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The Pabst beer wagon, a replica of those used in the late 1800's, will greet Ninety-Nines at the 1973 International Convention in Milwaukee. Cover photo courtesy of Pabst Brewing Company.

Spotlighting



The International President

The Southeast Section and the South Central Section held a joint meeting at Little Rock, Arkansas, March 30—April 1. 99's came from as far southeast as Florida and from as far west as El Paso. The rains came down too and the planned activities were changed due to high water, tornado warnings and gusty winds. About 200 guests enjoyed the genuine hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Gray at their home for an evening of conversation, singing around the piano and good food. South Central Section Governor, Brenda Stickler, met with her chapter chairmen and committee chairmen the next morning and many ideas were exchanged. Reports showed that activities are at an all time high and 42 Safe Pilot Programs were counted in this section alone. Not all would count in the GAMA goal for 99's due to other sponsors but the seminars took place with 99's very much involved.



Susie Sewell

A brunch was held for both sections' members and guests. Bea Steadman, Chairman, 99 Museum Trust, spoke about the plans and concept of the museum which the museum committee now calls the International Women's Air and Space Museum. A lively discussion followed with questions from the group regarding the cost and funding of such a project. As your President, I asked that the museum committee defer its decision for selecting a site until the feasibility of the new, large concept could be considered. Southeast Section Governor, Cy Beers, met with her members to discuss plans for the convention to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in '74.

An air show that afternoon was hampered by winds but nothing hampered our well-attended banquet that evening. Sunshine on Sunday was welcomed and I enjoyed another visit with our East Canada Section Governor, Hilda Devereux, at the airport. Hilda came all the way from London, Ontario to get ideas for their forthcoming section meeting. Such dedication is appreciated.

The Officers and members of the Executive Board of 99's met again on April 10 in Oklahoma City to complete the spring business matters. On April 20, we met with members of the 99 Museum Trust to discuss the Trust Agreement, its purpose and intent, and the legal relationship of the 99 Museum Trust and The Ninety-Nines, Inc. A tour of Oklahoma City was arranged also to consider two completely separate building proposals. One site was located right on Will Rogers World Airport in a prominent spot as originally suggested and offered by the Oklahoma City Airport Trust. The other, a site located in the museum complex area in northeast Oklahoma City, was proposed by the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce. The tour included stops at the Cowboy Hall of Fame, Firefighters Museum and the National Softball Association Headquarters and Museum, all near one of the sites proposed for a 99 museum which would be open to the public, with admission charged.

Following the tour we met again and it became clear that the museum committee still favored a large building project, open to and supported by the public. It was the consensus of opinion that the 99 Headquarters is more suitably located centrally, for the membership, and would remain at Oklahoma City. The museum committee members were to continue their study and keep the membership informed of the results and their proposed plans. Since the officers, executive board and members of the 99's have no legal authority in their decision, it was agreed that the 99's have no legal responsibility for obligations incurred by the museum (Robert Steadman, attorney, clarified this for us). Also, it was made clear that the pledges sought by the museum committee are absolutely voluntary and not mandatory.

The Executive Board of 99's reconvened and considered the appointment of headquarters secretary, Loretta Gragg, as Executive Secretary of 99's, effective September 1, 1973. This was in lieu of considering appointment of an Executive Director and the vote was unanimous in favor of Loretta. Her duties will be outlined and voted upon at the next pre-convention meeting of the board.

Champaign, Illinois, had a large attendance for the North Central Section meeting, April 29-29, in perfect weather. "Flap Sessions" on various subjects took place Friday evening and again Saturday morning. Governor Rita Orr held Chairmen's Coffees for the Section committees Chairmen to meet with the Chapters' committee chairmen. It was a real work session and I attended Flying Activities with Charlene Falkenberg. The business luncheon held a surprise for former governor Janice Kuechenmeister who was awarded a plaque for her outstanding work. As I listened to the reports of the chapters it was a thrill to know they are all enthusiastic and so busy! A tour of the Aviation Research Laboratory

Willard Airport followed and the banquet that evening was a dressed-up affair. Our M. C. handed out lovely compliments and the speaker, Mr. Joseph F. Fabick, President of "Wings of Hope" Inc., held our interest with remarks and films on this important story. Their program of getting medical aid to the forgotten people in remote parts of our world is one worthy of our support. For information write Wings of Hope, 2319 Hampton Avenue, Suite 105, St. Louis, Mo. 63139.

A flyaway breakfast ended the meeting and we were all off hoping to meet again in Milwaukee, August 8-12, for the International Convention. Make your plans now to be there and enjoy "old world charm" at this grand event. See you there!

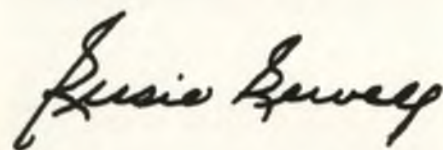
Read the article in AIR PROGRESS (May issue) by Frank Kingston Smith and learn WHAT CAN YOU DO about USER TAXES. The General Aviation Industry has been told that "there are four possible tax-recovery plans being considered now:

1. A fuel tax increase to 58 cents a gallon
2. An annual aircraft registration tax (proposed \$1,530 for single engine aircraft, \$7,460. for light twins.)
3. A landing fee for each landing on any airport with federally funded facilities (averaging about \$4. a landing), or
4. A tax on flight plans (an average of \$88. for IFR flight plans \$70. for single engine airplanes and \$350. for light twins)."

In addition are the proposed "administrative user charges" which may be imposed by the FAA. Two Notices of Proposed Rule Making issued in 1967 (NPRM 67-17 and 67-18) set fees for pilots licenses, rating, aircraft certification and upgrading of original certificates. The FCC charges for installation of every radio transmitter in addition to those used for voice communications, are an example of even more administrative user charges.

WRITE your Congressman (or Congresswoman). Obtain the name and send your letter to U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515. A letter to a senator should be sent to the United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Write a good letter, one which shows you know something about this problem and ask for his (or her) help to learn more about it and what can be done. As Frank says, watch your language. To make your efforts count, START NOW.



CORRECTION

Reporters Please Note

A mistake re deadline of copy to Editor appeared in your May issue, Page 12. THERE WILL BE NO JULY COPY REQUIRED. However, your AUGUST 1st copy will be for the COMBINED AUGUST-SEPTEMBER ISSUE.

OPINION GUEST EDITORIAL

by Betty Hicks

Two editorials appeared in the April "Wind Sock," the newsletter of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter Ninety-Nines. One was a serious challenge to our chapter — a challenge which could well be heeded by chapters everywhere. The other was a satire, startlingly close to the news releases which appeared in local newspapers following the midair collision between a NASA Convair 990 and a Navy P3 at Sunnyvale's Moffett Field. Both were written by "Wind Sock's" editor, Betty Hicks.

In introduction to Betty's satire, we have reprinted a portion of her first editorial, which explains the reason for the satirical second editorial.

The similarity between the fictitious quotes of contrived legislators and the actual utterings of for-real lawmakers is alarmingly accurate. Reference to the Bobbygray Society, for the benefit of you non-residents, is an allusion to a gentleman who is our area's most vociferous opponent of airports. **The Editor**
Editorial (excerpt)

As "Wind Sock" is being written, what had been a lovely VFR sky over Santa Clara Valley has been ebonized by disaster, because in one horrible moment someone whose assignment was vigilance abdicated that duty.

And as we all knew it would be, before the ashes were cool in that tragic, incendiary divot on the Sunnyvale Municipal Golf Course, reporters on assignment from story-ravenous editors were rushing to their telephones to obtain statements from the legislators of the area. And as we all knew it would, the hysterical chant has begun. Close Moffett! Don't expand San Jose Municipal! Leave the X on South County. Close Reid-Hillview! So who needs airports?

Editor's Prerogative:

"Wind Sock's" Spoof, with Solemn Overtones

Following the recent Whippet Buslines accident on Highway 101 near Santa Clara, "Wind Sock" called bay area legislators — state, county, national — for statements concerning the tragedy. "We'd like a statement," pleaded "Wind Sock." "Just any kind of a statement will do, as long as you say something. We need a follow-up feature on the bus accident on Highway 101. No, you don't have to know anything about busses. Just make a statement. You owe it to your constituents to help them form an opinion on our highway problem."

Following is the resultant article:

AREA LEGISLATORS DEMAND BAYSHORE FREEWAY CLOSURE

"Whatever needs to be done, we shall do it!" declared state representative Ezekial Soundoff of Santa Clara, following the disastrous bus accident of last Thursday which reemphasizes the startling total of

deaths which occur annually on that sanguine stretch of Highway 101 between San Jose and San Francisco.

"Alternate routes," claims Soundoff, long an opponent of the presence of the freeway, "are entirely feasible."

Santa Clara County Supervisor Ebenezer C. McCloseltdown, when queried by "Wind Sock" on the imperative need to reconsider the right of the Bayshore Freeway to existence, proffered options. "We have investigated the suggestion to turn it into a bowling alley to meet the recreational needs of the concerned communities, but environmentalists have proved the noise level would be intolerable. Feasibility studies are still being conducted and it looks promising for converting one southbound lane into a gigantic bicycle path. The northbound lanes would be transformed into cattle feed yards, a distinct community service in light of rising meat prices."

Questioned on the prevailing wind situation, McCloseltdown assured us that this has been studied. The residents of shoreline communities have been polled and the majority feels the slight unpleasantness wafted by the onshore bay breezes would be more than offset by the economic advantages of such space utilization. "A logical spinoff would be to turf two southbound lanes and make the freeway into the world's longest par-5 golf hole. An economical method of fertilization of such a fairway is obvious," McCloseltdown assured "Wind Sock."

"The absorption into other labor markets of the 10,000 persons whose employment is dependent upon Highway 101 would be guaranteed by the new utilization of the freeway," Congressman Horatio Horsenbuggy decalred from his Washington office. Shovel-wielding requires minimal job retraining, his research assistants have informed him.

Congressman Horsenbuggy, considered Capitol Hill's top expert in the area of public transport, claims Congress is zeroing in on the problem of alternatives to highways. The Congressman himself has spent the past several years dedicated to research and promotion of the premise that our environmental and safety problems would all be solved by our return to use of horse-drawn vehicles. "So we find ourselves walking across El Camino Real, knee deep in (bleep)?" Horsenbuggy told "Wind Sock." "That's really very little price to pay for the environmental improvement gained in noise reduction and the elimination of air pollution."

Still unsolved, however, is the problem of relocation, in a comparably excellent area, of the ice cream parlor which was built six months ago on Highway 101's fast lane, northbound. The Bobbygray Society, San Jose Chapter, has made this relocation its major project for the year.



by Margo Smith, Chairman

Want to be listed "APT" in the roster? If you are APT for 1972-73, return the signed bottom portion of the revised APT form, that you received with your membership renewal, to Headquarters with that renewal form, before July 1. This may mean you have to trail down the instructor who gave you the APT ride, to fill in the new form — so don't delay! If it is impossible to have it signed, I suggest submitting a photostat copy of your new certificate or rating, stapled to that bottom portion. The burden of proof is yours since there just isn't enough time to crosscheck Chapter and Section files before the roster is prepared.

When we make changes, we don't tiptoe — we leap forward! The Annual Proficiency Training Program has matured to become an integral part of 99 life instead of being a local project supported by a few. Although APT 99's are receiving recognition for their contribution to safety, we do realize there are many who no longer fly, for financial or other reasons. These 99's are vital to Chapter existence and to any safety program for all their devoted effort toward Safety



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In the May issue, I explained how the new FAR Part 61 (effective Nov. 1, 1973) affects the APT Program and outlined the revisions planned for the Program. Summarizing the changes approved at the March and April Executive Board meetings:

1. **APT YEAR** — as of Jan. 1, 1974, the APT year is calendar year. The 72-73 year is extended to Dec. 31. It will be easier to say "I'm APT for 1974."

2. **CARDS** — will be issued annually to APT members. A gold card will be issued for each 3 consecutive years APT. Chapter APT Chairmen will receive a supply of cards from their Section Chairman. APT members will receive their card from their Chapter APT Chairman. In areas where there is no Chapter APT Chairman, or if she is inoperative, you will contact your Section APT Chairman. The cards will be wallet-sized, specially designed for APT and ready for distribution, soon.

3. **PINS** — There will not be a gold pin or a celluloid pin after this year. Instead APT members will receive recognition of their status by being listed in the roster and by receiving cards.

4. **ROSTER** — All Chapter and Section APT Chairmen will be listed. (See APT column, May issue for suggestions.) Members who have APT status will be noted in the roster - hopefully commencing with the next publication.

5. **REVISED APT FORM** — has 3 parts. The top is instructions, the middle portion is to be completed in full and returned to your Chapter APT Chairman. The third, bottom portion is to be returned with the membership renewal to provide proof of APT status for the roster printing. Do not discard this portion!

While the middle portion looks familiar, you will note a few additions. When you have completed it, return it to your Chapter APT Chairman (Section APT if necessary). She will pass the completed form, and regular reports to Section. From these forms and reports of safety and APT activities within the Chapter and Section, we get the overall picture of 99s' contribution to safety and that makes us the darlings of the aviation world!

Let us take a hypothetical case. Jane Smith has an APT ride (Private) on April 26, 1973. Her instructor signs the old APT form. When she's sure it is all filled out, Jane gives it to Shirley, who is Jane's Chapter APT Chairman. Shirley records it in Chapter files and sends the form to Dolores, her Section APT Chairman. Dolores records it and keeps the form until December 31. On January 5, Dolores makes up the final list of APT members and a report of APT activities and sends it, along with the year's accumulation of forms to Margo, International Chairman.

Meantime, in May 1973, Jane Smith received her 73-74 membership renewal form and a new revised APT form. Logbook in hand, she goes to her instructor who signs the middle and bottom portions of the form. The bottom, Jane returns to Headquarters with the renewal. The middle she gives to Shirley, and receives a card. (For this year only, she will get a pin too.) The

fact that the form is a duplicate is noted. Throughout the fall, Jane works on her instrument rating and on January 10, 1974, she goes for her checkride with another APT form in her hand — she got it from Shirley. The completed middle part, she returns to Shirley. Since this was her third consecutive year APT (71-72, 72-73 and 1974), Shirley gives her a gold card. The bottom part, Jane puts carefully away in her logbook for safekeeping so she will have it to submit with her 74-75 membership renewal. If she lost it, she could submit a photocopy of her license showing the date of the new rating — or in desperation, she could get a photocopy of her original from Dolores, for \$1.

Had Jane gone for her checkride (or even another APT ride) on December 10, 1973, she would have been considered APT twice in the long 72-73 year and not received a gold card. However, that would have been within the 12 months prior to 74-75 membership renewal so she would have the APT listing in the roster.

NIFA NEWS

by Fran Sargent, Chairman

The "Tournament of Champions," as the National Intercollegiate Flying Association Air Meet is called, will be held at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois on May 10, 11, and 12. The plans for this 25th Anniversary Meet are fabulous. The 25 teams that have won the regional meets will truly represent the tops in college flying. Those that weren't quite so skillful may participate in the many exciting and interesting ground activities. Your 99 contributions to the NIFA Trust Fund has helped make it possible for the students from all over the country to attend. The interest from the Trust Fund is given to the host college to help with the expenses. This allows them to keep the registration fee for visiting teams to a minimum.

We hope that some of these NIFA teams will participate with the 99's on July 24 and 25 in the activities associated with our Second Flyaway from Atchison, Kansas and reaching out to each State Capitol. Fay Wells thought the NIFA students would enjoy helping with the "Johnny Horizon" facet of the activities. She and I discussed the best way to coordinate any help they can offer. We feel this would be best handled by the 99 Chairman nearest each State Capitol or member in charge of the activities in each State. Therefore, may I ask that this person contact the NIFA Flying Club that is near you and solicit their help. All the teams at the National Meet will be contacted and materials distributed to them explaining how they can take part. Hopefully, a lot of fun and interest will be generated as well as help for this project. If I can help in any way by putting you in touch with the teams, do let me know.

One last note, when you talk with the Faculty Advisor or team members, please inquire as to where the NIFA Fall Regional Air Meet for your region will be held. Volunteer to help the host school. You'll be glad if you do!

The 99s Second Flyaway

Atchison, Kansas - July 24, 1973
by Fay Gillis Wells, Chairman

After months of plotting, the flight plan for the Second Flyaway now has been filed. Here's the course. You will find it exciting, fun and challenging as we takeoff on another flight of International Friendship that transcends geographic and language barriers. The course may change to suit individual situations, as long as the terminus is a VIP ceremony at the State Capital's Airport, that includes a tree planting, the cancellation of the special 99s covers, the Johnny Horizon program to help clean up America for our 200th Birthday, International Air Marking and a Square dance.

The Tree Planting Ceremony is tied into the 99s Forest of Friendship to be planted in Atchison, Kansas, made up of trees from all fifty states, plus an International grove of planting from the 30 countries around the world where there are 99s. This is being done with the wholehearted cooperation of the visionary leaders of Atchison; Harold Gallaher, State and Extension Forester at Kansas State University who also is the President of the American Forest Association; plus the American Forest Institute who is sponsoring the "Trees from the Nation's History", a program endorsed by the American Bicentennial Commission for '76. The 99s coming to Atchison can bring the trees with them and the 99s in the Flyaway from Atchison will fly out the trees to be planted at the State Capital's airports.

The Cancellation of the Special 99s covers at Atchison and at the State ceremonies. This facet of the ceremony is being coordinated by Alice Hammond, the permanent trustee of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund and Alice Roberts, the present Chairman of AE Scholarship Fund. The original plan was to sell these special covers to raise money for the Air Museum. Due to legal technicality, the money from the sale of these covers can only go to the AE Scholarship Fund, except for .50c from each cover sold by individual chapters. The chapter can spend the money anyway it likes, as a contribution to the Museum, or to help underwrite expenses for the flyaway, to entertain the International 99s, etc.; so the money for the Museum Trust Fund will be raised by The 99s Ecolothon to help clean up America. The Ecolothon would be sparked by the Chairman of the event who would take the City Commissioner, the Mayor, or whoever is responsible for okaying the project, up for a flight over the city to spot the areas that should be cleaned up. This should be done a month in advance of the event to build interest and a photographer should be along to take "before and after" pictures. Perhaps you need look no farther than the area around the airport. It should be a spotless example for the ceremony, July 24. As in the successful Walkathons, the participants get sponsors who fill out forms guaranteeing to pay so much for each pound or bag of debris collected. The Johnny Horizon program, with its Slogan "Let's Clean up America for our 200th

Birthday," is endorsed by the Bicentennial Committee and is 100% behind our project. It has sent letters to all the State Governors apprising them of the 99s Ecolothon and assuring the Governors that Johnny Horizon is cooperating. The kits have been sent to all the International 99s officers; all committee chairmen; all Chairmen of the 99 chapters and to all 99s owning and/or operating airports. Special kits were sent to the flying clubs competing in the National Intercollegiate competition in Carbondale, May 10. Frances Sargent is chairman of the NIFA awards; Irene Wirschafter is coordinating the Civil Air Patrol groups; Wally Funk for the GAMA Safe Pilot program; and Helen Wray for the Aerospace Education Committee. They directly touch thousands of eager, young Americans who have been introduced to flying by the 99s. There is a piece about the Johnny Horizon cooperation with the 99s in the current Bicentennial News Letter.

The International Air Marking Program is being coordinated by Blanche Noyes the first Chief, Air Marking for the FAA, and the present Chairman for the 99s, Arlene Dando.

The Square Dance: Little did we realize when we wound up the first Flyaway with a Square dance that the dance would be an official part of the '76 Bicentennial celebra-

tion. For details on how to organize a Square dance for your airport ceremony, where to get callers and music, write to President of the Bicentennial Square Dance committee, George Kenneth Parker, 426 Phillips Way, Vista California 92083.

A special feature of the Atchison celebration will be the International Bazaar. There are about 35 stores on the beautiful Mall, so we can have a special boutique, in each store for a different country where there are 99s, plus perhaps a philatelic corner and a booth for information about our Forest of Friendship. The boutiques will sell representative handicrafts donated by the different countries. We hope to have a very special gift from each country which will be auctioned off for the benefit of the Museum Fund. We want as many of our International members as possible to come to Atchison to help us launch our Second Flyaway, so please write and urge them to come; offer them hospitality (remember 1967?) if you can to help cut down their expenses so they can stay on for the convention in Milwaukee, August 9-13. The Washington, D.C. Chapter volunteers to coordinate the International 99s, so please let them know Who, When, Where and How.

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Our world gets smaller when we hear from far-away fellow Ninety-Nines! We eagerly await the News magazine each month and especially enjoy reading reports from the overseas Section. The Australian Section is to be commended for getting their news in to the Editor. However, much is not written, owing to space allocation in the magazine.

It is time to fill in a little aviation background on this fascinating country of three million square miles. There are 688 airports throughout Australia and its Territories. The Department of Civil Aviation own and operate 118 of them, including all of the major aerodromes, on behalf of the Australian Government. Of these, five are combined International and Domestic Airports. Sydney (Kingsford Smith) and Melbourne (Tullamarine) Airports are the primary ones that will be equipped for the SST.

Eleven domestic airlines operate throughout the Australia, Papua and New Guinea. The main Companies are — TransAustralia Airlines (Government owned) and Ansett Airlines, a Corporation who also operate six other group Airlines. The remainder are run by private enterprise.

Australia's most unusual "airline" never carries a paying passenger! A special flying unit of 19 aircraft, which includes an HS 125 jet and 3 Fokker Friendships, operated by the DCA and used in a multitude of services, ranging from crew training, surveys, to search and rescue operations.

Air Transport has become an integral part of this country's way of life. Travel conscious Australians are the world's sixth largest users of air transport. The plane has not only solved some of their internal problems of distance, but has put the country within hours of the commercial centres of the world. What a challenge to flying resources? — three million square miles of land ranging from vast tracts of desert to some of the most primitive mountain flying in the world!

Pilot training, qualifications and medical requirements, are basically the same as U.S.—Canada, except for an extra category in the private license — a restricted condition for local flying only, up until 22 hours

of further cross country has been accomplished and completion of Navigation, Meteorology and Air Regulations examinations. A reciprocal license is available for visiting pilots upon submitting a current medical certificate and license, with a written exam on Air Legislation (Regulations)

Air Traffic Control is operated by the same standards and procedures as ours, with V.A.R., V.O.R., N.D.B., D.M.E., and I.L.S. facilities. V.A.R., the visual-aural radio range is in the process of being phased out, as in Canada. 800 Air Traffic Controllers are employed in Australia.

The Department of Civil Aviation operate a nation-wide Airport Fire Service with extensive equipment and training schools. Over 460 full time airport firemen and 800 auxiliary personnel, service units at 46 strategic airports across the country. This organization has established a remarkable record of air safety since its inception. Their high standards are without equal.

Aerial Agriculture plays a large role in the Australia's economy DCA supports this industry by extensive research, education and legislation. Agricultural pilots are strictly graded with compulsory Class I and II Commercial Licenses. Class I is attained after 500 hours have been accumulated under pilot supervision.

One of the most unique Flying Services in the world was established in 1928. The Flying Doctor Service. A National non-profit organization, costing more than a million dollars to operate a year, totally dependent

on public donations and Government assistance. To-day, it operates 16 aircraft from 14 base stations located throughout the Australian outback and provides effective medical services over nine-tenths of the country.

For an in-depth story, written with great tenderness, love and humor, of her life as a pilot and nurse with the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia. 99 Robin Miller's biography "Flying Nurse" would be a fine addition to your aviation library. Robin isn't sure if the Taplinger Publishing Company of New York still have any copies, but Rigby Limited, P.O. Box 104, Norwood, South Australia 5067 were the original publishers.

The Australian Women Pilots' Association is another strong bond in the feminine flying fraternity down-under. A small monthly publication "Airnews" is available for a modest subscription fee and loaded with flying activities, and hair-raising adventures. This Association co-ordinates with the Ninety-Nines Australian Section with their Annual General Meeting which is usually held in the Spring. Australia has always had an aviation heritage, it is an air-minded Nation. They have had to promote their standards of aviation to a very high order to survive. The challenges of the future are being met and one thing is certain — Australia is ready to meet the demands of the Supersonic Seventies. Are we?

(With appreciation to Rosemary de Pierres, Australian Governor, for Document Files).

NEWS BRIEFS

NOTE: Half-Year dues will no longer be accepted. Regardless of when a member joins — Dues must be paid for the yearly amount. Chapter Chairmen — Membership Chairmen — please keep this in mind!

CHAPTER CHAIRMEN — Additional subscriptions of the 99 NEWS magazine may be purchased by chapters at \$4.50 per year for distribution to prospective members and interested persons in your area. Make the purchases in the name of the Chapter Chairman to help simplify the process.

