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President's Column

BOUQUET: Scene: Cuddihy Field, Texas. Closed. Not X-d. Dragstrip. Action: T-29 lands, blows tires, damages wing, howls to FAA. FAA says, "Dear Accident Prevention Counselor GLASSON, help!" PAULINE and local 99s X runways. Everybody happy. Thank you, PAULINE and your team!

BOARD MEETING: Two days' hard work, one evening of play—pleasant dinner with North Georgia 99s; then fascinating, historic underground Atlanta. Meeting was productive, satisfying to the Prez because these gals work so hard and so sincerely on making things go right with Ninety Nines. Everything I want I don't always get—these are seven good minds and every idea put forth is completely analyzed before adoption or rejection. I think the Ninety Nines are in good hands.

Am just back from WACO. MARY JO OLIVER tells you about it in this issue. Eight of the nine new members are Ninety Nines—maybe the 9th, just not in the book yet. We really enjoyed the meeting which was on aviation and environment, feel that we are helpful to the sometimes beleaguered FAA.

ABOUT VOTING: LAST YEAR ONLY 1930 LEGAL BALLOTS WERE CAST OUT OF MORE THAN 4000 POSSIBLE. PLEASE, PLEASE, NOMINATE AND VOTE. IT'S YOUR ORGANIZATION!

RESPECT and ADMIRATION to JERRI COBB, doing a truly wonderful job of flying medical supplies and personnel into the jungle areas of South America. EDITH DENNY says if you haven't flown that area, you can't even IMAGINE what hazardous conditions exist. Let's help JERRI if we can. She has used up all her own funds. Arkansas is spearheading a drive for more. Tell Arkansas what you can do, they'll take it from there.

FAA's GENE KROPF wrote to thank us for the assistance we have given NIFA, he is one of their advisors. NIFA is, of course, the aviation community of tomorrow. The bouquets belong to PAGE and GENE NORA who have worked so hard with NIFA.

Had the honor and pleasure of presenting the North Dakota Charter at Minot recently. It was a wonderful weekend. Our new chapter up there is full of ideas and plans, a grand bunch. At the dinner and dance more than 100 people were present, including state aeronautics officials and aviation people state-wide.

HELEN HURLE let me fly her beautiful Arrow over the snow-covered fields and icy lakes, a huge treat for this deep-south woman. The OAT showed -25°! It didn't chill my enthusiasm at all.

14 December. ROSTER! A nice Christmas present, but many names missing. Why? Perhaps SIX HUNDRED PROBLEM RENEWALS had something to do with it. Unsigned checks or renewal blanks. Medicals out of date—many other unacceptable forms. Yet every one of us had to pass a stiff written or two!

I'm one of the naturally feather-headed ones. Have flunked almost every FAA test at least once in my agonized climb up the ratings ladder, and my 99-type instructor used to snarl at me RTDQ, RTDQ, which means simply READ THE DARN QUESTION.

So, I pass that nugget along to you.

LET'S RECRUIT, AND LET'S RENEW. We ARE leaders in aviation. There are thousands of women pilots who are not Ninety Nines, but they are not standing up to be counted. If they were, there might be more non-99 (pilot types) on WACO. There are only two. The new Aviation Commission, consisting of nine people in these United States, has one woman on it. A Ninety Nine.

(May I interrupt myself here to voice warmest congratulations and pleasure and pride at the selection of LORETTA FOY for this committee!)

Women pilots who are not 99s are sharing the glory of wings, but not the responsibilities that come with the maturity of any phase of civilization. And Aviation has matured—has come of age. Problems are numberless. Only thinking, working members of the aviation community can help to solve them. NINETY NINES ARE AMONG THAT WORKING CORE.

Let's recruit some of these "other" flying women and share with them the friendships and rewards of Ninety Nine membership as we work together to help general aviation hold on to its fair share of the skies.

We're past the age of the Ninety Nines "Club." We're an international organization. Our voice is heard, our abilities respected, our potentialities limitless. But to exercise these gifts to their fullest, all women with wings should be working together.

How better pursue these aims than in the comradeship and sharing of the Ninety-Nines?

January-February, 1971



HEADLINES from Hazel

I hope all of my reporters enjoyed their month off in December. If Christmas had been postponed until say now; I might have made it. As it was Christmas Eve found me out with the rest of the "idiots" doing my shopping. I want to thank all of you who so kindly sent "ye ole Editor" a Christmas card. Each year I buy Christmas cards and each year I never get them mailed. I now have about twelve closets of Christmas cards—all unsullied and awaiting some Christmas when I get things done somewhere nearly on time. Thanks to all of you and to that dear member in Canada who "cleaned my plow" over their report being under the British Section, thank you also. I have lost your letter (I'm terribly efficient and organized) and fully intended to answer it when it cooled. However, I will correct the error and I guess that is the message you intended.

Have just returned from the Outer Banks where I spoke to the "Man Will Never Fly Memorial Society", I am now a Sea Hag, a Bait Cutter First Class, and the proud possessor of "Sea Hag Shoes". If I could just figger how to put them on, I would have it made. It was a fantastic trip to Kitty Hawk and the feeling of inspiration and awe when first I glimpsed the monument is hard to describe. It was a fantastically fun trip culminating in the seriousness of honoring the Wright Brothers. It was just great and I wouldn't have missed it for the world. I am already saving my pennies for next year.

I invite your attention to two articles in the Committee Reports section of the magazine. One has to do with insurance and is an in depth report by SUSIE SEWELL and the other is the safety message on "Cold Weather Suggestions" by our accident Prevention Specialist, HUARD NORTON. Both excellent and very timely.

NOTE TO BETTY WHARTON ET ALL. All pictures are sent to Oklahoma City after they are printed. They are not returned to me. Please get with LORETTA and she will forward same to you. I will also send her your note.

It is time now to select officers for next year. In a box you will see the names of the officers who are eligible for reelection and have indicated a desire to run. This is your organization and it will stand or fall on the merits and dedication of its leaders. Select well.....

April is National Aviation Education month. Let's all pitch in and see if we can do something special during that month that will be meaningful and further aviation education. After doing so, let me know about it and maybe our whole theme for the May issue will be Aviation Education.

Have Fun in '71. Do it and then tell us about it. Get APT. Make plans now to get to Wichita for convention.

Note to H. HAZELETTE ABERCROMBIE... I'm ready when you are for fun in '71. I will also be glad to tell about it.

Powder Puff Derby

MARION ANDREWS, Reporter

The AWTAR Board was very pleased to have BEA STEADMAN, our immediate 99 Past President, sit in with us at our January board meeting. She came as a representative from the 99 Executive Board. We think, if the Executive Board can stand the strain, this should be done more often. It was an extra long meeting because at this time, we are revising rules and getting things ready for the race kits which we hope to have ready by the time you receive this Newsletter. One rule change you might like to know ahead of time is that the deadline for the arrival of co-pilots will be one day earlier this year. Due to requests over a period of time, the pilot briefing will be split into 2 sessions. The fly-bys will be reviewed at the first session 2 days prior to race take-off, allowing more time for the racers to study them, as many have requested. The second session, the day prior to take-off will include the advance weather briefing, early enough in the day for the contestants to gas their airplanes as they wish. There will also be the added customs procedure briefing this year. Co-pilots must be present for both briefings thus necessitating their earlier arrival.

Early contributors to the overall race fund are Piper Aircraft and AC Sparkplug. VIRGINIA SLIMS is planning to visit some of the stops along the race route in February in preparation for publicity. AWTAR will loan a set of past winners' photos to the San Diego Aerospace Museum and have another set prepared to give to the 99's Museum.

The documentary film, "A Powder Puff for Joan" has been renewed and will again be available for showing upon request, after March. Until then it is being shown in Calgary, Canada and Montana. SUSAN OLIVER was on the Mike Douglas show and had many good things to say about the PPD. SUSAN'S picture is on the cover of the United Airlines magazine "Mainliner" which includes an article "Star Lady Pilot" containing another plug for PPD.

"Yours Truly" is on a "To Tell the Truth" show presently being shown on different dates over the country. A panelist asked, "What is the Powder Puff Derby". Boy! Could I have answered that one.

Quote from Beech's 25th Anniversary release: "Women, too, proved they could

handle high performance aircraft..... The Bonanza won top honors in six Powder Puff Derbies."

There was a nice article in the Oct. 1970 FAA Aviation News entitled "How Safe is That Lady in the Cockpit". This is a well-worth-subscribing-to publication, only \$2 a year from Supt. of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

The Dec. issue of "Canadian Wings" carried a full page article on the 1971 Powder Puff Derby.

Besides copies of the above mentioned articles, we would like copies of: Nov. 5, 1970 Cross Country News containing OLLIVIA BROWNE'S column about Anne Wagner of Holiday Inns; Nov. '70 Airline Pilot pgs. 36 & 37 "Wives with Wings" containing 7 pictures including the Monterey impound area; Air Facts Sept. '70 and Cross Country News Nov. 26, 1970.

Correction: There are two lamentable typographical errors in the AWTAR Flyer that went out to all 99s. The coordinator for the two Montana race stops is JOAN ORLEY not "OVLEY" and the Stop-Chairman at Billings is JUDY McCRUM not "McGRUM". Please excuse. Send clippings and requests for entry kits@ \$1.00 each to AWTAR Headquarters, Teterboro Airport, N.J. 07608.

INSURANCE — DO YOU NEED IT? By SUSIE SEWELL, Vice-President

The matter of insurance was the first item on the agenda of the Executive Board meeting held in November at Atlanta, Georgia. Prior to this meeting I reviewed our Aircraft Non-Ownership Liability policy with Aviation Underwriter, Mr. James L. Rogers of Insurance Company of North America.

"The comments on flight activities liability are reprinted here for your information:

"The use of privately owned aircraft for passenger carrying for which a charge is made with the proceeds going to a non-profit entity is not a new exposure to the insurance industry. Both the Heart Association and the March of Dimes have used this type activity to raise funds for years. The problem from an insurance standpoint arises from the fact that most aircraft used in so called Penny-A-Pound activities are insured for "Pleasure and Business" uses only which, in the policy definition of the term, excludes any use of the aircraft for which a charge is made. There is no question that in Penny-A-Pound a third party is induced to pay for the privilege of riding as a passenger in an aircraft, hence it does fall into an excluded area of utilization. The extenuating circumstances are that the owner of the aircraft and the pilot have nothing to gain with the possible exception of good will. The crux of the problem is that the common law under which negligence will be judged requires that a person in conducting his various activities must act as a normal prudent person would unless he is rewarded in some way for the

rendering of a service. In the latter instance he is required to use a "high degree of care" because he has promised to perform for a reward or gain to himself. The measure of what constitutes a "high degree of care" is left to the Jury to decide, as is the question of whether use for hire is a fact, in the case. It can be expected that in most jurisdictions and cases the decision will be very liberally interpreted in favor of the injured party.

If it is clearly stated that the money which changes hands is a donation to a non-profit entity and not a charge for services rendered and it is apparent that the owner of the aircraft and the pilot thereof received nothing for their services, it is probable, but not guaranteed, that this activity would be adjudged to be not for hire use. The absence of absolute certainty in the matter is the reason for requesting an endorsement to each policy acknowledging that for the purpose of this insurance use of the aircraft for Penny-A-Pound fund raising activity with no degree of profit to aircraft owner or pilot shall not be deemed to be operation of the aircraft for hire.

The certificate of insurance currently being used might be made more palatable to the individual aircraft insurers if paragraphs (b), (d), and the Waiver of Subrogation contained in the Owner's statement were deleted. The Ninety-Nines, Inc. and the individual chapter has aircraft non-ownership liability insurance in force, or available, to take care of bodily injury or property damage claims arising out of various organization activities. Neither entity has any protection against liability for damage to aircraft of others while in the care, custody or control of the organization. Hence if the waiver of subrogation is not included and the organization in any way has care, custody or control of a non-owned aircraft there is an uninsured exposure to monetary loss. The actual exposure or possibility of the organization being held liable is not great if physical damage insurance is in force on each aircraft. The probability of loss to the organization goes up tremendously if there is no physical damage insurance in force. This probability escalates even more if the aircraft is not operated by the owner of the aircraft or his employee or agent.'

During a long discussion which followed there were many questions posed and answered. It was the considered opinion of the entire Executive Board to continue the insurance program as it now stands. There will be certain modifications of the forms being used. This will clarify the use of the form both to the aircraft owners and to the various insurance companies certifying coverage.

The above deals primarily with Penny-A-Pound events and there are other types of events which may be covered under the policy such as Air Races and Poker Runs. A number of members have asked my opinion of insurance for APT Clinics. There are so many varying conditions that prevail when the chapters are conducting the APT

flying events that there is no standard answer as respects insurance. It is my recommendation that each chapter carry out this activity with the normal procedures of any flying activity, that it be well organized, and that the aircraft used (whether owned, borrowed, or rented by the members) be adequately covered with liability insurance. It is further recommended that instructors be chosen who are current in the type aircraft to be flown, that the tests are conducted in favorable wind and weather conditions for the type aircraft involved, and that suitable airports be selected for practice use. The premises of a well-run fixed base operation are most desirable and the operator should be friendly and interested in having the activity conducted there.

Insurance is never needed until after the incident or accident occurs but it would appear to me that if the aircraft used are properly insured and the other recommendations are followed that the chapter and its members would have adequate protection.

All flying activities are so vital to carrying out the purposes of our organization. We encourage you to plan your events now and if you have any questions whatsoever, please let me hear from you.

THE WHIRLY-GIRLS

A young flight instructor from Seattle, Wash., Miss Joann Osterud, has been selected to receive the fourth annual Doris Mullen Whirly-Girls Scholarship.

Announcement of the winner was made today by The Whirly-Girls, international organization of women helicopter pilots. The \$500 Scholarship was established to honor Mrs. Doris Mullen of Joliet, Ill., Whirly-Girl No. 84, who was fatally injured in an airplane accident in 1966. Its purpose is to further the involvement of women in aviation.

Miss Osterud, 25, is chief flight instructor for Bell Air Service in Seattle, where she has promoted special flight instruction programs for housewives and teenagers. A graduate of Reed College, Phi Beta Kappa, and former graduate student at MIT, she has logged some 700 hours since learning to fly in 1968. She holds commercial, instrument, multiengine, instructor and advanced ground instructor ratings, along with a letter of competence in aerobatics. She is a member of the Washington Pilots Assn., the 99s, and various educational associations.

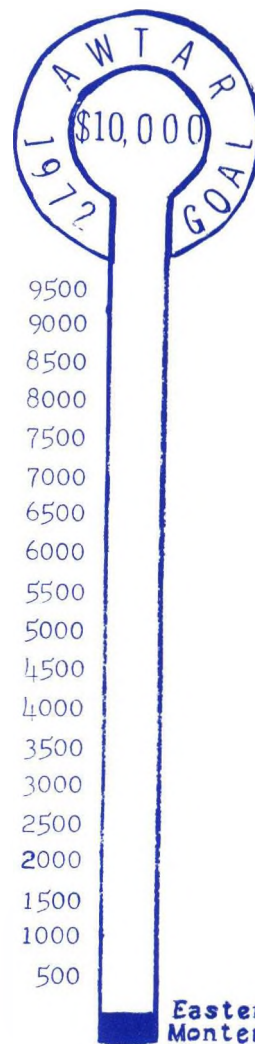
The fourth annual Doris Mullen Scholarship will be presented to Miss Osterud at the annual Whirly-Girls Award Dinner Jan. 31 at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California during the Helicopter Association of America's 23rd annual meeting.

Contributions toward the fifth scholarship are now being accepted by The Whirly-Girls, 1725 De Sales Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036

NOTICE TO NOMINATING COMMITTEES

Nominations for quality candidates for your National Officers will highlight 99 business for the month of February. These officers will set the pace for the 99 organization for 1971-72 and, therefore, careful consideration of all requirements for the offices should be exercised. NOW is the time to think about qualified candidates.

Alberta Nicholson, Chairman
National Nominating Committee



Keep the Temperature Rising

The Powder Puff Derby

AWTAR WAYS and MEANS

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BACKWARD GLANCE COLUMN

by VIRGINIA THOMPSON

The year 1937, which had started out so hopefully, brought sorrow to the hearts of many all over the world. It was during this year that Amelia Earhart, our first President and world renown flyer, lost her life.

Much has been written lately regarding her ill-fated flight. The question has been asked, "What caused her to deviate from her original plan for a year's research before making a world flight?"

Without comment, the following shows the events just prior to her last flight, her itinerary, and the editorials published in two of our nation's leading newspapers at that time.

Chronology of Aviation, Part II 1937

March 17—Amelia Earhart takes off from Oakland, California, on the first leg of her world flight. Captain Harry Manning and Fred Noonan, navigators, and Paul Mantz, technical adviser and mechanic, accompanied her. N. Y. Herald Tribune, March 18, 1937, p. 1, col. 3

March 18—Amelia Earhart, at Honolulu, flying the 2,410 miles from Oakland in 15 hours 51½ minutes, a new record by 1 hour 6½ minutes. N. Y. Times, March 19, p. 11, col. 2 N. Y. Herald-Tribune, March 19, 1937, p. 12, col. 3

March 20—Amelia Earhart postponed indefinitely her round-the-world flight, and with the plane, Capt. Manning, Fred Noonan, and Paul Mantz left by boat for California. The plane crashed at Honolulu on the take-off. N. Y. Herald-Tribune, March 21, 1937, Sec. 1, p. 1, col. 1 N. Y. Times, March 21, 1937, sec. 1, p. 3, col. 2

June 1—Amelia Earhart Putnam and her navigator, Fred J. Noonan, take-off from Miami, Florida, on round-the-world flight. N. Y. Times, June 2, 1937 Associated Press, June 1, 1937

July 2—Amelia Earhart Putnam on her round-the-world flight down somewhere in Pacific Ocean between Lae, New Guinea, and Howland Island 2,556 miles distant. Associated Press, June 2, 1937

Last Flight of Amelia Earhart Putnam

June 1—Leaves Miami, Florida
June 2—Caripito, Venezuela
June 3—Paramaribo, Dutch Guinea
June 4—Fortaleza, Brazil
June 6—Natal, Brazil
June 7—Take-off for Dakar, French West Africa

June 7—Lands at St. Louis, Senegal
June 10—Lands at Gao, French West Africa

June 11—At Fort Lamy, French Equatorial Africa

June 12—At El Fasher, Anglo, Egyptian Sudan

June 13—At Massaua, Eritrea
June 15—At Karachi, India
June 17—At Calcutta, India
June 18—At Akyab, Burma

June 20—At Singapore
June 21—At Bandoeng, Dutch East Indies

June 27—At Kupang, Timor Island
June 28—At Port Darwin, Northern Australia

June 29—Lands at Lae, New Guinea
July 1—Takes off for Howland Island

July 2—Radios she is over Pacific with only one-half hour fuel supply. LOST Associated Press July 2, 1937

Washington Herald—Sunday, July 18, 1937

Amelia Martyr to Friends Who Urged Perilous Route by Bob Considine

"The U. S. S. Lexington, symbol of the last possible connection between Amelia Earhart and the world, gathers its thundering eagles back to its hold, and steams away. Somewhere, back there in the troubled wake of the ship, Amelia Earhart is lost—probably forever—and with her the man who was her companion on her tragic flight.

A cab driver, the closest thing you can get to a man in the Washington street, said to us regarding Amelia the other day:

"Where does the Government think it's getting off, spending \$250,000 a day searching for her!"

Perhaps a lot of persons have felt that way.

An Unnecessary Tragedy

We haven't, and not only because the Government has spent a lot of \$250,000s moving our warships here and there on much less reasonable missions. We haven't felt that way mainly because we happen to know that the death of Amelia Earhart was one of the great unnecessary tragedies of our time.

She was a martyr to a small group of her friends who, against her will, mapped out the ill-starred flight which brought her to her death.

They told her that if she negotiated the route that they—pitifully uninformed laymen—had mapped out for her, she would increase her cash value in the indorsement market. She could get more money from the gas, oil and various accessory companies. Her name would mean more to the newspaper syndicates. And the sales of her book, "The Fun of It", would be commensurately larger.

Shark-Infested Waters

She wanted to take another route—the one she had partly negotiated several months ago when a tire blowout wrecked her plane at Honolulu. But she listened to her friends, and embarked on her death, never knowing that the British government had surveyed the very waters into which she finally crashed, and had reported them so shark infested that they condemned them as a possible route for huge British airliners.

Amelia, perhaps, found out about that—later.

"Yes," you say, "but why on earth did she do it?"

Amelia Earhart was poor. Her financial obligations were heavier than most women's. This was to be the dernier cri of her flying career, the flight that would insure her financial future. We all would do a lot, for that.

Never Approved of Hop

"I really don't want to do it," she told a close friend not long before the takeoff. "The day of stunt flying has passed. The world's used up. There's no place for trick stuff in modern aviation. Air travel needs only scientific perfection nowadays."

But she went, because she sincerely loved the friends who were stupid enough to urge her to do it. And because she needed the money it would have brought her. She was like Lindbergh. She'd never cash in the cheap and shoddy way.

Amelia Earhart probably wasn't a great all-around aviatrix. Once she took a plane off in the thin air of Mexico City with such an overload of gas that veteran aviators stood along the hangars holding their breath, and praying. She wrecked a fool-proof auto-gyro on another occasion.

Courage Proved to World

She had courage, more of it than most mortals get, and coolness developed to a remarkable degree, for a woman. But she needed more. She needed, for instance, a better knowledge and appreciation of radio. She gave out only half a dozen position calls during her entire trip. She neglected to take along the trailing antennae that would have enabled her to transmit on a 500-kilocycle frequency. On that frequency she would have been able to contact the Itasca, the boat that was nearest to her when she sent out that last (and probably only) message—the one that said she has only a half hour's gas left, and that no land was in sight. Her radio was a small-range voice outfit, for it was simpler to operate.

The poignant messages that various amateurs insisted they heard, for days after the crash, were without much doubt the pipe dreams of the usual cranks who hover on the edge of every great calamity.

The Government never satisfactorily contacted her. Not even the Itasca, steaming fretfully about within probably a hundred miles of her plane.

Plane Lacked Drift Meter

Her so-called "flying laboratory" did not even have the simplest precautionary instrument known as a drift regulator. A small ship's sextant was its primitive instrument for reading the stars.

It isn't good for America to lose women like Amelia Earhart. She was young, intelligent, brave, and able to do a man's work without losing the poise and touch that women seem to own. She, who had conquered space so often and so glamorously, combated it once too often.

Amelia Earhart did more to humanize air travel than anyone who ever lived. She helped change it from a country fair attraction to an industry of transportation. She died a victim of witless friends, but she did not live in vain."

**The New York Times
Tuesday, July 20, 1971
AMELIA EARHART**

"Let us begin by saying the worst that can be said about Amelia Earhart. She was no feminine Lindbergh, flying oceans with the precision of a transport pilot. She was no scientific flier, as those last pathetic messages picked up by the Itasca on July 2 showed: "We must be on you but cannot see you. Gas is running low. We are circling but cannot see island." She and her navigator, Frederick J. Noonan, had set out over the great wastes of the Pacific without the knowledge or the equipment which would have enabled them to ride into safety on the Itasca's invisible beam. A little more careful preparation, and those two valiant souls might still be certainly in the land of the living.

But the qualities which involved Miss Earhart and her companion in this last heroic failure were interwoven with her gay, luminous, self-confident personality. If she had not had a touch of recklessness, which arose, perhaps, out of a belief in her fortunate star, she would not have been Amelia Earhart. She was in rebellion against a world which had been made, for women, too safe, too unexciting. She wanted to dare all that a man would dare. She must have loved what Stevenson called "the bright eyes of danger." That passion rises, strangely, sometimes tragically, in those who also love life with more than common fervor—love it so much that they must explore their way though it to that dark forest, that tumbling mass of driven water, where its boundaries lie. To that far longitude, where the light of day flames up for an instant splendidly and is gone forever, she and Fred Noonan must have come. She lost her life in the effort to get the final ecstasy out of it. She followed her vision, with a last flutter of tired wings, too far.

And what was this vision? No man, perhaps, would ever wholly know, for though hers was a type of daring which was long thought to be a masculine derivative, Amelia Earhart was wholly feminine. One remembers the outward symbols of what she was—the slender hands and wrists, the fingers like an artist's, not strong enough, one would have said, to handle a great machine in the air; the voice that was soft and beautiful; the rich inflections, the animation that would have made her an actress; the feminine dignity that melted into humor; the serious traits that had made her effective as a social worker and a teacher. What she did, she did as a woman, in a womanly way, whether it was to receive with graciousness the public tributes she had earned, or to battle with storms above a gangerous ocean.

One thinks of E. A. Robinson's lines "For a Dead Lady," but she had passed beyond that romantic and lovely conception and was not so much a woman of the past as of the future. One thinks, too, of other lines of Robinson's though he wrote them in a far different connotation:

Wings are but once for most of those
who fly
Till they see time lying under them like
a mist

That covers the earth.

Perhaps that was her vision. Perhaps in the vividness of her last glimpse of sun and sky and the curling tops of waves she knew that she had helped to make all women less afraid. For hers was a deeply feminine valor that could look life and death in the eye as unflinchingly as any man."

Coming Events

February 9-11, 1971

Revalidation Clinic (instrument
Instructor)

Santa Monica

March 21, 1971

Aviation Survival Clinic
University of Toronto
Mechanics Bldg-Campus
South Central Sectional

April 23-24-25, 1971

San Antonio, Texas
Southwest Spring Sectional

May 7-8-9

Santa Monica, California
North Central Spring Sectional

May 14-15-16

St. Paul, Minn. (Hilton)
AWTAR

July 5-8, 1971

Calgary, Alberta, Canada to Baton Rouge,
La.

International Convention
Wichita, Kansas

August 11-15, 1971

"Fun in '71"

The following officers have indicated a desire to run for re-election:

President — Betty McNabb

Treasurer — Virginia Britt

Secretary — Joan Hrubec is not eligible
to run for this office

Alberta Nicholson, Chairman National
Nominating Committee

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SAFETY BULLETIN

COLD WEATHER SUGGESTIONS

1. *Preflight Inspection.* The thoroughness of a preflight inspection is important in temperature extremes. At extremely low temperatures it is natural to hurry over a preflight of aircraft and equipment, particularly when the aircraft is outside and adverse weather conditions exist. This is the very time to run the most thorough preflight inspection.

(a) Check cabin air heating system and exhaust system for leaks. Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless, and tasteless so a check up is *necessary*.

(b) *Fuel Contamination.* Fuel contamination is always a possibility in cold climates. Remember, even with the best fuel and precautions, if your aircraft has been warm and then is parked with half empty tanks in the cold, the possibility of condensation of water in the tanks exists.

