked that the taxiway rather than the runway be marked in 40 foot yellow and black letters. The Livermore Valley Airmen's Association will join with us to put the project over.

ANN BLOXHAM and PETRINE LOCKHART are taking an instrument ground school course at Mr. Diablo High School in Concord.

Each of our members received an invitation from BARBARA LA POINT of Redwood City to attend a baseball game—99's vs. San Francisco Giants on Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. at Central Park, San Mateo. JIM DUNBAR, KGO radio personality and famous in this part of the country as a moderator of his talk show, MC'd the evening. This was a fund raiser. These gals in the San Mateo area are working hard to form their own local 99 Chapter. We are so proud to be their co-sponsor and look forward to their forthcoming charter ceremony hopefully this spring.

ALOHA CHAPTER

Dorothy Read, Reporter

Aloha, from the money-grubbers in Hawaii. We are trying to raise money to swell our coffers and to help the AWTAR. After learning that our intended raffle was illegal, PAT DAVIS came up with an ingenious solution. PAT is going to fly a round-trip course from Wheeler Field on Oahu to Kahalui, Maui in a Cessna 172. For one dollar, people can estimate the exact time it will take her. All details, even airspeed are furnished and the only variable is the wind. Whoever comes closest wins a trip to Kauai and an overnight stay in a new hotel there (the Kauai flight is courtesy of a new 66, PAT BURKE, who is also a travel agent; and the hotel cost comes out of our profits). All tickets have to be turned in before the flight. Anyone wanting more details can contact PAT DAVIS.

Several members have taken advantage of Operation Raincheck. JANE and RICHARD KELLEY, SANDY LeDEW and IRENE ROGERS were the most recent ones learning about ATC procedures. IRENE met a former Sacramento 99, MARTHA McFEE, whom we hope to lure into Aloha Chapter.

MARGUERITE WOOD is very excited about her new airplane. She bought a Cherokee D. She had to find a plane that would hold her, her husband, two friends and everyone's golf clubs.

From MARGUERITE comes the following poem that JANE KELLEY wrote while watching her kids on the beach one day, shortly after she finished Operation Raincheck:

When my ADF and my DME
 Have conked-out and I'm lost at sea,
 ATC'll come lookin' for me—
 'Cause I've got my trans—pon—der!
 Then I'll pray and repent but I'll
 squawk and ident
 With my heart full of hope 'cause my
 blip's on the scope,
 I'll come winging in feelin' free of
 sin—
 'Cause I've got my trans—pon—der!
 Now BILL and the BOYS make a lot
 of noise
 About fillin' your plane with expensive
 toys,
 But they'll always know wherever
 you go—
 If you've got a trans—pon—der!

On this musical note, I'll end the
 Island news. Any of you who plan
 to visit Hawaii, bring your roster and
 give us a call. Aloha.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER **Kathy Marquardt, Reporter**

Hello again! By the time you read
 this article we will have celebrated
 our 38th Anniversary. We have been
 busy getting ready for our dinner.
 Eating has become our thing. We had
 such a good time at the Shaffer's in
 January, we planned our Feb. meet-
 ing at ELEANOR WILSON'S home and
 had a potluck dinner before our meet-
 ing. These have not only been fun,
 and provided a variety of food, but
 they have left us with a lot of time
 for hangar flying.

Despite the rain, a few of us have
 been getting some flying in. JOYCE
 WELLS decided it would be handy
 to know how to handle the old Arrow
 from the right seat, so that has been
 the wet weather project for 1970. She
 says she can "Backseat drive" from
 both seats now. A stall-out on top of
 a loop was quite a thrill to aerobatics
 student ROSE SHARP but it didn't
 quite match up to her solo (at last!)
 in the tail dragger. Every solo after
 instruction has been a thrill—now if
 she can just mas'er those hammerhead
 turns. She doesn't think she'll ever
 make it. We were pleased to have two
 visitors and prospective members at
 our last meeting. CAROL YASTE, who
 was to get her check ride the week
 after our meeting, and her daughter
 PENNY who already has her private
 ticket. We hope they'll come back.

DALE GRAVES spoke to an enthus-
 iastic Palo Alto Zonta Club on Jan-
 uary 28th at their annual Amelia
 Earhart meeting. Her subject was

"WOMEN IN AVIATION" with the
 emphasis on women who earn their
 living in aviation. The Zontians were
 a receptive audience. Following the
 talk they asked many questions about
 flying the AWTAR and about learning
 to fly.

SUSAN KREN received her com-
 mercial pilots license on the day be-
 fore leaving for a two week Mexican
 vacation. A highlight of the vacation
 was her flight from Acapulco to Mexi-
 co City on Mexicana Airlines DC-9 . . .
 in the cockpit all the way. The cap-
 tain, a real Mexican charmer, not only
 pointed out interesting features along
 the trip, but "talked down" the land-
 ing for her. SUSAN went on the trip
 with MARISA REALE, a friend from
 Detroit. Your trusty reporter has been
 busy with other interests this month,
 and was quite honored to receive the
 ERNEST SETON AWARD FROM
 CAMP FIRE GIRLS. It is presented
 on behalf of the National office by
 the local council for work in the coun-
 cil. That's all for this month . . . Til
 next time Happy Flying.

EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER **Anna Christensen, Reporter**

FLIGHT BRIEFS:

February's flight to Imperial Valley
 Airport for lunch was on a perfect fly-
 ing day. Those anxious to return for
 dedication of the new terminal now in
 process of being built are: DOTTIE
 CAMPBELL, LYNN COULTHARD,
 MARGE and BRUCE BROWN, VI
 and LARRY CHAMBERS, FRED
 BREISE, CODY WATKINS (potential
 99), DORIS RICHEY, DOTTIE SAN-
 DERS, DORIS and CHUCK TAYLOR,
 LILLIAN DOWNS (SD Chapter), ISA-
 BELLE McCRAE, and PAT DRYE
 from the Valley.

Flights scheduled are a reopening
 of the airstrip at Borrego Springs, El
 Rosario in Baja, and eyeing the Angel
 Derby are LYNN and D. SANDERS.
 The PPD is also planned by these two
 gals who will fly their own planes. D.
 CAMPBELL is a willing co-pilot for
 the PPD and has announced so . . .