Wings Week Celebration

Plans are under way for an exciting air tour to Rio de Janeiro which will coincide with the annual "Wings Week" celebration in Brazil. All 99s, their families and friends who would like flying, fun and friendship to the Bossa Nova beat can participate for one week (approximately \$499) or two weeks (\$599).

The scheduled airline departure date is October 20, 1973, from New York. Special

airline rates will be offered to those coming in from other parts of the United States to meet the tour in New York.

For more information, write to Nita Fineman, 650 Green Bay Road, Highland Park, Illinois 60035.



The air tour to Brazil begins to take shape as Nita Fineman, Chicago Area Chapter, gets some helpful information about Rio de Janeiro from Brigadeiro Luiz Benjamin de Almedia Cunha, Brazilian Consulate General in Chicago, and Bob Newman (center) of Varig Airlines.

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In 1971 Helen W. Harrison, of Pebble Beach, California, member of the Monterey Chapter 99s, decided she had enough of merely keeping her Private License by going through the expediency of passing her physical every two years. The urge to "reactivate" her ticket came during the preparations of the 1969 Powder Puff Derby, which was hosted by her 99 chapter as the point of take-off. She watched all the younger women making feverish preparations for this famous event, and she wondered where the "older" pilots were. It seemed about time, and quite appropriate to try to have a get-together of women who had started to fly before 1940. She sent invitations to some thirty pilots whom she knew to be "old timers." She rented a suite at the PPD headquarters motel. She had a cocktail party to which more than twenty early day flyers came to swap tales and renew friendships. It surprised her, in a way, to find that many of these veteran women pilots still were actively flying — among them such well-known individuals as Alice Hammond, Doris Langher, and

others.

Her husband, Ben, himself a pilot, was grounded at the time due to heart complications, for which he underwent openheart surgery later, encouraged her idea to fly again. When Helen and Ben were first married, he was flying for TACA Airlines, and they lived in Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Central America. Much before that, in 1926, Helen had taken her first plane ride, but it wasn't until she & Ben finally settled in San Diego in 1939, that she got her Private License. As a matter of fact, in 1929, she had become hooked on gliding, and flew 11 hours before she cut a swathe through a farmers corn field and could no longer take lessons at Summit Mountain, outside Pittsburgh, because it took her so long to pay for the damage.

The year 1970 was rough because of Ben's heart condition, so she waited until 1971, went to a flight school and announced that she wanted "the complete Private Pilot Course." At the age of 65, Helen was again an active pilot. In 1972 she flew in the Powder Puff Derby as co-pilot. "I



Top Photo: Helen Harrison in 1929 in a primary Glider. Insert: Helen as she is today, having just reactivated her Private ticket.

don't think that's so great," she says laughingly. "The best Helen Shropshire and I could do as a team was 79th place."

The Powder Puff experience was marred by the death of her husband soon after. "He was doing so much better, I felt I could safely leave him for the race." Even with a touchy heart condition, the prognosis had still seemed favorable.

Still active, Helen is now the Treasurer of the Monterey Bay Chapter. A handsome, friendly, and cheerful woman, she represents the veteran 99 without whom our organization could not exist.

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The International Women's Air and Space Museum Report

by Doris Renninger

International Women's Air and Space Museum of the Ninety-Nines — a big name for a big dream. At the Ninety-Nines International Convention, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, in 1970, it was voted to create a museum to house the artifacts and memorabilia of ALL women in aviation, therefore the name. A Ninety-Nines' museum to be built for people to learn the exciting story of women's role in the growth of aviation — a continuing story — as today's aviation events are tomorrow's history.

In the fall of 1972, after two years of ground work by the Museum Trust, the membership received a letter from our Museum Trust Chairman, B. Steadman. Her letter, followed by a museum brochure, proposed that we show our support of the museum by pledging one hundred dollars, to be paid in equal installments over a five year period — tax deductible. Museum Trust Treasurer, Grace Harris, reports that pledges are still being received, but please know this donation is a completely voluntary contribution.

We, as Ninety-Nines, are dedicated not only to preserving women's aviation heritage, but to provide displays and activities to inspire and encourage the youth of today to prepare for the aviation of the future.

The Smithsonian Institution has promised that Amelia Earhart's Lockheed VEGA airplane will be loaned to the museum when facilities permit. We are very fortunate to have received a Pratt & Whitney engine from the Lockheed VEGA N965, S/n 171 donated by the Memphis Chapter of the Ninety-Nines. This plane had been owned by Elinor Smith, then later by Amelia Earhart (1933-36); flown Hawaii-Oakland, Calif., 1/11/35; Los Angeles-Mexico City, 4/19-20/35, and Mexico City-Newark, N.J., 5/9/35; also in various cross-country flights and NAR events. On August 26, 1943 the plane was destroyed on the ground by fire.

The Memphis Ninety-Nines taped an interview with Mr. Harry Wilson, owner of the engine before they purchased it for the Museum. They also arranged transportation of the engine to Oklahoma City where the Antique Airplane Chapter of OKC will restore the engine to display condition at minimal charge for sandblasting. The Memphis Chapter will have brass plaques made crediting the OKC Antique Airplane Chapter, Mr. Wilson and the other P&W engine donor. Curator, Page Shamburger has received various plates, the burned clock, several pieces of the VEGA's logbook, the Wilson Field airport log showing the date of landing and fire of the VEGA, also correspondence from the FAA regarding the registry, Lockheed verification, and a file with the information concerning this exciting accession to and from Page and Mary Oliver of the Memphis Chapter.

Ninety-Nines around the country are busy locating museum memorabilia. Florence Toney, Brookfield, Wisc. is

working on a copy of a tape interview made by a reporter with Blanche Stuart Scott. Blanche was the first American woman to solo in 1910. The Tulsa Chapter is trying to locate a radio interview of the 1936 Air Derby made over KVOO, Tulsa with information coming from other Ninety-Nines. Great tapes acquired: Charter Member, Louise Thaden being presented with the Harmon Trophy in 1936; a short one of Amelia Earhart herself, copied from a record loaned by Glenn Buffington, and a speech to the Ninety-Nines by Jackie Cochran, Past President of the Ninety-

Nines and holder of many aviation world records.

The Carolinas Chapter has voted to have Museum Curator, Page Shamburger make a tape, which will be sent to Section Museum Chairmen for availability to chapters, telling as only Page could, "Why a Museum," also what is important and how to protect valuable and irreplaceable aviation artifacts.

Send your chapter museum activities to Doris Renninger, 10-01 162nd Street, Apt. 8B, Beechhurst, New York 11357.

Chapter Personalities

'Princess'— The Old Charmer

Gwen Conroy, member of the Alberta Chapter 99s, cleans her 'Princess', a vintage Fairchild F-24R-46.

'Princess' makes her home at Airdrie Airport, a quiet, serene airport just ten miles northeast of Calgary. She is the adopted daughter of Gwen Conroy one of Canada's few female pilots and member of Alberta Chapter 99s.

'Princess' or CF-PIB as the officials know her dazzles the flying fraternity with her gull wing and beauty. 'Princess' had her beginning in the U.S. under the watchful eye of the U.S. Army Air Corps. She was one of 300 built for the American Army who used the Fairchilds for training, reconnaissance, ambulance work and executive transportation.

In 1950 she was paroled out of the army and sheltered by civilians with registration N-81237 until June 13th, 1963 when she was sent to Canada.

Gwen took 'Princess' into her home at Airdrie Airport when her airframe was only 613 hours old. At the hands of husband Tom and several friends, she underwent a facelifting this past winter. Her make-up



consists of 23 coats of hand rubbed finish which terminated 1800 hours of labor.

'Princess' has many unique features including roll down side windows just like the family car! Another unique feature found itself the victim of its female owner. A bathroom at each seat consisting of relief tubes designed for male use only were disposed of!

Her airframe has only 700 hours and her 200 horsepower Ranger inverted engine 300 hours ... a mere youngster.

Credit: CANADIAN WINGS



Brister Shipley, daughter of Mississippi 99 Margaret Shipley, celebrated her 16th birthday by soloing at the Greenwood-Lefflore Airport. Margaret, who was her daughter's instructor, said "I think it's really good for teenagers to learn the responsibility of operating an airplane."



Gay Green, member of the Mississippi Chapter recently reigned as Queen Ixolilb (Biloxi spelled backwards), Mardi Gras Queen of 1973 in Biloxi, Miss. Gay is a student at Baylor University, Texas. She has her Private ticket, and placed sixth in the 1970 Angel Derby, with her mother, 99 Janet Green, flying co-pilot. Gay was a lovely and talented Queen.

Aero-Space Education — 99 Style

by Helen H. Wray, Chairman
Special Feature: The National
Congress on Aerospace Education

The hospitable State of Oklahoma welcomed delegates from fifty states and Canada to the National Congress on Aerospace Education on Thursday morning, April 5. Mr. Keith Lutz, Aeronautics Commission Director for Oklahoma, identified the main problem of Aerospace Education in the schools as the lack of qualified teachers in the field. Oklahoma is trying to solve this problem by holding workshops yearly for one hundred teachers, all expenses paid. The Oklahoma Legislature appropriates \$45,000 each year for Aerospace Education scholarships for this program. The workshop director is Dr. Kenneth E. Wiggins of Oklahoma State.

To show positive results of the Oklahoma workshop, teachers from all levels were called upon to speak to the Congress. Elizabeth Murphy, Director of Curriculum, Oklahoma Southeast State College in Durant, Oklahoma, told how the hundred teachers on her campus made Aerospace the topic of the day in all areas.

An art teacher from Atoka, Oklahoma, said that no girls were interested in her aviation program so she invented an "aviation sweetheart." Several girls joined the program after this innovation, and the sweetheart ended up with a full page in the yearbook and a float in the homecoming parade. The teacher also showed woodcuts and oils done in her art classes which depicted her students' ideas about space.

The Flying Farmers' sweetheart, Madeline Woods, 99 from Cushing, Oklahoma, who is also a Home Economics teacher, gives her students a night flight at Christmas to see the lights. A great idea.

Karen Martin, Home Ec teacher from Pond Creek, Oklahoma, has space foods in actual space containers for her classes (write NASA about this). She also has her classes design color schemes for the interiors of space modules.

A reading specialist, Helen Emson, 3-7 Grades, uses what she calls the "language approach" with her students. She makes up aviation stories from the words the children use. She lets them play the roles of hostesses, controllers, pilots, mechanics, ticket sellers (with real tickets).

A teacher of third grade in an open school had 220 students who needed something "to touch." The class built a cardboard version of a space module which they studied carefully. Then, each child brought an astronaut to school — a raw egg — and packed him in a box (space suit). After the carefully packed astronauts (eggs) were prepared, each child threw his box off the school building, hopefully to a safe landing. Can't you imagine the little minds working. Did I put in enough packing? Will he make a safe landing? I feel sure these lucky children will be interested in the air age.

As I listened to the creative ideas of these teachers, an idea came to me for all

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The main speaker Thursday morning was a super salesman, Frank J. Brennan, Prudential Insurance executive from the Jacksonville, Florida area, who said that people must understand they are going to live in an aerospace world and that our product "Aerospace Education" is essential for the American way of life. There is no better place to reach the young people than through the textbook.

On Thursday we were welcomed to a luncheon by Oklahoma's handsome Governor, David Hall, and OKC's Mayor Patience Latting. 99's were well represented by President, Susie Sewell.

Thursday afternoon, an interesting film entitled "Man's Bridge to the Stars," was presented by Mr. Norman Avery of Penrose, Colorado. Attention all 99's in the area. Mr. Avery has a wonderful story to tell.

The "Interest Centered" School was discussed in one of the Thursday afternoon workshops. The idea of an Aerospace centered school where everyone has the same



Dr. J. Robt. Dille, of the FAA Physiological Center, demonstrates the new fire and smoke resistant hood to Virginia Proctor.



OKC Mayor Patience Latting and 99 President Susie Sewell at Governor's luncheon.

basic interest was discussed. English, History, Math, Science and other basics can be taught, based on the air age. One story was told about a boy who learned to spell when, for the first time, he realized it was important. He learned how to spell "aileron," "engine," and "flaps." Philadelphia has an Aerospace High School. Write Dr. Hubert C. Smith of Penn State for more information.

A trip to the FAA Physiological Center Friday morning was most interesting. Dr. J. Robert Dille, of the center, told us that a report in 1915 showed that ninety percent of all accidents were due to pilot error. This percentage still holds true today. Presently one of the center's projects is to produce some statistics on drug use in aviation in this country. Dr. Dille does not seem to feel that the aviation world is very well informed in this area.

At 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, a wonderful slide presentation entitled "The Big

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Evelyn Sedivy, Nebraska 99, and a past International Aerospace Education Chairman, says welcome to the Aerospace Education Congress in OKC. Evelyn will receive her Master's Degree in Aerospace Education from Middle Tennessee State University in May.



Page Shambarger and Elizabeth Murphy fly Judy Meltsner's ATC 510 simulator, at the Aerospace Congress.

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June 6 — San Fernando Valley Fly in Noon Giant Rock.

June 16 — Poker Run, Greater Winnipeg Chapter sponsors.

June 18 — San Fernando Valley Fly in Noon Borrego Valley.

June 22 — Long Beach Chapter Fly in Bakersfield Freddie's Restaurant Meadows Field. 11:30 a.m. (raindate 23rd).

June 30 — MINI-DERBY, 1 day race, All women pilots with maximum of 500 hours. Sponsored by Golden West Chapter. Start: San Carlos Airport, San Mateo County, Ca. Finish: Chandler Field, Fresno, Ca. \$25 includes breakfast, gunch, trophies and prizes. Vivian Harbarger, 270 32nd Ave. San Francisco, Ca. 94121.

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July 13 — Powder Puff Derby Takeoff, Palomar Airport.

July 16 — San Fernando Valley, Potluck

July 17-19 — FAA Flight Instructor Revalidation Clinic. Instrument. Sponsored by Santa Clara Valley 99's-at Foothill College, 12345 S. El Monte Ave., Los Altos Hills, Ca. 94022. (408) 264-0229 or contact Evelyn Lundstrom.

July 19 — San Fernando Valley Fly in Santa Barbara (DRF) Noon.

July 21 — Long Beach Chapter Fly in Santa Barbara, Lunch on the beach off end of runway 15. 11:30 a.m. (raindate 22nd).

Sept. 9 — Michigan Chapter Airlift (2c per pound) Grosse Ile Airport.

Sept. 15 — FAIR, sponsored by the Indiana Chapter.

Oct. 5-7 — SMALL (Michigan Chapter Small Race), Howell, Mich., contact Natalie Kreeger.

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Picture — Earth from Space," AS PRESENTED BY Mr. R. Bryan Erb of NASA, a most interesting tale of the spinoffs from the space program.

There were eighteen separate meetings planned for Saturday morning. I picked the FAA meeting moderated by Dr. Mervin K. Strickler of Washington, D.C., and was so pleasantly surprised to see a film of my own aviation class participating in the recent Delta Dart project. (This was discussed in an earlier Aerospace Education article.) Dr. Strickler was kind enough to let me say a word to the group about my project — a happy moment.

Judy Meltsner, 99 Aerospace Education Chairman for N.Y. — New Jersey Section, was introduced at the same meeting. She discussed her project entitled "Stimulation through Simulation," another "hands on"

project. Judy's small relatively inexpensive ATC 510 simulator was tried by most of the people at the Congress and is being purchased by many schools for all ages. Judy feels that the educational opportunities are unlimited.

The Saturday afternoon speakers were most inspiring. I shall only mention one who has a rather unusual project called ETA. Lloyd Haynes, star of the TV series, Room 222, was on hand to tell us about his heartwarming endeavor. He is now an electronics engineer, but as a young person he was an underachiever because he had never been turned on by anything. Aviation turned him on and he has developed a program for Los Angeles children called ETA — Education through Aviation. He does everything he can to get these children in the air and around airplanes. He even stops pilots at airports who have just flown in and asks them to take a child or two for a ride. Mr. Haynes is turning the kids on. Their grades are going up. They are developing some self respect. For more information about this inspiring project, write ETA, 8272 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles 90046.

Sunday morning, April 8, I left OKC in a snowstorm. So many Aerospace Education ideas were going around in my head that I experienced by own brain snowstorm. I hope you enjoyed attending the Congress with me through this column.

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Powder Puff Derby

START REPORT

by Lillian Hartman

After months of planning, the combined luncheon and West Coast Drawing of race numbers at the Twinn Inns Restaurant in Carlsbad April 18th officially got our festivities for the impending 1973 Powder Puff Derby rolling.

Martin Milner, star of TV's Adam 12 series, and Mrs. Milner were our guests of honor and between them drew the first fifteen numbers. Our 5th District Supervisor, Bill Craven, was Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Craven, David Dunn, Mayor of Carlsbad; Gloria McClellan, Mayor of Vista; John Frenzell, Deputy Mayor of Oceanside, and representatives from all the North County towns and villages were there to open envelopes. What a tension filled room! Twelve teams were there — 8, 10, 11, 13, 29, 48, 55, 56, 60, 62, 63, & 76 — most were in matching costumes as they came to the head table to receive their numbers.

Marian Banks, 1972 Powder Puff Derby Winner, also opened envelopes and talked on the Safety Pin Campaign. Incidentally, the FAA will be awarding Safety Pins to those who are safety checked during race week at Palomar.

Jim Phelan from Air California brought 350 lovely orange flight cases which were presented to Pam Van der Linden, our Start Committee Chairman and Chapter President, to be distributed to the racers during Race Week.

Larry Ward of Ward Jewellers, Fallbrook, donated very attractive gold charms of the United States with the race route outlines, which each racer will receive.



From left to right — Terry Vasques, Marian Banks and Pam Van der Linden — drawing a TAR number from flight bag at La Costa luncheon, April 18th.

Mabel Field, coordinator of the Ham Radio Operators in our area, was introduced and explained how operators across the country will relay events and messages during the race.

TERMINUS REPORT

by Ellen K. Taylor

Two very enthusiastic and charming ladies — Fran Morrissey, Elmira, N.Y. and Marcia Gittleman, Rochester, N.Y. are the team representing our Terminus area. First Day Drawing ceremonies were held at the Chemung County Airport on April 18. Master of Ceremonies, Assemblyman L. Richard Marshall reached in the fish bowl containing all eighty-five first day entries, and finally called out "Flying a Piper Arrow 200—" when Fran and Marcia draw race position No. 53.

Both girls started flying in 1965. In the case of Fran Morrissey, her reaction upon learning of her husband Bill's flight lessons "If you can do it, so can I." Three days later she found herself in the pilot's seat of a Piper Cherokee 140, with an instructor from Elmira Aeronautical Corp. at her side. She now holds a private license with well over 200 hundred hours of flight time to her credit. In addition to teaching part time in the Elmira school system, she is also the busy mother of five children ranging in ages from 11 to 20 years. Fran will be co-pilot aboard the aircraft.

Marcia Gittleman became interested in flying after riding as a passenger in a private aircraft to West Virginia. Upon returning home, she suggested to her husband, David, that he acquire his private pilot's license. His response was "I'm too busy," suggesting that she do it. She did, and presently holds both an instrument and seaplane rating, with nearly 600 hours of flight time. Marcia is a mother of two sons, and a math teacher at the Harley School in Rochester.

We will be keenly aware of aircraft No. 53, and wish them much luck.

During the First Day Drawing ceremonies Kay Brick, chairman of the Powder Puff Derby, gave a brief description of the entries. Among those in the audience were two other race contestants, Shirley Weinhardt, Williamsport, Pa. drawing position No. 18, and Sophia Peyton, Coraopolis, Pa. with co-pilot Peg Fairbanks, Cincinnati, O.,



A PAIR OF FIRSTS — Fran Morrissey of Elmira, left, and Marcia Gittleman of Rochester stand beside the plane they will be flying in this year's 27th annual All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race — better known as the Powder Puff Derby. Local Powder Puff Derby officials report that they will be the area's first competitors in the quarter-century history of the cross-country race.

drawing race position No. 28.

Barbara Riggs, Terminus Chairman, very quickly accepted the offer to assist the Terminus activities of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter. As a result, Hazel Bartolet, State College, Pa. will be in charge of Impound, and other members will work in other areas.

Mary Kruman, Cortland, N.Y. has been very busy initiating the mechanisms involved in forming a new chapter in our Terminus area. To date, through the ambitious efforts of Mary, we have received approval for the new chapter and are in the hopes that our charter will be presented to us at the Terminus Awards Banquet, July 18, 1973.

Our new chapter chairman will be Ginny Schweizer, who was recently nominated by the Soaring Society of America, and whose name has been placed in the Helms Soaring Hall of Fame, Los Angeles, Calif. Vice Chairman and Membership Chairman will be Mary Kruman; Treasurer, Kay Wolcott; Secretary and Newsletter, Ellen Taylor.

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Edward W. Stimpson, President and Board Member of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, Washington, D.C., will find that his name is synonymous with GAMA throughout the 99 world, and that his efforts to promote and advertise General Aviation through cooperative safety seminars is much appreciated by the women pilots.

PHOTO OF THE PABST BEER WAGON—Shown here and on the cover is an exact replica of the wagons used by the brewery around the turn of the century. This is the Beer Wagon that will be used to greet the Ninety-Nines and their guests when they arrive at General Billy Mitchell Field in Milwaukee to attend the 1973 International Convention.



Peter V. Siegel, M.D., Federal Air Surgeon, Office of Aviation Medicine, FAA, a Special Guest at the International Convention, is known and honored for his contributions to air safety.



William H. Huey, Deputy Administrator for General Aviation, fills a newly created position. He will be welcomed by 99s especially since he represents a very important segment of aviation within the FAA.

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1400 - 2000	Hospitality Room Open
1700 - 1900	Registration
1900 - ?	"Attitude Adjustment Hour" — Cocktails at the Pfister
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Thursday, August 9, 1973

0800 - 1800	Registration
0800 -	Governors Breakfast (Governors & Executive Board Only)
1230 -	Luncheon — Honoring Governors and Past Presidents
1830 - 1930	Cocktails
1930 - ?	International Fun Evening

Friday, August 10, 1973

0800 - 1800	Registration
0700 - 0830	Breakfast
0830 - 1200	International Business Meeting — (First Session)
1230 -	Amelia Earhart Luncheon

Saturday, August 11, 1973

0800 - 1600	Registration
0700 - 0830	Breakfast
0830 - 1230	International Business Meeting — (Second Session)
1230 - 1400	Luncheon with the North Central Section
1400 -	North Central Section Business Meeting (Preceded by continuation of the Int'l. Business Meeting if necessary)
1830 - 2000	Cocktails
2000	Aviation Banquet

Sunday, August 12, 1973

0700 - 1000	"Fly-Away" Breakfast
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ALOHA CHAPTER

Lorette Zirker, Reporter

April meeting at Trippi Ahrens', who says she's working on her multi, commercial, and instrument, just at the moment. Speaker was Art Seaver, pilot for ONA charter airline. Cheerful review of the joys and cares of an overseas charter captain, most of whose passengers are making their first flight.

Poker Rally plans taking all of Pat Davis' time, with the rest of us groping for understanding. But all will be well on April 29, with picnic and swim to relax poker faces, marital stresses, and pocketbooks.

Several 99s, with the General Aviation Council of Hawaii, attended State legislature committee hearings on new private airports. Bill under discussion would have closed the door on one possible area. It died in committee.

Pats Kelley and Davis are TAR No. 3 in this year's PPD. Once again, the excitement builds.

Betty Miller is on a Pacific-Asian trip with Chuck, as he gives safety lectures in the FAA's vast Pacific Region. We hope to hear all about it.

Gina Currall's thinking about aerobatics. Sue Angell's working on her Commercial. Connie Sales and Johna Lutes, 66s, contributing time and effort to the Poker Rally. Lennie Muttick feeling healthier after a bout with mononucleosis.

Spot landings and wild cards, here we come!

BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

Florence Moody, Reporter

Bidding "farewell" to William A. Drum, Aviation Director of Kern County Department of Airports, Chapter Chairman Joan Paynter presented a Certificate of Appreciation at his retirement dinner. Three other members congratulated him for his courtesies to 99's.

Achsa Holfelder won the painting of Artist's Portrayal of her plane.

After attending the pleasant and fun Southwest Sectional in San Diego Joan Paynter noted that flying against the headwinds would put her home later than the highway travelers.

Maude Oldershaw reported on a hearing by the Kern County Governments on the Southern California Regional Aviation System Study. The study is a projected growth plan for all Southern California aviation through the year 1985. The plan as presented is definitely very disadvantageous to general aviation and the Ninety-Nines are expressing opposition to it.