(c) *Fueling Facilities.* Where possible, use fuel from modern fueling facilities and fill your tanks as soon as possible after landing.

2. Remove all snow, ice, and frost from the aircraft prior to take-off.

3. When operating from surfaces covered with mud, snow, and slush—it is wise to remove wheel faring from fixed-gear aircraft during winter months. Allow wheels to turn a while on retractable geared aircraft, before retracting. This will remove some of the slush and water.

4. Be alert for poor braking action when operating from a snow on ice covered airport. Be extremely careful while taxiing.

5. Use power on a let down from altitude during cold weather. If the engine is permitted to cool abnormally during let down, the chances of a power failure when adding power for a level off or a go-around are considerably greater.

6. Navigation and landing lights should be in working order. Winter days are short and pilots not checked out for night operations or who are flying aircraft not equipped with lights, should plan flights so as not to be aloft after dark.

7. Carry some emergency clothing and equipment. As a minimum, carry a topcoat, galoshes, gloves, flashlight, and plenty of matches. Consider the possibility of spending the night in the open.

8. ALWAYS FILE A FLIGHT PLAN —
DON'T FORGET TO CLOSE IT.

HUARD H. NORTON

Accident Prevention Specialist

NEXT ISSUE

Deadline

February 20, 1971

MAIL TO:

Box 38499

Dallas, Tex. 75238

Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund

JEAN PEARSON, Chairman

America is still spreading its wings in aviation with a growth predicted that will shadow the past.

Women can play an important role in aviation's more sophisticated future—but only if they continually increase their skills and capabilities.

Through contributions to the AMELIA EARHART Memorial Scholarship Fund, Ninety-Nines throughout the United States and abroad are helping women to reach their aviation goals. The only limitation on the number that can be helped is in the amount of funds available.

The number of scholarships which can be given are determined by the amount of interest obtained from safely invested contributions plus any special donations received during the year.

The more a chapter or individual can give to the fund the larger the fund and opportunities for more women to advance in aviation grows.

The A.E. Fund trustees feeling the responsibility entrusted to them by the Ninety-Nines through appointment and election to the trustee board, are anxious not only to invest the funds safely but to spend the income wisely.

That is one reason why the criteria for scholarship application are high, though

open to all Ninety-Nines who have reached the qualifications required.

It is also why it is difficult to select the few winners from the many deserving applicants.

Hopefully, through the democratic process of committee screening at chapter, sectional and trustee level, the best of the applicants for the current year are given to a panel of judges outside the organization for the final selection of winners.

The judges, all of them recognized authorities in their special fields of aviation, are devoted to the progress of aviation in general.

To win a scholarship is therefore not only an honor but a trust—a trust placed in you by many people who believe you can and will make your mark in aviation.

If you are qualified but need some financial help toward reaching your aviation goal, apply for an AE Scholarship.

If you don't need financial help or have reached your aviation goals, any contribution you can make to the fund to help other Ninety-Nines succeed will be appreciated.

It will be a contribution not only to women in aviation now but to Ninety-Nines of the future.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

DORA DOUGHERTY STROTHER
Chairman

The Resolutions Committee is a permanent committee of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. authorized under Article VII, Sect. 1 of the Constitution and Article XII, Sect. 2 of the Bylaws.

Three members are appointed by the international president. This year I was appointed by President McNabb as committee chairman with instructions that I select two other members. Mrs. Ruth Deerman of the El Paso chapter and past international president has agreed to serve. Ruth will provide the much needed link with the traditional activities of this committee since she served on it with the previous chairman, Alice Roberts. Mrs. Betty Jo Parsons of the Fort Worth chapter has also agreed to help.

This committee is ready and eager to serve the organization and the membership. Its function is to review and to channel requests of the membership for changes in the constitution. Thus if you have any good ideas on how our organization can be improved please write each member of the Resolutions Committee stating the Article and Section you think should be revised, how it should read, and why you are suggesting the change. The DEADLINE for these requests for resolutions is March 10th, 1971.

National Intercollegiate Flying Association

GENE NORA JESSEN, Reporter

It's not too late for another New Year's resolution. What is your chapter planning this year as a contribution to the aviation community? Are you holding a safety seminar? Are you raising money for the AE scholarship? How about taking on as your project support of the National Intercollegiate Flying Association?

The NIFA is composed of colleges and universities all over the United States meeting annually for the purpose of intercollegiate flying competition. Any school which recognizes a flying club or program is eligible for membership.

The Ninety-Nines, Inc. has supported NIFA for years at its annual air meet. The All-Ohio Chapter gives a large and beautiful rotating trophy called the Arlene Davis Memorial Award to the top female pilot of the air meet. The international organization supports the students financially with their donation going into a sustaining fund and providing a trophy and silver tray for the girl winning the Ninety-Nine Achievement Award. Several 99's serve each year as judges for this award.

The NIFA has grown from a handful of midwestern schools into very nearly a nationally represented group. The group holds a mid-winter and spring air meet and you will be reading a report of the NIFA meet at Auburn last November. The spring meet

will be at San Jose State College starting April 29 and as a fourteen-year NIFA'er, I must say I've never seen such efficient and fabulous plans.

Regarding the upcoming spring meet, I recently read in an aviation newspaper, "While we (NIFA) have been most fortunate to receive strong support, especially from GAMA and the 99's, we still have much money to raise." Through the enthusiasm, prodding and salesmanship of PAGE SHAMBURGER and B. STEADMAN, 1970 will be a hard act to follow. Last year through individual, chapter, section and national contributions, we were able to boost NIFA by \$1,195.62. Their effusive appreciation has been almost embarrassing.

These college aviators are hard working young people dedicated to earning their place in aviation. They need and appreciate our help, and believe me, our dollars are stretched unbelievably when put to work by NIFA'ers. Your donation can be sent to GENE NORA JESSEN, 2814 CASSIA, BOISE, IDAHO 83705 AND I will see that it is forwarded immediately.

The pump has already been primed by two 99 chapters and a section. The Tennessee Chapter sent \$35, Florida Suncoast Chapter \$25 and the Northwest Section \$100. Won't you help?

ATTENTION All Section Flying Activities Chairmen

By DARLENE GILMORE
International Flying Activities
Chairman

The Governors of each Section has appointed a Flying Activities Chairman and I would like to receive their names (either from the Governors or from the individual chairmen).

Headquarters has prepared a Standard Operating Procedures for this committee and mailed them to the Sections and Chapters. If you have not received your copy, please let me know and I will "fly" a copy to you immediately.

This is also a request that Section Flying Activities Chairmen should contact each Chapter Flying Activities Chairman to encourage flying activities within their Section. I would also appreciate receiving a Section Flying Activities report by March 1, 1971, with regard to flying activities.

LET'S RECORD THE FUN IN '71

Forward Clippings to
VALERA JOHNSON
525 South Main Street
St. Clair, Missouri 63077

Contest Committee Reporting

Following is the new set of rules for the Contest Committee as approved by the 99 Executive Board — December 1970. We trust you will find them more to your liking. We have tried to incorporate changes suggested by the membership.

THE COMMITTEE—The Contest Committee is a permanent committee of the Ninety-Nines and is directly responsible to the Executive Board.

POLICY—The following policy outlined by the Ninety-Nines, Inc. shall be adhered to in the planning and endorsement and/or approval of any contest, competitive event or race: All contests, competitive events or races requesting date publication in the Ninety-Nine News, use of the name, and endorsement and or approval of the 99s, must apply to the Chairman of the Contest Committee for endorsement. The Contest Committee shall coordinate the dates of sanctioned events.

Events Offering Cash Prizes or Prizes of Substantial Value Must:

1. Apply for Contest Committee endorsement and/or approval at least 90 days prior to the event.
2. Furnish proof of compliance with 99 insurance requirements.
3. Provide material outlining the purpose, rules and SOP for conducting the event.
4. Comply with F.A.R.'s or be conducted under appropriate FAA waiver.
5. Be NAA sanctioned or comply with the following:
 - a. Furnish proof of prizes or prize money.
 - b. Provide names of Officials.
 - c. Outline procedure for protests by contestants.
 - d. File a final report with the Contest Committee within 30 days regarding the following:
 - (1) Date Held
 - (2) Results
 - (3) Description of any violations and disqualifications.
 - (4) Protests and any other pertinent information.

Rule No. 5 Need Not be Complied With by Events Not Offering Cash Prizes or Prizes of Substantial Value.

Failure to comply with the outlined policies may result in endorsement and/or approval refusal in subsequent years.

99s—if you fly a race and have any “gripes”, please register them in writing with the Contest Committee. We will make every effort to investigate the problem and answer in a Newsletter column for the membership if the problem is “big” enough.

Best to all for safe & fun racing in 1971.

Lois Fairbank
99 Contest Chairman

National Air Education Month — April 1971

By PAM BUGG

Aerospace Education Chairman

Here's our chance! Let's all participate, Section and Chapter. I certainly appreciate the response from my first “ad” and those who did, should have by now, materials to work with.

Wouldn't it be grand if each Chapter had a special project for April? We could surely put forth a little extra effort to share our enthusiasm — films, photos, classroom visits, etc. Talk to the Principal of your child's school, or a school near you. Teachers will welcome help in preparing even short units in connection with transportation. For instance a visit to an airport, large or small. Possibly near you is an industry connected with aviation that would offer a tour to a class of students. Encourage your school librarians to have a display of books connected with aerospace in April.

Let me recommend a film strip, “A Trip To Grandmother's” available from the FAA Film Library, P.O. Box 25082, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73125. Booklets are available, no charge, for each child, so be sure and tell them how many, but get your request in early. This is good from K-6th grade.

“Discover Flying — Just Like a Bird” is a 6 week film available to NET stations from Educational Television Services, 512 East 17th St., Bloomington, Ill. Attn: Mr. Duane Straub, Programming Director. Contact your local NET station manager and see if he couldn't be encouraged to have this program this spring.

Section Secretaries have been sent a packet of Aerospace Education materials for the Section Aerospace Education Chairman (since most of your names are still a mystery to me). If you have not received one please contact her. This information will be passed down through to Chapters, but if you get eager write me direct and I'll see that you get a copy NOW.

Last but not least, please let us hear what you are doing and how it is working out.

Mary Jo Oliver

Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation, FAA

WACOA met November 30-December 2, 1970, in Washington, and were welcomed by FAA ADMINISTRATOR JOHN SHAFFER. Nine new members appointed to the committee for a three-year term, included eight Ninety Nines! The new members are:

MARIAN BANKS, San Diego chapter, CFI, real estate saleswoman.

JOAN BARRIAGE, Washington chapter, Acting Chief STOL/VTOL Engineering and Development Coordinating Staff, Systems Research and Development, FAA, Washington.

DOTTIE BIRDSOONG, Suncoast Chapter, President Birdsong Beechcraft, VP Birdsong Motors.

EVELYN BRYAN JOHNSON, Tennessee Chapter, Mgr., chief pilot, Morristown, Tenn. Flying Service, Inc., Manager, Morristown Airport.

BARBARA LONDON, Long Beach Chapter, Sales representative Golden West Air terminal.

RUBY MENSCHING, All-Ohio, co-owner and manager Mensching Aviation and Electronics Company, Akron Municipal Airport.

ILOVENE POTTER, Greater Seattle, Chief Pilot, Pacific Aviation, Boeing Field.

DORIS RENNINGER, Greater New York, Director, Helicopter Sales Promotion, Hel-Aire Copters, Midtown Heliport NY. (And membership Chairman, the 99s.)

And MRS. LOUISE B. TIMKEN, Timken Roller Bearing Company, Canton, Ohio, WHO HAS 900 HOURS IN JETS — lucky gal.

CHAIRMAN ANN WOOD had announced the meeting theme as Aviation and the Environment. MR. SHAFFER and KEN SMITH, Deputy Administrator, re-affirmed the concern of FAA re environmental quality; all the FAA/DOT speakers discussed the topic as it affects their interest areas. BG GUSTAV LUNDQUIST, Assoc. Admin., Engineering and Development, stated that effort is being directed toward noise abatement, smoke emissions, bird hazards, and other effects of aviation on environment — and environment on aviation. By their nature, many of the problems demand technical solutions.

OSCAR BAKKE, Assoc. Admin. for Plans is a man with something to say and a fascinating way of saying it. He discussed the demographic aspects of the aeronautical environment, said that air travel demand and aviation resources are out of phase, and basic solutions might come with the Airport/Airways legislation in 1970.

The magnitude of transportation problems identified with the megapolis are awesome. Time and space preclude even fair reporting of the speakers, but the program read like Who's Who: DR. MERVIN STRICKLER, JR., Aviation Education; WILLIAM MAGRUDER, Director, Office of Supersonic Transport Development; LT. GEN. BENJAMIN O. DAVIS, JR., USAF (Ret.), Director of Civil Aviation Security for DOT; JAMES GREENWOOD, Dir. for Public Affairs, FAA; JAMES RUDOLPH, Director of Flight Standards; WILLIAM FLENER, Dir. of FAA's Air Traffic Service.

Out of the proceedings of the Committee came a joint statement: As FAA points out, “Environment is everybody's business . . . and FAA is taking positive steps to eliminate the air industry's contribution to the environmental problem.”

FAA is determined that aircraft and airports can operate within the scope of the President's plan to improve the environment of the nation. Therefore, WACOA is determined to assist FAA in its . . . effort to perpetuate our country's national heritage of water, land, and sky for untold future generations.”

CONVENTION NEWS

THIS IS SUNNY KANSAS - WATCH FOR HER AS SHE LEADS YOU TO THE CONVENTION



BUT ALL I DID WAS JUST MENTION THAT I MIGHT FLY THE "Sun in 71" Race TO THE CONVENTION...

The Committee is working on a plan for functioning between meetings rather than at semi-annual meeting time, only.

It wasn't all work. NONA QUARLES, FRAN NOIDE, BLANCHE NOYES, and JEAN ROSS HOWARD, entertained the Committee at a cocktail-buffet dinner party at FRAN'S lovely Georgetown home. Here several of us met for the first time, the Honorable JOHN VOLPE, Secretary of Transportation, and his charming wife.

NONA is Coordinator for the Committee, FRAN, BLANCHE and JEAN ROSS are former WACOA members. All four are Ninety Nines.



APT PROGRAM

CHARLOTTE GRAHAM, Chairman

Your APT Committee reports that the interest in the project indicates that we will have a report for the International Convention of 100% APT Ninety Nines.

A letter will be forthcoming to all Chapter Chairmen to appoint their Chapter APT chairman and send their names to me immediately at 511 West Ocotillo Rd., Phoenix, Arizona 85013.

This coming year we plan to send the forms and the pins into the custody of the local APT chairmen so the girls can be "pinned" immediately or appropriately at a meeting, luncheon, or APT clinic. The local chairman then assumes the responsibility of sending the original instructor signed form to the Sectional APT chairman for her own section records, who in turn sends them to the chairman of the 99 International APT Project where the official forms are kept.

It might be of interest to know that there is a permanent record of all those who have become APT since the program started and it will be made part of the files at the International Headquarters!!! (The APT secret for 1971 is — Get Current!!!)

Are YOU going to be first on the 1971 chapter files? Is YOUR chapter going to be first on the Section files? Is YOUR Section going to be first on the 99 International files? This column will keep you informed. GET APT BE APT KEEP APT

The following officers have indicated a desire to run for re-election:

President — Betty McNabb

Treasurer — Virginia Britt

Secretary — Joan Hrubec is not eligible to run for this office

Alberta Nicholson, Chairman National Nominating Committee

Ninety-Nines Tour of Scandinavian Countries

By DARLENE GILMORE
Flying Activities Chairman

Through the cooperation of Scandanavian Airlines System, and American Express, a group Ninety-Nine tour of Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden has been planned. The gateway cities are New York and Los Angeles and flights will depart on May 18, 1971, and return June 1, 1971.

All Ninety-Nines, their families and their friends are eligible to participate.

The itinerary includes Copenhagen, Stockholm, Oslo, Helsinki, Lake Tyin, Stalheim, and Bergen, as well as tours of aviation facilities and social events with aviation groups in these countries. While in Helsinki we will meet with 99's from the new Finnish Chapter.

The total cost from New York is only \$809.00; from Los Angeles only \$968.00. We can also plan a departure from Seattle for only \$913.00 if we have a group of at least 15 from that area. These prices include air and ground transportation, first class hotels, most meals, sightseeing — the works.

Each member should have received a detailed itinerary and return reply card from American Express. Please advise American Express, Travel Division, 1438 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115, NOW that you are interested in receiving additional information about this group tour. There is no obligation involved, but your deposits should be in by mid-March . . . but American Express will explain the details.

Why not discuss this group tour with others in your chapter — let's make it a chapter activity.

While many interesting tours have been planned, there also will be many "free" hours for shopping in the elegant shops for world-famous furniture, exquisite glassware, Danish silverware, knits, suede leathers, etc.

Take along your camera to record the beautiful scenes during the three-day tour from Oslo to Bergen in the spectacular fjord country, exciting mountain passes, past roaring waterfalls, and the colorful buildings and costumes.

SEE YOU IN SCANDINAVIA!

NOTICE TO NOMINATING COMMITTEES

Nominations for quality candidates for your National Officers will highlight 99 business for the month of February. These officers will set the pace for the 99 organization for 1971-72 and, therefore, careful consideration of all requirements for the offices should be exercised. NOW is the time to think about qualified candidates.

Alberta Nicholson, Chairman
National Nominating Committee



NO. CENTRAL SECTION

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER RUTH LOVE, Reporter

All-Ohio is waiting for the "January Thaw" to do more flying. Many events in flying were accomplished in 1970. Our Chairman for 1971, JOANN STYPE and JOAN MACE placing second in the PPD topped them all.

The plans are under way for the Angel Derby to start in Columbus.

NANCY LEE MALM and family spent the holidays in Germany and Switzerland.

JEAN BONAR and 49½ back from Hong Kong and other interesting places.

JOAN HRUBEC has a Beech Musketeer. Her Tri-pacer "Pee Wee" has become so well known.

RAMONA BUTLER has a transponder and hopes to try it soon on a trip to Florida.

CELIA MOSLO changed her name to Mrs. Kenneth Shively in 1970.

LOIS SCHMIDT visited her mother for the holidays in Florida.

JACKIE KINNEY'S 49½ working for Beechcraft at Ohio Aviation.

MARION STACK'S new address after February 1st will be 12315 Valley Lane, Apartment 302, Garfield Heights, Ohio.

CAROL GEERS visiting in New Orleans.

EDY MAXIM received word that MARTY WYALL, Indiana Chapter, has written an article about CARO BAYLEY BOSCO and her aerobatic activities in the Wasp magazine.

JANICE KUECHENMEISTER was elected Governor of North Central Section for 1971. She also won the Achievement Award Trophy for 1970. Nice going!

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER SANDY KLOCK, Reporter

Our November meeting was on the 15th at the beautiful new meeting room above Planemasters at Du Page County Airport. Our speaker was AL NEUNTEUFEL of EAA Chapter 101 in addition. (There were 4 EEA members present among the 99s, including this reporter.) AL told about the forming of EAA, the homebuilt movement, and building his own Thorp T-18, which we got to see after the meeting.

We had a fly-away on November 7th down to Peoria for lunch. Some of our gals were scared off by crummy weather forecasts, but the day turned out to be lovely, and we kept wondering what happened to all the clouds and turbulence they'd warned us about earlier. The Peoria-for-lunch bunch consisted of MARY PAN-CZYSZYN and MARY STROH, ARLENE ODEGAARD and GEORGE EDGECOMB (it's so nice to have a man around!), JOAN KERWIN and SYLVIA HARPER, and SANDY ROGERS, SUE MICHALEK, and

SANDY KLOCK. The two SANDY'S and SUE had the pleasure of meeting LEN KMIECEK of the American Pilots' News out on the ramp just before they made the return trip to Aurora.

Our non-working gals held a lunch-in at the Rockford Skyroom on Tuesday, December 8th. The fly-ins were 12 99s in 8 planes! It must have been quite an experience for the Rockford control tower to have 8 ladies call in for landing instructions at about high noon. We are quite a prompt group! ARLENE ODEGAARD, based at Elgin, flew in the longest distance, as she flew all the way out to Indiana to pick up passenger PAT CLARK. JUDY SUIT and BETTY RIDDLE of Rockford and their pilot guest FLORENCE GREGORY met our Chicago area gals at the Skyroom, where this happy group was really treated royally.

DOROTHY WHITE arranged for a young French nobleman from Normandie and his comrade from Switzerland to fly over Chicago's lakeshore in the Businessmen's Flying Club's Cessna 172.

LOUISE and RAY KOKESH flew down to Marco Island, Florida to pick up Eva and Harold White. They spent a wonderful weekend in the sun, and fun was had by all.

MARCELLA KLOTTER has been busy flying her Skylane back and forth between here and her home-to-be, Naples, Florida. On a recent trip down, there was an air show going on when MARCELLA got to Naples, so she made a detour, and husband GEORGE picked her up at Fort Lauderdale.

Our PAT RUZICH is the proud owner of a new commercial license, and DIANE CHOIN'S 49½er, Bill, recently got his multi-engine rating.

NORMA FREIER'S 49½er gave her an early Christmas present — ⅓ of a Colt (Piper, that is).

SHERRY O'KEEFE has transferred to us from the Long Island Chapter — welcome!

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER JAYNE SCHIEK, Reporter

Wind and more wind — this time at right angles to the runway — kept many potential flyers grounded. However, three airplanes flown by "intrepid Ones" did fly in to our December meeting at Mt. Hawley airport at Peoria and the rest of us arrived via the highways. Flyers were CLARISSA HOLCOMB in her Cessna 210, Chairman JEAN WEST and her 49½er Bob with passenger KATHLEEN WOOD in their Cessna 172; and LIBBY KAISER and her 49½er Bob in their Beechcraft Debonair. Thirteen other members attended the meeting along with 3 other 49½ers and 99 member MARY ANN EIFF from the Quad City Chapter. Following the business meeting, a delicious buffet dinner was served by the Peoria members. A delightful view of the Powder-Puff Derby was given to us by ARLENE JOHNSON with her own slides and commentary. Arlene flew with

JEAN READ in a Navion. BARBARA BRUSSEAU passed her written portion of the Instructor's Test and planned to complete the practical phase during the holidays. MARY WATERS has now joined us as a full fledged 66. ESTER SALOMONE has just returned from touring eight countries in Europe. JEANNE MORSE announces that her youngest son, RANDY CROCKER, soloed Wednesday, Dec. 2, at Aurora Airport after 6 hours. Wow! Perhaps that's what comes from having a flying mother! THEO SOMMER flew in the Aviation Day Fly By at the Greater Peoria Airport and pulled another "Theo". She got so busy listening to the Unicom from Byerly while still on the ground that she forgot her engine wasn't running! Result: no battery—no start—and so "red faced" she had to get the plane "propped". JAYNE SCHIEK had a great flight in the "Plane Jayne", her open cockpit homebuilt, during the Indian summer weather in early December, flying to Cole County airport at Mattoon. She got caught by darkness due to headwinds and so spent the night at Decatur with D. A. NORCROSS's daughter. She telephoned the tower in advance and they agreed to let her in with no radio and when she landed invited her up to the tower for a warming cup of coffee. JAYNE spent the holidays skiing in Colorado, was snowbound in Nebraska for two days in the blizzard, on

the return trip and then slipped on the ice while delivering her daughter to school in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin and broke her ankle. JEAN and BOB WEST flew down to Florida to visit Jean's father in Ft. Lauderdale. JEAN got in a couple of hours of actual instrument time including a real approach at Nashville. BOBBY KESTERSON and LINDA BORUM were busy giving rides at the grand opening of the Centralia airport held November 15. MARGE KELLY is in Florida for a couple of months. BARBARA JENISON attended the fall meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation in Washington the first of December. She wrote that they received a thorough briefing from the F.A.A. concerning future plans and recent advances; and were shown several interesting films. We look forward to a complete report from her at our next meeting which will be held in Decatur on the 10th of January.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER JAN POCKOCK, Reporter

Ole re-tred JAN here, filling in for MARG JONES, our delightful Nosey Nine, who had to enter the hospital on Jan. 5th for an operation on her nose! Swear it, on my dusty old log book! Wonder if it is an occupational hazard? Serially, MARGIE has done such a magnificent job the past



First Chairman of Gr. St. Louis Chapter, DEL SCHARR, adding another sock to our A.E. Christmas Tree. An annual "bonus" donation to the Scholarship Fund, the little red socks are stuffed with green goodies, instead of our exchanging gifts.

few months on our local news as well as the International, we all wish her a speedy recovery and an O.K. nose, so she can get back to work!

As if one injury on the St. Louis "team" weren't enough, our Secretary, GUSSIE FREEZE spent some of the holidays in the hospital arguing with an ulcer. She won, and is well on the mend now, but, whatta way to bring in the New Year!

LORETTA SLAVICK's Christmas party for our December Meeting was just delightful. Some 30 of us gathered at Sunset Country Club for cocktails, dinner, and FUN! MARY LOWE and AMY LAWS supplied our entertainment via color slides and movies of the world's greatest and most beautiful ladies! What fun it was watching ourselves move from one Section meeting to another, in races, and just goofing off on the Laws houseboat at the lake. Hard to believe, while looking and laughing at such a fun bunch, that these ladies really are a gung ho gang who work very hard, too. As our Chairman, JOAN LAMB, outlines the coming year's activities, one can become exhausted just listening to them! We should come out of it very much wiser, if nothing.

Our January meeting will feature the up-to-date changes in FAR's, presented by a representative of the FAA. Later in January, we are to have an aviation weather seminar, sponsored by Ozark Airlines, then February brings our trek to Wright-Patterson, Dayton, for the Physiological Training Program, phew, meanwhile, plans are going forward for our combined effort with all other aviation organizations in the Metro St. Louis area for a mammoth ball on Memorial Day weekend, the theme song for which should be "Fly me to the Moon." The ball will be held in the McDonnell Planetarium and planning is quite an undertaking, to say the least. Not gals to sit back on our laurels, we'll also be working on the TAR stop at Spirit of St. Louis Air-



This is part of the group of Chicago Area 99s who participated in the first of our monthly fly-away lunches, this one to Fond du Lac, Wisc. in October. The gals are (l. to r.) Chairman NITA FINEMAN, NORMA FREIER, MARY STROH, DONNA DOMBROSKY, JEANNINE TELLEKSEN, ELSIE WAHRER, MADELINE KIMOTEK, JEANNETTE SMITH, SANDY KLOCK, SUE MICHALEK, SANDY ROGERS, and ELLEN O'HARA.

port. Along with Air Age Education, a couple of fine candidates for the A.E. Scholarship Award, and individual participation in the various air races, wow! Sure wish our chapter would get busy and do something!