DORIS RICHEY is extra happy
 these days. Happiness is finally having
 time for flying and in joining a flying
 club. ISABELLE McCRAE'S enthusi-
 asm for an instrument course she
 recently completed prompted DORIS
 to enroll.

ISABELLE together with D. SAN-
 DERS and MARIAN BANKS (SD
 Chapter) were disappointed by fog

over Orange County Airport and not
 being able to join the local gals pic-
 ture hunt, but lunch at Palomar sub-
 stituted.

BETTY and JOHN SLIMMON are
 airborne these days with a new Cess-
 na 182.

MARGE BROWN checked out air-
 strips in Yucatan and Cozumel with
 her husband. Met Greater New York
 Chapter 99 GEORGE ANNE GARMS.

VIRGINIA BRITT, Florida Gold
 Coast Chapter was ISABELLE Mc-
 CRAE'S guest recently.

MARGE BROWN is doing a terrific
 job with the chapter's monthly bulle-
 tin. The winning name "Slipstream"
 was submitted by three members:
 FRED, LYNN and DORIS.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER **Mary Pinkney, Reporter**

The second Flight Instructor Revali-
 dation Clinic jointly sponsored by the
 LGB-LAX chapters is over with a
 bang! Reports indicate that the pre-
 sentation of 149 certificates makes it
 the largest clinic held in the Western
 Region if not the entire country!

Much of the success could be based
 on the "captive audience" technique
 initiated at last year's clinic by
 CLAIRE WALTERS—the registration
 fee included all texts and materials
 plus luncheons and coffee breaks for
 the entire three days. CLAIRE was in
 there pitching again with JEAN
 SCHIFFMAN and CHRIS HUERTH
 organizing the staple punchers, the
 notebook fillers, the address labelers,
 the "one arm bandit" players (that
 stamp machine is tiring work!), and
 the post office sorters.

Gals from both chapters worked hard
 at two meetings to account for over
 100 pre-registrations. Airline pilot
 types came from as far as Portland,
 Oregon and Chicago to revalidate their
 instructor certificates—and there were
 even a few FAA personnel getting
 "caught up!" PETE CAMPBELL and
 his crew from OKC are booked solid
 until Spring, 1971, but they promise
 to come back next year to help us do
 an Instrument Instructor Revalidation
 Clinic.

The winter season saw a decrease
 in flying activity and an increase in
 aches and pains to keep chapter mem-
 bers grounded. But in preparation for
 a healthier flying environment, the
 gals are coming out from one set of
 blues and reaching for the only real
 "BLUE". JOAN DILLEY had the fam-

ily 172 engine overhauled; MARGARET ROSS recovered from an ear infection just in time to jet back to Indiana for the holidays; ANITA ROMINE found out that 49½ DON will stay with his tower duties at Torrance instead of moving to Arizona and plans to give pre-natal flying indoctrination to the expected one; MARY PINKNEY found that 8 days of traction didn't stretch her legs enough to fly without a cushion; MARY WENHOLZ tied up with family problems that didn't give her any free time is back with the instrument routine; IRIS CRITCHELL took time out between students during the semester break to substitute using the feet for rudder action for a little cradle action with the new granddaughter.

JEAN SCHIFFMAN passed her flight Instructor written and awaits good weather to continue the flying phase and check ride; LEE TITLE still battles to solve the "hot cockpit" problem in the Tri-Pacer so that the hot air coming into the cabin won't interfere with her flight indoctrination tactics for the never-flowns; DORIS MINTER looking forward to working out of uncontrolled fields for experience although she did the tried and true Santa Barbara lunch flight for a first flight in a small aircraft for a female visitor from Ireland.

TIM BROWN and 49½er doing the different type aircraft check-out bit from the Cessna 150 into the Cessna 182 and then the retractable via the Arrow. The rides included stirring up the turkeys while landing at short fields, and riding with an instructor who didn't FLY anywhere — he "zapped." MILLIE KRUEGER found out the birds don't respect FARs and had a mid-air on the leading edge of the 182 landing at Torrance.

But there were chapter members who did add new RATINGS: Congratulations to WALLY FUNK who joined the elite with an ATR; BARBARA FLEMING a glider rating; CHRIS HUTSON added a Commercial; and JOYCE FAILING is now a helicopter pilot. WALLY is also now instructing aviation education at Redondo High School and enjoying bridging the "generation gap" with 5 classes of 30 each, but with a no nonsense policy.

Among the younger set, JUDY TELLEZ (MATTOX) is getting larger aircraft experience thru the auspices of new husband GABE who works for the Flying Tigers; TERRY LONDON won

a Whirly-Girl scholarship in competition with 38 applicants; and KAY FITZPATRICK played hookey from school to attend the Revalidation Clinic—she's also working at Rose Aviation AND giving horseback riding lessons!

In preparation for some Spring Flying Activity, LEE TITLE and 49½ER WIN and the Tri-Pacer introduced JEAN and PAT SCHIFFMAN and the MYERS into the delights of landing on dry lakes in the desert, and with MARY and BOB PINKNEY in the Skylane picnicked at the North Shore of the Salton Sea where they discovered a delightful Sunday buffet available to pilots.

There must be some reason why mention of our new member keeps getting lost in the memory. Her name: DOLEUR (CALLED DOLLY) CHOSSES (PRONOUNCED SHOWS). She's an overwhelming aviation enthusiast with a delightful sense of humor. She's one of the few women pilots who can drive a car and run over an airplane cowl! If you don't believe it, ask the PINKNEY-WENHOLZ combo and see the dents in the "Thunderbug"!

She also got a little upset that credit for the DBAs (Disqualified But Alive) leadership in the Powder Puff Derby seems to be going elsewhere than to MARY PINKNEY and PERT AVIS who originated it in Athens, Ohio in 1967 and who took in EMMA McGUIRE and DORIS MINTER as qualifying members that same year. (Ed. Note: Did all of you get your DBA cards? Still have some available.)

MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER **Dolores Boyman, Reporter**

Attention fellow Ninety-Nines — Any of you out there that know any of us here in the Monterey Bay Chapter also know we like to eat. We have compiled a cookbook of our favorite recipes and still have a limited number available. The cost is \$2.00 (+25c for postage and handling on out of California orders). All proceeds go to the 1970 P.P.D. start. You may get your cookbook by sending your money to JOANNE AIELLO, 381 Shore Road, Hollister, California 95023.