Honoring Patty Hallam who is moving to Hawaii very soon, Joan Paynter gave a farewell party at her home. Patty has been a very active member and we will miss her.

Jack Ward of the Meadows Field Tower, FAA Controller, invited us to, "Get your Safety Pin." He asked us to sponsor and furnish refreshments for a Pilot Education Clinic. Topics are "Anatomy of a Landing" and "Hot Weather Survival".

Carole Dunsmore is APT! "Congratulations," says APT chairman Beverly Haberfelde.

Laurine and Loren Witmer flew their plane to Mazatlan. Joan Paynter flew her

family there for the Spring vacation. Achsa Holfelder went there, too, flying commercial.

Joan and Bill Paynter are attending the International Rotary Convention in Switzerland and will tour Europe for a few days following. They will "leave the flying to them".

Edna Long and Priscilla Spencer are flying with Mt. San Antonio College's "Classroom in the Sky" the last of June and into July. They will circle the North Pole, the South Pole, see the longest eclipse of the sun in this century over the Indian Ocean, and follow the route of Amelia Earhart to Howland Island, then come home via stop-over in Honolulu.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

Kathy Walton, Reporter

Airplane racing to worm racing is quite a slowdown for this chapter but the source of a lot of fun. We spent the weekend of April 27 airmarking Pearce field at Lower Lake, Calif. Everyone converged on Friday after work. A bar-b-que was held at the cabin of Betty and Ed Marquardt with Kathy and Rich Walton as co-hosts.

Saturday morning we were up with the sun to start our lay out. By 7 a.m. we were applying the paint. Ralph and Flo Zadrow, F.B.O.'s on the field, provided us with coffee, donuts, sandwiches, and cold drinks. Painting progressed quickly and we volunteered to repaint the numbers at the ends of the runway.

By 11:00 a.m. we were off to the 3rd Annual National Worm Races. Held at Clearlake Highlands, this event has received national publicity on radio, t.v., and in papers. Five worms are in a heat. We entered, for Bay Cities Chapter, "I'd Rather Be Flying". Our worm competed against; "Hum", trained by Rose Sharp; "P-38", trained by Miriam Brugh; "N182CT" trained by Joyce Wells for her PPD sponsor.; and "WOXOF" entered by San Jose Tower PATCO. Our Worms literally went around in circles. We had the longest race of the day but "Hum" finally got outside of the two foot circle. Rose's worm went on to win the finals for the day and will go back next week for the grand finals. Bay Cities was announced when we arrived at the field and the local paper turned out to take our picture.

Following the worm races we were guests of Helen and Don Prosser, also FBO's at Pearce, for a buffet luncheon. The Chamber of Commerce helped them out with the cost and some of the local pilots helped to serve the luncheon. The Prosser's also provided sleeping quarters in their lounge. We all were tired by Sat. afternoon but had a great time at our airmarking. We plan to do Gness Field June 10. Those attending the airmarking were: Joyce and Hal Wells (in their Cherokee) with Rose and Don Sharp; Miriam Brugh, Carol Baker, Ruth Jacquot, Helen Kelton; Kathy and Rich Walton (in their Cessna); Betty and Ed Marquardt, Kathy's parents, (in their Bonanza). On hand were Bay Cities members now forming the Marin Chapter; Karen Kahn, Helen Kampo, and Barbara Kohlemanian.

The other members of our Chapter are in

various places around the world. Margaret Gerhardt and John attended the Spring Sectional in San Diego. Gail Lane is on a trip to Japan, Hong Kong, and Honolulu. Marj Fauth is returning from Istanbul and a week among the Greek Islands. Then will go on a tour of the Poloponnese. Jean Tinsley is off to the Paris Air Show the World Helicopter Competitions.

Ruth Jacquot recently joined San Joaquin Valley for a fly-in luncheon. Ruth and Wray Robertson flew to Santa Rosa for lunch. Wray has been busy giving speeches about women in aviation. Happy flying to all!



Bay Cities Worm "I'd Rather Be Flying" with worm cage. Entered with Fanfare at 3rd National Worm Races Clearlake, Calif.



Pearce Field after Bay Cities Airmarking Lower Lake, Calif.

COACHELLA VALLEY

Eleanor Wagner, Reporter

The April meeting was changed to a Sunday for a fly-in, drive-in breakfast at the Bermuda Dunes Airport in the hangar of Rosella and Roy Kibbee. Assisting were Betty Manley, Lorraine Jacobs, and Jean Patane — hot cakes, bacon/sausage, eggs and Coachella Valley grapefruit.

Following the breakfast, Garnett Stockton presided over the Chapter business meeting. Jean Patane reported on the success of the hospitality room at the Sectional. Recent dinner meetings and the breakfast were enough to swell the treasury, it was reported. Ilia Mae motioned that the Chapter buy jackets for each mem-

ber. Measurements were taken for a floral print and have been ordered. If a member leaves the Chapter, the jacket will automatically go to someone else or be retained until a new member can claim it.

The May meeting will be a fly-in to Yuma hosted by Lorraine and "Jac" Jacobs, for breakfast around 9 a.m.

Those attending the April breakfast were: Ilia Mae and Nick Carosell, Connie and Art Woolston, Leonard and Clara Combs, Betty and George Manley, Garnett and Lou Stockton, the Kibbees, Reese Foxen, and Jean Patane. Guest of Connie Woolston was student pilot, Virginia Curtis and David and Sandy Ammon with their young son, with the Jacobs from Yuma was their son, Shane.

Also Annette and Hiram Gordon, Bob DeLuna, Ted Parks, Bob McClarry, Roy and Doris McBride, Mary Freeman of San Diego, and Dale Risk who is a flight instructor at the Bermuda Dunes Airport.

Yours truly to hospital for cartilage repair on knee.



Proud of their APT pins, Coachella Valley members point out their accomplishment. L to R, Shirley Junker, Ilia Mae Carosell, Jean Patane (the only three-year APTer); hostess of the evening dinner party, Connie Woolston; Rosella Kibbee, and Betty Manley. Not shown is Clara Combs who is APT, but who was, at the time this photo was taken, DILAPIDATED!



The March meeting of the Coachella Valley Chapter seems to have been in the capable hands of 49 1/2-ers George Manley, a TWA Captain; 'Chef' Art Woolston of Lasagna cooking fame and FAA Tower Chief at Palm Springs; and Roy Kibbee, an all around good business man turned 'waiter' for the evening's festivities. Believe it or not, a 99 business meeting followed the h-jinks!

EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER

Helen McGee, Reporter

The theme for the year at the El Cajon Valley Chapter meetings could be KEEPING APT — with two extremely interesting and informative speakers from RATTC NAS MIRAMAR — one a jet pilot, and the other from the radar center — at the May meeting at June O'Neill's. The implication of when our flight paths cross was brought home rather dramatically.

Congratulations to Cay Hatch — our newest eligible "99" — now a Private Pilot; passed her flight check ride on Good Friday with sunshine on one side of Gillespie Field and black storm clouds on the other. Must have been disconcerting and added to the emotional stress, but Cay passed!

Our chapter will once again sponsor an FAA Technicians' Seminar the weekend of October 20. Vi Chambers is chairman of this event which proved such an outstanding success last fall.

We joined the California Aviation Council to stay abreast of new legislation — Lea Liersch and Dorothy Ledbetter will review material from the Council for presentation to our group.

Keep THIS date in mind: Pacific Air Race — OCTOBER 13; Gillespie Field via Porterville to Buchanan Field, Concord. Join us!

Congratulations to another member — Aileen Saunders Melotte. Best wishes on your marriage.

Dottie Campbell and husband, Richard, and Lynn Couthard flew Virginia Spiller, a reporter for the San Diego Union & Tribune to Baja, Mexico visiting clinics which they, as members of the Flying Samaritans, donate so much time and money to. Miss Spiller is doing a feature article on the many worthwhile activities of the Flying Samaritans. The El Cajon Valley Chapter and the Flying Samaritans sponsored a 3-cent a pound flight at Gillespie Field on May 19th and 20th. The Flying Sams used their share for medical and dental supplies at the clinics.

Where have we been???

We were well represented at both the Pancake Breakfast at Fallbrook and at the Twin Inns Restaurant when the Powder Puff Drawing was held, both events sponsored by the Palomar Chapter.

Marge and Bruce Brown made a "short" business flight of ten days to Florida, Georgia, Texas and a stop-over at Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Freda and Fred Breise flew over to Las Vegas for a few days to leave some of their money.

Virginia Renn and Helen McGee to Santa Paula on a Southern Calif. Wheelchair Pilots fly-in; home of quite a few restored antique airplanes.

Vi and Larry Chambers vacationing at Lake Havasu and the London Bridge.

Dottie Sanders to the Fresno Men's Race (cheering a friend on!)

Dottie and Marian Banks making plans to enter the Intercontinental Air Race in June from Monterrey, Mexico to Nassau; will return via Miami and take a busman's holiday flying commercially to Jamaica — the trip they won in last year's Powder Puff Derby.

GOLDEN WEST CHAPTER

Vivian Harshbarger Reporter

Our Chapter seems to be on the move. Heather McNeill, an Air Force Nurse, has been in Seattle for some time and Rusty Green is in Washington, D. C. at Law

School. Now Wilma Bennett, a teacher, is leaving for Kwajalein for a year. Although Kwajalein is a little isolated, where else can you fly in various type aircraft, whenever you want for \$15 a month and find 2000 single men and only 50 single women? Wilma hopes to have time to see Pat Kelley and Pat Davis, Aloha Chapter, enroute.

Congratulations to Jane Baker. She's now a City Councilwoman.

Welcome to our newest member Kathi Wentworth. Kathi is nearing her law degree and will probably follow Jane's example in the future as she is so well informed on community affairs, especially concerning aviation. She and Fran Grant on working on Chapter representation on the San Mateo County Airport Land Use Committee.

The annual Spring Conference of the CAEA in May in San Jose is being coordinated by Mayetta Beringer, Santa Clara Valley Chapter, and Fran Grant, and officer of this Aviation Education Association. This year's conference is directed to the Elementary school teacher and Fran is recruiting 99s to give "get acquainted airlifts" for the teachers and 40 gifted students. Listening to Fran talk about what is being done in aviation education at all school levels is really fascinating. Fran, Jane and Kathi deserve a thanks from all of us for their dedicated interest in aviation and the community.

Barbara LaPoint and Pat Appel had an exciting time as guests on the USS Hancock. Sailed 40 miles out to sea then watched the jet fighters land and take off on the 29 year old carrier. To prove 99s are everywhere they met Juanda Bigelow, Alameda Chapter, while touring the chart room.

At the Bohemian Club in San Francisco, in early April, Jeanne Abramson had the opportunity of personally thanking Governor Ronald Reagan for his cooperation in promoting the 1972 Powder Puff Derby Start.

Rae and Ernie Gilmore are off on an AOPA tour which included New Zealand. Rae couldn't get over missing the African tour so this was a must.

Pat Appel, who flies to Lake Tahoe for the day to ski, is now in New York visiting relatives and Nancy & George Stock are back in Baja. This time on wheels instead of wings.

One of the nicest aspects of being a 99 is knowing and having Lois and Jack Apperly, First Canadian Chapter, visit and especially enjoy the San Francisco hills. They flew commercial because Jack said until Lois, in addition to piloting, can serve him dinner and refreshments this is the only way to travel long distances. Now there's a real challenge!

I've taken up sea plane instruction, since my plans to enter the 1973 PPD fell through. The base is 2 miles from work and what a lovely way to spend a lunch-hour.

When this appears our Mini-Derby will be nearing a hopefully successful "blast-off". Everyone is cooperating beautifully, so we expect the race to be a lot of fun and helpful to all the entrants.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

Joan Dilley, Subaltute Reporter

Palms to Pines Race will be held on August 18-19th, from Santa Monica, Calif. to Independence, Oregon. Ron at Red Bluff and the flybys and/or stops at Merced and Klamath Falls. Send \$1.50 for race kit to

Claire Walters, 3200 Airport Ave. Santa Monica, Calif. 90405. Entry fee will be \$35.00. Fly our 4th annual race!

The June chapter fly in is on the 22nd at Meadows Field in Bakersfield with ETA at 11:30 a.m. We fly to Santa Barbara in July on the 21st. ETA is 11:30 a.m.

On May 19th we are having a joint APT-FAA safety pin ride day at Torrance Airport arranged by Chapter Chairman Joyce Jones and FAA 49 1/2er Pat Achiffmann.

Spring Sectional was attended by Kay Anderson, Fran Bera McLin, Mary Pinkney, Margaret Berry, Joan Dilley, Jean Schiffmann, Chris Huerth, Juanita Thomson, Betty Neser, Emma McGuire, Margaret Ward, Joyce Failing, Nancy Crews, Claire Walters and Marie Hoefer. We thank the San Diego Chapter for a great time.

Barbara Harper, newly certificated CAP Mission Rescue Coordinator will lead a simulated search in our area in May. Terry London, SJC state student and scholarship recipient begins 707 Flight Engineer school in August. Fran Bera McLin and Joyce Failing leave June 20th for Mt. San Antonio flying classroom tour around the world.

Millie Krueger has been sand-sailing at El Mirage lately. Betty Gabrielson is learning how to fly their new Cronkite Hang Glider on the Torrance beaches and Wally Funk, Vickie Thomas and Judy Campbell Broom are Ballooning at Fillmore. They also joined with Joyce Jones to attend the Fallbrook Fly In pancake breakfast and report a great time.

April meeting was a special WASP program. Moderated by current president of the WASP, member Nancy Crews, we were entertained with movies made in 1942 by Nancy with some priceless flying scenes. Gene Fitzpatrick ran the slide presentation from the Archives and were treated to hanger flying from WASP Barbara London, Iris Critchell, Eleanor Weems and SFV member Jean Rose. We are proud of our WASP past and present accomplishments.

Our angel derby racers Emma McGuire and Georgia Lambert were on their way to impound at deadline time. Gene Fitzpatrick and Dolores Reed plan to fly the one to the Bahamas later.

Chapter members receiving their certificates at our recent Flight Instructor revalidation clinic were Barbara London, Joyce Jones, Joyce Failing Gene Fitzpatrick, Colene Giglio, Margaret Calloway, Francine Moxey. The critiques submitted at the end of the program were full of enthusiasm for the clinic and praise for the FAA academy team. This is the sixth year we have had the privilege of working with them.

We are planning to attend a high Altitude Indoctrination class soon. Juanita Thomson is handling the details for those unable to attend previous classes and for those of us who wish to go again.

Chris Huerth is our new Wings for DRF Chairman. We plan to participate in the May 23rd joint 99 Fly In Kiwanis car caravan to Santa Barbara.

Marilyn Twitchell and reporter Jean Pyatt are in Europe for the month of May. Ruth Gay is expected back soon from her year long visit to Europe where she visited with many 99's.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER Holley Ballard, Reporter

Susan Oliver, actress and LA 99, ap-

peared in the T.V. program "American Sportsman," which showed her first solo in a sailplane, as well as a cross-country from El Mirage to Giant Rock. Congratulations to Susan on her new rating, and a beautiful program.

Ten L.A. members attended the Sectional in San Diego, where Grace McGettigan won the free registration.

Lorrie Bles of SFV and Jo Ann Steirert went to Vero Beach, Fla., as ferry pilots to bring back a new Arrow II to Los Angeles. Fun, meeting people enroute. A special hello to Jonelle Mac Williams, 99 in Alexandria, La., and Dorothy Jenkins of Tucson.

Lynne and Bob Oppers Triple 2 got a brand new "red, white, and blue" paint job.

At the Palomar luncheon, where flight teams drew for numbers in the Powderpuff Derby, Norma Futterman and Virginia Showers are No. 10, Sally LaForge and Rachel Bonzon No. 48. . . lucky numbers we hope.

The April meeting was held at Accelerated Groundschool in Santa Monica. Members viewed the "Room 222" segment which used aviation as motivation for underprivileged students. Lloyd Haynes, star of the TV series, spoke afterwards about follow-up he has initiated: ground school at Accelerated for students from various Los Angeles area highschools, and airplane rides for these same students, as part of his program called ETA (Education Through Aviation).

Norma, Virginia, June Scruggs — who has made her first solo cross-country — Dorothy Pepin, Jo Ann, and Rachel Bonzon enjoyed the Pt. Mugu "pressure chamber" experience on Good Friday. After lectures in the morning, each group of six was outfitted with helmets and sent into the chamber. At 27,000 feet they removed their oxygen masks to feel hypoxia first hand. . . Rachel reports it was a very strange sensation, best to experience in a controlled situation.

Happy spring to everyone, if you can fly your way through the haze.

MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER Rosemarie Schoening, Reporter

Our April meeting was held at Judy Dake's lovely hillside home in Salinas. It was short and uninvolved. Gave us some time to do some hangar flying.

Our weather has been absolutely beautiful with much flying going on. Spring Sectional in San Diego saw Geneva and Doug Cranford, Geri and Norm Halppennay, Helen and Frank Shropshire, and Kay Harmon. Also attending was Greta and Darrell Peterson and June and Warren Knapp. Connie Hood was still in a cast that weekend. She's talking about being anxious to get with it again even if it's around the "pea patch". We hope our good weather lasts a little longer for Connie. Our chairman, Jo Dieser, has been out Lake Nacimiento way quite frequently lately. She and 49 1/2 John are building a home on Oak Shores. She tells us that the runway down there has been staked out. When it's finished we will have a fly-in to Oak Shores for a house warming for Jo. Your reporter has been all over the State of California this last month. Saw Kay Harmon's Cessna 172 at Lake Tahoe one weekend. Parked my American Traveler right behind the Cessna. This State has just been a lovely site this Spring. The hills never looked so beautiful with all their colored wildflowers amidst the velvet

looking green grass. The San Francisco Bay Area has had some very clear warm days and lots of GA aircraft in the blue, blue skies.

49 1/2 Frank Schoening will be flying in to Frank Christensen's ranch strip this weekend to attend a one-day seminar for all air show aerobatic pilots. GADO's invitation stated because of limited space, they are trying to hold the attendance down. So I will miss it. Of course, all the greats will be there. Unless my 49 1/2 gets another Citabria or a clipped wing Cub or something, he will just be a spectator. He gets nervous on the ground, so I'm sure he'll keep looking for that special little thing that does certain special little things in the skies. In the meantime, Elaine Brady and I plan to go to the Nut Tree in the Traveler.

Hope the weather continues to be nice and all Chapter members get APT and get 'Safety Pinned'. Happy Flying . . .

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER Darlene Brundage, Reporter

We had a most interesting program at our April meeting. Dr. Phil Reames from Long Beach showed us slides of the "Great Race" last year from London to Victoria. The types of planes entered, the people flying them, the adventurous course (in some cases, the devious course), enduring without sleep, and the scoring methods were all awesome subjects. As Phil placed well in this race in addition to many other races, he knew what he was doing and narrated a good story. We recommend inviting him to a meeting. Even those not interested in air races found lots of excitement in it for themselves. We're also hoping our hostess for the meeting, Nell Brown will invite us again!

Only two of us could have the fun of arriving at San Diego for Spring Sectional in Sandy Ruller's Super-Cruiser. We had fun, believe it or not, selling our DRF, APT, and Airmarking Patches. It became funnier when Las Vegas members dashed out and bought safety pins so they could follow us around and provide buyers with a way to wear them immediately. . . (and add a little extra to their chapter kitty!) Why didn't WE think of that?

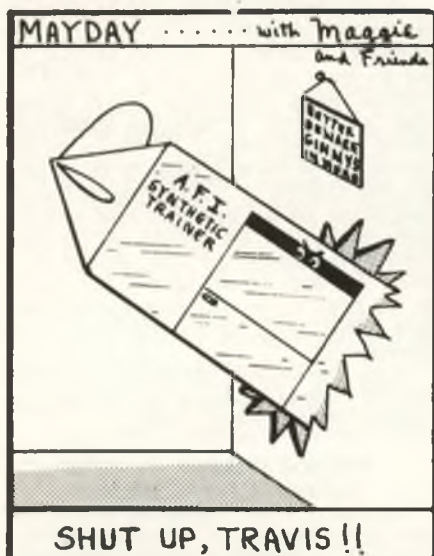
Everyone seems to be rushing in one direction or another to do with the 1974 AWTAR start at Riverside. Thon Griffith keeps finding get-togethers to spur us on to getting to; some include our excited Riverside backers and nice luncheons. Overlapping groups are working on the "Pennies-a-Pound" May 5 & 6. Zona Appleby, now living over there is trying to hold some of the pieces together and may regret having moved there, yet.

Meanwhile, Barbara Stewart took time out of preparations for the GAMA Safety Clinic, May 3, to pass her Commerical writ-

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ten. And Ginny Flanary doesn't have to take her Instrument written again for two years! She has been working toward her rating with instructor-husband, Travis.



This was the day Maggie Burch caught the Flanary's struggling through some simulator work together. (Orange County Chapter)

PALOMAR CHAPTER **Lillian Hartman, Reporter**

We have such fantastic plans for race week that I for one can hardly wait! Scheduled events are:

Saturday, July 7: A Mexican Fiesta at Harriett Booth's beautiful home at Rancho Santa Fe.

Sunday, July 8: Oceanside Day. A tour of Mission San Luis Rey, a Booze Cruise of the Harbor, and dinner.

Monday, July 9: Escondido Day. A trip to the San Diego Wild Animal Park and a picnic lunch.

Tuesday, July 10: Fallbrook Day. Scheduled are tours of the avocado groves, Pala

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LATE NEWS . . .

Run in Nebraska Air Race, Sunday, August 25, Beatrice, Nebraska, in conjunction with Beatrice Air Show and Fly-In on August 26.

CORRECTION

Reporters Please Note

A mistake re deadline of copy to Editor appeared in your May Issue, Page 12. THERE WILL BE NO JULY COPY REQUIRED. However, your AUGUST 1st copy will be for the COMBINED AUGUST-SEPTEMBER ISSUE.

Mission, and Aero Publishers (who did such a fantastic job on our PPD postcards). This interesting day will be topped off by a Realtors Bar-B-Que at Live Oak Park.

Wednesday, July 11: Mandatory Pilot Briefing followed by Vista Day. The Vista Elks Club will host a luncheon and there will be a "Parade of Sports Fashions".

The above arrangements were made thanks to the efforts of Harriett Booth, Betty Kitchen, Rosemary Longmire, Pam Van der Linden, and Esther Whitt. All events have been planned for afternoon and early evening.

Take-Off Banquet will be at La Costa — the Resort Hotel that will accommodate many of the racers, and described in their brochure as "Paradise found. Between the tawny hills and the deep blue sea — in the sunniest part of California", etc., and it is truly a lovely place.

Thursday, July 12: Will consist of a General Pilot Briefing in the morning and a mandatory 1st Time Racers Briefing at noon. The afternoon and evening will be free, with cars available for shopping etc.

Friday, July 13: Take-Off Breakfast at La Costa for Racers and Officials. There will also be a Pancake breakfast for the public at Palomar Airport — 7:00 AM to noon, served by the Fallbrook Lions Club.

On the above days, the racers will be hosted and escorted by members of the local Service Clubs who will be their guides for the day and will provide transportation.

Our pancake breakfast April 8th was a fantastic success! The Lions Club of Fallbrook served more pancakes than they have ever served in one day. From all reports every one had a most enjoyable day. At the La Costa luncheon April 18th the Lions Club presented us with a check for \$773.00, our share of the profit.

PHOENIX CHAPTER **Claire Ellis, Reporter**

100 degree temperatures have returned to the Valley of the Sun for the summer and so has the rain. PPDers may need floats and hedge trimmers to land in Prescott come July.

The weather hasn't slowed down our girls. This month the Desert Sportsman's Pilots Association held their annual airshow to benefit the U.S. Aerobatic Team. 99's on hand to help were— Bev Periman, Gwyn Dare, Nan Scheer, Sue Harper, and son Will, Jessie Wimmers, Millie Dawe, Carol Borgerding, Melba Beard, Millie and Hi Miller, Wayne Powell, and Anita Stanton.

Our 2c per Pound Airlift at Deer Valley Airport was a very big success again. With the help of about 15 planes and 20 plus members, 49 1/2ers and children the day went without a snag. As Airlift Chairman, Carol Borgerding knew it would. Bill and Sue Harper, Millie Dawe, Mary Lou Brown, Rudy Sheldon, Mary and George Vial, & Alice and Charles Roberts enjoyed the fun filled Southwest Sectional in San Diego.

Millie Dawe, Jessie Wimmers, Millie Miller and Louise Toncre introduced one hundred 4th graders from Desert View School in Sunnyslope to Deer Valley Airport. The tour coincided with their classroom studies in Aviation.