EDITH OLOVITCH has certainly wound up the old, and started the new in grand fashion. Together with 49½er ALLEN and another friend, she took 2nd place in a Team Spot Landing contest at Spirit Airport in December, and has just advised us that as of the first of the year, she has been appointed administrative assistant to the Publisher of The Sporting News. EDITH has put in many years with this fine newspaper as an executive secretary, and is bursting with pride over her new assignment. VAL JOHNSON attended an Instructor Refresher Course in Dallas (as if she needs it!) JEAN and RICH LERNERTSON soaked up some sun in Jamaica during the holidays, and your "stand-by" editor for this month managed to sell an article to Professional Pilot magazine for their December issue. For a first attempt, I was mildly ecstatic when they accepted my dilly about credit card foul ups on aviation fuel. Many other things happening, but our "slave driver" editor, Hazel, insists on Jan. 10th deadline for having this in, so, we'll just close by wishing everyone a very happy and productive 1971. (But please, Joan, no more "productivity" in our Chapter! We don't need it.) (Hello DINGER — we LUV you — Ed.)

INDIANA CHAPTER PRICELLA BARR, Reporter

JANICE KUECHENMEISTER, Section Governor, spoke at our November meeting. JANICE explained the inner workings of the 99's and the duties of all committees, making us aware of our obligations to the organization. She emphasized in her talk how important the Newsletter is in relating to all other chapters what we are doing to promote 99's and its ideals.



Models from the "mod" style show held at the Indianapolis Christmas Ball, left to right, PAT NOLAN displaying her frilly white mechanics suit; PAULINE GENUNG in the total Maxi-look for pilots; LOIS KENNARD a daring stunt pilot complete with umbrella and PRISCILLA BARR, the astronaut of the future.

DOROTHA HENDRICKS represented our chapter at the 15th Annual Awards Luncheon of the OX5 Club of America. JOSEPHINE RICHARDSON was chairman of the affair held at Fort Wayne, Ind.

The Indiana 99's received invitations to the Christmas Ball given by the Indianapolis Aero Club. Our group participated in a mod fashion show presented during intermission. It was "way out" to say the least, but do believe we added a little fun and laughter to the gala evening. On January 16th the Indiana Chapter will be honored in having as their guest DR. MERVIN STRICKLER, Special Assistant for Aviation Education, Dept. of Transportation, Washington, D.C. This full day seminar will be spent in arming us with facts so we may become ambassadors for aviation. Many uninformed people are signing petitions and casting ballots to restrict and deny the development of aviation. We hope to do our part in preventing this trend. The next day our regular monthly meeting will be held, and guest speaker, HENRY KAZMIER a promoter of aviation legislation will relate the aviation bills to be presented in January and what part we can take in backing them. This should be a most interesting weekend workshop.

DOROTHY and DON HODGSON took an IFR flight to Tennessee on DOROTHY's birthday, to visit their son, David, a student in a military academy there... MARCIA REYNOLDS has made several trips recently to visit her son, JIM, who also attends a military school near Columbia City, Missouri. MARCIA and husband JIM enjoyed a relaxing trip to colorful Mexico... VIRGINIA MCKEE's 49½er, MURRAY, has received his instructor's rating... The DEBAUNS, CURT and BETTY just returned from a flying sojourn to New Orleans... MINERVA MAHONEY is mighty proud of her "new" 1941 Waco. After a complete workover she had the little gem painted a brilliant tangerine with white and black pin stripes. MINERVA has decided to wait for a touch of warm weather before checking out in the open cockpit. She and husband LARRY are enjoying some Caribbean sun while waiting... PAULINE GENUNG has turned in her APT certificate for the second year...

MICHIGAN CHAPTER SUZANNE CROOK, Reporter

The Michigan Chapter heralded the Yuletide season December 10, 1970 at Schulers of Jackson, Michigan. MARY CLARK graciously handled the details for the festive occasion. A roaring fire and Christmas tree graced the room and added to the spirit of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

We traveled briefly through the time barrier with a musical skit on women's flying costumes since the turn of the century. JACQUELINE DEBES, who narrated the fashion show, embellished the original script with her delightful impersonation of a German flying ace. MEARL FRAME modeled a brocade gown, vintage 1900,

which she had sewn herself specifically for the occasion. MARILYN SIDWELL and ELLEN ZAITZ modeled jumpsuits, helmets, and parachutes from the biplane era. These were loaned to us by HAROLD and HAZEL SHOBE, former owners of the Wayne County Flying Service. Your reporter sang "Since KATIE the Waitress Became an Aviatress" as a bunny, Playboy style. "KATIE" came from MARGE HATFIELD'S collection of old flying songs. Different modes of air transportation were all given their due credit including RUDOLPH who is indispensable at Christmas time.



Michigan Chapter's Aviation Fashions: Left to right, MEARL FRAME, 1900 brocade gown; MARILYN SIDWELL, jumpsuit from the biplane era; SUZANNE CROOK.



Michigan Chapter Aviation Fashions: Left to right, ELLEN ZAITZ, modern jumpsuit; MEARL FRAME, modern jumpsuit; MARILYN SIDWELL, modern mini; SUZANNE CROOK, "Katie the Waitress", modern version; JACQUELINE DEBES, German flying ace.

High Performance Pilots: We are very proud of MARY CREASON who recently joined the ranks of selective ATR pilots. Congratulations is also extended to JACKQUELYN MARKHAM who received her single engine sea rating November 4, 1970 from ELOISE SMITH at Austin Lake. Your reporter just completed an instrument ground school course from Gordon Rose at Sentas Aero. Now only to find time between bulletins and newsletters to take the exam.

New Horizons: MARY WEHR is now MRS. WILLIAM TRUSLER. She and her husband are residing at 834 E. Cross St., Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197.

Tantalizing Trips: MEARL FRAME spent a week at Thanksgiving and a few days during the Christmas week in Palm Springs. HER HUSBAND is chief pilot

for the Budd Company, and she flew out with him on the Sabreliner.

1971 promises to be a great year in our aerospace era. We look forward to the traditional annual AMELIA EARHART Brunch which will be held January 10, 1971 with the Zonta Club of Detroit. Both international organizations will be honoring AMELIA EARHART who belonged to both Zonta International and the Ninety Nines, Inc. and inspired them to establish scholarship funds for the pursuit of aerospace subjects. STANLEY MOHLER, M.D. Chief, Aeromedical Applications Division, Office of Aviation Medicine will be coming from Washington, D.C. to speak.

A Midwestern Aviation Conference featuring plans for the future of aviation will be held March 26 and 27, 1971 at the Detroit Engineering Society Building. The Michigan Chapter Ninety Nines will be one of the sponsors with two members assuming roles of leadership in the conference planning. LOMA MAY will be general chairman and LILLIAN SNYDER will be program chairman.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER **BETTY KUECHLE, Reporter**

Our Minnesota Chapter has been busy both in the air and on the ground despite the fact this reporter has failed to share the news. August found us in Austin as the guests of CAROLINE and RAY OLSON. Only two airplanes ventured out into the weather that day. RITA and BURT ORR brought MARILYN and PAUL BAUER in their Bonanza from Faribault and BETTY and BILL KUECHLE were joined by MADELINE and EMIL NIOSI in Bill's Bonanza. JOYCE FRANCIS received a special award from Chairman PEGGY JOHNSTONE in appreciation for all the extra work JOYCE puts in on behalf of our Chapter. A small group that day but everyone looked especially nice in their matching uniforms.

The gals at Faribault along with the Faribault Pilot's Club hosted a Poker Run for our October meeting. Having been postponed a week, everyone was eager to try their luck at cards. The course was set up with two available routes. One for slow cruising planes and an outer course for faster cruising planes including two twins. DOROTHY and DAVE BOLANDER in their Travel Air and CAROLINE OLSON in her new Aztec. Congratulations to MADELINE NIOSI for coming within 30 seconds of her estimate and for being the first plane to arrive in Faribault that day. SHERRY MILLS took honors for being the youngest pilot while CAROLINE OLSON received an award for being the 12th plane to land completing the run and for over all high time pilot. DOROTHY BOLANDER won for high Commercial time. The fellows of the Faribault Pilot's Club walked away with all poker winnings . . . some people have all the luck. This whole event was followed by an elegant box lunch supper right at the airport.

While in Faribault we learned that CAROLINE and RAY OLSON along with their five children, spent a weekend at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

Our November meeting was held at the St. Paul Downtown Airport in the Skyways Restaurant sampling some of the good food that will be available to everyone flying in for the North Central Spring Sectional May 14, 15 and 16. Plans are moving right along and Convention Chairman DOROTHY BOLANDER has all her committees running like fine Swiss watches.

FOLLOW THE NORTH STAR TO MAGIC MINNESOTA

North Central Spring Sectional
May 14, 15 and 16 St. Paul Hilton

QUAD-CITY AREA CHAPTER **S. EHRICH, Reporter**

The 1970 "You Rate" Award was earned by MARY DAVIS for achieving Commercial license and Basic Ground Instructor. Member to win the "You Racer" Award for most active participant in racing in 1970 was CAROLYN POBANZ.

The Christmas Party arranged by MARIE MERDIAN at Short Hills Country Club was a huge success.

NORMA and ROGER SMITH and their daughters flew to Florida for the holidays.

CAROLYN POBANZ had a chance to put her pilot's license to work when she was requested to pick up airplane parts in Springfield. Her second project was to be able to talk to JEAN REYNOLDS in Michigan. JEAN is our chief advisor regarding the Fall Sectional and in all other new projects in Quad-City.

FERN and BOB BERRY were in Peoria this week for a radio-navigation lecture. FERN plans to build hours this winter and start on her instrument rating in Spring. BOB is going to begin aerobatics. SHARON EHRICH took four hours of aerobatics last week. She reports she had her eyes open the whole time . . . the last hour. She's building up brave-type hours before starting the new course she is initiating next semester at Illinois Central College. It's an Aviation Orientation Course for non-pilots; primarily aimed at pilot's wives: girls who don't like to fly—yet—, but who will develop an overwhelming interest when they begin basic navigation and radio communication.

Some of us are signing up for the weather-climate course at I.C.C. It has three hours of lecture per week and two hours of lab. We aren't sure what the lab work will consist of but if you need Rain Dancers for your Spring Frolic, give us the first call.

MARY ANN EIFF and 49½er, GARY, acquired a Taylorcraft. They both spend the week-ends in their hangar recovering the frame. Gary is installing a full IFR complement of radios. Know you'd never

guess that Gary is an A & E and radio repairman.

NEIB POBANZ is going to give us our Big Chance. He has an aircraft engine that he will let our Chapter take apart next Fall. We're all going to ask for tools for Valentine's Day.



ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER **WANDA COTHAN, Reporter**

VIRGINIA CUTTER, member of the National Women's Advisory Committee, has just returned from Washington. She is one of 32 committee members, all professional women with a special interest in aviation. MR. ROBERT REYNOLDS, assistant administrator for the Office of General Aviation Affairs for the F.A.A. in Washington was in Albuquerque recently and at a press conference paid tribute to MRS. CUTTER for having been selected to serve on this committee. We are all proud of her.

A joint Christmas party was held with the New Mexico Aviation Association on Dec. 5, in the form of a Hangar Dinner Dance. Those attending and enjoying were SHIRLEY and BOB JANSSON, JOHN-NIE and HARRY HICKEY, BECKY and ED LUTZ, LAURA MARIE and DON WEBB, and JOY and BUD FEAK.

HOORAY! Throw JOHNNIE HICKEY's name in the pot as volunteering to be a pilot for one of our luncheon runs. It is good to have JOHNNIE back in the air after a long layoff. Our little luncheon club may get off the ground yet.

MILLY and DICK ELRICK started out flying to Montana for the Christmas holidays but ran into bad weather in Trinidad, Colorado and had to return to Albuquerque. They then drove to Montana.

MARGARET PEREZ had a stay in the hospital recently but is home now.

NELLIE WILHITE, a Charter Member of the 99's is in Albuquerque recuperating at the home of her sister, HAZEL GUNTHER.

JOY and BUD FEAK attended the Santa Fe Chapter Christmas Party held at Lamy, N. Mex. Members from Santa Fe and Los Alamos enjoyed the fellowship. Also JOY and BUD flew to Las Cruces for an Insurance meeting. JOY was sorry to miss the chance to talk to KAY BOND.

RANDY and JACK SUTHERLAND spent Christmas vacation in San Carlos, Mexico as did JOY and BUD FEAK. The sum total of information that I could get about this vacation was that RANDY caught a large yellowtail and JOY caught a cold. That figures.

BLANCHE and JIM GRISCOM had a scare the other day. BLANCHE was very

carefully maintaining 1000 feet altitude while JIM was trying to get pictures of Eldorado High School where he teaches. BLANCHE saw a shadow but could not locate the plane. When JIM spotted the plane they realized a jet had flown right under them; however, they could not get any identification on the plane.

A farewell dinner for WARREN MCCOY, F.A.A., G.A.D.O., was held at the Kirtland Officers Club. We'll miss him for he has really been a friend of all in general aviation in our area. He is being promoted and transferred to Hawaii and our loss is their gain. Attending were PEG NOLTENMEYER, BEVERLY GRADY, VIRGINIA CUTTER, SHIRLEY JANS-SON, and JOY FEAK.

ARKANSAS CHAPTER MARGUERITE NIELSEN, Reporter

VELMA HITE, Ozark Chapter, has moved to Ft. Smith from Lebanon, Missouri. VELMA flies a Cherokee 160. She and 49½ are starting a business in Ft. Smith, known as Detroit Tool and Mold Co. which will be operational in April 1971.

Ninety Nines attending the W.N.A.A. Christmas Party at the home of CHARLENE POE were RAMONIA SLOAT, DELORES DEAM, & MARGE NIELSEN.

RAMONIA SLOAT has been flying the parachutists at Poteau, Oklahoma on Sunday afternoons. DELORES DEAM visited relatives in Mississippi. MARGE NIELSEN visited relatives in Missouri. DELORES MITCHELL visited relatives in Tennessee. The lovely Arkansas River Valley flying weather has brought MARGE NIELSEN some old flying buddies dropping in from the sky at J&J Ranch, for lots of Hangar Flying and Fun, this month. More beautiful Weather to You All & Happy Flying!



Left to right: BARBARA RIGGS, ALINE "KAY" NEWTH, KAY BRICK, BEVERLY HARP, RUTH GRAY, RAMONIA SLOAT, and CHARLENE POE. Airplane in background belongs to Governor Rockefeller of Arkansas.

DALLAS CHAPTER SUE ANDREWS, Reporter

The big news of December was the gala Christmas party. No one would hold still long enough for a head count, but there was a good turn-out. We decided to let our pictures speak for themselves. This year's Pot-O-Gold was a donation to the Human Growth group dedicated to helping "little people" through research and assistance. Mary and Lee Kitchens wish to thank all who contributed.

Our Amelia Ehrhart Scholarship candidate for this year is PHYLLIS DUKE. We all wish her the best of luck.

PAT JETTON and family were on a skiing safari. I hear they all came home intact. BARBARA POWELL and ELINOR JOHNSON had a glorious ride in SANDRA SIMMONS new Cessna 310 to Galveston. They went to see the Sea Arama. Even though it was closed, a man who wrestles alligators in his spare time gave the gals a real cooks tour of the place.

The grapevine reports that KONDA WYSS will marry JOHN STANLEY PULLEY on Valentines Day. That's great. KATHY LONG and HELEN WILKE are getting ready for the Angel Derby. BOB and LIL TAFEL brought home a trophy bass (7 lbs.-20 inches) from their Christmas camp-out trip to Daingerfield. They will have it stuffed. I'm not sure if that is for eating or hanging!

MARCELINE TODD was in Portugal recently. The GIBSONS tried to get to Kansas City and Des Moines, but had to abandon ship in McAlester and continue in a single-engine auto. CAROL MORRIS sure stays busy. Besides going to college, she is working on her Instrument Rating, flying to Arkansas, New Orleans, Albuquerque, El Paso, and Juarez. LEE and MARY KITCHENS flew out to the family ranch in November.



The DEKINDERS were in Oklahoma recently, and MARY joined us from the Oklahoma Chapter. Our other transfer member from Santa Clara is DOROTHY PHERIGO. We are thrilled to have them both. We also welcome NANCY MILLER as a new member.

Don't forget the airmarking date — January 23rd at 10 a.m. (Rain date January 30th). Cleburne is the target and many are flying down to paint. Do get there on time or you may get white tires! See ya!

FORT WORTH CHAPTER CAROLYN MERRITHEW, Reporter

With the busy Christmas season behind us, I for one am making a New Year's resolution to remember the 99 News deadline.

In November, a conflict caused me to miss an interesting meeting when BETTY JO PARSONS gave a slide commentary on her trip to the South Pacific. She and her 49½er JOE ED flew commercial to Sidney, Australia where they were entertained by MARIE RICHARDSON and three other Australian 99's. In New Zealand, they were enthralled with the beauty of the countryside and especially enjoyed a flight over the beaches with some of the New Zealand



99, EDNA GARDNER WHITE receiving award as the Earliest Licensed Woman Pilot at the Wright Flight Dinner, Dec. 17, 1970.

99's. A trip to the Fiji Islands completed that grand two week vacation.

Our efforts to airmark Meachem Field got as far as our request to the airport manager for paint supplies and when we could do the job. He informed us they already had paint, but it was the spray gun type and would be difficult for us to use. Shortly after, I was pleased to see the new Meachem Field sign painted on the runway. At least I guess we spurred them into action.

One hundred twenty people attended the Wright Flight Dinner at the Greater Southwest International Airport December 17th to honor Pioneer Pilots. It was a splendid evening sponsored by our 99's. Champagne flowed and the steaks were excellent. Decorations for which MALENA RICHARDSON was in charge were airplane pinatas and aerial suspension balloons hanging from the ceiling, and Christmas greens with tiny airplanes attached as table arrangements. Our master of Ceremonies, 49½er ERNIE LATHAM rode onto the platform resplendent as the Red Baron, scarf flying in the wind, on a red tricycle bi-plane, loaned by an aviation-minded 5 year old with wings engineered and built by 49½er CLINT WHITE.

President, BETTY JO PARSONS presented a gift of \$99.00 to DOROTHY WARREN, South Central Governor to send to the International Headquarters Museum Trust Fund in memory of JIMMY KOLP, a great woman who contributed much to the field of aviation.

C. C. BATEMAN, our guest speaker, a metaphysicist, spoke on the Phenomena of ESP and UFO's. He stated that he felt pilots were more aware of this presence of a greater power than ourselves through our unique exposure to the wonders and magnificence of the earth and its atmosphere as we fly through it.

BARBARA McEACHERN did an excellent job in securing door prizes. We were very happy to present several flight bags donated by American Airlines, an F-111

tie tac to all the men, compliments of General Dynamics, dinner for two at the Windmill Dinner Theatre, a bottle of perfume, and several engraved plaques for the oldest licensed pilots.

Among our distinguished guests were GEORGE J. BISCHOF, who started flying in 1911, and had his license signed by ORVILLE WRIGHT. MR. BISCHOF commented on how he had been instrumental in establishing financial backing for creating Meachem Field. Another pilot, WILL GARRETT, a former aerial applicator solo'd in 1920. He flew an OX-5 Standard, a W.W.I plane at the time. Our own EDNA GARDNER WHITE took the honors as the woman with the earliest dated license at the dinner. She received a pillow with Snoopy on it, which was passed to the Pioneer pilots to autograph. EDNA now has her own newly paved airport near Roanoke, which she likes to say is a good place to fly in and bring your family. She has a flight school there. American Airlines veteran pilots, RAY FORTNER and HOWARD WOODALL, were there as well as B. G. REED, who had his glider license signed by ORVILLE WRIGHT. MARGO JEWELL, a very elegant pioneer wing walker, was also present.

A great time was had by all, and we are already planning on making next year's Wright Flight Dinner even better.

HOUSTON CHAPTER M. E. OLIVER, Reporter

Welcome to Houston, President BETTY McNABB! BETTY and her 49½ HAROLD are due to be in Houston two weeks from the date of this writing, and Houston 99's have planned a Mexican dinner in their honor at the very chic El Chico restaurant. Promises to be a festive occasion and a special treat being with BETTY and HAROLD. We CAP types have a double reason for looking forward to meeting COL. McNABB.

Speaking of CAP, we're proud of one of our younger members of Houston chapter 99's, JANET PRESTRIDGE, who received a handsome trophy as Most Outstanding Cadet in Texas during the recent Texas Wing Conference in Fort Worth. JANET is a student at Rice University and has won many honors in Civil Air Patrol; this past summer she served as cadet encampment commander at Perrin AFB during one of the many encampments held every summer throughout the USA.

Another of our Houston 99's, TRUDY COOPER, recently rejoined Civil Air Patrol, and at special ceremonies held at NASA she was reissued her old serial number and her captaincy by CAP National Commander, BRIG. GEN. RICHARD N. ELLIS, USAF.

LOUISE and MYRL BICKFORD flew up to Boise, Idaho-ho-ho, for Santa Claus time with the youngsters. They borrowed DICK SMITH'S Comanche for a faster flight than their C-170, and LOUISE tells me she had a nice visit with GENE NORA JESSEN.



Houston 99 JANET PRESTRIDGE proudly displays the C. R. Tomlinson trophy awarded to her as Most Outstanding Cadet in Texas Civil Air Patrol. Award was made at the Texas Wing Conference in Fort Worth. JANET is a member of Bayou City Composite Squadron, Bellaire, Texas.

ADELE and JERRY BAKER, BETTY and CHARLES FRITTS, MARY and BUDDY BYERS, and MARILYN and JON CURTIS are still talking about their delightful Thanksgiving holiday at the Cova-donga near Valles, Mexico. The four couples and several other planeloads flew down there for that weekend, reporting it was a great place for fly-ins.

Two of our local gals are floating on air as they cheerfully make preparations for the Angel Derby and the Powder Puff Derby this year; MAYBELLE FLETCHER and MARY BYERS will be sponsored in both events by the City of Deer Park, Texas! Congratulations and lots of luck!

Wichita Falls 99 LOU ELLEN FOSTER'S 49½ LEW flew into Montgomery County Airport, returning the grandkiddies home from a holiday visit. LEW also brought JIM OLIVER the new name badges for NERVOUS NAVIGATORS, which LEW had made up at his own expense. Taking the cue from the 99's, he uses superimposed "N's", a short wide one and a tall narrow one, like our superimposed "9's" on the badges. Nervous Navigators, we hasten to explain, are a newly-organized group of pilot-husbands of 99's. Anyone interested in joining or in learning more about them, drop a card to OLIVER, BICKFORD or HIGHTOWER, addresses in Houston Chapter roster listing.

KANSAS CHAPTER ALICE DODD, Reporter

The holiday season got off to a festive beginning with a great dinner party early in December at the home of BEA and TERRY POLING. Approximately 50 gals and their guys attended; and we enjoyed every minute from the time we arrived with our toys and gifts for under-privileged children, until the delicious food was eaten and the last song sung.

MARILYN COPELAND, our Fun in '71 Chairman, reports that her various committees are hard at work making preparations for the upcoming convention. We are so pleased with the co-operation from the community and the backing from many of our local business firms.

MARY JO OLIVER, formerly with Cessna Aircraft, has been named Vice Chairman of the FAA Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation. JOYCE CASE, another Kansas 99, is also on this important committee.

On December 5, the Race Committee from Kansas met with the Race Committee from Oklahoma to make plans for the FUN Air Races which will precede the Convention here next August. With all of these committees working, I thought of this little rhyme:

The holiday season is finally over!

The happy new year at last has begun.

The resolution we made is for all of you:

We promise you FUN IN '71!!

No matter how cold the weather is now.

By August the skies will be sunny and blue.

Committees in action! — Red carpet rolled out!

The South Central girls will be waiting for YOU!

NEBRASKA CHAPTER HEIDI UNDERWOOD, Reporter

Air race fever — everybody's catching it and let's hope the ailment stays around through the second annual Nebraska Air Race. Official announcement of date coming soon. Recently appointed chairman of the NAR is MARY CONLEY of Omaha.

The illness seemingly has struck a few people here with the Powder Puff coming on and of course sponsors are avidly being sought. BETH HOUGHIN of Omaha, being a member of good standing of Weight Watchers, Inc. and having lost 45 pounds, decided she'd be good publicity (what there is left of her) for Weight Watchers International in New York and asked them to sponsor her. A very courteous reply, thanks for thinking of us but sorry, was sent to BETH from a vice-president. And all because the PPD won't allow men, Beth is totally out of luck with Weight Watchers because the VP owns an Aztec and offered to fly co-pilot if only he were eligible.

Moving on . . . FLORENCE BORING and EVELYN SEDIVY, both of Lincoln, have been presented certificates of award from the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce for "active leadership in projects concerned with the advancement of aviation and space technology. Both gals are public school teachers in Lincoln. . . New membership application has been given to WILMA ACKERMAN of Lincoln. WILMA works in the GADO in Lincoln and she has her private license.

OMAHA AREA CHAPTER GEORGIANN RYNEARSON, Reporter

December, the month of much warm, friendly festivity, found our chapter members and their husbands, our 66s and their spouses enjoying a pot-luck Christmas dinner party at the home of MARGARET and GUENTER SOBECK. Assisting them were LUCILLE ULEMAN and LAVONNE and BILL TRIPP. Despite icy roads, CLAUDINE and ED KEAN drove in from Humboldt and BURTIS and DEL AUFENKAMP came in from Auburn. From Omaha, besides the hostesses, were BETTY and BOB JARVIS, INEZ and HERB STOCKER, ROSEMARY and MAX BLOCK, HELEN and JOHN EHRLICH, GEORGIANN and BILL RYNEARSON, VERDAYNE MENZE, BARBARA KREJCI, BOBBY and DON McCAFFREE and JUDY and KEN KOHLER. After dinner MARGARET showed slides of their six week visit in Europe this past summer, including some pictures of places where she and her husband had spent their childhood.

After working hard all summer, our 66, DOROTHEA PHARRIS, was able to take, and pass, her check ride, exchanging her student pilot license for a private pilot license. Then to finish out her day, she entered the hospital for surgery. She is well on her way to recovery and will soon be trying out her new rating.

HELEN EHRLICH and INEZ and HERB STOCKER managed to squeeze in a trip to Seattle just before Christmas. They flew aboard a C-97 with a group of CAP cadets. They toured the Boeing 747 and SST plants and the Space Needle. Another highlight of the trip was being served steak both for breakfast and lunch.