Our sincere thanks goes to the Mt. Diablo Chapter for their financial assistance. Also, we are again grateful to those terrific San Joaquin ladies for helping us sell cookbooks. (P.S. girls—when you have a P.P.D. start there we'll return the assist—with pleasure!)

We have a new transfer Ninety-Nine, MARGARET DUSKA, from Adrian, Michigan. MARGARET and hubby, ED, along with dog, DUKE, recently moved to sunny (?) California and we're happy to have her join our Chapter. She's just in time to help with the P.P.D. start. I'm certain she has many talents and if they're hidden—we'll find them!

A group of our girls, among them JOANNE AIELLO, RUTH HUSTON, DELL HINN, and OLGA SCHEFFLER (along with better halves) attended the San Luis Obispo Chapter charter night dinner. Our best wishes and congratulations to the new chapter—may they grow and grow and grow as we have done.

Our P.P.D. girls (1969), JOANNE AIELLO, CONNIE HOOD, DELL HINN, TRISH MARKS, HELEN SHROPSHIRE and DOLORES BOYMAN recently attended a Kiwanis Club luncheon. We had the opportunity to tell them about the race and some of the exciting things that happened, particularly the White House visit. If they weren't aware of the Ninety-Nines before—they are now and won't soon forget us, I'm sure.

DELL HINN is our glider pilot and was kind enough to take this reporter up for a ride a couple of weeks ago. This is the sort of thing one could become addicted to! The only thing that bothered me was that piece of string outside telling me when my turns weren't coordinated. Anyone else have that problem? It was fun though! and a glider rating is something else to look forward to.

GERI HALFPENNY, JO DIESER and myself took the commercial written exams and we all passed! This gal has almost all her flight time completed so won't be long now. Congratulations to us!

DELL HINN, GENEVA CRANFORD, JO DIESER, MARY ANN CLARK, JOANNE AIELLO, MARGARET DUSKA and this writer have invaded a Tuesday night instrument class. Some of these girls already have their rating but are taking the class as a refresher course. It's fun and informative so what more could we ask for?

NORTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER **Helen Lawrence, Reporter**

Valentine's Day seemed most appropriate to initiate new 49½s in our local chapter. A pot luck Mexican

food buffet was held in the beautiful Sedona home of PENNY CARRUTHERS (49½ JOHN), joined by members RUTH SMITH (49½ BILL), JEAN KNOTT (49½ ROB), ELOISE SELVIDGE (49½ HARNER), DOT WARD (49½ WAYNE), EUNICE DICKEY (49½ BRANTLY), and MARY LLOYD, our newest new member from Sedona. The ceremony for initiation was conducted by Eunice Dicky and from all indications new initiates BRANTLY DICKY, ROB KNOTT, and JOHN CARRUTHERS have promised all sorts of things they may later regret (I shall not talk on downwind leg when 99 at controls of airplane I promise to furnish . . . etc.)

HARNER SELVIDGE presented some excellent slides with explanations on soaring to a very captive audience. DOT and WAYNE WARD were a few minutes late as a result of 49½ WAYNE spending the afternoon towing a glider back from Winslow, Arizona, after an aborted attempt of a cross country flight to New Mexico by a fellow member of their glider club. Rain and snow!

THE CARRUTHERS' have a delightful houseguest, a meteorologist from Tokyo and friend of their son who plans to attend the University at Tokyo after his Air Force discharge.

Flying activities have been varied. MARY LLOYD took her first long cross country from Sedona to Las Vegas solo in a Mooney Cadet. RUTH SMITH reports that on the flight across Northern Arizona to Southern Utah she and 49½ BILL were shocked to see that California smog had invaded as far as the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. JEAN KNOTT is getting in an occasional hour or two, but is most proud of the progress her daughter Candy is making as a student pilot. DOT WARD had another interesting IFR flight to Fullerton, California, which seems to be a regular happening this winter. DOT has recently passed her written for Instrument Flight Instructor, and is also busy as chairman of our chapter's Air Space Education Committee now involved in awarding scholarships funded by last October's pennies a pound airlift.

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER Virginia Flanary, Reporter

ELLEN TRINDLE from the San Fernando Chapter was guest speaker at our February meeting. An excellent description of ELLEN was an excited



Airmarking at Sedona Airport by Northern Arizona Chapter — Candy Knott, Ruth Smith, Helen Lawrence, Penny Carruthers, Jean Knott, Eunice Dickey, Eloise Selvidge, Ross Selvidge (left to right).

comment overheard later, "She really knows what she's talking about!" After hearing her speak we understand what we can do personally to "get up off our tailwheels" to help the cause for general aviation. If you'd like a bit of spunk added to your meeting we'd endorse ELLEN whole-heartedly. (Glad she's on our side!)

The picture hunt was a little hampered by fuzzy air. Our "can you top" this story of the month is one contestant was reported overdue precisely the same moment she was still waiting on the ground for clearance to take off. Anyhow . . . HALDIS RAUCHFUS from the Los Angeles Chapter showed us Orange County girls how to be a winner. ELIZABETH SHATTUCK placed second, and BERT NASH made third.

THON GRIFFITH got to use her new instrument ticket for a take-off from the Orange Co. airport on Picture hunt day. JANA KOERSELMAN didn't need much time after passing her instructor's examination to land a job at Mission Beechcraft. SYLVIA PAOLI passed the commercial written and has plans in the clouds I'm sure.

JEANNE BURCH'S emergency landing at Orange County wasn't even marred by a bounce to thrill the lineup of spectators. With engine blown out she calmly set it down proving she is a lady-pilot that can be depended upon. HERO BUTTON OF THE MONTH TO JEANNE BURCH.

She really couldn't afford to get scratched . . . her wedding day was set for Jan. 30th. So now that she has made a name for herself she went and changed it to MRS. WALLACE D. ATWOOD.

It was a good thing JEANNE changed her name, it makes for less confusion as we have another Burch and it would have been a little much to get all the Burch actions mistakenly bunched up under one name. MARGARET and BILL BURCH have just returned from a 206 trip to Ensenada to help open up the Royal Hotel there. On another day MARGARET took off with some of the girls for lunch at Las Vegas and came home ahead of the game.

South of the border was also the spot picked earlier by DICK and DARLENE BRUNDAGE for a vacation. Mexico City was one of the destinations. There is a fellow somewhere in an obscure village between here and there that has promised to build her a little grass and clay hut on the side of a river bank if she returns. It's nice to have a place to go DARLENE . . . It'll keep DICK on his toes.

