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It is January now, well past the holiday season, but I want to extend greetings in the new year and best wishes that 1973 will bring to each one of you good health and much happiness!

The new year of Ninety-Nine activity which began in September has been a busy one, filled with Active Participation by the members. The chapters report their involvement in the programs and their plans to carry out goals set for their own group. It is great to see us living up to the purpose of Ninety-Nines.

Christmas was spent in Pennsylvania and what a delightful holiday it was. Comanche to Dallas, 707 to Washington and a beautiful new Piper Aztec sitting there waiting for me at the base of the tower at Dulles, courtesy of Piper and the Central Pa. chapter. The sun was shining when I left Oklahoma and Texas, but it was cold and raining in Washington. The weather was expected to improve, so when the pilot and I located each other he loaded my luggage, and we were off for a smooth flight into the darkness. About halfway, we were on top at 9,000 and there was an occasional break in the overcast below. There was sufficient ceiling when we broke out at Williamsport to cancel IFR and fly down the valley between the cloud-topped ridges to Lock Haven. Ronnie Johnson, chairman of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter, met me at Piper operations and we began the holiday by joining her husband, Ray, at an open house given by Lockhaven Air-motive. Saturday, a fun trip to town with the last minute shoppers, and in the evening, we motored to State College, Pennsylvania, (still raining) with Helen and Pug Piper as guests for the Ninety-Nine party. It was a gala affair at the country club, with sixty-two there for a great dinner and dancing. The program of no speeches and many door prizes was fun. I enjoyed the evening by table hopping with Hazel Bartolet and Ronnie. This gave me the chance to see all the members present along with their guests and we did have time for visiting. It was a real treat for me and I only wish I could remember all the names with the faces next time we meet!

Ronnie and Ray spoiled me by letting me sleep late, having good food prepared and always available, and by taking me about town to visit friends. Although it rained right through Christmas Day, we didn't let it dampen our holiday spirits; we managed to enjoy singing at the player piano and two Christmas Dinners! We visited new member Kay Martin in her home and went over to Williamsport for a visit with Mary Hull. We swapped a few flying stories and looked at pictures of the rebuilding of Mary's house in the country. Wednesday, at the Piper factory, I bid goodbye. There was sunshine for the first time on top enroute back to Washington; it was raining in Chicago and at home.

The ice and snow has just about stopped flying activities these past three weeks. With warm, spring-like weather following, now we have thunderstorms. It will surely settle down soon, but regardless of the weather it is a good time for planning your guest day meeting, if you haven't had one recently. You'd be surprised how easy it is to put together a really interesting program with color slides showing the various activities of your chapter. The narration is just as easy and will be informative for your prospective members. They will be eager to join if they have the qualifications—and if they're still not past the student stage, it will be a great incentive for them to complete their training for a license. Try it—it works!

The latest news is exciting—one of the eight women selected by the U.S. Navy for pilot training is a Ninety-Nine! She is Rosemary Merims, member of the Indiana Chapter, a Purdue graduate (January class) and has been sworn in already. The Indiana 99's were on hand for the ceremony and presented Rosemary with red roses to enhance the occasion. Nancy Orcutt had something to do with the arrangements for that and Pauline Genung got a promise from the Navy that we would have appropriate pictures and documents to place in the 99 museum to record this historical event. It is a first but there will surely be more to follow.

Emily Howell of Englewood, Colorado, will be placed in line service on February 5 as a second officer on a Boeing 737 jet airplane. We have heard of others before her but so far none on a 737 jet. Our British friends have been using female pilots on jets for some time and we have British 99's among them. There are other countries doing the same and eventually our female astronaut candidates may get the chance to contribute their talents to the space program—in space!



Susie Sewell

# The Whole Country Is Talking



**IN THE NAVY NOW** — With Lt. Cmdr. Fant administering the oath, Rosemary repeats the words that bring her into the Navy.



Pauline Genung, Chairman Indiana Chapter 99's, Lt. Cmdr. Glenn Fant, Jr., U.S.N. and Rosemary Merims, Indiana Chapter 99's. Presentation of red roses to Rosemary after swearing-in ceremony at Sky Harbor, Inc., Eagle Creek Airpark.



**PRESS QUESTIONS** — Flanked by Lieutenant Commander Glenn E. Fant, Jr. (left), and Commander Charles T. West, commanding officer of Navy Recruiting District Indianapolis, Rosemary Bryant Merims listens to a reporter ask her why she wants to be among the first women in the Navy to undergo flight training. The question was asked during a press conference held just before Rosemary was sworn into the Navy during a ceremony at a local airport in Indianapolis, Ind.

By June O'Neill

The two dreams have been there, side by side, since the beginnings of man on earth — the longing to be free to fly, and the searching for the outer limits of human excellence . . .

For Ninety-Nine Rosemary Bryant Merims, selected in January as one of the first eight women in history to enter U.S. Navy flight training, the dream began to be real before she was old enough to drive a car. She had always wanted to fly, as her father, Capt. Cecil Bryant (USAF) had in two wars; at age 15, she did fly, working at Gillespie Field in El Cajon, washing airplanes and doing odd jobs to earn flight time.

With the dream under way, Rosemary's excellence became readily apparent. She was an apt student, and at 17 was more than ready for her private license check ride. She picked up her high school diploma along the way, finishing the four years in three.

Rosemary immediately entered Purdue University, the only school in the nation to offer a degree in professional pilot technology. At 5'4", 110 lbs., with long center-parted blonde hair, blue eyes, and a friendly soft-spoken manner, she might have been 'lost in the crowd' at the University as a typical co-ed, but for one thing — her total focus upon a future as wide open as the sky, as seen from the left seat of the most sophisticated aircraft she could get her hands on.

Forsaking vacations to complete the difficult four-year course at Purdue in two and a half years (with a B- average), Rosemary became the first woman to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in the professional pilot program. At the time of graduation, she was flying as first officer in a radar-equipped Navajo, and training for a turbo-jet flight engineer's certificate in Boeing 707 simulators.

Thus at 19 Rosemary had logged 650 hours of flight time, and with commercial, instrument, multi-engine and CFI certification, she was more than ready when the Navy opened the cockpits of its airplanes to women.

She reported January 23 to the Naval Station, Newport, Rhode Island, where her mother, Mrs. Constance Merims of San Diego, went through officer training in the early days of her career as a Navy nurse.

Quoted in the San Diego press upon her selection for Navy flight training, Rosemary shrugged off mention of women's lib, saying "This is something you have to do for yourself. . . ." She expressed delight that her dream has come true, in a way she could never have anticipated. But is she content to relax now that she's accomplished more than most of us do in a lifetime? Far from it!

"I want to fly jets," she says simply, "and I'm interested in astronaut work. I would like to start with the moon . . ."

## NIFA News

By Fran Sargent

It has been wonderful to hear of the ways the 99's have pitched in to help at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) Regional Air Meets. This concept of regional meets is beginning to fall into a smoother pattern this second year of operation. In fact, the Southeastern Regional Meet in Auburn University, Alabama was a model that will be hard to exceed. The Alabama 99's contributed a great deal by supporting the Navigation event and serving on judging team. Auburn is well aware of the help the 99's can be as they have worked together on a number of successful meets. Six colleges were represented at their meet in November and as a result of the competition Auburn won first place, Broward Community College second, and Georgia Tech third. These three teams will therefore be eligible to compete at the National Meet in May.

Katie Strehle and I flew team members from Miami-Dade Junior College to the event and although our team didn't capture a top team spot, we all had a good time and enjoyed the excitement of the activities.

The Northeastern Regional Air Meet at Dowling College was assisted by the Long Island 99's including Marilyn Hibner whose enthusiastic account describes how much they enjoyed working with this group of students. Marilyn writes "No words in the world could have described the feelings and enthusiasm those young adults stirred within us . . . I hope I have the honor of being a part of one of their activities again in the future. I shall never forget the experience nor the students that I came to know during the event. Each and everyone of them is a tribute to a promising future for this Country in the air and on the ground."

I am pleased to be able to quote someone else as I sometimes feel like a broken record as I keep you posted on the NIFA meets and what a fine experience it is to work with them. They are a great bunch of students, and I'm glad we 99's have taken the responsibility to encourage them and promote their meets.

I know your chapter "tills" may be rather bare this year, but please do make an extra New Year Resolution to find a way to scrape together a good contribution to the NIFA Trust Fund. Send it to me as soon as possible so proper recognition can be given to your Chapter and Section.

The Air Meets, as intended, have been varied and different. St. Cloud, Minn., Louisiana Tech, Kent State, Treasure Valley, Oregon have all hosted regional meets this fall. The winners in these meets are now busy preparing for the trip to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Ill. Hemet, Calif. will be the site of the Pacific Coast Region Meet on April 13-15 and the Rocky Mountain Regional will be in Englerwood, Colo. in April. Don't forget to let me know how your chapter helps!

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# Spatial Disorientation

By Mary F. Foley

One who does not correctly perceive his position, attitude and motion relative to the earth is said to be spatially disoriented. The body maintains balance and position sense in three ways:

1. Vision is probably the most important factor in maintaining proper orientation and balance. Disorientation in flight will be experienced by most normal pilots when vision is degraded by darkness or weather conditions. The ability to fly on instruments is the replacement for the loss of visual reference.

2. "Muscle sense" is produced from changes in the pressure and tension on

muscles, tendons, joints and other structures. This gives rise to the so-called "seat of the pants" sensation. Muscle sense only gives information on the vertical and angular movements of the body. It tells nothing of circular movements.

3. The vestibular organ of the inner ear consists primarily of three semicircular canals, each in a different plane and containing a fluid. Movement of the head causes this fluid to press in the opposite direction and vibrate the tiny hairs lining the inside of the canal. This causes nerve impulses to be sent to the brain telling the body's position, and is usually a reliable system on the ground. However, in aircraft,

where unusual maneuvers and positions can be encountered, this system can be the source of considerable disorientation.

Both the "muscle sense" and the vestibular system have perception thresholds. Very slow, gradual accelerations may not be perceived for some time, and perhaps not at all.

The most common form of spatial disorientation is the "leans." This results from the fact that some angular motions are not perceived. A prolonged bank or turn sometimes produces the sensation of banking in the opposite direction upon return to straight and level flight. Despite the fact that the attitude indicator indicates straight and level, the pilot is inclined to lean in the direction opposite the original turn — because that is the way he **feels** is correct.

A specific type of angular acceleration that bears mentioning is vestibular Coriolis acceleration. The vestibular Coriolis effect results when one set of semicircular canals has equilibrated to a constant angular velocity (that is, the fluid has "come up to speed" with the canal walls) and a head motion is made in a different plane. This results in a perception of motion in a plane in which no motion actually exists. For example, if one is yawing in the clockwise direction at a constant angular velocity, and he pitches his head downward so that his chin is touching his chest, he will perceive (in addition to his pitching motion) that he is rolling in the clockwise direction. The Coriolis effect is particularly dangerous during procedure turns at low altitude in high performance aircraft. Illusions produced by Coriolis accelerations are overwhelming and very difficult to cope with. It is much easier to prevent their occurrence by limiting head movement in planes which differ from the plane of rotation such as moving the head up and down during turns. A particularly bad situation occurred in early models of the F86 jet fighter. In these aircraft it was necessary to shift stick control from the right to the left hand then turn the head and look down and back in order to change the radio frequency. This head movement often resulted in the generation of a sensation of roll. Correcting for this at low altitude was often fatal.

(To be continued)



There is a vast amount of fascinating and valuable information about the activities of the local chapters and overseas sections of the Ninety-Nines which will soon be lost unless documented. It is locked in the minds of the people who participated in these historic events.

In order to record this information so that it may be shared with others, the Publisher of our Ninety-Nine News, Mrs. Lee Keenihan; and the Editor, Mardo Crane, have suggested that future issues of our News carry an article highlighting the activities and contributions of the various chapters within a state or overseas section. The cover page, furnished by a chapter or overseas section, will highlight some outstanding aviation feature of its particular state or country. The article will record the history of the chapters within a state or an overseas section as related to other aviation activities within their communities, their state and the contributions which they have made on a national level from the time of their inception to the time of publication. The article will be limited to a maximum of twelve, double spaced, typewritten pages.

This project will cover a seven year period. In order to avoid concentrating on any particular area, a schedule has been set-up which criss-crosses the United States and includes an overseas section after every fourth state.

Probably the most expeditious way to accomplish this project is for the governor of each section to appoint a member within her section to write the history of the chapters within a particular state or overseas section. Detailed information on the type of pictures, the amount of material, manner of presentation, etc. will be provided the governor and her designated historian by Virginia Thompson. The information must be in the hands of the Editor a month before the article is to appear.

This project has already been discussed

with Rita Orr, Governor of the North Central Section, who has appointed Edythe Maxim to compile the date regarding the All-Ohio Chapter. It was the first chapter to be issued a charter in their section. Mary Vial of the South West Section too thinks that this is a terrific idea. Ruth Ruckert is already industriously collecting information regarding the twenty-some chapters in her state of California which will be the second state featured.

The recording of the activities of the various chapters or overseas sections, their contributions and their relationships to the local communities, their state, and nationwide should provide a vast store of valuable information on the history of the Ninety-Nines and particularly as we get information from the overseas sections, a better understanding of the people who make up this tremendous organization.

## Words from Wally

I have made a count of the 99 sponsoring of the FAA-GAMA safety programs and I've only been told of 10 safety meetings that have been 99 sponsored. If any chapter has sponsored such a program, please contact me and let me know when, where, what type, how many attended, etc. We have only five more months to make our goal of each chapter taking on a safety meeting!! I might add that: if a chapter feels they need to charge the public for these safety meetings, the FAA Accident Prevention Specialist and his team may not be able to assist...

Food for thought department. Don't throw away your old charts, books, plotters, or computers. Collect them and give them to your local Jr. or Sr. High School with the aim of starting the interest, and perhaps be an incentive for the youngster to take up Aviation Education. (Address: Wally Funk, National Coordinator, 655 8th Place, Hermosa Beach, Ca. 90254)

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# 99news award

## Betty Moseley

Kentucky can well be proud of the 99 News Award selection of Betty Moseley. Her enthusiasm and drive, coupled with the advantage of being both "beautiful and brainy" (as one official wrote), has done wonders in selling flying and general aviation to the V.I.P.s in her chosen State. She is a member of the Kentucky Blue Grass 99s Chapter, where she is Flying Activities Chairman—a rather fitting post for Betty.

Last summer she began to wonder why Kentucky had never set aside a day or a week for aviation, as other States did. She put her thought to action and went to the top—Governor Wendell H. Ford; the F.A.A.; certain State Agencies; and the Military. Why not proclaim an Aviation Week in Kentucky? No problem, they all agreed. Betty Moseley was named Chairman of Kentucky's first Aviation Week, August 27-September 2; Ginger Edwins of the Kentucky Blue Grass 99s, became co-chairman. The Aviation Week was a tremendous success State-wide, and did much to increase the awareness of the people of Kentucky as to the role aviation plays. Already plans are going forward to repeat the effort in 1973.

Betty's dentist husband, Kent, who was a pilot in WWII, started her flying in 1968. She started out frightened, but came out loving it. Her first desire was to enter the Powder Puff Derby, and in 1971 she became the first entry from Kentucky in 15 years. She had the singular experience in this race of helping another contestant to safety, for which she received the F.A.A.'s Second Highest Award given a woman.

The Kentucky Air National Guard thought so much of Betty's aviation interest that they arranged for her to fly the RF-101 Supersonic Reconnaissance Jet with Lt. Col. Carl Black. She handled the plane in

the air and jubilantly reports that "I couldn't believe the exquisite sensitivity of the aircraft." The Ninety-Nines shared in the newspaper and TV coverage of her flight.

Obviously, the interest in aviation did not stop with the Kentucky Aviation Week. A Documentary, in which Betty participated on December 17, coordinating with the Wright Brothers First Flight, was shown all over the State.

Betty has been given many honors, among them appointment to the Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation—her assignment appropriately, Public Relations and Education in Aviation. She is a member of the Blue Grass Airport Board, representing General Aviation. She also is a Federal Aviation Administration Accident Prevention Counselor. Her activities extend outside the field of aviation, as witness her membership in the Cardinal Hill Hospital for Crippled Children organization; her activities in Dental Auxiliaries; her participation in the sport of Tennis; and her hobbies of Interior Design and Music (voice). She has been a professional model, posing for such advertisers as Chevrolet, and Coca Cola.

Among the many compliments Betty received as the result of her ardent promo-

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**BETTY MOSELEY** — recipient of the February-March 99 News Award, member Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation, member Blue Grass Airport Board, and Flying Activities Chairman of the Kentucky Blue Grass Chapter 99s. (Photo by Tony Leonard)

tion of Kentucky's First Aviation Week, perhaps the words of Lieutenant Governor Julian M. Carroll expresses it best; "With your continued dedication and support in aviation, Kentucky will be better qualified

to compete for future industrial and commercial growth in our Commonwealth."

We salute another great 99s representative — Betty Moseley, Kentucky Blue Grass Chapter.

Our Best Wishes to  
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## International Hot Line



By Shirley Allen  
International 99 P.R.

Educating the general public as to General Aviation truths is going to be my goal in 1973 as your International Public Relations appointee. Since there are 30,000 women pilots in the U.S., this presents a challenge in which we can all join, and contribute. I am now trying to obtain similar statistics regarding women who fly in Canada, as well as around the world.

I was also proud to be appointed to another P.R. job — that of 2nd Vice-President in the International Council of Air Shows. This Council will strive to provide professional consultation in formulating Shows, producing them, and programming. It was estimated at the recent annual conference in Milwaukee, Wisc., attended by 48 delegates from across the continent, that the number of Air Shows and Fly-Ins in North America, has increased about five times in the last five years.

A rather pointed conclusion was reached at this gathering. *The general public is still not ready for the air age! Only 15 per cent of the American population avails itself of air transportation. The key is to promote aviation, along with your air shows, and stress safety in the air at all times!*

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(Ed. note: Due to the many comments that indicated a confusion as to cause of death under the previous heading **LAST FLIGHT**, which some thought meant death in an air crash, we have substituted **NEW HORIZONS** heading — with the belief that death is a horizon toward which we all fly, even though this new adventure is brought about by diverse causes. In a sense it is a flight from the "bonds of earth" to unknown "New Horizons".)

#### Flying on to

#### NEW HORIZONS

**Marguerite ('Rita') Hart (Mrs. Alvah), cancer after a long illness. Bay Cities (Calif.) Chapter. (Dec. 4)**

**Jeanine Tellekson, killed in a head-on auto collision, with her son, Tom. (Dec. 20) Chicago Area Chapter. (Her flying buddy, Charlene Falkenberg, writes: "Jeanine leaves four children, her mother, and a big empty space in aviation.")**

**Edna Calbeck, aftermath of serious accident when she and husband John were travelling to see PPD start. (Dec. 11) Kansas Chapter; received her license at age 65, and was 81 at time of "flying on to New Horizons". Another remarkable 99 will be missed.**

**Marilyn Fenton, cancer after a long, determined battle. (Dec. 29) Eastern New England Chapter.**



#### HIGH FLIGHT

By John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Swift as clouds, then as I went, my mirth  
Along the sun-baked path the road that  
Of untried flight and daring, hundred times  
You have not drawn me, checked and  
swayed and swung.  
High in the silent sky, I have rung there,  
You chased the shooting wind along, and long  
My eager eyes through laughter-bells at no  
Eye up the long, delicious, burning blue  
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## Contest Committee

**By Ellie McCullough, Chairman**

**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. (Ellie McCullough)
2. Furnish proof of compliance with 99 insurance requirements. (Susie Sewell)
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.

The above SOP governing the activities of the Contest Committee has been approved by the Executive Board who also appoints the members of the Committee. The members serve a period of three years on a rotating basis—one member appointed each year and the senior member serving as chairman.

The Committee services the 99s in planning, endorsement and/or approval of any contest competitive event or race run by the 99s, coordinates dates, examines rules making certain races are flown under F.A.R.'s, checks that prize monies are available, and makes sure insurance coverage has been obtained. The Committee also sees that Protest Committees are available when needed. Should there be any "Gripes" in connection with a 99 sanctioned event, please register them in writing with the Contest Committee. The Committee will investigate the problem, report its findings to the Executive Board and answer in a Ninety-Nine News article for the membership if the problem warrants it.

In other words, the Committee serves the Ninety-Nines in an advisory capacity on matters of policy, promotion, publicity and safety. It encourages participation in 99 endorsed contests and air races.

To expedite obtaining approval, it is suggested that requests be sent directly to the three members of the Contest Committee, namely: Ellie McCullough, 64 S. Clinton Ave. Apt. 4A, Bay Shore, N.Y. 11706; Dr. Anne Roethke, 4211 S. Whitnall Ave., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53207; and Helen Sailer, 1500 Chicago Ave. No. 716, Evanston, Illinois 60201.

Listed below are the races that have received Committee approval so far for 1973. Some of them only have "dates" approved so far and the rules and regulations, etc. will be submitted to the Committee at a later date but well in time (we hope) to obtain 99 sanction.

**Vixen Frisk:** Orange County Chapter, March 24, 1973.

**Fresno 400 Men's Air Race:** Fresno 99 Chapter, April 28, 1973.

**Angel Derby:** Florida Women Pilots Assn., May 7-15, 1973 (date only).

**AWNEAR:** New England Section, May 19, 1973 (date only).

**Illinois Air Derby:** Illinois 99 Chapters, May 25-27, 1973.

**AWTAR:** AWTAR Board, July 9-18, 1973.

**Indiana Air Race:** Indiana Chapter, September 15, 1973 (date only).

The Committee will publish an up to date list in the News in order to keep everyone informed of its activities . . .

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## Powder Puff Derby

**Reporter: Marion Andrews**

The AWTAR, Inc. headquarters has moved, however, the address remains the same. The 2nd floor offices of the Safair Hangar, where our headquarters were housed, were condemned. After a thorough search of the area, the new headquarters are temporarily located at the south end of Teterboro Airport, on the ground floor, beneath the FAA offices. Although not ideal, we no longer have to cover all the records with tarpaulins to protect them from a leaking roof. The chief drawback is that our expenses for rent have doubled just when we can afford it the least. This, of course, was the reason we put up with the leaky roof. For once, all of the records are in one room in these temporary quarters so, we hope to get things organized. If you come to Teterboro, do visit the new Powder Puff Derby office.

Entries for the 27th Powder Puff Derby will open April 10th and close May 10th. The drawing for place positions of the first day entries, postmarked April 10th, will be held approximately one week later at Elmira, N.Y. and simultaneously announced at a luncheon on the West Coast on April 18 in Carlsbad, Ca.

From time to time, we have had requests for specific race numbers. Due to the increase in requests, there will now be a \$50.00 fee for the privilege. Race numbers 1 through 11 will be exempt from special request.

This year, the "time of start" from Palomar Airport will be determined when the race plane is in level flight passing across a timing line.

**Must stops** across the race route will be Topeka, Kansas; Waterloo, Iowa; and Flint, Michigan.

**The start** from Palomar Airport, Carlsbad, Calif. is chairmanned by Pam Vander Linden with Rosemary Longmire and Mary Mulhollem as co-chairmen. Palomar is the hostessing 99 chapter. Headquarters will be at the fabulous LaCosta Resort.

**Along the route:** Prescott Municipal Airport, Prescott, Ariz., Chairman — Mary Lou Brown, Hostess — Phoenix Chapter; Albuquerque International Airport, Albuquerque, N.M., Chairman — Rebecca Lutz, Hostess — Albuquerque Chapter; Liberal Municipal

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**The terminus** at Chemung County Airport, Elmira-Corning, N.Y. is being chairmanned by Kathleen Potoczak with Barbara Riggs as Vice-Chairman, hostessed by the Western New York Chapter.

Race Kits now available for \$2.00 from AWTAR Headquarters, Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, New Jersey 07608.

Chairman of the 1973 PPD start from Palomar Airport, Pam Vander Linden says, "Thanks to Mr. Ernest Gentle, and his Aero Publishers of Fallbrook, who donated 38,000 Derby Postcards, we are ready to distribute them. Request as many as you want; **then note the postage** when received, and remit to me — P.O. Box 352, Fallbrook, Ca. 92028."

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The Palomar Chapter is hostessing a no-host luncheon, Wed., April 18th at 12:30 P.M. at the Twin Inns, Carlsbad and Elm, Carlsbad, Ca. Race numbers will be drawn on the east coast for PPD, and those present on the west coast will receive theirs from Martin Milner, Honorary Starter, Star of Rt. 66 and Adam 12 on TV. Fly in and fly out the same day! Send reservations to: Mary Santasuosso, Rancho La Costa, Carlsbad, Ca. 92008.

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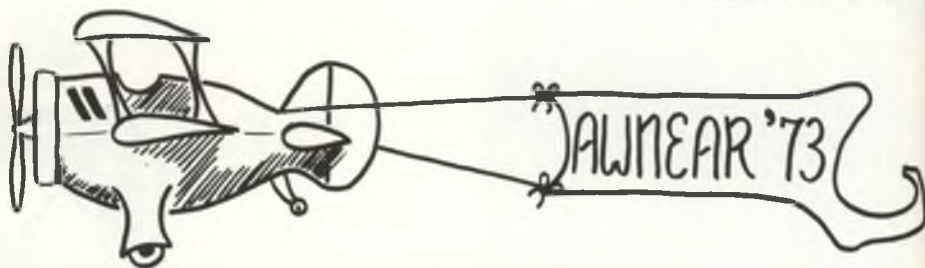
Betty Miller, winner of Aloha Chapter's outstanding pilot of the year award. She just recently got her ATR license.



Aloha Chapter's Chairman Pat Kelley presenting to Dot Read the Aloha Chapter's Outstanding 99 of the Year Award. Dot won the award for all her hard work in the field of aviation, and 99 participation.

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AWNEAR (May 18 & 19) is a Proficiency Race around a course of approximately 300 statute miles beginning and ending at the same airport. Worcester Airport — the heart of New England — has been chosen as the race headquarters this year. The actual route to be flown is not announced until all contestants have arrived and the planes are inspected and impounded. Thus, local pilots have no advantage over out-of-the-area pilots.