GEORGIANN and BILL RYNEARSON flew to Norfolk to spend Christmas Day with relatives in that area.

HELEN and JOHN EHRLICH hopped into their converted L-16 on the Sunday after Christmas for a trip to Utica for a smorgasbord dinner. HELEN recommends it as a place to go for an excellent meal, conveniently located right on the airport.

Congratulations to GEORGIANN RYNEARSON'S 49½, BILL, who recently earned his instrument rating. ROSEMARY BLOCK'S 49½, MAX, is well on the way to his IFR rating also, while ROSEMARY and GEORGIANN feel that they have qualified for observer's ratings.

The year just completed was a good one for the members of our chapter. May the new year continue to be as happy for all members everywhere. Let's all fly safely, and have fun doing it.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER MARIAN BURKE, Reporter

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! Although 1970 passed quickly it was a busy year for our group. Eight new members joined our Chapter during the year. We plan to gain even more members in 1971.

Welcome new member SARALDA ROSS from San Antonio! She has a private license, is a school teacher and is the mother of three children. Husband salesman, LELAND is not a pilot but certainly an enthusiastic booster for SARALDA. Welcome to our chapter!

On Dec. 15th the San Antonio Chapter sponsored a "No Charge" General Aviation Information Seminar at Eisenhower Jr. High School auditorium in San Antonio. A big thanks to the San Antonio FAA personnel and one of our local medical examiners for giving us a helpful hand.

MARIAN BURKE flew to Lewiston, Montana in her Cessna 210 for a "five day" Xmas visit with her sister and family. Her first purchase after arriving was a PARKA and SNOW BOOTS! You guessed it! She spent a whole day driving a snow mobile far into the mountains where only "that type" of travel was possible. The members of the group were operating five different models of the snow mobiles. It's great sport and the San Antonio Chapter now has a "Self-Proclaimed" authority on the subject!

It was great to learn that KAYE BAKER (one of our favorite members who moved to Calif.) placed 3rd in the "HENRY OHYE RACE" from Long Beach to Las Vegas in Nov. She flew with LYNN NEWTON in a Cessna 172. They received a trophy and \$75.00. Isn't that great! Congrats to both of you! PS KAYE we miss you and DAN.

DON'T FORGET THE SPRING SECTIONAL DATES! APRIL 23-24-25. REGISTER EARLY! MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND MAKE PLANS TO COME TO SUNNY SAN ANTONIO! FIESTA FUN FOR ALL! OUR WELCOME MAT IS OUT! SEE YA IN APRIL!

Have you made your resolutions this year to STAY APT, to perhaps fly AT LEAST ONE AIR RACE, have a good CHAPTER PROJECT, ATTEND ALL YOUR CHAPTER MEETINGS! If the answer in YES to these suggestions you just can't help but have a GREAT 1971 FOR ALL 99's.

SANTA FE AREA CHAPTER CAROLYN MILKEY, Reporter

The November meeting was held at the home of REGINA THORNTON. Plans were made to airmark the Taos, New Mexico airport early in 1971. Guests were BEA HOLLAND, BONNIE HOLLAND, and ALLENE LINDSTROM.

ALLENE spoke of her flying done just before the November elections. Active in the League of Women Voters since 1958 and presently State Co-ordinator, she was asked by the American Broadcasting Company to assist the network in covering key New Mexico precincts. That she did, flying a Cessna 150 nineteen hours, some 2000 miles.

The last few months, in fact, have found most of us on the go. PAT and JACK DIETZ flew their 182 to Guaymas, Mexico in early November. In December they spent

three weeks in Mexico City and Juchitan taking in the Oaxaca, Palenque, and Chichen Itza Ruins not to mention skin diving from Isle Mujeres. Their New Years week-end was spent in Tucson.

BOB and REGINA THORNTON and son STEVEN flew their 182 to Joplin, Missouri for the Christmas vacation, the weather co-operating all the way.

In October BOB and CAROLYN MILKEY flew the Bonanza home to New Hampshire and Massachusetts to visit parents. A must stop was Bloomington, Indiana where they visited airport friends including some Indiana Chapter 99's.

Chapter president GAILYA IMPRES-CIA is presently teaching a course in clerical occupations for the Santa Fe school system. Hoping to promote an interest in flying and jobs in this area, she has taken two classes on tours of the Santa Fe Airport including the fixed base operation, terminal building, and aircraft maintenance areas. The idea is terrific — best of luck!

Despite the activities of individual members, we managed to gather for a most enjoyable Christmas party and dinner. Special guests were JOY FEAK and husband — JOY is chairman of the Albuquerque Chapter.

In keeping with their tradition of moving during the coldest, most miserable time of the year, this reporter and husband will leave New Mexico in mid-January bound for Tucson, Arizona where I hope to re-appear with the Tucson Chapter. Good-bye Santa Fe . . . we've enjoyed you!

SHREVEPORT CHAPTER KAY ALEXANDER, Reporter

Congratulations to KATHY CASTON, our Longview member. She is an ATR pilot now!!!

49½er LAWRENCE E. L'HERISSON of Coshatta was recently designated Aviation Medical Examiner.

On Friday, December 18, Shreveport 99's and husbands enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner party at the home of DOTTIE and BUD PORTS. The food was delicious and after dinner, entertainment in the form of color slides (starring many of our members) were shown by the host. It was a fun, fun evening.

HENRY and JERE SAUR flew to Houston for the holidays.

CORRINE STRICKLAND was home for the holidays, all the way from Nome, Alaska, where she teaches Home Economics.

Welcome to our new member, BETTY HEISE. She recently earned her private pilot's certificate. BETTY is the daughter of EVELYN SNOW, also a member of our chapter. HELEN HEWITT instructed both mother and daughter, as EVELYN recently earned her instrument rating. This is the second mother-daughter combination HELEN has taught to fly.

MARY BERRER, KITTY KATZ, CECILE HATFIELD, and HELEN SMITH, officers of the Angel Derby, All Womens International Air Race will be coming

through Shreveport in January to meet with some of our girls, as Shreveport will be a stopover for this year's race.

Our youngest member, TAVIA COLVIN is now enrolled in Commercial Aviation at Northeastern State College. She is also the proud owner of a new Bonanza.

PAULA PARNELL, who is a student at Louisiana Tech University, may be the first 99 to have her name in the sky. As a contestant for queen in the annual Peach Festival in Ruston, a banner bearing her name was towed by an airplane.

TIP OF TEXAS CHAPTER JEANIE CROW, Reporter

Chapter members were kept busy during meetings and between times making scarves to sell for Christmas; PAULINE GLASSON and LENA JACKSON put in many extra hours on this project.

Several members traveled during the holiday season. SONJA WAASER went to Boston, has now returned to Mission. LENA JACKSON visited ELAINE NEEDHAM in Ojai, California, where ELAINE teaches school. PAT McNEIL flew her new 310 to Denver. And BERTHA de GARCIA, our member from Mexico City, flew over Corpus Christi at 18,000 feet on her way to New York City in a Turbo-Commander.

November 22 saw JEANIE and BRUCE CROW, CHRIS FUHRMAN, PAULINE and CLAUDE GLASSON, LENA JACKSON, IRENE YOUNG and ARDATH McCREERY off to the opening of the Rio Grande City airport and a day of flight rides; a bonus for the afternoon's effort was the evident delight of so many first-time airplane passengers.

Our Celia-damaged air-marking equipment was back in shape and the garage rebuilt in time for PAULINE GLASSON to make her annual New Year's day air-marking trip, this time to Bruni.

TULSA CHAPTER DAISEY DIMWIT, Reporter

SEASONS GREETINGS from the clear blue skies of Oklahoma. A lot of flying going on for personal pleasure, which is as it should be. NANCY TEEL and 49½ DON flew to Florida just to try out her new plane, a Piper (cub?) Comanche. LEE BROWN flew to Stillwater, Oklahoma for a nurses conference on the 17th of December and on the way back experienced her first solo night flight and her first emergency. (Can't you just hear her yelling, "Hello, Hello, this is DAISEY DIMWIT!") Just before she got to Tulsa she lost the generator and had to turn everything off except the rotating beacon. Then on landing had to crank the gear down by hand. Add to that several other minor mistakes and after a safe landing she confessed them to an anxious husband, and admitted she is not looking forward to anymore solo night flights.

A wonderful Christmas party, strictly I.F.R., was held in the new and beautiful home of SUZANNE BRICKNER. Part of

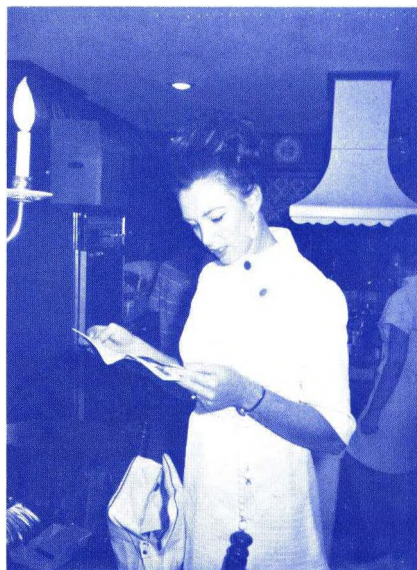
the evenings entertainment was a guided tour of the lovely home, solo expeditions tended to lose people. Even the BRICKNERS don't know how many rooms there are.



BOB WILLS, LYDIA GUTTEREZ, and LOIS MARTIN, Chapter Chairman, enjoy a joke and jet fuel(?) at Tulsa 99s Christmas party.



LOIS MARTIN, COLEEN WHITE, PATTY JENSEN, JAN MAURITSON and JEAN WILLS (back to camera) in gab fest at Christmas party, Tulsa 99s.



While DAISEY DIMWIT tries to figure out the proper operation of a camera 49½er DON TEEL takes a clear picture. Tulsa 99s Christmas party.

We are all looking forward to a New Year full of interesting meetings and informative programs. Our wish for all is for safe flying in the new year and a more enthused membership in the furtherance of education in general aviation for both our members and the general non-flying public. To know is to understand, to understand is to cooperate, to cooperate you must participate and hopefully this will mean a more involved year for everyone.

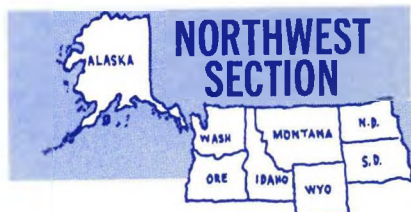
WICHITA FALLS CHAPTER NAN PARK, Reporter

This Chapter's Master Chef (CHAIRMAN LU ELLEN'S 49½'er LEWIS) was it again for our December meeting. The FOSTERS were host for a Texas style Fish Fry at Horseshoe Lake Community House on December 6th, emergency provisions, for those not devouring luscious cat fish, were charcoaled hamburgers. Attendance was near three hundred and included Foster Cathead employees, FOSCAT'S Sheppard Air Force Base Adoptive Squadron and their families, as well as, 99's and Red River Squadron Civil Air Patrol and their families. LEWIS showed a couple of films; one on gasoline fire safety and one on Midway Island's Gooney Birds. It was a grand way to end a calendar year with fun and fellowship. Oh, one last remark—several of us 99's were observant—LOU ELLEN wore an apron!

1970 was a busy year for this chapter, several new ratings were attained, many members were active in all phases of aviation and collectively flew many hours, safely I should add. Circumstances made it impossible for some to log time but they filled the gap by talking aviation and resolving to get APT for '71.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER your gain is our loss—NORMA and TOM DODGE and children moved from Wichita Falls to Milwaukee in mid-December. We certainly hated to lose a good working—yep—working member . . . but know you will enjoy them as much as we did. In the event NORMA has been too busy getting settled in a civilian way of life to get her transfer completed, she would be pleased to have some of you give her a call and a welcome back to Northland.

May there come to you in this New Year an abundance of the precious things of Life: Health, Happiness and Enduring Friendships.



ALASKA CHAPTER JAN PESSEL, Reporter

All of you who live in the lower 48 can be thankful that you don't have Alaskan



Meeting being held in Rapid City, S.D. with the following 99s DOROTHY LEE, LOIS SAXTON, WANDA BUSFIELD, and ELIZABETH MAGUSSON and LENETTE MACY. Route Director, THON GRIFFITH learns of services available and discusses what is needed for a stop of the Powder Puff Derby Air Race. Others pictured are GLEN BURDINE, Airport Manager; C. A. MARTINEAU, F.A.A. and CAL WHALEN from Chamber of Commerce.

weather to contend with. We are sadly lacking in flying news due to this unpredictable weather. We were all feeling mighty pleased with ourselves for finally getting the planes on skis. Then, much to our chagrin, along came a 50 mph. chinook with rain. The lakes were soon covered with from 2 to 4 feet of water. Now what does one do? Put the planes back on floats? Deciding against that strategy, we next tried to block the ski planes up out of the water. Fortunately this was the right move, as the following day the lakes started to refreeze. I hope none of you got caught in the ice!

BLANCHE KRAGER has tried to do some flying but has been limited to local excursions since the winds have been so strong.

The last of November RUTH O'BUCK made her semiannual trip back to Washington, D.C. for the Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation. She was kept busy with F.A.A. briefings, etc., for three days. In December she flew in a number of Civil Air Patrol searches. I also flew in one of these searches.

On December 11, 1970, we had the annual Christmas party at MARILYNN GRIFFINS. She merrily volunteered her large, unfinished basement for the party, much to her husband's dismay. The dinner and gift exchange was attended by 36 members and their husbands who all seemed to have a wonderful time.

Several Ninety-Nines were fortunate enough to meet with INGRID PEDERSEN for lunch when she passed through Anchorage. She told about the flying she did last summer in Spitsbergen, Greenland and

Iceland. She made the flights in a Cessna 206 on wheel skis. It is unfortunate that her visits are so brief, as we would all like to meet her.

I hope that we will have more flying news to report next month.

EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER DARLENE SCHIERS, Reporter

The beautifully decorated home of ONITA HOFF was the setting for our Christmas dinner party on December 13th. Our talented hostess entertained us with music on a piano, an electric organ and a marimba, creating a happy holiday atmosphere for a wonderful time. Those attending were: MICKEY and PAT DUKICH, GLEN and DIANE JEX, DEAN and PAT CHASE, BOB and DARLENE SCHIERS, CLARK and FLAINE PARTRIDGE, OSCAR and VIRGINIA FINKELNBURG, KEN and FRANCES CUNNINGTON, A. J. and BEV LEDBETTER, L. W. and MARGARET STANFORD, ONITA HOFF and her guests, MAX MAROTZ and SUZANNE ARMijo.

ONITA spent most of October and November at South Laguna, Calif. at the home of her brother, WILLARD CANE. While there, she visited the Orange County Chapter's meeting as a guest of ELIZABETH SHATTUCK.

A great big welcome is extended to BEN and CAROLE DePUE and their daughter, GENEVIEVE, who, in December, moved to Pocatello from Las Vegas. This reporter has enjoyed meeting and getting acquainted with them.

The cold and stormy weather has kept most of us close to the cozy, warm fireside, hence, shortage of flying news.

Our next meeting will be at the Ramada Inn at Idaho Falls.

GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER KATHLYN STEARNS, Reporter

The Christmas party of GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER was held Dec. 2, at Chairman CHARLOTTE KAMM'S beautiful home in Bellevue. With almost 100% turnout, 99's and their 49½ers and friends enjoyed a gala evening, complete with a delicious buffet supper and exchange of gifts.

IONA FUNK, Chairman of APT (Annual Proficiency Training) is urging total participation of our Chapter members in this program, which includes a check ride by a licensed instructor certifying the fliers' proficiency. A pin is presented to each person passing this test.

KAY STEARNS, husband GEORGE and son GEOFF, flew to Torrance, California Dec. 3, to play Santa Claus for their daughter's family which includes 3 darling grandchildren ages 4, 2, and 1 month.

Our January meeting will be a fly-in to Bellingham, with Paine Field our alternate.

We wish all 99's everywhere **HAPPY FLYING IN 1971.**

MONTANA CHAPTER JUDY McCRUM, Reporter

A bright, sunny day in Great Falls, Montana drew quite a crowd to the FAA building at the GFL airport. Thirteen Ninety-Nines, four 49½ers, and sixteen aviation oriented interested guests, most of whom were from the Great Falls area, gathered to see the film, "A Powder Puff for Joan."

Present were Chapter Chairman, JOAN ORLEY, Lewiston, PAT JOHNSON, HELEN DUNLOP, DORIS KAMERAD and ELSIE CHILDS, all of Helena, ROSEMARY BOWMAN, LAULETTE HANSEN and DOTTIE PAYNE, from Great Falls, JULI PEDEN, JUDY McCRUM and CHRIS, DOROTHY CRAIG and BETTY NUNN of Billings. JEAN BLENKINSOP, Alberta, brought the film down from Canada so we could show it.

There may be two stops in Montana in this year's Powder Puff Derby. The girls are working hard to give every contestant a "Big Sky" welcome.

In order to coordinate "stop" activities the Montana chapter was invited to attend a joint meeting with the Alberta Chapter



Montana Chapter Officers: JULI PEDEN, Treasurer; JUDY McCRUM, Secretary; HELEN DUNLOP, Vice-Chairman; JOAN ORLEY, Chairman.

in Calgary in February. In case of bad weather an alternate April meeting will be held.

After the movie the guests departed and JOAN opened the business meeting. Then the girls had lunch in the Great Falls terminal restaurant.

MT. TAHOMA CHAPTER MARY LYMAN KIRK, Reporter

The annual Christmas party was hosted by BOB and MARY KIRK. Husbands were guests and all enjoyed a delicious dinner to which each member contributed her favorite dish. Hangar talk and a gift exchange added to the evening's enjoyment.

Our project with a local Girl Scout troop has proven most enjoyable and educational — we find they ask questions to which we sometimes have to dig a bit before we can answer. We are assisting them in obtaining their weather and aviation badges. To date their favorite topics seem to be "snow clouds" and "plane crashes." LORETTA PRETTYMAN, DONNA PREWITT and MARY KIRK have participated in several meetings and LORETTA joined them in a tour of the Tacoma Industrial Airport.

BOB and MARY KIRK enjoyed having her son TOM LYMAN home from Vietnam and other points east for the holidays.

The Mt. Tahoma Chapter also wishes to extend to all 99's everywhere the best New Year ever!

NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER BETTY BANKER, Reporter

The North Dakota Chapter, the very newest of the 99's, got off to a fast start this fall with a September meeting at Dickinson, North Dakota. It was decided that each subsequent hostess would arrange a program for the monthly meeting. The program is to be designed to make our members more proficient and safer pilots. Accordingly, at the October meeting in Jamestown, the hostess arranged a test on Part I of the AIM. At the Nov. meeting in Devils Lake, the head mechanic at the airport spoke to the members on "annuals" and routine engine care. (Some of our 49½ers



WHO: Left to right: JOY ANDRESEN, LOIS HOFFMAN, BILL CRANE and IONA FUNK. WHAT: Christmas Party. WHEN: Evening of December 12, 1970. WHERE: Charlotte Kamm's Home in Bellevue, Wash.



North Dakota Chapter 99's Christmas Party, Dec. 5th, Ramada Inn, Minot, North Dakota. Left to right, front row — BETTY McNABB, International President and LOU WEBER, Bismarck, North Dakota State Chairman. Ladies holding newly presented charter. Back row — HAROLD VAVRA, Bismarck, Executive Director of the State Aeronautical Commission; KAY VOGEL, Bismarck, State Secretary and Immediate Past Chairman of Combined South Dakota-North Dakota Chapter.



North Dakota Chapter 99's Christmas Party Dec. 5th, Ramada Inn, Minot, North Dakota. Left to Right, Back — Lou Weber, Bismarck, N. Dak., state chrm., and Betty McNabb, International President. In foreground facing camera — Harold Vavra, Bismarck, executive director of the state Aeronautical commission.

said they would have liked to have heard that talk.) Part of the regular December meeting, held in Minot, was turned over to one of the men from the FSS who spoke on some of the services available from the FSS and also the procedures followed on overdue aircraft.

Following the December meeting, the North Dakota chapter held its first Christmas party at the Minot Ramada Inn. We were so thrilled to have BETTY McNABB, our International President with us for the party. She made the trip all the way from Albany, Georgia in order to present our chapter charter to our chairman, LOU WEBER. Other VIP's on hand for the ceremony were JACK DANIELS, chairman of the state Aeronautical commission; ALFRED PIETSCH, a member of the commission, and HAROLD VAVRA, the executive director. We also had telephone calls of congratulations and best wishes during the evening from MARY KILBOURNE, Sectional Governor, and MILDRED SHINNE, past Sectional Governor. Nine of our fourteen charter members, plus some 80 guests, were on hand for the charter presentation.

Our party was a semi-formal affair, which started with cocktails at poolside, followed by dinner and dancing. It was a colorful affair, since the ladies had taken the words "semi-formal" seriously.

We were pleased to have as a guest ANNE WILBUR of Anchorage, Alaska, a member of the Alaska Chapter. She happened to be passing through Minot and saw the party announcement at the airport. We all got some briefings on flying to and in Alaska from Anne and her 49½er.

Since we are a new chapter we'd like to acquaint you with our fourteen charter members. We range from busy mothers to active business women. The prize in the motherhood department goes to HELEN HURLY, our Treas., of Minot who has eight children. LORRAINE SMITH of Bismarck qualified for her private license this summer, just a few weeks before her sixth child arrived. On the business side, we have a member who uses her pilot's skill for transportation in her business of selling and installing swimming pools. One of our 99's helps her husband manage a successful FBO. Another 99 owns and operates an abstracting company. We count a bank vice-president and a medical technologist among our members.

Four of our fourteen members are well qualified instructors who are actively instructing — LOU WEBER and KAY VOGEL of Bismarck, BETH LUCY of Jamestown and LOIS LANGE of Devils Lake. Chairman, LOU WEBER is a full time instructor at Mid State Aviation in Bismarck. In addition, six of our members have their commercial licenses and four have their instrument ratings. The other two with their commercial licenses are currently working on their instrument ratings. We have one member starting to work on her commercial ticket. At least one of our 99's, KAY VOGEL, has her multi-engine rating. We range

in years of experience with one member of thirty years flying, to neophytes of a year or so in the air.

We North Dakota 99's expect to grow in both membership and in pilot proficiency. As we accomplish these aims, or have other noteworthy news for our fellow 99's, we'll be contributing to the Ninety-Nine News.



ALOHA CHAPTER JANE KELLEY, Reporter

The close of 1970 finds Aloha Chapter members increasingly busy with flying activities. December began with the annual Christmas cocktail party . . . which turned out to be a surprise "This is Your Life" party for member MARGUERITE WOOD. PAT DAVIS, who spent months researching MARGUERITE'S past, presented her with a plaque bearing the Ninety Nine emblem, and on which was inscribed "In Recognition for her Contribution to Aviation." Below, and written in Hawaiian, was the inscription: "She Walks with Honor and Dignity Amongst Us, this Lady from the Blue." Participating in assorted humorous skits were DOT READ, JANE KELLEY, and our invaluable 49½, ED SEEVERS.

One week later the girls were found at Dillingham Field helping support the General Aviation Council of Hawaii at their Fly-in. Ninety-Niners packed fancy sack lunches that were auctioned for high prices; one going for \$12.00! Congratulations to ROSEMARIE BURKETT, food chairman, and to VIRGINIA SEEVERS, in charge of the girls' contests. The latter found DEE KEAVENY acting as bombardier, tossing 3 pound sand bags out of an American Yankee. Apparently the Yankee, with the canopy open, wasn't wind enough for Dee, and the lucky girl then wangled a ride around the traffic pattern in a Breezy. DEE and IRENE ROGERS then acted as judges for aerobatic contests. (IRENE is the new secretary for Hawaii's Experimental Aircraft Association and is busy working for Portrait of Homes, an island Real Estate Co. Happily, this job takes her on occasional jaunts to the other islands). IRENE then won a ride in a Clip-Wing Cub, ANN ANDERSON took her first glider ride, and DOT READ and ED SEEVERS won flights in a Cessna Aerobat with instructor ART DAEGLING. MARGUERITE WOOD appeared with student JUDY ANDREWS, and student pilot DEBBIE DILLINGHAM soloed in a Yankee that day.

"Once an instructor, always an instructor." Nowhere is this more true than in the case of BETTY MILLER, who is teaching at Honolulu's Cessna Flight Center. Recently two FAA administrators took a day off to play golf and asked BETTY'S hus-

band CHUCK to fly them to the famed Mauna Kea Golf Resort on Hawaii. BETTY happily tagged along and she and CHUCK spent the day sight-seeing in Kona. Incidentally, if you see a suspicious looking character with a pilot's license full of ratings, it's probably the burglar who swiped BETTY'S purse from her home while she and CHUCK were visiting next door!

Also back to teaching is BETH OLIVER, who, beginning with the new year, will be flight-instructing at Aeromarine Flight School. BETH and husband BARRY are presently enjoying a pre-Christmas trip to Fiji.

The Aloha Chapter is quite proud of ROSEMARIE BURKETT who was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the General Aviation Council of Hawaii. ROSEMARIE has been doing lots of flying and is hard at work on her Advanced Ground Instructors rating.

Attending the recent four-day FAA Flight Instructor Clinic at Honolulu International Airport were BETTY MILLER, BETH OLIVER, JANE KELLEY, IRENE ROGERS, MARGUERITE WOOD, PAT DAVIS, ROSEMARIE BURKETT and KATHY PENLAND.

First plans for the New Year include a "Fly Around Oahu" in January to honor AMELIA EARHART. AMELIA was the first person to fly solo from Hawaii to North America; a trip that was made on January 11, 1935. Thus Hawaii's Ninety-Niners will fly around Oahu on Sunday, January 10th, dipping their wings with respect to AMELIA as they round Diamond Head.

BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER FLORENCE MOODY, Reporter

Christmas for Bakersfield Chapter was as perfect an occasion as the year before. JOAN PAYNTER invited us to her home and BILL PAYNTER tended bar to satisfy again those he hosted last year. We met new friends, renewed acquaintance with friends seen occasionally, and pledged a merry Christmas to our 99 cohorts. Our cateress and staff served a sumptuous feast and (thanks loads) made it unnecessary to beg to "help just a little bit."

A highlight of the evening was the film program. We viewed "A Man for the Record," starring DARRYL GREENA-MEYER as he piloted his P-51 to set a speed record over Edwards Air Force Base and flew vicariously with "Bob Hoover Flies the Shrike."