Travelers we haven't been able to keep very good track of are KAY and DEL MALICK. We get postcards from New Orleans, Bay of Naples, Miami, and other out of the way places like that, containing statements such as, "HOORAY, NO PHONES OR APPOINTMENTS." "WE'LL BE BACK

WHEN WE FEEL LIKE IT." IF ANY OF YOU OUT THERE BUMP INTO THEM, GIVE THEM OUR LOVE . . . (AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIND WHERE THEY CAN BE REACHED BY PHONE.)

MARA CULP is on a charter to Puerto Rico and MADINE and DENNIS CARPENTER happened to get the furthest away, they visited the ruins in Bogota, Columbia. It looks as if it would be a good idea for this chapter to take up Spanish lessons as a group project. The CARPENTERS' South American visit was enhanced by the hospitality of the president of the bank of Peru. We would like to get more details on both MADINE'S and MARA'S trips but everytime I call them they're off on another one. Hey guys . . . how about sending me postcard? Where ever you are!

ZONA THOMPSON flew to Tucson, Arizona to attend the Antique and Classic Airplane show there at Mirana. She took along her roster and contacted GINNY COOK of the Chapter there. ZONA says GINNY and her husband made it especially fun for them and to pass along her thanks.

Flying around locally and doing a few things other than routine are BONNIE KEIFER and HANA HENDRICKSON. Both are fiddling around in aerobatic airplanes. BONNIE reports that it's a lot more fun in the Citabria now that she can almost go the full hour without opening the s.c. HANA didn't get to do any aerobatics because of the weather, but practiced handling the aerobat on crosswinds and is sold on it.

ESTHER GRUPENHAGEN is tracing chandelles and lazy-eights getting ready to try for her instructor's rating. She had DELIA NEFF for one time and me for another time ballast, and we both enjoyed riding along. ESTHER does a fearless job in the air, but she sure hates to see gas trucks coming at her on the ground.

We have a new member. Actually she isn't new to anybody but us. She is MYRA HETTINGER from the Eastern Washington Chapter and transferred to us. MYRA is a welcome addition, she is a former vice-chairman of the chapter she left and we are already getting ideas about her down here. Right now she will be a legislative contact for us, a job that needs a cool head. Glad to have MYRA.

DELIA NEFF has donated much of

her time getting the new batch of our "Cooking Manuevers" out. The books have made such a hit that it's hard to keep the labor up with the demand. Helping her were CLIFF NEFF, DALE & YVONNE KOEPKE, MARGO SMITH, MAYBELLE DEWEISE and JOYCE NASH. JOYCE now has a good supply to fill all those back orders.

RENO AREA CHAPTER

Jo Cromwell, Reporter

MARCELLA FATJO (TUCKER) was a recent visitor at GUS and FRAN GUSTAVSON'S. Although she is not a 99, she was a WASP and this is for the benefit of her many friends who may have lost contact over the years.

DORIS and JOHN EACRET recently returned from a trip to Spain. DORIS said it was magnificent. The Mediterranean coast especially. The food was excellent, not one bad meal the whole time. She mentioned the wines, cheese and bread in particular. The countryside is dotted with castles. If you close your eyes you can see the nobles and serfs, and hear the clatter of medieval wars.

STAN and ELAINE BROWN just got back from Hawaii. The weather cooperated beautifully, and they saw a lot, but it was a tight schedule and they didn't have time to really soak things up.

LOIS BROWN has been running back and forth to Mammoth for skiing because Reno has not been blessed with much snow this winter. There is still hope though. Our big month for snow is March!

LOIS WILLIAMS suffered a bad fracture of her leg in a skiing accident, so she will be laid up for a while. Knowing LOIS though it won't be for long.

CATHY GREY broke her hand in a household accident and had the cast shaped so she could hold a ski pole. Maybe there is more to this skiing than I thought. If it's that great I ought to try it. I'd probably break my back!

JIM and JO CROMWELL recently purchased a Cessna 180. Now we have two airplanes. Or maybe they have us, judging from the gas bill.

FAYE STEWART won her private license last week and will be applying for membership shortly.

Another prospective member, SHIRLEY WIESS, was involved in a car-motorcycle type accident last week. Nothing was broken, but she is just

one big bruise. (She was on the cycle.)

This seems to have been our month for accidents, happy to report everybody is on the mend. Also, I hope for some happier news next time.

MOST MID-AIRS TAKE PLACE ON FINAL APPROACH AT UNCONTROLLED AIRPORTS, SO WATCH IT, GIRLS.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

Audrey E. Snovel, Reporter

When California turns from Gold to Green, it usually means the end of our flight activities for a few months and the concentration centers on ground events.

A NEW ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN FORMED IN SACRAMENTO TO ACT AS A "WATCH DOG" ON THE ACTIVITIES OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AIRPORTS. LOCAL PILOTS AND AIRCRAFT OWNERS RECENTLY DISCOVERED THAT MOST OF THEIR RIGHTS ON COUNTY AIRPORTS WERE BEING LEGISLATED AWAY BY NON-PILOT ADMINISTRATORS. We were very pleased when this new group, composed of nearly 100 men, specifically asked for the participation of concerned 99's. AUDREY SNOVEL was asked to sit on the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee and LORRAINE HERY and AUDREY were both asked to be on the Board of Directors of the new group. They intend to align themselves with the California Pilots Association and their aim is to protect our area general aviation people from Federal, State, and local government encroachment. The newly chosen name is Sacramento County Airport Users Alliance (SCAUA), and we hope it will become a model for other organizations to start up in other areas so affected.

Our annual dinner with Zonta Club was held in January at the Mansion Inn. The Sacramento Chapter of the Zontas use this occasion to make their annual award of a flying scholarship to a local female cadet of the CAP to start her on her way toward a Private license. And we expect to welcome in soon as the youngest member ever to join our 99 chapter, MISS GRETA HENDRICKSON, last year's recipient of the Zonta Scholarship.