Bev Powell busses back and forth between Phoenix and San Diego in connection with her job as investigator for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Beth Ussher will be visiting Chile soon for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy, and will make an official visit with the President of the Confederation in Mexico City on the way.

Mary and George Vial had their family from Colorado for a two week visit and will soon be departing for the high country themselves.

April 28th a luncheon was held at Phoenix Sky Harbor to honor one of our Charter members, Juanita Newell. She and her husband, Elgin, are retiring to a ranch in San Andres, California. Chapter Chairman, Sue Harper, presented her with a silver tray commemorating her 25 years with the chapter. Juanita said that at least three months out of the year will be spent in Phoenix. Their visits will give us another excuse to meet for lunch. In the meantime we are going to miss our favorite "Water Witcher".



Juanita Newell and Melba Beard demonstrating the fact that they can't see anything — due to the fact that they have no lights!



Some of the gals that made Project A.W.A.R.E. such a big success: Left - right: Betty Jo Smith, Alice Roberts, Bev Powell, Lanaeh Peterson, Ruby Sheldon, Millie Dawe and Jessie Wimmers.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER **Nina Rooklaid, Reporter**

The San Diego Chapter had the nicest sectional. Redwood Empire Chapter members enjoying the fun were Betty Worstall, Louise Montero Anita Worel and 49 1/2 Jack, Nina Rooklaid and 49 1/2 Dick.

Frances Gauger and 49 1/2 have sold their 150 and joined a flying club.

We are sorry to hear that Betty Worstall is moving to Dallas. We will really miss her.

Nancy Buckalew took advantage of some good weather and became APT. Betty Worstall and Louise Montero also became APT this month. Our percentage is really coming up.

RENO AREA CHAPTER

Hazel Hohn, Reporter

Elaine and Stan Brown recently flew their Cessna 175 to Matzatlan, Mexico, via Tucson, Arizona. After three days there they flew to Tepic, where, because of bad weather, they left the plane and took a cab to San Blas — \$10.00 for 60 miles. This was a little old fishing village established in 1531, and a very nice place. After 3 days there were still low clouds to the south, so it was back to Tepic by cab for \$8.00. After picking up the 175 in Tepic, the next stop was Puerto Vallarta. The clouds were hanging down to the ground, so the Browns just stayed there. Then Elaine flew them on to Los Mochis which has the nicest people at the airport. Everyone wanted their picture taken with the plane, and even the man in the tower leaned out and greeted them. Then to Alamos. ("What a spot! Just lovely.") Here, Americans are reconstructing old Colonial Spanish homes, and there is a lot of history — most of it bloody. They stayed 3 days before returning to Matzatlan and Nevada. They landed at North Las Vegas, where a 99 runs a lovely motel, The Skyriders, right behind the Terminal Building. Elaine and Stan were weathered in for four days by wind and turbulence, and visited Phyllis Ahlswede in Las Vegas, staying in her condominium for 2 nights. By then the wind had died down enough to fly home. The trip lasted almost 3 weeks. Elaine says a zany thing happened leaving Matzatlan on the way down. Walking out to the plane with a man who carried her bags, she thought there appeared to be a flock of birds in the 175. Sure enough, there were about 5 little swallows, all locked up inside. They must have gotten in through the air vent. You can imagine the mess. Just about this time, along comes a guy in a Bonanza, down from the States. He had his kids with him and was doubtless a bit panicky, because if you've never been to Matzatlan before, you wouldn't know that the airport isn't where the map says it is. Elaine told him to close his air vent without a word of explanation about the birds in her airplane. Off he dashed to do so without a question. "A well-trained husband," smiles Elaine.

She said that it was due to Booth Bailey of Winnemucca that their Cessna performed so beautifully on their Mexican trip. Lois Brown's 49 1/2'er Mike brought home a new Seabee from Massachusetts.

Dave and Lois Williams got in some glider time with instructor Ed Blalock recently. The Bay Area Soaring Association had their Wave Camp at Minden. Lois put in 30 glider flights in 1966, and Dave has his glider ticket. Lois, along with Elaine Brown, is taking conversational Spanish in preparation for trips down Mexico way.

Those who attended the April meeting were: Gerry Gardner, Doris Eacret, Lois Williams, Kathy Taylor, Catherine Flannery, Mary Boles, and Katie Bolstad. May 11 will be the 99 party at Gerry Gardner's.

I flew for an hour, thanks to son John's Christmas gift certificate for an hour's flying in the Cessna 182 at Carson Airport. 49 1/2'er Werner and I have sent for plans to build a 3/4 scale ME 109. That was as good as reason as any to clean out the garage.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

Barbara Goetz, Reporter

Kay Malcolm won third place in the Vixen Frisk. Kay with 49 1/2'er Jim as co-pilot were our only entries.

The AOPA Clinic was held in Sacramento again this year. Our chapter was asked to help out with transportation and coffee. Shirley Lehr was in charge and managed to get about 12 of us to drive participants around. You do meet interesting people that way. Thelma Cull helped out at the Sky Safe Desk and Juanita Bowler and Ann Wamsley served coffee and donuts.

Our chapter has been asked to help time the 1973 Palms to Pines Race. Our members voted to man both the Red Bluff stop and the Oregon stop. It really is a fun race.

The Southwest Sectional was another weather disaster for the Sacramento Valley Chapter this year. Barbara Goetz, and Thelma Cull were planning to fly to San Diego as were Shirley Lehr and Darlene Kelley, and Judy and Gene Marquart. As it turned out, Judy and Gene, Barbara and Thelma went PSA. Gerry Mickelsen was smart, she drove. We had a great time in beautiful San Diego.

Getting ready for the Powder Puff this year are Darlene Kelley and Shirley Lehr.



Dorothy Erickson, Thelma Cull, & Marie Morgan with Bob Swayze of AOPA, at the Sky Safe Clinic at Sacramento Executive airport.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

Marilyn L. Elmers, Reporter

Sunny skies prevailed over San Diego throughout the month of April permitting a great turnout at the Southwest Spring Sectional. San Diego Chapter welcomed visiting ninety-nines from all areas of California, Arizona, Colorado and Utah. In addition, San Diego was honored with the presence of four distinguished charter members — Betty Huyler Gillies, Fay Gillis Wells, Achsa Peacock Holfelder and Melba Gorby Beard.

The April general meeting of San Diego Chapter was held at the beautiful home of Terry Vasques. Guests in attendance were Cheryl White and Margaret Goodrich. Cheryl and her husband recently flew to Mexico with member, Ann Martinet. Margaret Goodrich, former San Diego chapter member, is getting back to flying again after an absence of over a year. Margaret is just concluding her work on a Ph. D. in clinical psychology. Following the business meeting, Wanda Cummings was presented with a thank you card and gift for her many months of work in planning the sectional.

A fly-in pancake breakfast featuring fresh strawberries was held at Fallbrook Air Park in middle April, proceeds going to Palomar Chapter for AWTAR expenses. Ruth Ebey and 49 1/2 Jack flew their Aeronca Chief to

the event, allowing Ruth to get some straight-and-level time. 49 1/2 Claud Wharton was a chief pilot for the two penny/pound rides.

San Diego chapter members Betty Gillies and Barbara Jayne flew to the A.O.P.A. fly-in in Australia, accompanied by Gertrude Lockwood of Palomar chapter. Earlier this month Camille and Bob Hutson flew their Meyers 200 to Las Vegas for a fun weekend.

Laura Little successfully passed her real estate license test. Practicing for AWTAR, she raced her Cherokee 180 to Lake Havasu and Prescott Arizona. She admits she lost the race to a Cherokee 140.

Marion Banks and Wanda Cummings flew to Nogales the weekend of the 13th to invade Lou Tinken's "Vaca Ranch". The purpose of the trip was to attend a WACOA meeting and to try their luck horseback riding. Both gals report that they feel more at home in an airplane.

Suzanne Bond is preparing for a bicycle trip to Europe in May. She is currently active in racing bicycles and has won two recent races.

An anniversary dinner was held at the Casa Miguel Restaurant at Montgomery Airport in celebration of the 35th anniversary of Lois and Harry Bartling. Stella and Don Hardin celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary at a family dinner on Easter weekend. On Easter morning, San Diego ninety-nines who were not flying joined together for a brunch at Boom Trenchard's Flarepath Restaurant.

Marilyn and 49 1/2 Dick Eimers recently flew to Palm Springs. Finding the weather cold and windy, they returned to sunny San Diego for lunch at Casa Miguel.

Already entered in AWTAR are the following teams: Betty Lambert and Terry Vasques, Wanda Cummings and Ava Carmichael, Laura Little and Shirley Wolf.



Attending Spring Sectional were Lou Tinken, Wanda Cummings and Ava Carmichael of San Diego.



Charter members attending Southwest Spring Sectional were Betty Gillies, Fay Gillis Wells and Achsa Holfelder.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

Loretta Hines, Reporter

Our picture gal this month is Melinda "Mindy" Jane Leonard, our first Wing Scout to receive her license. That BIG day was Feb. 2, plus it was Mindy's birthday — her nineteenth. She is a Sophomore at California State University, Northridge, majoring in History. Her fun subject is anthropology and her best landings will be soft and short field getting into some of the ruins. Mindy still may go into Law School as she is an activist. She was introduced to the 99's through the Scout Wing Program as an advisor to a Jr. Troop when she heard about the women flyers wanting to further General Aviation Education. She came to an orientation meeting at Viking Aero, met and talked with Shirley Thom and Lola Ricci. As Mindy states — then she met her

instructor-to-be, Liz Dinan, who has been one of the most influential people in her life up to now. Mindy says flying fascinates, excites and sometimes scares her — as a challenge with responsibility and lots of fun. She will use it in her work and for her pleasure. Her end comment was, "I never met such nice people as those who have started me in my flying." I might add — we are very proud of a very nice person too, Mindy!

Harriet Bair, our Chapter Third Place Pilot-of-the-Year started flying in 1967, holds a private pilot license and has logged 500 flight hours. She is a flying grandmother (5 grandchildren), petite, vivacious and has the cutest accent! Harriet has participated in 3 "Palms-to-Pines Air Races" (winner of leg prize from Medford to Independence in 72) and 3 "Pacific Air Races."

She took First Place in "Viking Aero 200 Air Race" in 72, and was 5th Place in SFV Chapter Woman Pilot of Year in 71. Home-maker and full time Secretary and Treasurer of the Corporation of Viking Aero on Van Nuys Airport plus her flying keeps her BUSY. Harriet has flown coast to coast several times and in a 150 solo. She is definitely one of our goers!

Shirley Thom, our Chapter's 5th Place Woman Pilot-of-the-Year received her license in '59, has logged 300 hours and is now working on her Commercial Rating. In 1969, she received First Place in our Trixie Ann Schubert Memorial Award for Service. She worked on the Powder Puff Derby in '68 (impounds and inspections) and again in '69 on inspections. Shirley flew the PAR '68, '69, '71, '72 — also the "Palms-to-Pines Air Race" in '71 and '72. She is a staunch supporter of our Wing Scout Program and is a Girl Scout — CAP- Program Coordinator. She is an Interior Decorator four days a week. In her spare time, she loves to hunt, fish and go back-packing.

Vesta Malby is the new Legislative Chairman for the S. W. Section. This is a newly created office in the organization. Polly Fleming, our Chairman, Lola & Ed Ricci, Margie & Richard Robbins, Bev & Woody Woodard, Coralee Tucker, Rodg Rogers, Sally Kinsey, Lorrie Blech, Libby Svenson, Gerry Vickers, Esther & Dale Fleck, Pat Hallett, Loreli Cangiano, Vesta & Don Malby, and Delores & Bob Pynes all attended the sectional in San Diego. Lorrie Blech & Bev Woodard flew in a STOL 182 while there. Margie Robbins flew to Catalina and had a nine hour flying time trip to Mexico—Hermosillo, Matatlan, Guadalajara & Acapulco. She and 49 1/2er had some ice time! Lorrie Blech flew an Aztec to 17,950 to check out a turbo system; flew a Bonanza and a P-51. She was going to wing her way back from Florida in a new Cherokee Arrow. Susie Neff flew low (not too) over the water at Oceano taking pictures of their new place there. Liz Dinan checked out in a Citabria. Pamela Brands got her license, checked out in a Cherokee. Mary Totans did her long XC to Palm Springs (Member soon) Coralee Tucker flew IFR to Bakersfield. Delores Pynes got more hood time in; VFR'd to Borrego and drove home from Fox due to weather. Flora Hutchinson and Pat Hallett each flew to Santa Barbara. Connie Kerlin flew to Catalina and Oceano. Loretta Hines and children went to Delano and watched 49 1/2er, Pat, fly the Advanced Routine in Aerobatics at the IAC Chapter Nol 26 Aerobatic Meet.

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Mindy Leonard — 1st Wing Scout to receive her license San Fernando Valley Chapter

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

The April meeting of the San Gabriel Valley 99's was at Brackett Airport Lounge. Fred Robinson of Great Western Soaring School at Pearblossom, California addressed us. He was introduced by Marijane Nelson, who recently got a Glider rating at his school. She brought some slides that she took on her recent trip to Puerto Rico.

Ann Piggott is keeping Pat Inwood company at Bill's A&E at Corona Airport where they are both Flight Instructors.

Nita Thornton files regularly at the Norton Aero Club. She also attends classes at Mt. San Antonio College.

Marijane Nelson recently had a check-out in the Norton Aero Club's Beech T-34.

Marion Marriott and her husband flew to Palm Springs one night recently for some night experience. They flew to Scottsdale Arizona for the Easter Vacation. They returned on Easter Sunday, stopping on the way back for breakfast.

Shirley Justin is enjoying her new job in Arcadia. She is teaching reading.

Peggy Marsh flew to Santa Barbara and took a load of DRF supplies. She was able to take a tour of the DRF facility. She will be leaving soon for Arizona to attend a Pharmaceutical Convention.

Beverly Mahoney flew in the Vixen Frisk and won "Best Piper". Her prize was a tank full of gas. She hasn't been able to fly much since it is the hay fever season.

Ilsa Cook and Carolyn Wieland recently took a Cherokee 140 to Mexico. They had a very pleasant trip down. They did encounter a few surprised people when they found out that the two of them were going to travel in Mexico flying alone. Coming back they encountered very strong headwinds and much turbulence. Both were very happy to get back to El Monte Airport. During the Easter Vacation Ilsa and her family went to Grand Canyon.

Joan Winter, Carleen Hargett and eight relatives and friends flew to Fallbrook on April 8 for the pancake breakfast.

Carleen Hargett and her family recently flew to Nut Tree for the weekend. They also stopped in Napa and Bakersfield.

We now have a room at Pomona Valley Aviation at Brackett Airport for storage of DRF supplies. So anyone wanting to make the trip can get a plane load of supplies by asking for them.

The Aircraft Maintenance Seminar planned for May 19-20 has kept everyone very busy.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER **Charlotte Morrill, Reporter**

Our April meeting in Chowchilla at the home of Rosie Hijos found an enthusiastic twenty-one members on hand all loaded with plans for the following weeks. For starters, a medical supply run to Santa Barbara; getting out the paint buckets for air marking the Stockton runway, and a rummage sale for the chapter's funds. The months of being grounded by the weather have given us new vigor.

Charlene and Bob Kirk, Mary Ann and Howard McCulloch plus Laverne and Bob Gudgel all attended the San Diego Sectional. All said the San Diego gals had a wonderful weekend — beautifully organized and well run. Charlene won a trip to Kino Bay, Mexico to put the frosting on the cake.

Jean Murray proudly reports a new cele-

brity in the family. Their son Dave won a seat on the Chico city council; congratulations to the Murrys and most especially Dave.

Lee Roesch flew commercially to Denver to attend her mother-in-laws 97th birthday and also an uncle's 80th. With such genes, the Roesch's will outlive and out fly us all. Speaking of years, this reporter was amazed to learn that our chapter was founded in 1951. That was a record to be proud of especially for those who braved the skies twenty-two years ago.

Rebecca and Claud Clayton are planning a busy summer flying their new 182, while the Bowdens, Barbara and Dick are taking the month of June to tour the Basque provinces of Spain.

Flying in this month to Chowchilla were Lee Roesch, Norma Draper, Helen McGee, Marie McDowell, Ina Wade and Chalotte Morrill. We thank Rosie for her hospitality and as always, a wonderful lunch.

SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER **Virginia Moser, Reporter**

Three newly instrumented pilots in our group plus one 49 1/2!

Instrument ratings were recently earned by Mary Lewis, Judy and husband Rod Roeser, and Nancy Shaw. The percentage of instrument pilots in the group is a real encouragement to the rest of us to get busy. Rod and Judy have also stepped up to twin-engine ratings with their new Apache.

We welcome Becky Beaudoin, transfer from Phoenix Chapter, and already our legislative chairman; and Mary Riordan, 18-year-old newly licensed pilot, of whom we're justifiably proud. Mary hopes to join the Air Force ROTC at the U. of California at Los Angeles after graduation from high school. She has also chosen to major in meteorology.

Those of us attending the Fresno 400 Men's Air Races were overwhelmed by the hospitality of our hostess, Cathy McNamara. It wasn't enough for Cathy to put eight of us up at her home, but she also saw that we had transportation. Thanks again, Cathy. Like all flying weekends, some hilarious moments were shared that will never be forgotten — like the brief but desperate emergency landing made by one of our planes on the way home, at California Valley for reasons unmentionable. (I'll bet those picknickers are still wondering what happened!)

And the "downed aircraft" in the mountains we reported to Flight Service that suddenly took off.

The race was terrific and very exciting. We've vowed to get as many of our Santa Barbara 49 1/2s there next year as we can. We were all disappointed that our one candidate this year had to drop out.

Stopping at the Visalia Air Show on the way home, four of the girls reported a real thrill watching the ascent of a hot air balloon.

Looking forward to flying the Derby again this year are Joan Steinberger and Evalee Treen. You can bet we'll be at Palomar in full force to see them off.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER **Betty Hicks, Reporter**

Verna West and Betty Berkstresser are Santa Clara Valley Chapter's most honored members for 1973.

The vote of the selection committee was

made public at the chapter's annual awards banquet, April 19. For her indefatigable efforts on behalf of the chapter specifically and aviation generally, Verna West was named recipient of the service award. Betty Berkstresser, a NASA aeronautical engineer, buzzed the point-system finish line far ahead of her nearest competitor to earn the "Pilot of the Year" trophy.

A former chapter vice-chairman and chairman, Verna West has never ceased working for aviation in the Santa Clara Valley. An innovative executive, it was Vera who prodded the chapter newsletter into existence, who devised methods to get new members involved in our activities, who initiated the awards banquet. Still on the executive board as membership chairman, you'll always find Verna quietly scurrying around doing the jobs which need doing at such events as the Pacific Air Race and the Safety Seminar. Away from airports, she is instrumental in keeping air education and career counseling programs moving in local high schools.

With almost 200 hours logged for the awards period, it was no-contest between Betty Berkstresser and other contending pilots seeking the silver wine cooler going to the "Pilot of the Year." Betty aced the instrument written, flew the Powder Puff Derby as chapter member Sue Norman's co-pilot, and then annexed her instrument rating, in that order. Unfortunately, Betty was unable to attend the awards banquet. Her proxy: Sue Norman. Betty was in the east, vacationing from NASA, appropriately enough to ferry an airplane back to the west coast.

Mardo Crane presided at the head table, dispensing the evening's "fun awards" with characteristic humor. Pat Roberts, chapter chairman of fractured prop de-icer fame, earned an 8-leaf clover. Quipped Mardo, "We think her four leaf one is worn out." Former chapter member Vera Arnold, now a Portlander, was given a well-used San Francisco TCA lest she forget the current way to San Jose. Real estate peddlers Carole Lushbaugh and Adrienne Parker each were awarded a quart jar of dirt. Mary Ann and Bob Penson were given faucet washers for their new home, which has nothing to do with either being drips. Mayetta Behringer flew a bag of snow in from Columbia for Phyllis Pierce, whose look of astonishment upon seeing this phenomenon was publicly displayed in the International News. Lest she miss her tail-dragger too much, Mayetta was given a tail to drag from her co-owned Cessna 182. Evelyn Lundstrom, who recently spun in chasing her puppy around her own backyard, earned an attitude indicator for her forehead, to which were affixed some band-aids. Chapter potter Willy Gardner was donated a set of false fingernails. Jackie Petty, who protests that she is weary of nothing else except people calling WASPs old, was introduced as an old WASP. Susan Sosnow, of boots fame, was given knee socks replete with airplane design to go with the boots. Marion Barnick, who is reputed to enjoy her home swimming pool to the fullest, now has a chapter-donated bikini, the exact reason for which is best left in the awards banquet minutes.

Eric Carsten Johnsen, after being stuck in a holding pattern while nervous grandmother Evelyn Lundstrom awaited his arrival, finally made it on April 11 in Aptos, California. Gross: 8 pounds and four oun-

ces... Grandma celebrated by flying Pat Roberts to Hanford for a Chinese lunch.

SANTA ROSA CHAPTER

Lillyann Leland, Reporter

The Santa Rosa Chapter is busy making preparations for a two-penny-a-pound ride on June 3 at the Sonoma County Airport. This is our first BIG money making project since the chapter has been formed and everyone is working hard to make it a success.

Ann Tunny reported on the Department of Transportation's Cost Allocation Study which is scheduled to be presented to Congress. The study proposes that a 100% recovery of the costs of the national aviation system be made. This would be done through drastic cost measures to aircraft owners. One way would be through a fuel tax of 58c a gallon, or a registration fee of \$2600 annually, or a \$4.00 landing fee at every airport, or a \$54 cost for every VFR or IFR flight plan. Ann has proposed a letter writing campaign to our Congressmen and Senators to vote against these drastic measures.

Sandy Peterson flew to the Ninety Nine Sectional in San Diego. She met many fellow Ninety Niners and enjoyed the meetings.

We will be represented in the Powder Puff Derby by: Lynn Barthel (pilot) and Pauline Goslovich (co-pilot) flying Lynn's 235, Aileen Lee (pilot, and proud possessor of her new Commercial Rating) and Sandy Peterson (co-pilot) flying Aileen's 235, Ginny Wegner (pilot) and Lynn Cary (co-pilot) still planning, and Ann Tunny and Margit Lindholm are hopefuls. Enthusiasm for the Powder Puff Derby was intensified by the movies and tape of Ben and Mary Weeks showing the 26th Powder Puff in 1972.

TUCSON CHAPTER

Ginny Cook, Reporter

By the time you read this, of course, it will all be over. However, right now all us chicks are soooooo busy preparing for Tucson's Second Annual Treasure Hunt that there just doesn't seem to be much news.

Three of our members are 'hunting.' Pat Nolen with daughter Bonnie, Jack Welsh (49 1/2'r) with son John, Judy & Jim Preble. We have some unusual airplanes in this year's hunt, for instance a beagle pup, a funk, a Citabria, and a sophisticated Aztec. It does take all kinds.

The San Diego Sectional was enjoyed by our past Chairman, Norma Wilcox, our present acting Chairman, Jayne Hunter and our reporter, Ginny Cook. The weather was delightful and the company likewise.

Next thing on our agenda is a planned fly-in to Guaymas. Pat Nolen will handle this for us and has a beach luau planned plus fishing, sailing, and skiing. The date is October 12th.

Still taking names for our Orchid Special. The charter jet for the Aloha Chapter's Sectional is slated to be a 707, but at the rate names are coming in, it looks as if we may need a 747! Shortly each chapter will receive an information sheet on this giving all the scoop, but send me your name if you wish to be on the list.

We're working on our APT Program, organizing our Air-Marking, delivering our DRF, selecting a scholarship applicant, helping on Aero-space program, and keeping out of trouble.

UTAH CHAPTER

Joan Barton, Reporter

Congratulations to Vivian Yardley who passed her Commercial written exam on the first try with a very good score.

Jane Patterson and 49 1/2 Pat drove to the Sectional at San Diego, because the weather wouldn't co-operate, leaving behind their two airplanes. Jane won a box of avocados and limes from the Palomar Chapter for coming the farthest distance to the Sectional. She ran into the Utah Chapter's old friend Judy Eggleston, now of the Fresno Chapter. Jane said many of the '72 PPD contestants mentioned how much they had enjoyed the Ogden stop.

Lila Fielden and Alberta Nicholson started out for San Diego in Lila's Cessna 182 but got only as far as Delta, Utah, due to mag trouble.

The Pattersons left San Diego Sunday morning for Phoenix for a two day visit. While there, Jane met Mary Weaver of the Phoenix Chapter. Mary is a Bellanca dealer at Falcon Field at Mesa, Arizona.