JUDI, our chairman, and DYREL FAULSTICK, MARIANNE LAXAGUE, chairman of the evening, JOAN and BILL PAYNTER, PRISCILLA SPENCER, EDNA LONG, MARY ROUPE, DAWN and PHILLIP FOSTER, FLORENCE and GLEN MOODY, PATTI and FRANK PIPER, MAXINE and TED TURNER, MR. and MRS. LEE BILLINGSLEY, MR. and MRS. GERALD HILL, LAURINE and LOREN WITMER, MAUDE and V. W. OLDERSHAW, BUNNY and STEVE HAB-

ERFELDE, DR. and MRS. G. A. VOELKERS, JR., SARA JANE and DON CLOUSE, ALBERTA and CLYDE BOUGHTON, GERRY and JACK VILES, MR. and MRS. DON EDWARDS, MR. and MRS. JACK MAYES, MR. and MRS. RUSSELL WELLS, MR. and MRS. JOHN MACKASSY, and ELEANOR and BYRON LOYD were participants.

Christmas for JUNE EDWARDS was a sad time. She received word to come to North Carolina. Within days of her arrival she lost her father and an aunt.

Christmas for JO ANN MURPHY was a gathering of her mother's family in El Cerrito. All the children and grandchildren were present. Flying weather? No!

PATTI PIPER took her brother for a ride around the pattern. As they lifted off she heard that visibility was 4 miles in spite of an apparent 2500-foot ceiling. So they climbed above the overcast to enjoy the spectacular view of our snow-covered Sierra Nevada mountains.

LORETTA GRANT has flown to Kernville just to see the snow. She and 49½ PASCOE and 2 children have taken the Cessna 172 to San Jose and Watsonville. Another trip was to Oceana, Santa Maria, and Hollister. Son Kirk is taking flying lessons.

Christmas for RHODA and WARREN THOMPSON was special. They are pleased grandparents of HEATHER DIANE whose proud parents are MIKE and BEV

DEADLINES FOR NINETY-NINE NEWS

DEADLINES	FOR ISSUE
September 20, 1970	October Issue
October 20, 1970	November Issue
November 20, 1970	December Issue

NO DECEMBER DEADLINE

*January 10, 1971	January-February Issue
February 20, 1971	March Issue
March 20, 1971	April Issue
April 20, 1971	May Issue
May 20, 1971	June Issue

NO JUNE DEADLINE

July 20, 1971	July-August Issue
August 20, 1971	September Issue

*The Executive Board has decided to let the Editor and the reporters off the hook for the December deadline. This is the worst deadline of the year because of the Christmas Holiday activities. Please note however, that the January deadline is moved up to the 10th. This is an *absolute* deadline. This gives adequate time for the nominations and so forth and the news must be in the hands of the chapters by February 1st.

REMEMBER 4 THINGS:

1. No report due in June and no report due in December.
2. The January report is due in my hands by January 10th.
3. The other reports are due in my hands by the 20th of the month.
4. Report!!!!!!

THOMPSON. Having sold their plane last spring, RHODA and WARREN rented one and flew to Solvang for Christmas dinner.

Part of MARIANNE LAXAGUE's job is flying for her boss. Recently she went to Bishop, picked up 5 workmen, and flew down the Owens Valley to home. With high surface winds and clear air turbulence, the trip proved rough. They landed at Lone Pine for an hour. The storm appearing to be passing to the north, they again took to the air but were forced to land at Inyokern and rent a car. It was home sighted at 10:30 PM instead of a quick plane trip.

Recently the Palomar Chapter had a poker flight including a fly-by through Taft. MAXINE TURNER visited with the Palomar girls.

Before Christmas JOAN and BILL PAYNTER took daughter LAURIE to shop in Palm Springs. THON GRIFFITH of the AWTAR board and 49½ were there. GEORGE GRIFFITH and JOAN recalled the pleasant flight of summer in Monterey. GEORGE, you remember, was a starter for the Powder Puff Derby and JOAN was an entrant.

EDNA LONG is three-fourths moved from Delano to Laguna Hills.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER KATHY MARQUARDT, Reporter

A Happy, Happy New Year from everyone in Bay Cities Chapter. I asked for everyone to send their news to me before the deadline but we all must have had a pretty nice holiday and forgot to write. We had our annual Christmas party at the home of MARGARET GERHARDT. MARGARET and 49½ JOHN gave us the surroundings for a good time. MARGARET's sister JOSIE was also able to come by and meet us. The mystery guest of the party arrived at the invitation of ELEANOR WILSON. We didn't recognize him at sight but soon found out he is the author of Amelia Earhart Lives, JOE KLASS. He was busy answering questions all evening.

Our regular meeting in January was held at the home of FRAN GRANT. Due to the amount of business at this time of year, it is always a closed meeting—no guests. We are hard at work on our International nominations.

Spring Sectional—plan to attend now. We have had another joint meeting with Redwood Empire, at NINA ROOKAIRD'S home. Our plans are being made to provide you with a weekend of Fun and

Friendship. How does winetasting sound? See you May 7, 8, 9th in Santa Rosa.

Flying weather hasn't been exactly ideal over the holidays. I took two friends up for a short trip around San Jose over vacation. MARY FIELDS said she got in a two-hour flight the other day. Will have more news for you next time.

EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER BOO CHRISTIANSEN, Reporter

Holidaze! That's what it has been! The gourmet section of the Chapter maintained their high quality reflected at the dinner held at the home of VI and LARRY CHAMBERS. Best wishes from ECV and most importantly from ECV the encouragement to those getting "APT" and to those that are upgrading their ratings. The written commercial has been passed by VI and after the necessary flight training for this Multi looks interesting.

The December group flight was to Rancho de Los Caballeros (Ariz.) for a weekend of food, riding (groan), and funning. Joining included the BROWNS, GORDONS, TAYLORS, WALTONS, WATKINS, WHARTONS, BRIGGS, CHRIS-



Celebrating the 23rd Anniversary of Bakersfield Chapter are BUNNY HABERFELDE, LOUISE LATHAM, FLORENCE MOODY, PRISCILLA SPENCER, ACHSA HOLFELDER, MARIANNE LAXAGUE, JUDI FAULSTICK, LAURINE WITMER, LORETTA GRANT, MAUDE OLDERSHAW, and MARY HILL pictured. Behind the camera is photographer JOAN PAYNTER.

TENSEN, COULTHARD, ANGTS, and LAKOSKY.

MARGARET WALTON, the Chapter's flying activities chairman, and VI are eyeing the Angel Derby. MARGARET became interested in flying while with pilot husband WALT. WALT is the 49½er that borrowed MARGARET'S plane to fly the timers to Yuma during the Par. WALT has his own Cessna 195. The entire family is enthusiastic and MARGARET'S mother would rather that the 172 would not leave without her. VI CHAMBER'S introduction into flying was the conviction that it would be fun; it was. LARRY had to get his ticket in self defense.

Palomar Chapter has warned that they will not let ECV earn the Airmarking Trophy for the 4th time without a struggle on their part. Only one hint . . . Warner Springs will be done when the snow melts. COULTHARD & CHRISTENSEN with guest L. BRIGGS checked out the area and accidentally coincided with San Fernando's luncheon date. It was delightful to accept the invitation for lunch.

The follow up on the Flying Samaritans trip which 49½er DICK CAMPBELL co-ordinated with ECV and Denver Chapter is just one incident in the group's schedule, but an equally satisfying one. Denver's 99's met the plane that carried an ill youngster from Baja to Denver for treatment. She was escorted to the hospital. JAN GAMMEL makes periodic trips to see the youngster and relates that the people of Denver have helped to see that she has necessities and is continuing her schooling.

Joining 260 Comanche in the MARGE, BRUCE BROWN hangar is a Piper Aztec. ILY is just chomping to wing its way to Africa, and 71P just might transport MARGE and ISSABELL McCRAE on the Angel Derby.

January will start plans for the 1971 PACIFIC AIR RACE. The dinner meeting with SD Chapter will also include DEL HINN who will speak on distribution of medications in needed areas.

The month will also see LYNN and BOO heading 14T to Baja with the Flying Samaritans.

LEAH LIERSCH is in Morocco for the holidays and later Costa del Sol, Spain.

FRESNO CHAPTER LOIS BEELER, Reporter

"'Twas Several Nights before Xmas' and all through Cedar Lanes was an aura of holly and the scent of pine cone. The tables were decked with the greens and the candles in readiness for the prime-rib which was served. The band was all tuned, the floor was new-swept, prepared for a gala affair. When what to our startled eyes should appear but a 'hippie' Santa and an even 'hippier' helper. With wigs on askew and shawls flapping too, KEN McNAMARA and KATHIE MULLER came into our view. We all raised our glasses to a Santa sans whiskers and watched as these two gave out some very strange gifts."

The second annual 99-Sky Rider Christmas Ball was a very gala fun affair. Special thanks to VOLINE DODGSON for the decor; to LIZ WILLIAMS for coordinating all with the Sky-Riders; to 49½ HARLAN WILLIAMS as an articulate M.C.; to 49½ KEN McNAMARA for being such a jolly St. Nick; KATHIE MULLER as Santa's very able helper and, in case I missed anyone, thanks to all who came and joined the party to give it that extra special lift. Special topping to the cake was provided by Mr. 99, ED STONE and extra special was 49½ CARL MULLER looking bright eyed and bushy tailed just a couple of months after open heart surgery.

Coming event: Anniversary dinner to honor a new Mr. 99 to be held at the new Air Marina Feb. 12. Hope to see you there.

Did you know dept.: According to the FAA;

1. "It would appear your chances of surviving an airplane ride with a female pilot are about 3 times better than they are with a man at the controls."

2. "There are no men pilots or women pilots, there are only pilots!"

With those two thoughts to ponder I will silently crank up the 150 and fly slowly into the sunset.

Don't forget — See all you southwesterners at Yosemite Sept. 17-18-19!

GOLDEN WEST CHAPTER KIMBER ROTHANS, Reporter

"GOLDEN WEST 99's TRAMPLE SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS IN ANNUAL CONTEST, FEBRUARY 5, 1971" — Well, we can dream, can't we? Our Super-Team will lock padded horns with the Giants for the second year, this time to raise money for our next major project. Golden West Super Stars include JOAN HANSEN, remembered for a house-raising deep-field catch last year; NANCY STOCK, who played like a champ, although her new baby was less than six weeks old; and TONI KUHN'S student pilot mother, DOLLY, who tossed the plaster of paris gag ball that fizzled in flight. Many door prizes have been collected and the game promises to be a concoction of fun and excitement.

"ONLY 17 TALL BUT 1000 STRONG." That recently became the motto of our little group of multi-talented members, when we received word that the AWTAR board awarded us the bid for the start of the 1972 Powder Puff Derby! Chairman TONI KUHN'S single-handedly maneuvered the County Fair and Convention Association into donating the \$1,250 "earnest money." She and her 1970 Derby co-pilot, PAT APPEL, have since been speaking at meetings and luncheons, doing extra heavy PR work to generate more official enthusiasm. You can believe that we are open for suggestions and help — even if we are feeling 999 strong!

Gag door prizes provided the finals of a successful fly in to the Nut Tree for lunch. JOAN HANSEN was given the perfect

remedy for an engine failure — rubber bands. PAT APPEL received what every safety pilot needs — a blindfold. And TONI KUHN'S will be able to communicate better after she gets the hang of her two new tin cans. The fun was communal, as the Golden West participants were joined by three gals from the Alameda County chapter: Chairman GLADYS COBB, secretary JUANITA BIGELOW, and third member JANE JENNINGS.

Celebrities in our midst: LORETTA GABRIELSON recently entertained VIRGINIA THOMPSON, International Historian, visiting from Washington, D.C. VIRGINIA was staying at the home of our special guest of last month's meeting, FRAN GRANT, from Bay Cities Chapter. FRAN gave us some helpful ideas for the '72 Derby, as well as an inspiring talk on ZONTA, a Redwood City organization of business and professional women, to which she belongs.

Our own JANE BAKER has been hiding her light under a basket. She finally modestly admitted that she is president of the 888 member American Assoc. of University Women which is presently involved with ecology projects and lobbying groups for political and conservation reform. I am sorry to report that JANE's foot, broken this summer, is still in an ace bandage, so she'll remain on our wounded-in-action list for the Giant's game.

JEANNE ABRAMSON accompanied her 49½ AL to Portugal for 10 days in December, so he could attend the International Aviation Litigation and Safety Seminar. In Estoril, Portugal, JEANNE fortunately contacted two women pilots, 99 ANALIESE FERNANDEZ and 66 PATRICIA BENSUADE (their pictures were in the December issue of this magazine.) Three months ago, ANALIESE flew her CESSNA 210 across the Atlantic from Phoenix to Portugal, and it was in beautiful condition for JEANNE to join the two gals in a brief aerial tour of Lisbon.

LAS VEGAS VALLEY CHAPTER LIZ HELLER, Reporter

The November meeting was held at Chairman JOANNE NELSON'S lovely home. We had a brief business meeting, sampled some delicious Cold Duck and hors d'oeuvres and greeted prospective members PAT MIELBRECHT, LINDA SNYDER and MARIE McMILLAN. The girls are wives of Air Force personnel and recent licensees. Present and accounted for were members MARGARET MOORE, NORMA GUNDERSON, CAROLE DE PUE, LIZ HELLER, PRIS ALEXANDER, RUTH HILLMAN, MARILYN ANDREWS, FLO MENDENHALL and of course our hostess, JOANNE. JOANNE told us that she and BILL had enjoyed their trip to London. The TWA strike started the night they were to leave so they packed for Mexico City and JOANNE wound up in London with a summer wardrobe. They flew on a 747 and during the eleven hour flight got

their exercise by touring the inside of the monster.

NORMA GUNDERSON said her son MARK got his private pilot's license at Eugene, Oregon. She and 49½er ED were looking forward to their trip to Honolulu to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

CAROLE, MARGARET, PRIS and I helped out at North Las Vegas Air Terminal during the HENRY OHYE RACE. This was an annual speed and proficiency race from Long Beach to Las Vegas. MR. OHYE has some plans for a trans-Pacific race to Japan in 1972.

MARILYN and DON ANDREWS are packing their skis on their 172 and spending the holidays at Brian Head. MARILYN reports that the runway at Parowan, Utah needs some improvement and letters from flyers to the Mayor there may help. This reporter finally made it out over the mountains to fly to Death Valley at Furnace Creek Inn. The runway there has been sur-



CAROLE DePUE, NORMA GUNDERSON, LINDA SNYDER, PAT MIELBRECHT, and RUTH HILLMAN. An unposed picture of conviviality at our November meeting.



A corner of PRIS ALEXANDER, reporter LIZ HELLER, MARILYN ANDREWS and Hostess JOANNE NELSON. Caught by the roving Photographer at the November meeting.

faced but care is still required because it isn't as long as it looks. It's still a displaced threshold for 15.

We had an in-depth interview with FLO MENDENHALL and learned all sorts of good things. She and hubby ELBIE flew MRS. HARRY REID, wife of our LT. GOV. ELECT, to Ely for a political rally. FLO has also received her Ground Instructors rating in the past few weeks and now has 500 hours to her credit. If it flies, FLO is going to fly it! I wonder how she will be on some spot landings?

LINDA SNYDER is spending 3 or 4 hours a week flying. When she is not flying or working, she raises dogs. She and WAYNE have taken some cross-country trips to Needles, Overton, Havasu and Temple Bar.

RUTH HILLMAN will be going back to San Jose and Redlands for the holidays, with husband BEN. HONEY PYES has been so busy doing her good works she doesn't get to fly or go to meetings.

Our Christmas party was lots of fun. LIZ and PRIS made a fantastic punch which was dubbed '99 Variety Punch' by intrepid FLO. FLO is great on two cups of punch, 99 Variety or not. ELBIE was along to see that she got home safely. RUTH HILLMAN brought 49½er BEN, HONEY brought RICHARD, MARILYN ANDREWS was late because DON was flying the tourists into our town, MARGARET MOORE brought her nephew DON DIXON who was home on leave. MARIE McMILLAN and LIZ HELLER were stag, if the term can be used for females, PRIS ALEXANDER brought her daughter TERRY and JOANNE and BILL NELSON were there because the party was at their house. Oh sin of sins, I almost left out LINDA and WAYNE SNYDER. Maybe I had too much punch too.

CAROLE and BEN DePUE have moved from Las Vegas to Pocatello. We're happy for BEN's promotion which was responsible for the move but we'll miss CAROLE. We all wish them all the happiness and success in the world for the New Year.

And Happy and Safe Flying for everyone in 1971.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER DOROTHY WALTZ, Reporter

With Christmas over, thoughts of coming races are taking over. This year MARGARET MEAD will by-pass the AWTAR to fly the Great Race from London to Victoria with co-pilot FRAN BERA. A Great Team. MARGARET is also offering two-day private and semi-private ground school on cross-country race techniques.

MR. LARRY MANHAN, president of Execuair Corporation and Titan Pump Co. has announced he will sponsor DOROTHY WALTZ, pilot and "WALLY" FUNK, co-pilot in the '71 AWTAR. The Titan Pump is used in general aviation. MR.

MANHAN is an enthusiastic supporter of our flying efforts.

In the recent Henry Ohye Race from Long Beach to No. Las Vegas, PAT SHIFFMAN and JAN (14) flew the Meyer 145 to a 10th place in spite of penalties because of a radio failure. Wife JEAN flew a 150 with 13 year old FRANZ as co-pilot. The boys learned a lot about cross-country racing. To celebrate their 20th anniversary, PAT and JEAN flew to Bakersfield Airpark and to Fox Field on December 5.

BETTY FRY and SUE BOLTON flew the Kachina Doll race and placed 11th with 95% proficiency. Nice going girls! SUE also flew as co-pilot for BOB REID in the Henry Ohye Race. She shared a room with EMMA McGUIRE who flew the race with one of her students. EMMA is busy as ever, but took time out to go to Palomar to cheer for three of her students who entered the Palomar All Men's Race.

JOAN DILLY and husband MILAN in their "Daffey Dilly" 172 were among the 20 planes which responded for the Thanksgiving airlift of food and gifts to the Cocopah and Queenehan Indians near Yuma.

ROSEMARY LANE joined FRAN BLAIR and others from the Eagle Aviation roster in a fly-in to Solvang recently and reported it was a delightful place to visit. (FRAN is the Oklahoma 99 who lives at Wilmington, donated the use of her 172 to our chapter for Airport Days, and would love to attend our meeting if it were not for her teaching ground school on Wednesday nights.)

GENE and KAY FITZ PATRICK were featured speakers at the monthly dinner meeting of the National Business Management Association in November on the Princess Louise. Naturally, they spoke on "Women in Flying"! Anecdotes came from their two PPD races and from GENE's days as a WW II WASP. GENE is just recovering from publishing the annual WASP Newsletter—a 20-page booklet this year, complete with pictures. KAY participated in the recent practice air meet at the Rialto field, where intercollegiate teams are getting their hands in for next spring's collegiate competition. She was the only girl entered in the power-off landing and water-balloon bomb drop contests. She will be flying as an entrant for Cypress College next year.

A reminder here that Long Beach 99's CFII Revalidation Clinic will be held at the Airport Marina Hotel, Marina Del Rey, Calif., February 9th thru 11th. Hope to see lots of you there.

BARBARA and TERRY LONDON attended the President's Women's Advisory on Aviation the end of November and first of December. There are 27 rotating and 3 permanent members on the committee and all but two are 99's.

It's been a busy time for all. Glad to see so many involved in all phases of flying at such a busy time of year.



The Monterey Bay Chapter of the Ninety-Nines was invited to participate in the Old Monterey Bicentennial Parade. This parade was the final event scheduled to celebrate California's Bicentennial. The float theme was Powder Puff Derby 1970. Seated left to right, waiting for the parade to begin, are: HELEN SHROPSHIRE, JUNE KNAPP, AUDREY MORANDA, CONNIE HOOD, GENEVA CRANFORD, and JO DIESER.

**MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER
JO DIESER and MARY ANNE CLARK
Reporters**

A good time was had by all at the annual Christmas dinner party which was held at Geri Halfpenny's house.

Sharon Goodwin, a Salinas Control Tower operator, recently received her Commercial License. Congratulations Sharon!

**NORTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER
EUNICE DICKEY, Reporter**

November 21st Northern Arizona 99's held their regular monthly meeting at the Prescott Airport Cafe. DOT WARD, ANNA MACKEY and two 66's CORINNE PENNELL and JANINE DE WITT flew in from Flagstaff in a Wright-Flyte Cessna. PENNY CARRUTHERS flew her Debonaire from Sedona with ELOISE SELVIDGE as passenger, making a quick stop in Cottonwood so EUNICE DICKEY could enjoy a flight, too. MARY LOYD came taxiing in as everyone else was leaving so there was no chance to visit with her. It was a gorgeous day for flying.

Chairman PENNY CARRUTHERS presided over the business meeting. All members present were given their APT buttons. We still like to broadcast that ALL our active members went APT this past year. On display at the meeting was the very impressive Goldwater Trophy and individual trophies won by PENNY CARRUTHERS and DOT WARD in the Phoenix 99 Kachina Doll Race.

Northern Arizona 99's are going to help the Verde Valley Wing Scout Troop. One

of our group will be responsible for a program once a month.

DOT WARD has been helping DR. KING at Northern Arizona University with his Adult Education ground school class. JANINE DE WITT, one of our 66's, is in the class, preparing for her written exam.

CORINNE PENNELL, another 66, is about ready for her flight check.

The newest licensed pilot of our group is ANNA MACKEY, who received her license in October. ANNA had logged 46 hours when she passed her flight test. She is in her Sophomore-Junior year at NAU and her parents live in Flagstaff. ANNA started flying in the summer of 1969 and had to quit for school and started again last June.

Our December meeting was held on the 12th at El Charro Cafe in Flagstaff. MELANIE FOSTER was ANNA MACKEY'S guest and our faithful 66's JANINE DE WITT and CORINNE PENNELL were there. ELOISE SELVIDGE drove up from Sedona with PENNY CARRUTHERS and EUNICE DICKEY and daughter BRENDA drove up from Cottonwood. A wonderful addition to our group is a student pilot and also a Flagstaff Daily Sun reporter. She is LINDA BRONSKY, who is doing a series in the paper on learning to fly. Linda had 13 hours flying time at the December meeting.

PENNY and JOHN CARRUTHERS flew to Van Nuys for Thanksgiving and PENNY stayed awhile (and then flew home commercially) after JOHN flew home in their plane. PENNY and JOHN recently attended a Flying Farmer's meeting in Buckeye and in the spot landing contest

PENNY tied for second place with two men pilots.

It was nice to have a short visit with Phoenix 99's RUBY SHELDON and MARY LOU BROWN last month while lunching at the Prescott Airport Cafe. And right after Thanksgiving we met AGGIE LILJEGREN, another Phoenix 99 and her 49½ DALE and enjoyed lunch with them and a visit in their home. Especially interesting are all those pictures DALE and AGGIE take of all the Phoenix 99 Airmarking projects and any other flying events they attend.

That's all the news for now and good flying to you all!

**ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER
MITZI RINEHART, Reporter**

Before starting on our new year, let's take a last farewell look at the highlights of the final months of 1970.

October found us joining Palomar Chapter for lunch, in Solvang. After feasting on a smorgasbord of "non-fat" Danish tidbits, we spent the day browsing through the picturesque town. LYNN DAVIS, KATIE RUSSELL, MADGE and THAREL JOHNSON, JOYCE NASH, GEORGIA KNOWLTON, GEORGE GRIFFITH, ZONA APPEBY, JENNIE CURNOW, HOWARD RINEHART and myself all left for home carrying boxes filled with Danish pastries.

SHIRLEY TANNER and RUTH PHILLIPS started November off by improving our public image. They were helping the Fullerton Girl Scout Troop #500 earn their aviation badges. Just think of all the possible, future 99's!

Our chapter has definitely been invaded by the "racing bug." The Kachina Doll Air Race, a proficiency race sponsored by the Phoenix 99's, had four entries from Orange County. DARLENE BRUNDAGE and HANA HENDRICKSEN placed seventh, LYNN NEWTON and KAY BAKER took sixteenth, MAGGIE BURCH and PEGGY LAWTON came in nineteenth, while HELEN CRANZ and EVELYN MCCREY made 28th. HELEN and EVELYN had radio trouble; so they landed, had the radio fixed, and then finished the race.

The following weekend, four more teams from our chapter entered the Henry Ohye Trophy Air Race. This race went from Long Beach to Las Vegas and had two entry divisions: speed or proficiency. SHIRLEY TANNER and "CHARLIE" (Her citabria) won first place in the speed division. LYNN NEWTON and KAYE BAKER were third and ESTHER GRUPENHAGEN and MAYBELLE DeWEESE came in eighth. JIM and TERRY DARCH calibrated to place sixth in the proficiency class.

We have exciting plans for 1971. We are planning our first airmarking, with Apple Valley Airport as our target. SHIRLEY TANNER has been very busy checking details on how to go about it. We are very fortunate that NELL CONNOLLY has recently transferred from Palomar to our chapter. NELL is experienced in this line



SHIRLEY TANNER and RUTH PHILLIPS instructing Girl Scout Troop #500 on airplane maneuvers. Photo #4: AWTAR Start Co-Chairman RETA SINCLAIR.



Part of the group of 99's who attended the Solvang "Lunch-In" from Palomar and Orange County Chapters.

and will be a great help to us in our art work. As you may have guessed we are all very "green" in the airmarking department; but by the next issue we hope to be "paint-spotted specialists."

MARGO SMITH has added a few more ratings to her list: this time instrument instructor and ground school instructor. SANDY RULLER passed her commercial flight test and is now considering the Powder Puff Derby.

We are planning our Vixen Frisk Proficiency Race for March or April, so stay tuned for further information. Why not plan on joining us in this race?

PALOMAR CHAPTER PAM VAN DER LINDEN, Reporter

The old year is out and the New Year is but before we move on let me report on 1970's final accomplishments.

Our 2nd annual AMPAR was run on schedule with all, including the weather, cooperating to make it a great success.

MARY PEARSON, our real professional, ran the show superbly, giving a most explicit and comprehensive pilot and weather briefing herself, and delegating details to capable and well-briefed helpers. 19 planes were flagged off Palomar by RUTH KNIEFEL and clocked in and out of the beautiful new airport at Apple Valley by PAM VAN DER LINDEN and SKIP DARWIN. The fly-by at Taft was witnessed by WANDA MILLER and BERNICE DEERING; and ROWENA DAVIS and RUTH KNIEFEL, aided by EMMA MCGUIRE from SANTA MONICA were the terminus timers back at Palomar. MARY MOON, AGNES LANGEVIN and RUTH DILG very ably figured the scores. After they had been checked and approved the winners were posted as follows:

(1) Our own 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er KEN DEERING with co-pilot CARL TILLMAN in the famous Search and Rescue Cherokee 140 with a +11,302. (2) TOM HUMPHREY and DICK BRUNDAGE from Orange County in a Piper Tripacer, +8,712. (3) KENT CROSS in a Cessna 337 Skymaster, +8,200. (4) MARY'S 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er BRAD PEARSON with his student DICK PALMER as co-pilot in a Mooney Ranger, +6,963, and very close behind in 5th place with a +6,896, PAM'S son IAN FORSYTH with co-pilot JOHN OGDEN in her dear old Cherokee 235 8862W. Winners were announced at "come as you are" dinner at Coffee Dan's in Oceanside. CLAIRE WALTERS gave up a very special date, we understand, to be with us as our guest speaker. She really loves the 99's and we really love her and appreciate her "beyond the call of duty" efforts in our behalf.