AUDREY SNOVEL (this reporter) was Chairman of the 99 portion of this banquet and as such was responsible for the guest speaker. At the risk of being called a political activist, I

selected a topic first and then chased around to find the speaker. And the topic was—you guessed it—another example of federal encroachment on General Aviation—the FAA's "inverted wedding cake" plot to severely limit General Aviation activities, and eliminate many of the smaller airfields in the country. The Zontas are a national business women's organization and this subject was as appropriate for them as it was for us since the FAA's proposal would also curtail business in their expanding use of company aircraft in promotion and trade. MR. GRANT CAYWOOD, a well-known Sacramento architect, pilot, and the author of the new Master Plan for Sacramento Executive Airport, graciously accepted our invitation and gave a very enlightening and informed speech. Some of the background material was provided by LOUISE SACCHI of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter through her excellent letter that she recently mailed to all our chapters.

A few of our more intrepid frauleins did a little cloud-hopping this past month, in between the showers and fog. DEE and JIM OLSEN flew all the way to Marysville (that could be 5000 miles if you went by way of Anchorage!!) in their new Cessna 150—which I hear has so many goodies in the panel they don't dare fly VFR. And LORRAINE and DICK HERY waggled their Mooney as they passed by on their way to Red Bluff for lunch. LORRAINE passed her Instrument Written, by the way. Whoopee!

We have a group here in Sacramento called the Fun Flyers and two of our 99's and 49½'s flew with them down to Monterey for a day's outing on the Pier. Raving about the flight and the convenience of renting an airport limousine to reach their destination, are MAXINE and LEO NORTHART who flew in their Club's Skylane, and EDITH and JERRY RIECKs winging it in their Bonanza.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER **Camilla Hutson, Reporter**

This is Camilla Hutson taking over for Evelyn Trimble for the duration. Evelyn works in the office of a Certified Public Accountant and I'm sure you can guess what that means at this time of year.

The San Diego and El Cajon Valley Chapters are pleased to announce they

will again hold their ever-popular Pacific Air Race in 1970. There has been much discussion and soul searching relative to the individual handicapping which has been used in the past as well as other aspects of the race and two major changes will be made. The Powder Puff Derby system of handicapping will be used for this year and the race will be a "Round Robin" with takeoff and terminus at Gillespie Field.

Kits may be ordered from Eleanor Richardson of the San Diego Chapter at 50c each beginning in April.

Entries open August 1, 1970 and close with a September 21, 1970 postmark date. Entry fee \$30.00 per plane.

Race day is Saturday, October 10th with a take-off banquet Friday evening and an awards banquet Saturday evening at which those coveted trophies will be presented to the pilots and co-pilots of the first five planes.

We hope many of you will put the P.A.R. on your calendar of special events for 1970.

We're proud to say we have some new members to introduce to you this month. They are: Ava Carmichael, Lillian Downs and Lynn Greer. Each has her private license.

We've had some good flying weekend weather and Bonnie and Steve Adams took advantage by taking their "Centaur" fold-up scooter in the Bonanza to Palm Springs and spent the day touring the town and Palm Canyon.

On another Sunday this month they and Margaret and Jim Moody joined with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 12 of which they are members on a fly-in to the Indio Date Festival. Bonnie and Steve also took in the Beechcraft show at Bermuda Dunes.

Busy Bonnie also reports that the high school where she teaches is, on a trial basis, conducting classes once a week on subjects the students have expressed a desire to learn more about. Bonnie is teaching the class in aviation.

Competition in the Angel Derby should be keen this year with old hands like Thelma Bishop, age 65, of our chapter and Edna Gardner Whyte, age 67 of the Fort Worth Chapter flying Thelma's Cessna 182.

My own news is that 49½'er Bob and I passed the instrument written this month. Betty Wharton will probably have taken it by the time you read this.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY **CHAPTER**

Rochelle Jensen, Reporter

What a month! Our gals have been busy proving this to truly be a year of fun, friendship and flying.

Fog blanketed beautiful downtown Hollywood Burbank Airport both January 20th and 21st, but didn't dampen the fun or slow down the airmarking. Now on a clear day 'tis a beautiful sight to fly over the lovely 40 foot letters proclaiming 'BURBANK EL. 775'. Airmarking chairman JAN DREYFUS did a great job. Many thanks also go to TOM ALGIER of Alfa Aero, who donated his time and knowledge with the layout. Those supplying the slave labor were: FLORA HUTCHINSON, SHIRLEY THOM, BERNIE STEVENSON, PAT HALLETT, JEAN WILEY, RODG RODGERS, MARY JOHNSON, ROCHELLE JENSEN, and MICKEY DUGDALE.

Our January 28th fly-in to Lompoc and tour of Vandenberg Air Force Base certainly had an enthusiastic turn out. We were met at Lompoc Airport by CAPTAIN JOHN J. MILANESE who was our most charming guide. We traveled by VIP bus to an orientation briefing (complete with movies) before lunching at the Officers Club. We then took a tour of an Atlas Missile Assembly Building. Traveling on, we donned hard hats (great for hairdos!) for a tour of a Minuteman II Launch Control Facility. Still in hard hats, we moved on to see the Ballistic Missile Re-entry System. Quite an awesome thing to see a missile on the launch pad being readied to go! Many thanks to CAPTAIN MILANESE for his patience and to PAT HALLETT for working out the details so that we could visit Vandenberg Air Force Base. It was the most interesting and informative fly-in this reporter has been on. Those attending were: LOLA RICCI, MARGARET WARD, EDDIE WHITE, JIM and PAT HALLETT, DON and FLORA HUTCHINSON, ROCHELLE JENSEN, ELLEN TRINDLE, JAN DREYFUS, PAT CANNON, CATHY BLACK, FLORANCE DITTMAR, MICKEY DUGDALE, BERNIE STEVENSON, BEVERLY WOODWARD, VALLETA FRIEDMAN and her guest ELLEN RICKENBACK.

Our regular meeting was held Monday, February 2nd at Skytrails Restaurant. The hangar flying session was lively as usual. AUDREY SHUTTE

and MARY HOLLOWAY told us about the Helicopter Convention at Las Vegas. VIRGINIA RAINWATER made us all envious over her Lear Jet time. BREDA CREESE spent two fun weeks in Mexico fishing and soaking up sun. SENORA JAN DREYFUS made two trips to Mexico . . . again! ARDIE TRENHOLM told us about her trips to Texas, and VESTA MALBY talked about flying to Utah. The rest of us once again settled for local flights, but then that's better than none at all . . . right? Right!!

We are sorry to lose MARGARET WARD as our fly-in chairman, but know PAT HALLETT and PAT CANON will do a great job.

