

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

99news



AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 1973

The wind dance did it!

the 99 news

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1973
VOLUME 15 NUMBER 7

THE NINETY-NINES, INC.

Will Rogers World Airport
International Headquarters
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73159
Return Form 3579 to above address
2nd Class Postage pd. at North Little Rock, Ark.

Publisher Lee Keenihan
Managing Editor Mardo Crane
Assistant Editor Betty Hicks
Art Director Betty Hagerman
Production Manager Ron Oberlag
Circulation Manager Loretta Gragg
Contributing Editors Mary Foley
Virginia Thompson
Director of Advertising Maggie Wirth

Contents

Powder Puff Derby—Highlights & Results 2-5
AWNEAR Wrap-up 6
99 Chapter Personality — Bozena Vrla,
Australia 6
1973 Convention News 8 & 9
U.S. Helicopter Team News 13

Regular Features

Aerospace Education — Helen Wray 12
APT — Margo Smith 7
Coming Events 11
Contest Committee — Ellie McCullough 11
NIFA — Fran Sargent 12
International Hot Line — Shirley Allen 7
99 News Profile 13

INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS

President Susie Sewell
C/O Catlin Aviation Co.
Will Rogers Station, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Vice President Pat McEwen
16206 E. Central, Wichita, Kansas 67230
Secretary Mary Nees Able
9009 Braeburn Valley Dr., Houston, Tex. 77036
Treasurer Lois Feigenbaum
103 Pinewood Dr., Carbondale, Ill. 62901
Executive Board Thon Griffith
314 Robinhood Ln., Costa Mesa, Ca. 92627
Esther Williams
P.O. Box 100, Nassau, Bahamas
Jewel Vom-Saal
1010 N. Broadway, Yonkers, N.Y. 10701
Betty McNabb
3114 Beachwood Dr., Panama City, Fla. 32401

Published monthly, except bi-monthly July-August and January-February. Annual subscription rate is \$4.50 and is included as a part of the annual membership of The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

MAILING ADDRESSES

Headquarters Will Rogers World Airport
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73159
Editorial Office P.O. Box 477
Cupertino, Cal. 95014
Advertising Office P.O. Box 4228
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72116

About the cover — Winners of the '73 Powder Puff Derby, Marian Burke and Ruth Hildebrand, are shown with the Cessna plane that brought them to victory and the trophies awarded for the achievement. (Photo by Liljeqvist Studio, div. of Creative Photographers Group)



As I left Toronto last year my mind was filled with fresh memories of the Hyatt-Regency, Fox-Den Farms, Buttonville, Canadian customs and all the 99s who made the convention a tremendous success. On the way home I realized what a great challenge there was in the year ahead for the 99s and for me as President. The exciting goals proposed offered a new opportunity to widen horizons and strengthen the impact of the organization on the aviation community.

In September, I attended the South Central Section meeting in Dallas as the first official function; this was followed by the North Central Section meeting in Illinois. The Sacramento chapter members in California celebrated the 25th anniversary of the founding of their chapter on November 17th and it was a joy to share with them the review of their many accomplishments. A stopover in Phoenix and the Christmas party of the Central Pennsylvania chapter at State College, Pa., are other occasions I enjoyed, especially visiting with the members.

During these months, the Chairmen of the International Committees began their work on the year's programs and found that the members were carrying out the theme of Active Participation in the United States, in Canada and in many countries where we have members. The chapter and section officers became involved and assisted in many ways through their strong leadership.

When the Congress of Women Leaders convened in Washington, D.C., in February, I had the honor of representing you — the Ninety-Nines — and participated in the conference sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Clubs of America. Our own Executive Board and Section meetings in the spring created busy weeks as we continued to work toward our goals.

FAA and GAMA have acknowledged that the 99s made a significant contribution to the FAA Accident Prevention Program by sponsoring and conducting scores of Safe Pilot Programs throughout the nation. The success of these programs certainly indicates that the 99s can stand up and be counted as an influence in general aviation. Selling safety seems to come naturally for us!