The Eastern New England Chapter is the sponsor this year. We've been working our ailerons off for months trying to make the '73 AWNEAR as successful as it has been in the past. Accommodations are slated for the elegant new Sheraton-Lincoln Inn in Worcester so that pilots will have the utmost in luxury while plotting courses and computing fuel to the last ounce! We're delighted and honored that Mrs. Esther K. Goddard has agreed to share with us some of her work in compiling and editing the notes and autobiography of her late husband, Dr. Robert Goddard, the "Father" of Modern Rocketry. She will speak at the Awards Dinner Saturday night.

There will be trophies for first through fifth place, as well as special manufac-

turers awards.

Come — and bring your own cheering section — for Worcester has more to offer than a fine IFR airport. The new Science Museum is complete with resident Stegasaurus. The exciting new Worcester Center has branches of many of Boston's large stores and a myriad of smaller boutiques; the Worcester Art Museum offers a little of everything from mosaics to mummies; there's the Craft Center; and finally, Higgins Armory . . .

Impound deadline is Friday afternoon, May 18.

The entry deadline for AWNEAR is May 4. For Rules and Entry Kit send \$1 (applicable toward Entry Fee) to: Harriet Fuller, 99 Boylston Circle, Shrewsbury, Mass.



### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

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Spring meeting of the Southwest Section in San Diego, March 30 to April 1, 1973. Reservations: Ruth Ebey, 933 Dennstedt, El Cajon, Calif. 92020.

## Aero-Space Education — 99 Style

### By Helen Wray, Chairman

Have you been to see anyone in your local library or school library about setting up an aviation display? Betty Hundley of Dallas went to her daughter's elementary school library and received a warm reception. She not only helped set up a display, but she collected the names of two prospective Ninety-Nine members. Thanks for going to the library, Betty, and thanks for writing.

In the last week, my status has changed to full time public school teacher — a very challenging and interesting job. Four classes of English I and an Aviation Fundamentals course should certainly keep my attention. I shall certainly not expire from boredom.

Also, SHV Chapter Ninety-Nines is in the process of putting together another Safety Seminar. On February 20, Pete Campbell, Coordinator of the Accident Prevention Program in Washington will be the main

speaker at a seminar which will be held in the auditorium of the large new high school where I teach. Special honorees will be all participants in area high school aviation programs. There are over twelve hundred high schools in the country offering Aero-space/Aviation courses. Why not recognize them in some way and promote safety in our future pilots. If you haven't been in a high school lately — you're missing the action. Public school auditoriums are available for events pertaining to education. Can you think of anything more educational than safety? Details of the seminar will be furnished in next month's News.

**ATTENTION: All Aerospace Education Section Chairmen:** Please write and give me your Aerospace Education news. Do not forget the National Aerospace Congress in Oklahoma City, April 4-6. Please attend this meeting if possible and take much valuable AE material back to your section.

# Events

## 5th Annual Illi-Nines Air Derby

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**July 13-16** — 27th Powder Puff Derby — Carlsbad, Ca. to Elmira, N.Y. (Note: For those who want the PPD postcards, donated by Mr. Ernie Gentle of Aero Publishers again, the cost will be for mailing only. At book rate 10 cards will cost you 8c (2 oz.). Then 4c each additional ounce up to 15 oz. Send your requests to Pam Vander Lindern, P.O. Box 352, Fallbrook, Ca. 92028.)

**June 16** — Poker Run — sponsored by the Greater Winnipeg Chapter. Write: Kate Anne Dougherty, Winnipeg Flying Club, Winnipeg International Airport, Winni-

peg, Manitoba R3H OE2.

**ANGEL DERBY** — All Women's International Air Race - Sponsored by the Florida Women Pilot's Assoc.; Sanctioned by N.A.A. — between Monterrey, Mexico, and Santee, South Carolina. May 7-15 — Write for Kit: (encl. \$1) Dottie Shaw, 601 N.W. 67th Ave., Fort Lauderdale 33313.

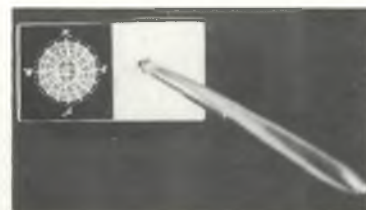
**Australian Sectional** — 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, 28th March, 1973 at The Travel Lodge, Geelong, Victoria, Australia.

## VIXEN FRISK PROFICIENCY RACE

**March 24, 1973** — Fullerton Airport, Fullerton, Calif. This is a proficiency-speed race for women pilots (copilots may be male or female). The course will be 295 miles, non-stop, round-robin. For handicap information and entry contact: Esther Grunphagen, 2401 Oshkosh, Anaheim, Calif. 92806 or phone 714/778-0592. Cost of entry includes race kit and luncheon for two (\$30.00). Rain date two weeks later. Sponsored by Orange County Chapter.

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# 99 MUSEUM

By Doris Renninger

The Ninety-Nines have a whole lot going for them in this brand new 1973, and one of the most exciting and important projects is the International Women's Air & Space Museum. Not only will the Museum introduce to the traveling public, the feats and accomplishments of all women in aviation, but will also serve to acquaint this same public with our Ninety-Nine organization, its history and its varied activities. The Ninety-Nines' Museum Trust is in the process of a design required criterion for such a Museum.

The response of the membership to the letter each received from the Chairman of the Museum Trust, B. Steadman, and also to the Museum Brochure, with the enclosed pledge envelope, that followed, is showing the intense interest and pride, we as members, have in this tremendous undertaking. Grace Harris, Museum Trust Treasurer, has been kept busy with the bookkeeping and reports, "Contributions are lively from the membership." Important to remember — The Museum Trust is a non-profit trust and all contributions are an allowable income tax deduction. This is a big project we are

embarked on and will need the enthusiastic support of all members. Let's recognize these pledges of \$20.00 per year, for the next five years, and keep them coming in.

Chapter Chairmen are appointing Chapter Museum Chairmen, and one of the first projects she can begin is to request each member of her Chapter to write up her aviation biography. Museum Trustee, Blanche Noyes, with Dr. Dora D. Strother assisting, will begin to assemble an aviation biographical notebook on all women pilots, Section members outside the United States, Members-at-Large, everyone! Your biographies should be neatly written or typed in duplicate and given to the Chapter's Museum Chairman. She will forward one copy to Blanche and keep one for the Chapter's files. Don't be modest, tell it like it is.

Aviation books and pictures continue to be presented to the Museum. **Canada's Flying Heritage** has been donated by Marcia Wilford and The Windsor Flying Club. Nancy Mills of the All Ohio Chapter contributed an autographed copy of **20 Hours 40 Minutes** by Amelia Earhart, and Australian

Ninety-Nine, Marie Richardson has sent pictures of the Gypsy Moth. Mr. Glen Bufington has loaned a record "For the Fun of It" by Amelia Earhart and Museum Crator, Page Shamburger will have it reproduced for the Museum on cassette size recording tapes. Too, we now have twelve previously unpublished photographs of Amelia Earhart and other material (a page from her day book) courtesy of the Special Collections division of Purdue University Libraries.

Fly in or drive in but try and stop in at The International Women's Air & Space Museum, Nine-Nine Headquarters, Will Rogers World Airport, Oklahoma City. See some of these women in aviation memorabilia as they are arranged for display by Museum Trustee, Pat McEwen. Remember, too, you are making aviation history every day — so let's continue with our aerial collecting.

## NOTE

Nancy Orcutt, International Scrapbook Chairman, urgently requests that **all** articles and pictures be sent her as they occur, to enable her to plan the book, and also to be sure that all Chapters are represented. The Scrapbook can only be a complete record if **you** contribute! So, please don't put it off. Mail to: Nancy Orcutt, 8711 Warrington Dr., Indianapolis, Indiana 46234. **Do It Now!**

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## Australian Section

### Christina (Henderson) Wills, Reporter

Congratulations to Dr. Dorothy Herbert who gained her "C" Gliding certificate at Warwick, Q., and now Dorothy plans to complete her Gliding Instructors Rating. Peg Kelman and Olga Tarling flew out to Warwick in Peg's Cherokee 140 to see Dorothy's gliding expertise.

The Australian National Gliding Championships were held at Waikerie, S.A., in January. Dorothy Herbert flew down from Charleville to watch them and Kathryn Henderson spent several days there also, in between charter flights to Victoria.

Our very best wishes go to Kathryn Henderson, whose engagement to John G. Flynn was announced at Christmas. Kathryn and John plan to be married in Adelaide on the 19th May, 1973 and to live in Gove, N.T.

Our Governor Rosemary De Pierres has teamed with our Vice-Governor Robin Miller in the two day BP Air Race in W.A. on the Australia Day weekend 27-29th January. This year the Race starts at Perth, overnight Albany with a stop at Esperance (that's Art Linkletter country) before returning to Perth.

Marjorie Johnson flew to Sydney for a party before Christmas and also to gain cross-country experience. Peg Kelman joined Marjorie and has since flown her Cherokee 140 down to Sydney and back to Brisbane.

Des and I have enjoyed many hours weekend flying in connection with Des' aircraft maintenance work.

At present we are all planning ways and means to attend our Sectional at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 28th March, at the Travel Lodge, Geelong, Victoria (just outside Melbourne).

Cheerio for now.

## British Section

### Pat Richardson, Reporter

The annual Thanksgiving Party was held on November 16th at the Royal Air Force Club, Piccadilly, London, during which our new Governor and her Committee were formally installed in office for 1972/73 and they are as follows: Governor, Freydis Sharland; Vice-Governor, Barbara Cannon; Secretary, Sue Phillips, and Treasurer, Christine Coombe.

1972 has been a successful year for the Section. Daphne Poynter has gained her Full Instructors Rating. Pat Richardson her Assistant Instructors Rating and Gay Absalom is now flying for a Helicopter Charter Co. full-time. However, the outstanding achievement of the year is that of Yvonne Sintes and for this she was presented at the Thanksgiving Party with "the Sir Alan Cobham Achievement Award for 1972 to Yvonne Sintes for the great achievement of becoming Britain's first woman airline Captain." Yvonne is currently flying as Captain on H.S. 748's mainly on scheduled service Link-City flights in Great Britain and Europe.

Despite the dreadful flying weather for the first six months of the year we managed a number of fly-ins to various airfields around the country — most of us getting

good instrument practice en route.

We are very sorry to see Sheila Scott leave us for about a year to work in America and wish her every success and we welcome as a visiting member from America Suzanne Brookes who is currently teaching in London.

## East Canada Section

### FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER

#### Barbara Brotherton, Reporter

It will not be news to anyone in our area that flying time has been kept to a minimum for all of us due to a case of chronic bad weather.

But still news does filter in. For instance: Simone Breukel won the spot landing contest in the private aircraft category back in October, at Oshawa airport. This same cutie earned her night endorsement and her Bronze seal from the R.C.F.C. Helen and Jerry Barter flew in the Michigan Small race, so did Barbara (that's me) and Tom Brotherton, no prizes, just marvelous people and scenes. Shirley Allen drove to Florida and then took a three-day aerobic course in a 220 Stearman bi-plane. She is now proficient in spins, barrel rolls and snap rolls. The course was taken at Avon Park Airport and required four to five hours ground school and equal air time. Jean and Dave MacDonald made their usual fall trip to Mexico and had great weather, a nice change. Sybil Dunn, our Ex Chapter Chairmam now lives in Bermuda and thought she would have to give up flying as no private planes are available. She writes that she's discovered that the American Navy Base has bought a Cessna 150 and AT 34 and so she's trying to see if other than Navy Personnel can join in the fun. Our present Chairman, Lois Apperly, is busy speaking to Zonta Clubs and doing a fine job of Public Relations for Aviation and the 99's.

Edith Denny, our official globe trotter and 99 International Liaison representative has visited Marie Boters in Columbia, Pamela Lock and Jennifer Frame in New Zealand, Marie Richardson and Margaret Kentley, Nancy Bird Walton and Ann Carter in Australia. She has contacted some possible new Members too. However, Edith reports a highlight of her last journey was a trip in a ski-equipped Cessna 185 to the Mt. Cook glacier on South Island, New Zealand. They landed between 7 and 9 thousand feet right on the glacier. She liked it so much Edith signed on for a second trip the next day.

Gil Holden has been "down under" too, and enjoyed a sight-seeing trip in a 172 while in Australia.

Must correct my last newsletter. Elizabeth Lane owns an American TR2, registration letters are "EGG." She reports that Controllers have all become comedians and she gets clearances like "don't scramble it on the runway" and, "cleared to land, sunny side up, Chick." You'll just have to get hard boiled about it Elizabeth! (oops!)

Write for your Guelph Air Rally kit. Entries open March 1st, close May 24th. The Rally will be June 2nd and is a cross-country proficiency race.

# Chapter Reports

## West Canadian Section

### ALBERTA CHAPTER

#### Eleanor Bailey, Reporter

The January meeting of the Alberta 99's was most informative, as past Chapter Chairman, Eleanor Bailey directed discussion of the 99's, the organization, voting, etc., based on the Project Awareness seminars held several years ago. A guest, Mrs. Susan Milligan, brought a tape recording of the various sounds emitted by four different Emergency Locator Transmitters, and some information on various approved types, the price and other pertinent information. She also outlined briefly how to arm the beacon, its proper usage, and how to locate a crash site if you should hear the sound of an ELT on your aircraft radio.

On January 19, the Alberta 99's and the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association jointly sponsored a most successful aviation dinner in Calgary, with Mr. Ronald Keith as guest speaker. Mr. Keith has just published a book (now a Canadian best seller) called *Bush Pilot With A Briefcase*. This is the story of Grant McConachie, the man who was a bush pilot, but became the President of Canadian Pacific Airlines, Canada's second largest airline. The book is written in a most entertaining manner, and would make interesting reading for all.

Western Canadian Governor, Anola Laing and husband Gordon are currently on the International Flying Farmers Mexican Tour. Marion Wheaton and husband Don are planning a trip to New Orleans in the very near future for a convention. The rest of us are sitting at home very envious. Marg and Peter Hunziker are on a Caribbean cruise, and toured the Kennedy Space Center in Florida late in December.

Til next month, Happy Holidays to all, whether real or just a dream!



### MEMBERS AT LARGE

Above is a photograph of Mary Kilbourne from Eastern Idaho and her husband, when they visited Bombay recently. The picture was taken at a dinner party given at Bombay's Taj Mahal Hotel on November 15, 1972, by His Highness of Palitana. It shows (L to R), Vinnie Narula, Chanda Sawant (99 of Bombay), Mary and her husband.

## South Central Section

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### CHAPARRAL CHAPTER

Mary De Kinder, Reporter

We're a small (nine members), but busy, chapter: In October, after a successful Flight Clinic, our meeting was held at Pauline Hall's so we, plus three prospective members, could learn about and "help" in stitching the wing envelop on Hall's 1946 Luscombe. In November we learned (pleasantly) from Cliff Robertson, via an FAA film, about a few pilot errors and, hopefully, how to avoid them. In December we temporarily gave up learning to enjoy ourselves over cocktails and dinner and in donating gifts to our local Council for Youth. January finds us planning a fund-raising party, another spring flight clinic, and some possible help from us for the CAP Cadet program.

We're especially proud of our Deming member, Rene Hirth, for her new instrument rating and her help in the Deming Fly-In which raised over \$400 for the Association of Retarded Children.



Chaparral chapter members and guests help stitch wing of 1946 Luscombe.

### COASTAL BEND CHAPTER

Barbara Corley, Reporter

Katherine Caraway and Archie Mercer were our hostesses at our meeting on January 20th at Katherine's home in Yoakum. Discussion centered on the Fly-In Hanger Sale we're tentatively planning for a week in March. We'll keep you posted as our plans develop.

Our APT members as of Jan. 20th are Delores Zuck, Katherine Caraway, Archie Mercer and Barbara Corley.

Katherine is working on her instrument rating. She reports that she and her Cessna "Angel Wings" are having great fun.

Vel and Harold Kiker will be in attendance at the Flying Farmers Convention on February 2nd-4th in Fort Worth. Vel has been asking to present her poem **Claim to Fame** at the banquet.

Schulenburg was finally airmarked on December 2, 1972. Our thanks to Adelle Baker and Louise Bickford, Houston 99's,

for their great help. Our thanks also to Vel Kiker's 49 1/2er, Harold, as he spent the time with us by mixing paint and giving us encouragement. We couldn't do without our 49 1/2ers!

Our February meeting will be on the 24th in Victoria — perhaps by then more of our members will be APT!

### DALLAS CHAPTER

Judy Cobb, Reporter

The January meeting was held in the home of Mary Ann McClure. We had the pleasure of welcoming Captain's Harold and Betty Bowden that evening. Captain's Bowden are members of Operations, Group 4 Texas Wing Civil Air Patrol (CAP). They have both been active in the CAP for several years and were quite pleased to share some of their experiences with us. If you are not familiar with the CAP or are not active within the group and have a chance to listen to their history and how they operate take the time to do so. They are indeed a well organized group of people.

Once again the best made plans of mice and men were thrown to the weather. Due to rain, ice, snow and just plain bad conditions we were unable to make our trip to headquarters in Oklahoma City. Once again these plans are being made to fly up to Will Rogers and visit our members there; but, if worse comes to worse it's liable to end up a 'drive in' rather than a 'fly-in.'

Jerry and Maurice Melton flew from Dallas to Albuquerque recently. Not a cloud in the sky and lots of snow all the way. They are presently planning a trip to Mexico. Jan Wahrer made a message drop to CAP Cadets on a campout at Lake Texoma.

Most trips that were planned for January ended up being cancelled. Cheer up, girls, winter is half over and soon you'll be able to dust off those wings again.

### EL PASO CHAPTER

KK Garlitz, Reporter

The El Paso Chapter of the 99's met January 13, 1973. We feel fortunate to welcome two new members and two transfers to our chapter.

New members are Francie Ainsworth and Jane Scott. Jane and her husband have a Champion Decathlon, fully aerobatic, with inverted fuel and oil systems. She is learning aerobatics from her husband who is C.F.I. and Army C.W.2 Aviator stationed at Biggs Field. They plan to establish a 10 hour aerobatic course for interested pilots desiring to increase their proficiency and safety.

Transfers are Ann Nobles and Louise Mitchell. Ann transferred here to report for duty January 8, as Accident Prevention Specialist in the G.A.D.O. Office. She came to us from the Dallas Redbird Chapter. She gave us a short talk and asked our support and ideas to stimulate pilot interest in accident prevention. Louise Mitchell comes here from Amarillo, Texas. She was with the Top-of-Texas Chapter.

We were also glad to have as a visitor, Lela Carwardine, from the Las Cruces Chapter. Lela was a charter member of the El Paso Chapter and an active member from 1947-1968. She moved to Las Cruces and helped form the Chaparral Chapter there.

We learned that Irene Eshelman is moving to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. We hate to lose her.

The Cragins made a flying trip to Iowa over the New Years holidays. While in Iowa, they were dinner guests of Jean and Lem Ellingson (Iowa Chapter). Besides a delicious steak dinner, they enjoyed seeing each others Toronto slides. Coming back, the Cragins were weathered in for five days in Wichita Falls due to icing conditions in the area.

We were glad to hear that Hester Oakes will be our A.E. Scholarship applicant. She will get her instrument rating.

### FORT WORTH CHAPTER

Carolyn Merrithew, Reporter

Our Wright's Day Dinner was a big success. Held at the Ridglea Country Club in elegant surroundings, it was well attended. Charlie Hillard, Jr., World aerobatic champion was our guest speaker and showed films from the World Championship Competition in Paris, France. John Jackson, ground instructor at American Airlines Flight Academy was Master of Ceremonies. Trophies were awarded to Capt. Will Garrett, the oldest pilot attending and to George Altgelt, from San Antonio, the guest who traveled the furthest distance for the event. Other trophies were given to the newest license and for the most ratings.

We were pleased to see Edna Whyte at our meeting after having had recent eye surgery. Nancy Armstrong, one of our newest members, was there after having undergone surgery the previous week. Anne Cozart and her daughter, Genie Cozart, were also among our new members.

Diane Coon, her son Ty and 49 1/2er Roger, flew to Miami for Thanksgiving and Christmas in their Cessna 182, with a new STOL kit installed. They recently flew to Newton, Kansas to check on their order for the BEDE 5.

Edna Whyte just purchased three 150's and a Skyhawk for her fleet of school planes. Nancy Doyle is now a full time instructor for Edna.

Joe and Betty Parsons spent a week in San Francisco and a week in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands soaking up the sun. Carolyn Merrithew and family just returning from a week at Christmas in Tampa, Florida and the following weekend in Ruidosa, N.M.

Our group is planning a Safety Seminar on Mountain Flying and density Altitude for spring and a fly-in next month to Oklahoma.

### GOLDEN TRIANGLE CHAPTER

Carol Callan, Reporter

The Christmas party was a joyous occasion wherein gifts were bestowed on guests and husbands alike. The dinner party was held at Jamiel's in Dallas and Linda Hooker was speaker.

No meeting was held in December due to the busy schedule of all members, however, the January meeting found the Golden Triangle catching upon a lot of business and new projects for the coming year.

Flying Activities were possible even though winter is upon us — Dottie and Bill Carmichael made several trips in the Texas, Oklahoma area, Pat Evans flew to Haskell and Austin, Texas, Jean Lemmon took Linda Hooker and Helen Wells on demonstration rides in her new Yankee and then Jean and Linda flew to Lake Murray for lunch, Pat Chester and her 49 1/2er flew to Oklahoma and Jo McCarrell flew to Lake Murray.

The list of persons APT is still growing and our latest members to be APT are Pat

Chester and Jean Lemmon. Congratulations.

I was able to attend the 25th Annual Convention of the Helicopter Association of America in Las Vegas with my 49 1/2er. It was a most interesting show and in the opinion of many who had been to numerous shows "one of the best so far."

Under Aerospace Education we are pleased to announce that Penny White was able to have a display at Crow Elementary School in Arlington, Texas and to put on a program for the PTA wherein Garry Laverder and Penny were guest speakers. Penny's theme for her speech was "Women in Flying" and was received enthusiastically by so many in the audience who had either been for a flight in a small plane as a passenger or had logged several hours but had never proceeded further.

Lucky Carolyn Brooks won a trip to Hawaii from the Delta Pilots Company at their Christmas party. The only part she regrets is that the airlines will not allow her to pilot the aircraft herself but she is willing to settle for a ride as a passenger as long as the final destination is Hawaii.

The winter months, while not the best for flying, seem to be months wherein aircraft buying is popular among our members. Jean Lemmon bought a new Yankee, Helen Wells bought a new Cessna 150 and Pat Chester and her 49 1/2er bought a "Fly-Baby" plane. Pat will not be flying the Fly-Baby for a while, however, at least until she and her husband get a chance to put it together (seems they go in for large model building).

#### HOUSTON CHAPTER Ann English, Reporter

Since this is the February-March issue, the delightful Christmas party at Mackie Fusilier's is no longer considered news but a very pleasant memory by the many who attended the festive occasion. And a February 1 deadline seems rather late to write about being a guest at the Dallas-Redbird Christmas party. Friendship and happiness were bountiful at both gala events.

After the holiday season the winter doldrums almost took a firm hold on the Houston area. Day after day (for weeks it seems) the weather could be described as "messy" or better still, just terrible. Fender-bending type weather was in the forecast the evening of the last scheduled meeting so less than a quarter of the membership was present. Then came the 2 1/2 inch show which just about brought this semi-tropical city to a halt. However, there is still evidence the old Texas maxim, "If you don't like our weather, wait a minute," is true. Today is sunny and warm and engines are revving up once again. This reporter is in a dilemma because so few answer their phone and those who do say something like "News? But the weather has been awful!"

Sally Cox and her family (10 in all) vacationed in Ruidosa, New Mexico. They arrived there in a snow storm, left on a sheet of ice, but had great skiing weather in between — and no broken bones.

Alice Seaborn will have more time for flying. She has retired as a Medical Technician at Texas Childrens Hospital. All wish Alice many hours of happy flying.

The stork filed IFR and brought a nine pound, six ounce baby boy to Joice Smith and her 49 1/2er.

Helen Wilke, Dallas-Redbird, added a little more time to her Bonanza. Ann English

was delighted to have her as an overnight guest recently.

Delle Hightower joins the ranks of those who are APT.

Though the notice was short and the night a Friday, several members and 49 1/2ers busily packed many boxes of gift items which were donated to the chapter. So there will be rummage sales in the future. The first one is scheduled for March 31 and April 1.

#### KANSAS CHAPTER Dorothy Barker, Reporter

Hi, all of you 99's all over the world (all of you with that incurable malady called flying). It's really nice to chat and get acquainted with you via the 99 News.

Our first Safety Seminar was a real success. Pat McEwen lined up a some great speakers. Thanks to Pat and also to Marilyn Copeland who assisted her. Others in the chapter also helped.

James W. (Pete) Campbell, special assistant for the General Aviation Accident prevention program from Washington, D.C. was the featured speaker.

Mr. Campbell, of the Federal Aviation Administration, is in charge of the national program. He talked about "Our National Aviation System."

Fredrick Zimring, attorney from Dallas, spoke on "Legal Responsibilities in Flying."

Hazel McKendrick Jones, Dallas Flight Service specialist, spoke on "How to Get a Good Weather Briefing."

Richard Scholtz, accident prevention specialist, demonstrated the effects of vertigo with the Barany Chair. Mr. Scholtz is from the Wichita GADO office.

Helen Wray, aerospace education teacher, from Shreveport, La., spoke on "Optical Illusions."

On January 13 we had our meeting at Pat McEwen's home. This was a guest meeting, so we had four prospective member guests. Chet Davidson, Regional Accident Specialist, FAA and Richard Scholtz were also there and gave us a briefing on the Acci-

dent Prevention Program and how we can help with it. The next Safety Clinic will be here in Wichita on Feb. 20 and 21. We will be involved in this too.

Congratulations to Dan and Jeanne Hereford on the birth of their new baby girl. She made her entrance on Dec. 2. Her name is Deborah Pearl.

Margaret Yourdon was invited by the Navy, as their guest, to go to Memphis, Tenn. to observe all phases of aviation schooling available there. There were fifty men and only five women at the school. Margaret was the only one to log one and a half hours in a DC-6. She was then presented with navy wings.

Marian Banks, San Diego Chapter, and Gini Richardson, Eastern Washington Chapter, were in Wichita to attend a Cessna 340 flight school.