Congratulations to PAT HALLETT who is flying high over her new grandson.

We have two members of our proud chapter seeking offices. Good luck to ELLEN TRINDLE in her bid for Sectional Treasurer. Best of luck also to LOLA RICCI in her bid for nomination for International Vice President. It would be difficult to find two better gals than these.

COLONEL FERMAN and CAPTAIN HALL of the CAP, along with MR. SWAB of the FAA in Sacramento visited our meeting to tell us about the CAP, and invite us to visit one of the 10 squadrons in LA Group No. 1, which is the largest of the 20 groups in California.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER **Marion Marriott, Reporter**

VIRGINIA HALL presented the San Gabriel Valley 99s, their guests, and special guests, "Los Angeles Chapter 99s", with an outstanding program for our February meeting. BRIGADIER GENERAL KING, Director of Aerospace Safety at Norton Air Force Base presented an extremely interesting and informative lecture on the Army Safety Program. GENERAL KING highlighted the evening with a film on the safety committee at work after a typical airplane accident. All guests were amazed at the detail work involved to find out the answer to every accident "Why?". We were also treated with a film on the air war in Viet Nam. Pilot and non-pilot would be impressed with the Air Force pilots ability.

MARGARET LAWSON proudly presented our Chapter with our corporation papers. The San Gabriel Valley Chapter 99s is now incorporated, after

much work and time of former chairman, DOROTHY GEDDES, and present chairman, MARGARET LAWSON. Good work gals!

The January fly-in to Giant Rock was enjoyed by many members, despite the fact that old-man weather grounded all planes in the lower areas by fog. BETTY and SANDY SANFORD and two guests (their son and his boyfriend) came via Cajon Pass, MARIE and STERLING HEIGHT flew from Norton Air Base. Since it was IFR rated, guest CAPTAIN CLINTON BOWMAN graciously took the controls. CHRISTINE WEISETH was the fourth passenger. Other members able to fly in were VIRGINIA WEGENER bringing ROSE ANN FORD and VIRGINIA HALL; JANE LA MAR and guests VICKIE LA MAR, BARBARA DRESSER, and LINDA McDOWELL; MARIE LEWIS and guest JACKIE BEAMER, CATHY and BERNIE PERRA, and MARION and BOB MARRIOTT. The Palomar 99s were leaving as the San Gabriel Valley 99s were arriving. It was fun to see members of another chapter.

Quickie quips: PORTIA and GARY CORNELL winging to Sedona, Arizona for a weekend of fun with NAOMI and JIM WILDER. ROSE ANN FORD proudly announcing she is now a commercial rated pilot. Congratulations ROSE ANN. VIRGINIA WEGENER is now a FAA designee. That's our VIRGINIA! PAT HARRISON flying to Mexicali once a month transporting children for the Orthopedic Hospital. This sounds interesting and very worthwhile. Let's hear more about this, PAT.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY **CHAPTER**

Wanda Strassburg, Reporter

As the March issue goes to press, the SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CHAPTER has much for which to be thankful . . . As announced at the February meeting, SHIRLEY OSIBIN of Atascadero has soloed and we expect her to join our ranks shortly along with PAT DUVAL who has the written passed and is in the x-c stage of learning.

EMILY CLETSOWAY and family had a pleasant trip to Mexico and the family of OUIDA GLICK will go through there also shortly on a Butler Tour.

HAZEL JOHNSON, a regular in this column, will shortly be recipient of

congratulations for winning her MEL rating in a Cessna 310.

CALLIE NICKELL, one of our newest members, who was heroine in last month's column, has the dubious distinction of being MUDHEN-OF-THE MONTH. Golly, CALLIE, it's a good thing HAZEL was around with her Bell to ferry in all those shovels to dig out your 172 and the local FAA designee who was along. Dirt strips do get muddy when it rains.

Also, this reporter finally got those funny needles to center and got her instrument rating . . . in IFR wx yet!!

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CHAPTER would like again to thank all of you from Santa Barbara, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Monterey, Santa Monica, Orange County and Redwood City who got your bods here for the Charter Dinner. We know it was done at no small outlay of time and expense and we luv ya!

The February meeting was highlighted by the reception of gifts from Monterey (one of their lovely Couroc trays) and from the San Joaquin Chapter who flew in this month and lunched with us in order to present our chairman and chapter with a lovely attache case. THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

Biographies this month star DR. BETTE ADAMS (Mrs. Charles E.) and CONNIE BROWN, (Mrs. Richard E.).

DR. BETTE began flying at an AOPA plantation party where the first Pinch-Hitters course was offered. It was a complete secret from husband Dr. Charles until one day when she accused him of skidding a turn to final and he discovered she was more than a passenger.

She soloed in San Luis Obispo in '63 in their 172 and was licensed in '64. They now have a Cessna 210, she has about 200 hours and her ex-military-pilot husband gave her a transponder for Christmas and strobe lights for Valentine's Day. She is on her way to the instrument rating and they regularly use their plane to get to conventions and seminars and just to get away from it all.

CONNIE BROWN is part of our north county contingent and a welcome addition. She began flying in '66 in a Porterfield which she soloed under the aegis of her instructor father-in-law, an ex-military pilot. (She and her family had covered the wings themselves, in the living room, as a family project.) She was licensed

in San Luis Obispo in '67 in a 172 and now flies their Aeronca. Husband RICHARD is instrument and commercial rated and has been flying since '56. She has about 125 hours and her ambition in flying is to keep well current so they can keep their boys, ages 12 & 7, happy and flying. CONNIE trades secretarial work for flying time for a Paso Robles operator. Where there's a will . . .

WELCOME DR. BETTE AND CONNIE . . .

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER

Thelma Hansen, Reporter

Our Fly-in to San Luis Obispo was a great success. The new San Luis Obispo chapter met our girls and their guests (13 again). Twelve girls from that area made the arrangements to have luncheon at the Madonna Inn. Our girls, ROSE HIJOS, CHARLENE KIRK, SHIRLEY MILLER and her two guests, DIANE KAUFMANN flying in with HELEN McGEE and her guest, MARIE McDOWELL and her two guests and LAVERNE GUDGEL and her two guests. A very enjoyable day was had by all.