The growing stature of the 99s has been reflected by the acceptance of women pilots in professional aviation positions as never before. This includes the airlines, jet charter, the U.S. Navy flight training program, U.S. Army helicopter program, and various Aeronautics Commissions at the local and state level.

The Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation, on which I have the honor of serving with many other 99s, is another example of recognition of our knowledge and influence. We survived the Cost Allocation Study (so far) and I believe that 99s played an important part in making information known to those whose decision has delayed the administrative user charges this year.

A dream which we hope will soon become a reality is the new international headquarters building at Oklahoma City. A bold, functional, modern architectural concept — it will be tangible evidence of the permanence of the organization and the foresight of its members.

The 99 museum will preserve and display symbols of the accomplishments of women pilots who have achieved places of honor in the progress of aviation. This project continues to grow and also take shape in its concept.

Official recognition of the 99s bicentennial program was received from the national Bicentennial Commission during the Second Flyaway at Atchison, Kansas. This occasion, July 24th, marking the 10th anniversary of the flyaway for the Amelia Earhart air mail stamp first day covers, was attended by many 99s including international members Elizabeth Overbury (British Section), Yaal Rom (Israel) Anesia "Shorty" Machado (Brazil). Each of these members spoke briefly at the banquet, captivating the citizens of Atchison with the story of why and how they began to fly. In 1976, we will all return to plant the forest of friendship, and spread the seeds of friendship throughout the world.

These are some of the accomplishments of this past year and the dreams which we hope, through the continuing efforts, support and cooperation of the members, will come to fruition. There are many challenges which still face the organization — rising costs — the need for closer and better communication, greater understanding among all members of the 99s in every corner of the world.

As we begin a new year to carry out the charitable, educational and aviation-oriented scientific purposes of our very unique organization, I thank you for the privilege of serving as your President and for knowing you better.



Susie Sewell

Beechcraft Sierra



Women of America arise!

In a spectacular Beechcraft Sierra.

Gear up in nine seconds flat. Rise up behind a 200 hp fuel-injected Lycoming and move out fast. Enjoy powderpuff comfort in a rugged and ready, go-anywhere airplane. Room for six, with a 1,125 pound useful load. A beauty to look at. A beauty to fly.



Beech Aircraft Corporation
Wichita, Kansas 67201



POWDER PUFF OEROBY

Highlights and Results



TAR No. 1 leaves Impound area for the take-off line at Palomar Airport. Pilot Diane Shaw and co-pilot Mary Myers of New Jersey drew the coveted spot.



Mother-daughter team (TAR No. 57) Marian and Nancy Jane, pose before the Welcome sign at the race start.

PALOMAR START by Esther Whitt

At last we can breathe a sigh of relief — the fog's lifted — they're off!

Take-off climaxed a week of entertaining contestants from 105 planes. Among the events: 215 enjoyed Mexican Fiesta at Harriett Booth's lovely home in Rancho Santa Fe; 200 attended Oceanside's tour of San Luis Rey Mission, Booz Cruise, and dinner at the Harbor; 120 toured Escondido's Wild Animal Park (with picnic); despite hairdo's and inspections, 100 were entertained at luncheon and fashion show by Anna Lou at Vista Elks Club; 88 teams had barbeque beef picnic and tours by Fallbrook; Carlsbad C of C provided breakfast for the pilots at La Costa morning of take-off; and Fallbrook Lions Club served breakfast to 650 people at the Palomar Airport that day.

With all the great help — C of C, especially greeters Bill Nickles and Joyce McClellan, who transported the 500-piece luggage load to the Inn and Airport; Service Clubs; many business men and individuals including women from other 99s chapters — take-off was a success!

Note: For photos taken during the week, write Esther Whitt, 220 Ocean View Dr., Vista, Ca. 92083.



PPD Palomar start — SW Section Governor, Mary Vial (R) and Ruby Sheldon (L) TAR No. 87, being welcomed by local greeters, Bill Nickles, Mary Mulhollem, and Joyce McClellan.

PRESCOTT STOP by Sue Harper

Prescott Municipal Airport — Noon — Saturday, July 14, 1973.