The following week-end, the Pattersons flew with honorary "9" Ray Fehr in his Bonanza back to Falcon Field to see the air show hosted by the Phoenix 99's. Vivian Yardley and 49 1/2 Jim flew down in the Lear jet. There were four hours of aerobatics by Art Scholl, Bob Hoover, Charlie Hillard, Tom Poperezy and others. A really big show!

The next week-end saw the Pattersons in a borrowed Cessna 170 and the Yardleys and son Robbie in the "Yellowbird" attending an Experimental Aircraft Association organizational meeting at Farmington, New Mexico. While weathered in at Farmington, they met Majorie Pool of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter and Joan Carroll of the Shreveport Chapter. Isn't it great to meet 99's!

The April meeting was hosted by me at the Ogden Municipal Airport Terminal Building on the 11th. Those who attended were Jeane Freestone, Lila Fielden, who flew up from Salt Lake City, Julie Jacobsen, Betty McCullough, Alberta Nicholson and guest, student pilot Celeste Barker, who is not quite old enough to solo, Jane Patterson and guest Linda Williams, who earned her Private License while in Alabama, Dee Ricord, Gini Streeter, who conducted the meeting, Barbara Whitaker and her Mom and my guest, student pilot Jane Poe. A most interesting speaker, Mr. George Batchelder, Accident Prevention Specialist from SLC GADO talked about vertigo and demonstrated the vertigo chair.

Gini Streeter says that 66 daughter Meg's PA-11 is flying again with a 100 hp engine. Gini is leaving for Hawaii on the 5th of May for a most welcome vacation.

Barbara Whitaker has been attending Private Pilot Ground School with son Kent as a refresher.

Jeane Freestone is back in the air again with the Hill AFB Aero Club after finally recovering from an auto accident on Mother's Day of 1972.

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ALASKA CHAPTER

Karen Tiede, Reporter

Meetings every week for convention preparation and the scholarship have kept us busy, but April was a beautiful month for flying and most of us took advantage of that. Nita Wood is trying to get us all APT.

Lavelle Betz has arranged for a fascinating speaker/teacher to entertain conventioners: Paul Tiulana, a native of King Island, Alaska, who has been teaching his people's arts and dances for the last decade. At the convention he's going to teach us to operate the Eskimo yo-yo (good luck, Paul, my kids have tried to teach me for years!) and some other Eskimo games. That yo-yo is an excellent ice-breaker for parties and we're all looking forward to learning the other games. Paul's going to demonstrate ivory carving, which is still done with only a few simple tools designed centuries ago. He will also describe Eskimo dancing and way of life. According to their calendar, you conventioners will arrive here in "The Month of the Un-Noticed Moon" (the sun does not set in June and the hunters are too busy to look for the moon anyway) and you will depart in "The Month to Visit the Mainland for Trading and Family Reunions." So come see us in June, and you, too, will be too busy to look for the moon!

COLUMBIA CASCADE CHAPTER

Dorothy Mercer, Reporter

April flowers are winning out over April showers here and this month's meeting planned an FAA safety talk and APT ride program at McMinnville. Lillian Wager and Jo Neal Harris are now APT, and others planning for it soon.

Our May schedule is a fly-in to Hillsboro, and a walk-around check of a flubbed-up plane, to see how sharp we are on pre-flight inspections, and then a group flight to another field for luncheon.

Billie Dutcher and husband Dale sold their Cessna 170 and now have a 180.

Vera Arnold is in San Jose, Calif. for a few weeks, taking her instructor rating course, has already passed the written exam for it, and also ferrying aircraft bought and sold by one of the dealers there.

Mary Calvert's family has a new 25-foot cabin cruiser on the Willamette River in Portland and her recent weekends have been spent mostly at sea-level. Mary is enjoying a new job with a blueprint company.

Mary Jane Lusher is enroute to Baja with 49 1/2 Doug and 20 other flying friends. We hope her knee problem will be much improved so she won't be grounded much longer.

Dorothy Mercer and 49 1/2 Bob have just returned from three weeks in Mexico and Baja in the 210, with perfect flying weather all the way.

Dr. Virginia Gilliland is moving into her new ranch home, near Molalla, Or., much of it built by herself, and we are anxious to have a "grand tour".

Several of us, in March, had the privilege of seeing a film entitled "Higher Than a Kite" produced and personally narrated by

Zeno Klinker, of Edgar Bergen fame, and shown in Portland at a local aviation benefit event. It was a hilarious presentation — the funny side of the conquest of space.

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER **Fern Lake, Reporter**

Lewiston, Idaho, was the place for the April meeting and was well represented by area 99s. 14 members were present and 8 guests. Spring weather brought out many flying 99s from hibernation. Suzy Ward flew to Lewiston in a Cherokee 140 with Lygie Hagan as Co-Pilot; Louise Prugh had two Co-Pilots in her Cherokee 180, Millie Shinn and Kay Petersen; Irene Anrode had three Co-Pilots, Helen Shanewise, Dee Pratt and Cindy Pratt; Leona Heberling Co-Piloted for me in my Cessna 172; Minnie Boyd and Ora Rae Merk flew in from Pullman. Joanne Hill from Grangeville.

Dee Pratt is a 99 from Honolulu. She and daughter Cindy moved to Spokane in March after living in Honolulu for 15 years. Lygie and Cornie Hagan are leaving May 5th for a medical convention in Italy and will tour Spain and Switzerland. Irene Anrode has recently had demonstration rides in both the P51 Mustang and a Lear Jet. Helen Shanewise is casting aside flying for a weekend for a canoe trip down the Cour d'Alene River with an overnight camp-out. Don't get wet, Helen!!!

Much work is being put into getting ready for the April 29th 3 cents a lb. Airlift at Coeur d'Alene. This is a new venture for our area and we are learning a lot.

NORTHWEST NINETY NINES, THINK ALASKA FOR JUNE 29, 30, JULY 1 SECTIONAL.

GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER **Virginia Nastluk, Reporter**

Mix a little sunshine with our meeting date and you have us all in the air. Arlington was again the place we headed for, where we nearly cleaned out the cooks freezer. We were quite a crowd!

APT chairman, Ulla Hiatt reported our members recently APT and gave out the pins. Sandy Sullivan, Charlotte Kamm, Iona Funk, Ellie Cansdale, Ulla Hiatt, Kaylee Nilan, Betty Denney, Mary Else, Joy Krebs, and Helen Durham — total of 15 out of a possible 28.

Our guests also enjoyed our beautiful day: Darlene Brown, who is also a member of Washington Pilots Assn.; Betty Tazioli was again with us, (she's taking ground school in preparation for the trip to Anchorage with her sister); and Linda Britzius who is no stranger in the air. Linda is marrying Virginia Nastluks' son in May. Her father flies for the American Airlines in Laos — did his early flying in the Seattle Area and Linda went along continually.

It was good to see Helen Durham again and to hear about her trip to Mexico. She departed Dec. 14, 1972 and flew via Oakland, Los Angeles, Tucson, El Paso and Marfa, Texas. They cleared customs at Chihuahua and then on to Torreon, Durango and Mazatlan to their Casa at Rincon deGuyabitos where 49 1/2 jetted home on Feb. 22. Helen flew "good ole" 1829X home to Westport, Washington arriving on March 23, 1973 after 21 hours from Puerto Vallarta. Understand her 49 1/2 flew exactly 2 1/2 hours of the total trip!! While in Mexico she took a few side trips to Guanajuato, San Miguel Allende, Patzcuaro and Morelia. Now guess where she is going — To the Nut Tree in May AND to Anchor-

age for the NORTHWEST CONVENTION. She truly is our "FLYING MOM."

The Sullivans, John and Sandy, were off again to Anchorage, in February. Had a try at flying a PA18 (Super Cruiser), 125 hp engine and STOL configuration. "The performance was remarkable and utterly amazing" she said. And "Anchorage is so beautiful" — keep talking, Sandy, we're all real anxious to go, and now we can hardly wait!!!

Our Chapter was called by Queen Ann Hi School concerning giving 8 student rides as a result of completing a ground school course at their school. On March 11 Charlotte Kamm (and husband), Lois Hoffman (and husband) furnished rides of one hour duration to these Sophomore, Junior and Senior students.

Summer flying plans; Van Adderson to Milwaukee, Ilovene Potter to Washington, D.C., Virginia Nastluk to Pennsylvania, and 10 or more going to Alaska (some by jet — Helen, Ilovene and Virginia by their own planes). Join us? The weather is GREAT! Hope you all have some good flying plans too!!

MONTANA CHAPTER **Juli Peden, Reporter**

Only Helena ladies were able to attend April's meeting in Helena due to marginal weather. Larry Basham of the Helena GADO office gave quite a bit of information on FAR 61.

Betty Nunn is a candidate for treasurer of the Northwest Section. Betty resides in Billings and has been a 99 member since 1961.

Judy McCrum just recently received her commercial and basic ground instructor ratings. Judy received her commercial rating just in time to get her entry in for the Powder Puff Derby.

MT. TAHOMA CHAPTER **Betty Geisler, Reporter**

Mt. Tahoma Chapter met at the Falls Terrace Restaurant in Olympia with an impressive turnout. Jody Wheeler and Leslie Reynolds, both of Tacoma, attended as guests. We were delighted to have them and look forward to them becoming members.

The Sectional meeting to be held in Alaska was discussed at great length. Bonnie Baker says she is saving for it and will definitely be going! Betty Portnoy plans to fly their plane and camp along the way. Sounds great!

Details and plans for a Poker Run hopefully to be held in May were left up to Betty Portnoy who will announce the date in the Western Flyer.

We will gather our items together during our spring cleaning for the rummage sale to be held in Tacoma on July 21.

The May meeting will be at the Shoreline Restaurant in Gig Harbor. Several of the Olympia girls will be flying in. Our spring weather has sometimes been more like summer and has prompted talk of more get together fly-ins coming up in the next few months.

Middle East Section

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MIDDLE EAST SECTION

Carol Ann Windsor, Reporter

It has been a very busy and active month

for Central Pennsylvania Ninety-Nines beginning with our Mid-East Sectional April 7. Eight of our members were present. Chairman Ronnie Johnson, Hazel Bartolet, Kay Martin and Carol Windsor were passengers in a beautiful Cherokee Six piloted by Alice Fuchs. Naomi Stahlnecker and Helen Sheffer flew with Shirley Weinhardt in Shirley's Cherokee 180. The weather at Norfolk, Virginia was very pleasant for those of us who were tired of being caught in early spring chill of the north. The highlight of the section was the selection of our own Hazel Bartolet as a candidate for election to the Executive Board. An asset to the Ninety-Nines, she has been our chapter chairman, treasurer, section governor and is current section nominating chairman. An excellent organizer, Hazel has planned many Penny-a-Pound flights including the one to be held this year on May 20 in State College, Pennsylvania. Hazel's daughter Debbie is the newest addition to our chapter, receiving her private license April 7, at the age of 17. Congratulations Hazel and Debbie!

The following week, April 14, our chapter met in Elmira, New York with the PPD terminus committee. The Western New York gals have things running well with excitement mounting toward that all important week in July. Mary Galbraith whose husband piloted his "Bamboo Bomber" (which he has restored) to Elmira. Quite a plane!

April 18 six of our members flew to the First Day Luncheon and drawing for the PPD in Elmira. Present were Ronnie Johnson, Hazel Bartolet, Helen Sheffer, Shirley Weinhardt, Naomi Stahlnecker, and Carol Windsor. Shirley Weinhardt — solo — will be TAR 18 when she takes off from Carlsbad. Good luck, Shirley!

Alice Fuchs was speaker at the annual banquet of the Reading Aero Club recently. Her topic was New Developments in General Aviation.

The FAA and GADO in Pittsburgh have appointed Dottie McClure an Accident Prevention Safety Sentinel Counselor.

Our chapter members have been on the go again. Marty Owens recently traveled with her in-laws and spent two weeks in Europe. Ronnie Johnson has spent a week in Vero Beach, Florida. Fran Dehaan has been in California visiting her children. Martie and Champe Pool flew their Comanche to Arizona — hope they didn't find snow there. Shirley Weinhardt and son Mike flew to Tampa, Florida over Easter to visit with Shirley's brother who is in the Air Force. Happy flying!

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER **Kate Macario, Reporter**

With Louise Sacchi on her way to Munich, ferrying a beautiful, new King Air, and with many more trips scheduled, I am asked to fill in for her. The first day of April the chapter had a shower for Marianne Blair, who will marry ALTAIR AIRLINES pilot, Bill Herstam, on May 19th; and Joan Zaharfy who is marrying Bob Jones, pilot for the Asplundh Tree Expert Co. in the fall. The members, coordinated by Jane Squires and Eleanor Smith, provided refreshments (Kate Macario, the house) and several 99 articles, such as the cook book "Wine and Dine With the 99s", a candy dish, the book "Ladies, Rev Up Your Engines" etc. Marianne and Joan want to thank everyone who helped make this a real "fun" shower.

The next week, April 7th, was the Spring

Sectional in Norfolk, Va. Anna Spivey, Eleanor Smith and Kate Macario arrived Friday afternoon in Anna's Cherokee 180; the "Four Musketeers", Eileen Weigand, Marianne Blair, Joanne Maloy and Joan Zaharfy rented a 182 and flew down (after work) Friday night. We were joined the next day by Marie and Tony D'Alterio flying their Mooney, and prospective member, Dr. Joyce Pais who came with her husband in their Arrow. The meeting, and the lunch with "Pete" Campbell, FAA Safety Specialist from Oklahoma City, as guest speaker, and Ada Mitchell Barrett's initiation of 49 1/2s, proved informative and entertaining.

An impromptu meeting was held at Pennridge Airport, Sunday, April 29th and as always, Marge and Jack Bryant, operators of the airport, made us welcome. Plans for our annual Penny-A-Pound, to be held May 12th at Doylestown Airport, were finalized; Joan Zaharfy gave us information on the Plane Rallye she and Judy DeMarco are planning to start at Wings Field, Saturday, June 16th (rain date, June 17th). Gail Lingo, arriving in the Navion with Alice Meisenheimer, made a hit wearing a tan, sweat-shirt, embroidered with the Spirit of St. Louis on the front. She was besieged with orders for one, from the members. For an off-schedule meeting we had a good turnout. Two prospective members attended their 3rd meeting and received applications: Carol Kaufmann, of Jenkintown, whose husband is an engineer with Narco, has 3 children and flies the American Traveler, and Dr. Joyce Pais of Rydal; Joyce and her husband are both Radiologists at Hahnemann Medical College, share a Piper Arrow, and have three children; Andy, the oldest, recently soloed at 16.

Joan Zaharfy is the proud owner of an Instrument Rating as of April 19th . . . Two young gals, Blenda Hildebrandt, a member, and Jean Greiner, to be one, flew a Cherokee 180 from Shannon Airport, Downingtown to Venice, Florida, with an overnight at St. Simon's Island. They were delayed by weather and replacing a muffler. This was the first long x-country for each and they had a ball! . . . Anna and Jim Spivey left April 28th for Columbia, S.C. in their 180 for a visit with Anna's family . . . Joan and Ray Bertles ferried a 172 from factory to Pennridge for the Bryants . . . Joanne Maloy has slides of an Instrument approach, which she shows in sequence, and plans more in this line . . . Betty Wood, Adelle Parsons and Ginny Merriam attended the Delaware Co. Aviation Assoc. banquet to hear lawyer-pilot F. Lee Bailey, Esq. speak. The 300 who attended were impressed with his dynamic talk . . . Elsie McBride married George L. Schmidt on April 28th at St. Bridget's Church. She looked lovely in a long white dress, and was given away by her employer of many years, Martin Decker. We wish her much happiness!

MARYLAND CHAPTER **June Hanson, Reporter**

Maryland 99s were busy at the Open House of Cecil County Airport "FLYING B" on March 24th. Catherine Grover checked out in a new FBP/Chuck Bergendal's Musketeer and flew thirty nine passengers on sightseeing flights. Lenora Eaton was interviewed on two radio stations to inform the public of the 99s. She did a beautiful job. Connie Ball was there making final arrangements for airmarking. Paulette Jones,

49 1/2er Michael, Ginny Vogel, and 49 1/2er Steve flew up to join in the celebration. Highlight of the day was a wedding — Chief Pilot Ron Macknet and Cindy Bergendal were married on the runway then flew away in a Yankee in tux and bridal gown.

We assisted with the FAA Pilot's Educational Clinic held in Edgewood, Md., on March 29 and 30 — flight demonstrations the following day were weathered out. Connie Ball, Chairman Doris Jacobson, Paulette Jones, Ginny Vogel, Catherine Grover, and June Hanson attended both nights and Kay Bays, Jeanne Wolcott, Joan Bates, Kathy Poole, and Lenora Eaton helped one evening. Kathy Poole's 49 1/2er, Dr. Bob Poole, was a featured speaker as FAA Medical Examiner.

SECTIONAL: Maryland Chapter was well represented at the Spring Mid East Sectional Meeting hosted by the Virginia Chapter in Norfolk April 7th. Doris and John Jacobson, Paulette and Michael Jones, Rene and Phil Birch, Joan and Don Bates, Barbara Feader, Barbara Marder, Cleo Sherbow, Tommie Strauss and Kathy Poole were all fly-ins while Ada and Bill Barrett and June Hanson came all the way with wheels on the ground. Thanks, Virginia, for a good Sectional — always a pleasure to hear Pete Campbell.

AIRMARKING AT CECIL CO. AIRPARK: New Airmarking Chairman Connie Ball (she took over for new CFI Edna Somerlock who is working 40 hours a week at Frederick Airport) made all the arrangements for us to paint CECIL CO. on a hangar roof at that airport on Saturday, April 14th. She even arranged beautiful weather! With fifteen 99s, a new prospective member, and four 49 1/2ers, we made short work of the paint job. Dr. Bob Poole got things started by marking off the letters with Connie and Lenora Eaton and, four hours later, the job was finished. Those who helped were Chairman Doris Jacobson, Gerry Storm, Joan Bates, Helen Strok, Barbara Feader, Ginny Vogel and Steve, Barbara Marder — who brought prospective 99 Faye Huckert, Paulette and Michael Jones, Catherine and Tom Grover, Kathy Poole, Rene Birch, Sally Williams, and your reporter. Look for it when you fly over next time!

Catherine Grover is now employed week-ends at Cecil County Airpark — she will fly passenger rides, charter, or whatever comes up. She will race again this year in AWTAR; and Fran Davis of Freeport, Grand Bahama Island, will be the other half of the team.

Kathy Poole had been working in her husband's office since last October but managed to continue with Aerobic Training; she fired herself late in March!

Ginny and Steve Vogel, Paulette and Michael Jones recently completed Dick Hinkle's Instrument Ground School at the Edgewood Arsenal Army Flying Club — they all passed their written!

Cleo Sherbow will fly No. 4 in the Angel Derby this year.

Joan Bates is the Special Events Chairman for the 1973 Harford County Bicentennial Celebration and she lined up as the first special event — AN AIR SHOW!!!

CFI Sheila McEntire is so busy flying all over the country she had to ask Barbara Feader to take over as APT Chairman for the Maryland Chapter. This is also the reason the chapter has a new reporter.

Several Maryland 49 1/2ers have formed

a corporation to demonstrate, rent, and sell the ATC-510C Flight Simulator. It is quite an instrument — does just what you tell it to do, right or wrong!

Barbara Feader is back solo in the left seat again after a few months of dual necessitated by a detached retina repair on one eye.

Soaring in Cumberland with Dolores Eirich planned in May, and will have two Poker Runs in June.

VIRGINIA CHAPTER

Jean Harris, Reporter

The Virginia Chapter, though not appearing in the 99 News for some months, has been quite active. We have held Monthly Meetings at various Virginia Airports. Our membership has increased, and we now have 22 members.

Our aircraft ownership has also increased. Our Chairman, Imel Timberlake dashes off in her new Cessna 206; trailing a little behind are Carol Matthews, Harriet Mickel and Jean Harris in the Cessna 150's. Just a little further behind are Ginny Riley and Maxine Walker in their Piper Super Cruiser and Sara Paramenter in her Cessna 140. Amy Morris is now a CFI, while Fran Van Stavern proudly holds a new Instrument Rating. Carol Matthews is working on her Commercial and Imel Timberlake is closing in on an Instrument Rating. The Virginia Chapter is more than a little proud of Amy Morris, Instructor for the Fort Eustis Flying Club. Amy was elected Instructor of the Year for the Eastern Region of the F.A.A.

Martha Pearce, Instructor for Norfolk Navy Flying Club has recently obtained a Seaplane Rating. Amy and Martha are joined by another CFI, Maxine Walker, Tower Operator at Richard E. Byrd International Airport. The Virginia girls have no need to look further than their own membership for all the best instruction. Amy and Martha have also been appointed by the F.A.A. as Accident Prevention Counselors.

The first week-end in April the Virginia Chapter was Hostess for the Middle East Spring Sectional held at the Lake Wright Motel in Norfolk, Virginia. The party Friday night was enjoyed by all the early arrivals, while the luncheon on Saturday was attended by 86. All of us enjoyed our speaker "Pete" Campbell.

Our May meeting is planned for a flight to Tangier Island to enjoy a Seafood feast and we plan to sponsor an F.A.A. Safety Seminary in June.

Safe Flying 99s!

WASHINGTON D.C. CHAPTER

Gladys E. Wise, Reporter

It is a pleasant breach of protocol when there are so many Chapter members present at any event that space will not permit listing all their names. This was true April 7th at the Mid-East Sectional meeting in Norfolk when all the D.C. Chapter "regulars" and a good many "sometimers" were on hand. The program rewarded both categories.

We were pleased, and gratified, at Jackie Scott's recognition of Velta Benn as one of the Instructors of the Year in our Section; amused at the "induction" of a group of 49 1/2ers, though it seems quite enough of an initiation to endure the title; and completely absorbed by Pete Campbell's lecture on aviation safety.

A day that started out pleasant enough

turned cloudy and gray with spits of rain here and there, but nobody complained very bitterly. The Coffman's — Jean and Dick — planned to stay over Sunday anyway to make a mini-vacation of the weekend, along with a number of others who had the same idea. Bea Wilder practiced instrument flying on the way down, but the overcast stayed high enough that Hedy Jaffe flew back to Washington VFR with only a little backseat navigating from yours truly to contend with.

All in all, it was a very pleasant day. And if anyone wants to know how to run a Sectional right, ask the Virginia Chapter. They were superb.

Southeast Section

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FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER
Doty Birdsong, Reporter

The Suncoast Chapter regular meeting was Wednesday, April 11th at Bartow, Florida. Sixteen girls lunched at John's Restaurant where Mr. Joe L. Sharrit, husband of one of our new members, generously treated the entire group to lunch.



Florida Suncoast Chapter at regular meeting in Bartow, Florida. Sitting in front row: Sue VanDuyne, Doty Birdsong, Ethel Gibson, Betty Hood, Ivone Zych, photographer, and Joyce Boritz. Standing in back row: Millie Lafferty, Sally Tanner, Judy Walter, Lilla Brown, Gladys Henderson, Barbara Sharrit, Karen Meinjohans, Ruby Sadtler, Judy Larkin, and Chairman Marcella Klotter.

Chairman Marcella Klotter called the meeting to order. Karen Meinjohans, Secretary, read the minutes and Treasurer Ethel Gibson reported finances. Three new members were pinned. Judy Larkin read the ceremonies while Marcella Klotter pinned Lilla Brown and Joyce Boritz. Sue VanDuyne pinned Barbara Sharrit from her area.

The International Ninety-Nines Convention was discussed. The Suncoast Chapter has charge of the banquet. Hosting the 1974 terminus of the Powder Puff Derby was refused because of the Convention in August and our chapter will host the Fall Southeast Section Meeting September, 1974. The Douglas Hoods, Glenn Tanners, Charles Birdsongs, Ivone Zych, and Jenny Cook attended the South Central-Southeast Section Meeting at Little Rock, Arkansas March 30-31. It was a great meeting!

Mr. Robert A. Branson talked with the group on thunderstorms. Flight Service, Frequencies, and VOR were discussed. The new FAA movie "Charlie" was shown. It was an educational film but did not have

the "lived happily ever after" ending. Two more girls are taking Operation Raincheck. Our June meeting was changed from the second to the third Wednesday, June 20th because of the Intercontinental Air Race from June 8 thru 15. Three teams from the Suncoast Chapter will be flying this race.

Thelma Dawson is slowly recuperating from a hip operation in February. A call to her home in Brooksville today gave the information of a setback at this time. We do wish her a speedy recovery.

Doty Birdsong is APT! We wish everyone would get APT!