Our Christmas Party on December 12th at HILDA and BILLIE PETROSS'S ranch in Escondido was attended by 40 99's, 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ ers and guests. It was a real fun affair complete with piñata and a scrumptious pit BBQ prepared as only HILDA and BILLIE know how to do it. A bell shaped pit was dug in the back yard and a fire kindled the morning before, then late in the evening the boys removed the coals, lined the pit with cactus leaves, and placed the beef, wrapped in foil, on top. The pit was then tightly covered and the meat allowed to cook until the guests arrived Saturday evening. The result, with all the trimmings, was indescribably delicious and a happy evening was spent eating, drinking and hangar flying. Gifts were scattered from the piñata and scrambled for by the guests, and a Christmas food basket was filled for Zonta. We were happy to welcome PAT HARRISON as a new member and to hear the experiences of RON and MARY SANTOSUOSSO who had just returned from a flying trip to Florida, and also, after a long absence, to welcome DOROTHY and HARRY LOVELADY just back from Punta Colorado where DOROTHY'S brother operates the fishing lodge. They reported the usual excellent fishing and as always at Punta Colorado, good food and fun with flying friends. HILDA, one of our charter members, is our South of

the Border Good Will Ambassador. She and BILLIE bought a plane 6 years ago and learned to fly, with MARY PEARSON of course, just so she, BILLIE and the children could fly down on weekends to visit her parents who have a beautiful ranch in Obregon, the Bread Basket of Mexico, just 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours flight from Palomar, but Oh!, if you have to drive, you'd have to start home before you arrived!! Isn't flying wonderful?

The VANDER LINDENS deserted Mexico this Christmas and went instead to their cabin at Lake Shasta — got snowed in again! The grandkids had a wonderful time tobogganning and playing in the snow. If this is any augury for the year, the usual 3 hour 15 minute trip home on January 1st took just 2 hours 35 minutes!

May the tail winds follow us all throughout the year! (Ed note; May you continue to grow those outstanding avacados — they were great — thanks much)

PHOENIX CHAPTER SUSAN STORM, Reporter

Some seventy members and guests attended the annual Christmas party held this year at the Paradise Valley Country Club on Dec. 11th. CHARLOTTE GRAHAM and her committee arranged this gala occasion. Though it would seem a party of this size would include all those who wished to attend, an overflow of 25 or 30 additional persons accepted the hospitality of MARY and GEORGE VIAL at a potluck dinner in their home the same evening. Highlight of the evening was the 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er Initiation held at the Country Club with those from both parties attending. ALLEN SMITH presided at the "lefthanded swearing-in" of GORDON LUNDBERG (RUTH), JAMES GOTSCH (PAT), REX WEAVER (MARY), EARL BOHANAN (LAURA), HI MILLER (MILLIE), PHIL BEAUDOIN (BECKY), HANK BORGERDING (CAROL), MILT GRAHAM (CHARLOTTE), and BILL ROCHE (TRUDY). RUBY SHELDON and her committee provided the specially made, hand painted vests for these 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ ers.



Phoenix Chapter Charter member, JAUNITA NEWELL, and her mother, JENNIE WORDEN at the reception celebrating Mrs. Worden's 100th birthday.

On December 5th seven Cessna airplanes took to the sky to airlift winter clothing from Phoenix to the Good Sheppard Mission at Fort Defiance, Arizona, on the Navajo Indian Reservation. SUE HARPER was the liaison between the ladies of her church who collected the clothing, the 99's, and the Mission. The day was perfect for flight—smooth, visibility unlimited and unusually warm for the season. The group was met at the Window Rock Airport by Father and Mrs. HAROLD JONES who transported everyone to the Mission for a most interesting tour. Sack lunches were eaten at the Mission. Pilots in addition to SUE were: LIZ TAYLOR, BEV POWELL, BETH USSHER, MARY VIAL, 49½ER PHIL BEAUDOIN, and BOB MARVIN, a member of Sue's church. Other 99's attending were MARY McPHERSON, RUTH REINHOLD and SUSAN STORM. Children and friends completed the party of 20 persons.

You guessed it! On November 21st another NOTAM was out for pilots to watch for a paint crew on a runaway. This time it was 'Carefree' being airmarked by the Phoenix 99's. With completion of this project arranged by Airmarking Chairman AGGIE LILJEGREN, our Chapter had painted a total of 26,000 sq. ft. in 1970. A delicious buffet luncheon at the famous Carefree Restaurant was served to the airmarking crew. 99's painting were: MARY BATTY, MELBA BEARD, BECKY BEAUDOIN, PAULINE CESSNA, MARJY CROWL, MILLIE DAWE, SUE HARPER, MARGE HINKLE, MARY McPHERSON, RUTH LUNDBERG, MILLIE MILLER, AGGIE LILJEGREN, EVELYN SASSER, MARILYN SELLER, SUSAN STORM, MARY WEAVER, PAT GOTSCH and CLYDENE BISHOP. We were assisted by many 49½ers, children and friends.

On December 30th Indiana Chapter members ANNETTE KAPLAN and TANNIE SCHLUNDT had lunch with ALICE ROBERTS and SUE HARPER. We understand ANNETTE will be living in our area. Welcome, ANNETTE, we hope you like it here!

AGGIE and DALE LILJEGREN flew their aircoupe to Santa Paula, California, to visit her sister and family.

JUANITA and ELCIN NEWELL flew their Bonanza to San Andreas, California, where they helped Juanita's mother celebrate her 100th birthday. About 200 of her friends attended the reception held at the Mt. Ranch Community Hall. Congratulations, MRS. WORDEN!

BETTY JO SMITH has resigned as Vice-Chairman of the Phoenix Chapter. The Executive Board has appointed SUE HARPER to fill the vacancy.

Happy flying in 1971!

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER **ANNA BRENNER, Reporter**

Redwood Empire Chapter had a joyous Christmas party December 5 at The Play-

boy Club in San Francisco hosted by NINA ROOKAIRD'S 49½ER DICK. Those who attended enjoyed Playboy Club food and cocktails served by beautiful Bunnies were OLIVE AGRON, HAZEL BERTAGNA and her 49½ER CAESAR, RAYE NORTON and her 49½ER RAYMOND, ANITA WOREL and her 49½ER JACK, BETTE SMITH, LOUISE RAMSEY, PAT STOUTER, our retired NELLIE PALMER and guests LT. COL. and MRS. B. E. HOU-SHIN and MR. and MRS. CALVIN CAMDEN. PHYLLIS CANTRELL is busy instructing these very cold days and will be the guest speaker at Zonta Club of Santa Rosa Area January 12 at their Amelia Earhart Memorial dinner meeting.

Would you believe the printer must have had too much turkey! So please make these corrections in your 1970-1971 membership directory.

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Our next meeting is January 10 at Napa County Airport do join us at 1:30 P.M.

RENO AREA CHAPTER **KATHY GRAY, Reporter**

The Reno Area Chapter is now recuperating from the thrills and hard work of helping out with the Reno National Championship Air Races. The races were very exhilarating and exciting for us—meeting the racing pilots and crews, viewing the planes, and watching the maneuvers. Ah, the inordinate ecstasy of demonstrating even a modicum of their dexterity. But, as my husband says, "The house sure gets dirty during 'them' air races." So back to reality!

DORIS EACRET has been spending most weekends hunting chuckar, ducks, and deer with excellent success. She flew her Cessna 140, "Ol Pat"—sporting a new paint and polish job—on a survey of watered areas and located nine Big Horn sheep, including several lambs, from plantings in the mountains east of Lovelock. DORIS recently flew to Carson City to see an art show, which is being held in the Capitol building in the newly redecorated former Assembly room. Being the modest type, she isn't mentioning that she is a skilled artist in her own right and has three paintings there on display this month. The chapter members are very proud of her and her accomplishments.

ELAINE and STANLEY BROWN have just been keeping the engine warm of the old 175 with a turn about the valley now and then. With duck and deer hunting season on, the plane stays home. They spent the fall chasing deer up and down the snowy slopes of Northern Nevada.

PHYLLIS AHLSEWEDE and ELAINE BROWN visited U.S. Aerobatic champion, BOB HERENDEEN, who is in a Reno

hospital. BOB met with the ground just prior to the Reno Air Races while practicing for an exhibition of his superb talent. The gals are happy to report BOB is doing fine and should be out of the hospital by the end of November.

JO CROMWELL has been playing bush pilot. She took her children deer hunting in the Cessna 180. It is quite a trick to get two kids and a 4-point buck in the back seat. She did manage to get the buck in, but they are still looking for the kids! (Not really)

FAYE STEWART is working as a dispatcher at the Sheriff's office in Fallon.

BARBARA MOUCHOU has stated categorically that despite rumors to the contrary, she is definitely not Amelia Earhart!

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER **AUDREY E. SNOVEL, Reporter**

Our annual Christmas Party was a blast, as usual, complete with music provided by the "neatest" banjo band in Sacramento. Our thanks go out to CLAIRE WOLLAM, VIJA BERRY, and SHIRLEY LEHR, hostesses with mostest.

Our November meeting was highlighted by a program presented by MARY ELLEN JONES. She is a Major with the Civil Air Patrol, based at McClellan Air Force Base, and joined our 99's just this year, although she has been a pilot for many years. GRETA HENDRICKSON, also one of our newer and youngest members, assisted her. They told the story of how a cadet starts and works her way through the "ranks" so to speak. GRETA herself was the recipient of a special CAP scholarship presented by the Zontas and obtained her Private license with it, training in their squadron's Cessna 150. MARY ELLEN described an actual search and the special training required for it. She was just fresh from having found an aircraft missing in the Sierra for several months.

We were all elated at this meeting when SHIRLEY LEHR'S letter entering her name for an Amelia Earhart Scholarship was read to our group by Chairman THELMA CULL. SHIRLEY has been a 99 for more than four years and recently obtained her Commercial license. She now would like to go for her Instrument rating, with charter piloting being the goal. She has been one of our most active members and we all want to do everything possible to help her win. She certainly is more than deserving of it.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER **ROCHELLE JENSEN, Reporter**

HO! HO! HO! There really is a Santa Claus! I know because I saw him in person December 5th at the Christmas Party for all the good San Fernando Valley 99's. Fifty nine merry makers met under the mistletoe at Ron Peranowski's Stadium Club for a prime rib dinner, dancing to a lively band, and even a spot landing contest.

Hey! Talk about excuses for missing the Christmas Party — HELENE KASS came up with the best one yet. Congratulations, HELENE and MURRY, on the birth of that future 99 on December 5th.

Following our regular meeting December 7th at Sky Trails, MR. BUD MILLER of Air Flight presented a video tape about transponders. We are certainly in debt to MR. MILLER for this and previous presentations that have helped refresh our knowledge in areas too many of us tend to neglect. Thanks again, BUD.

Congratulations are in order for new member MARGIE ROBBINS who has a lovely new baby boy, born on Columbus Day.

Low ceilings grounded our December 15th fly-in to Bakersfield, so a gift exchange luncheon at Billingsleys Restaurant near the Van Nuys Airport was substituted. Unfortunately, many did not get the word, so a small, but enthusiastic group met. Those sharing the fun were: PAT HALLETT, SHIRLEY THOM, AUDREY SCHUTTE, JAN DREYFUS, ROCHELLE JENSEN and 24¾ MAURICE JENSEN.

Our annual cookie love tokens to the Burbank Tower were delivered December 22nd by BEVERLY WOODWARD, JEAN WILEY and SHIRLEY THOM while ROCHELLE JENSEN, AUDREY SCHUTTE and MARILYN ARNOLD made deliveries to the Van Nuys Tower, Police Heliport, FAA, and VNY Airport Office. Many thanks to all the 99's who baked and also a big thanks to our Wing Scouts under the direction of SHIRLEY THOM who donated so many lovely cookies to our project. What Fun!!

We missed seeing our treasurer HARRIET BAIR and are so sorry to hear of her mother's death in North Carolina. We do hope that the bonds of 99 friendship may help soothe her sorrow.

MARILYN ARNOLD was home for the Christmas holidays and sent everyone a "HI!" before flying back to Saigon December 30th.

JEANNE DAY introduced her guest, ELIE HAUCK, a new pilot that we hope to see a lot more of. Speaking of people we like to see —

BERNI STEVENSON and FLO GAST are making plans to fly the Angel Derby in BERNI's Mooney with 49½ers JIM and TOM following in the GAST's Debonair — sounds like a swinging time.

JEANNE STURTEVANT commeroaled to Hawaii for the holidays. VESTA MALBY flew to cold, cold Utah for New Years. RUTH MAYLE flew that new Mooney to Parker, Arizona again, and AUDREY SCHUTTE says she has flown to San Diego so much lately she is really getting to like it. Then there is PAT CANNON sailing around the Caribbean in their boat for the next three months — sigh.

Guess that is enough for now. Happy New Year's Flying!!!

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER PORTIA CORNELL, Reporter

Our members were out in force on December 5 and 6 to work on the Brackett Air Fair. Many children and 49½ers were also in evidence. We sold hotdogs and Pepsi to thousands of hungry spectators. In addition to making money we feel that the Air Fair is a good way to promote general aviation. We want to give special thanks to MARGARET LAWSON and SYLVIA HAMILTON who spent many hours before the fair working on the program.

At our December meeting we were proud to receive two new members: MARY MEYERS and CARRLEEN HARGETT. We were also happy for our members who received advanced ratings: PORTIA CORNELL — Commercial; NANCY GORDON — C.F.I.; and a special congratulations to VIRGINIA WEGNER for receiving her A.T.R.

Our artist in residence, SYLVIA HAMILTON donated a lovely centerpiece as a door prize. MARGUERITE (SAM) GORMAN was the lucky winner. JANE LA MAR won a special Christmas cheer bottle donated by MARGARET LAWSON. For the program we were shown slides of Japan by JIM and NAOMI WILDEN and slides on soaring and some close up artistic shots by KEN and SYLVIA HAMILTON.

We are all looking forward to our January meeting when we will be guests of the Ontario Flight Service for a tour through their facility. Meanwhile our members are keeping busy with their many activities. SHIRLEY JUSTIN is hunting for homes for foreign students in connection with the A.F.S. program. JUNE GUTHERIE has been up to the snow. The LAWSONS are waiting for their plane engine to be repaired. Our flight instructor members are getting work outs with the rain and high winds we have had in December, MOST UNCALIFORNIAISH.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER DOROTHY McALLISTER, Reporter

Our traditional December get-together for lunch and Christmas shopping was preceded by a meeting in the Administration Building of the San Carlos Airport. Again this month HELEN McGEE was the only one to fly in through the clouds and rain. HELEN really makes good use of that Instrument Rating!

Guests at the meeting were ALAN STEPHEN, President of the National Intercollegiate Flying Association, and ADELE GUALANO, Santa Clara Ninety-Nine and member of the San Jose College's Flying Twenty. ALAN and ADELE gave us an enthusiastic briefing on the NIFA Airmeet and Conference which the San Jose State group is to host on April 29, 30, and 31. The NIFA's goal of promoting skill, safety, and education in aviation is a most worthwhile one, and our group was happy to vote a donation to their treasury to accom-

pany our good wishes for a successful meet.

Attending the meeting in addition to Helen and her two passengers were JEAN MURRAY with her sister; ROSIE HIJOS, CHARLENE KIRK and DIANE KAUFMAN; THELMA HANSEN, DOTTIE McALLISTER, CHARLOTTE MORRILL, and two guests. After lunch at the Royal Coach in San Mateo we all went off to spend our pennies (?) at the Hillsdale Mall.

With three times our normal rainfall for this season, as well as low icing levels, our northern California weather hasn't been ideal for flying. (What I'm really trying to do is establish an excuse for the lack of flying news — get those cards and letters coming, girls!)

MAC and DOTTIE McALLISTER, and Mount Diablo Ninety-Nine LOU GIERSCHE flew to the Nut Tree for lunch and farewell to a long-time friend enroute to the Antarctica, the first American woman to go there as a member of a scientific expedition. Such an adventurous gal should be a Ninety-Nine! Mac and Dottie also flew to Sacramento twice to visit friends, unexpectedly RONing the first time — what weather!

THELMA and EDWOOD HANSEN had a flight to the snow country, landing at South Lake Tahoe, and driving out to watch the skiers, a sport they're resuming themselves this season. Before Christmas they flew to Napa for supper and circled back over the Bay Area to admire the Christmas lights — a truly spectacular sight.

Santa Claus brought emergency beacons to the NEALON's and the HANSEN's, as well as a brand new transponder for the Nealon's Bonanza.

We all look forward to a gala party at the HANSEN's on January 9th, just a bit too late for this reporting. More about that next month, and we'll end with a New Year's resolution it'll be easy to keep — to appreciate and enjoy every flight we make, the sights we see, and the good friends we've met through flying.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CHAPTER WANDA STRASSBURG, Reporter

I suppose this might be called editorial license. Whatever it is, I think I shall, anyway. . .

I've spent this last year or so as reporter for our chapter and have immensely enjoyed ferret-ing out the information on all our members in order to present to our sisters 99's the biographies of this group.

It's now my turn for a 'This is your life' and I confess to an astounding emptiness from this otherwise verbose reporter . . . What does one say? . . . I got my certificates and ratings for the most part the same way you did . . . intense digging and tenacious singlemindedness. I think I'd like, instead of a description and dates, to make this a THANK YOU letter, love letter, whatever. . .

I THANK all of the gals in this area, and the guys too, for their acceptance of the 'mouthy broad' who's constantly spouting FAR changes and operating practices ... to THANK this community for the kind invitations to speak the 'Gospel according to General Aviation' ... the Cal Poly College Senior Business Seminar, service clubs and social organizations who seemingly never tire of hearing about flying ... to Paso Robles Radio who watch over my students like Mother Hens ... to each member of this Chapter, with whom I have either flown or 'talked at' ... AND to Swift Aire who lets me teach in their aircraft.

Gosh! AND the 99's with whom I have become acquainted racing ... You're all so great! I've been weathered in and out with the best of you ... we've had some knee-slappin' good times and some soul-tearing pathos, haven't we?

I further appreciate our winners who have always been so gracious to me, a loser ... and our Editor, WOW. There just isn't anything more that can be said about HAZEL.

I think some times those of us who are not serving in an international or sectional office forget the problems which must accompany these positions ... THANKS to you too.

What this all boils down to is a sticky, old fashioned, middle-class, unsophisticated, square, straight expression of ... "Gee, I'm GLAD to be a 99!"

(Ed's note: Further description of this type of sentiment is coming out in book form soon and will be available at \$600.00 per copy ... if she only sells two, she can fly the race this year)

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER BETTY HICKS, Reporter

When the editor of Santa Clara Valley Chapter's newsletter, "The Wind Sock," sent out an appeal for news recently, tearfully adding "If you don't have any news, make some!" she grossly underestimated our paragon of perpetual motion, MARY SMITH.

Not only did MARY, single-handedly, produce one major news story, but with an assist has produced two!

It didn't startle us to learn that MARY had earned the Santa Clara Airman's Association's "Most Active Pilot" award at the group's banquet on December 11. "Well," MARY explains drolly, "I made every fly-in. And I bummed rides all summer."

In MARY-LIKE succinct logic concerning her truly big story, she says, "I know what I'm getting." The big story goes like this:

Thirty-six years ago MARY was married to GEORGE CALVERT, said status lasting for 11 years. This works out to be 25 years ago that they were separated. During that interim MARY became MARY SMITH. But golf pros are peripatetic types, so "TEX" and MARY SMITH decided his 49½ status didn't help his backswing. And now, starry eyed MARY, who must truly

be what the airman's association says she is, is going to become MRS. GEORGE CALVERT again!

We won't kick any cliches around about Santa Clara Valley's loss being Columbia-Casade's gain, except that's the way it is. Any chapter acquiring MARY CALVERT is annexing the epitome of a Ninety-Nine. SCV has plans in the works at this writing to give MARY a solid, though slightly sentimental sendoff.

Wonder why LAYNE HACKETT has a vaguely smug look these days? It's an "I know something maybe you don't know" look, because she sat in on a trial run of MARGARET MEAD'S innovative Air Racer's Clinic. Since MARGARET isn't flying in the AWTAR this year, in favor of competing with FRAN BERA in the trans-Atlantic "Great Race" she is holding "all I know" sessions on racing for interested pilots. What LAYNE learned was how to make the airplane fly faster (and why didn't you learn it in '69, LAYNE?), selection and preparation of the race aircraft, navigation techniques, the whether-or-nots of weather consultants, route analysis, piloting techniques, course plotting, and tips on pilotage.

Speaking of racing, the AWTAR was a subject of this reporter's combined Foothill College aeronautics classes over the holidays. A PPD display occupied an appropriate amount of bulletin board space. Guest speakers, given apt attention by the 150 attending, were MARGARET MEAD and FRAN BERA. They both did a great PR job for the AWTAR.

On the other end of the educational scale, JACKIE PETTY herded a group of second graders from San Jose's Baker School to San Jose Municipal Airport recently. Both Jackie and the airport have since recuperated. A cry for help from assistant herders produced responses from MARION BARNICK, MAYETTA BEHRINGER, PAT GLADNEY, DELL HINN and EVELYN LUNDSTROM ... DESIREE STUART-ALEXANDER is this chapter's "Pilot of the Year." ... It was around-the-world for SANDRA KLUKAS, via Pan Am of course, as 49½'er HERB is pilot-flight engineer for the same airline. They were on a 747 for the first time for the London-Los Angeles-San Francisco route. Sightseeing? Just great, in Tokyo, Hong Kong, Delhi, Istanbul and London ... For SHELDON and PAT ROBERTS, it's a new Aztec. We can't catch PAT on the ground long enough to ask more about it ... VERNA WEST is grounded often now that school's in session. She teaches an introductory aviation course to fourth, fifth and sixth graders at Menlo Park's Ladera Elementary School. The Weather Bureau, an FBO and San Carlos tower were recent field trip targets.

UTAH CHAPTER BARBARA WHITAKER, Reporter

It's that time of year again when most of us are grounded because of weather. We haven't been together for a regular meet-



Left to right: LILA FIELDEN, WILMA NICHOLS, NANCY REULING, Airmarking Green River, Utah.

ing since my last report, so perhaps there has been some activity going on that I don't know about.

I do know that we had a lovely get-together for Christmas at the Red Flame Supper Club in Bountiful, Utah. I was having such a nice time myself that I didn't bother to write down the names of those present, but we had a very good turnout.

I would like to call your attention to the picture submitted and do a bit of explaining. We girls in Utah are so innocent (?) that when someone said "bottoms up" recently, this was the end result! Actually would you believe they are admiring the mountain in the background? According to ALBERTA NICHOLSON, this is the only way to truly enjoy the scenery.

We have been getting together once a week for hanger flying, so maybe one of these days we'll get brave and crank up the planes. In the meantime, have fun flying, but play it safe.



RITVA LAURILA, Reporter

In the autumn meeting of the Ninety Nines Finnish Section there were gathered 24 members. That was also our first annual celebration.

A new executive committee was elected: Chairman PIIRKKO HELMINEN, Vice-Chairman ANNELI KOKKOLA, Secretary EIRA KUORINKA, Treasurer RITA HOLMBORG-TIENHAARA, and the Members of the Committee ORVOKKI KUORTTI and RITVA LAURILA.

During the celebration a cup — steelyard — was given to the most meritorious Woman Pilot. The winner of the prize, ORVOKKI KUORTTI, was qualified as the First Finnish Woman Pilot Teacher last summer.

The 7th and the 8th of November the Finnish Section had a SEMINAR. Lessons about meteorology, flight planning, cross country flight, disorientation, radio navigation equipment and some facts about aero-

plane assurance, were interesting. At the same occasion our member, PIRKKO PESSONEN, gave a report using pictures of

her visit to the Summer Conference of Ninety Nines.

At the Seminar were 27 Women Pilot.

The Forty Nine and a Half in the picture is not our supporting member, but the assurance lectureman.



The Seminary in November. Assuranceman leading 27 Women Pilot in White Finnish Winter.

WEST CANADIAN SECTION

ALBERTA CHAPTER
ANOLA LAING, Reporter

Happy New Year to you all! Our Christmas party at the home of HELEN and HARVEY BAILEY, Olds, was pure fun for all those attending.

Ninety-Nine business has taken a recess during the holiday season so I'd like to introduce all prospective AWTAR racers to our Powder Puff Start Chairman, ELEANOR BAILEY. ELEANOR has been

a 99 member since 1961 and was instrumental in organizing the Alberta Chapter. ELEANOR has attended various International Conventions and AWTAR Starts. She has some very good ideas to go along with the SOPs. To add to this, ELEANOR lives in Calgary and knows almost everyone in the aviation business there. ELEANOR's husband, BILL, is a pilot for Jet International. They have a family of two girls and a boy.

Co-Start Chairman is RETA SINCLAIR, also of Calgary. Being involved with Calgary Real Estate, RETA knows the city and its citizens well. RETA has attended various AWTAR Starts and is most helpful with her suggestions. She will also be

serving as Hotel Registration and Accommodations Chairman.

Why not cut out these girls' pictures and start a mini photo album? I will introduce you to the various AWTAR start committee chairmen each month. I hope this will be helpful to you when you arrive in Calgary. We also hope to include pictures of some of the attractions in Calgary.



MARIE RICHARDSON, Reporter

A Very Happy New Year to all Ninety Nines and their families from "Down Under". We hope you will enjoy Good Health and lots of interesting and safe flying in 1971.

Congratulations are in order for: KATHRYN HENDERSON, on winning a Government Scholarship to train for an Instructor's license. She is currently employed flying a Beech Bonanza. ANNE CARTER, who demonstrated recently she could maintain her Golfing proficiency by taking out a trophy. ANNE is currently visiting parts of coastal Queensland by car and hopes to see some of the Ninety Nines on the way. On 30th January with LAYNE GLANVILLE-WILLIAMS as passenger she will start the A.W.P.A. 21st Anniversary Round Australia Relay Flight. PIE HODGES who won "Best performance by a woman pilot"



Photo #3: AWTAR Start Chairman ELEANOR BAILEY.