The Terminal was almost empty. The only thing moving was a crumpled weather chart, fluttering in the light breeze. The only noticeable noise was the murmur of the 'Hams' as they continued to send TAR times. One knew the chief timer and tower chief were at FSS till the last TAR punched in at ABQ.

Along the route, other stops were beginning to feel the effects of the 27th Annual PPD. The PRC stop is a 'Has-been.' But, the memories of those jam packed hours will be alive for many moons.

The PHX chapter decided to handle a flyby and refueling 'stop.' 99's from all of Arizona came to the PRC airport, with 49 1/2er and children. Mary Lou Brown, chairman of PRC stop, talked the Governor into proclaiming Women in Aviation Week; talked PRC folks into giving help (the Zonta Club served cool drinks). June Cleverly, co-chairman, had signs made, and reinforced the small PRC airport facilities with (flush type — yet) pretty pink porta-johns, and a yellow one, just in case that guy had sneaked in the AWTAR. Louise Toncre, as Sanitary Engineer, brought 'Staff' (her daughter). Lois Ward, Operations chairman ('ole motor pool staff sarge') came to life!

Melba Beard, Chief NAA Timer, trained her five timers. Those gals were sunburned long before the flag dropped at Palomar, as they sat atop the FSS, site of the temporary tower. No shade. No visual obstructions.

1 PM-13 July-FLASH-PAL TO PRC. 104 acrtf arbrn. Probability — most will RON; Wx btwn PRC/ABQ thndstrms, Twrng CUs all quads.

PRC — 2:35 PM — TAR 5 roared on by; then they came — 1, 2, 3 & 4 at a time for



Some of the 99's at PRC. Last row — L-R: J. Rausch, M. Brown, S. Haag, N. Crase, L. Ward, E. Dickey, D. Jenkins, J. Hunter, E. Selvidge, A. Staton. 2nd Row — J. Edens, M. Dawe, B. Welsh, P. Carruthers, S. Harper, J. Wimmers, B. Powell, M. Weaver, E. Rehwal. 3rd Row — V. Edwards, L. Toncre, A. Liljegren, R. Olson, C. Borgerding. Front Row — R. Marconi, L. Petersen, N. Scheer, J. Nash, and J. Cleverly.

fuel, weather, RON, phones, food, to close flight plans, to open flight plans. Go? Stay? The usually quiet terminal was suddenly bulging. Jessie announcing racers as they zoomed by; LaNaeh calling for rooms for RONS; Nan calling for rides to PRC; radios blaring. (Who said "Just a flyby and refueling stop?")

Darkness fell — 76 aircraft were tied down — some 140 gals were beginning to settle down for a short night. Weather briefing was scheduled for 4:15 AM. 5:15 AM, the line up for take off was long. At official Sunrise, TAR 6 took off. 11 AM, the remaining Citabria had the sky to herself all the way to ABQ. PRC volunteers went back to the sack.

AH! Quiet! . . . Call on us again! . . . It was great!

LIBERAL STOP by Garnett Nance

When the racers had to delay take-off from Carlsbad for several hours, even though we were completely staffed and ready for them, no planes arrived in Liberal the first day. Excitement started on Saturday when TAR 6 with Thon Griffith and Del Hinn flew their Beech Bonanza across the timing line, followed shortly by TARS 22, 56 and 30. A total of 67 airplanes, including the official race plane, landed during the 2nd and 3rd day of the race. Crews from 29 of the aircraft RON'd on Saturday. TARS 4 and 89 withdrew from the race at Liberal because of illness and excessive radio problems. Helen McGee was the last plane to depart Liberal at approximately 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Chamber of Commerce members, with red coats and all, met each plane and

welcomed the crews. The Ham Radio Crew did an outstanding job and put in many long hours. The line boys literally raced out to line up incoming planes and refuel them. Operations crew, the FSS and FAA personnel's services — remarkable. Our Chief Timer and Crew did a superb job in their "temporary tower" on the bed of a stock truck, covered with a canopy. About 30 members from the Kansas Chapter 99's, plus some 49 1/2ers, helped extend hospitality to the racers. A couple of prospective 99's had so much fun helping that it won't be long before they will be members of the Kansas Chapter. We had an outstanding stop in Liberal.