MEMPHIS CHAPTER
Nancy Miller, Reporter

The Spring Sectional at Little Rock, Arkansas was a combined meeting of both the South Central and Southeast Sections. Members of the Memphis Chapter and 49 1/2ers attending were Martha and Frank Toby, Mary and Joe Stanley, Virginia and Everett Proctor, Dot Wilson, Gladys Estes and Nelda Wilson. Several members flew over from Memphis for the Saturday meeting: Chris Brown, Rosemary Williams, Nancy Miller, Netta and 49 1/2 Doug Holden. We all enjoyed visiting with our former Memphis 99 Jenny Cook, now living in Florida.

Members who have recently become APT are Netta Holden, Nelda Wilson, Fern Mann, Nancy Miller, Dot Wilson and Gladys Estes. Congratulations to Fern Mann who has received her commercial license. The Manns are also proud of their new Super Viking. Virginia Proctor attended the National Congress on Aerospace Education in Oklahoma City. She also visited our Ninety-Nine Headquarters while in the City.

The 1974 International in San Juan was a major topic of discussion at our April meeting. Start saving your pennies for a really great time! Pat Kellett was in attendance after a tour of Rome and Israel.

Former member Olivia Browne was a visitor at the meeting and we hope to have her back as a regular member soon.

Hilda Savage is recuperating from knee surgery after a skiing accident. Member Sandy Roberts became Mrs. William Joseph Kambir in Jacksonville, Florida on March 18, 1973. The groom is a Lt. with the U.S. Navy. Happy flying, newlyweds!

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER
Charlotte Rhett, Reporter

At the April 11, 1973 meeting in Natchez, 99s elected the following officers for the Mississippi Chapter: Chairman, Ernestine Mahan; Vice Chairman, Charlotte Rhett, Secretary and Reporter, Ede Brandon; Treasurer, Caroline Cheek; Membership and APT chairman, Wanda Garson. These officers will assume their duties at the beginning of our new year June 1, 1973.

A beautiful day for the fly-in meeting attracted not only chapter members but visiting 99s Jeanette De Jarnette, South Louisiana, and Glorice Wills, New Orleans, along with Natchez pilots Miriam Loe and Nita Stahlaman.

A report of the joint Southeast-South Central Section meeting was given by Peggy McCormick, Chapter Chairman and Section Museum Chairman. Peggy's recent activities also include aerospace education. She has conducted two 3-hour classes at four schools in her hometown of Greenwood.

The chapter met with the survey party for

the Intercontinental Air Race to make plans for the positive identification stop in Natchez during June 11-12, 1973. We are pleased to have this stop planned in Mississippi and have enjoyed the attention it's given women pilots, especially 99s.

After three months of almost constant rain or low ceilings, we had a week of sunshine on the Mississippi Gulf Coast to coincide with the Louisiana Air Tour stop April 13-15, 1973. Janet Green and Charlotte Rhett, representing the chapter, were hostesses when the group arrived Friday afternoon. Everyone was having a grand time. Fran Salles, coordinating chairman of the tour and South Louisiana 99er, deserves credit for a fine job. Pilots from Texas, North Carolina, Michigan, and New Jersey were among those participating.

The pride felt by Margaret Shipley was shared by all chapter members when her daughter Brister soloed on her 16th birthday. Mother was instructor and is the owner of Shipley Aviation located on the Greenwood-Leflore Airport. Last year Margaret flew co-pilot for Dot Ethridge in the Powder Puff Derby. Congratulations to both Brister and Margaret.

NORTH GEORGIA CHAPTER
Doris Engerrand, Reporter

The North Georgia Chapter has been very busy this month. Although we didn't have a business meeting, we have been involved in a variety of aviation activities. For example, five of our North Georgia Ninety-Nines helped to register flight instructors during the recent FAA Flight Instructor Revalidation Clinic held in Atlanta. We are happy to be able to help with the meeting every year. Our chapter sponsored a GAMA meeting held at Georgia College, Milledgeville, Georgia. Doris Engerrand was our official hostess, and Pauline Mallary, Carolyn Upton, and Janice Massee drove from Atlanta to help. Herb Schaaf, FAA Accident Prevention Specialist, gave a program about "hypoxia" and "vertigo," and he also gave everyone present an opportunity to ride in the "Vertigo Chair." Doris Engerrand narrated a slide presentation, "In-Flight Visibility and the VFR Pilot."

The Deep South and North Georgia Chapters held a scavenger hunt, and Judy Hall of Macon, Georgia won. Good work, Judy! Although the weather wasn't ideal, the participants enjoyed the fun day.

Jean Voyles and Doris Engerrand recently flew to Murfreesboro, Tennessee, to attend a regional convention of the American Business Communication Association. They flew in Jean and Roy Voyles' Cessna 210.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER
Marilyn Ayers, Reporter

Tennessee 99s met on April 14 at the Dayton, Tennessee, airport for a picnic lunch. Host and hostess were Elmer and Bertha Jones. A special guest at this meeting was Nancy Stanley of Oak Ridge. She and her husband are former medical missionaries to Laos and now interested in Project Concern. She expressed interest in having medical supplies flown west from Oak Ridge to the West Coast by 99s.

Many, many hours of work and planning by Tenn. Chairman Fran Davis and others resulted in a tremendous FAA Flying Safety Seminar. Before the meeting, 99s and their husbands joined Pete Campbell, Harvey Gassaway, and Ray Houghtby of the FAA

for dinner at the Quality Inn of Knoxville. Then all proceeded to the McGhee-Tyson Air Base to join about 300 other pilots. A skit portraying the "don'ts" of flying featured Sarah Gose and Nancy Fisher. Evelyn Johnson introduced the featured speakers of the evening and the program was carried on by Ray Houghtby and Pete Campbell. Prizes were awarded to those coming the farthest for the meeting; plus six door prizes for lucky winners. And all of this on a wet, stormy night!

Welcome to new member Karen Forrester of Karnes, who holds a private pilot license. Her husband holds a glider pilot certificate. Both were former Californians.

New York-New Jersey Section

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY

GARDEN STATE CHAPTER

Dolores Jane Zilincar, Reporter

We assembled at the Old Cedar Inn in Toms River for our Spring meeting. Since several of our officers were ill, Governor Jerry Roberts was pinch-hitter. We were delighted to hear that our GARDEN STATE 300 is more a reality than a dream and plans are really solid. At this printing it will be part of our history, but the making of this event engendered the full cooperation of all our members. Our "artist in residence," Margaret Micholson designed the logo for our posters, buttons and mailings.

Mr. Jack Lamping, Public Relations Director of Ocean County, was selected as official starter for the GARDEN STATE 300 and we all agreed that a race could not be initiated by a more helpful hand.

Bea Coverdale has been named to the nominating committee for Section Officers.

Grace McGuire has passed her Commercial written and is considering doing something about a Chapter of 99s in Scotland. Sandra Duma and her 49 1/2, John, went to Andrews Air Force Base for their Physiological Training Program and now, since Sandy knows she can take it, she is studying aerobatics. Talked to her after her first lesson and you could see the sparkle in her eyes a mile away. You'll all be glad to know that Florence Furedi has ordered a new engine for her Beech Bonanza. Dana Mack flew to Montreal for a weekend with friends (ask her about filing IFR in VFR conditions). Dana gave up a "round-the-world trip to be with us for the GARDEN STATE 300. Stephana Gredsted, the gal who, upon getting her license, flew to California via Florida and the Bahamas; well, she took a little trip this time — a two day vacation for 10 days. Since weather at Myrtle Beach was the culprit — "Stevie" is now an instrument student. Alice Hammond and her John are flying all over "doing their thing" as usual. Alice reports that the Phoenix Chapter hosted a delightful Pot Luck luncheon for the A.E. Trustees who held their semi-annual meeting there in March. After flying on to California, they flew back to Georgia and the Callaway Gardens. In May, Alice and John will put on a program, "Early Days in Aviation," at the Eastern Region meeting of the Flying Physicians in Williamsburg, Virginia. Claire Kurica represented our chapter in selecting Miss Angela Kovacs of the Teterboro School of Aeronautics as "Flight Instructor of the Year." On April 5th she and her 49 1/2, George, attended the first annual Flight In-

structors of the Year Awards Banquet. Cliff Robertson was the emcee. Genvieve Camarda and her Joe flew to St. Petersburg, Florida and visited Treasure Island. Margaret Nicholson and her flying physician flew to Palm Springs to the annual Physicians Convention. She reported lots of turbulence and great experience. Margaret and your reporter have been attempting a trip to Williamsport, Pa. for a day of engine study, but the weather has been against us each time. And that's the truth!

HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER

Jana Tisdale, Reporter

April was our APT meeting, and Elaine Roehrig gave courtesy proficiency and APT rides to Marcia Buller, Virginia Wentzel and Jane Tisdale. Also reporting APT are June Simpson, Sherri Bliss and Harriett Hilliard. Patti Barone has done a great job as new APT chairman, goading the gals into getting themselves APT, and her efforts are rewarding us all.

Other activities of our members found Virginia Wentzel flying an AOPA charter trip to Jamaica in March, and attending the NARCO clinic in Skaneateles in April. Jane Tisdale flew to New Jersey to introduce her new 49 1/2er, Warren, to her family. Marcia Buller has accepted the post of Secretary of the Central N.Y. Pilot's Association. Elise Fortin of F & F Airport gave a mini-course in flying to 10th and 11th graders from Cherry Valley Central School. The two-day course covered the hours needed for license, flight proficiencies, navigation, radio, weather, FAA regulations, weight and balance, physical examination, log book, costs, equipment, and careers in aviation.

We welcome new member Mary Claybough (a student of Elaine Roehrig), who just received her instructor's rating. Her husband has been transferred to Hanscomb AFB, Mass., but Mary plans to remain in the Hudson Valley 99s.

Environmental pollution and hazards to general aviation were topics presented to the Ulster County Legislature, Marletown Republican Club, Kingston Lions, Kingston Kiwanis and others by Gale Brownlee in a fine series of narrated slides.

Doctors are astonished at Gertrude Felsen's marvelous recovery from a nasty auto accident. She conveys her gratitude for all the notes and cards she received from well-wishers in adjoining chapters, as well as from her own chapter. We all look forward to another fine summer of airmarking.

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

Alice Borodkin, Reporter

L.I. 99s got off to a great start by attending the First Annual Flight Instructor of the Year Awards Banquet on April 5th. Emcee Cliff Robertson. Those attending, Madelyne Lacarruba, Jane Duggan, Nicole Radecki, Ruth Dobrescu, Ellie McCullough, Marilyn Hibner, Nina Claremont and 49 1/2, Barbara Evans, Alice Borodkin.

Marilyn Hibner presented award from 99s to FAA Accident Prevention Specialist Bob Heckmen in appreciation for his outstanding efforts.

Member Anna Dietrich recovering from minor surgery St. Charles Hospital Port Jefferson.

Regular April meeting was a dinner at the Red Coach Inn. Attended by Governor Jerry Roberts and 49 1/2. Guest speaker FAA Bob Heckman who presented film "Weather or

Not."

Flying in the Family Department: Paul Hibner age 10, took first Flight Lesson recently — both mom and dad (Marilyn Hibner and Keith) are active pilots.

May 16th L.I. 99s sponsor FAA Safety Seminar at Bavarian Manor, Lake Ronkonkoma.

May 5th, weather permitting, will find us at Niagara Falls, for New York, New Jersey Sectional.

Race Fever — May 19th AWNEAR has attracted more than a few of our members, namely, your reporter, Mildred Young, Nina Claremont, Marilyn Hibner, Ellie McCullough, Nicole Radecki, Jane Duggan and our leader Irene Henry. Hope the weather holds for us ... see you at the Races!!!

NEW YORK CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER

Mary Scher, Reporter

Our Chapter has been very busy with flying activities. Five members, Peg Weiss, Chairman, Joan Frazier, Jo-Ann Perko, Nancy Fitzroy and Lillian Bornowski, along with Doris Miller, a Hudson Valley Chapter member, and Joan Gannon, a prospective 99 toured the Albany Weather Bureau.

At our regular meeting, held at the home of Lillian Bornowski, Mr. Reece Mitchell, Principal Maintenance Inspector, FAA, spoke on "Accidents and How to Prevent Them." Check the log books on any plane you rent, also the registration! If you are lucky enough to have shoulder harnesses in your plane — use them! The total of fatal accidents might not be so great, if all planes were equipped with them and if they were used, particularly in take offs and landings.

Joan Frazier with Nancy Fitzroy as copilot will enter the AWNEAR — May 19th at Worcester, Massachusetts.

Ruth and Bob Green have just returned from three months in Florida — Matt and Mary Scher are also back from three weeks of southern flying.

Peg Weiss, June Morier and Jo-Ann Perko flew to Worcester, Mass. for lunch, but found the restaurant closed. Joan Frazier picked the same time to fly in, but they all had to go home hungry. At Worcester, the girls talked to Marie LePore of the Eastern New England Chapter, about the upcoming AWNEAR. Then Chairman Peg Weiss flew into Turners Falls, Mass., landing in the stiffest cross wind since her student days in Colorado.

Jo-Ann Perko flew her Skyhawk, with Peg Weiss as passenger on a great day up to North Conway, New Hampshire. It was so CAVU, that they could see Mt. Washington from Bennington Vermont, which was another stop on the day's tour.

Lillian Bornowski and Peg Weiss have started taking Instrument Flight lessons, and find it fascinating!

WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

Diane Mary Mudd, Reporter

Yellow, orange and white is the color theme of the '73 Powder Puff Derby, and the Terminus in Elmira, N.Y. and the Fly-By in Niagara Falls are responsibilities of our chapter for the race. So follow-up meetings have been held in Elmira in March and April with participants from our Chapter and the Central Penn. Chapter. The 99s either flew in or drove in. One of the planes flown in for the luncheon meetings from Niagara Falls was a twin engine Aztec which gave the passengers a chance to

take turns at co-piloting the plane. The April 18th luncheon in Elmira had State Assemblyman L. Richard Marshall drawing the line-up positions of the racers. Kay Brick informed us about the entrants' background. The first entrants Western N.Y. Chapter of the 99s has ever had were Marcia Gitelman and Fran Morrissey who drew No. 53. Central Pennsylvania 99s, Shirley Weinhardt was drawn No. 18 and Sophia Payton No. 28. There were 85 first day entrants from five different countries with 26 different kinds of aircraft. Ellen Taylor had TV cameramen and newspapermen at this luncheon. She has done a fantastic job in publicity for the Terminus in Elmira.

Kathy Potoczak's "Bird" is being redone with a new interior as she busily works with Elmira as Terminus Co-chairman and Operations Chairman. As Chapter Chairman, she is busy with the Spring Sectional to be held in Niagara Falls May 4-6. Shirley Havice was making flowers for the Spring Sectional Meeting to save money for our chapter when her parked car was in a hit and run accident. Poor Shirley! Shirley has shown her Alaska pictures at one of the meetings of the Experimental Aircraft Association. Ann Dupras is doing a great job of publicity for our Sectional and Fly-By activities by radio broadcasts and local newspaper coverage. Peg Pieper is busy as Chairman of the Niagara Falls Fly-By. The Niagara Falls Fly-By "Hi's" — Ginnie MacKrell promises to name her will-be hatched duck eggs, after the first 14 girls who land in N.F. rather than going directly to Elmira. Ginnie is our new pin wearing chairman.

PAST ACTIVITIES:

The Niagara Falls Tower crew gave a briefing on VFR Pilot-Controller communications to local pilots and many Chapter 99s were present.

Newly married with two weeks prior notice during Christmas, Julie Doughty became Mrs. Googins. New husband Frank is also a pilot and is working on his commercial license.

Terri Pirrung is handling membership duties since Ethel Fedders moved to Maryland. Terri went to the Cessna factory in Wichita, Kansas in April for a 2-day seminar and then brought back a new Skyhawk to Buffalo, N.Y. Our ground school instructor, Agnes Denler, has just completed another course in an area high school.

Marge Lach is working on her instrument rating.

Nell Dutcher had a wonderful flying trip to the West Indies in a twin Comanche. Six thousand miles were covered with no problems. She visited nine islands and the Bahamas.

Evelyn Newton, a retired school teacher is a new pilot and has received a nice write-up in the "Buffalo Evening News." Marcia Gitelman who has her instrument rating, has passed her commercial exam on the way to that license.

Sherry Lytle who drove 200 miles round trip in wet cold weather from Rochester to Buffalo to Rochester, to attend our chapter meeting in April, is anxiously waiting for the field to dry out so that she can get back to flying. Sherry is a member of the Canadaigua Flying Club.

New England Section

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CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

Laurie Spence, Reporter

The Spring meeting of the New England Section was held on March 30-31 at Bridgeport, Conn. Friday evening activities were combined with hosting of a GAMA Safety Clinic. Sponsored by U.S. Aircraft Insurance Group, FAA representatives from Oklahoma City, and the Westfield GADO educated more than 600 guests. Supporting the speakers were Mr. Baker, Chief of Flight Standards; Mr. Whitten, Assistant Chief of Flight Standards, and Mr. Petrou, Accident Prevention Coordinator, all from the FAA Regional Office at Burlington, Vt. A very special guest was Gov. Thomas J. Meskill, who admitted that he had the same problems as other pilots. He earned his private pilot certificate last fall and now flies a C-182 on state visits. While we encounter resistance from family and friends, the governor is confronted about his flying by irate taxpayers and non-pilots.

The governor did not fly to Bridgeport, however. It was IFR.

Introductory remarks were made by Bob Jones, Chief of Westfield GADO, and John Graham, Accident Prevention Specialist. Albert Duncan, tower controller at Barnes Airport, Westfield, Mass., communicated to us his requests for radio technique, to achieve more expeditious handling. Landing and takeoff technique was discussed and displayed in slides by Mr. Clemmitt from the Westover GADO. Chief of the Accident Prevention Program, from Washington, D.C., is Pete Campbell, who pointed out that safety is an attitude. Chuck Valdez from Oklahoma City Physiological Training, brought the evening to a close with an exciting demonstration of induced vertigo in the Borany chair.

Saturday, also IFR weather, did not permit APT rides or FAA courtesy proficiency rides. The activities for more than 70 guests and 49 1/2ers included a timely talk on fog and obscurity by Bill Raub, who is with the Norwood, Mass., GADO on the accident prevention program. He is also meteorologist for WQRC at Hyannis. Chuck Valdez again demonstrated in the Borany chair, and Merv Enck, a representative of Avco, Lycoming Division, Williamsport, Pa., lectured on engine performance. Thirty-five attended the luncheon-business meeting for 99's only, in the airport manager's office. Chapter reports were given by Bobbie Herbert for Connecticut; Virginia Bonesteel for Eastern New England; Martha Lee Barnes for Northern New England; and Alexandra Taylor for Western New England.

The airport activities closed late Saturday afternoon, and adjourned to the ballroom of the Stratfield Motor Hotel in Bridgeport, for a Hangar Flying Punch Party. Vice Gov. Millie Buremus offered the invocation, and after the Aviation Banquet a talk by featured speaker Torch Lewis, contributing editor of Business and Commercial Aviation Magazine. Master of Ceremonies Alexander Chaite introduced the surprise guest, Ricco Cari, who serenaded us with guitar and song.

Hostess for the weekend event was Bobbie Herbert, Connecticut Chapter Chair-

man. Committees were headed by Peg Davidson and Nina Hetman. Claire Ball organized the luncheon, Connie MacLeish the publicity, Cynthia Kemper the paperwork.



Ricco Cari entertaining at the aviation banquet of the New England Section at Bridgeport, Conn., March 31, 1973. To his left Bobbie Herbert, Connecticut Chapter Chairman, and the feature speaker, Torch Lewis.

EASTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Judy Gillis, Reporter

The April meeting on the 14th was held on a lovely CAVU day at Jaffrey, New Hampshire, and the day's program was on "Flying the AWNEAR". Two teams entered in this year's AWNEAR, Fran Porter and Chris Seaver and Lois Auchterlonie and Billie Downing, flew in for some race practice. A new member, Terri Downey, was pinned.

Sunday, April 15, Virginia Bonesteel and her 49 1/2er, Charles, had some interesting visitors — Bronwen and Allan Searle from Australia. She is a CFI and bush pilot in New Guinea, and he is a first officer on one of the only two Australian domestic airlines. Charles and Virginia flew them to Nantucket in the evening for dinner. It was a lovely evening for flying, and they enjoyed going through the newly-implemented Boston TCA. The following day, Mona Budding and her 49 1/2er, Mal, took the Searles on a driving tour of the Boston area.

Sue Linsley reports her flying vacation in February to Stella-Maris, Long Island, Bahamas was just great. She highly recommends this resort.

Mona Budding says Disney World was beautiful! While there, the Buddings stayed at the Polynesian Hotel on the grounds. Then on to Miami for some flying and sailing before returning here. Mona will leave soon to pick up her plane from Miami after its winter in the sun.

Barbara Sexton and her 49 1/2er, John, flew their Lake LA4 to Florida for the Miami Air Races and then on to Texas to be painted at the factory.

Martha Dunbar and Helen Rhodes are the proud owners of a new sky-blue Skyhawk!

Our Chapter's incorporation papers were filed at the State House in Boston, Mass. on 4-13-73, and that will be our official date of incorporation. We are very pleased that this has finally been accomplished.

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South Central Section

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During Meeting of South Central and South East Sections held at Little Rock, Arkansas. Left to Right: Virginia Proctor, Chairman, Arkansas Aeronautics Commission; Cy Beers, Governor, South East Section; Lois Feigenbaum, International Treasurer; Mary Able, International Secretary; Susie Sewell, International President; Virginia Britt, International Vice-President; Brenda Strickler, Governor, South Central Section; Jan Mauriltson, Vice-Governor, South Central Section, and Hilda Devereux, Governor, East Canada Section.

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

Becky Lutz, Reporter

Mr. Al Santilli of the Albuquerque Soaring Club shared the magic of soaring with us at our March meeting. For over two hours, Al spoke about the history of sailplanes and showed some fabulous slides. We were especially intrigued when he discussed some early launching techniques. Two guests joined us for this meeting — Pamela Jo Waller and Debbie Loy. Pamela was selected Miss New Mexico Aviation at the Poker Rallye held earlier this year. Debbie is employed at Coronado Airport.

Our second safety seminar of the year was held at the El Nido Restaurant across from Mid-Valley Airport in Los Lunas, with Roger Mitchem, Accident Prevention Specialist, and Keith Runyan discussing everything from aircraft maintenance to vertigo. Some descriptive slides were shown on "how not" to take off on a highway. An on-the-scene film on "how not" to prop an airplane was much more effective than words. Helping with GAMA registration and door prizes were Berniece Swartz, Kathy Fox, and Joyce Buehler.

Joy Feak, our traveling past chairman, recently returned from Madrid, Spain, a dream vacation for her and 49 1/2er Bud. Joyce Buehler and 49 1/2er Jack had a great weekend in Farmington with other E.A.A.ers.

June has been proclaimed General Aviation Month in New Mexico, and July, of course, is Powder Puff Derby time! The Albuquerque Chapter has been busy preparing for the Powder Puffers.

The General Aviation Month coordinating committee composed of representatives from the various aviation organizations, F.B.O.'s, the F.A.A., the state department of aviation, and the news media has some great plans. Tentative plans as of this writing include a big gala opening during the first weekend in June. This will include a

parade of aircraft from International Airport to the University Stadium where there will be static displays. A dance for aviation types will be held also. During the following weekends in June, individual F.B.O.'s and the aviation groups will hold open house, contests, displays, etc. Much good publicity for general aviation should certainly be generated. Named to the committee to coordinate F.B.O. activities are Roz Kinlen, Eleanor Sanchez, and Becky Lutz. Roz, one of our newer members, is the busy editor of the New Mexico Flying Review. Her 49 1/2er Jim is the expert publisher. They make a great team!

CHAPARRAL CHAPTER

Mary De Kinder, Reporter

Clairvoyant Pauline Hall and 49 1/2er Milton were our sole representatives at the Arkansas Convention. Why clairvoyant? They drove. Most of the rest of us New Mexicans were weathered in. (The Halls are spending more and more time this spring seeing New Mexico in the Luscombe, using pilotage as navigational method over mountain and desert.)

Connie Rose, Mary Wooten, Marge Blue and I conducted this year's first "tour" of Las Cruces Municipal Airport. We took approximately 60 ten to twelve year old Washington School children and three of their teachers through the terminal and the hangar, and down the line. Dwight Vance and Jim Wescott, both of Southwest Aviation very kindly helped us by demonstrating the Unicom to the interested children.

Dwight Vance, by the way, was presented his F.A.A. Flight Instructor of the Year Award at Chaparral Chapter's Aviation Safety Meeting (co-sponsored by G.A.M.A. and the F.A.A.) We had a good turnout and are planning another safety meeting for October or November.