Marion was the first place winner in the 1972 PPD, and Gini has flown in twenty-one PPD's, winning in 1971. They were the guests of the Kansas 99's at a dinner so we could discuss the Liberal, Kansas, PPD stop. Marian is the Assistant Route Director and Vice Chairman West of the PPD.

Pat Kastens, Gene Woodworth, and Juanita Hattan will be timers at the Liberal stop.

By the way, we sent Direct Relief Fund medical supplies back west with Marian and Gini. (Sneaky aren't we.)

EXCLUSIVE: Pat McEwen told me that she and Harold Krier (prior to his untimely death) imported an Aerobatic Zlin A-526 single engine Czechoslovakian aerobatic aircraft two years ago. Nothing had been done with it since Harold's death. It had been in a crate for some time, but it has now been trucked to Dalhart, Texas to be assembled. It now has the wings and tail section on it and is beginning to look like an airplane.

Pat has a 200 hp Lycoming engine on order for the Zlin. The engine will arrive around the first of February.

The Zlin has been flown by many European pilots and was flown in France during the last World Aerobatic Contest in 1972.



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Pat McEwen flew to New York to meet with Kay Brick and Doris Renninger — then she was off to Denver (medical supplies for DRF also) — in Feb. she and Owen will go to Phoenix for an Arabian horse show and meeting — in March to Europe and in May to Hawaii — Lucky girl.

In July my husband Bob Barker and I will be flying a Comanche 260 to Alaska. We hope to fly a scant 27 mi. from Siberia. Karen Brooks Tiede, send me some information.



*A one and a two a — James w. (Pete) Campbell, Special Assistant for the General Aviation Accident Prevention Program. From: Washington, D.C., speaking on the "structure of airways" at the Dec. 2, 1972 Safety Clinic at the Canterbury Inn in Wichita, Kansas.*

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#### **LUBBOCK CHAPTER Beth Bates, Reporter**

We are happy to report that we have a new member. She is Carol Beth Covey. She has been flying since February 1972 and has logged about 200 hours. She became interested in flying because her employer owns a plane and through friends. After the demo flight she knew she wanted to go on. Her hopes are to become a charter or corporate pilot. We are very pleased to have Carol Beth in our chapter and know that she will attain her goal someday.

Our December meeting was a little different: We took a little holiday cheer (in the form of cookies) to our FSS and Tower Personnel at Lubbock Regional Airport. The gentlemen were taken by surprise but that was part of the fun, and when the shock wore off we were given a complete tour of the facilities. We were able to observe several planes on radar and on approach to the airport. Our questions were answered in fine fashion and everyone learned something.

Our Jan. 15 meeting was a program of slides and information on the Lubbock Regional Airport expansion project. Mr. Marvin Coffee, the Airport Manager gave the presentation. He explained the various aspects and problems faced when building new airport facilities. Basic plans call for a new terminal complex, a new tower, new taxiways and lengthening of the major North South runway.

I was very pleased to learn that general aviation will "inherit" the present terminal building when the new one is completed. This will give a very fine central location for all pilots in the Lubbock area and to flying visitors as well. Keep in mind that our airport is growing, and come to see us when you have the opportunity. Plans hopefully will be completed by fall of 1975.

From the South Plains and Lubbock — so long for now, let's all get APT and have some happy hours in the sky.

#### **NEBRASKA CHAPTER Mimi Haworth, Reporter**

The highlight of the Christmas party was the presentation of the 1972 Nebraska Chapter Ninety-Nine Achievement Award.

Jan Heins won the first place trophy. Following close on her heels was a very happy gal — yours truly — who doesn't mind at all dusting and polishing that trophy! Honorable mention certificates were awarded to Vera Bartunek, Diane Bartels, and Grace Olsen. We are, of course, already well into the program for 1973. In order to stimulate participation in the various chapter activities, bonus points are awarded each month for a specified activity. For example, in January, bonus points were awarded for working on the membership teas, and in February, bonus points were awarded for participating in an aviation education project. This keeps everybody hoppin'!

January found the Nebraska 99's busy with baking, writing invitations, and entertaining. The occasions? Membership teas. These were held in Lincoln, Omaha and Scottsbluff. Names were obtained from the FBO's around these areas and invitations were sent to all the women pilots. Our membership chairman, Diane Bartels, also included postcards to be returned to her indicating their interest in 99's even if they were unable to attend the tea. We are also planning to have the next several business meetings in the central part of the state in order to encourage the women pilots in that area to attend (Nebraska does cover a large territory!).

We are trying to increase our participation in aviation education projects. Diane Bartels aimed at the "younger set" by speaking to the kindergarten class at a Lincoln School. Vera Bartunek, Diane Bartels, Sally Van Zandt, Mimi Haworth, Sharon Meyer, Mildred Barrett, Donna Mowrey, Wilma Ackermann, Florence Boring and Jan Heins are presenting the program at the University Flying Club in Lincoln. Helen Moore and Wilma Ackermann teamed up to see that aviation education materials were sent to Barneston High School. Leta Drake is currently making arrangements to include a weekly five-minute program pertaining to aviation (an educational approach to pilots and the public) on her television show. As a chapter we are looking into the possibility of providing several schools with subscriptions to aviation magazines.



*NEBRASKA CHAPTER — NINETY-NINE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD — left to right: Vera Bartunek, Honorable Mention; Mimi Haworth, Second Place; Jan Heins, First Place; Diane Bartels, Honorable Mention.*

## OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

**Martha Thomason, Reporter**

Oklahoma Chapter had its annual Guest Day meeting January 14th at Edmond, Oklahoma. Norma Wynn was our hostess. She scheduled the meeting, planned the program, and had everything set up for us to the last detail — and then was unable to come to the meeting herself! (Unscheduled illness and surgery — but she is up and doing fine now.) The place was even chosen with care — adjacent to the Wynn airstrip, so we could land on her strip and taxi right over to the Villa Bonita Inn for the meeting! How is that for convenience? Despite the poor weather that week, we had twenty-seven members and ten guests. The whole meeting and program was planned around "getting acquainted with each other and the 99's organization." Pam Bugg presented Norma's slide collection of Oklahoma 99 activities highlights. We hope our guests enjoyed it as much as the members did. But this was a real treat to get to reminisce as far back as 1951 — over twenty years ago! Our guests enjoyed really seeing us doing our airmarking, hosting sectionals, and even pinning APT buttons on the Thunderbird pilots.

Speaking of the APT program — you chapters better get to work, because Oklahoma Chapter is out to win the APT trophy next fall at the South Central Section meeting. We have already started our "push" and have our APT "Honor Roll" going.

As to other activities, Pam Bugg has been quite active in the Aerospace program. She and 49 1/2 Bob taught a workshop at Oklahoma State University during the semester break. And she is working up quite a program on the 99 Aerospace activities for our February meeting.

## OMAHA AREA CHAPTER

**Barbara Krejci, Reporter**

Last month, being the holiday season, our meeting was a Christmas party at the home of Bob and Betty Jarvis with 49 1/2's attending. The traditional cocktails and fabulous meal of the past, was no exception this year. Games followed and what fun it was. Have you ever tried playing "The Newly Wed" game with questions like when and where did your wife last fly to, what one disagreement do you have consistently when you fly together, and etc.?

Cold weather and snow have driven us to the indoors for 99 activities. Inez Stocker, Rosemary Block and 49 1/2 Herb Stocker took to beautifying Flight Land Airport. They have wall papered an entire wall (12x9) with 16 U.S. Air Force Jet Maps. Pilots at Flight Land should not have any more trouble plotting their courses, thanks to our ambitious three.

At our January meeting we began the tedious project of reconstructing Belle Hetzel's scrapbooks of her life in aviation and with the 99's. Scissors, paste, scotch tape, pencils, one steaming tea kettle and 12 99's were kept busy. (That old school paste still beats the sticking power of anything we have today).

Plans are underway for us to make a Charitable donation to a children's fountain. By make, we mean with our hands and time. Our project is a top secret which will be revealed upon completion, so do tune in next month.

## PIKES PEAK CHAPTER

**Marion Hein, Reporter**

Colorado's coldest winter in 40 years has grounded members of the Pikes Peak Chapter, but great plans are being made for flying activities in the spring. Hope we have an early one. Bad flying weather has curtailed the attendance at chapter meetings of our members from the high country, particularly Ruth Chapman and Joey Mehos of Salida.

Our last meeting held at the Rampart Aviation Company, Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, was well attended and the program very much enjoyed. Colonel (Ret.) Douglas B. Murray showed slides and told of his experiences in Alaska, as a member of the Search and Rescue Team while stationed there.

The Safety Seminar sponsored by Rampart Aviation Company was very successful, our chapter donated \$50.00 to this worthwhile program, as well as our assistance in putting it on.

Best wishes to Rhea Allison and Leonard Woltman, who were recently married. Rhea's many friends will be glad to hear of this happy event.

Plans are being made to give plane rides to the students of the State Deaf and Blind School in Colorado Springs in the spring, which we hope is just around the corner!

## SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

**Marian Burke, Reporter**

The December San Antonio Chapter 99 Christmas party was held at the beautifully decorated ranch home of Betsy and Bill Hogan. Those who were unable to attend missed a wonderful party. Thanks to Bill and Betsy! It was great hospitality!

DECEMBER TRIPS — Pam and Carl Crane attended an Aviation research meeting at the University of Illinois December 4th thru December 6th. Bad weather forced them to leave the "family Cessna 172" at home and drive by auto. Carolyn Matzek made a December trip to Washington, D.C. Bill and Betsy Hogan, a trip to West Texas accompanied by daughter, Patty. They toured the "Big Bend" area. Marian Burke Cherokee '180'd to El Paso to spend New Year's with her brother and family.

JANUARY TRIPS — Chairman, Ruth Nichols, is planning a trip to Acapulco, Mexico Jan. 20th through Jan. 29th.

Norma Barr and 49 1/2er John have five sons on active duty with the Air Force! A real "family record" for our chapter!

The San Antonio Chapter members were saddened by the recent death of Hank Henderson (He was that well-dressed man with the "snow-white" hair that was in charge of the Gen Aero Executive flight lounge at San Antonio Int. Airport). He was the man that always offered a "helping hand" to the 99's. You may have met him during the Angel Derby stop in San Antonio or you may have met him during the Spring Sectional in San Antonio when he rolled out the "red carpet" for the group.

Or you may have met him during a refueling stop at Gen Aero, enroute to some interesting flying event! If you have flown in to Gen Aero even once, you'd remember Hank Henderson. We 99's will miss him a great deal.

We are happy to have Norma Barr's 49 1/2er John feeling better after his recent illness.

WELCOME! New member Judith Anne Beckman! She has a private certificate with

Single Engine Land rating. Doctor husband, Fred, is a military M.D. and is also a pilot. They have two children. Judy is a registered nurse and enjoys needle work and music. They own a Beechcraft Muskeeter and Judy has already taken her "APT" check ride from Marian Burke. Welcome to our group, Judy!

San Antonio 99's will man an "Angel Derby" stop in San Antonio May 7th. The race will leave Monterrey, Mexico on May 7th and will fly direct to San Antonio for a "customs stop" before proceeding on to Dallas. The race ends in Santee, South Carolina. Our chapter is looking forward to the event. Marian Burke is "stop-chairman."

Get APT — Fly at least One Race this season — Attend Your 99 Meetings —

Till next time — "Happy Flyin'!"

## SHREVEPORT CHAPTER

**Dot Lindsey, Reporter**


The Shreveport Country Club was the scene of our December meeting — our Christmas Party — a gala affair, hosted by Jere and Henry Saur. Most all of our members were present. Although much of the conversation concerned flying, there was mention of "Santa" intermingled with "wasn't that a terrible crosswind!" Overheard that Ann King is the proud recipient of Jeppesen Charts — indeed an excellent gift; Dottie Ports has been elected to the board of directors of a local bank — a significant recognition; and Helen Wray reported the Kansas Chapter's Safety Seminar was a success.

January is our "Guests and Salad Supper" meeting. Jere Saur was hostess again this year and our guests were Patty McBride, Amy Pilkinton, Susan Pirkle, Donna Cobb and Louise Waren — all future 99s. After being introduced to members present and our favorite salads — these "new" pilots were entertained with a songfest directed by Joan Carroll and by our "more musically inclined trio," Martha Christy, Helen Hewitt and Joan Carroll. Dottie Ports gave an excellent rendition of a "brand new pilot" taking her friend on a cross country luncheon trip — in inclement weather — which was hilarious and enjoyed by all. Evelyn Snow, who was a bit "under the weather," sent greetings to our guests, as well as the members.

As winter continues to curtail our flying activities, we have had the opportunity to enjoy some of our other hobbies and interests. Mary Jo Voss is enrolled in a tailoring course for men — interesting she says. Corinne Strickland continues to make aprons — pretty they are. Joyce Sheridan is doing volunteer work at a local hospital, and your reporter is enrolled in a fencing class.

Helen Hewitt impressed our guests by distributing APT pins to APT members and at the same time giving those of us who aren't a silent look. The weather is on our side at the present time and we all promised to become APT soon as possible.

Our chapter wishes all 99s many happy hours of flying during this brand new year.



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### TOPEKA CHAPTER Charlotte Kenney, Reporter

After meeting with members of the AWTA Board of Directors Kay Brick, Chairman; Marian Banks, Route Director and Phyllis Pierce in November and being designated a "Must Stop" for the 1973 race, the Topeka Chapter has pulled out the chocks, firewalled the throttle and are up, up and away getting everything ready. We have finalized motel accommodations for the gals who will R.O.N. with us, and if our January meeting was any indication we are well on the way to completing many of the other details. We have waited a long time to participate some way in the P.P.D. and are enjoying every minute of it.

I do believe Phyllis Pierce, Santa Clara Valley Chapter 99's, who was so delighted with the snowfall in Topeka during her visit in November, would love the six inches plus I have piled up here today. I have a snow shovel that will just fit your hand, Phyllis, and would appreciate your return as soon as possible — to dig me out.

HOORAY!! Sondra Ridgeway is APT.

One of our Topeka 99's, Mary Landis, and 49 1/2er Harry are in Brazil beginning their second year with the Peace Corps. I know they would enjoy hearing from or meeting with any 99's that may be in the area. Mary's address is: Mary Landis, c/o Corpa da Paz, Rua Barao de Lucena 81, Botafogo, Rio de Janeiro, G.B. Brasil 20000.

Dorothy Powell received the Chapter's "Certificate of the Sponge" award, with appropriate badge, for her achievement in collecting money for the Chapter. She really did a fantastic job. Maybe we have a first, if so, Dorothy is "Head Sponge."



*Phyllis Pierce, Santa Clara Valley Chapter 99's, discovers snow in Topeka, Kansas November 13, 1972.*

### TULSA CHAPTER Shirley Baker, Reporter

Our Chairman, Lee Brown and co-pilot husband Doug, competed in the Fifth Annual Fly-Lady Derby held in Fairview, Oklahoma and came back a pound or two heavier! She quickly explained that the extra weight was due to the trophy she won for the second leg of the derby. First leg went to Marge Hudson, Oklahoma City and third leg to Vicki Williams of Fairview, Oklahoma. She let us snap her picture as proof

but did admit that the banquet held the night of the derby might possibly have added an ounce or two. One hundred ninety people attended the banquet and one hundred seventy-five airplanes landed for the derby and air show held the following day.

We welcome a new member, Sue Duncan, Bristow, Oklahoma.

We are pleased with the sale of our blue and white 99 purses. If you care to order, contact Lee Brown, 1007 S. Lewis, Pryor, Oklahoma.



*Tulsa Chapter Chairman, Lee Brown (R) is shown presenting membership pin to Sue Duncan, Bristow, Oklahoma.*

### WICHITA FALLS CHAPTER Lou Ellen Foster, Secretary

Since the last report the Wichita Falls Chapter has had a very successful Safety Seminar with an attendance of 150.

Lou Ellen and Lewis Foster took part in the Bahama Treasure Hunt.

Ruth Renton has been very busy participating in the Regional Safety Council and the FAA Women's Advisory Council in Aviation. Ruth also has been appointed to Texas Transportation Institute of Texas A and M which cooperates with the State of Texas in developing a state wide aviation system. We are very proud of Ruth.

Our Christmas party was hosted by the Lewis Fosters at the Officer's Club, Sheppard Air Force Base. Nearly the entire membership and their Nervious Navigators were there. A very brief business meeting was held at the end of the festivities.

The January meeting was postponed until January 18 due to uncooperative weather. The Chapter met at the new home of Ruth and Paul Renton. We had an extremely good turn out including two new members, Dorothy Warman and Major Frances Miller. Dorothy's husband (along with other business interests) has a newly acquired interest in Kickapoo Airport, Wichita Falls. We see Dorothy often at the airport and wonder if she is trading in her former role as homemaker for that of fixed base operator. Major Frances Miller is a nurse stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base.

We are all making plans for the sectional in Little Rock in March.

Last but not least, our next Safety Seminar is scheduled for February with all area pilots invited.

## North Central Section

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### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER Ann Johnson, Reporter

Anne Esselburne is taking the power plant course at Columbus Technical Institute, and she is the first and only woman enrolled! You make us very proud, Anne.

We all envy Marion Betzler, who flew to Washington, D.C. in November to pick up friends and then flew south to participate in the Bahamas' Flying Treasure Hunt, via Cessna Skymaster.

Congratulations to Caroline Snell, who received her Commercial rating, and to Sandy Storhok, who passed her instrument written test and is now sweating out the work of getting ready for the flight test.

Ted and Marie Wolf flew to Clermont Co. Airport to pick up a shipment for "Wings for International Health" (7 boxes weighing 187 lbs.). Marie says it's nice to take a 49 1/2 along for "muscle."

Many thanks to Bonnie McSwain for donating her polaroid swinger for our 99 news reporting. Now we can take black & white pictures at special occasions and various award presentations, etc. for the 99 News!

Bonnie explained that when she and 49 1/2er, Tim, were married 3 1/2 years ago, they combined their "swingers" so now they have an extra one they don't need!

It was because of Tim that Bonnie became interested in flying. Bonnie has only been with the 99's for about 1 year, but she is a very active member. She and Tim also belong to the Columbus Chapter of Experimental Aircraft Association, whose project is to build their own plane.

Bonnie works for Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. She is the Assistant Citizens Action Coordinator; and her job is to develop and implement programs to involve citizens in solving environmental problems.

Dottie Lee was hostess for our November 19 meeting at the Moundbuilders Country Club in Newark, Ohio. Guest speaker was Don Sundin, Manager of the Newark Airport, who gave a talk on air safety and how we, as 99's, could help dispel some of the negative ideas of the public towards aviation.

The Columbus 99's met for dinner at the Officer's Club, DCSC, Thursday, January 11, and all had a very good time.

Approximately 60 members and guests attended the January meeting at the Sheraton Inn at Port Columbus. Most of them remained for a very interesting and informative tour of the Arts facility. Many thanks to the guys who led the tour and took the time to answer our questions. They were very courteous and offered many helpful suggestions. "Hiya" to the radar operator who printed "Hiya 99's" on the radar scope!

Nancylee and Larry Malm flew to the EAA Convention at Oshkosh, flew home and sold their Debonair and hope to buy a Pitts. Nancylee soloed the Stearman and did all the basic aerobatic maneuvers. She is longing for a Stearman, but thinks a Pitts is more practical.

Last, but certainly not least, we would like to extend a big, hearty welcome to our new members: Pauline Thewlis of Ashland,

Ohio; Patricia Lewis of Cleveland, Ohio; and Ann Nichols of Bratenahl, Ohio.

#### CAPE GIRARDEAU AREA CHAPTER

**Charmiane W. Freeman, Reporter**

Our January meeting was our annual combined Christmas and New Year's party, with eleven members and fourteen guests attending! Enjoying Margie and Paul Loiseau's gracious hospitality were Sue and Ed Burford, Nadine and Elmer Heuer, Gene and Paul Williams, Millie and Rush Limbaugh, and Karen Williams, and a prospective member, Charlotte Pinnick and her husband, Bob, all from Cape Girardeau; driving from Carbondale, Illinois were Lois and Bob Feigenbaum bringing Ninety-Nine daughter, Susie Long and her 49 1/2er Lee, Ruth Riley, Bob's sister, and a visiting Ninety-Nine from Anchorage, Alaska, Joyce Bergstrand. (everyone enjoyed hearing some interesting aspects of flying in Alaska.) Driving from Kennett, Mo., Nell and Dick Rice stopped by the airport and picked Dyersburgians, Evelyn and Bill Braese, and Charmiane and "Son" Freeman. It was a beautiful night, after a week of cold and snow, and plentiful, delicious food set the stage for a wonderful time for everyone.

Lois Feigenbaum had an extra-special "good time," for she was not only cited the Pilot of the Year, but Pilot of the Decade, by her chapter! Lois has been very active during these years, having attained the highest license, that of ATR, as well as all of the ratings that can be tacked on, serving as International Treasurer for the past year, being appointed to the WACOA Board, and was designated by the FAA a Safety Counselor for her area. She has given very generously of her time to committee work, on various levels, taken part in chapter fund-raising projects, as well as working on and participating in different air races. Congratulations to a most deserving 99 for her many and varied talents! We are proud to have her as a member of the Cape Chapter.

Nadine and Elmer Heuer had a three week flying trip through California, which included flying their own Travel-Air and a commercial flight which had two would-be hijackers aboard to enliven the flight. Thanks to a Japanese passenger, they were subdued by his expert use of karate, and the flight was only delayed an hour and a half. Many points of interest were visited in varying types of weather.

We are delighted that Evelyn Braese has been invited by Polly Duncan of the Memphis Chapter Ninety-Nines to participate in the Angel Derby Race in May. Best of luck to these two gals!

Evelyn Braese and yours truly attended The FAA Safety Seminar in December, held on the campus of University of Tennessee in Martin. Many brave aviation enthusiasts were on hand to hear several good specialists, including Pete Campbell with FAA in Washington, D.C., Armin Hegenheiser with ARTT in Memphis Center, and Roddy Coker from the Control Tower in Memphis, and Bill Richardson of Dyersburg FSS.

Rain and snow have hampered flying

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activities in our area, but New Year's Day found many aviators aviating, among them were Mary and Joe Boyd, taking turns practicing landings of all kinds.

The next few months will find the Cape Chapter members busy, as we are committed to help in the NIFA meet at the Carbondale Airport, and the Angel Derby Race stop at Marion, Illinois Williamson County Airport, about ten miles apart, but not separated by as many days!

#### CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

**Clarissa H. Holcomb, Reporter**

Jayne Schiek was enthusiastic about her trip to Honduras. The ticket agent told her that SAHSA (air carrier) means "stay at home and stay alive." They flew the DC3 with cockpit door open and 49 1/2er Ben riding jumpseat from San Pedro Sula to Tequigalpa. The airport lies "nestled" between several mountains — approaches are made belly-up to the side of the mountain — no go-arounds! Navy-type on the numbers touchdowns are made. Other smaller airstrips are made up of coral rock. On the island of Utila (sea on 3 sides) non-crushed coral, but at Copan (Mayan ruins site) it was a bumpy grass strip.

Good to see more women at the Flight Instructors' Clinic put on by a fine team from FAA Academy. Margie Jones had to work the midnight shift, but gamely made it to the all day clinic for the full three days. I went along to see that she stayed awake. We both felt it worth the effort.

We missed Kay Marten at our Springfield meeting, but she was on her solo cross-country. She managed to get lost, had to make a night landing and everything. She had plenty of fuel and good training so didn't panic and passed her check ride for her "Private" on January 16th. Hurrah, Kay!

About 36 turned out for Joyce Cooper's meeting at Springfield. Program was a showing of "Freedom of Flight" by Jerry Saladino. A fine business meeting — we had an inspiring talk by Mary Waters about the Illi-Nines Air Derby (May 25-27 at DuPage).

Barbara Brusseau, our APT chairman, admitted she has been flying crosscountries, and doing IFR and VFR instructing on week-ends (other times she's a high school teacher). She found the book, **Instrument Flying** by Taylor worth a plug.

Haven't heard from Marsha Marvel if it was a boy or potential "99". With all those flying hours, her child must be ready to solo. "The guys at the airport said I could fly as long as I could get my seat belt on and so far I haven't had any problem with my belt." She's expected to be home by Christmas with child in arms. She is teaching Aviation 121 at Rend Lake College (two girls enrolled), besides her full time teaching and flight instructing.

Jean West has been busy instructing in a J-3, Aeronca 15 AC-M, and a Tri-Pacer, though the Cub Club is looking for a plane with heat.

It was a fine January Sunday when the Wests and the Holcombs went airport hopping. Had to "give a look" at Jean West's Commonwealth Ranger and the many Conventional landing-gear craft at Cooch's RLA. (Only three tri-cycled planes on that field). We then landed at Montecello, but the Kaisers were busy getting sons back to school after an Aspen Skiing vacation.

Preparations for our Illi-Nines Air Derby which will be held at Dupage this year are

progressing. This was organized in 1968 (Illinois' Sesquicentennial year). The Chicago, Central Ill. and Quad City Chapters work together with help from 66'ers and 49 1/2'ers and any other willing. It is a cross-country speed OR proficiency race of about 250 statute miles. Unique in that it is open to both men and women and you must have a co-pilot. After the race, a spot landing contest is held open to both pilots and co-pilots. It is possible to fly the race and help (except for the chairman who knows the race route).

Ruth Teel flew her Cherokee 9209W to Peoria bringing Marjorie Tyson, Doris Ann Norcross and Jayne Schiek. The latter two froze hands and toes getting their fair weather crafts — the Cougar and Plane Jayne ready for inspection. Lester Noska (FAA) from Springfield brought them news of our friend, Lee Ruebush who has gone from Springfield GADO to Detroit to Chicago where he is "Head Beagle" (D.A.'s term) concerned with the aviation safety program for this region. The Macomb gals enjoyed Jay Stair's (GADO) vertigo chair and two films at a meeting of interested flyers.



At Peoria, Wally and Caroline Smith (Chicago Area Chairman), Arlene Johnson, Libby Kaiser, Margie Jones arrive at Kay Marten's home for a meeting in her Japanese room, Yuki No. 1.

#### CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

**Sandy Klock, Reporter**

Casa de Aero at Hampshire, Ill. had its name painted in bright yellow letters on the runway on November 12th by a dozen intrepid 99s, 49 1/2ers, 66s, and helpers who braved the cold, damp weather. Caroline Smith overflew and reports that it looks beautiful.