WATERLOO STOP

by Gerri Walker

Highlights — the excitement when the first racers finally got here . . . the fly-bys . . . waiting to hear whether TAR 11 made a safe forced landing . . . how good natured the racers were in spite of tension and fatigue . . . the cute outfits, including the Union blue and Confederate grey of TAR 84 . . . Judy McCrum's family from Minneapolis waiting two days to see her . . . the wonderful cooperation of our local people . . . how traffic picked up to the flight line when the Windecker Eagle and Messerschmitt were parked there . . . friendships new and renewed . . . the respect the weathermen felt for the racers because of their probing questions . . . KIIS Me buttons . . . the disappointment of TAR 57 forced to drop out because of engine trouble.

And . . . we ate the whole thing — 37 1/2 sandwich loaves of bread, including heels, made into ham sandwiches . . . or the moon at 4:15 A.M.

Saturday 18 planes landed, 8 RON'd. Sunday 76 planes landed, spread out during the day instead of bunched up in a 2-hour period as at Sioux City last year, and 7 RON'd. Monday morning the last 5 landed, including TAR 70.

It was great fun!

CHAMPAIGN STOP

by Barbara Jenison

Champaign was between two MUST stops so we really did not expect many planes, particularly any RONs. Nobody the first day and only ten planes that flew by the second day. Suddenly we had 42 planes to RON Sunday night. We managed to get all teams installed in motels, and then started working on arranging 4 A.M. breakfast, and transportation to the airport Monday. Most of our members who had come to work at the stop had to leave Sunday night, so we were very short handed. But we had lots of cars and drivers; Barbara Yates (a potential member) who read about the race coming thru Champaign and offered her services; James Johnson, son-in-law of Leah Warren, a former member of our chapter; Harvey Hirning, friend, heard of our problem and was there at 4 A.M. to drive; the 49 1/2ers; and our weather man, Jake Morgan, chief of the Springfield weather bureau, drove some of the racers since he was to give the weather briefing that morning.

Bob West, the 49 1/2 of Jean West who was racing, stepped in at the last minute to

man the "ham radio" and brought several others with him from Decatur including one who took part of his vacation to help out and a tower operator from the Decatur tower who is a ham operator also.

Another 49 1/2 scoured the city Sunday night to find a birthday cake for one of the racers who had a birthday that day.

We hope racers enjoyed the bottle of champagne and the little gold champagne glass charm that were the souvenirs of the Champaign stop.

NIAGARA FALLS

by Ann Dupras

The Western New York Chapter of the 99's started planning for the Powder Puff Derby last September 1972. Peg Pieper, chairman for this event, set up the program for Niagara Falls; several meetings with Niagara Falls International Airport manager, Mr. Robert Miller; also the Tower Chief, Mr. Russell Shedd. First pilot and co-pilot in was TAR 56, Pamela Van der Linden and her Co-Pilot, Ruth Dilg. TAR's stopping — TAR 90, Trina Jarish; TAR 37, Helen Wilke and Co-Pilot Kathy Long who were met by TV stations 2, 4 and 7; four of our girls Peggy Pieper, Cathy Potoczak, Arlene LoPresti and Diane Mudd; TAR 53, Pilot Marcia Gitelman and Co-Pilot Frances Morrissey; TAR 15, Esther Wright and Co-Pilot Joyce Toman who were honored at a luncheon given by Holiday Inn here. We had the officers from our chapter there and V.I.P.s. Among highlights, Audrey LaMarca, Peg Pieper, and Ann Dupras were guests on Iney Wallens Radio Show. Channel 29 hosted by Iney Wallens — Cecelia Kenny (our charter member), Peg Pieper, Cathy Potoczak, Aggie Denler, Shirley Havice and Ann Dupras. Channel 6 (STV cable TV) had Ann Dupras. Other news coverage: the **Niagara Falls Gazette**, the **Buffalo Courier-Express**, the **Buffalo Evening News**, the **Tonawanda News**, the **Niagara Observer**. The ham operators played a big

part in the PPD.