Photo #4: AWTAR Start Co-Chairman RETA SINCLAIR.

in the recent Schutt Air Race for Cessna aircraft.

There is a "bereavement" in the Rutherford family. PAT (DR. DOROTHY) has at long last been persuaded to part with "SPOOKY DARLING", her beloved Auster Mark III A.Y.J. "Spooky Darling" has taken PAT and RON all over and around Australia and New Guinea and was equipped with some very sophisticated instruments. PAT is confident "Spooky's" new owner will give AYJ the respect and regard she merits. Meanwhile a brand new Piper Cherokee 180 is helping to ease the pain of parting for Pat.

DR. DOROTHY HERBERT recently added a Night V.M.C. rating to her license and may have need of this when she and PEG KELMAN fly the long "leg" they have drawn in the A.W.P.A. Round Australian Flight. They plan to include Thursday Island as a stop. Bad weather conditions are expected during February so DOROTHY and PEG will fly night or day to fit in.

HELEN BLACKBURN also will take part in the Relay Flight. She will fly from Darwin down West coast of N.T. to Wyndham in W.A.

RUTH HODGES and her formation team were invited to give a demonstration at the big Moorabbin Air Show early in December. These gals have acquitted themselves so successfully it is no wonder the 50,000 odd spectators were delighted with this attraction. The Team has other invitations for Country Air Shows for 1971.

We extend a warm Welcome to LISA JENSEN, to the ranks of Ninety Nines. Lisa has an exciting and very exacting technical job at the "Honeysuckle" Space Tracking Station outside Canberra. She says her work is exciting because she controls vital equipment and exacting because it is quite common for her to start work at 7am one day and still be at her post 3 to 4am next morning when the Programme demands it. She loves every minute of it and wouldn't change her job for any other.

It was a joy also to be able to Greet MIRJA SIPILA soon after she arrived here where she will be working for at least two years. MIRJA is a member of the newly Chartered Finnish Section. She was a guest of MARIE RICHARDSON on a flight to Canberra in November, to meet LISA JENSEN and other woman pilots in Canberra. It was intended to be a down-and-back-in-one-day flight, but what happened?? They had to RON at Mittagong, due to impossible weather less than 50 miles from home! MIRJA also met many other Sydney pilots at the December Christmas Party given by NANCY BIRD WALTON at her home. Among those present were, CAROL EVE, ANNE CARTER, JUDY LORDING with daughter PAM, ROSEMARY ARNOLD, MARGARET KENTLEY, ANNETTE & BOB MURPHY, BOZENA & LADIS VRLA, LYN & ATHOL BUTLER and MARIE RICHARDSON.

This was the second time in a few weeks we have been privileged to enjoy the Hos-

pitality of our members. LORD and LADY (MAIE) CASEY entertained some 200 guests of the Aviation world in Australia at their lovely home at Berwick, following the All Women's Air Show. They are indeed gracious hosts and it was very good to see them both looking so well and relaxed after the very strenuous years they spent at Government House, Canberra during LORD CASEY'S term as Governor General.

Paying another fleeting visit to the States is ROBIN MILLER, who left here in December to Ferry back across the Pacific, a Beech Baron for the Royal Flying Doctor Service for which she flies. We expect her back sometime in January.

Don't delay your bookings for the A.W.P.A. 21st Anniversary Conference, the Ninety Nines Sectional March 17-21 and the "Fly-it-Yourself" Safari March 23 to April 10. Aircraft will be Cessna 182 at \$A 21 per hour, for approx 35 hours trip of over 4000 miles spread over 19 days. Accommodation is expected to average \$A 15 per day with drinks, transport and side tours additional. The interesting scenic and informational tour will take in Sydney, Griffith, Broken Hill, Andamooka, Oodnadatta, Ayres Rock, Alice Springs, Mt. Isa, Gulf of Carpentaria, Cairns, Dunk and Lindeman Islands, Rockhampton, Brisbane and back to Sydney. Full information are the requirements for validation of a Current U.S. License for solo flight of Private Pilot category within Australia will be sent immediately upon request to Marie Richardson.



SHEILA SCOTT, Understudy Reporter

Our hard working newshound, JANET FERGUSON, is flying in far off glamorous places, and so I've become the hopeless substitute. As she is away this gives us the opportunity to note how much JANET has done for the British Section. She has held many Offices ever since it was started regardless of many flights all over the world, and although she is away from home more than any of us she is the one who always miraculously finds the time to do the mundane jobs for us.

As already reported, our Governor GILIAN CAZALET is in Lusaka, Zambia on a six months detachment, still flying a Hawker Siddeley 748 for her airline. We hear she is leading a very glamorous life in a super hotel in the sun and that they certainly appreciate women airline pilots



'MOON MAN' CHARLES 'PETE' CONRAD presents YVONNE POPE with the Sir Alan Cobham Achievement Award at the British Section's Thanksgiving Party 1970. Acting Governing Governor BETTY CONES looks on.

in Zambia! She hopes to visit the South Africa Section at the end of her stay of duty.

BETTY CONES (ex Georgia Chapter) our new Vice Governor is meanwhile standing in, in her usual capable and cheerful way, (as well as working in the Air Traffic Control School at Hurn Airport) and was the hostess for our Annual Thanksgiving Party at the Royal Air Force Club. We were very happy to see among the guests DR. MAUREEN HALSALL from Canada, who is over here for a few months. A last minute surprise was the appearance of 'Third Moon Man' PETE CONRAD, who presented ex-Amelia Earhart Scholarship winner YVONNE POPE (another jet airline pilot, feminine style) with our annual Sir Alan Cobham Achievement Award, for her conversion to Comets for airline flying this year. YVONNE POPE and ELIZABETH OVERBURY both sit on B.A.L.P.A.'s Committees, which used to be an all-male stronghold. PETE's parting shot to the 99's was that Houston itself had never turned down a woman in space and in fact they would welcome us with open arms!

We welcome new 99 ROSEMARY ROSE and her 49½er CYRIL ROSE to our Section. She is Whirly Girl Number 121 and some of you met her in the States with our new Treasurer (99 and Whirly Girl Number 110) GAY ABSALOM at the Helicopter Convention. ROSEMARY flies both fixed wing and Helicopters. Incidentally, both GAY and ROSEMARY recently made deck landings with their respective helicopters on aircraft carrier, H.M.S. Eagle (so they qualify for something, though I am not sure what!) ROSEMARY has won the

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From left to right (standing behind) DELPHINE GRAY-FISK, DAPHNE POYNTER, MARGO McKELLAR, SHEILA SCOTT, ELIZABETH OVERBURY, FREYDIS SHARLAND, DAWN TURLEY, PAMELA HUNTLY, SUE PHILLIPS, YVONNE POPE. Left to right (sitting in front) GAY ABSALOM, EILEEN HOULDER, BETTY CONES, ROSEMARY ROSE, BARBARA CANNON.

Livingstone Dougherty Trophy for precision flying and the Helicopter Championship Trophy.

GAY, who runs her own helicopter charter company at Leavesden Airfield, has won the Everard Cup for the Open Section of the Championships (and beat the Army entries!) and also the Rose Trophy for an outstanding performance this year. This year, between them, GAY and ROSEMARY have already won four out of five helicopter trophies in Great Britain and here's hoping that they will perform the hat trick and win the fifth before the year is out. That would be a shining feather in the female cap!

Apart from the capture of 49½er HUGH LAWSON JOHNSON by LEMINA GORDON a few months ago, and the acquisition of a 33, THOMAS (now aged two months) by BEATRICE and IAN PAUL, that seems to be all the news I can glean.

JANET's absence gives me the opportunity to add a personal word of thanks to all of you all round the world who helped me so greatly during my recent world flight and for all the fabulous hospitality I received. NANCY BIRD WALTON and HAZEL MAYES in Australia started it all with magnificent support, and so it went on, and if I mentioned all your names this column would become the roster! But that does not mean I have forgotten how wonderful you all are! It has been enormous fun finding so many old friends and often unexpected new ones through 99's in almost every country I visit.

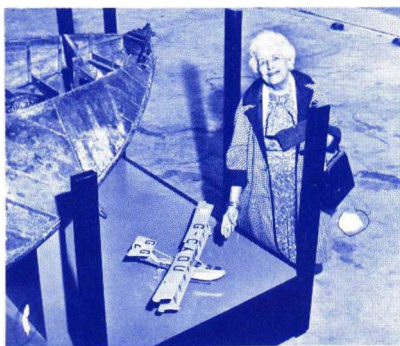
Smoochy landings all!

EAST CANADA

EASTERN ONTARIO CHAPTER

This is the first report from our newish Eastern Ontario (Ottawa area) Chapter, so forgive us if we backtrack a bit.

At a dinner meeting at Chairman-elect, DOROTHY KINGS' house in August, we were delighted to have with us the sprightly 87-year-old MADGE GRAHAM,



MRS. MADGE GRAHAM, navigator of the HS 2L flying boat "La Vigilance" in 1919, points to a model of the famous aircraft. In background is part of the original ship, recently located and recovered from the bottom of a remote Northern Ontario Lake, and due for re-building for display in our National Aeronautical Collection.

whose life reads like an account of aviation history in Canada. MRS. GRAHAM navigated an HS-2L flying boat "La Vigilance" from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, to Grand'mere, Quebec way back in 1919.

It was our last meeting at DOROTHY's for a few years, as she left with 49½er DENNIS, for Guyana in September where he is to take up duties connected with aviation training.

Our Vice-Chairman-elect, DR. GERDA RUCKERBAUER, was called to France before she was able to take office. In Paris, GREDA is working on importation of a new breed of cattle to Canada, for the Canadian Government. She'll be there and in Austria til February.

These gaps in our small ranks left us short-handed for hostessing the East Canada Section meeting here, but Acting Vice-Chairman, DOROTHY RUSSELL and her hard-working group pitched in to enjoy doing a bangup job. FRANK KINGSTON SMITH, guest of ISABEL and 49½ BILL PEPLER, really made the Sectional swing.

LORNA deBLICQUY, back from the Powder Puff Derby with our youngest member, BEV WILKINSON, took over the Chapter Chairman's job from our founding Chairman, PEGGY BEEMAN. We're all thankful to PEGGY for her work in putting the chapter on its feet.

HEATHER McDONALD has been travelling this year in connection with her work—and we do mean travelling! Summer in the High Arctic inspecting nursing stations and a fall trip to the U.K. and Europe for recruiting purposes have kept her busy. She's started flying again just in time for our November freezing rain season. JANE STOBBE, Secretary at the Rockcliffe Flying Club is busily working on a Commercial, while BEV WILKINSON, taking a secretarial science course at Algonquin College, works on hers at Carp.

TERRY TUCKER and LORNA deBLICQUY have both "gone west" recently—TERRY in a 182 to attend a rained-out gliding meet and LORNA to pick up an Aztec in Edmonton's worst storm (snow that is!) in 48 years. You Alberta girls listen now—promise better weather for the Powder Puff start next July! And we here will promise to get news in a bit more often from now on.

FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER SHIRLEY ALLEN, Reporter

Good Grief Charlie Brown! Would you believe the last five Wednesday "Bunch-for-Lunch" dates were unflyable. Can't remember when the weather has been so consistently bad. Didn't help the old morale much waiting out M.O.T. check rides either, but ceilings lifted temporarily to at least 1500' and am happy to report that HEATHER SIFTON and Yours Truly finally got their Commercial Flight Tests over with, so things are almost back to normal, although for a while we kept pinching each other to make sure we had really done it after all these months.



HEATHER SIFTON and SHIRLEY ALLEN (right to left) with Uniform Sugar Pop ready to climb aboard at Toronto Airways, Buttonville.

What a year it has been for HEATHER — she was involved in a serious automobile accident — confined to home for several months with numerous complications — three lively boys and an extremely gregarious husband, who, not to be outdone, insisted on sporting a cast on his leg for the better part of the year. We sincerely hope that in 1971 the SIFTONS won't be so "accident-prone".

Practically impossible to keep track of some of our members, we did finally catch up with EDITH and WALLY DENNY at the Christmas Party, looking very fit and suntanned from their most recent trip to Arizona. (Forty years married and ten grandchildren) Sooo enthused over their return flight a couple of days earlier — one of those rare unforgettable CAVU days all the way in their Aztec "Canadian SKY" with a tail wind and groundspeed true-ing out at around 200 knots. Wow!! EDITH attended an International Board Meeting in Atlanta as our 99 Liaison Representative and renewed old friendships over dinner with ALICE ROBERTS and MARY VAIL.

PHYLLIS MILLER winged her way Commercially to Vancouver for the holidays, but when PHYLLIS takes time out from her Secretarial job with a Travel Agency to fly — she really FLIES. Instead of just updating her Float endorsement in a Cessna 150 with a few take-offs and landings, she heads for Northern Ontario for a refresher Bush Flying Course and makes a summer vacation out of it at the same time. Sure admire your stamina PHYLLIS and wish I wasn't such a weakling, it takes all my strength to battle the traffic on the Parkway and attend our annual Survival Clinic in March at the University. Seriously though, it's a great idea for those who really want to get down to the "nitty gritty" so to speak and a big step towards becoming a COMPLETE PILOT.

A small gathering of original First Canadian members braved the elements to wish a fond farewell to SYBIL DUNN and had a delightful informal evening at BARBARA BROTHERTON'S home in Limehouse. As the evening progressed it was

agreed by all that we should serve "Cold Duck" (a new Canadian sparkling-red wine) at all our Meetings and visit SYBIL and CHARLES in Bermuda at least once a year (preferably in the winter-time).

A little bird told me that SIMONE BREUKEL'S 49½-ER is looking into the possibilities of holding a Proficiency Race for women pilots, over a fixed Course with Time and Speed factors, in conjunction with the Oshawa Flying Club. Hopefully some time this Spring, but no firm date has been set as yet.

AND speaking of birds — that cheeky little Robin sure gets around! At least the past two issues of 99 NEWS has had the First Canadian Chapter with Shirley Allen reporting under the *British* Section. He must have been peeking at my license — and found out — as I did when I started to fly — that after all these years of living in Canada, married to a Canadian, much to our surprise — I am still considered a British subject. (Aren't we clever — Ed Note.)

Well, that's as far as the news will stretch this month, hope the other 55 members will send their items of interest real soon — like in time for the next issue?

MAPLE LEAF CHAPTER HILDA DEVEREUX, Reporter

Sure hope I can make the deadline with my little bit of news this month. In Ontario we had a real white Christmas but in spite of this, travelling was quite good. December 5th saw the Maple Leaf Chapter holding its Christmas get-together at the London Flying Club. This was a noon meeting and a very enjoyable one with our 49½ers attending. ESME and JOHN WILLIAMS came in I.F.R. from Toronto and JEANNE and DAN McEACHERN came in V.F.R. from Petrolia and brought along two guests. At this meeting ANN WARD was invited to join the Chapter and was presented with her formal application by our Chairman, JOAN CORBETT. Draw tickets were distributed to finance our Maple Leaf Chapter Aviation Award to be made in the Spring. On December 12th after a hard days night at the London Flying Club Annual Christmas Dance, JOAN CORBETT and our Vice-Chairman, BERTHA SNELGROVE, took the train to Toronto in the early morning to attend the Governor's Council Meeting. I understand this was well attended and great plans made for the future.

Our January meeting is scheduled for Jan. 9th at the London Flying Club for the business portion and then we will travel to a local restaurant of our choice for lunch. Feb. meeting date is set for Feb. 6th.

MARY and MAX LINDSAY have taken themselves a little trip over the Holiday Season — to Las Vegas where I know they will have fun. Thanks to MARIA BOTERO of Colombia for my Christmas Card and also FREIDA THOMPSON of Australia. I must admit I did get a little mixed up this year on my life — BERTHA SNELGROVE tells me she received 3 cards from me.

In '71 I promise to be better organized. HAPPY NEW YEAR to 99's all over the world from the members of the MAPLE LEAF CHAPTER.

MONTREAL CHAPTER ANITA NUNNS, Reporter

Unfortunately, the Montreal Chapter had just got airborne this summer when it was grounded by weather. The month of November was really miserable in Quebec and then along came Xmas and who has time to fly then! The airlines have been doing pretty well as a result — ANITA and FRANK NUNNS flew over to Spain for a holiday and SUZAN KACZENDER and her daughter flew home to Hungary.

The biggest news around here is the purchase of a Skymaster by BETTY and ARNIE ISSENMAN. Arnie has been checked out on it and Betty is just waiting for the weather to clear to start.

The October meeting was very interesting, had the Airport Manager of St. Hubert, MR. ROBERT DANZIGER, give a talk and show a film on Air Traffic Control. The December meeting was held at the Annex Restaurant which is owned by LYDIA SPERLICH and her family. We had a very nice luncheon but were awfully disappointed that the OTTAWA girls weren't with us. They had planned to have three planes come down to join us, however, "due to weather" were forced to cancel.

IRMA SELIG went to Toronto — by train — to sit in on the Governor's council and claims she has reams to report at our next meeting. Also at this meeting we are to have a gentleman from the University Settlement who works with disadvantaged youth. As an incentive to keep them in school we hope to acquaint them with all aspects in connection with aviation and related fields, such as meteorology, air traffic, etc. and courses which are available to them.



NEW ENGLAND SECTION

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER BOBBIE HERBERT, Reporter

Search and Rescue — something we read about and hear about but few of us actually get a chance to participate. We're proud that NANCY TIER did! Police units, game wardens and members of the Forestry Service joined together to search for a lost hunter. Because of inclement weather, the State helicopters never got off the ground, but NANCY did in her trusty Cessna! She spent over an hour searching October Mt. before a "front" forced her to return to home base. Needless to say, the lost hunter did find his own way out, but newspaper coverage credited NANCY for her efforts.

"Continuously, since 1932, the Central High School Alumni Association at its

Annual Reunion has awarded Certificates of Distinction to a few former Centralites who have made notable achievements in some worthy field of endeavor, such as industry, education, law, medicine, the armed services, science, aviation and government." So states the Alumni Bulletin from Washington, D. C. This year NANCY is the recipient of this honor and on December 26th will journey to Washington for the festivities. Congratulations, NANCY! We're sure proud of you!!

As Editor HAZEL commented in the December "News," we have not scratched the surface for new members, and we hope everyone will take her comments to heart and do what she can to help increase our membership. PEG DAVIDSON is doing what she can and we were pleased to hear she is continuing her interest in promoting air education. She recently spoke to a group of Girl Scouts in North Haven about flying. One of the Scouts is taking flying lessons, and we hope that she will solo soon.

EVELYN KROPP and 49½ER PETER got in some actual IFR flying on a trip to Michigan last month. At 10,000 ft. over Hartford, in freezing rain, the Arrow started icing up. After asking for a lower altitude, EVELYN started descending, but not before the airspeed dropped, the gear warning horn sounded, and before they could hold the override, the automatic gear dropped and they were unable to retract it. After getting a clearance, they landed at Poughkeepsie and spent the night before continuing on to Detroit. The return trip started and ended much the same way, with the KROPKS leaving Detroit IFR, but able to continue the flight "on top" at 9,000 for most of the trip. After that it was gusty, dark and raining and both EVELYN and PETER were relieved to finally see a few lights twinkling through the clouds as they made their approach on Groton. A memorable trip to be sure!

A letter was received recently from BERTHA MEANA, now residing in Ukiah, California. BERTHA is the Chief Flight and Ground Instructor at the ACE Aerial Service at Ukiah, a Piper Flight Center. The school is now approved for all advanced courses and they are working on approval for VA training. Lots of luck in your new venture, BERTHA!

A Christmas card from NINA HETMANENKO tells of the sea, sun and fun at Ft. Lauderdale where she spent the Holidays. NINA also visited MONA & MAL BUDDING who were vacationing at their home in Coconut Grove.

We had a real swinging Christmas Party planned at JACK & ROSIE CRIM's, but at the last minute, due to snow and icing conditions, we had to cancel out. Don't worry, gals, we expect to reschedule the party in '71!

Apollo 14, the 7th U.S. manned flight to the moon and the fourth with a moon-landing objective, is scheduled to lift off from Kennedy Space Center, Florida, at 3:23 p.m., E.S.T., January 31, 1971. Watching the launching from a vantage point on

Cape Kennedy will be MARY & DAVE NEIL who received a personal invitation from NASA. Spacecraft Commander ALAN SHEPARD is also a friend of the NEIL'S who were instrumental in obtaining the services of DR. PHILLIP CHAPMAN as the Banquet speaker at the Bretton Woods Convention. Also invited to represent the 99's is BETTY McNABB and 49½ER HAROLD. We'll be watching our TV for a glimpse of MARY & BETTY as the blast-off occurs and another Chapter is written on man's exploration of the moon!



GARDEN STATE CHAPTER JERRY ROBERTS, Reporter

Lakehurst Naval Training Center provided the setting for the Garden State Christmas party. It was a day that will be long remembered by those 99's and 49½ers who attended. Eight planes flew in! Why is it always such a thrill to fly in a field normally "out of bounds?" ALICE HAMMOND'S Susie Q was newly painted for Christmas, and the Navy was really impressed they chose "Navy Blue and Gold." It was a beautiful day weatherwise (our luck has been good) and the rains didn't fall until we were safely tied-down at home base after twilight.

After a "red carpet" reception and coffee in the Briefing Room, we were bused to the Officers' Club where we met those who had driven in. Luncheon in ADMIRAL ROSENDAHL's Room was jolly with high anticipation for the treats in store for us, as planned by no less than 14 commands under the supreme guidance of CAPTAIN JEROME ROTH.

We witnessed experiments not usually performed for "visitors" — and were thrilled by a rocket ejection, plane catapulting exercises, parachute jumping (precision drills), helicopter demonstrations — to name just a few. We toured the largest wooden hangars in the world, and one so big that it creates its own weather. When the doors are opened in the mornings they are liable to find clouds drifting overhead (in the hangar), rain and sometimes snow. Isn't that fantastic? In that hangar is a miniature aircraft carrier housing four Cherokees, catapult space, etc. with plenty of space left over for helicopters, cranes, trucks neatly lined up and not crowded.

CAROL KOCZON works there, and experienced "first sights and thrills." CAROL, by the way, instructs for the Flying Club based there for enlisted men, and two of her students have earned their Private tickets.

The enthusiasm shown by our 99's expressed "thank you" to CAPTAIN ROTH and his Commanders far more effectively than my bread and butter letter."

Lakehurst will celebrate its 50th birthday in May. Garden State hopes to be able to assist in making he anniversary significant to general aviation.

MARY ROSE MYERS flew to Florida for the holidays. And JUDY and GIL MELTSNER flew down for the new Year's weekend. FLO WALSH and JANE STEWART moved into their winter cottage at Plantation Key just before Christmas. They'll probably commute for the rest of the winter. Too bad they can't tow the boat behind the Arrow. It must be tough for the guy who draws the short straw and has to drive all that way.

Sadly, the Flying W has closed its doors. It grieves me particularly 'cause I was the first woman to get her license from there, and we watched it grow from a cornfield to the finest fly-in spot on the East Coast. It kind of leaves a big void in the state of New Jersey too. Home for 2556X now is International Airport in Philadelphia. I'm still misty-eyed about that! We always gave International a wide berth because of high-density and all that. Now, we are getting lazy having all landings dictated by Philadelphia Approach Control. Seriously, the welcome extended by Atlantic Aviation has been great, and I feel a bit like Cinderella at the Ball. I hope the clock never strikes twelve!

Among the goodies in my Christmas stocking was a note from FAA saying I had passed my Commercial written. VIRGINIA HAMMOND conducted a most successful Ground School course at Moorestown High School first semester and will carry it on to Burlington County College starting February.

Garden State Chapter wishes you all HAPPY FLYING for 1971!

GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER LISA HEB0, Reporter

The Greater New York Chapter had their annual Christmas Party at Betty Lou and Tom Hubin's beautiful house in Upper Saddle River, N. J., December 12, 1970. Most of the 99s and 49½s came to the party. The Chapter was treated to a wonderful dinner prepared by BETTY LOU. All members were sent a list of things to buy, like toys, games, kits of all kinds, anything children could use. These were collected at the party and given to "The Children's Recreation Service — Bellevue Hospital Center" in Manhattan. A fantastic amount of toys and things were collected for the children.

DOCTORS VERA and JOHN FINLAY attended their first Christmas Party in three years, at the home of BETTY LOU HUBIN. In 1968 they were in Tunisia, North Africa; 1969 in Ceylon, working on the ship "HOPE".

ELLIOTT and RUTH BLISS went fishing to Blackville, New Brunswick, Canada via Cherokee 180 and landed at Dumphy Airport — a Canadian airport used for bug control. When RUTH asked permission to land they said "Oh, yes, but be very careful we have three airplanes going out of here

all the time!" No salmon, but RUTH had a lovely flying trip.

SELMA CRONIN made "Who's Who of American Women".

Tuesday, December 15th, some of the Teterboro Control Tower Operators hosted a meeting at Glennon's Restaurant. The Meeting, attended by many 99s, was held for the purpose of discussing solutions to problems arising at the airport.

ANN MORRISSEY in conjunction with Pelham Airways (only seaplane base in New York City) is setting up private pilot ground school at NYU School of Continuing Education. It will be the only Ground School offered on Manhattan on a regularly scheduled basis (as opposed to 3-day concentrated instruction, i.e., AOPA, etc.). Classes will begin Spring Semester (February). Plans are being discussed with NYU at present to develop a degree program in aviation (up to the Commercial license).

ANN hopes to incorporate the use of a simulator shortly which will also be based on one of the New York School campuses.

JANE VAN EPS just returned recently from a vacation in the South Pacific.

This news reporter has recently returned from a ten-day trip to Mexico. My mother and I went to Merida, and Chichen-Itza and Cozumel. We also took a trip by jeep into the so-called "jungle" to see the ancient Mayan cities of Sayil, Labna, and Kabah. While in Cozumel, we hired a Piper Arrow and pilot who flew us to another ruin of TULUM. I'm a glider pilot, otherwise I'd fly it myself. Tulum has a very recently paved runway, only one, and we went by jeep to the ruin while the pilot took his siesta. Upon return from Merida, I spent the Thanksgiving week-end in Helsinki, Finland.

I am about to leave, in a few days, on a week cruise to the Caribbean. Mother and I will fly to Curacao then by ship to Antigua, Guadeloupe, St. Lucia, Grenada, and Aruba, then fly home again. All this in a week! Unbelievable!

See you all next month.