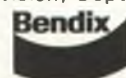
Our chapter again enjoyed a gala Christmas party with the Du Page Flyers at St. Andrews Country Club on December 8th.

Guest speaker at our January meeting at the St. Charles Ramada Inn was Donald J. Mazeroll, Accident Prevention Specialist for the Chicago area GADO. Mr. Mazeroll gave us much pertinent information, includ-

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ing details of the GAMA accident prevention safety program, and showed an excellent movie on "weather" flying.

Jean Ingle satisfactorily completed a voluntary proficiency flight check November 4th (for private license) with a safety counselor for the Great Lakes Region. Meanwhile, Barb Silagi was flying a brand-new Cessna 150 back from Wichita.

A warm welcome to new members Pat Gatlin, Sue Gatlin, Gail LaPook, and Geraldine Close. And congrats to Pat Gatlin, and Gail Lewin, who recently received their instrument tickets, and to Dorothea Lough on earning her multi-engine rating. Dorothea has also been designated an FAA Accident Prevention Counselor.

Charlene Falkenberg has been appointed Federal Aviation Safety Counselor for the third consecutive year by the South Bend, Ind. GADO. Charlene recently spoke on 99s and women in aviation to the Gary, Ind. Lions Club and to the Glen Ross Exchange Civic Club (young businessmen). Sherry O'Keefe told our story to EAA Chapter 101 at their December meeting, and plans to speak to Chapter 89 soon.

I'm very sad to report that our Recording Secretary Jeanine Tellekson has gone on to "New Horizons." Jeanine and her 19-year old son Tommy were killed in an auto accident December 20th while enroute to Florida. Jeanine was one of our most active and enthusiastic members, and she will be very much missed by all of us.

We got a nice letter from our southernmost member, Barb White, of Venice, Fla. She has her boss, attorney Dick Hazen, working on his commercial and instrument — says he can't have a secretary who's got more ratings than he does! Meanwhile, Barb and 49 1/2er Corky have taken all the City Councilmen for plane rides in their Cherokee 140, so they can see how lovely the Venice area is from the air. This is a worthy endeavor we should all consider "getting into."

#### **GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER**

**LoRita Curtis, Reporter**

December meeting at Rose Mary Roth's house was a delight, with a real live Santa. Gifts and gab exchange, a fun nite was had by all.

Betty Braun now has four pilots in the family; another son just received his private license. "Those who fly together stay together." Jane Noyer is now living in Maryland. We miss you, Jane.

January meeting was held at Roe Fullgrof home. Joe Harrington, accident prevention specialist, was our guest speaker. His topic zeroed in on winter flying.

Congratulations Ruth Lake who received her Instrument Rating, what an inspiration to those of us still flying toward this goal. Now for the "Hostess with the Mostest" Pat Kelly of the Hawaii Chapter, for treating our Mary Margaret Walsh so hospitably when she visited Hawaii in November.

Important dates to remember: April 21, we plan a Hanger Dance to raise funds for A.E. Museum. May of course being Safety Month, plan for your apt ride, May 19.

We announce four new members Barbara Cunningham, JoAnn O'Rourke, Virginia Kunkel and Elisabeth Jordan, who received their pins from our Chairman Rose Mary Roth at the January meeting. Was nice that Annetta Withey, Margart Miller and Lois Baunert came to visit, do hope they will come again.

#### **INDIANA CHAPTER**

**Carl Downes, Reporter**

Airmarkings: Warsaw was done Sept. 30, Linton was done Nov. 4 and Spencer was done Nov. 18. Air marking pins were awarded to the following for their help in the latest airmarkings: Dottie Gall, Lois Hawley, Barbar Simmons, Martha and John Holst, Anne and Emmett Black, Dorothy Hodson, Betty Kaye-Smith, Ruth and Wally Ruggles, and Mary Schutte. Happiness is having a new Instrument Rating says Dorothy Niekamp. Then Mid Cassidy says "Happiness is having 2 - 360's instead of 1 - 360 channel and 1 - 90 Channel."

Paul and Tannie Schlundt spent an enjoyable time at Jekyll Island, Ga. where they joined a group of W.W. II Flight Instructors and Army officers who were stationed at Douglas, Ga. Greater 'tails' could never have been told! In late Nov. they were to leave for Arizona where they plan to visit with Ethel and Rusty Knuth. Operation Rain Check Scheduled for Indiana Ninety-Nines. The first session to sign up for is January 15, 1973 (4 nights, 7 to 10 pm). Or the weeks of Jan. 22 and Jan. 29 will be available as needed for those interested.

Two of our members were appointed to Organizational Posts. Tannie Schlundt is now serving on the International Resolutions Committee. Lois Kennard has been selected to serve as the Section Public Relations Chairman. As we start our new year let's get the Apt Project "Off the Ground." Our Apt chairman is Nancy Orcutt this year.

Our January meeting is Sunday, January 21st. We will have dinner at Blair's Restaurant in Peru, Indiana and then we will be treated to a tour of Grissom AFB! During the last week of January there will be 3 or more loads of medical supplies flown out of Indiana into Illinois. Those flights will be going out of Fort Wayne this time.

Two of our girls are running for Section office: Pauline Genung for Section Secretary and Nancy Hagen for the Nominating Committee.

New member: Colleen Hake from Fort Wayne, Indiana. Esther Berner was re-appointed Aeronautics Commissioner for Indiana. Ann Bellafiore of Valparaiso received her Commercial license Nov. 29th 1972.

Nancy Hagans Valparaiso says "If it hadn't been for a fellow 99, my husband, Dick, daughter, Jamie, Dog, Amie, our Cherokee Arrow and I might still be in Georgia waiting for good weather. We spent the Christmas Holidays on Sanibel Island in Florida and stopped in Thomasville, Ga. at 99 Esther Wrights' Holiday Inn to wait for a front to pass. It never did, to my knowledge. Three days later Esther and I flew our plane to Albany, Ga. and VFR weather while the rest of my family drove Esther's car to Albany. We left 19 other Indiana and Michigan pilots waiting at the Thomasville airport. Our stay with Esther was delightful and we really appreciated her kindness. Also this flying family is moving in the direction of IFR tickets. Esther Wright flew in our FAIR race at Fort Wayne this past year.

Anne Black, Air Marking Chairman is planning to set up several special Air Marking teams over the state to recheck existing markers in an effort to locate and repaint at least 25 of the 58 markers that need to be redone. The CAP will probably

be enlisted to help on these projects. Most of them were painted 6 — 7 years ago.

49 1/2er Sid Kubesch of Peru is president of that city's Aviation Commission, and announces he is working with Grissom AFB officials for an instrument approach. Also hoped for in Peru will be a 1500 foot extension to accommodate light jets. I also found out something else about Sid at the January Meeting that I think everyone might find interesting. From Sid's Air Force days he set a world's record on October 16, 1963 in a B-58 on the fastest flight from Tokyo to Anchorage to London. It was 1038 miles and he did it in 8 hours and 35 minutes.

#### **KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS CHAPTER**

**Skip Gumbert, Reporter**

In spite of inclement weather, a good percentage of our members drove to Frankfort, Kentucky for our Christmas luncheon. The good food in the unique surroundings of the Cave Restaurant was second only to the fellowship of the 99's and guests present. A lovely stole, crocheted by Pat Paulsen, was put up for raffle. The lucky winner was Pauline Barrier, and our treasury was fattened by Pat's generosity.

After the excitement and commotion of the holidays, our chapter got down to some "serious" business during the January meeting. Once again our fly-in turned out to be a drive-in at Bluegrass Field, Lexington. Even so, we had a good turn-out, and three new members were recognized. They are: Jane Breiner, Louise Morris, and Sheila Wagner, all from Lexington. Another new member, Erdine McCollum, was unable to attend. Plans were discussed for a "Flying Poker Party" to be held in May.

**Attention Australian Section:** The Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter has had as our guest the past two meetings a prospective member for you. Beverley Wakem, Wellington, New Zealand is currently undertaking graduate studies in communications at the University of Kentucky as a Rotary International Graduate Fellow. Beverley has been a public affairs producer with the New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation for nearly ten years in both radio and television. Due to the pressure of work and preparation for this trip to the United States, she has been unable to complete the requirements for a private license, but hopes to continue her flying when she returns to New Zealand. Recently, she got the "feel" of the controls again due to the generosity of Mr. Charles Bohmer, Bluegrass Field, Lexington. She spent about three-quarters of an hour enjoying the scenery in a Cessna 150. We hope to have Beverley join us at our meetings until she returns home in May.

Happy Flying!

#### **MICHIGAN CHAPTER**

**Patricia Domas, Reporter**

Jean Pearson, science writer for the **Detroit News**, was the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at Wayne State University winter commencement exercises. A science writer for more than 25 years, Jean holds A. B. and M. Ed. degrees from Wayne State. She served in World War II as a pilot and was the first newspaper woman to penetrate the sound barrier in a jet airplane and to fly over the North Pole. We are honored to have Jean among our membership.

The Zonta Club of Detroit were hostesses for 99s, the Detroit Society of Women Engineers and the Women's Aeronautical

Society of Detroit, at their annual Amelia Earhart Commemorative Brunch held January 7. Loma May was toastmistress for a special program: Michigan 99 Flying Folk-singers, Jacque Debes and Bonnie Krentler, and Barbara Barrett, First Officer for Zantop International Airlines. Guest speaker was Capt. Robert Rubens, Vice-President, Airline Pilots Association Region III. Capt. Rubens indicated his role in aircraft hijackings and opened up the topic of hazardous cargo. In November our chapter telegraphed ALPA supporting their stand on air piracy.

Lillian Snyder, Marge Hatfield, and Carl Borchers (FAA Accident Prevention Specialist, (GADO-63) organized a super GAMA Pilot Education Clinic, held Jan. 17 and 18 in Dearborn and Lansing. "Pete" Campbell, from FAA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., highlighted the program including "Pete" Pederson, Coordinator, Safety Division, Office of General Aviation, and Stanley Mohler, Chief, Aeromedical Applications, Office of Aviation Medicine. Attendance at both meetings topped 1600 and participants in the clinic were given a preview of a new traffic pattern proposal and FAR 61.

Wishes for a happy new year of flying are extended to Linda Knoll (Jackson) and Gayle Schaffer (Ann Arbor), who were accepted as 99s at the January meeting. Pat Ferrante, 66 Chairman, initiated a lone "Gooney Bird," June Pailthorpe.

While vacationing in Florida over the holidays, yours truly had a pleasant visit with Fran Sargent, International Chairman, National Intercollegiate Flying Association. Fran and I discussed a campaign for 99 chapter and section donations to NIFA and the upcoming Airmeet at Southern Illinois University in May. Fran teaches for the Aerospace Department of Miami-Dade Junior College and highlighted my visit with a tour of their weather observation and tele-type facilities and their instrument trainers.

#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER

**Betty Kuechle, Reporter**

Our Minnesota weather has taken a strange twist this winter. It is either blue skies and sunshine or absolute 0-0 which takes all the guess work out of 'go or no go.'

In December, Sally and Bob Woodburn and family, flew their Cessna 310 to Aspen, Colorado for some Christmas skiing. Also seen on the slopes were Barb and Ross Lund who had flown out in their 401.

Caroline and Ray Olson loaded their Aztec and a Mooney with assorted relatives and flew to Brownville, Texas to help celebrate Caroline's folks' 45th Wedding Anniversary.

Dr. Ted Lester, FAA Medical Examiner and pilot, spoke at our January Meeting using the topic "Aeromedical Facts for You the Pilot." With the aide of the FAA film "Charlie" plus a series of slides, he did an excellent job of examining the problems of alcohol, drugs, and hearing loss as related to the pilot. Jan Hoppe and Shirley Bierma gave a follow up report on "Operation Fledgling," a two week ground school for the children of 99's, ages 8 to 15. About 13 completed the course and all agreed it was a success.

Our January "Fly Out" was a huge success, with 100 per cent cooperation from the weather. Fifteen gals flew out to Alexandria, Mn. for lunch arriving from all over the state. From Staples came LaVerne

Schaefer and prospective 99 Joyce Polley; Marian Fredlund and guest Luella Kling from Cambridge; Marian Lutz, Marlyce Stapleton, Eileen Barbarisi, and Nadine Sugden from Mankato and from the Twin Cities Sheri Mills, Mary Griffiths, Madeline Niosi, Marian Tilbury, Carol Bouma, Clara Johansen and her mother Mabel Berg. Our Monthly "Fly Outs" have been jinxed by bad weather, so it was a thrill to have such a beautiful day. Happy flying.

#### QUAD CITY AREA CHAPTER

**Ellen J. Thiel, Reporter**

Chairman, Norma Smith and 49 1/2er, Roger just returned from 8 days in Hawaii. Norma said they really had a wonderful time. While there, they were guests of Lorette Zirker for a Chinese dinner, then did some sight-seeing, and Lorette took them to visit a Japanese Pagoda.

Von Alter and her instructor delivered 185 pounds of medical supplies to Des Moines, Iowa.

Ellen Thiel, APT Chairman, was appointed Safe Pilot Program Chairman. We are turning our February meeting into an APT Day, in hopes of getting our Chapter 100 per cent APT.

Marie Meridan and husband are spending a couple of months in Florida.

Jo Ann Walker reported on the progress of plans for the Illi-Nine Air Derby to be held at DuPage in May.

Some of the girls are already making plans to attend the Spring Sectional.

Gigi Katz was out taking advantage of our spring-like weather last week, shooting touch and go's, as was Ellen Thiel.

Doris Ann Norcroft, Central Illinois, has suggested our chapters have a combined "Mystery Photo Run" sometime this summer. Sounds like fun.

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

**By Toney, Reporter**

The usual gray Sunday greeted our pilots for the November meeting at Hartford, however, four planes did fly in and with the use of ground "transpo" there was a good showing of 99s and guests. All enjoyed the plush surroundings of Zivko Aviation, including a carpeted showroom!

Early in December Arlene and Dr. Hersh Schwartz flew to the land of sun (?), were VFR until the last leg and had to request an instrument approach due to rain and low clouds over the Phoenix area! They landed at Sky Harbor Airport and unloaded nine cartons of D.R.F. supplies in Mary Vial's hangar. During their stay they attended the Phoenix Chapter Christmas party and the Bellanca Owners and Dealers annual convention.

January 14 was definitely not a flying day so everyone drove to Kenosha Municipal Airport. An excellent program was presented at the Aviation Center of the Gateway Technical Institute, "Aviation Safety & You," by Greg Gorak, 49 1/2er of brand new 99 Diane Gorak, who hosted the event.

We welcome another new member, Margaret Hollman, and a reinstatement, Ethel Westerland.

Peggy Mayo is back from South Africa where she had the time of her life meeting and getting to know 99s from that intriguing land as well as looking over the countryside.

The committees are busy working on convention plans. The place to be — in '73 — is MILWAUKEE!

## New York-New Jersey Section

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY

#### GARDEN STATE CHAPTER

**Dolores Jane Zillncar, Reporter**

Our new chairman, Alma Hitchings, promised two years of exciting flying activities and that promise is being fulfilled. Our fly-in meeting at Aero Haven on January 14th was initiated by a spot landing contest which was a most enthusiastic show. We are gaining momentum with more entries and ever growing interest. Dana Mack was our winner this time.

From the airport we gathered at Silver Lake Inn where we settled down to a lovely smorgasbord luncheon. Our 49 1/2's generously offered to supply a plaque upon which will be inscribed the names of the winners in our spot landing contest. It will hang in our official headquarters at Ocean County Airpark.

Alma opened our meeting announcing our proficiency race. It will be called the Garden State 300! (Louise Meisner conjured up the idea in one of her more imaginative moods.) Janice Blackburn has been named chairman and committees have been formed. The race will be held on May 27th.

Other announcements included Carol Kozon's application for A. E. scholarship and Jerry Roberts' need for girls to pack medical supplies that are to be flown to Harrisburg. Eileen Freeman and Edith Fine have since delivered a shipment, but many more trips will be needed. Alice Hammond motioned to donate moneys to AWTAR and to the A. E. scholarship fund. The motions were seconded and carried unanimously. Alice also motioned that donations for entry in our contests be split 50/50 between the winners and our treasury. It was accomplished — 17-1.

Our Valentine dance was a spectacular success with Claire Kurica, chairman! When Governor Jerry Roberts and Hal flew to the Bahamas for the Treasure Hunt, Hal invited everyone on Treasure Key to a surprise birthday party for Jerry. One hundred and twenty-five guests arrived for the fun.

Eileen Freeman has made APT and Margaret Nicholson is working on her instrument rating. She and her 49 1/2 studied at Burnside Ott in Florida for a week and then flew to Barbados for a week of rest. Besides being an excellent pilot, Margaret is a professional portrait artist. We also have two prospective members — Mary Louise de Simon and Penny Kirk. Both are Whirly Girls!

We're all saddened by the news that Virginia Hammond is moving to Ann Arbor, Michigan. Judy Meltzer hosted a beautiful farewell luncheon in her honor and all her friends in the 99's expressed their appreciation for her lively and productive interest in the Garden State Chapter.

Let me tell you a little about this fabulous

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gal, Virginia. It all began in 1936 when she accepted a ride from a barnstorming friend in a Curtis Jenny. The plane looked rather unique and since Virginia always wanted to fly anyway, she said, "Sure, let's go." A career in aviation began. By her junior year in high school, Virginia Wilson acquired her pilot's license and in 1941 she was accepted in the WASP. She ferried B24's (her favorite) and B25's.

After service a new phase of life began for Virginia — she returned to aviation as an instructor and soon found a new love — Charlie Hammond, one of her students. Marriage and two children kept her away from the skies for a while, but in 1967, after moving to New Jersey and pondering whether to return to aviation, she walked into a meeting of the Garden State Chapter of the 99's. Her mind was made up.

Virginia furthered her studies in aviation, winning a scholarship at the 40th New York — New Jersey Women's Convention. Having acquired all her ground and flight instructor ratings, she established a certified ground school course in Moorestown High School and also taught in Paul V1 in Had-donfield. She was the first 99 to be associated with the New Jersey Aero-Space Association and served as its first president.

It has been a privilege to have Virginia Hammond as a member of our Garden State Chapter. We bid her fair skies — good-bye we'll never say. And that's the truth.

#### HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER Gertrude Felsen, Reporter

The Hudson Valley Chapter is pleased to have been co-sponsor of another extremely interesting and informative FAA Flight Clinic which was held at Stewart Field in Newburgh, New York on January 11. Leo Banigan, Air Traffic Control Specialist at the New York Center in Islip, Long Island taught us how the center works, how we can use it easily and effectively and how to avoid delays. Joseph DePaolo, Flight Service Station Specialist at Poughkeepsie, New York presented an excellent and extensive slide presentation on all the services, weather maps, sequence and forecast reports and rescue vices of a Flight Service Station.

Activities at recent monthly meetings have included a tour and movie explaining the pilot training procedures for BAC 111's and Fairchild 227's at the Allegheny Airlines training center. Reese Mitchell, FAA Aircraft Inspector gave an informative session on airplane preflight and engine.

Our Chapter will be represented this year in the Powder Puff Derby by two teams: June Simpson and Jane Tisdale; Doris Miller and Elaine Roehrig. We shall certainly be well represented at the terminus to welcome them!

Our very best wishes are extended to Jane Swart Tisdale on her recent marriage. Jane and her new husband, Warren, honeymooned in a Cessna 172 flying the Southwest, including stops at Oklahoma City, El Paso and New Mexico. Julie and Jim Price flew in his twin engine to Florida — Virginia Wentzel was in Florida to witness the Apollo blast-off.

Doris Miller spoke to the Schenectady and Utica Zonta Clubs on, "Women in Aviation." January is Zonta's Amelia Earhart month and Doris reports that she really

publicized the 99's. Good work!

Our Chairman, Minnie Osteyee flew a CAP search. She also has become an FAA Accident Counselor. We're very proud of her.



*Reese Mitchell is explaining the things to look for while pre-flying the engine at The Hudson Valley Chapter FAA Flight Clinic meeting. (L—R) Dorris Miller, Minnie Osteyee, Harriette Hilliard, Dee Fogarty (in back) Julie Price, Jean Chase, Elaine Roehrig. (Plane is Doris Miller's.)*

#### WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER Diane Mary Mudd, Reporter

January 15th was the Western New York's night to honor Ethel Fedders, our present membership chairman. Ethel was involved in the organizing of our chapter 27 years ago, in 1945. She also helped to hold the chapter together through good times and trying times. And because of her efforts we have 45 members and we are still growing. As one of the well-wishers, Ginnie MacKrell said at the dinner: "Tonight is Ethel's nite and it is well deserved. As a new P.P. (private pilot), I'd love to hear all about Ethel's barnstorming days. She's a real Pro."

#### News From Elmira:

A trip to the Hawaiian Islands by Ginny and Paul Schweizer gathered some Powder Puff Derby of '73 News for Terminus Headquarters in Elmira. "A flight from Honolulu Airport to Maui Island beach airstrip was made for lunch with Pat Kelley of Aloha and Pam Lock of Australia (New Zealand). Aloha 99s, Pat Davis and Pat Kelley plan to enter the '73 AWTAR flying a Comanche 260. Sailplane soaring was done too by the Schweizers over the cliffs on the islands and the Pacific Ocean from the glider operations field on Oahu."

#### News From Rochester:

Marcia Gitelman and 49 1/2er, David, flew into Buffalo, N.Y. with another couple and went to the new Eastern Airlines Terminal. Before leaving the airport to go back to Rochester, the girls decided to visit the ladies room. Guess what?? They had to go through security to get there and were told to make sure that "you just go to the ladies room." How do you like that for security, especially when you're flying your own airplane?

#### News From Buffalo:

Weather in Western New York, so far this winter, has been very changeable. We have had conditions from rain to snow, but in between we have had some clear days, where you could see forever, as supported by the activities of Peg Pieper, Kathy Potoczak, Marge Lach, and Diane Mudd. One day, Kathy flew for two hours just over the local area admiring the hills southeast of Buffalo and then flying north and going into Niagara Falls International Airport to do some touch and goes. Peg finally got up

in a plane after several months of being grounded. "CAVU was tremendous and I felt like a student pilot again." Marge is having fun working on her instrument rating and a few weeks ago she gave Diane a chance to go to Syracuse with her in her tail dragger. "What a great trip."

#### News From Silver Creek:

Jean Valvo reports that there is a new airport with a paved 3300 ft. runway on the 90° radial, 20 miles out of Buffalo, called Erie County Airport. "There's free coffee and the hospitality is great."

### New England Section

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#### CONNECTICUT CHAPTER Laurie Spence, Reporter

The December meeting of the Connecticut Chapter was in the form of a Christmas party, hostessed by Rose Crim and her family. Members were embarrassed because guests took home all the prizes for the weather quiz and paper plane contest. Our newest member, Lorraine Benham, used a fancy formula to determine that there were 999 beans in the pot, but Bobbie Herbert who filled it, declared that the number was coincidental.

Evelyn Kropp spent much of December visiting her family in Cologne, Germany. While there she had a fun flight in a Jodel, an interesting change from her own Cherokee Arrow 200.

Education is the opening topic for 1973 activities. Cynthia Kemper has joined the National Aerospace Education Association. She has been teaching fifth grade classes, using information provided by the Association, FAA and Department of Education. Marcia Spakoski has organized a meeting for flight instructors at Coastal Airways, Groton, Connecticut, where she works as an instructor. Together with the Westfield GADO of the FAA, Marcia will discuss the future of the instructor pilot. It is only through professionalism that the responsible CFI may hope to earn prestige and respect. Marcia has sponsored two other pilot evenings with guest John Graham, Accident Prevention Specialist. He gave talks on safety and showed movies to over 200 area pilots. As one of the duties of her job Marcia broadcasts three times daily on the local FM station WTYD. She gives an aviation weather report for Trumbull Airport using the official hourly data and pilot observations. Her voice is also heard in the Town Hall, where she is a member of the Representative Town Meeting and the Republican Town Committee, and on the stage during community theatre presentations.

Peg Davidson, DRF Chairman, played tapes recorded in California by radio personality Dave McElhatton. They were a series of interviews with 99s active in DRF work, informative and offering incentive for participation in the program.

Flying members are Nancy Tier, who has ventured out almost every day in her aircraft, Bobbie Herbert and her family who fly north to find snow on weekends, and Peg Davidson who flew to Florida with her husband, Don, and his parents. Peg's aircraft will be kept busy taking Peg to board meetings of the 1973 All Women's New England Air Race.

**EASTERN  
NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER  
Judy Gillis, Reporter**

We are saddened this month by the loss of one of our finest members, Marilyn Fenton. Marilyn passed away on Friday, December 29, 1972 after a long illness. Neither her husband nor her two sons are fliers, but she was a dedicated pilot and a proud and active 99. She received her Private license on 8-30-70, but had already attended many 99 meetings as guest of her 99 instructor, Ripley Miller. A lively and determined personality, she didn't let a cancer operation stop her. Upon her recovery, she obtained a 6-month medical to continue her flying. She was a real estate broker and a partner of A & M Fenton Realty, Inc. She became a grandmother in 1971. In concurrence with her family, our Chapter made a donation to the Wilmington, Mass. Hospital Building Fund in her memory. At the opening of our January 13, 1973 meeting, our Chairman asked for a moment of silence for Marilyn. We will miss her.

We recently had a communication from Suzanne Brooks, our school teacher member on an assignment in England. She reports all is well and she is enjoying flying in a Tiger Moth club.

Our January meeting was a ladies luncheon held at a restaurant nearby Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass., and it was a lovely day to fly in. Much was accomplished at the business meeting and plans are shaping up for the All Women New England Air Race (AWNEAR) to be held in May this year out of Worcester, Mass. More on that later.

We had a report from Kathy Hyme that she has been given 12 boxes of medical books to get to the Direct Relief Foundation and plans are being formed to start these books west.

After the morning business meeting and a delicious lunch, Billie Downing showed us slides of a trip that she and her 49 1/2er, Stu, and Stu's father, "Pappy," took last summer just prior to Convention in a 172. Their destination was Mackinac Island in Canada with stops along the way at Niagara Falls, Grand Forks, North Dakota, Winnipeg, etc. The weather was great for them until they reached Thunder Bay on the way to Convention. Billie got to Toronto via Air Canada, but the weather held Stu and Pappy away until just in time to pick Billie up to go home on Sunday.