New 99 Mary Wooten (Chaparral Chapter) with Las Cruces school children and teacher enjoying 99 tour of Las Cruces Municipal.

COLORADO CHAPTER

Ann Luce, Reporter

Because my husband and I have been traveling around the U.S. in our Bonanza publicizing INTERCEPTOR 400, the new single engine, prop jet plane, our Colorado 99 of the month has suffered. We will have three this month!

Margaret Dwelle, Colorado 99 of the Month (1).

Margaret Dwelle, our Aviation Advisory Chairman, is doing a superior job keeping us informed about safety, and what's what with the FAA. Margaret owns a Tripacer, has her Private ticket and Instrument Rating, but must keep her living expenses

down in order to afford to keep her plane and fly. In spite of a leg brace that hampers some of her mobility, she is a gung-ho pilot, participates in all fly-ins. She prefers short trips, and says, "I don't fly over 9500 in my 'bug.'" She has visited Germany, Holland, Austria, and Switzerland, but not flown privately there. Margaret, who is single and now retired, considers herself a thinker, a doer and a creator of ideas. She loves reading books, as well as immersing herself in aviation magazines. She also enjoys cooking, handicrafts, gardening, but "flying and flying activities top the list."

Joye Baker, Colorado 99 of the Month (2).

Joye Baker got a Mooney Mite for Christmas! That is — her husband is rebuilding the Mooney Mite just for her. Meanwhile Joye flies the Skylane, and the Piper Cub, which they own in partnership with others. Last year they flew the "cub" to Minnesota, Phoenix, Albuquerque, and Lake Powell. Joye is working on her Instrument rating, has never flown the Powder Puff Derby, but intends to. This June she and her husband will visit Sweden and other Scandinavian countries, and plan to fly privately there too. As Finance Chairman of the Colorado 99s, she is full of good program ideas. They include having someone who has raced in the Derby to give us their experiences; a Pennies-a-Pound day, and many more Fly-Ins. She says she joined the 99s in order to get some exciting ideas for flying. Joye skis, camps, knits, reads voraciously, plays the piano, sews, swims, plays bridge, began a Cub Scout group for her nine-year-old son, takes her 10-year-old daughter to 4-H groups, entertains, has remodeled her home and her husband's office, and lends a hand to build her Mooney Mite. After all this and taking care of her many guppies, tropical fish and her "hibernating turtle in the living room," it is a wonder she still has time to fly.

Donna Meyers, Colorado 99 of the Month (3).

Donna Meyers and her 49 1/2 husband, Johnny, flew to New Zealand in January, with some friends from Phoenix "for three wonderful weeks in that beautiful country." They met many aviation people from Australia as well as New Zealand, but her efforts to contact Jennifer Anne Fram and Pamela Ann Lock were unsuccessful. "We were delighted to open a New Zealand paper one morning in Queenstown and see Emily Howell's picture, that she had been hired as Second Officer by Frontier Airlines. My husband sat on the board that decides who to hire as new pilots." Donna cut out the picture and mailed it to Emily. "The latest Frontier News has a picture of Emily shown with a bouquet of flowers and a letter from our 99 member-at-large from Sweden, Turi Wideroe, who is a pilot for Scandinavian Airlines." Donna has her private ticket, flies much in airlines as her husband is a pilot. She enjoys fly-ins, airmarkings, and the spectator sport of auto car racing. She is happily "libbed," after 34 years of marriage, likes to draw, do photography, play the organ, write poems, but dislikes hippies, bigots and housework.

DALLAS CHAPTER

JEB, Reporter

What's that? Sun you say? Gee! Are you sure? That's about how long it seems since we've seen the sun in Dallas, but, we're getting optimistic, the sun's been around

now about three days and we're hoping things will start settling down to a normal spring again (at least then it just rains on the weekend).

Pauline Winthrop, Betty Hundley and Barbara Powell did find enough dry weather to put the name and numbers on Rockwall Airport April 9th with the assistance of the Redbird Chapter.

A Cherokee 6 piloted by Rod and Lou Marquess headed for San Diego for a week. While Lou attended a seminar at Berkley Rod and passengers had a grand time making like tourists.

Sandra and Harold Simmons gave their new Citation a good trial with trips to Acapulco (just for fun) and to Phoenix, Arizona to visit family and see Frank Price at the Airshow in Mesa. Right now Sandra is buried in the books studying for her Jet Rating.

Art and Cathy Ways were off to Knoxville, Tennessee for their son's graduation from the Air Guard Academy. Dot Warren is out in Phoenix, Arizona again. Martha Ann Reading is recovering from surgery. She and Frank Maddock just returned from a week in Philadelphia. Jack and Pauline Winthrop found a few nice days to take their WACO UPF 7 to an Antique Fly-in at Lake Eufala, Oklahoma.

Tanya and Clyde Thronton, Jerry and Maurice Melton, Martha Ann Reading, Edna Wright, Dot Warren, and Lou and Rod Marquess all made it to Little Rock for Spring Sectional. They all said that it was just great, especially when you win at the horse races in Hot Springs.

The May meeting is at the home of Sue Maddock in Arlington. HAPPY FLYING . . .

EL PASO CHAPTER KK Garlitz, Reporter

The April meeting of the El Paso 99s was held in the home of Marilyn Cragin. We all enjoyed a delicious patio supper. Marilyn Cragin and Doris Shreve gave a report on the Little Rock Sectional. They flew commercial because of weather conditions.

Everyone was glad to see Mary Fran Seidl who has been an inactive member of the chapter for the last year. Also we welcome back into the chapter Margaret Thompson, a former chairman of the El Paso 99s. Hulda Kitchens, a new member, was also welcomed into the chapter and organization. Hulda obtained her pilot's license back in 1941. She took her training with the Civil Pilot Training Program in Kansas City, Missouri in a Piper Cub-Tandem. She also received 35 hours of advanced instruction in acrobatics in a Waco. She told us that she hasn't flown in 29 years until recently when she and her husband, Jack, bought a Bellanca Super Viking. She went back for a refresher course and is enjoying flying as much now as she did in '41. A project to raise money for the El Paso Sectional to be held October 5, 6, 7 is to raffle off two sleepwatch 4-Band Radios with digital clock. Doris Shreve asked me to relay to any pilot flying through or near El Paso to please observe the Restricted Areas north of El Paso — R5107A, R5107B, and R5103, as the F.A.A. has recently put stress upon observation of these areas because of several violations.

In March, Louise Mitchell, (member El Paso 99s), who is a missionary with Spanish American Evangelism in El Paso and Juarez, Mex., flew to the isolated mountain village of Baboregami, Chihuahua, Mexico, to serve on the staff of a Docare Clinic,

along with 23 other missionaries, pharmacists, doctors, and veterinarians. The clinics are held twice a year by volunteer workers in the village which is accessible only by small plane (2000' grass strip) or five days by burro. All supplies, medicines, and equipment are flown in by private plane or bush pilots. Hundreds of villagers as well as Tepehuan Indians from outlying areas were treated at the clinic during the three days it was open. Many of the patients walked for hours or were flown in from other villages by bush pilots for treatment. Docare, Inc., sponsors several such clinics each year in isolated areas of the world which are designed to make available medical treatment to isolated peoples who otherwise would have none. (see photo).



Pictured are: Dr. J. E. Scotty Little, D.O., Louise Mitchell, Dr. E. N. Hudgins D.D.S., Dr. Vance Broussard DVM. Dr. Little is Secretary-Treasurer of Docare, Dr. Hudgins serves on the Executive Board, and Dr. Broussard is past president of Docare. (Docare Clinic, Baboregami, Chihuahua, Mex.)

FORT WORTH CHAPTER Auleen K. Hall, Reporter

Edna Gardner Whyte was honored at a "Women in Aviation" luncheon on April 15 at the Hillcrest Country Club in Lubbock, Tx. She discussed several early women pilots including Amelia Earhart, Ruth Law and Katherine & Margery Stinson, many of whom she knew personally and the many contributions these women have made to aviation. Edna and Nancy Armstrong flew in on Saturday to enjoy a festive weekend.



Part of the Fort Worth Chapter members in their new matching outfits of 99 blue and white. L to R: Auleen Hall, Jean Bishop, Malena Richardson, Lorraine Waddell, Yvonne Turner, Betty Jo Parsons, Edna Gardner Whyte, Verna Stubbs, Juanita Waddell, Nancy Armstrong.

Juanita and Lorraine Waddell and Auleen Hall attended the South Central & Southeast Sectional meeting in Little Rock. Despite a few rain showers and high winds, a good group was on hand for a "Day at the Races" at Oaklawn in Hot Springs. It is always so great to renew friendships at these meetings and you always come home with fond memories and more knowledge of the workings of the 99s. Yvonne and Tom Turner had an eventful flying trip to Guatemala, and Nancy Armstrong spent several days in Guadalajara.

Gladys and Ernie Latham are off on an extended tour of Europe. After much leg work and planning by Anne Cozart and Lorraine Waddell, the Chapter now has matching outfits including pants, skirt, blouse and vest with the 99 patch. We are all proud to be identified as 99s.

GOLDEN TRIANGLE CHAPTER Carol Callan, Reporter

Before I start the newsletter for this month, I would like to apologize to the members of the Golden Triangle who noticed that I reported in the last newsletter that we did not have a meeting in February. While it is true that we did not have a business meeting, we did, as a group and with 49 1/2ers, go to the FAA and to American Airlines and this I am advised was considered an "open meeting." While I am still apologizing, I would like to also mention that the Christmas dinner was also considered an "open meeting" and I also reported that month that no meeting was held but did report on the dinner treating it as a social activity.

Our meeting for April was held April 17 at the Euleess Public Library. We were pleased to welcome Dorothy Moxley and Helen Hill as prospective members.

Many of our members were able to go to the Spring Sectional meeting in Little Rock March 30 thru April 1. The weather was typical spring weather with showers and low ceilings. It was possible for some of the ones who planned on flying to get through, however, others had to rely on cars. Those who attended were Jean Lemmon, Barbara Routh, Pat Evans, Pat Chester, Penny White, Helen Wells, Jo McCarrell, Dottie Carmichael, Ellen Vandeventer, Brenda Strickler, Linda Hooker and 49 1/2ers Bill Carmichael, Wayne McCarrell, Tom Wells and Ben Hooker. All enjoyed the meeting even though many activities had to be cancelled due to the weather. Ruth Grey was gracious enough to have many of the 99s and guests who attended the convention to her house when other planned activities had to be cancelled.

The list of APT members is still growing — the newest APT are Helen Wells, Jo McCarrell, Pat Evans, Carol Callan, Barbara Routh and some others are almost there. Pat Chester is doing a fine job inspiring us all along these lines.

HOUSTON CHAPTER Ann English, Reporter

Congratulations to the Golden Triangle Chapter on winning the Attendance Trophy at the Spring Sectional. The Houston Chapter placed second with thirteen attending.

Betty Fritts, Diane Boyd and Linda Turk met with the Intercontinental Air Race Committee and tower personnel at BMT to set up rules for the designated stop at Beaumont. Channels 4 and 6 were on hand for T.V. coverage on the six and ten o'clock

news.

Sally Gluckman passed her commercial check ride on Friday 13th! Diane Boyd has passed her instrument written and Linda Turk has qualified for Gold Seal Flight Instructor. Linda has also checked out in a Steerman, 450 hp. Among those who have added their name to the lengthening APT list are Mary Able, Joyce Smith and Diane Boyd.

New member Stephanie Vickery will be Billie Wychie's co-pilot on the TAR this summer. They will be sponsored by Dow Chemical Co.

A GAMA Flight Safety Seminar was held in Beaumont and two more are planned for Warton and Galveston.

The chapter is busy making money. Both the rummage and bake sales were quite successful. At one dinner meeting, chances were sold for rides in Adelle and Jerry Baker's P 51 — winners were Mary Able and Larry Johnson. At the next meeting Adelle held the winning ticket for a ride in Larry's new Bell Jet Ranger helicopter.

A fly-in to Victoria took place on short notice. Longer notice is given on the next two. In May, a fly-in luncheon meeting is planned at Jefferson County Airport, Beaumont. Then an overnight fly-in to the historic city of Nacogdoches is planned.

Templates, paint and brushes will be taken out of storage with the air marking at Silsbee. Other air markings are in the planning stages.

Compliments are in order to Mary Jo Voss who made the lovely Afghan the Shreveport Chapter sold chances on at the Spring Sectional. It came back to Houston with Gene and Gus Gonzales — Gus had the lucky number.

With vacation time just around the corner, HAPPY FLYING to all.

KANSAS CHAPTER

Dorothy Barker, Reporter

We had a good meeting at the Canterbury Inn in Wichita for our April meeting. A film on drug abuse was very timely and interesting. One of our speakers was a sergeant from the Wichita Police Department and the other speaker was a young man who is very active with youth in the area of crime prevention and drugs in our area. There were about thirty members and guests attending. We enjoyed a buffet luncheon before our business meeting.

Pat Kastens is the coordinator for the rest of our Direct Relief Fund supplies which we hope to be move very shortly.

Many of our girls have been working very hard on the general aviation pilot education clinic which we are hosting April 26 at the Beech Activity Center.

Eulalia Nichols, Denver, will speak on "Mountain Flying;" Fred Fechner, Oklahoma City, will speak on "Takeoffs and Landings," and Howard Hoffman of United Airlines, Denver, will speak on "Weather Patterns."

Grace Crist from Garden City, Kansas has passed her instrument written. Dorothy Barker and Elizabeth McCreight have enrolled in instrument ground school.

The Olive Ann Beech Wing Scouts Troop No. 149 has completed ground school and three hours of instruction for each girl. This included three planned trips of 150 miles or more and change of one leg to an alternate airport enroute. Their airplane time was paid for and sponsored by our chapter. We have Mary Depew and Margaret Hawk

working very hard with these young future pilots.

Pauline Salser took a carload of Boy Scouts to Oklahoma City and toured the FAA facilities there.

John Hattan, sky diver son of 99 Juanita Hattan, was asked to parachute into the Wichita State University stadium Homecoming game and present the football to our Governor to start the football game. He is an alumni of WSU and is now an aeronautical engineer for Cessna Aircraft. He is called on to do many "demo" drops for safety seminars.

Arline Kice has been vacationing in Florida catching the horse and dog races. Her son David is taking flying lessons.

We have two new grandmother 99s ... Charlotte Parker has a new grandson, Hans Christopher and Arline Kine has a new granddaughter Annette. Congratulations!

Virginia and Andy Speer flew to Tennessee on one of our miserable March weekends to visit their daughter and son-in-law. They report that it was VFR going and solid IFR returning in their Comanche 260.

Our airmarking chairman, Elizabeth McCreight has some work lined up for us for our May meeting, painting over in El Dorado, Kansas.

LUBBOCK CHAPTER

Betty DeWitt, Reporter

Aviation Week was declared April 15-22 by the Lubbock Chapter of 99s. Sunday, April 15, was Women in Aviation Day, celebrated by a luncheon at Hillcrest Country Club honoring Edne Gardner Whyte, owner of Aero Valley Airport near Fort Worth. The luncheon was attended by Lubbock 99s and their husbands and special guests.

Sunday afternoon at the Wes-Tex building at Lubbock Regional Airport Mrs. Whyte addressed a meeting open to the public on the subject of Women in Aviation since 1878. She told anecdotes of her personal experiences with such famous women flyers as Amelia Earhart, Katherine and Margery Stinson, and Anne Morrow Lindberg. Mrs. Whyte has been flying since 1926 and instructing since 1930. We are convinced that she is one of the 99s' best assets and one of aviation's best spokeswomen.

Wednesday and Thursday nights the Lubbock 99s co-sponsored an Aviation Safety Clinic with the FAA covering such subjects as the Care and Feeding of Aircraft Engines, Your Legal Responsibilities in Private Aviation, and Traffic Patterns and Flight Operations of the student pilots at Reese Air Force Base. (We learned among other things that there is no safe altitude for flying over Reese.) Our chapter President Angela Boren, who is also a member of the Airport Board, spoke on New Developments at Lubbock Regional Airport. Both nights of the clinic were well attended by the public.

We have recently welcomed a new member, Nancy Gearhart of Seagraves, Texas.

NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Mimi Haworth, Reporter

We are pleased to introduce new members Dolores Van Boening, Carole Sutton, Betty Alfred, Cathy Binfield, Mary Robbins, Karen Roker, and Eleanor England. Thanks to the untiring efforts of our membership chairman, Diane Bartels, we have been able to contact many new pilots to tell them

about the Ninety-Nines.

Aviation Education is really in orbit these days — We have sent subscriptions to AOPA Pilot and AIR FACTS magazines to Valley High School where our member, Dawn Parkening, teaches. The Chapter has joined the National Aerospace Association. We will be assisting with the CAP Safety Clinic in Lincoln and with the Grand Island Flight Clinic. Two of our members, Vera Bartunek and Wilma Ackermann presented the film "A Flight to Grandmother's House" and spoke about aviation to the third grade class in a Lincoln school. This was very appropriate since Vera is a grandmother and her grandson happened to be in that class!

We hope that many of you will plan to participate in the Nebraska Air Race this year. In order to accommodate more pilots, we will have both speed and proficiency events. There will be an opportunity for sport and fun since the event is being coordinated with the Flying Conastogas at Beatrice, Nebraska where the event will be held. The weekend (last weekend in August) will include the Air Race, home built and antique competition, fly-in breakfast, spot landing, balloon busting, and an air show. **For a race kit, send one dollar to Mildred Barrett, 132 Wedgewood Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510.**

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

Martha Thomason, Reporter

Oklahoma Chapter usually gets things done with a flourish — but we are running into a little trouble doing this at Prague, Oklahoma! We held our April meeting there, planning to airmark the airport. Had to postpone the airmark until a later date, because of rain. So far, we have postponed that same airmarking twice and are reluctant to set a third date for fear of bringing on another unwanted rain.

We had a good meeting anyway. Thirteen members, four guests, two 49 1/2s and three children sloshed through the water to attend. Guests were: Betty Hammer from Enid, Dottie Antosh from Shawnee, Nancy Roberts and Sherry Jarvis from Stillwater. Each of these girls has attended two meetings. We hope to have them as 99s by this time next month. Tommee Long was our hostess. Too bad the weather kept the planes away — Prague is such a fun place to go, with an Annual Kolatche Festival that shouldn't be missed.

Rayda Stout is Acting Secretary now, since Connie Jones had to resign.

One of our several projects is the removal of the high power lines at Oklahoma City's Downtown Airpark. These lines were blamed for a recent fatal plane crash. We hope our efforts, plus those of other pilots, will result in the power company replacing them with underground lines.

We are going to take school children from the Quail Creek area in Oklahoma City on demonstration plane rides, and later a tour of a local airport, thanks to Margaret Brown, Essie Taliaferro, Rayda Stout, Nema Masonhall, Jeanie Thomas and Marge Culwell.

We are sponsoring two more FAA Safety Seminars in May. One in Ada, and the one in Stillwater (May 26 and 27) will be a joint Safety Seminar and APT Clinic. There will be planes available for APT rides, and we are counting on many taking advantage of this clinic. (We GOTTA win that APT trophy!)

Jan Million has been nominated for Sec-

tion Treasurer. We Okies are plugging hard for her. She is a vibrant, capable gal.

Several Oklahoma 99s had lunch with the Executive Board in Oklahoma City recently. Wish they could all come to Oklahoma City sometime just for fun, instead of business — we would love to have a whole day with them.

Marge Culwell is studying hard taking a combined Instrument and Commercial course.

Pam Bugg (and 49 1/2 Bob) and Jan Milion attended the National Aerospace Education Congress held recently in Oklahoma City. It was a great meeting. The Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission is being swamped with requests for their outline of aerospace education courses for public schools. Madeline Woods and Bob Bugg were both contributors to this study course outline.

During the last of March, June Welling flew on a commercial trip to Edmonton Canada to attend her parents' 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

Will the rains cease? Will the Oklahoma 99s airmark Prague? Will they redeem their "efficiency" reputation? Watch this column for further developments!

OMAHA AREA CHAPTER

Barbara Krejci, Reporter

May is both a beautiful month and a busy month for the Omaha Area chapter. Election of chapter officers for the coming year and the finalizing of the revisions to our constitution took up most of the business meeting.

Lavonne Tripp is leading the ground work for our June General Aviation Educational Clinic and she is really keeping us hopping. Tentative speakers are Hazel Jones, our own talented 99, and Kenneth Gardner of tele-dyne Continental Engines.

Sherri, Suanne, and Verdayne has announced that we will have our membership meeting on June 11th at 7:00 p.m. Included in the meeting will be a tour of Rapcon.

Nine of our members flew to a flight breakfast at Kearney, Nebr. and began working on plans for our AIR TOUR which will be held in September. This will be a joint venture with the Flying Farmers. The tour will cover Nebr. and Iowa. An exciting event!

We are considering drawing up a standard operating procedures manual for all of our chapter committees. This booklet would serve the committee chairmen as a guideline for activities, how-to-do-it, reports and responsibilities to the chapter and section and etc., and would offer the flexibility of revisions without complication. We hope to accomplish this before the new year begins in September.

A big round of applause is certainly due the gals in Arkansas. Totally undefeated by two days of inclement weather and being extremely talented as quick change artists, they did a tremendous job with their sectional in Little Rock.

PIKES PEAK CHAPTER

Marlon Hein, Reporter

"WOW!" ... "WOW!" ... "WOW!" was the reaction of one of the girls from the senior class of the Colorado School for the Deaf & Blind in Colorado Springs, upon her return from her first experience of flight. An introduction to aviation for the senior class of the D&B school was offered to 36 students by the Pikes Peak Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, and Mountain-Aero Safety

Foundation, Inc., and held at Tampart Aviation Company who offered their facilities and assistance. A thank you letter in Braille signed by all of the students, was received by Chairman Marjorie Potanko. This never-to-be-forgotten experience was a thrill not only to the handicapped students but to all who participated in making this event a success.

The Pikes Peak Chapter assisted the AOPA Safety Foundation in presenting an Air Safety Seminar May 3, at Holiday Inn, in Colorado Springs. Top Aviation Education Specialists and Technologists working in close conjunction with highly-trained FAA and industry specialists, were on hand to provide up-to-the-minute air safety information. It helped us all be safer, more knowledgeable pilots!

Will winter ever end this year? It is still snowing here and it's nearly May! Spring must be around the corner, we hope!

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

Marian Burke, Reporter

The April meeting for San Antonio 99 chapter was held April 14th at GenAero on International Airport. Election of new officers was held. Carolyn Wetzel is our new chairman ... Saralda Ross, Vice Chairman ... Betsy Hogan, Treasurer ... Peggy Kimble, Secretary ... Mary Anne Greer, Corresponding Secretary.

Congrats to Peggy Kimble ... her husband was voted one of the three outstanding men in the community by the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce. We think that's great Peggy!

Evelyn Kerr is transferring to the Aloha Chapter. We hate to see you leave our group Evelyn but we know you'll love being in the Aloha Chapter. It's certainly our loss and their gain!

Marian Burke and Ruth Hildebrand ... flying the 1973 Powder Puff Derby ... They're making big plans and it's going to be a fun race.

See ya in the ANGEL DERBY on the San Antonio stop on May 11 ... HAPPY FLYIN'.

SHREVEPORT CHAPTER

Dot Lindsey, Reporter

In Little Rock, Arkansas, for the Spring Sectional, were Mary and Tom Wheelock, Mary and Don Friday, Dottie and Bud Ports, Joan and Dave Carroll, Evelyn Snow, Jere Saur, Jennie McWilliams, Martha and Ray Christy and Helen and Charles Wray.

Rudolph — the red nosed Cherokee you see traversing our skyways — actually came with Rudolph, the red nosed reindeer, as a December 25th gift for Evelyn Snow. Our belated hope for many happy hours of flying to Evelyn and Rudolph — the Cherokee.

Helen Hewitt had members of the fourth and fifth grades of Claiborne Elementary School at Downtown Airport for an aerospace-airport field trip. This was an exciting experience for the children and at the conclusion of Helen's expert guidance and weather briefing they all decided to become pilots.

Our Chapter is very proud — Governor Edwards has appointed Helen Wray to the Council on Aerospace Education — congratulations!

Mary Friday continues to enjoy her acrobatic course and is always ready to give a demonstration.

Evelyn Snow and Mary Wheelock participated in the annual search and rescue test with the Civil Air Patrol.

A number of our members were present at the Ark La Tex Airmen's Annual Shrimp Boil. Mr. Blackshear, Director of Aviation, was principal speaker giving us a film-tour of the airports and aviation facilities within our state.