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER IRENE HENRY, Reporter

Well, the historic event mentioned in the last issue (our 5th Anniversary Birthday Party) came to pass and about 40 members, 49½ers and friends attended. After dinner, we enjoyed a great birthday cake in the shape of an airplane, baked and decorated by DIANE TRIBBLE . . . truly a masterpiece. Then four charter members, MARJ. GRAY, RUTH DOBRESCU, DOTTIE BOCK and DORIS ABBATE were presented with "Blue Charter Garters". Next, our guest speaker, LIZ PECK, kept us enthralled with antidotes on her flying career back in the 40's (also many achievements) followed by a Question and Answer Period and general socializing. It was a fun evening and much credit goes to Marilyn Hibner for her efforts to make the party the success it was.

On Nov. 14, PEG FORD, MARILYN

HIBNER, RUTH DOBRESCU and GUS ANDERSEN attended the Aerospace Seminar at Monmouth County Airport, N.J. These 99s were very impressed with the program and are anxious to get an Aerospace Program started in this area.

NINA CLAREMONT and 49½er, HUGH, generously offered their new home for the Chapters' Christmas Party. Mexican cuisine was featured for 30 people cooked by NINA herself . . . with a Trio for dancing and all the trimmings. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend this great bash. Hope NINA offers a repeat for next year . . .

I am pleased to report, DOTTIE BOCK earned her Instrument rating for Christmas. It was the greatest present of them all and DOTTIE is still walking (flying) on air. She intends to go on and get her Commercial and Ground Instructors ratings and with her enthusiasm and effort, how can she miss?

NEW YORK CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER LILLIAN ROYLANCE, Reporter

Winter came to our area with gusto in December and is still going strong in January. One snowstorm follows another like a parade. The airports are cleared, only to be buried again with more snow.

Our December meeting was a Christmas dinner party at the Silver Spur Restaurant in Latham, N. Y. It was a fun get-together, a bit on the noisy side, but then we're a noisy bunch! Unfortunately, JOAN FRAZIER, on her way home that night, broke her leg in an accident on the slippery roads. Which further convinces us that flying is safer than driving.

SALLY DOWNS and her 49½er, with another flying couple, took off early in December for a 10-day vacation in the Bahamas. The trip was made in their friends' Baron. Lucky people! After all that sun and warmth, Albany must have looked like Little America.

Our January meeting will be at Schenectady Airport. That's all for this time, but we're looking forward to more action as spring approaches.

WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER PEG PIEPER, Reporter

HO! HO! HO! and the spirit of Christmas 1970 resounded through the halls of the Orchard Downs Restaurant in Orchard Park, N. Y. on December 7th as the W.N.Y. Chapter of the 99's held their Christmas party. From all reports, it was a whopping success. I always thought that AGNES DENLER'S 49½er ALLEN was a real nice guy but according to reports before she could get a drink ARLENE BRAY had to kiss ALLEN. Petty sneaky ALLEN! KATHY POTOCZAK'S 49½er HENRY played a beardless Santa Claus and distributed all the goodies. HENRY'S an expert at HO! HO! HO!ing.

TERRI and ED PIRRUNG went to the Flight Instructor Re-validation Clinic in



"Look what Santa gave me" says a smiling JEAN VALVO as she displays her prize—a little stuffed ass (Jackass that is). JEAN is W.N.Y. Chapter Secretary-Treasurer and Section Parliamentarian.



W.N.Y. members displaying the true holiday spirit. (There's water in those glasses—right girls?). L. to R. KATHY POTOCZAK, TERRI PIRRUNG, ARLENE BRAY and ETHEL FEDDERS.

Hartford, Conn. in November. I saw TERRI'S and ED'S Apache at Buffalo International Airport the other day. What a beauty.

AGGIE and ALLEN DENLER flew to Lancaster and Lockhaven, Pa.—all IFR. They also drove to Villanova to visit their son, JEFF. AGGIE is our APT Chairman.

KATHY POTOCZAK and her 49½er HENRY have been practicing the principles of flight around the area and checking to see how close the snow has come to their air strip. So far, they have been lucky with just a light dusting. KATHY and HENRY went to the Rochester, N.Y. Pilot's Associations Christmas party—KATHY reports a very good speaker by the name of TORCH LEWIS.

JEAN VALVO is hoping that her 49½er BURT would quite procrastinating (just like a lawyer) and get his private ticket.

KATHY POTOCZAK received a Christmas card from former W.N.Y. member

PAT WEIR. PAT is now a member of the Wisconsin Chapter. She sees a lot of Wisconsin because the 99 meetings are held at different airports.

Until next time—a very happy and healthy 1971 and MAY THE BEST OF THE PAST BE THE WORST IN THE FUTURE.



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER RONNIE JOHNSON, Reporter

Since your reporter is currently vacationing in Los Angeles this will be a short report.

This has not been our year for weather. Again our meeting was weathered-in. However on November 14th, 22 members and guests were able to get to Lock Haven by car. COL. WILLIAM FUCHS gave a lecture on survival. It was instructive and very interesting. Afterward everyone had lunch at the Fallon Hotel. MARY JANE NULL from Kane, Pa. was a visitor to the meeting. JANE THEURER from Hudson Valley Chapter was there and is transferring to our chapter.

GOOD NEWS! MARION DUNLAP is recovering nicely from her recent operation.

ELEANOR and JOHN STILLI and JO and BILL WRIGHT will soon be flying to Florida on vacation.

ALICE FUCHS has been appointed to the 99's National Annual Proficiency Training Committee.

MARY and JIM HULL recently won first place at the National Antique Auto Show in Hershey, Pa.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER ANNE SHIELDS, Reporter

Our fall sectional on Saturday, Oct. 24th. was a tremendous success thanks to KATE MACARIO who made all the arrangements at the Wilmington Airport in Delaware. KATE is one of the strong back bones of our chapter and with the help of ADELAIDE TINKER from the DCA Chapter who lives in Wilmington and CAROL BOHACH, ANN WINSOR, BETTY WAY and good weather we had a nice turn out of about sixty people. Approximately 15 planes flew in, and we were especially happy to have PAT GALLOWAY who came all the way from Ashland, Kentucky to represent our new TRI-CITIES CHAPTER. Those attending from our Chapter were BETTY WAY, ANN WINSOR, KAREN DAVIES, ALICE and BOB MOORE, JANE and BILL SQUIRES, MERLE STA RER, HELENE BUTLER, ALICE MEISENHEIMER, LOUISE SACCHI, NANCY DIEMAND, CAROL BOHACH, KATE MACARIO, and ANNE SHIELDS plus PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS GAIL LINGO, SUSIE SIMON and LUCILLE WOLF.

A hospitality room was provided by our gals for the early arrivals the night before which many enjoyed.

BILL GUINTHER was our guest speaker and told us about the London Daily Mail Race which he entered last spring, and won \$12,000 for the best score in estimates and proficiency in the over all race. He gave a great deal of credit to LOUISE SACCHI, who helped with his planning and preparation. (What's that saying—behind every successful man is the help of a woman.) One of the interesting statements that BILL GUINTHER made was that everyone that gave him help, support, and equipment had no personal gain. We all enjoyed his fine talk and felt as though we had gone on the trip with him.

On November 14th, the GARDEN STATE CHAPTER invited our Chapter to attend an Aviation Workshop at Monmouth Airport, N.J. sponsored by the Aerospace Education Director of N. J. and the Division of Aeronautics of N. J. A day well spent and attended by three members of the EA. PENN CHAPTER, BARBARA FARQUHARSON, JOAN ZAHAREY and ANNE SHIELDS. We were delighted to see BARBARA FARQUHARSON, it was her first meeting since her disc operation in July. One of the questions that was brought up at the workshop was about accidents and how many women were involved in them, since no one knew the answer I remembered that the FAA had just printed an article in the Aviation News about HOW SAFE IS THE LADY IN THE COCKPIT, here are the statistics.

WOMEN PILOTS — AIR ACCIDENTS 1968

All Pilots	691,695
Women pilots	28,401
% of pilots who are women	4.1%
Total Accidents	5,039
Accidents involving women pilots	125
% of accidents involving women	2.5%
Fatal Accidents	707
Fatal accidents involving women	10
% of fatal accidents involving women	1.4%

PILOTSE INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS, 1969

All Pilots	By Class of Pilot	Women Pilots
17%	Student	42%
45%	Private	39%
35%	Commercial	19%
03%	ATR	0%
100%		100%

BY AGE OF PILOT

All Pilots		Women Pilots
03%	under 20	08%
26%	20 - 29	21%
30%	30 - 39	36%
28%	40 - 49	25%
13%	over 50	10%

More than 30,000 women are now eligible to fly airplanes. The records from National Transportation Safety Board show that statistics say no for women being a safety hazard. How about that!!

See the November issue of AOPA Pilot magazine, they did a very nice article about Sister PEGGY BOREK, a former Chapter chairman who transferred to Florida.

Have you noticed the new FLIGHT PRECAUTION STATEMENT IN AREA FORECASTS? It's an excellent idea as it enables the pilot to immediately detect problem areas. To further assist the pilot to detect the type of flight precautions when being wx briefed by phone, don't forget to ask what Flight Precautions are mentioned along your route of flight.

Hope the holidays will be gala and fun, and the New Year a bright and shiny one for all.

VIRGINIA CHAPTER MADDIE DOLEMAN, Reporter

Our Christmas Dinner held on December 12th at Byrd Field's Dobbs House Restaurant was a happy time in spite of the weather for Virginia 99's, their guests, and husbands. All had an excellent view of the arriving and departing commercial flight. The colorful runway lights haloed in the fog added to the glow of the holiday festivities.

We welcome two 99 transfers to the Virginia Chapter: SARA PARMENTER from the Space Port Chapter, Florida, and MADDIE DOLEMAN from the Aloha Chapter, Hawaii. SARA, who has a fondness for taildraggers has been flying for 25 years and will be based at Farmville Airport, which has just undergone renovation. She and her husband ROBERT have just become farm owners in nearby Cumberland. MADDIE, who cannot get over all the land 'below' is now working on her commercial license. TOBY LEHMAN and 49½ LEWIS hosted MADDIE and husband 49½ ED for a dinner flight to Franklin in the LEHMAN'S Cessna 172.

FRAN VAN STAVERN has started work on her Multi-Engine Rating in an Apache and loves it. FRAN flew to Dayton, Ohio, for a Navion Fly-In and met JEAN REED, a 99 from Illinois.

MARION HELMS was recently aloft in a State Police Helicopter getting a view of Richmond traffic. MARION works for Virginia Avionics who had just installed a new transponder in the Helicopter.

Virginia Fliers be on the look out for a rather small, unidentified aircraft. JEAN HARRIS and 49½ CHARLIE were out flying their home built model airplanes and JEAN'S took off and didn't return. Santa Claus kindly brought her a new model kit and JEAN will begin construction soon.

We all wish to thank TOBY LEHMAN for the wonderful job that she has done as Publicity Chairman for the Virginia Chapter and for her work as Reporter.

WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER CLEO SHERBOW

Happy New Year to Ninety-Nines everywhere from the D.C. Chapter! I can tell it is going to be a great year because this reporter just received two issues of the NEWSLETTER. One was the June issue and the other was the December issue.

In November AOPA sponsored an Instructors Revalidation Course. This was attended by LIL CHESNES and CLEO SHERBOW. The information brought to these clinics by top notch speakers from the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City for a standardization in Flight Instruction is of tremendous value. The Academy can not be praised enough for the fine job they are doing in upgarding the role of the Flight Instructor.

December 2, 1970 at the home of FRANCES NOLDE, a dinner party was given in honor of the WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE FAA. In addition to members of the committee, officials from FAA AND DOT were invited. Secretary of Transportation, MR. VOLPE with MRS. VOLPE attended. Others on the scene included new ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR GENERAL AVIATION AFFAIRS, MR. JOHN BAKER, DR. MERVIN STRICLER from the FAA DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL AVIATION EDUCATION, and familiar to most Ninety-Nines and in attendance was DR. STANLEY MOHLER from the FAA Academy. Hostesses for this affair were FRANCES NOLDE, BLANCH NOYES, NONA QUARLES and JEAN HOWARD.

PAT HUGHES took the young men in the Aviation Class of the Bell Vocational School on a tour of the Tower and the Flight Service Station at Washington National Airport.

MITZI KELLER and 49½-ER GIL will be leaving on a two month tour of the U.S.A. in their Aztec. That's the way to go!

EVELYN MAHLE is in Switzerland instructing. This time it is not airplane instruction but instruction in figure skating!



ALABAMA CHAPTER BENNIE PETERS, Reporter

NANCY BEELAND and SUNNY TURNER treated the Alabama 99's to a gourmet seafood lunch at our Christmas meeting on December 6 at NANCY's and JEFF'S home in Greenville. Other members attending with their 49½ers were KATHLEEN VAUGHAN, JUANITA HALSTEAD, MAMIE RUSSELL, ELISE HEILPERN, MARY RELFE, BETTY FERRELL, and BENNIE PETERS. MARYLYN HOLEMAN of Huntsville attended as a guest and is sending in her membership application.

News from Alabama members: MARY RELFE obtained her multi-engine rating in November and is now flying a Twin Comanche. ELISE HEILPERN flew to New Orleans and Gulfport the weekend before Thanksgiving, returning home in time to host children and grandchildren from New Jersey for the holidays. KATHLEEN and RUSS VAUGHAN had a great trip to Shelby, N.C.. Thanksgiving weekend thanks to a 30-knot tailwind. BENNIE PETERS has a new Citabria, and as a member of the "younger generation" that has flown only nosewheel airplanes, is hav-

ing a terrible time with wheel landings. Thinking of christening the airplane "Kangaroo" as that's what it most resembles bouncing down the runway!

CAROLINAS CHAPTER MERCY, Reporter

It must have been prophetic that gale warnings would go up on December 16th all along the North Carolina Outer Banks . . . as 200 of the faithful gathered to join the evening's frolic of the tongue-in-cheek MAN WILL NEVER FLY MEMORIAL



Carolinas member and Southeast Section Governor, PAGE SHAMBURGER, introducing HAZEL "ARABELLA" McKENDRICK, guest speaker for the anniversary banquet of the MAN WILL NEVER FLY MEMORIAL SOCIETY at Nags Head, North Carolina.

SOCIETY and to observe the official ceremony on the following morning commemorating the 67th Anniversary of Flight.

Despite the weather, Kitty Hawk Chapter Chairman NITA MELVIN and husband, BILL, were there. The Carolinas' indefatigable PAGE SHAMBURGER, The Guv, was on hand to introduce the evening's guest speaker, 99's EDITOR HAZEL McKENDRICK. Herself "ARABELLA BROAD-BOTTOM", honored as the first female ever to address the MWNFMS, was magnificent. Her speech, an accident report on Icarus in pseudo-official language, brought down the house. A subsequent press release referred to her as "an internationally famous unknown celebrity." Head Hag, ALINE DREW, of the local Sea Hags, presented ARABELLA with an official Hag membership. We claim her for our team on the next fishing contest.

Awards given that night by the Society included:

NAACP (National Anti-Aviation Citation Presentation) to the FAA for their proven ridiculous upside-down wedding cake traffic control area at their own airport, National, when airline delays were up to three hours before the regulation, in force only twelve hours, was cancelled, and for their programs which assured that runways for general aviation, not destroyed by neglect, would be torn up by planes crashing into them because of antiquated approach systems. The Fourth "Aviation Hall of Infamy" Award went to TOM DAVIS, President of Piedmont, specifically for his unparalleled Jap Jep fleet . . . which was comfortable if you were less than 3 feet 8 inches tall and enjoyed sitting on grass seats . . . and for his ceaseless efforts to stop service to the Southern Pines and Elizabeth City airports. Incidentally, the Guy was the second person taken into the Society's Aviation Hall of Infamy several years ago, but darned if I can find out what for. Specail Honorable Mention went to SENATOR WILLIAM PROXMIRE for his leadership in efforts to stop development of the SST and to enrich our vocabularies by teaching us to recognize "fasten your seatbelt" in Russian or French.

On hand was the president of a new organization, THE FAT EARTH SOCIETY, BOB RICHARDSON, an airline pilot, who explained that their society has much in common with the WMNFMS since they meet annually on San Salvador where Columbus "allegedly" first landed.

Special greetings came from the Hominy Grits Society, too, with headquarters in Swamplands, North Carolina, and a branch office in Washington, D.C.

The weather cleared beautifully on the morning of the 17th. ORVILLE and WILBUR would have approved the simple ceremony at their winged tower on Kill Devil Hill, their marble shafted Memorial rising splendidly into the sky . . . so splendidly, in fact, that the fly-over by the Coast Guard Hercules 130's almost became a fly-through.

We devotees who didn't get out of the hills or the Piedmont could only turn our faces eastward that morning and bow down

in frustrated obeisance. (Hey, Ed. . . . Congrats on being a Sea Hag. About the BC 1st and the swap, will have to confer with Head BC . . . Meanwhile, what's a dog-eared gopher girly?)

(I was promoted to BC 1st in Nags Head and I have the shoes to prove it, if I cud jest figger out how to put 'em on—a dog-earned gopher girl is one who let rain, wind, and darkness of nite stay her from the Dec. 16th Bash.—ED.)

FLORIDA GOLDCOAST CHAPTER BEBE SEDLACEK, Reporter

Well, we had a delightful Christmas party at SHIRLEY DAVIS's house! KITTY KATZ played the piano there in a very professional manner. BEBE SEDLACEK sang a few songs and carols in her soprano voice. The food was GOOD, everybody!

Wedding bells just rang for BETTY TRACY and BUD HAWKS.

Hooray for SHIRLEY DAVIS for her obtainment of her Instrument rating!! Now she can go thru the clouds legally.

KITTY KATZ scouted across the USA to Palo Alto, Calif. to visit her daughter and her newly-wed husband. She had a very scenic trip. LOIS PORTER completed the pink paint job on 15 October on N111LP (Triple Lolly-Pop), just in time to go to FAPA Ruby Rendezvous. All you need now is a pet Pink Panther as your Co-pilot!! DOTTIE SHAW and HUBBY BOOTS and daughter STEPHANIE flew commercially to San Francisco and then drove to Canada. While in Seattle they saw the mock-up of the SST. They were house guests of MR. and MRS. CLARK HIGGINS—the latter who is an executive with Boeing Aircraft.

Angels—Awake and sprout your rested wings and prepare to fly "south of the border—down Nicaragua way"!!! KITTY KATZ, HELEN SMITH, MARY BARRER, and CECILE HATFIELD will route survey the Angel Derby. They plan to leave Miami on January 7th and meet with the 99's in Shreveport, La.; Memphis, Tenn.; Evansville, Ind.; and Columbus, Ohio. In Ohio they will discuss the start of the 1971 Angel Derby with the All Ohio 99's. Then off to Wash., D.C. to meet with government officials there concerning their roles as good will ambassadors when the race goes through Mexico and Central America. The Miami gals are all flying via Kitty's Aztec. Hasta luego!! Do note the "Flyer" in this issue of the "News". So, till we meet again . . . Happy flying!!

MEMPHIS CHAPTER HOLLY SMITH, Reporter

We had quite a turn out for the annual Christmas party at the home of JOANNE MURDOCK. I am going to mention all the members there because I don't often get the chance to mention many of them. GLADYS ESTES, JENNY COOK, CHRIS BROWN, JUNE PENTECOST, MARTHA TOBEY, NETTA HOLDEN, CAROLYN BELL, LOYCE O'NEAL, BETTY ROCKWOOD, MARJORIE SCHULTZ, HILDA SAVAGE, ROSEMARY WILLIAMS, NINA

WITHERINGTON, JOSEPHINE HOWSER, TOY HICKS, our newest commercial pilot, JEAN THACKER, with a new instrument rating. From out of town came VIRGINIA PROCTOR from Wynne, Arkansas and DOT and NELDA WILSON from Whiteville, Tennessee. Now add in all the 49½ers and guests and you have a total of old and new friends who, after a delicious supper, gathered around the tree to exchange gifts and to enjoy the good company.

Many of our group are planning to fly to Nashville to lend our support to BETTY and WINFIELD DUNN during the inauguration ceremonies and, needless to say, the parties afterward. We are very proud of the new governor of Tennessee and his lady.

There has been an understandable lull in the news as each of us has been busy with our families over the holidays, however I have a resolution for the new year that I hope all you girls will adopt. I resolve to contact our news reporter with all my flying news before the 18th of the month. How 'bout it, gals? This will preclude your reporter from having ulcers and a terminal case of telephone ear. Happy New Year, Y'all.

NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER

The New Orleans Chapter has been silent these past several months, but we've been busy as beavers. We've acquired three new members MRS. CHRIS MILLS, MAUREEN DONLAN, and MRS. VIRGINIA MacDONALD and two transfers MRS. JUNE HERRINGTON from Kitty Hawks, and ALICE CAGLE from So. La. We also have several student pilots who are very active in the group.

Our fly-ins have included a trip to CHARLIE and GLORICE WILLS, Poplarville, Miss. home where they have a 3000 foot private strip. We were joined by the So. La. Chapter. We've investigated the Old Ruins of Historic Fort Morgan, Ala. for a scenic Gulf Coast trip. Mississippi Chapter member JANET GREEN, her daughter GAY, and their guest MRS. CHARLOTTE PARKER enjoyed the day with us. We've journeyed to Hattisbury, Miss. for a mouth watering dinner at Mack's Fish Shack.

December found us at GINNY and LANKY SMITH'S beautiful home in Covington, La. for our Christmas Party, a buffet of most delectable food. Those who enjoyed the holiday treat were MR. and MRS. CLAUDE HERRINGTON, MR. and MRS. CHARLIE WILLS, MR. and MRS. HAROLD RAY, MR. and MRS. MacDONALD, MAUREEN DONLAN and DATE and MRS. DAVE LYONS. Our guests were MR. and MRS. GUILORY.

We have one celebrity in our group of whom we're very proud, MISS MAUREEN DONLAN was named Cadet of the Year by the Civil Air Patrol and awarded \$500.00 to be applied to her flying.

Two of our members have had additions to their families, GINNY and LANKY SMITH are the proud owners of a Cessna 175, and ROSE MANCINI'S glow comes

from being the proud owner of a Piper Clipper.

The New Orleans Chapter is going to co-host the Spring Sectional with the Mississippi Chapter and if all the irons we have in the fire materializes, it promises to be a very memorable week-end. The Dates are May 28-29-30 and we hope all of you are making plans to be there and we'd like to take this opportunity to issue each Section an invite to come on down to Ole New Orleans and join South East in our merry making. We are having a grand time discovering the creative talents in our group and are eagerly looking forward to applying the finishing touches to our plans. We have big plans for the banquet—we want them to be a pleasant surprise so I have to keep mum regarding these, but I can let you in on a few of our secrets. On Friday afternoon, May 28th we're going to have an authentic Louisiana Shrimp Broil complete with the Old South Setting of wispy hanging moss and willowery trees. So put the dates on your calendar and start saving your pennies and we hope to see you in May.

NORTH GEORGIA CHAPTER

MAVIS CHEEK, Reporter

The North Carolina Chapter met at the home of DENISE BLANKENSHIP in Newnan, Georgia on Saturday evening, December 12 for a Yuletide get together. There was all sorts of goodies and then came the main course—ham, turkey, dressing and all that goes with these things. Everyone ate their fill and had started to relax when all of a sudden there was a loud rap on the door and Lo! who would be standing there but a real Santa Claus with gifts for everyone. Quite a jolly fellow on this stop, talking to each and everyone and then leaving as quickly as he came and everyone with their mouths open—wondering who? Still wondering too. Some couldn't make it but were remembered anyway.

During this busy holiday period some had the good fortune to make a few trips, getting in some flying on the clear, still days. PAULINE MALLARY mobilized to Michigan, LOIS LACY flew to South Georgia, MAVIS CHEEK flew to Washington, D.C., and MARTHA BULLOCK flew to Montgomery, Alabama on New Years Day on a not so clear or still day. She says the temperature was freezing on the ground and the visibility was 0/0 and while she made it to Montgomery, Alabama and back the same day, she experienced much icing on the wings of her Aztec on the return trip but did get back to home base in time to make that New Year's Eve Party.

KAY GUICE says that she must have been a pretty good 99 cause Santa Claus brought an American Yankee to their house for Christmas and DENISE BLANKENSHIP is boasting of having a new Baron at her disposal.

SUNCOAST CHAPTER

ETHEL GIBSON, Reporter

Now that the Holiday Season is over, will take a minute to recap the flying activi-

ties of our Chapter since our last report. BETTY SMITH, with the help of her 49½ MORCIE, planned a really nice evening for us the first weekend of December at which time we wine and dined our distaff side of our Chapter at the Kings Inn on the Gulf Beaches. Twenty seven of us enjoyed the dinner and then really enjoyed a social time along with the initiation of three new 49½ members. DR. DOUGLAS HOOD, ED SHAPIRO, and our newest 49½, A. H. SWIMMER, bridegroom of SHIRLEY WEBB SWIMMER, were selected to participate in one of the ceremonies that only the most elite of all mankind—namely husbands of Ninety-Nines have the privilege of joining, to be able to become card-carrying members of the Great and Noble 49½'s.

We were privileged to have MADELYN and IRVING EYLES, of the Hudson Valley Chapter, at our Dinner Meeting. They are visiting here in St. Petersburg and were welcome guests. Our regular December meeting was in joint with the other Florida Chapters and also the Florida Grasshoppers and was held in Sanford. Our chapter had a good turnout for this special meeting.

Just found out that DOTTY and CHARLES BIRDSONG are again giving out cigars, this time for a new grandson. DOTTY is planning on entering the Angel Derby so is in the midst of forms and charts as well as busy as member of the President's Women's Aviation Advisory Commission.

January meeting to be held at Birdsong's Tampa Downs for Airmarking of Rwy.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

MARIE H. HURLEY, Reporter

To give you an idea of what kind of Christmas party we had at BEE and JOHN REID'S in Chattanooga, I will only say, this reporter and her "flying buddy" DONNA BOWER plus husbands were the only ones to fly in. Everyone else (which numbered several) drove and spent the night. The party was delightful and our sincerest thanks go to BEE and JOHN. We were honored by a phone call from her luv, the GOV page who wished she could be with us too. DOT JONES was up from Sarasota visiting SARAH DUKE for the holidays, and we were delighted to see her. Everyone was relieved that BEE REID received some more "snacks" to tide her over on those long cross countries so she won't have to make such frequent stops to eat.

Coming up are meeting in Morristown and Flight Instructor Instrument Seminar jointly sponsored by the Tennessee Aeronautic Commission and The F. A. A. This is a great way to keep us current and to know what is going on in aviation.

Happy New Year to all 99's everywhere from the Tennesseans and may you have a year filled with good and excited flying.



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