Lois Aucterloine happily reports that her husband, Carl, has recovered nicely from his heart attack of a few months ago and is in good health again.

Marie Hight had an interesting experience recently. The FAA Flight Standards crew at Hanscom Field has extended an invitation to 99s and 49 1/2ers to ride on their DC-3 as they check out radio aids to navigation, and Marie flew with them to Westover AFB (Mass.) where they flew the pattern above - on - and below the ILS! Marie flew right seat to Westover and left seat back to Hanscom.

Dot Puls and her 49 1/2er, Clifford, flew their Bonanza to Georgetown, Bahamas again this past December for sunshine and clear weather. On their return, however, they hit IFR weather all the way up the East Coast of the States.

Due to weather, weather, weather, those APT as of the 1-13-73 meeting numbered only 3. However, since then your reporter got in a flight, so we're now at least 4 and

counting.

Lola Madden, her able assistant, Alice Foeh, and a good crew of volunteers are busily preparing for a GAMA clinic which ENE is planning in conjunction with the FAA for February 20, 1973.

The FAA in this area is presently holding VFR "Operation Raincheck" courses, and they are already filled to capacity for some weeks to come. The course runs over four consecutive nights from 7 to 10 p.m. and includes a visit to Logan Tower (Boston, Mass.) and the Boston Center at Nashua, New Hampshire. The material presented is most informative and interesting.

It was just brought to my attention that ENE had an interesting visitor a few months ago — Pam Locke from New Zealand. She flew one afternoon with Virginia Bonesteel in her 182 and was also able to visit the Boston Center. It is always nice to have visitors from other Chapters, and we look forward to more.

**NORTHERN  
NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER  
Rae Tally, Reporter**

The January meeting of the N.E. Chapter was held in the Manchester Tower building, at Grenier Field, Manchester, N.H.

Mr. John Burnham gave a most informative talk about tower activities and facilities, afforded us a tour of the tower and showed two films: "Area Navigation" and "From Kites to Capsules."

We welcomed several student pilots, prospective 99ers, from Maine who are planning to join us.

Our thanks to Mr. Prokop, Chief of the MHT Tower for arranging this and to Mr. Burnham for his hospitality.

**WESTERN  
NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER  
Margaret B. Brown, Reporter**

December was "bad news," weather-wise, for pilots in this area. Our Christmas Fly-Around-Carol-Sing was grounded due to high winds and turbulence. So we drove to the terminus of our schedule, Pioneer Aviation at Turners Falls, Massachusetts, where there was a sumptuous Polish buffet given by the FBO, Charlie Bohanowicz, for his aviation friends and his favorites, the local "99's". After our "special" carols were sung, we encouraged the many guests to join us in singing the traditional carols.

Our December meeting and Pot-Luck supper was held at Mary Kohler's with 49 1/2s invited. Laura Monohan was a guest, attending her third membership meeting. It was a productive and very fun evening, with Mary serving for dessert some of the delectable German goodies brought back by Mary and Heinz from their latest trip to visit his family in Germany. No, they did not use their Cherokee 180 for the trip.

Our January sixth meeting was held at Dale Melanson's home in Agawam, with much business transacted in spite of not having a quorum. (Weather again!) Highpoint of the evening was welcoming Evelyn Carmalt as a new member, which gives us a total membership of 17. Chairman Alexandra Taylor then pinned Evelyn, making it official, with 49 1/2 Les Melanson taking pictures for our scrapbook.

The Chapter APT score is not so good so far, considering our 100% record in the past two years. Granted the weather has been foul, still we must get with it. Skippy Orlitzki's 49 1/2 Nervous Navigator Dan has generously offered his services gratis, so hopefully that will spur us on to 100% APT

check rides again.

We are all looking forward to attending planning sessions and helping wherever possible with the AWNear (All Women's New England Air Race), hosted this year by Eastern New England Chapter.

**Southeast Section  
ALABAMA - FLORIDA - GEORGIA  
MISSISSIPPI - NORTH CAROLINA  
SOUTH CAROLINA - TENNESSEE**

**ALABAMA CHAPTER  
Hilda Ray, Reporter**

Alabama 99's were the guests of Mobile Aerospace, formerly Brookley Air Force Base, for their November meeting. Donna Green was hostess. We enjoyed films and a discussion of the new Tiara engine produced by Continental Teledyne Corporation, and currently being built in Mobile.

Plans were made for some of our chapter members to assist with the NIFA meet which was held the following weekend at Auburn University. Mary Skene, Claudia Conn, Donna Green and Ann Taylor served as judges for the cross country competition. I heard a report that one of them managed to get lost.

We met for our Christmas party on December the third at Birmingham Aviation (for IFR in case of weather — which turned out to be beautifully VFR). Fifteen members were present for the party, plus Nicky Hero and Sarah Sutter, prospective members from Pensacola, Susan Ray and Myra Crenshaw. 49 1/2's present were Jeff Beeland, Joe Green, and James Holeman. Members were Nancy Beeland, Claudia Conn, Pat Frierson, Betty Ferrell, Donna Green, Alice Harper, Marilyn Holeman, Pam McDermott, Eunice Miller, Bennie Peters, Hilda Ray, Grace Rodgers, Mary Skene, Ann Taylor, Minnie Wade, and Marie Carastro who is a member-at-large.

Pam McDermott asked that the Alabama 99's assist in the Airport Safety Check for the FAA. We are going to try to sponsor Safety Seminars in areas that have not recently had them.

**CAROLINAS CHAPTER  
Neil LaFaye, Reporter**

The Carolinas Chapter had a very rewarding meeting Saturday, January 13, at Shaw Air Force Base, a TAC Command near Sumter, South Carolina. It was a rewarding trip both in turnout (25 total members and one guest) and in the tour of the Base. Our host, Major Billick, first took us to the Physiological Training Building, part of the medical detachment, to show us operation of the altitude chamber and emergency procedures of it. Major Young talked about physiology and its effects on flying.

After lunch, we visited a static display of F-104's and got first hand familiarity with

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them — from the cockpit! Next to RAPCOM, the radar operation of the base where we saw the benefits of transponders for immediate identification. This military approach-controller, with his special kind of radar, both vertical and lateral glideslopes, explained that now military planes could eliminate the need of an interior glideslope receiver. GCA?

From RAPCOM, we rushed to see the simulators but because the day was running out of light, we only heard an explanation of this operation and couldn't try to "fly" it ourselves. Next time, we decided unanimously, that when we returned to Shaw, hopefully in April, we'd really be active in that altitude chamber and simulator.

Our sincere thanks and kudos to Shaw Air Force Base and the most helpful officers who took time, and energy, to explain it all to us.

Next meeting, Carolinas members get on the safety bandwagon with a Safety Seminar in Charlotte.

#### FLORIDA GOLDCOAST CHAPTER

**Lois Porter, Reporter**

Adding to your gross weight is one of the more pleasant ways to have a meeting as we did on January 15th at Lenny's Hide-away where they serve a delightful buffet. Lois Eig was there with her new rating of Single-Engine Sea and a tale of her trip to the west coast with 49 1/4 Sol and Ed and Marion Keys. Marion was absent due to a side trip to the hospital to have some of her parts TSO'd. Speedy recovery, Marion.

A very important topic of discussion was the up-coming Poker Run to be held on February 18th in conjunction with the Florida Suncoast and Florida Spaceport Chapters. Prizes will be donated by the 99's and/or sponsors to further Fun in Flying. Proceeds from the Run will go toward the 1974 International Convention to be held in San Juan. Posters and flyers have been displayed at all the airports in Florida for the occasion.

The business of International nominations was taken care of in short time so that our Chairman, Ruth Fleisher, could read aloud numerous letters that were sent to her. Everyone present reported that they were working hard on the races to be held this Spring. Another appeal was made for the girls to become APT and promises to do so were again repeated. By the time the meeting had ended, we all agreed that we had learned a lot and had probably gained a few pounds.

#### FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER

**Dotty Birdsong, Reporter**

December 13, 1972 the Florida Suncoast, Gold Coast, Spaceport Chapters and Grasshoppers held a joint meeting at Immokalee. Thirty-eight girls were present and eighteen planes lined the short taxiway south on the airport. Mr. Joe Brown, a duster agricultural pilot, gave a talk on the progress and growth of the Immokalee area. The group enjoyed a family style dinner at Tyler's Restaurant which is a must for visitors to this area and is in walking distance from the airport. Karen and Ronald Meinjohans were our gracious hosts. After lunch transportation was furnished to the 6 L's Packing House for an interesting and informative tour of the packing of field grown tomatoes. Everyone was given sam-

ples of the delicious tomatoes to take home.

January 10, 1973 was the regular meeting of the Suncoast Chapter at Winter Haven. Sue VanDuyne patiently waited for planes to come down from the sky — nothing but rain and low ceilings. Sally Tanner and I were in her Cherokee Six watching the ground disappearing gradually underneath. We let down through a large hole over a lake and when we were at eight hundred feet situations were not good ahead and we were still nine miles from the Winter Haven Airport. Sally climbed up through the large opening and we headed back for Peter O'Knight Airport which was completely clear. We heard Chairman Marcella Klotter from Naples calling Winter Haven on Unicom. She had two passengers and there was not an opening over the airport. They landed at Peter O'Knight. Betty Hood from St. Petersburg, her two Ninety-Nines passengers and instructor landed in Winter Haven on instruments. Sue had gone home. I called the airport and told them we had five girls and their three along with all officers present would make a meeting. We had lunch and our meeting on the up coming Poker Run at Denny's in Tampa. We were sorry of the bad news we received of our Indiana transfer member. Leah Warren's nineteen year old son who was badly injured in an automobile accident in September. Mr. Warren told me in a telephone conversation the boy has had four major operations and is still having internal problems and paralysis. Leah has been with the boy and is residing at 2840 West Minnesota, Indianapolis, Indiana 46241. We all hope he will be soon up and about again.

Charles and I have a new family member, a seventeen year old boy living with us now. He is Randall Lacayo, son of Salvador Lacayo of Managua, Nicaragua. Salvador was Secretary to former President Somoza of Nicaragua and was very active in the three Angel Derbies that either started or terminated in Managua. All the family members were saved but their house tumbled and burned in the earthquake in December. Seven families are living with his Grandmother twelve miles from town. One American family is among the group.



*Members of Suncoast Chapter displaced Tampa meeting January 10 as follows: Dotty Birdsong; Betty Hood, Vice Chairman; Ethel Gibson, Treasurer; Karen Meinjohans, Secretary; Lilla Brown; Marcella Klotter, Chairman; Sally Tanner; Ivone Zych, Photographer.*



*The three Florida Chapters of Ninety-Nines and Grasshoppers had a joint tour of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach. Dr. Jack Hunt and the Spaceport Chapter hosted the meeting Nov. 15. (Photo by Ivone Zych)*



*Florida Suncoast, Gold Coast, Spaceport Chapters of Ninety-Nines and Florida Grasshopper group had a combined meeting December 13th, 1972. Everyone enjoyed the tour of the tomato packing 6L's Packing Company at Immokalee, hosted by Karen and Ronald Meinjohans. (Photo by Ivone Zych)*

#### "DEEP SOUTH" CHAPTER

**(Formerly Georgia)**

**Judy Hall, Chapter Chairman**

Fort Rucker, Alabama is a great place to meet anytime and especially if it is with the Otis', Shirley and Gene, our November hostess and host. The steak and hamburger luncheon at the Otis' was preceeded by a tour of the Alabama Institute of Aviation Technology. Shirley is a student at the Institute studying to become an A & P (Airframe & Powerplant). How would you like to have a tall, sexy blond chick work on your aircraft engine? Bet your 49 1/2er would want to "supervise" the job. Shirley is also a flight instructor who teaches part-time while attending school.

Discussion at the meeting was about the recent air races. Esther Wright, Virginia McKee and Joyce Toman flew in the Indiana Fairladies Race with Joyce winning the "Rookie" Prize and placing 20th and Esther placing 28th. Judy Hall flew in the Petticoat Derby winning a trophy for the 4th leg of the race and the fuel estimate trophy as well as the Poker Hand (4 Queens) which netted her a Water Bed to take home.

Esther Wright and her 49 1/2er Bud (the one with the broken foot, who should stay off ladders) really did "Deck the Halls" of their Holiday Inn at Thomasville, Ga. to welcome the "Deep South" 99s for our Dec. 10th Christmas meeting. As a special tribute to our fine December weather, we all "flew" in some of those "4 wheel" aircraft called automobiles. Had to "taxi" all the way. Ground fog lasting until noon brought out this strange reaction in normally airworthy creatures. Betty McNabb drove in to a meeting for the first time in 20 years!

Items of business discussed included the

upcoming Southeast Fall Sectional to be held October 19-21 at Callaway Gardens, Ga. Judy Hall proudly told the group of her receiving her Commercial License in November.

A trip to Thomasville Airport followed where our special guest, Herb Schaaf, F.A.A. Accident Prevention Specialist from Atlanta, gave a slide presentation talk on airport safety showing slides taken of many Georgia airports needing attention to unsafe conditions. Many local pilots were present for this program. The "Deep South" Chapter is helping the F.A.A. in their airport survey work to upgrade our airports and remedy unsafe conditions.

Chairman, Judy Hall and Accident Prevention Counselor and Publicity Chairman, Esther Wright presented Mr. Schaaf with a framed certificate thanking him for his efforts toward safety in general aviation and his cooperation with all Ninety Nine groups in his area.

January, a new year; time to try new things and we did. Back to Fort Rucker on Saturday the 13th for a "trip" in the Army's Altitude Chamber, an experience extraordinary. After a two hour briefing and a ride in the vertigo-producing chair, into the chamber we went, suited out with heavy helmets and oxygen masks. The trip to 32,000 ft. included as passengers: Joyce Toman, Shirley Otis, Virginia and Murray McKee and Judy Hall, all fearing the unknown.



"Deep South" Chairman, Judy Hall and Esther Wright, Publicity Chairman of Southeast present a certificate of appreciation to Herb Schaaf, Accident Prevention Specialist from Atlanta, Ga. December 1972



At left, Mrs. Shirley Otis, "Deep South" Chapter Secretary, who arranged a tour of the Alabama Institute of Aviation Technology for Chapter members. Bottom, left to right, Mrs. Judy Hall, Macon, Ga. and Mrs. Alyce Strong, Savannah, Ga. On wing, Mrs. Joyce Toman, Marianna, Fla. and top row, Mrs. Esther Wright, Thomasville, Ga. and Mrs. Virginia McKee, Greenwood, Fla.

## MEMPHIS CHAPTER

### Nancy Miller, Reporter

The Memphis Ninety-Nines held their Christmas party in the Parkway House Penthouse with June Pentecost as our hostess. The tree was appropriately decorated by June with tiny planes surrounded by "clouds" of angel hair.

Plans were made at the January meeting to sponsor an all-day Aviation Safety Program for area pilots. Dot Wilson was appointed chairman of the event.

Virginia Proctor is keeping the Ninety-Nines in the news with her recent appointment as Chairman of the Arkansas Aeronautics Commission. She is also scheduled to speak on air safety to the members of the Zonta Club of Memphis.

Member Betty Rockwood met several fel-

low pilots as well as Ninety-Nines during her trip to Australia and points between. She was entertained in Australia by pilot Shirley Harris and 99 Carole Eve. During a stop in Fiji, Betty met movie actor George Raft who is an active private pilot.

Flying activities in the Memphis area have slowed somewhat due to the winter weather but Martha and Frank Toby found a nice day for a short flight to Dyersburg, Tennessee. Fern and Chuck Mann and Netta and Doug Holden flew the Bellanca to Huntsville, Alabama for lunch on New Years Eve. Virginia Proctor flew an Apache to Michigan City, Indiana.

Reminder to Ninety-Nines to plan for the Southeast Sectional in Little Rock, Arkansas on March 30, 31 and April 1.



Member-at-large, Layne Glanville-Williams, now in Singapore, seems to really be "in orbit." She writes: "Flying over Penang Island, Malaysia, is fun—if tiring without the usual support. It came as the result of shock, when Kay Brick wrote me a letter of thanks for some press clippings on the Powder Puff, and opened her letter with, 'Gentlemen ...!' " Any 99s coming Layne's way—her address is: 130-J Cairnhill Rd., Singapore 9. Since she is an Aussie, she's had mostly Australian 99s visit, but would be happy to greet all 99s coming her way.

## Plan to attend

1973 Spring Meeting

South Central Section — Southeast Section

March 30-April 1

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(L) Jack McDonald, FAA Accident Prevention Specialist; Ernestine Mayhan, 99 Accident prevention counselor; Hon. Wm. Waller, Governor of Mississippi; Peggy McCormick, Miss. Chapter Chairman; Mr. Bud Moore, Chairman Miss. Aeronautics Comm. Signing of proclamation for Safety Seminar held in Jackson, Miss. in November and sponsored by the FAA and Mississippi 99's.

#### MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER Peggy McCormick, Reporter

CAVU at Greenwood-Lefflore Airport on January 13, and Mississippi welcomed one new member, Ede Brandon, and invited two visitors, Dolores Costello and Sara Willis, to join the Chapter. All three are from the Jackson area, and we were indeed delighted to have them. Another new member, Anne Rhodes of Minter City, is in school in St. Augustine; Space Port Chapter, please copy.

Wanda Garson with her John was Early Bird for the day. She has an IOU for dual in

Peggy McCormick's C-120 as reward for being so prompt. The dual was planned, the IOU wasn't; Peggy is adding some goodies to the Violet Piolet, and the usual rules of "hurry up and wait" were in full force.

Ernestine Mahan reported on a highly successful FAA-GAMA Seminar in November. Mississippi is scheduled to participate in the Louisiana Air Tour, with Janet Green coordinating. Other business was plentiful but too far in the future to be reportable. Lunch and hangar flying at Peggy's, then a gorgeous flight home.

#### NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER Virginia MacDonald, Reporter

September found us gathered at the home of Ginny and Lanky Smiths for the installation of officers and dinner. The food was great and we all enjoyed swapping stories of the Summer. September was our busy month; we held a "Get-Aquainted Coffee" at the home of Evelyn and Dave Lyons; guests attending were Rebecca Morrill, Pauline Hunter, Dixie Gillory (now a member), Yvette Milazzo, Mitty Terrel, Beverly Campbell and her mother, Mrs. Campbell. We hope they become familiar faces at our gathering.

Later in September I had the honor of meeting Dorothy and her husband Steve Tuller at plane side when they arrived at the Naval Air Station. Not only is Dorothy a 99er but also a sister Coast Guard Wife and this year she is "Military Wife of the Year," and she is doing an outstanding job. While in New Orleans she appeared on a local TV program and then joined us at the Coast Guard Base for a joint reception of military wives. She spoke on the work that she and her volunteers are doing with the children with special problems.

Our fly-in to Dolphin Island for October was cancelled due to rain. November's scheduled Air-Marking has been postponed due to rain, even the rain date was rained out. So Rain, Rain, Go Away! November 10th and 11th we worked at the Air Show at Lakefront Airport. It gave a chance to see the Army's "Silver Eagles" display their talents in the helicopters; Bob Hoover in the twin Commander and Art School in the Pitts along with several other performers.

December 15th we all beat a path to Iddo and Kathleen Pittman's home for our annual Christmas Dinner. The only thing missing was the snow. Along with the familiar faces, guests attending were Kathy and Roger Huff, Helen Hooks, and Col. and Mrs. Bradick. We were also happy to have Pam Holley back with us, she has been in North Carolina working for the last few months.

We wish Margaret Ray a speedy recovery after surgery. Glorice Wills flew to Arkansas where she spent some time with her sister. We have discovered that Rose Mancini, our Pediatric Nurse, is working on a book on child development, and wish her



(Left) New Orleans Chapter Chairman, Virginia MacDonald (Right) Dorothy Tuller, Military Wife of the Year and 99er.

## 1973 Spring Meeting

### South Central Section — Southeast Section

"As publishers of 99 News, we would like to encourage your attendance at the Spring Meeting, for we are looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible. The Arkansas Chapter has an exciting weekend in store for you — do plan to be here."

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great success in her venture. Ginny and Lanky Smith have been busy with CAP. Chris and Ronnie Mills haven't been busy enough bringing up baby, they are expanding their business. David and Evelyn Lyons will be taking a vacation at Lake Tahoe.

Seems it must be time to sign off.

May your wings be strong and sturdy, and your flight straight and true.

#### **NORTH GEORGIA CHAPTER** **Doris Engerrand, Reporter**

Carolyn Steel, North Georgia Chapter's Pilot of the Year, recently gave a speech before Zonta.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with Herb H. Schaaf, Accident Prevention Specialist of the Federal Aviation Administration, in his accident prevention program. At a "Safe Pilot Program" sponsored by the General Aviation Manufacturers Association in support of the FAA and held at Thomson, Doris Engerrand narrated a 30-minute slide presentation, "In-Flight Visibility and the VFR Pilot." At Columbus, Kay Guice gave a speech about safety in general aviation. Carolyn Upton and Carolyn Steel have surveyed several airports, and, at the present rate, the airport survey project will be completed well ahead of the scheduled date at the end of the year.

Our January meeting was held at the home of Jean and Roy Voyles, Tuesday, January 9 in spite of the ice storm in Atlanta. Our attendance was small, however, because several of our members did not have heat or electricity in their homes. A tentative program of money-raising activities and fun activities was approved. The first fun activity was a poker run that began at Carrollton, Sunday, January 14.

Jean Voyles and Doris Engerrand flew to Phoenix to attend the national convention of the American Business Communication Association during the Christmas holidays. They flew in Jean and Roy Voyles' plane, a Cessna 210. The weather was VFR all the way out, but they were not so lucky on their return; Jean had to file IFR for the last leg of the flight from Tuscaloosa to Atlanta.

#### **Middle East Section**

DELAWARE - MARYLAND  
PENNSYLVANIA - VIRGINIA  
WEST VIRGINIA

#### **CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER** **Carol Ann Windsor, Reporter**

Our Christmas Party was again a marvelous success through the untiring efforts of Hazel Bartolet and Carolyn Harbolis. The decorations were beautiful and the highlight of the entire evening was having our International President "Susie" Sewell present. "Susie" was the house guest of Ronnie and Ray Johnson. We certainly felt honored to have her join us.

January found us meeting at the ski camp of Florence and John Shirey. Between bits of business, we enjoyed a view of the ski slope from Flo's front window.

Wedding bells have been ringing for members of our chapter. Joanne Blair is now Joanne Bailey, living in Harrisburg, and Kay Tallman has become Mrs. J. Michael Tyson. Kay's hubby Mike is an air cargo pilot. Kay also has received her In-

strument Instructor's Rating. She surely is a busy gal.

Congratulations to "Boots" Husted for receiving her commercial ticket.

APT from our chapter are "Boots" Husted and Carol Windsor.

Alice Fuchs, who has written the *Soaring Handbook* for the past ten years, was in San Antonio recently to receive an award from the Soaring Society in appreciation for her efforts on their behalf.

Champe Pool, 49 1/2 hubby of Martie, has been named an FAA Medical Examiner.

Marion Dunlap has been very busy with her CAP duties, 99's, a car dealership, and an airport. She recently held a safety meeting at her airport. We're glad that all is not work for her though. Marion flew to New Orleans for the Sugar Bowl.

While most of us are shivering in the cold winter chill, Shirley Weinhardt is enjoying the Hawaiian sun.

We are pleased to welcome Kay Martin as a new member of our chapter. Kay is a secretary at Piper Aircraft Corporation.

It's welcome back to Betty Harlan, a reinstated member of our chapter.

#### **EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER** **Louise Sacchi, Reporter**

Much activity since the last report went in. 14 planes with 26 people flew to Reading for the November meeting, and after lunch we had a "pitcher show" of past activities, which brought back pleasant memories.

The Christmas party was a success with 56 members and guests dining and dancing. Jane Squires created beautiful centerpieces for the tables which were given as prizes. Anna Spivey and Maisie Hentzen designed and sent attractive and unusual invitations; and Eleanor Smith was a big help with the decorating.

January saw 33 members turn out for luncheon at the Three Threes restaurant, and 26 went on to see "Irene." Joanne Maloy did a fine job of arranging it.

Our newest member is Beth Whirlin—a busy person as she teaches 11th grade English, and attends Trenton State College to get her Masters in English; she flies from Mercer Country Airport.

Dotty Miller and her 49 1/2er flew their 150 to Florida for a three week trip, reported only one bad day; and proved that flying is safer by having their car demolished the day after they got home! Fortunately no injuries.

Edwina Hansen came to the January meeting after a long absence, as she was Queen of the Flying Farmers last year and very busy. She and her 49 1/2er were invited to see the Apollo launch by G.E. because of their activity in community affairs. A well deserved recognition.

Jane and Bill Squires went to Phoenix in a Twin Comanche on Narco business, and had IFR weather both ways.

Anne Shields and Helen Zubrow also had a battle with weather in early January, which caused them to desert the 172 and use airlines to Florida. Anne reports good visits with Marie and Marvin Apfelbaum, Ruth S. Fleisher, and Peggy Borek, while Helen attended a seminar on Acupuncture. Anne got home to discover that the Terminal building — including the Tower and FSS at North Philadelphia had burned down the day before, and with it ALL the records and lists, etc., so she is still tearing her hair as she tries to work.

Betty Wood had the thrill of making an

ascension in a hot air balloon from her 40 acre back yard! They rose 500 ft. but on descent landed in a tree, which tore the lovely new balloon.

Blenda Hildebrandt and Adelle Parsons have both passed the Instrument written.

Another new member since the last news went in is Margaret Matz. She and her husband have a Cherokee 180 and are very active in the CAP at North Phila. Airport. Margaret got her Private last fall.

We are also hearing the sounds of Wedding Bells getting closer! Joan Zaharfy is engaged to Bob Jones, who flies for Asplundh Tree Co. and was her instructor; wedding planned for September.

Marianne Blair will become Mrs. Bill Herston in May; he flies for Altair Airlines out of Philadelphia.

With pilots for husbands there should be no death of subject for conversation and/or argument.