ELMIRA TERMINUS

by Ellen Taylor

As the golden voice of Don Mosher announced that a contestant was enroute to cross the finish line late Saturday, July 14, excitement rippled through the spectators, officials and press on hand. This was the moment of realization everyone had so diligently worked towards for two years. Finally, at approximately 8:10 E.D.T. TAR 37 streaked across the finish line. Eagerly awaiting for Helen Wilke, Dallas, Texas and Kathy Long, Irving, Texas, to deplane were officials of the Chemung County Board of Supervisors, Mayors of Elmira, Corning and Horseheads, Chambers of Commerce of Chemung and Corning, the official greeters, members of the 99's. As a special treat, a jeraboam of Great Western New York State champagne was popped and served in a giant-sized glass to help cool the emotions. Terminus Chairman Barbara Riggs exclaimed, "Isn't it wonderful!"

Yes, it was wonderful — the spirit of cooperation among the members of the business community. It was their foresight that, after initially meeting with Barbara Riggs over two years ago, an event such as the All-Woman Transcontinental Air race would bring national recognition and several hundred visitors to our area.

Yes, it was wonderful — how individual men and women from all over the area called to offer whatever services were necessary to the Terminus Committee.

Yes, it was wonderful how the Girl Scouts, working for their aviation badge, acted as official escorts, helped with baggage, and acted as messengers; how the Civil Air Patrol diligently guarded the impound area for twenty-four hours a day for four and one-half days.

Contestants — Please come back soon — you were wonderful, too!

27th Annual Powder Puff Derby July 13-16 — Final Wrap-Up

Kay A. Brick, Chairman;

Barbara Evans, Vice-Chairman East; Thon Griffith, Vice-Chairman West

WIND DANCE DID IT!

"Best weather with the least turbulence of any of the 16 Powder Puff Derbies I've flown" claims winner (TAR 70) Marian Burke of San Antonio, Tx., flying a Cessna 182, 230 hp. Pilot Marian claims that a Zuni Indian in Tucson, where she bought a turquoise ring en route to the start, indicated that by wearing it she "could not fall from high places," and further, he did a Wind Dance for her and co-pilot, Ruth Hildebrand, Houston, Tx. "with headwinds for their 103 competitor aircraft." Prize money of \$7200, plus trophies, chronographs and other goodies rewarded the winners.

Texas is elated that for the first time since 1954 the Powder Puff Derby winner

hails from the Lone Star State, as do second place winners (TAR 37) Helen Wilke, Dallas and Kathy Long, Irving, flying a Beechcraft Bonanza V-35, 285 hp. Their take was \$4800 on Helen's 5th try.

Third placer was (TAR 34) Ginny Wegener and co-pilot Lynn Cary, Santa Rosa, Ca., flying a Cessna 337 (center line thrust twin), 420 hp. Were happy that Ginny's take was \$2950 on her 9th TAR. With a score of plus 16.537 she barely edged out (TAR 90) Trina Jarish, solo, from CT and CA, with a plus 16.138. Right on the heels of Trina's Beechcraft Bonanza V-35A was a first-time racer, Mary Krautkramer (TAR 73) and co-pilot Patricia Friedman, flying a 150 hp Messerschmitt Monsun

Continued on page 5



TOP TEN WINNERS in the POWDER PUFF DERBY



PLACE PILOT; COPILOT

1. Burke, Marion (R) (TAR 70)
San Antonio, Tex.
Hildebrand, Ruth (L)
Houston, Tex.
2. Wilke, Helen (R) (TAR 37)
Dallas, Tex.
Long, Kathy (L)
Irving, Tex.
3. Wegener, Ginny (R) (TAR 34)
Santa Rosa, Calif.
Cary, Lynn (L)
Santa Rosa, Calif.
4. Jaris, Trina Adela (TAR 90)
Costa Mesa, Calif.
5. Krautkramer, Mary (L) (TAR 73)
Bristol, Wis.
Friedman, Pat (R)
Highland Park, Ill.
6. Grupenhagen, Esther (TAR 66)
Anaheim, Calif.
7. Payton, Sophia M. (R) (TAR 28)
Coraopolis, Pa.
Fairbanks, Pat (L)
Cincinnati, Ohio
8. Green, Sally (L) (TAR 84)
Monroe, La.
Drake, Leta Powell (R)
Lincoln, Neb.
9. Luhta, Caroline N. (L) (TAR 2)
Painesville, Ohio
Collier, Patricia (R)
Bellville, Ohio
10. Glasson, Pauline (L) (TAR 44)
Corpus Christi, Tex.
Scanio, Marion (R)
Woodsboro, Tex.