DOTTIE McALLISTER hosted the February meeting at her home in Portola Valley. HELEN McGEE and DIANE KAUFMANN, SHIRLEY MILLER and HELEN RECEK (our newest member) flew into Palo Alto Airport and was taxied to Dottie's home by THELMA HANSEN and RENEE NEALON. Arriving at the meeting by car were EV HENDLEY, CHARLENE KIRK, CHARLOTTE RYAN, BILLIE WYATT, LAVERNE GUDGEL, ROSIE HIJOS, MARIE McDOWELL and a future member and airline stewardess, MARY SOKOLOWSKI. MARY has 85 hours in her log book. Last week passing her Commercial Written Examination. We broke our record 'thirteen', with a healthy fifteen out of our twenty-two members present.

CHARLOTTE RYAN will spend a week in Las Vegas, Nevada this month . . . 3 days of which will be brush-up on Instrument work . . . 4 days on Instrument Instructors study. Such dedication . . . The RYAN'S new Bonanza hasn't had much of a work out . . . first it got a new paint-job in Salinas. On picking it up, got fogged out of Modesto airport, flew to Columbia (above fog line) and landed hoping to contact HELEN McGEE to get transportation, but alas, the airport office was locked, HELEN wasn't

home, the Airport Manager (reached by phone) couldn't help them as his son was getting married that evening . . . I don't quite understand how they got back to Modesto, but knowing CHARLOTTE, everything worked out and they all had a good time. There were three planes landing at Columbia getting above the fog in the valley. CHARLOTTE'S new Bonanza, EV HENDLEY'S plane, which WALT so generously flew them to Monterey in, and another plane that followed them into the safe haven of Columbia. . . . The Bonanza is now getting fitted out with oxygen tanks. "Some day I'll be able to fly it" says CHARLOTTE. Better be soon as SHE and CHARLENE KIRK are going to fly the Angel Derby in May, after which, CHARLOTTE and daughter are taking the 'old Civil War tour' in their plane. 49½ BILL will meet them at the Everglades and they will all fly to the Bahamas.

CHARLOTTE has given 20 hours of instructing already . . . great work CHARLOTTE. MARIE McDOWELL and 49½ ALAN flew on a meeting with the California Flying Farmers to Mexico. "THELMA you've just got to see this tropical paradise" said MARIE referring to Hotel Catalina in Zihuatanejo, Mexico (located about 30 miles north of Acapulco). It has a very good asphalt strip. Taxi service etc. The hotel has marvelous food. (MARIE is now on a diet). They spent two days in Mazatlan going down and overnight at Los Mochis (By Navajoa—a farming community). They flew a seed company plane—a Baron—such fun. On the way back up the coast stayed at Manzanillo and Guaymas. MARIE also flew into Santa Ana to spend three days with her daughter.

Our February hostess, DOTTIE McALLISTER has spent considerable time skiing. she and MAC flying to Eagle and skiing at Vail. She prepared a wonderful luncheon for all of us. (Sure hope she puts some of her good works in the new cook book Kansas City is putting out soon.)

SHIRLEY MILLER has a real problem—ie three airplanes—one, the STINTSON, has its wings off—one 1967 Skylane with two King KX 160's—a 360 and a 90, complete with Glide Slope. A.D.F. and Marker beacons—"which has to go" (anyone interested call Shirley Miller 209-477-5880) — The plane Shirley loves is their new 210 —

fast and sleek — "It's hard to get on the ground". Your reporter can feel for Shirley in this statement as I am having the same problem with our newly converted S.T.O.L. Skymaster 337 . . . man! that thing only wants to fly—50 mph 40 mph, time to apply a little power to break the settling, up . . . up . . . up she goes. Who ever heard of a plane doing a 60 degree bank at 80 mph? 70 mph?—impossible—well that's what they have me doing . . . Taking off at 50 mph, climbing at 60 mph. It's against all the principals drummed into me, but it works. It will take a little doing to get use to this new conversion.

HELEN McGEE and LAVERNE GUDGEL will also enter the Angel Derby this year. With their big win in the Powder Puff Derby they have all the confidence anyone needs to be among the top winners. The biggest problem the four seem to have is what pictures to send with the entries (HELEN and LAVERNE jokingly say they are going to send the one with their Powder Puff trophy in it). CHARLOTTE and CHARLENE wondering how they can get together at the airport to have a photo made.

Our business meeting was conducted by HELEN McGEE, minutes taken by SHIRLEY MILLER. Our political know-how came to light when we were talking over recommendations to send the nominating committee (International). Billie Wyatt leading us to a vote for Ruth Reuchert for Pres. and Doris Renninger, Vice Pres. Never did I know that so much had to be taken into consideration. 'Is she for the Museum? against it? Does she go all out for AWTAR or doesn't she?'. It almost sounded like each woman should have a platform and campaign for nomination. Not knowing any of the aforementioned women I had an unbiased mind, hence a 'aye' vote for RUTH RUECHERT because everyone said she was the greatest, an 'aye' vote for DORIS RENNINGER because 'If a woman like us little 'ole 99's can get into the cockpit of the new 747 on its maiden trip, anything can be done'. — the Aye's have it. — so much for my political mind.

WE voted on sending our '71 Powder Puff donation in early.

Many letters were sent to us from members of the Monterey Chapter for our help in sending them the proceeds of our rummage sale and also setting many of their cook-books for them.

It's a pleasure girls, and good luck.

San Joaquin Valley Chapter was Incorporated on January 15, 1970. Our thanks to all that worked so hard on this project, a special thanks to MARY LOU FLAGG.

Our next fly-away will be to New Cuyama for luncheon on February 25. The next meeting will be held in Chowchilla at CHARLENE KIRK'S.

RENEE NEALON talking up an 'overnight' at her Mountain Chalet at Lake Tahoe where she has spent many happy hours this winter skiing with her family.

It was great to see so many of our members present at this meeting. Whenever we start to see our pink and white budded trees blooming we always have a good turnout — Spring is busting out all over! — here in California.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

Bonnie L. Seymour, Reporter

The busiest people always seem to manage "just one more project." Our very busy Chairman, VERA WEST has been involved with Woodside High School's Career Counseling Program. VERA arranged for a panel of speakers to speak to the students on careers in Medicine, science and engineering, conservation, business, fashion, and aviation, to mention just a few. This very interesting and useful program has been taking place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Member ELLIE BAILEY spoke to the students on careers in the fashion industry, and member BETTY HICKS spoke on careers in Aviation.