I delivered a Baron 58 to Spain and a retractable Musketeer (pardon me, Sierra) to England this month, and that made 200 over ocean deliveries in 10 years, as my first was an Apache to England in Jan. 1963. Right now, I am putting a hex on the New York Times for adding 6 years to my age, and moving my residence from Penna. to Mass. Grrrr!

For years I have been curious about our membership — what we do for a living, why we fly, etc. The newsletter with its brief references only whets my curiosity. Finally, I decided to do something about it, at least in our Chapter; so I sent a questionnaire to all 60 Chapter members. To date, 27 have come back with some interesting information; in my "spare time," I plan to collate the information, and let the rest of the membership in on who and what the Eastern Penn girls are and do. Keep tuned to this station.

#### **MARYLAND CHAPTER** **Sheila McEntire, Reporter**

OCT.—JAN. — October brought with it the Ninth Birthday of the Maryland Chapter of the Ninety-Nines and also the Mid-East Sectional which was hosted by the Maryland Chapter. There were five chapters represented at the Sectional and fifty Ninety-Nines were present. Weather was beautiful and there were eight fly-ins including guest speaker, Frank K. Smith in his "half Aztec." Much business was discussed and everyone went back to their respective chapters with new ideas to make next year better than ever.

In January Don K. Merchant, Division Chief, Preservation and Restoration Division, hosted a tour of the storage facilities (Silver Hill) of the National Air Museum which is under construction in Washington, D.C., and is expected to be completed July 4, 1976. Among the collection of great planes were S. P. Langley's Aerodrom (approximately 1898) and Amelia Earhart's Lockheed "Vega" Monoplane, which was the plane she became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic on May 20 & 21, 1932, just to name a few. The tour was very interesting and worth while although it is sad to think of how long it has taken to get a place where the general public and all pilots can be shown the important role aviation has played in shaping the world.

FLIGHT DESK: New ratings — Edna Sommerlock, commercial; Kay Bays, multi-engine; Barbara Marder, instrument. Also Jeane Wolcott, Ginny Vogel and Paulette

Jones are attending Instrument Ground School At Edgewood Arsenal Flying Club. Good Luck with new ratings.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Barbara Marder, 1157 Pine Dr. Cape St. Claire, Annapolis, Md. 21401; Paulette Jones, 2404 Hanson Rd., Apt. 38, Edgewood, Md.



*Maryland 99s visit the High Altitude Chamber at Andrews AFB. S. Sgt. Ken Scholt, June Hanson, Jean Wolcott, Catherine Grover, Kay Bays, Rene Birch.*

#### WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

**Gladys E. Wise, Reporter**

The Washington Chapter's Christmas bash at Hedy Jaffe's home merits superlatives on several counts. It featured, briefly, the season's best consumables — casseroles, salads, deserts — all made by hands that would rather manipulate throttles, not measuring cups. It earned sincerest gratitude for Hedy's enduring hospitality. And, of course, it inspired remembrances of flying trips.

Bea Wilder recounted a "demanding and exciting" 9 hours of solid IFR she and Hedy encountered in a trip to Arkansas. Nothing like practical experience to keep Bea's IFR rating current.

Jean Coffman was "fascinated and delighted" with mountain flying. She and husband, Dick, flew commercially to Salt Lake City and Butte. While Dick worked, Jean took mountain flying lessons and logged time in the VFR passes through the Rockies.

Chapter Chairman Helen Delaney was planning her first sailplane ride as she remembered flying the Bahamas Treasure Hunt with Irene Wirtschafter. According to Irene, they were the only female team and the only Navy team in the Hunt. Helen is a Navy Lieutenant Commander; Irene, a Navy Reservist, is a full-time, highly mobile IRS agent, frequently commuting to New York in her Cessna 172.

Jean and Skip Rajala flew the Treasure Hunt in their Cherokee and had a ball, despite "unpacking every night at a new stop." That pilot-cum-photographer pair flew the course in an almost perpetual bank so as not to miss clues OR pictures.

Irene Wirtschafter, Dorothy Tuller and Dorothy's husband, Steve, were special guests at the Man Will Never Fly memorial "do" at Kitty Hawk in mid-December, then Irene flew off south again during the holidays. She accompanied Betty Hawkes to Key West (Betty is with Florida Spaceport Chapter) and did a little aerial reconnaissance of possible Florida homesites.

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#### ALAMEDA COUNTY CHAPTER

**Petrine Lockhart, Reporter**

Our chapter is planning an FAA Safety Seminar for March 3. It will be held at Bret Harte Junior High 1099 E Street, Hayward. The FAA has instructions and suggestions so well laid out, it is not difficult to sponsor the safety seminar.

Over the holidays individuals in our group did a lot of flying. Bad weather was a big factor this year. 49 1/2er Bob, 2 year old Robin, and I went to Iowa. What frustration! We were unable to get low altitude charts and approach plates for the area before we left so an approach to the fogged in Cedar Rapids or Iowa City airports was out. Christmas Eve we were at Kirksville, Mo. debating whether to rent a car or wait until the next day to get the one Greyhound bus north; when to our surprise the college-student gas-pump fellow said he was going to Moline and we could ride with him after he closed up shop for the night. Now that's above and beyond the call of duty! And we really appreciated it! We picked up our plane a couple days later. Our return trip to Calif. was also interesting. We took non-flying Grandma with us so she would get a little experience and not worry so much in the future. She found out what smart pilots do in bad weather — sit on the ground; she was relieved and lost some of her worries. We tried to get to Albuquerque — snow! We spent two nights in Tucumcari and Santa Rosa before we got through. After some lovely sight seeing, we had planned to see my folks in Ontario, Calif. However they were having their frequent winds of gusts to 70, 80, 90 mph. So we just headed back to the Bay Area.

If we hadn't just been over the area, I would have wondered about Connie Sanders report that she and Norm were snow-bound in Palm Springs! But Connie, are you sure it really took that long for the snow to clear?

Adelaide and Don Morris headed for Mexico over the holidays. They wanted to get to Central America, but the red tape was too much. So they settled for going far south in Mexico. It sounds like it was quite an adventure.

Jaunda Bigelow flew her 81 year-old father back to So. Calif. after a visit. This man will go anywhere as long as he can fly and not be bothered with that ground traffic. Wish more of our relatives were that way!

Beverley Davis and Don headed for Canada. They only got as far as Medford Ore.

Well at least we all used our heads and stayed on the ground when we needed to, and are back to tell about it!

#### ALOHA CHAPTER

**Lorette Zirker, Reporter**

So many 99s attended the FAA Instructor Clinic here in November, that a lunch break turned into a very well-attended chapter meeting. It was spontaneous proof of 99s continuing active interest in the latest in flying.

Another addition to Betty Miller's long list of accomplishments in aviation is the ATR. The rating is superfluous, one would think, for Betty who has 11,000 hours, with

trophies and certificates galore. She worked for it as a proficiency goal, which should inspire the rest of us. Congratulations to her!

Betty's is the second ATR of the chapter. Beth Oliver, now in Minnesota, earned hers here several years ago.

The Christmas party at Florence Beamon's was a great success, crowded and well victualled. Party visitor was Patty Piper from Bakersfield chapter. Thanks go to Dot Read, Sue Smith, and Florence. Pat Kelley announced her President's chapter awards for the year. Outstanding flyer: Betty Miller. Outstanding 99: Dot Read. Best wishes to both.

An inopportune storm reduced attendance at the New Year's fly-in and campout at Hana, Maui. Two 99s, Pat Kelley and Pat Coates, left Honolulu before IFR weather closed in. They joined sixteen friends at cabins in Wainapanapa State Park, and had a good weekend.

Island visitor during the holidays was Dorothy Erickson of Sacramento Valley chapter. Norma Smith, from Quad City, is due here any minute. Welcome all, and Happy New Year to everyone.

#### BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

**Florence Moody, Reporter**

During their tour of the airport Aviation Explorer Post, scouts — both boys and girls — heard our chairman Joan Paynter speak. She told them about women in aviation. Then she took 9 girls for demonstration rides in her plane.

Hosting the FAA Fall Clinic, Maude Oldershaw made cookies. Marianne Laxa-



*Loading medical supplies for Direct Relief Foundation in Santa Barbara are secretary Maude Oldershaw, vice chairman Patty Piper, treasurer LaVerne Billingsley, and chairman Joan Paynter.*

gue, Marge Harps, LaVerne Billingsley and Beverly Habermeld helped serve 150 participants.

Joan Paynter flew a load of medical supplies to Direct Relief Foundation in Santa Barbara. She advises that another load is ready. New members are Carole Dunsmore and Lois Baker, whose daughter Linda Watson has been our member for several years.

Achsa Holfelder, our International charter member, is recovered from a total hip replacement. She now walks without cane without pain.

Patty Piper was a guest at the Aloha Chapter's Christmas party.

#### **BAY CITIES CHAPTER**

**Kathy Walton, Reporter**

Our January meeting was held at the home of our newest member, Helen Kampo. We were privileged to have L. D. "Pat" Cody as our speaker. He is the liaison between the CAP and Air Force dealing in Aerospace Education. He presented the types of programs which are available to youth and told us how we might become involved. Guests at the meeting included Rahn Simon and Cyd Fougner who are both pilots and living in the area.

As you will read elsewhere Bay Cities Chapter lost one of its Charter Members, Rita Hart, in December. As Rita was known to many 99's around the world, her husband, Al, asked me to pass this note to you . . . "Thank you and all the gals for all of the kind notes of sympathy and cards — as there are so many coming in each mail, I am not up to answering them all . . . So would you please explain this inability . . . Her going has been a double loss for me. Not only was she my wife, but my friend and companion for these last 32 years and I am thankful that some of her other friendships have spilled over onto me to help make up for my loss . . . Gratefully, Al (Hart)."

Rose Sharp and her 49 1/2er Don recently winged their way to London. Weather-wise it was a cool welcome but the 99's warmed things by inviting them to their annual "drinks" party. It was a delightful affair, reports Rose, held at the Royal Air Force Club. This party is given each year as a thank you to those who helped all year long to make their flying and existence as an organization more pleasant. Rose heartily recommends that the 99's Roster should be packed in every suitcase and used when traveling. Joyce Wells flew from Gness Field in Marin County to Santa Rosa and left her plane. They had received a call from the airport saying the dikes around the airport might give way due to the constant rain. If it did it would mean about 2 feet of salt water over the airport. Joyce elected to move the family plane.

For our birthday meeting in March, we plan a fly-in luncheon.

#### **COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER**

**Ellenor W. Wagner, Reporter**

Starting the New Year with a worthy project found chapter members, 49 1/2-ers, and volunteers joined together on a bright Sunday morning, January 7, on the taxiway at Palm Springs Municipal Airport. Purpose . . . refurbishing the already airmarked letters and numbers which had worn off from the heat of the jet engines and general use.

Jean Patane, Airmarking Chairman, gathered paint from the City, rollers, and hot coffee along with lots of enthusiasm and

the project rolled along to a quick finish. Several of the good gremlins jumped into their airplanes and rewarded themselves to a breakfast at the Salton Sea Yacht Club where there is an adjacent landing strip.

Those furnishing muscle and effort to the airmarking were: Garnett Stockton and husband Louie; Betty and George Manley (all of Yucca Valley); Rosella Kibbee; Ila Mae Carosell; Jeanne and Belden Crist; Art and Connie Woolston; Lorraine and Jake Jacobs with son Jeff, from Yuma; Leonard and Clara Combs; Marg and Fred Frickas; Annette and Hiram Gordon; Ray McBride; Jean and Jack Williams; Jean Patane; and Eleanor Wagner.

Due to a shortage of paint that day, another session was called for the following Sunday when Roy and Rosella Kibbee; Garnett Stockton and 49 1/2-er Louie; Mary and Fred Frickas; and Jean Patane completed the art work. Thanks to the City of Palm Springs, the FAA Tower Personnel, and to all who made it a worthwhile Ninety-Nine project.

Due to the airmarking, our meeting was moved to January 19, instead of the usual second Friday of the month. It was held at the home of Ellenor Wagner in Palm Desert and was a most successful pot-luck dinner meeting. It seemed everyone brought a dish, and their 49 1/2-ers, too. Decided to try another at Ila Mae's for February 9, when we will all bring our own steaks and barbecue.

Those attending the January meeting included, Chairman Garnett Stockton and 49 1/2-er; Betty Manley and 49 1/2-er; Ila Mae Carosell; Jean Patane; Roy and Rosella Kibbee; and yours truly. Future plans were discussed for the Spring Sectional wherein our chapter hopes to have a hospitality room and a good representation in San Diego.

#### **FRESNO CHAPTER**

**Lois Beeler, Reporter**

The second annual Fresno 400 Men's Air Race will be contested April 28, 1973, under sponsorship of the Fresno Chapter of the 99s. The race will cover a figure-eight course of approximately 400 miles. The contest will start at Chandler Airport. Competing aircraft will be sent approximately 100 miles in a northerly and southerly direction, making two fly-bys at Chandler. Cash prizes, and trophies, will be awarded to the first five place finishers.

Aircraft will be impounded for inspection on Friday, April 27, at Chandler Field. An awards breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, April 29.

Entering aircraft will be limited to not less than 90 horsepower, and not more than 450 horsepower. Powderpuff Derby handi-caps will be used.

Race kits, at \$1.50 each, will be available, starting Feb. 1, from K. P. Muller, 5720 East Alluvial Ave., Clovis, Ca. 93612.

The January meeting was held at the home of Theola Nutt and an extra added attraction were the slides of Hawaii Betty MacPherson showed. How envious we all were and how ready we all are to go to Spring of '74 Sectional in Hawaii. Save all your scheckels, gals of Southwest and we will really have a ball.

Voline Dodgeson has graciously accepted our nomination of her to run for Sectional Treasurer. Onward and upward, Voline, we are all behind you.

The Christmas Party was held in the

Beeler home and if I must say so myself, it was a real ball. All attending had a great time with our own Mr. 99, Elmer Tuschoff, leading the band. Incidentally, that was the first time I had ever seen a bass fiddle that looked more like an old-fashioned wash-tub and a broom handle!!

Kathie MacNamara, Voline Dodgeson, Betty Martin and Betty MacPherson are spending a week in Baja, California just 'a-bummin' around.' Such a life!!!

Our heartfelt sympathy to Lou Freeman on the passing of her mother in January.

#### **GOLDEN WEST CHAPTER**

**Vivian Harshbarger, Reporter**

Now long past is our Christmas Party - Meeting which was a double white affair. Egg Nog and Snow. (Snow in San Carlos on San Francisco Impossible but true. I think Mother Nature is trying to "fool us"). But Marion Owen who supplied the Egg Nog, complete with fresh grated nutmeg, wasn't. Between refilling cups Marion told us of one of her flying experiences that really confirms the instructors insistence on thorough pre-flighting.

She was always taught to check the fuel visually. The first and only time she didn't she ran out of gas (due to faulty gauges) and landed in a farmer's wheat field. Even worse than the forced landing was the irate farmer who insisted she landed there and ruined his wheat intentionally.

Marion, an engineer, is currently working on the Society of Women Engineers National Convention in San Mateo this summer.

Jeanne and Al Abramson spent some time in Puerto Vallarta where Al was a speaker on Aviation Litigation at the California Trial Lawyers Association meeting. Home from the sun to the frost (in December) then off to more sun in Hawaii, Tahiti and Bora Bora.

Rae and Ernie Gilmore, as did several other members, took a last scenic air tour of San Francisco the day before the TCA went into effect. I keep wondering what type weddings the FAA attends that they can relate our TCA to an inverted wedding cake. Maybe hungry non-symmetrical guests.

Hangar flying was about all that was available in December and January so after our recent visit at the Weather Bureau in Redwood City (where they asked "us" to bring some good week-end weather) we indulged ourselves.

Becky Masterson's story was the best. As a student pilot doing stalls, (with her instructor) the throttle became disengaged and as the instructor took over (at Becky's request) he became extremely nervous looking for, and not immediately finding a place to land. Becky's "why don't you show me how to do a forced landing" probably saved the day as they landed "relaxed" and safe.

We're busy working on the Mini-Derby and are very pleased by the response we are receiving. Expect to have kits ready in March so please send me a card if you want to be notified.

#### **GREATER OGDEN AREA CHAPTER**

**Lei Howard, Reporter**

Hi, fellow fly-girls, hope your new year began as nicely as ours has. After a lovely holiday season we have gotten the new year off to a great start by completing the work on our little abode at Ogden Muni. We hope that if any of you are in our area for any reason, you will take the time to stop

by and say hello!

Ail members of the Ogden Area Chapter were present and accounted for at the Safety Seminar sponsored by the local district FAA. We all left feeling a little wiser and certainly more refreshed by the information and education received from the meeting.

Next on our agenda, Capt. Gardner Barlow, representing the Ogden Civil Air Patrol.

Spring we feel sure, will bring a great many challenges for the Ogden Chapter. Hopefully we will receive our charter in the very near future and are looking forward to the lovely ladies who will visit Ogden during our presentation. We plan Airmarkings in the local area and undoubtedly will have some of our members participating in local air races and contests. Yours truly, a very definite amateur in the racing business hopes to become somewhat proficient this spring.

I know too, that all of you join us in wishing active member Joan Winterling a very speedy recovery from her surgery in December.

Our thanks to Maurine Shurtleff for her contribution of lovely ceramic mugs with a design of Mt. Ben Lommand and the 99's insignia as well as each member's name on the individual mug. Here is one very thoughtful lady. As long as we are handing out bouquets, one goes to 49 1/2'er Bob Williams, Joan's better half, who donated a lovely warm-m-m-m baseboard heater for our room.

#### LONG BEACH CHAPTER

Jean Pyatt, Reporter

Chris Huerth wishes to thank her many friends for their expressions of sympathy and contributions to the memorials for her husband, Bill, who lost his life in an aircraft accident at Catalina on Sunday, January 13, 1973. Graveside services were held at Pacific Crest Cemetery in Redondo Beach, California on Wednesday, January 17, at 10 a.m. A flying tribute was made by the Quiet Birds. Instead of flowers contributions were made to DRF in honor of Bill, who had been active in flying drugs to Santa Barbara. NCR, Bill's employer, has established a perpetual trophy in his name for the Fresno Mens' 400. There will also be a trophy for the Palms to Pines Race. Bill was an active 49 1/2'er and a real friend of the Chapter. He will be missed by us all.

Congratulations are in order for Alice Maynard and Juanita Thompson who received their multi-engine ratings on December 3. Their instructor was 49 1/2'er Mark Thompson. They took their instruction together in the Maynard's Travelair. Angela Masson has received the Advanced Ground Instructor's rating. She and her family flew to the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, and Haiti for the Christmas vacation in their Bellanca. Jean Pyatt received her Instrument & Rating on November 20. She and Marilyn Twitchell flew their Skylane to Punta Colorado in Baja California during the Christmas holidays. An added bonus of the trip was meeting Pam Van Der Linden, from the Palomar Chapter, husband Victor, and grandson. Marilyn, Jean, and Wally Funk have taken their Courtesy Proficiency Flight with R. R. Krengel, Accident Prevention Specialist with the Santa Monica GADO, and received their "Safety" pins. The "Safety" pin is an attractive piece of jewelry in the shape of a safety pin with the Spirit of S. Louis inside and the letters,

FAA. It is being provided for the accident prevention program in the Southwest District by Omni Aviation Underwriters.

Jean Schiffman has completed a valuable manual entitled: "How to Put On A Flight Instructors' Revalidation Clinic." Chapters are encouraged to put on these clinics. Copies of the manual may be obtained from Jean at 4209 Via Valmonte, Palos Verdes Estates, California 90274. Jean had eighteen girls at her first meeting of the Wing Patrol of the Senior Girl Scouts. They meet once a month at either the Torrance library or the TOA Tower.

The January chapter meeting at Claire Walters' Flight Academy in Santa Monica was a work meeting to prepare for the Revalidation clinic at Rochelle's, Long Beach Airport, February 28 and 29 and March 1. Rita Gibson and Susan Greenwald directed the stuffing and stamping activities. Margaret Ward will be in charge of Registration. Her committee consists of Barbara Harper, Joyce Jones, Jean Pyatt, Juanita Thompson, and Marilyn Twitchell. Our Nominating Committee for Chapter, Section, and International is: Mary Wenholz, Chairman; Millie Kruger, Angela Masson, Emma McGuire, Joan Rees, Juanita Thompson, and Claire Walters. Fran Bera, Joyce Failing, and Lauretta Foy attended the Helicopter Convention in Las Vegas on January 8. Jeanie and John Grooms flew their 175 to Arizona for Thanksgiving. Joan and Milah Dillew flew to Cuernavaca, Mexico, in December. Nancy Crews is instructing two days a week at Torrance. Monica Campos has started the Cessna Professional Pilot Course at Southwest Skyways in Torrance. Karen Sherman Smith and 49 1/2'er Chuck Smith operate the flight school there. Pat Kelley of the Aloha Chapter writes that she has seen Mary and Bob Pinkney who are celebrating their 25th Anniversary by traveling around the world. They will be contacting Ninety-Nines wherever they stop. Kay Fitzpatrick was married on January 27 to Douglas Woodson of Torrance. Both are Commercial Pilots. Doug is an ROTC Air Cadet at USC. Best wishes, Kay and Doug. Joyce Jones has launched a new semester of Instrument ground schools: an accelerated 12 week course on Monday and Wednesday at Torrance, Tuesday at Redondo Beach, and Thursday at Westchester. Our Chapter enjoyed meeting Marie McMillan of the Las Vegas Valley Chapter who was a guest at our November meeting while she was in Santa Monica working on her Instrument Rating at ATE.



Long Beach Chapter Achievement Award Winners: Juanita Thompson, Susan Greenwald, and Joyce Jones, Instrument Ratings; and Nancy Crews, Airline Transport Pilot Rating. Each received a trophy and a check for \$200. at the December 16 Christmas party held at the Airport Marina Hotel in Los Angeles. Photograph by new member Betty Gabrielson Fiske.

#### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Holley Ballard, Reporter

Berni and Jim Stevenson, Dorothy Pepin, and Rachel Bonzon participated in the airlift of Christmas toys, medicine and clothing to Calexico, Mexico. As you know the orthopedic clinic we are supporting with our flights was founded by our own Barbara Nichols and her husband Dr. Bob. This annual event is called Border Buddy flight... everyone welcome to fly in and help cut next year.

Quite a different Christmas was had by Norma Futterman and Virginia Showers — Christmas Eve was spent on a 12 hour train ride between Prague, Czechoslovakia and Budapest, Hungary with no hot food all day. On Christmas morning they discovered a fire in the room next to theirs, tried to tell the hotel operator but had some difficulty, due to the fact that the Hungarian word for fire is something like Tusszang!

Jan Dreyfus and Berni Stevenson are leaving for Philip, So. Dakota, February 1 for a one week visit with Jan's sister and family. They are flying in style in Berni's Mooney and looking forward to a snow mobile trip.

Thanks go to Dorothy Pepin, Chapter Chairwoman, for hostessing the January meeting in her home. We had a very good turnout and heard all about the new FAA Safety Pin. Have you got yours?

#### MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER

Rosemarie Schoening, Reporter

The home of our Chairman Jo Dieser was the scene of our annual Christmas party held in December and we're happy to say, that 49 1/2's Ron Harmon, Frank Schoening, Don Clouse and Richard Haskell all took their initiation vows. Food was great and it was fun for all.

Not much going on with our Chapter just now except we're planning a Safety Seminar in March. More on that later.

Your reporter just came back from Cleveland, Ohio where I ferried out an American Traveler. First time, so lots of experience was gained. Enjoyed every single minute of it. My husband, Frank, was in an American Trainer and I in the Traveler. We made formation landings at Muncie, Indiana, Albuquerque, New Mexico and of course, back home in Salinas. Being the authorized Grumman-American Aviation dealers in the area, I hope to do this again very soon. (Oh! Of course special prices on all Americans for 99's).

Some of us gals in the Chapter are getting ready for race season. 49 1/2'er Norman Halfpenney was out today in his Comanche 260 practicing. Could he possibly be getting ready for the Fresno Men's 400???? I do believe so. We just might have some new race teams in the PPD this year. We have some new members quite anxious to try their wings in competition.

A note to Joan Winter of the San Gabriel Valley Chapter... Fly 99's license plate you saw belongs to our own Trish Marks. She has a new long, low, beautiful red and white Cadillac.

#### MT. DIABLO CHAPTER

Sharon Ketchum, Reporter

Our Christmas Party was a little different this year. Snowmen gaily decorated the Concord Naval Weapons Station Officers' Club and we were entertained by some of our "talented," or at least Christmas spirited, 99's carolers (with a little help from their friends)! A little smoke got in our eyes, thanks to the faulty fireplace, but all in all it

was still very cozy. 49 1/2er Jack Rogers is terrific on the piano.

January's fly-in started the new year out with a perfectly delightful day for flying. We visited the Nut Tree Restaurant in Vacaville and were able to use their brand new longer and wider runway. Those attending were: Marty Graham with her passengers, Marge Rogers, Betty Boggess and Jeanette Bruno; Marie Porter with her most grateful passenger, Sharon Ketchum; Sis Breuner with her passengers, Grace Ellis, Barbara Lagier and Lil Riley; Buckie Johnstone; Nancy Wallis, Nancy's guests, Rahn Simon and Karen Kahn. Jerry Breuner, Sis Breuner's 49 1/2er, dropped by or should I say dropped in, whatever, to show several of us his Gyroplane (which, by the way, he lands on his air strip in his backyard). Too bad we didn't have more time because that Gyroplane really made a hit with us gals and it would have been fun to take a ride. Maybe next time!

At our January Business Meeting, it was announced that Betty Boggess is the new California Legislative Committee Chairman for the Southwest Section and Marge Rogers is the new Vice Chairman of the Airport Liaison Committee for Contra Costa County.

**PACIFIC AIR RACE** — Start planning now to enter the 1973 race. The Mt. Diablo Chapter feels honored that we have been selected to be the Hostess Committee upon termination of the race at our Buchanan Field. The race is scheduled for October 13th. The El Cajon Valley Chapter will take care of the arrangements out of Gillespie Field at Santee. The 450 miles race will have one fly-by or fuel stop between Gillespie Field and Buchanan Field, Concord. We're looking forward to seeing all of you.