SPONSOR

- Modern Aero Inc.
Texberry Co.
City of Dumas
- H.L.H. Cosmetics
Div. Hunt Oil Co.
Dallas, Tex.
- Narco Avionics
Redwood Aviation
Santa Rosa, Calif.
Doctors and Friends
Cool-Ray, Inc.
Cool-Ray Park
Boston, Mass.
None
- Aviation Facilities, Inc.
Fullerton, Calif.
AABalene Plumbing & Heating
Neal D. Payton
Husband
- Gateway Realty, Lincoln, NB
Maury Paschall Aircraft
Sales, Monroe, La.
Aero Ads, Monroe, La.
Adolph J. Luhta
Myron W. Collier
Dick Grandia
- None

AIRPLANE

- Cessna
182
HP 230
- Beechcraft
Bonanza V-35
HP 285
- Cessna
337 (Twin)
HP 420
- Beechcraft
Bonanza V-35A
HP 285
Messerschmitt
BO-209 Monsun
HP 150
- American Traveler
AA-5
HP 150
Mooney
M-20C
HP 180
- Citabria
KCAB
HP 150
- Piper Cherokee
PA-28
HP 180
- Cessna
172 L Skyhawk
HP 150

HANDICAP
144

AVMPH
163.073

SCORE
19.073

184

201.057

17.057

174

190.537

16.537

184

200.138

16.138

125

141.003

16.003

119

134.988

15.988

153

168.863

15.863

110

125.078

15.078

130

144.924

14.924

119

133.894

14.894

LEG PRIZES

Leg 1: Carlsbad to Prescott	1st—TAR 70 Marian Burke, Ruth Hildebrand	+25.796
	2nd—TAR 85 Adele Gualano	+25.397
	3rd—TAR 84 Sally Green, Leta Powell Drake	+25.110
	4th—TAR 73 Mary Krautkramer, Patricia Friedman	+24.986
Leg 2: Carlsbad to Albuquerque	1st—TAR 72 Bernadine Stevenson	+24.184
	2nd—TAR 71 Gini Richardson	+22.583
	3rd—TAR 28 Sophia Payton, Pat Fairbanks	+22.502
	4th—TAR 85 Adele Gualano	+21.939
Leg 3: Prescott to Liberal	1st—TAR 31 Helen McGee	+19.835
	2nd—TAR 9 Mutz Trense, Brigitte Hoeck	+15.955
Leg 4: Albuquerque to Topeka	1st—TAR 70 Marian Burke, Ruth Hildebrand	+16.993
Leg 5: Liberal to Waterloo	1st—TAR 31 Helen McGee	+17.262
	2nd—TAR 73 Mary Krautkramer, Patricia Friedman	+17.205
	3rd—TAR 67 Mary Pearson, Harriett Booth	+14.560
Leg 6: Topeka to Waterloo	1st—TAR 70 Marian Burke, Ruth Hildebrand	+25.445
Leg 7: Topeka to Champaign	1st—TAR 73 Mary Krautkramer, Patricia Friedman	+24.064
Leg 8: Waterloo to Flint	1st—TAR 41 Billie Joyce Wyche, Stephanie Vickery	+28.208
Leg 9: Champaign to Niagara Falls	1st—TAR 84 Sally Green, Leta Powell Drake	+18.314
Leg 10: Flint to Elmira	1st—TAR 37 Helen Wilke, Kathy Long	+29.584
Leg 11: Niagara Falls to Elmira	1st—TAR 15 Esther Wright, Joyce Toman	+21.957

SPECIAL AWARDS

HIGHEST SCORE by a CREW WHOSE COMBINED TIME IS 700 HOURS or LESS:

TAR 85, Adele Gualano, +14.009

HIGHEST SCORE for a PILOT FLYING SOLO:

TAR 90, Trina Jarish, +16.138

HIGHEST SCORE by a CREW FLYING THE AWTAR FOR THE FIRST TIME:

TAR 85, Adele Gualano, +14.009

HIGHEST SCORE of a CREW from a COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE U.S.A.:

TAR 9, Mutz Trense, Brigitte Hoeck, +13.379

HIGHEST SCORE by a MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEAM:

TAR 49, Mary Lowe, Elizabeth Lowe Dieckmann, +6.110

DAILY OVERALL TOP SCORE FOR FIRST AND THIRD DAYS OF RACE:

TAR 70, Marian Burke, Ruth Hildebrand, +25.796, +18.923

DAILY OVERALL TOP SCORE FOR SECOND DAY OF RACE:

TAR 84, Sally Green, Leta Powell Drake, +21.721

HIGHEST SCORE OF ENTRY PILOTING PLANE POWERED BY A TELEDYNE CONTINENTAL ENGINE:

TAR 70, Marian Burke, Ruth Hildebrand, +19.073

HIGHEST SCORE IN EACH CLASS OF AIRCRAFT: FLYING MAGAZINE

145-165 HP — TAR 73 — Mary Krautkramer, Patricia Friedman, +16.003

166-199 HP — TAR 28 — Sophia Payton, Pat Fairbanks, +15.863

200-239 HP — TAR 70 — Marian Burke, Ruth Hildebrand, +19.073

240-284 HP — TAR 23 — Peg Davidson, Pat Wilson, +12.757

285-450 HP — TAR 37 — Helen Wilke, Kathy Long, +17.057

AC SPARK PLUG AWARDS:

FIRST PLACE — TAR 70 — Marian Burke, Ruth Hildebrand

THIRD PLACE — TAR 34 — Virginia Wegener, Lynn Cary

FIFTH PLACE — TAR 73 — Mary Krautkramer, Patricia Friedman

CHAMPION SPARK PLUG AWARDS:

SECOND PLACE — TAR 37 — Helen Wilke, Kathy Long

FOURTH PLACE — TAR 90 — Trina Jarish

CESSNA AWARDS:

TAR 70 — Marian Burke, Ruth Hildebrand, +19.073

TAR 34 — Virginia Wegener, Lynn Cary, +16.537

TAR 44 — Pauline Glasson, Marion Scanio, +14.894

TAR 71 — Gini Richardson, +14.671

TAR 9 — Mutz Trense, Brigitte Hoeck, +13.379

TAR 87 — Mary Vial, Ruby Sheldon, +12.893

TAR 23 — Peg Davidson, Pat Wilson, +12.757

TAR 25 — Maybelle Fletcher, Mary Byers, +11.860

TAR 29 — Emma McGuire, Georgia Lambert, +11.830

BEECHCRAFT AWARDS:

TAR 37 — Helen Wilke, Kathy Long, +17.057

TAR 90 — Trina Jarish, +16.138

SCRATCHED: TARs 3, 81, 88, 94

FINISHED PAST DEADLINE: TAR 68

FAILED TO FINISH: TARs 4, 13, 57, 89, 105

DISQUALIFIED: TARs 11, 18, 39, 64

PPD Highlights

Continued from page 3

Monsun making its debut. Their score plus 16.003.

Another solo and 150 hp plane, the American Traveler, piloted by Esther Grupenhagen (TAR 66) Anaheim, Ca., pulled a 15.988 for sixth place. Scores continued to be close as a Mooney M-20C, 180 hp; Citabria, 150 hp; Piper Cherokee, 180 hp; Cessna 172, 150 hp; Cessna 210, 285 hp and Windecker Eagle, 285 hp latched onto the 7th through 12th places respectively.

Last year's winner, Marian Banks, took top money after 16 tries. Gini Richardson won in 1971 on her 19th try in the same Cessna 210 she flew this year placing 11th. All of which indicates that experience, skill and perseverance eventually pay off and assure having one's name engraved on the Powder Puff Derby Trophy in Smithsonian Institution.