The April meeting was unique in that the 49 1/2s were invited; it was held in Ray Christy's Aviation Trainer Trailer, a most unusual trailer-classroom — compact, decorated with pictures of airplanes from the early years as well as our modern jets — with maps and charts; however, its most exciting and interesting feature is the P3A Flight Simulator, (simulating the North American B-25 Mitchell Bomber), which was completely installed and made operable by Ray, who gave complete instructions in all phases of flying it. Our thanks to both, Martha and Ray Christy.

Mary Jo Voss — who is possessed of many talents — created two afghans — one "our" blue and white emblem; the other, red and white — which she so generously donated to the Chapter for replenishing the "kitty."

Happy landings all!

SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Scarlet O'Hiyall, Reporter

Sunday, March 25, saw many of our area pilots at the Baton Rouge Gama Safety Seminar. This was a most interesting and successful meeting, with the 99s well represented. Our chapter was co-sponsor of this program, along with other area pilot associations. The whole day was most worthwhile with the program covering many areas of aviation and safety. With the weather beautifully sunny and pleasantly cool, the affair started at 8:00 and ended at 4:00. The 99s stayed very busy serving everyone brunch off of a lunch cart. Making hotdogs and ham sandwiches, fixing cokes and coffee, were members Mary White, Nancy Fontenot, Polly Baughman, Molly Stockwell and Pat Ward and Eleanor Lowry. Our newest member, Mary White, set up a display on airplane tie-downs for the seminar. Mary teaches school in Hammond and lives in nearby Denham Springs. Also, much, much work was contributed by our "Mama Bird," Eleanor Lowry and by the presidents of the other associations, among them Emile Salles, husband of member Fran Salles.

Talking about the Salles, Fran has been knocking herself out working on the second annual Louisiana Air Tour. We expect to see some of the state 99s here with us for this week-long event. Fran has been flying all over Louisiana, and parts of Mississippi, organizing and finalizing plans. She flew with Nancy Fontenot to Eunice (Nancy's husband's family lives in Eunice) to work out some details, and Polly Baughman flew with Fran to Gulfport for the same reason. These were fun trips — nice excuses to fly!

It is with some chagrin that I report that our last meeting was attended by only one member, Eleanor Lowry. This was an air marking at Bunkie, Louisiana, together with the Shreveport Chapter of 99s. We'll never, never let this happen again.

Here's to an active and happy summer, and the same for every one of our sister members!

TRI-STATE CHAPTER

Nancy Teel, Reporter

Well — we tried! That dirty old WM fouled us up again. Greater Kansas City

Area Chapter 99s planned a fly-in to JLN on 3-29 to tour the Thomas Hart Benton art display here celebrating JLN's centennial. We arranged a police escort for the planned motorcade, new cars from four local dealers, welcome by JLN's lady Mayor, lunch on the Chamber of Commerce, a guided tour of the Spiva Art Center, and back to the airport. But it rained and thundered and all that good stuff. No problem. Rain date was set 4-19. Would you believe MORE rain? Shot down again. Pontoons and/or webb feet are something to consider. Please try to come visiting again girls; we may dry up eventually.

This WX has kept most Tri-State members with both feet on the ground far too often of late. Mazie Lipscomb and her Karl did manage a flying vacation to DAL and points west early in April tho.

One more thank you goes to the Little Rock girls for an outstanding section meet last month. This reporter and brand new member Janet Orr really had a ball down there.

Member Diane Teel moved back to JLN to finish up her commercial ticket and get married June 30. Ah! Another Nervous Navigator in the Teel family.

Janet Orr and Linda Benson managed a short XC on one of our rare sunny days . . . tell us again how you can change from right to left seat in a Hawk without getting out of the airplane. Very interesting!!!

99NT has been to Texas twice, (love that Mexican food), New Orleans and Augusta, Ga. this month. The last mentioned airport gives the transients the RED CARPET treatment. Very nice southern hospitality there. Makes you want to go back.

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ALL OHIO CHAPTER Ann Johnson, Reporter

Shirley Slater and Joan Mace were hostesses for our April 15th meeting at Athens, Ohio. Shirley had her camera set up to take movies of everyone arriving (to be shown at a later 99 meeting!)

Barbara Baron, who has the Smith Mini plane she has been building "on wheels," and her 49 1/2 Bob, who has a completed experimental "Knight Twister," have organized a new chapter of EAA. It is called "The Upper Ohio Valley Chapter." Bob is president and Barbara is secretary.

On a recent trip to New Jersey, Barbara and Bob Baron stopped at Frenchtown to see the "Stampe" airplanes featured in *Air Progress* magazine. The "Stampe" is a French primary and aerobatic trainer that dates to World War II. At the present time, four "Stamper" have been licensed in the Experimental category and are flying in the United States.

After an exciting ride in 14SV, (one of the two featured bi-planes) Barbara and Bob decided this was the plane for them. Before flying their new plane home, Barbara had a chance to practice some loops and spins, and after checkout and solo, became the first woman in the United States to solo in a "Stampe"!

Barbara took some aerobatic training in March from Bill Thomas, member of the world champion U.S. Aerobatic Team. She

hopes to continue training of this type for air shows and competition.

Rosalie Burchett, Chairman of our "Wings for International Health" committee, reports that thus far we have participated in the relief program with eight flights and a total of 1,845 pounds of medical supplies. Several more are in the stage of organization.

This shipment inbound from New Jersey (being unloaded by Rosalie in photo) is on its way to Bloomington, Indiana, where it will be relayed on to Santa Barbara. Good work, Rosalie.

Congratulations to Dorothy Lee, who received her Instrument rating this past April; and also to Caroline Snell, who was elected secretary of her 200 member flying club — Dayton Pilots' Club.

The Cleveland Wing met for dinner April 10th at the Holiday Inn, Strongsville. Approximately 30 people attended — 99s, 49 1/2ers and guests. A Champion Spark Plug Clinic was conducted by Bill Mangold, a representative of Champion Spark Plugs, plus two interesting films — Art Scholl's "Ballet in Blue" and Carryl Greenamyers' "Man for the Record."

The Fremont area 99s plan a meeting for April 17th at Progress Field. The Fremont gals have been rolling bandages and making hospital gowns for our "Wings for International Health" committee.

Connie Luhta and Dottie Anderson are busily preparing for the Angel Derby. Lotsa' luck!

The rest of us will be preparing for our Poker Party, June 10th (rain date, the 17th).

This Chapter hopes every 99 wrote a letter against the proposed rule making (No. 73-5) before the May 10 deadline. We also urge all 99s to write to their congressmen concerning the "Cost Allocation Study" and help save General Aviation! HAPPY FLYING!



Rosalie Burchett, unloading medical supplies for "Wings for International Health" program.



Barbara Baron and her "Stampe" bi-plane.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION MEETING By Clarissa Holcomb

Despite a strike which closed down a feeder airline, our Prez, Susie Sewell arrived at the North Central Spring Sectional with help from Juanita Harr, a brand new member, in a Mercedes.

Pauline Genung (Indiana) and 49 1/2 Robert were first to fly in from out of state. Amy Laws (St. Louis) and Charlene Falkenberg (Chi) were close following. Eddy Maxim and crew had to file IFR to get out of Cleveland (Ohio, naturally). They reported improving visibilities on heading. Rita Orr (our GUV.) brought her Nervous Navigator all the way from Minnesota. Phyllis Barber from Iowa with tailwinds! Mary Ann Eiff and her radioman, Gary, breezed in with the ELT they donated to the Sectional. Mary Ann is from the Quad City Chapter.

Following Chicago's example set at their Fall Sectional, we had some very interesting and informative "flap" sessions. Spark plugs were covered by Art Pierce from AC. Electronics questions were ably answered by Russ Hammer — ask us now about antennas! Jay Stair, our GADO representative, came in the night before and enlightened us on Control Zones. Charles Cole's subject was Aviation Medicine. He had a picture on the Gooney Birds, a film on Alaska and health problems one can encounter in flying anywhere. (He had to be in Oklahoma Sunday — for a trip to the zoo, and be on the West Coast Monday morn).

We truly enjoyed the tours of Aviation Research Laboratory which our chairman Libby Kairse arranged for us. Do hope you can see where your tax money is going in GAT II (general aviation trainer) and PLATO IV (the computer on which you not only play games like Moonwar, but can learn about flies or how to use VOR for navigating airplanes).

The Kaisers, the Wests, and the Schieks were assisted by Kay Martens, Martha McMahon, Dotty Lacey and Mary Waters on Thursday. Kathleen Wood spearheaded that all important job of transportation, with assistance from Norma Newberg and Helen Lewis. Rose and Frank Andrews were continually on the go getting people to the Ramada. At last count we had 42 planes flying to this North Central Sectional.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER Clarissa of Marissa, Reporter

Write your Congressional Representative on the problems of general aviation, Barbara Jenison asks us since appropriations (taxes) start with them.

Our chapter was hostess of the Spring Sectional (Champagne Flight) and the weather was BEAUTIFUL. Jeanne Morse ran the luncheon with Chapter Chairman Jayne Schiek's tinkler bell. Straightened us out on Who is Who! Libby Kaiser and Jean West co-chaired the headaches for us at Champaign.

Leah Warren was with us at Sectional and wants to thank all you International people for your cards and messages. You will rejoice with us to learn that son Dave is at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, but hopes to be away from there by June 1. He is doing fine on his four wheels — hand-controlled car and his wheelchair.

You will meet four of our girls in the Powder Puff — Theo Sommer and Jeanne Morse, and Margie Jones and Jean West. Stop at Willard Airport at Champaign, Illinois and see what we have in store for you!

Kathleen Wood and Martha McMahon deserve our thanks for helping make the GAMA meeting at Mattoon GREAT. Jayne Schiek won a beautiful computer and plotter in a red-lined leather case . . . Kaisers won some lovely airplane-type coasters. Bob and Jean West flew in with a couple of Jean's student pilots. Barb Jenison made the meeting as did Jean Wood.

Dr. Orr and Bob West represented the Nervous Navigators — a loosely-knit 49 1/2er organization whose members contribute to the AE Scholarship fund. Bob was really excited that Susie Sewell knew what it was all about. She is the knowingsst!

The University of Illinois people were a tremendous help to us from the cordial line-boys to the fellows who demonstrated the GATII and PLATO IV.

May will have found our chapter busy with NIFA at Carbondale and the Illi-Nines at DuPage.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

Sandy Klock, Reporter

Very special guest at our April meeting was "the flying grandfather," Max Conrad! He brought with him some wonderful slides of his first flight around the world over the poles, and his story of the flight was both fascinating and funny. What a pleasure to welcome Max among us!

New Ratings: A commercial license for Jean Ingle, and instrument ratings for Diane Milmont and Mimi Stitt. Congratulations!

Our Gals Around the Airports: Pam Stowell flight instructing at Chicagoland, and Jean Ingle tending the flight desk part-time at DuPage.

"The Racers' Edge": Jean Ingle and Gail Goldthorpe, Char Falkenberg and Sue Gatlin, and Mimi Stitt are all entered in the PPD. And listen to this — Marion Jayne will be flying the Angel Derby with daughter Pat, the Illi-Nines Derby with son George, and the Intercontinental and Powder-Puff with daughter Nancy!

Look for Charlene Falkenberg's picture and an interview with her in a new book, "Saturday's Child" by Susanne Seed, published by J. Philip O'Hara, Inc., Chicago. Char is one of 36 women talking about their jobs ("Saturday's child must work for a living").

Joan Kerwin recently took 16 sixth grade students for their first airplane ride! She was pleasantly surprised when 25 out of 40 students received their parents' permission to go.

Fran Davis and Merle Muka are proud new owners of a Cessna 150.

Welcome to new members Diane Geneseo and Linda Ripsey.

Got a nice write-up from Jean Ingle on our night fly-in to Valparaiso, Ind. on April 6th. 26 Chicago Area people arrived by air, but Flying Activities Chairman Mary Krautkramer didn't get there, because a partner took her plane and didn't return.

Walt and Charlene Falkenberg acted as ground control and line crew at Porter Co. Airport.

Prospective Polly Gilkison, not yet qualified for night flying, flew over to Porter Co. with her instructor during the day, just to say she'd been there.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

Nona Martin, Reporter

The April 5 meeting convened at the Gold Buffet with forty-two members in at-

tendance, along with several guests.

Patty Jo Scott and Brenda Couch, two prospective recipients of the Chapter scholarship were our guests for the evening. Each of the girls gave us a brief synopsis of why they were interested in furthering their education in flying.

Joan Reindl has received an appointment from Mr. Bob Hanlan of the FAA as an Accident Prevention Counselor for Leavenworth.

Fay Glenn will be a timer for the Powder Puff Derby at Waterloo, Iowa. Fay and Lou have recently returned from an extended trip to Mexico. It was certainly exciting — even though Lou had his pockets picked and all sorts of things happened. Fay was saved by credit cards!

Sheldon Stafford was winging his way to Tel Aviv during our April meeting in a Cessna 210. He flew with another pilot during the first trip, was to immediately return and take a 206 over the next week. When the third plane goes over, Ruth will fly commercially and meet him and together they will fly to the wilds of Nairobi. Ruth and Sheldon both will be flying 150's to South America for a Cessna dealer. It all sounds very exciting.

Our weather hasn't been very conducive to flying all during the year. We've had but about 3 weekends fit for the birds with wings, much less those without.

At the meeting in February, our APT chairman, Janet McCullough started a contest within the chapter. She divided the membership into two teams to see which team got "apt" first. At the March meeting it was announced that the winning team had 13 members APT, and the losing team will have to supply the dinner for the May meeting at Vee St. John's home.

We have established that September will be the month that all members should be APT. This will allow everyone ample time during the year to find an instructor, good weather and a bird to accomplish this end.

It is now time to think about the Powder Puff Derby. As of this writing, we only have one team from Kansas City Chapter entered — Ruth Stafford and Joan Reindl.

The chapter has hoped for a fly out to Joplin to see the Thomas Hart Benton display for some time. The weather has not cooperated.

The Flight Instructors Revalidation Seminar was held at the Prom Motor Hotel on May 1, 2, 3, 1973.

Several members of the Chapter plan to attend the Section Meeting at Champagne, Illinois.

Our May meeting (annual meeting) will be held at Vee St. John's home on the third.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

Lo Rita Curtiss, Reporter

Plans are still underway for the Hangar Dance to be held at Lambert Field, May 12th. The profits from the dance are to be used to establish a memorial to Joan Lamb in the International Air and Space Museum. Joan and her husband Norman were killed in an airplane crash last fall. The Greater Kansas City Chapter has offered to help us financially as much as possible to set up the memorial.

June 9th is the date for our first Poker Run. The route is from Alton, Illinois to Vandalia then to Centralia over to Greenville return Alton. \$50.00 will be awarded for 1st prize. 2nd and 3rd place winners will also receive awards.

Mary Lowe, Tex Wickenhauser and Val Johnson, all participants in the forthcoming Powder Puff Derby, departed April 17th to fly the race route from Topeka to California.

Betty Board and her 49 1/2 Jim went down to Fort Worth the week of April 17th to take an Aerobatic Course from Duane Cole. Mr. Cole is now teaching in the new Decathalon.

The Fly to Lunch Bunch was once again airborne after a long siege of poor flying conditions. Wednesday, March 28, 13 members and guests met at the Cape Girardeau airport for lunch and an exchange of conversation. The Fly to Lunch Bunch is a great excuse as well as an incentive to get our gals into their planes and out keeping current.

Valera Johnson once again came to the aid of someone with a tight schedule. Performer Tommy Cash, brother of Johnny Cash, was scheduled to perform in Washington, Mo. and due to connection problems would not have made it from Lambert Field to Washington in time for his performance if Val had not gone to pick him up and flown him to Washington herself. Her reward — a good feeling and two tickets to the performance. Heard thru the grapevine that Mr. Cash praised his pilot highly and that he never had a more enjoyable flight. Another vote for women in aviation!!!

On Sunday, April 8th, Rose Mary Roth, our chairman, Val Johnson and Jackie Lindauer met at St. Clair for an interview with Mari-Anne Messmann a reporter for the Washington Missourian. The Missourian published a marvelous article about the 99s. It is nice to acquaint the public with a group of women who play such an important role in aviation.

Jo Anne O'Rourke has asked that we mail her our newsletter to her at her new address in Tennessee. We will miss her and will keep her well informed our our chapter's activities.

Sue Mathias just received her Instrument Rating and 49 1/2er Mel Kuhn passed the Instrument written. Approximately 14 members have indicated that they are planning to attend the North Central Section meeting in Champaign, Illinois. Our hopes to bring home the attendance trophy just might be squelched by the Central Missouri Chapter — all 12 of their members will probably attend.

QUAD CITY AREA CHAPTER

Ellen J. Thiel, Reporter

The "HOSTESS WITH THE MOSTEST" award this month goes to Mary Schrum, who made such beautiful arrangements at Clinton for our April meeting. Gigi Katz,

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Carolyn Pobanz, Clara Gilbert, Norma Smith, and daughter, Jana, Jo Ann Walker, and Ellen Thiel, were the 99s attending. 66s — Catherine Bealer and Karen Davidson, and our guest, Jan Merkel, a student pilot, enjoyed Mary's hospitality.

We tentatively planned our summer schedule. May meeting — a garage sale; Family Fly Inn picnic for June; July might be a Poker Race; the International will probably take care of August, and a plane wash for September. A busy year again, with the Illi-Nine Air Derby the last of May, and of course, the Powder Puff at Waterloo in July, which we plan to fly up to watch the gals come in.

Approximately 175 people turned out for the Safety Seminar our Chapter helped hostess April 12th. Wonder who will win that \$30,000.00 airplane being given away by General Aviation Manufacturers Assn. (GAMA).

Mary Strum's husband, Marvin, (a non-pilot), has just finished taking the "Pinch Hitter's Course."

Von Alter and daughter, Ann, just returned from spending Easter vacation with Von's parents in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Gigi Katz is planning to fly to Lincoln to attend a meeting. Gigi and her son were up yesterday, flying over the Flood Area, as were the Roger Smiths and the Robert Thiels. We are having the worst flood of the Century here and you can't imagine the devastation or magnitude of the thing until you see it by air.

Sharon Ehrich and husband recently spent a weekend in Chicago.

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WISCONSIN CHAPTER Toney, Reporter

WX threw a curve for the April meeting at Prairie du Chien, which was the prelude to a 15" snowfall in Southern Wisconsin the following Monday! Anne Roethke with a full plane load had to make a 180 just a few miles away so only two 99s got there. This is a beautiful part of our state; there is a new administration building, a hard surface strip is waiting to be used — and we're hoping to reschedule this fly-in.

Cassy Specht's 49 1/2er, Charles, received his Private Pilot's License, and now they are both working on their instrument ratings.

Ramona and Jewel Huebner visited the Aloha State in March and met with Pat Kelley who took them for a flight along Waikiki Beach, over Diamond Head and some of the new residential areas in her 140 Cherokee. Pat will be in Milwaukee for the convention and the Huebners are looking forward to reciprocating her hospitality.

Katie and John Conkling spent Easter vacation in Stillwater, Okla. with their son and Cessna 150. Katie managed to get in 4 1/2 hours flying time and became APT.

GO ON A FLYING SPREE — IN '73 — TO MKE!

East Canada Section

FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER Barbara Brotherton, Reporter

Spring in Southern Ontario has been early and the returning birds have been

joined by our Chapter. The "Bunch For Lunch" Wednesday fly-in is back in operation.

For any new member, this is an informal gathering at a different airport in our area every week. We arrive at, or close to noon, fly in with a plane load or alone, lunch and chat with anyone else who shows up and get to know each other and the local area. The list of airports is sent with your meeting notice. Some Saturdays are listed for our working members.

At a recent Hamilton fly-in I got to chat with Mildred Hodd and discovered that she and her husband were participants in last summer's Inuvik Safari. They left Hamilton the 1st of July in their Cardinal, met the rest of the group at Edmonton and worked their way up the Mackenzie River. Inuvik is several hundred miles above the Arctic Circle at the top of the continent.

Mildred had so many interesting stories that we should have a meeting to hear all, but one of my favourite is about the trip home.

They left Inuvik at midnight ahead of a storm, and arrived in Norman Wells at 3 a.m. and never removed their sun glasses! A strange world where workers were laying cement blocks in Hay River at midnight and the school was purple. They returned to Hamilton July 17th.

Ruth Prowse and her husband have been busy for 2 1/2 years building a "Starduster Too". This is a bi-plane which will be provided with a 180 horsepower engine and will cruise at 145 m.p.h. They started it in their apartment and are now in a garage and a friend's basement. ETA for the finished product is this fall.

Our secretary Cheryl Jones and husband, Airline Captain, Barry, have another boy — that's two future Air Canada pilots.

Pat Keko went via Aero Commander to West Palm Beach for New Year's Eve. She reported the twin developed a leak in the hydraulic line on Sunday, New Year's eve, and in the middle of a self repair job a nice man showed up, did the job beautifully, charged a minimum fee and turned out to be the owner of Lantana Airport. Pat recommends the airport and its staff highly.

West Canadian Section

GREATER WINNIPEG CHAPTER Pat Chudley, Reporter

Much has been happening to the Greater Winnipeg Ninety Nines ... the chief event of which was the hiring of Rosella Bjornson as a first officer on a Fokker F-28 passenger jet with Transair Limited, a Winnipeg based airline. She will participate in a grueling training program until June, at which time she will hopefully take officially to the air! Best of luck with the training program, Rosie. As soon as she has completed the program, we will have a full-length article devoted to Rosie — Canada's first female airline pilot.

Our chapter is hosting the Western Canadian Sectional Meeting here in Winnipeg on May 19th and 20th. We hope to show everyone an exciting time.

Chapter Members have been traveling. Kathy Dunlap and her husband Morris winged their way to the Cessna Convention in the Bahamas. (I can't stand people with tans this early in the season!)

Plans for our second annual POKER DERBY as proceeding at full throttle. The

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date being set for Saturday, June 16th, rain-date 17th; the airports confirmed, and publicity is under way. If any of our traveling Ninety Nines are in our area on that date, please come. We'd love to meet and fly with you.

Our annual aviation seminar was held April 15th, at the Reserve Officers' Mess, CFB Winnipeg, with approximately 60 pilots in attendance. Foul weather definitely limited attendance by grounding many pilots from outlying areas.

See you in the sky!!

Australian Section

Christine Wills, Reporter

Welcome to New Member — Virginia Giffelt, who lives in Buderim, north of Brisbane. Virginia flew as navigator and won the prize for Best Pilot and Navigator with less than 300 hours combined flying experience and also placed fourth in the Air Trial held as part of the recent A.W.P.A. AGM in Geelong, Victoria.

At our Sectional meeting on the 30th March, held in conjunction with the A.W.P.A. weekend, we were delighted to welcome — Sara Shonk of the Carolina Chapter, who was on leave from Laos. Sara learned to fly in the U.S.A. at the same Flying School with Helen Blackburn. Sara flew with Kathryn Henderson and Prospective Member — Thelma Pye in the Air Trial.

Whilst Layne Glanville-Williams was attending our Sectional on a visit from Singapore, her husband David was training for his First Class Instrument Rating.

Two Prospective Members are Bronwen Searle and Stephanie Day. They both plan visiting the U.S.A. this year with their husbands. Our Governor Rosemary de Pierres and Vice-Governor Robin Miller have entered the Powder Puff Derby. We wish them lots of fun and every success. Rosemary hopes to fly to the U.S.A. via the Women's Air Pageant at Sywell, England on June 10. Two marvellous representatives from Down Under.

Our Congratulations to Esther Mather, who was awarded the Nancy Bird Trophy for 1973.

Dorothy Herbert flies to North America in June with fellow Gliding enthusiast — combined medico — Dr. Judy Best, of Warwick, Queensland for a Medical Conference and six week tour.

Ruth Hodges from Melbourne, Nancy Leebold, Elizabeth Doolin, "Pie" Gursansky, Lyn Butler, and Marie Richardson all from New South Wales, attended the Sectional, also Margaret Kentley who flew to the Maroochydhore — 'Lions' sponsored Air Pageant on Easter Saturday.

Our highlight of the Sectional was to nurture the seed of Peg Kelman's suggestion; that we all work towards ways and means of attending the Spring Sectional in Hawaii — first week of May, 1974.

Aloha Chapter: our sights are set on accepting your warm invitation to join in the fun.

CORRECTION

A mistake re deadline of copy to Editor appeared in your May Issue, Page 12. THERE WILL BE NO JULY COPY REQUIRED. However, your AUGUST 1st copy will be for the COMBINED AUGUST-SEPTEMBER ISSUE.

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