A quick glance through our roster shows that our chapter includes a very diversified group of women. We could conduct a career counseling program without going outside the membership — if the gals could find the time! The following skills and talents are represented in our membership: FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR, REGISTERED NURSE, ATTORNEY, TEACHER, SECRETARY, AUTHOR, ENGINEER, PSYCHOLOGIST, LITHOGRAPHER, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, LAB TECHNICIAN, CERAMIST, BOOK-KEEPER, SPEECH THERAPIST, ISOTOPE TECHNICIAN, AIRLINE STEWARDESS, X-RAY TECHNICIAN, BANK CASHIER, FIXED BASE OPERATOR, and COMPUTER PROGRAMMER. We also boast a wide list of ratings within our group, including helicopter and hot air balloon, as well

as the less exotic seaplane, multi, ATR, etc. etc. ratings.

Our scholarship Chairman, NATALIE BOSSIO, has submitted the names of four of our members for consideration in the annual Amelia Earhart scholarship. Our chapter is proud to sponsor TONI KUHNS, JAN HALAJIAN, HELEN MURPHY, and JEANNE McELHATTON. Each of these pilots is a credit to her community as well as women in aviation.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTIONAL MEETING — APRIL 24th, 25th, and 26th, 1970 — SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Registration Chairman, VERA ARNOLD wants to see YOU at the Spring Sectional. VERA has just completed the first mailing for this fun meeting. The arrangements committee has done its homework — there will be a fine selection of tours as well as food, fashion, and entertainment for every taste. It should be fun to see all those 99's and 49½ers learning Greek dances at "Zorba's". You had better get in shape now, Greek dancing requires STAMINA! If you have always wanted to see the Sunset Magazine Publishing House and Test Kitchens, this is your chance. We have arranged a tour of Sunset as well as other fun and informative tours. We know you will have a good time if you attend this sectional. We hope to have perfect weather for your arrival—we will each take a weatherman to lunch the week before! If you didn't get a mailing you can write for information to:
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UTAH CHAPTER

Barbara Dunkley, Reporter

We don't have a great deal of news to report this month, but I'll fill you in on what little we have been doing.

VIVIAN YARDLEY has been working very hard in ground school to attain her instrument rating. She has also done a bit of local flying.

TERI WOJCIK has been acting as observer for her 49½ LEONARD while he made precision landings at Hill Airforce Base and made vector approaches to Salt Lake City.

ELEANOR IRVINE is still grounded because of a major overhaul on their engine.

JO ANN WINTERLING and JANE PATTERSON had a fun day in Logan recently. They flew up in Jo's 170.

BARBARA DUNKLEY'S been doing a lot of local flying just to keep in practice.

ELOISE WILCOX had plans to fly upto Logan one day but developed engine trouble on takeoff and did a 180 right back. It was a real emergency type thing, and we are happy to report that she made it just fine.

We held our February meeting at the home of JANE PATTERSON and had as our guest speaker BILL CRUNK, Chief of the Ogden Tower. He briefed us on radio terminology and operating procedures within a control zone. Those present at the meeting were LILA FIELDEN, MARIAN O'LEARY, TERI WOJCIK, DARLA TOWNLEY, VIVIAN YARDLEY, BECKIE LARSEN, ELEANOR IRVINE, BARBARA HANSON, JANE PATTERSON, JOAN WILLIAMS, BARBARA BARLOW and BARBARA DUNKLEY. We had as guests, two prospective 99's, JOAN BARTON and DARLENE SUELZLE.

We have lots of activities planned for the future, but we will report them when they happen.

ALBERTA NICHOLSON had a great trip to San Luis Obispo Charter Presentation. This was a formal affair with 114 in attendance—excellent program, food and well planned. HAZEL JOHNSON took her and OUIDA GLICK on the Grand Tour in her very own helicopter. What a thrill. It's the only way to go. WANDA, EMILY, CRISS and GRACE had planned a weekend not to be forgotten. Also got in a golf game at Morro Bay. Enroute, FRAN GRANT picked her up at SF International and they dropped in on the Santa Clara 99 Dinner Meeting in Sunnyvale, and on the way home, was able to meet with a few of the Bay Cities girls between flights.



Australian Section



Marie Richardson, Reporter

FRUSTRATION! AT THE TIME OF SENDING THIS REPORT MANY OF US HERE HAVE NOT YET RE-

CEIVED THE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWS. THOSE KNOWN TO HAVE ARRIVED HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT MUTILATED IN TRAN-SIT, DUE POSSIBLY TO THINNER PAPER ON THE COVER OF A SUPER EDITION. Congra'ulations to our hard working editor on a great 40th Birthday issue. It is possible to receive a reply to an airmail letter within a few days, between our two Countries. But surface mail . . . ! (Will try to get another to you—by air—Ed.)

Right now we are bursting with pride! A woman pilot has been appointed official and personal pilot to the Premier (Elected Head) of the Queensland State Government. She is none other than BERYL YOUNG. BERYL flew Tar 45 in 1938 with OLGA TARLING and their two Australian "friends" "Skippy" and "Floppy Ears." Her appointment was the subject of a Nation-wide TV "Week-end Magazine" item when viewers were introduced to this quiet but extremely efficient young woman who is one of our most highly rated pilots. Congratulations BERYL yours is Recognition that has been well earned. (Beryl—Mike and I both send congrats! Please forward publicity to Scrap-book Chairman, Val Johnson, St. Louis Chap. Editor.)

Another welcome visitor to these parts is MURIEL GUGGOLZ, Santa Fe Chapter Chairman. MURIEL arrived during the excitement of the London-Sydney Air Race. Now touring N.Z. and Tasmania she returns to Sydney end of February and will be honoured Guest at the Australian Sectional in Perth in March.

The Philippines have lost their only currently licensed woman pilot. EDITH DIZON, with four of her six children has migrated to Australia to settle in Melbourne, where EDITH will continue her work with the Mission of St. James & St. John, as Public Relations Officer. Daughter JOY, who spent 1968 here on an Exchange Scholarship, will enter Monash University in Melbourne. We wish them much joy and success in their new Country.

RONETTE WILLIAMS has a second "love". She has become an enthusiastic Parachutist, complains she can get herself into some silly situations like coming down in a pond of dirty water and straddling a fence, declares she is improving and wouldn't miss any opportunity to jump that comes up.

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