Peggy Winters and 49 1/2er Lee flew to Aspen, Colorado in January for a weekend of skiing. Their daughter, Julie, and son, Jeff, also went with them in the family's Baron.

Nancy Wallis and Buckie Johnstone have both recently flown supplies for the Direct Relief Foundation (DRF). It's great hearing about these trips our 99's, from all over the country, have been making.

Last but certainly not least, we want to welcome our newest member, Jeanette Bruno. Jeanette and her husband, Nick, live in Moraga, they own a Mooney Ranger, which they both fly and they also have a very unique story to tell. Jeanette tells me she and Nick started flying on the same day, they made their solo flight the same day and also received their licenses on the same day. You can't beat that! The Bruno's enjoy flying and they have a son 11 1/2, Ron, and a daughter, Dina, who is 9 years old.

#### **NORTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER** **Eunice Dickey, Reporter**

Northern Arizona Ninety-Nines held their January meeting on the 26th at the Poco Diable Restaurant in Sedona. Those attending were Verna Wilson, Eloise Selvidge, Eunice Dickey and daughter Brenda and Penny Carruthers and her guest Bernice Jackson. Bernice has two thousand hours of flying time to her credit but hasn't been active in flying lately. Our chairman Eloise Selvidge had quite an impressive agenda for our business meeting before lunch and of course hangar flying was enjoyed by all. Our next meeting will be on February 22nd.

Sedona School was the meeting place on January 9th for some one hundred pilots

and friends of aviation when FAA presented a very interesting program on radio procedures, radar services available in Phoenix and Prescott Radio facilities. Wouldn't you know I can't find the title of the program. There were four men from Phoenix FAA with Art Bethancourt coordinating the program and several men from Prescott Flight Service station. Two movies were also shown, and we're looking forward to more of these meetings held in the Verde Valley.

Attention All Southwest Section 99's! Northern Arizona 99's are inviting you to attend a fly-in at Sedona Airport on May 11th, 12th and 13th. We'll have a picnic-barbecue on the 12th and prizes, transportation and you can see all our beautiful part of the country. Other dates can be arranged. Please RSVP to Eloise Selvidge, Box 1128, Sedona, Az. 86336. And you'll come!

Penny and John Carruthers are the proud owners of a new Bonanza F33A — a five passenger 285 horsepower plane. John now has his Air Taxi Service license. They've been making their usual trips to Phoenix and are planning to meet old friends at Orange County Airport on February 10th. Eloise and Harner Selvidge flew their twin Comanche to San Antonio this month to attend the second annual Soaring Society Convention.

Before Christmas Penny Carruthers flew over to Prescott to meet with AWTAR board members Thon Griffith and Kay Brick, Phoenix 99's Melba Beard, Sue Harper and Juanita Newell, Prescott FAA officials and Prescott city officials. Also Mary Lou Brown, Lois Ward and Ruby Sheldon were there.

#### **ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER** **Darlene Brundage, Reporter**

Thanks to the Christmas Party committee, Zona Appleby, Terry Darch, Marty Harstad, Hana Hendricksen, Linda DeVries, and Carolyn Drowley for providing one of the best parties ever. Atmosphere and food were good at the Newport Beach Tennis Club and the band was one we could dance with.

Memories of the January meeting are multiple. On the serious side, the movie Trina Jarish found for us on why Not hand-prop an airplane. We all heard stories of cramming eight people including Kay Brick who was here to inspect the proposed 1974 AWTAR start) into one car to tour Riverside Airport and city. Some believe all she saw was a mass of bodies. Friendly place, no, Kay? On the hilarious side, we staged another of our infamous "white elephant sales" with Maggie Burch as auctioneer. Incidentally, we've found these an easy, fun way to raise some additional funds.

Exhilaration is ... being in on a small part of the formation of a new chapter. Margaret Bolton, former O.C. Chapter member and Chairman pro tem of the new "High Desert Chapter," invited our members to attend one of their meetings at Apple Valley Airport. We had a good excuse for a fly-in! Four plane loads made it out there to meet this exciting new group.

We wish good luck to the three pilots we have submitted as candidates for this year's Amelia Earhart Scholarship, Trina Jarish, Sylvia Paoli, and Elizabeth Shattuck.

Comments varied on the ease of the course in this latest Picture Hunt. Lots of fun was obtained and lots of learning about

the area gleaned. No one really expected Elizabeth Shattuck and her team of Margo Smith, Dennis Shattuck, and Max Grupenhagen to work for months ahead and turn up with something easy, did they? We all found, in retrospect, that a plane full of eyes, devious minds, dictionaries, etc. gave one a good start toward being ready to compete. After a day spent doing something we all love to do (flying and looking for things), we enjoyed a good lunch at "Marty's" at Oceanside Airport and found out who got the least lost! Gathering in First Place with their usual "winning compatibility" were Thon and George Griffith. Second Place saw Esther Grupenhagen and Ginny Flanary exhibiting their team powers of brawn and brain. Third Place, and still explaining about Ginny's superior road maps, were Dick and Darlene Brundage and their winning guests, Marge and Tom Pringle. In the spot-landing competition, Terry Darch took First Place and Barbara Ward, Second. Thanks, Elizabeth and crew.

The following Saturday afternoon, a group to watch gathered at the Brundage's for a seminar on proficiency racing. If, in the future these names appear on your race roster, you'll know you have competition: Lynn Newton, Thon and George Griffith, Marty Harstad, Ginny Flanary, Barbara Stewart, Joe Nardone, Sylvia Paoli, Esther Grupenhagen and Bob Long. Each girl pilot left making "schemes" about how she would handle the Vixen Frisk in March.



*Clue to finding this picture's location in Orange County's Picture Hunt in January was: "See NOTAMS/AIM or 002 TIJ." Thon and George Griffith were the only competitors to properly circle it on their Sectional Chart.*



*Top Row: High Desert Chapter Representatives Margaret Bolton, Ruth Ann Rich, Pat Weldy, Marlene Kniss, JoAnne Locke, Trudy McComas, Eva Conrad (missing in picture, Pam Gilmore). Front Row: Orange Co. Members Darlene Brundage, MaeBelle DeWeese, Ginny Flanary, Sylvia Paoli and a guest from Baker, Ca. (Missing, Barbara Ward and Enid Gray). Peeking over top: Esther Grupenhagen.*

### **PALOMAR CHAPTER** **Lillian Hartman, Reporter**

January has proved to be both busy and also a fun month for our Chapter.

We held our regular meeting January 13 at Palomar Airport. Of course the PPD is topmost in our plans. We had a special meeting Monday evening, January 22, and a lot of plans were finalized. Since Pam Vander Linden, our Chapter chairman, is hoping to race, two co-chairmen were appointed. Rosemary Longmire will be in charge of operations, inspection, impounds, and the start. Esther Whitt will be in charge of hospitality, publicity, transportation and programs.

Mr. Gentle, of Aero Publishers, Inc. in Fallbrook, is again giving postcards publicizing the Powder Puff Derby. Cards have been sent to International members, Chapter chairmen and route stops. There is a rare article elsewhere in this issue if any of you need more cards.

Our Fly-In to Apple Valley Airport January 21 was weathered out. The alternate airport was Montgomery Field in San Diego. All who were able to attend enjoyed Spanish fare at Casa Miguel. We enjoyed having Doloris Brooks and Pixie Truss, prospective members, join us.

A pot-luck dinner is being planned March 4th for new and prospective members.

Coming Attraction: Fly-In pancake breakfast; Sunday, April 8th — 8 a.m. till 1:00 — Fallbrook Air Park. There will be a drawing every hour on the hour, displays of Antique and Homebuilt planes, rides, and other exciting events. Hope to see you there.

### **PHOENIX CHAPTER** **Claire Ellis, Reporter**

Clear air, visibility unlimited was the rule of the day for the annual airlift to Window Rock, Arizona in early December. Those girls who could call in sick for the day included Millie Dawe, Sue Harper, Betty Jo Smith, Erna Blatt, Millie Miller and Claire Ellis. 49 1/2ers, Hi Miller and William Blatt were conned into doing the heavy work of loading and unloading. With the help of a 182, a 210, a 310 and a Mooney we managed to completely fill the Good Shepherd Mission's van.

Our chapter was very pleased to meet Arlene Schwartz and her husband at our Christmas Party. They were down from Wisconsin for the Bellanca Convention in Paradise Valley. We are all going to visit them next summer for the International Convention.

Trips for the holidays were taken by Bev and Wayne Powell to, well almost to, St. Louis. They made it to Dalhart, Texas before the weather closed in on them. Nancy Crase went skiing for two weeks in Aspen. Claire and David Ellis went to Durango and returned mid-blizzards in a C-402. Millie Dawe and Millie Miller and families flew to Libertad, Mexico for the Christmas weekend. Chapter Chairman Sue Harper flew to FL450 via T-38 Talon Super Sonic Jet from Williams AFB. The Air Force is trying to give Civilian Pilots a more complete picture of when, where, and how they are using the air space to promote a better understanding between the military and civilian pilots.

Our guest speaker at the January meeting was Civil Aviation Liaison Officer Capt. Dennis Krug of Williams AFB. He was the pilot of the T-38 that Sue Harper rode in.

Capt. Krug gave a slide presentation explaining the training routes and uses of the various areas by the Air Force. He stressed the fact that although these areas are used primarily by the Air Force, they are by no means off limits to civilians. By informing the public as to their heavily used routes they hope to reduce the number of "encounters" reported by their pilots.

Mary Lou Brown flew to Farmington, New Mexico for Christmas.

Charlotte and Milt Graham, Betty Jo and Allen Smith, Mary Lou Brown and Ruby Sheldon attended the Whirly-Girls Association meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada in January.

Lois and Ray Grange of Iowa Chapter are visiting in the area and attended our January meeting. Edith Denny of First Canadian Chapter is visiting in Litchfield, Arizona. Pat Kelley, Chairman of Aloha Chapter had time for lunch with some of our members during a plane change in early January.

Bev Powell received certificate of appreciation from LEAP for her help on behalf of the Phoenix Chapter. Alice Roberts was the featured speaker at Zonta Club meet in Prescott, Arizona. Her topic was Amelia Earhart. The Zonta Club honors Amelia every year about this time.

Betty Jo Smith has all the girls working hard for the second Project A.W.A.R.E. scheduled for late February. This year's program promises to be more informative and fun than the last. (If that's possible.)

Arizona members are already in high gear to provide an enjoyable fuel stop for PPD'ers in Prescott, Arizona.

Members will be saddened to hear of the death of one of our 49 1/2ers Rusty Knuth who had recently retired to Carefree, Arizona from Indiana. We extend our deepest sympathy to Ethyl and family.

Our APT gals are Betty Jo Smith, Ruth Reinhold and Nancy Crase.

### **REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER** **Nina Rookaird, Reporter**

The Redwood Empire Chapter had our Christmas Pot Luck at the home of our Chairman Janet Allbeck and her 49 1/2 Les. We had a marvelous time. The turnout was the largest we have had in some time. Included were Pat Stouffer, Olive Agron, Lynn Ahrens and guest, Frances Gauger and her 49 1/2 Harold, Betty Worstell and Rich Worstell plus their guest Luigi from Italy, Hazel Bertagna, Louise Ramsey, Nina Rookaird and Dick Rookaird and their guest Virginia Kalbrunner, Jeanne Gibson, Esther Harri, Anita Worel and 49 1/2 Jack, Coral Bloom from the Sacramento Chapter and her guest. The food was super-delicious.

Nancy Buckalew reports that her family has been visiting and that this time she managed to take her mother flying; so there is a new aerial convert in the family.

The January meeting was held at Jonesy's at the Napa County Airport. Attending were Louise Ramsey, Olive Agron, Anita Worel, Esther Harri, Lynn Ahrens, Jeanne Gibson, Janet Allbeck, Betty Worstell, and Nina Rookaird. We were delighted to have Margit Lindholm from the new Santa Rosa Chapter come to our meeting.

In honor of the Zonta memorial to Amelia Earhart, Anna Brenner asked Helen Kelton from Bay Cities Chapter, and Susan Norman from Santa Clara Chapter speak on



*Sue Harper, Phoenix Chapter chairman, mounting Super Sonic T-38 at Williams AFB.*

the Space Shuttle program at Moffett Field, while I spoke on my ground school glasses at Pinole Valley High School.

### **RENO AREA CHAPTER** **Hazel Hohn, Reporter**

The snow, which was great for skiing in the Sierra, wasn't as good for our January meeting, and only six were present — Elaine Brown, Katie Bolstad, Kathy Taylor, Lois Williams, Del Haas, and Katherine Flannery. Katherine is on her way to becoming a member of our chapter.

Katie asked me if I'd be the 99 representative to the state legislature, as I live in the Capital city. I'll keep track of any aviation bills which come up. When I called Kathy Gray for news I found her laid up with a broken leg from skiing. Get well quick, Kathy.

Elaine and Stan Brown flew to Kingston Canyon on New Years Day for a visit with Chapter member Del Haas and husband Carl. Elaine says, however, that most of her flying time these days is spent sitting in the Cessna as it is warming up while Stan chips off the ice and snow on the outside. "Just like being inside a tin hut," sez she.

Phyllis Ahlswede has gone south to Las Vegas where she is Station Manager for all Flight Attendants. She'll look up the 99 chapter in that part of the state.

Lois and Dave Williams flew to Baja California in the 182 for a bit of R. & R. Coming back they got good clearance, with reports of 7000' ceiling and 50 miles visibility. Enroute they radioed in and got the same good reports. But 30 miles from Las Vegas the bottom suddenly dropped out of everything. They re-routed their flight in order to hover over the highway to Vegas, and were prepared to land on it if necessary. It was snowing and visibility was zero-zero. Things improved as they came nearer Vegas, and they made it to the airport. But it just shows to go you, that emergencies can occur even with the best of pilot planning, and that we must always be prepared to take emergency measures. Lois says if they'd followed their normal route they never would have made it.

## SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

Barbara Goetz, Reporter

After a busy December, this chapter is raring to go into an exciting 1973. In December we started out our second Twenty-five years with a Christmas Fiesta party at the home of Mike and Barbara Goetz. Many thanks to Juanita Bowler, Thelma Cull, and Ann Corder for their help with the decorations, and door prizes. Ann Corder donated two beautifully decorated cakes for door prizes. She also made a small wedding cake for our fearless leader, Darlene (Gilmore) Kelly and her new 49 1/2er Bob. Darlene and Bob were married in November, our best wishes to you both.

Our last Airmarking was Trinity Center Airport, then the rain set in. Our Airmarking Chairman, Sandy Case, has many more airports set up for 1973 starting with Phoenix Field. Sandy has been a busy gal, she recently passed her instrument written and place 3rd in the Kachina Doll Race.

Maxine Northart and Audrey Snovel are keeping tabs on the pilots lounge at the Sacramento Executive Airport. Everything is waiting on the carpet being laid. We hope for an opening in early spring.

Quite a few of our other members have been busy: June Devine was selected as our local 99 Museum Chairman, Ruth Wagner has taken several hundred pounds of drugs to Santa Barbara for the DRF. Judy Marquart was chairman of the Project Hope hospital ship fund drive for the Sacramento area. Janet and Gene Haney just returned from a flying vacation in Mexico in their new Belanca. Dorothy Erickson, our Flight Chairman is planning lady-bug flights this year. The first one will be Feb. 8th to Livermore. And Shirley Lehr has gone and done it. She quit her job because it was interfering with her flying. Now that's the kind of news I like to report.



Chairman Darlene Gilmore, International President Suzie Sewell, and wife of MC — Dave, Jeanne McElhatton pose at the Sacramento Valley Chapter's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Dinner.

## SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

Marilyn Elmers, Reporter

If you are a 99 who enjoys sunshine and moonlight cruises, fun and fellowship, (and maybe even a baseball game,) don't miss the Fiesta De La Pajaras, Spring meeting of the Southwest Section to be held in San Diego on March 30 to April 1, 1973. Our 99 guests will be met at Lindberg International Airport and be escorted to the nearby Royal Inn at the Wharf. Come early and join us Friday night for dinner and a memorable moonlight cruise on San Diego Bay. Saturday morning, put on your casual



Southwest Section Governor, Mary Vial greets the members and friends of the Sacramento Valley Chapter at their Twenty-fifth Anniversary Dinner. MC Dave McElhatton on right.

clothes and most comfortable shoes and visit either Sea World, the famous San Diego Zoo, fascinating Old Town, the new Animal Park in San Pasqual, or Tijuana, Mexico. Save plenty of energy for lots of hanger talk at Saturday night's banquet. An April Fool's Day brunch at Room Trenchards Flare Path Restaurant Sunday morning will conclude the weekend festivities. We look forward to seeing you all.

The holiday season was highlighted by cocktails at the home of member Terry Vasquez followed by a pot luck dinner at the Whartons. New Year's weekend found San Diego Chapter 99's and their families flying to various corners of Arizona. Martha and John Mullen took off to Phoenix and found it plenty cold, so returned to sunny San Diego. Lois and Harry Bartling flew to Sedona, and Betty and Claud Wharton enjoyed New Years Eve in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Other visitors to Arizona were Bonnie and Steve Adams who recently flew to Tombstone for a few days of visiting antiques and western history museums. The airport is reported to be a good packed dirt strip having tie downs but no other facilities. Bonnie says if you buzz the town, a policeman will come to the airport and provide transportation to the motels in town and also keep an eye on your airplane.

The January meeting of the San Diego Chapter was well attended by our members who welcomed guests Leah Liersch of El Cajon Chapter who introduced Sharon Conover. Congratulations, Sharon, who received her private ticket in December. Also, welcome Penny Lowe, recent transfer from Orange County Chapter and guest, Jerry Reynolds.

An inhospitable cold front with its snow and icing conditions forced 1972 AWTAR winners Marion Banks of San Diego and Dotti Sanders, El Cajon Chapter, to postpone plans to make a presentation on the Powder Puff Derby to the Rotary Club in Prescott, Arizona.

A reminder to San Diego Chapter 99s to make your appointments to become APT. Our goal is 100 per cent.

## SAN FERNANDO CHAPTER

Loretta Hines, Reporter

Liz Dinan, S.W. Section Pilot of the Year, has been very involved with teaching our Wing Scout Program. She has instructed four of these girls and all have soloed. One of them is about ready for her flight check ride. She has given many hours of instruction in the right seat and ground school plus 360 degrees of encouragement and caring. When Liz was eight years old, her dad asked her what she wanted for a birthday present. The answer was not the usual doll or horse but an airplane ride. From that little acorn grew a flight instructor. Liz got her private ticket while flying at Grand Central in Glendale, Calif. and now has her Commercial, an Instrument Rating and Flight Instructor's Rating. She is currently working on her Instructor's Instrument Rating. She has logged just short of 1200 hours. Vallita Freidman, who runs Santa Susanna Airport, helped Liz in getting her Flight Instructor's Rating. The Powder Puff Derby has seen her twice and the Angel Derby once. Her dream — for some of her Wing Scouts to take up aerobatic flying. She has had a short course from Mike Dewey's in Santa Paula. Lola Ricci received her trophy for her as Liz was in S. America at the time. So do continue to dream and work on Liz, our heartiest congratulations to you!

We also have a Third Place S.W. Section Pilot of the Year award going to Audrey Schutte. Audrey and Liz both attended their first 99's meeting together in 1956 at the home of Shirley Robinson Clark. The talk was heavy on the Powder Puff Derby that evening and Audrey has been in it eight times. Her first time was in 1958. One of her dreams is to be in the top ten. Her 49 1/2er taught her to fly. He felt she should support her own hobby so she started instructing 13 years ago. Four years ago she started Vicking Aero Flight School at Van Nuys. She is an Accident Prevention Counselor, a FAA Pilot Examiner, including Instrument. She has been our Chapter's Pilot of the Year twice. Audrey still loves air racing and has added a new love, as she now has her Commercial Helicopters Rating. To have done so much is fantastic. Congratulations!

We had a Christmas party at the Alpine Haus and a Christmas luncheon at Whitman Airpark. Fun. Susan Neff is a new member and a very recent pilot. Ellie Rickabaugh is another new member and is getting checked out in their Bonanza. Lorrie Blech soloed a tail dragger and became APT again, plus a flight to San Francisco. Congratulations to Connie Kerlin who got her Commercial Rating. The holidays saw Kea Parker winging her way to Big Bear and she also made a DRF flight. Bonnie Seymour flew to Mazalon, Mexico and local. She is hard at work on our up coming Poker Flight on Feb. 25. Ellen Miller flew her 82 year old mother to San Diego for her birthday present — she loved it. Pamela Brands, guest of Audrey Schutte, is a student pilot and recently passed her written private, commercial, and basic ground instructor's test. She is now teaching B. Ground at Vicking. Vesta Malby flew to Utah and Medford, Oregon. (Had a 50 knt. headwind part of the way and encountered some icing.) Virginia Rainwater flew to Capa San Lucas and sold one million in real estate her first year. Jeanne Day passed her written Instrument. One the way

back from Temple Bar had dust at the 11,200 level! Margie Robbins flew a DRF run, a guest to Catalina and found Ventura at night. She also went to Punta Chavata, Baja, and saw Delores Pynes there. Harriet Bair may not know the color of her 49 1/2er's eyes as she typed his application for his private license recently but proved they are a team as they flew the Vicking 200 Air Rally together and came in first. Only AFTER their runup did they get their routes (in True Course and miles to an airport) The race started and ended at Mojave. They had a dinner and a trophy awaiting them that night at Sky Trails at Van Nuys. A good exercise for all 15 planes that took part. Audrey Schutte flew a Lear Jet in the left seat and a Jet Ranger to Salt Lake City. Shirley Thom got two hours in a Cessna 310 and flew with Liz Dinan and student pilot Mary Totans for a DRF flight. Mary was a first time guest at our last meeting. Salley Kinsey flew to N. Calif. and had to take off ice from the wings, then push their plane into the sun for mother nature to do the rest. Liz Nucholls flew to San Francisco. Donna Tracy went up in a helicopter for some time. Polly Fleming took some guests up locally and encountered some of yea old wind.

#### **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER** **Carleen Hargett, Reporter**

Plans have now been made for the San Gabriel Valley 99's to participate in a tremendously important project. On February 3rd and 7th members will join the Los Angeles County Chapter of the Women's Auxiliary of the A.M.A. on our first flights to Santa Barbara for the Direct Relief Foundation. On these first two flights we will be met by members of the Santa Barbara 99's and tour the facility.

Thirty members, families and guests braved icy winds and snow to attend our December Fly-in to Fox Field. The group was met at the airport by a special bus, then driven to Palmdale Airport. From there they were taken on a personally conducted tour of the Lockheed plant to inspect the L-1011. Everyone was most impressed by the size of the project and the graciousness of their hosts. A very special Thank You to Kathy Woolsey for arranging the trip. After the tour many flew on to Meadows Airport in Bakersfield for lunch before heading home.

Congratulations to our writer, Marijane Nelson, who has sold an article to "Air Progress" magazine. She wrote about the Anza Sky Trail.

Jane La Mar has been nominated by the chapter for the honor of Flight Instructor of the year of the AOPA and the FAA.

Margaret Lawson, who is flight instructor for the Cal Tech Club, has started working part-time at El Monte Flight Service at El Monte Airport. Pat Inwood has started instructing at Bill's A and E at Corona Airport. She teaches a ground school class two nights a week and is working with several students in the daytime.

Nancy Gordon's Cherokee was a total loss in the 90 knot winds at Ontario Airport during the Christmas Holidays. Another plane broke its tie-down and slammed into it. Jane La Mar lost an airplane recently when a student was sightseeing over Oak Glen and hit some trees.

Our "Air Scoop" now has sponsors. Joe Healey of Pomona Valley Aviation at Brackett Airport has agreed to be a spon-



*Liz Dinan, First Place, Southwest Section Pilot of the year.*

sor. Margie McDaniel, a prospective member, has agreed to sponsor the "Air Scoop" in the interest of furthering aviation.

Joan Winter and Ilsa Cook attended the meeting of the California Aviation Council at Van Nuys Airport on January 27th to keep an eye on what is happening in general aviation.

A special welcome to Ann Piggott, who transferred from the Tip of Texas Chapter, and to new members Beverly Mahoney and Carolyn Weiland.

Our January meeting was at Brackett Airport. It was a business meeting and shower for Starrann Burr's baby. February the meeting was at Jean Gillingwater's house. It was a pot luck dinner and the speaker was Margaret Mead.

If you have time for a long sad story, ask our chairman, Jean Gillingwater about her experience renting an airplane recently.

The most recently APT member is Libby Miller, for a total of 23 per cent of the membership.

#### **SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER** **Ina Wade, Reporter**

Not unlike most of the U.S., California experienced questionable, if not down-right-lousy, flying weather thru most of December. However, reports in from chapter members indicate all was not a total loss.

Marie McDowell forwards a clipping from the Modesto Bee telling of a Dec. flight to Alamos, Mexico (and a plug for 99's, Inc.). Marie and her three guests, Mmes. Bessey, Voit and Goutiere, flew the 1st. leg to Calexico. Evidently the local people were quite "amazed" when the four women deplaned. Service was great none the less and one of the town's four taxis was there to meet them upon landing. They selected lodgings at Casa de los Tesoros (House of Treasures-in Alamos) and describe their stay there as "gorgeous, we were waited on hand and foot." The management took the ladies in hand and they were introduced to all other guests in the hotel. Much praise was also given to the local mariachi bands which kept the music flowing until the wee hours. Overnight on the return flight was Hermosillo. A most satisfying mid-winter excursion.

Dec. 26th destination for Helen, Harve, Kate and Tim McGee was Eagle, Colorado. Anticipated naturally, was a week of skiing

at Vail. Also rendezvousing with the McGee family were Norma and Jerry Draper, (flying commercial to Denver) and the McAllisters, Mac (Eugene), Dorothy and son Kirk, flying 94P. Helen reports a good visit and ski session with Velda Mapelli and daughter Stephanie Beuchs (Denver 99 & friend from AWTAR).

As is the custom, the chapter Holiday Party was held after the holidays (less calendar congestion), at the home of Trixie (Rebecca) and Claud Clayton on Jan. 7th.

Last minute crisis (?) was averted when, like a true champ, 49 1/2er Bob Kirk took over duties previously assigned to Charlene (abed with flu), and stood over the bar-b-que until his eyes stung and everyone present had consumed more than their share of the delicious steak being served. Madames and Messrs Miller, Murray, Glantz, McCulloch, Hijos, Davis and Gudge participated in the festivities.

#### **SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER** **Virginia Lane Moser, Reporter**

Dreaming back over the year 1972 brings many pleasant memories. The DRF flights we met, and the ones we flew come first to mind. Greatest of them all was when 32 planes, flown by Ninety-Nines from airports in California, Nevada and Arizona, landed and lined up on the Santa Barbara airport. That was on September 26th. The Direct Relief Foundation news reporter described them as looking like "veteran air force pilots." Televised while bringing three tons of medical supplies for DRF, the Ninety-Nines had lunch at the Flight Line Restaurant, and those who could stay longer toured the DRF processing center.

What fun to live in Santa Barbara and see so many of you gals from different chapters all the time! Another day to go down in our 1972 memories was the day the San Fernando chapter brought medical supplies, and even crutches, for DRF, and then joined us for a picnic at Goleta Beach by the airport. Members Rachel Cowin and Marion Fickett will never forget '72. Rachel had a wonderful experience meeting Ninety-Nines in England in October. Dawn Turley of Yorkshire drove four hours one way to Lankershim to meet Rachel and take her to dinner! And in London Freydis Sharland, Governor of the British Section, took her to her home.

Rachel said she learned a lot about flying in England, her home country. She joined a flying club in West Lankershim while there, but never flew a plane herself. Things were so different, she said she wouldn't even have been able to use the radio properly. On the trip over, an additional bonus came to her when she got to ride an hour and a half in the pilot's cabin because she was a Ninety-Nine. Marion Fickett reported enjoying sightseeing over Kiel in a 172 with her pilot brother in Germany. Being from Germany herself, it was interesting to her to be able to listen to the tower direct traffic there. Most amusing was when the Goodyear blimp showed up and contacted the tower in English. Marion said the tower there serves somewhat in the capacity of our FSS, and also collects a landing fee from each pilot.

Joan Steinberger treasures her memories of the 1972 Powder Puff Derby, and along with Evvy Treen, the Pacific Air Race. At the last meeting of the year, the only feminine member of the Santa Barbara Flight Service "Liz" Cummings, talked to us about some frequency changes, the Los

Angeles area TCA, and her work at the flight service station. She showed area charts and cloud charts pictured from satellites; and also explained DF steers. On her invitation, the following week, we toured the FSS station, and "Liz" showed us two FAA movies — the new "Wake Turbulence," and one on crosswind landings.

With our meeting of '73, the members were full of plans. To sponsor some competitions, airmark, and fly, fly, fly!

Jumping in to the competitive swirl right off the bat were six who entered the Orange County Picture Hunt: Rachel Cowin and Diana Dee in a Cessna 150; Joan Steinberger and Marion Fickett in Joan's Cherokee; and Judy and Rod Roeser in their 172. None were in the ribbons, but all reported a great time.

#### **SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER**

**Betty Hicks, Reporter**

**MISSION TO MANAGUA** — The doorbell rang Wednesday night, January 3, at the David McElhatton residence in San Francisco. "We're from the Nicaraguan relief organization," two men told Jeanne McElhatton. They had obtained the Santa Clara Valley Ninety-Nines address from a doctor in Eureka, who had appealed to the Direct Relief Foundation for the name of a local woman pilot. "There are seven children in Managua," the men pleaded, "who will die unless they obtain rabies vaccine immediately."

The McElhatton's Aztec was at their point reduced to its barest anatomy in a hangar at Concord, on occasion of its annual. But their Aztec is not alone in SCV Chapter. Jeanne promptly called Pat Roberts, whose turbocharged N6987Y sat poised at San Jose Municipal, though scarcely awaiting a call for a 5,000-mile mercy flight at the drop of a telephone receiver. It required just 20 minutes for Santa Clara Valley's chapter chairman to make a decision. She'd go, of course. RN Pat Roberts is acutely aware of the implications of a call for rabies vaccine. Dave McElhatton, at that moment ill and asleep, didn't find out about his wife's imminent departure for several hours. "All he said was 'Oh!'" laughs Jeanne in tribute to the infinite understanding of those we perhaps inappropriately call 49 1/2ers.

Preparations for the flight were frenzied. Charts of the hemisphere's southern regions are not readily available; they were flown in from Healdsburg by former Santa Clara Valley Airmen's Association member James Johnson. Willy and Russ Gardner of our chapter contributed instrument charts and airport diagrams. An insurance agent altered their flight plan with the startling announcement that the company considered an airplane on a flight to Managua had to be written off as a loss before take-off. One-trip premium for the mercy mission would be \$225! Already paying the full tab for the trip, Pat and Jeanne nixed Managua as their destination, decided instead on the southernmost point in Mexico, the town of Tapachula, where a pickup from Managua, only two hours away, would be arranged.

Quantities of medical supplies were loaded in the Aztec on January 4—typhoid and tetanus vaccines, penicillin, and baby foods — every conceivable urgent aid for the Nicaraguan quake victims. Ironically, the rabies vaccine had been jetted down ahead of Pat and Jeanne. Two passengers, both associated with the relief efforts, one

a communications expert assign to unsnarl the delivery of goods, and a volunteering San Francisco City College student, accompanied the Ninety-Nines.

"It was a common, ordinary trip," was Jeanne's laconic account, in disregard of the fact that grinding the gear up and down on the Aztec for every landing and takeoff scarcely constitutes a common, ordinary trip. A pesky hydraulic leak stalked the pair the entire route, and the chapter thus acquired its first "cranky" members.

Their route sounds like the leisurely tourist beat — Yuma, Hemisillo, Puerto Vallarta, Zihuatenejo, and over Acapulco to a safe touchdown at Tapachula. "That last one was a long, long leg," recalls Jeanne, in justification of the two-woman crew, both of whom are multi and instrument rated. They flew 29:48 hours in the six days they were gone, so any sunbathing they did was through the plexiglass, not on the sands of Vallarta.

#### **SANTA ROSA CHAPTER**

**Lillyann Leland, Reporter**

Thanks to Lynn Barthel, our program chairman, for arranging a memorable field trip to the Pan American Training Facility at San Francisco International Airport. Ginny Wegener aptly describes the experience as follows:

*"This is one Ninety Nine on cloud nine and I still haven't returned to earth. Recently our chapter had the good fortune to take a tour of the Pan American Training Center at San Francisco Airport. We had a good attendance of about thirty four people including Ninety Nines and Forty Niners and a Half. Mr. Ed Johnson was our guide and did an excellent job demonstrating and answering questions. Many of us got to fly one of the two 707 simulators, which was quite an experience! Pan American also has the only 747 simulator in the Bay Area. A fantastic piece of equipment! Some of the girls did a little fast talking to our guide, Ed, who by the way is the director of flight training, and yours truly was selected to go for a flight in the left seat of the 747 simulator. It was an experience I will be talking about the rest of my life. Capt. Jack Buske was my flight instructor, and he was terrific!*

*We saw a film of two approaches, both day and night into Hong Kong Airport, and a film on a test flight of the 747. What an airplane!*

*We were able to go through a 747 aircraft they had in for repairs. It was really quite an exceptional evening."*

Phyllis Cantrell presided over our December meeting. Hanger talk was in abundance and the following bits and pieces of Ninety Nine Activities emerged:

Ginny Wegener was grounded in Mobile, Alabama while enroute to California from Florida in a new 140.

Pauline Goslovich and Lynn Barthel passed their instrument tests.

Lillyann Leland briefly took the controls of a T-6 in a thrilling flight in Lee Dennings plane.

Micky Rose, while on vacation in Hawaii, had lunch with Pat Kelly. Pat is chairman of the Aloha Chapter and flew Micky around the Island in a 140.

Lynn Barthel showed us two F.A.A. films; *All It Takes Is Once — Get There 'Itis'*, a film about a private pilot in a hurry and the near mis-hap of poor pre-flighting, and *Wake Turbulence*, explaining the hazards of verticase from large aircraft.

#### **TUCSON CHAPTER**

**Ginny Cook, Reporter**

Visitig with us for a few days from the Aloha Chapter in Honolulu, Hawaii was Pat Kelley. During the January luncheon meeting she enthralled us with tales from HNL and what they had planned for the spring sectional in 1974. Before going any further, wish to state that anyone in or out of the Southwest Section is cordially invited to join us for a week in the Islands. We plan to charter a 707 for the first 135 sign ups. If you think you would like to go write the Tucson Chapter and let us know.

Also had a two day visit from Jeannie McElhatton and Pat Roberts of the Santa Clara (CA) Valley Chapter, who stopped over to repair their gear problems. Finally tired of pumping, they had flown from Hermosillo with it down! Beside buying up most of the Indian Jewelry in town, they toured the Desert Museum.

Tucson is busy now preparing for the Tucson Treasure Hunt. Second annual, that is. Virginia Edwards is chairman for this event. Buoyed up by a spectacular success last year, we are gung-ho for another one. It will be held at Marana Airpark again and have lots of surprises for all the wary and unwary prospectors. May 11-12-13 is the date and don't you forget it. This year there will be a limit of 35 planes — a word to the wise!

Pat Nolen flew up from Guaymas and attended the January meeting and has given us her intentions of flying in the Treasure Hunt.

Sue Donald is happy to read of the truce and cease fire and has received word that her 49 1/2er Myron will be released soon as a POW.

Wynne Hayward, one of Tus's new members has a new bird a Citabria and is bravely undertaking aerobatics.

#### **UTAH CHAPTER**

**Joan Barton, Reporter**

We've had a lot of IFR weather here in Utah the past two months. Lots of snow, fog and below zero temperatures.

Barbara Whitaker won first place for a four place aircraft with her Cessna 182, Dondi, in a proficiency race to Jackpot in November. The Fly-In started at Bountiful, Utah and terminated at Jackpot, Nevada. Barbara was right on with the gas and three minutes off on her time. I don't know how much of the \$85.00 first prize she left at the tables!

Jane Patterson would like to keep it a secret but she won the booby prize of \$10.00 for landing farthest from the spot in the Spot Landing Contest at the same Fly-In. That's our Jane —

Barbara Barlow was on "What's My Line?" as the "Captain of a Private Jet Airplane." She flew to New York in November to tape the show. Arlene Francis was able to determine that Barbara was a pilot but the panel ran out of questions before they pinned it down.

Lila Fielden flew down to Mexico in a Cessna 182 for a week in November. There were three aircraft in the party that flew up the West coast to Zihuatenejo, Puerto Vallarta, Ron in Hermosillo and then on home.

Verna West, Southwest Section Secretary from the Santa Clara Valley Chapter, and her daughters spent a skiing weekend with Alberta Nicholson during the holidays.

Nancy Rueling has a great tan. She spent Christmas in Hawaii with her boys and got

a week of sun.

Wilma Nichols experienced one of those "sitting on the edge of the seat" landings on a commercial carrier when returning from Michigan after a holiday visit with her family. She landed during a blinding snowstorm at Salt Lake City International.

A special thanks to Wilma who worked to make our Christmas party a success on the 7th of December at the White Willow in Bountiful. Those being jolly were Barbara Barlow and 49 1/2 David, Barbara's mother Ginny Wilkinson and son, Jeane Freestone and 49 1/2 Ted, Lila Fielden, Jackie Gradia and 49 1/2 Dwight, Diane Hastings, Kay Howells and 49 1/2 Harold, Wilma Nichols and 49 1/2 Don, Alberta Nicholson and 49 1/2 Walt, Jane Patterson and 49 1/2 Pat, Nancy Rueling, Dee Ricord and 49 1/2 Ric, Gini Streeter, Darla Townley and 49 1/2 Bruce and Barbara Whitaker and Newell.

Vivian Yardley was been spotting sheep from the "Yellowbird" along the Wasatch Front.

The January meeting was a business meeting held at Barbara Whitaker's in Ogden. Those who attended were Joan Barton, Lila Fielden, Wilma Nichols (acting as Chairman for Barbara Barlow who was on a trip with the Lear), Alberta Nicholson, Jane Patterson and 66 daughter Valarie, Nancy Rueling and Gini Streeter. Our guest was Julie Jacobsen from Roy, Utah. Julie is a new private pilot.

Eleanor Irvine and 49 1/2 Gregg have had the engine majored on the Cherokee 180. Roll on Spring!!!

## Northwest Section

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### ALASKA CHAPTER

**Karen Brooks Tiede, Reporter**

*Don't forget the Northwest Sectional to be held in Anchorage the last weekend in June.* We've prepared a couple of articles on flying to Alaska, but if Mardo lacks space to print them, write to me and you'll receive a copy. Start planning now ... we're looking forward to seeing you here in the Land of the Midnight Sun. The Holiday Inn has been reserved for our use — it's very new and has an indoor pool. Pres. Susie Sewell has written that she hopes to attend, and we're hoping she can!

We now have 44 members, two of whom are continuing this chapter's assistance with a Wing Patrol of Girl Scouts. Jan Reinbold, who enjoyed it very much last year, will co-chair the local wing with new member Anita Benson.

Blanche Krager has been submitted as our candidate for Zonta Club recognition of a local woman in aviation (member Ruth O'Buck received their award last year). Blanche has been a pilot 11 years, a 99er for 10 years, twice Chairwoman of this chapter (69-71). She flies predominantly skis and floats, most of it in the winter. Presently (and for the past five years) she is lecturing PP ground school and CFI ground school at Anchorage Community College's Aviation Technology program. She has taught the Pinch Hitter course three of the many times this chapter has sponsored it. Her ratings include Commercial ASES, ASEL, CFI and Ground Instructor.

We held a special meeting Jan. 22 at

Marion Zaegel's to honor Ingrid Pedersen, visiting here for a week (member of our chapter, resident of Norway). Ingrid is working on both her American and Norwegian commercial ratings. At this meeting we saw two excellent FAA films, "Caution: Wake Turbulence" and "The Eagle-Eyed Pilot." The latter was filmed here two years ago, and demonstrates vividly the spectacular aspect of flying in Alaska: rapid change of environment. If you see this film, (and you should) watch the terrain, and try to keep in mind that it is all forty miles of Anchorage in the summer, and I kid you not! So, if you're planning a trip to Alaska, watch the film twice: once for the FAA message, and then again to realize why all Alaskans who fly must be bush pilots, carry emergency gear, and expect abrupt weather changes. You'll also see why we think Alaska is the most beautiful place on earth and offers more varied horizons for a pilot to explore. See you in June?

### EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

**Fern Lake, Reporter**

Our November and December meetings were held in the homes of two very gracious ladies. Mary Weitz had us in her home at Pullman, Washington, for a potluck in November. Kay Petersen served us a tasty luncheon at her new home in Spokane for our December meeting.

Katie Banister and family flew to Palm Springs, Calif., for a couple of weeks in December. Mila Gormley, husband Leroy and two children drove to Spokane for business and then on to Pullman for the Nov. meeting. They had just returned from a flying trip to Sun Mountain Lodge, Winthrop and Sun River, Oregon. Fern Lake flew Kay Prosser, a reporter from the Coeur d'Alene press, on a tour around the area.

Our newest member, Louise Prugh, a teacher at Eastern Wash. State College, is very active with her flying. She attended the Western Region Conference for Professors of clothing and textiles. Maxine Lange has been working on her commercial rating. She and husband, Burgess flew to Sun River Lodge, Oregon and to Sun Mount. Lodge in the Northern Cascades. The yellow and white arrow from Pullman, recently flew a round robin to Ritzville, Ellensburg, Yakima and home again, Minnie Boyd at the controls.

Alberta Anderson spent a week in Nov. in Boston, rented a car and drove the New England Coast. Also, took a trip to Jamaica in December. Lois De Fleur flew 7770F to a Sociological conference at Carmel, Calif. She and Mel flew to Baja and Mexico over Christmas. Irene Anrode, 49 1/2 and two girls flew into the Selway, the Bitterroot Wilderness for a campout in October. Irene reports that it's a great way to utilize an aircraft. Lygie and Cornie Hagan packed their airplane with skis, beach wear, Christmas gifts and flew to Mexico. They flew back to Colorado for some skiing before returning home and Schweitzer for more skiing.

The January meeting was held at Lorranger Aviation, Felts Field, Spokane. Topics of discussion were, The Flight Instructors Clinic, at Spokane in January. April, pennies-a-pound rides planned for Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. May, Flight Symposium, in Spokane. Nine brave women drove or slid on icy roads for this meeting. They were, Katie Banister, Leona Heberling, Irene Anrode, Alberta Anderson, Kay Petersen, Millie Shinn, Lygie Hagan, Rowene Easter and Fern Lake.

### FARWEST CHAPTER

**Jeanette Brooks, Reporter**

The November meeting was a family fly-in held at Olympia at Barbara Lathrops, where she and 49 1/2er husband John live right on the airstrip. A fun day was had by those able to attend.

Our next meeting was held January 12, 1973 as a dinner meeting to plan for the GAMA Seminar which will be held February 24, 1973 at Harrington's Skyroom in Port Angeles, Washington. We had eight members present and four 49 1/2ers, as well as two guests, Dorothy Skerbeck and Vi Nixon, both private pilots.

We have a new member, Joyce Critchfield to add to our roster. Joyce and husband Bud fly a Lake Amphibian which she has been spending time in to get her seaplane rating.

Mary Kochansk received her commercial rating and Barbara Lathrop her seaplane rating.

Barbara Lathrop and husband have also added a Mooney to their family.

February 8, 1973 will be a fly-out to Bel-lingham, Washington and February 9, 1973 will be a work party for the GAMA Seminar which looks like an interesting day for all.

### MONTANA CHAPTER

**Juli Peden, Reporter**

Cold weather interfered with both our December and January meetings. Due to sub zero temperatures on both meeting dates, December's meeting was canceled at Bozeman and only a few members braved the cold for the January meeting in Great Falls. Apparently we just picked the wrong days for our meetings, because both months produced many beautiful days allowing many golfers to get out on the range.

Loren Foote, chief of RAPCON in Great Falls, gave an interesting talk on approach system covering the beginning inadequate ones to today's reliable systems.

Seven members were present for the meeting. Judy McCrum tried to go, but her Mooney's battery apparently needed more than one night in a heated hangar.

Judy McCrum recently passed her commercial written. She is also an AE applicant from our chapter.

The Helena and Billings 99's both sponsored a safety seminar in their respective towns in December and both were well attended.

The Montana girls welcome new 99's member Joyce Staffeck of Helena.

Chairman Helen Dunlop and Elsie Childs were guests recently on a Helena radio program and talked on the subject of women in aviation which included a brief history of the 99's and Montana's 99's.

### NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER

**Elizabeth C. Banker, Reporter**

The winter months for the North Dakota 99's are not our most active times. We ordinarily hold no meetings during the months of January and February. However, this year the chapter is co-sponsoring the FAA safety clinics at various points in the state. We co-hosted the FAA Safety clinic in Bismarck on January 12th and 13th. One hundred twenty one pilots were registered for that clinic. The chapter members furnished home made cookies and coffee for all three sessions of the clinic. Our members expect to do the same for the Minot meeting of the Safety Clinic in February and again for the Jamestown meeting in March.

Our chapter meeting in March to be held

in Minot, will consist of a six-hour winter survival course conducted by an instructor from the Minot Air Force Base. We are making an active effort to publicize the course and to invite all interested area pilots to attend and share this life saving information with us. We are hopeful that either in May or June we can arrange a joint meeting with our sister chapter in Montana.

#### **PUGET SOUND CHAPTER**

**Betty Curran, Reporter**

Our January 6th meeting for luncheon at the Jet Deck was attended by a small nucleus of Mildred Pearson, Marchine Dexter and Betty. We received notice from Headquarters that Marian Lewis is now a fully qualified member of our Chapter. This helps our cause. Our Puget Sound Chapter is sponsoring an FAA Safety Seminar to be held all day Saturday, February 17 at the Snohomish Airport. We all had a good laugh over the fact that Marchine lost her Piper Cub hanger and the whole torn down Cub has taken over her house, i.e., the living, sewing and rec rooms.

Marie Hight from the Boston, Mass. chapter has been our guest. We have enjoyed meeting her and having the opportunity of getting acquainted. Marie's husband Sterling has been busy negotiating with Boeing's here in Everett.

We would like to have more of our out of State 99 members look us up. Our next meeting will be February 3rd at the Jet Deck, Paine Field.

#### **SOUTHERN OREGON CHAPTER**

**Shirley Haussler, Reporter**

Our November meeting was held on the 2nd in Grants Pass at the home of Maxine Pike. We enjoyed our meeting and having a pot luck luncheon. Our chairman, Rose Ellison brought a film on density altitude which was enjoyed by all.

Aline Sharp and Ginny Walsh entered the Pacific Air Race but were unable to finish due to bad weather. More luck next time.

December found us doing very little flying due to the holiday rush and the cold, snowy weather. We again met in Grants Pass at the home of Aline Sharp for a Christmas party, luncheon and gift exchange. The main topic of business was the new Women's International Air & Space Museum and a letter sent to all chapters by Della Koss asking for our feelings regarding a new museum. Our members were in agreement that a mandatory pledge of \$100.00 per member should not be made and to keep the location of the museum where it is.

January's weather still found our members grounded as old man weather just doesn't want to cooperate. Our meeting was held on the 11th in Roseburg and was hosted by Rose Ellison. Marion Johnson of Roseburg was a guest and we hope to convince her to join our chapter and become a Ninety-Nine.

Ginny Walsh is working on her instrument rating and Ali Sharp is attending instrument ground school and looking for

# Here Comes the Judge



**By Backy Thatcher**

Fellow Ninety-Nines—my title tells it all—for "The Judge" happens to be the history book which I should have consulted before writing the article you saw in the December issue announcing a "first" achievement by a woman in the field of airline pilots.

*I do not wish to detract in any way from the terrific accomplishment of 22-year old aviatrix, Barbara Barrett. She deserves all of the attention and honor she received.*

However, historical facts remain facts, and there is nothing to do but face 'em. The facts are these:

In 1930 a New York to New England Airways Company was launched and 99s Charter member Ruth Nichols initiated this service as pilot.

In 1934 Helen Rickey from Pennsylvania, was co-pilot for the Central Airlines, a regular scheduled passenger airline. She stayed with it for a year, but the pilots association wouldn't accept her, and things became so unpleasant that she gave it up in disgust after a year.

Since those early days several women have actually flown for both scheduled and non-scheduled airlines. Among those whose names have been brought to my attention since my inaccurate article in the December issue are: Jan Dietrich, qualified for four engines and jets; Irene Leverton, ditto; Jo Claire Welch, hired by a regularly scheduled airline, Air East in Houston, Texas; and, I am told by a reliable source, that Continental Airlines took on a woman as pilot about four months ago, but are guarding her name to keep off any repercussions until she has established herself. There may be others. Among them the singular honor of being the first woman to fly as pilot on the regularly scheduled commuter airline serving Sonoma County and San Francisco International Airports on a Britten Norman Islander Aircraft known as STOL-AIR (Meaning an aircraft particularly suited to Short Take-offs and Landings), goes to Pauline Goslovich, Santa Rosa Chapter.

Being "first" deserves praise, of course, but just "getting there" with that great rating marks a remarkable achievement!

*Editors note: Becky is graciously taking her lumps over the mistake in the December issue re Barbara Barrett being accepted as a pilot on a regularly scheduled airline. But she is not the only one who must take the lumps in this misconception. Your dear Ed. is another. It got by the proofing in a sort of last minute rush situation. Then, FAAer Edwin Sheaffer, mentioned in the article as having "sanctioned the fact that Barbara is the first woman in this country with a commercial carrier," had swept away any doubts that it was not fact. For not reading his history more carefully, he is due a big lump. Somewhere down the line, also, someone assured the publisher that Barbara was a member of the Ninety-Nines, which she is not at this time. Thus the misconceptions were compounded. The whole thing does not take away the success of a woman in the field as airline pilot. It might even make us realize how many truly unusual women we do have, though not all are Ninety-Nines, who have shown the skill and determination to prove that flying—all kinds of flying—is no longer limited to men. The barriers are slowly falling, and these women we may salute as the pioneers—indicating once more that the aircraft doesn't know the sex of the pilot!*

that same rating.

Radina Tucker was appointed as air marking chairman and with some luck we hope to get an air field air marked this year.

Weather permitting, we will be able to fly to our February meeting, place to meet to be chosen later.

#### **WYOMING CHAPTER**

**Mabel Blakely, Reporter**

Not too much to report for the last two months' activities, except for cancellations. Our proposed December Christmas meeting with our 49 1/2ers was cancelled when our hostess was hospitalized the day before. Our January meeting in Caspar was cancelled the first time because of weather.

A lucky break for me when Cheryl Selby called the night before our "Rain Date" to say that she would be out of town on business, and the guest speaker was ill. The meeting was cancelled with no need to mention the 6" of new snow in front of my hangar — I probably wouldn't have been off the ground before noon.

Nikki Weaver is in Texas for a month or so, to be with her daughter who has had such a long siege in the hospital, and is now in a special school, still recovering from that auto accident of 1969. Winter has really "cramped the style" of the Wyoming 99s — much snow and cold — but spring can't be far away — we hope!

## News Briefs

### **NOTICE**

The University of Illinois has indicated that the Academic Office of Maintenance Training is researching the possibility of employing women as instructors. If you feel you may be qualified write for more information to the International 99s Headquarters.

### **STAMP HOBBY**

Dr. Sue Roscoe, Chicago Area Chapter, will bid on any historical material, especially early stamps depicting women in aviation, or flying. Write her at 324 S. Buell, Aurora, Ill. 60506, if you are interested.

### **NOTAM**

Rings from the Cape Girardeau Chapter have been increased \$7.50 each. Please add this figure to the prices listed in the Roster on page 305 when ordering.

### **NOTAM**

New Brochures are now available from Headquarters and priced 12 for \$1.00. Please disregard the old price in the Roster when ordering.

**STENOYPIST NEEDED** — For the 1973 International Convention. If you qualify, please make your bid by May 15th to: Mary N. Able, Secretary, The Ninety-Nines, Inc., P.O. Box 42151, Houston, Texas 77042.

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Left to right: Carolyn Salisbury, Bill Thomas, Charlie Hillard, Jr. (World Champion Male Pilot), Gene Soucy, Art Scholl, Tom Poberezny, Mary Gaffaney (World Champion Female Pilot).

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