Prior to the race start, three mandatory

briefings were held. Safety was emphasized. At the Take-Off Banquet held at La Costa Resort, Carlsbad, Ca., FAA's Director of the Western Region, Mr. Arvin Basnight, presented 153 pilots with their FAA Safety Pins, evidence that all had taken their Courtesy Proficiency Flight Tests.

At the Terminus in Elmira, (TAR 38) Bobbi Adams and Janet Higgs, Ca. were honored with an FAA citation, Safe Pilot Award, for aiding another race plane in distress, thus curtailing their chances of placing higher.

At the Terminus Picnic held on Harris Hill, site of the National Soaring Museum, 100 racers and their guests enjoyed Schweizer complimentary sailplane flights. Many earned their glider ratings before leaving Elmira.

At the Take-Off Banquet, La Costa Resort, Carlsbad, Ca. the "parade of contestants" were introduced by Dave McElhatton of San Francisco radio fame.

TV personality, Red Rowe, emceed the dinner. Charles M. Schulz made a surprise appearance to the delight of Snoopy devotees.

Presentation of the well-earned trophies and prize monies at the Awards Banquet held at Elmira College climaxed the 27th Annual Powder Puff Derby. Top prizes were presented by Mr. John Baker, FAA's Assistant Administrator for General Aviation Affairs. Honored guests included emcee Jervis Langdon, Jr., Paul Clark, Ed Wronkoski, Francis Widman, George Zurenda, and Mrs. Nona Quarles of FAA.

Ninety-Nines International President, Susie Sewell, presented a charter to the Elmira Ninety-Nines to be known as the Southern Tier Chapter as a result of the enthusiasm generated during the Powder Puff Derby Terminus programming.

Pat Kelley Shearer added a touch of glamour by sending Leis from Hawaii to both the start pilots and the top ten.

All Woman New England Air Race

by Virginia A. Bonesteel

The 1973 All Woman New England Air Race was held May 19 at Worcester Municipal Airport, Worcester, Mass. The Eastern New England Chapter served as Race Committee with Virginia Bonesteel and Mona Budding as Co-Chairmen. (Mona was unable to make race weekend as she was in the hospital recovering from knee surgery).

AWNEAR Co-Ordinator Marie Lepore was responsible for enthusiastic support from the Worcester Community which included a billboard advertising the AWNEAR!

Vitek Aviation and Corporate Air of Massachusetts were our airport hosts.

A record 35 planes entered, 31 left the start line and 24 finished the round-robin, 260 nm course from Worcester to Jaffrey, N.H. to Rutland, VT. to Pike, N.H. and back to Worcester. Peg Davidson, winning her 3rd AWNEAR, took 1st place and the traveling trophy.

This year, in addition to trophies for the first five places, there were five trophies given by the Governor of Massachusetts which went to the top 5 speed score: (in order) Ellie McCullough, Peg Davidson, Nancy Tier, Evelyn Kropp and Jean Bat-

chelder. Best score for a low time crew went to Elaine Corrigan and Pamela Flint who, with a total of 219.4 hours between them, placed 7th overall.

Operations Committee was headed by Ripley Miller with able assistance from Lillian Emerson, Pat Thrasher, Terry Downey, Mary McKillip and Catherine Hiller (WNE Chapter). Timers in the tower were Rae Tober (WNE Chapter) and Georgia Pappas. Joan Burley (WNE) Chapter) monitored the phone.

The Ops Ground Crew led by Howard Emerson included 49 1/2ers Howard Fuller, Stuart Downing, Ken Miller, Frank Stites, Steve Porter and Click Pulis. The Worcester Squadron Civil Air Patrol helped with crowd control. In the scoring room were 99s Lois Auchterlonie (Section AWNEAR Board Chairman) and Judy Gillis with 49 1/2er Chuck Bonesteel and Mr. Michael Lapamardo (Aviation Committee, Worcester C of C) at the computers.

Registration Chairman Harriet Fuller, assisted by Pan Hawes, Cora Pustaver, Helen Kolazyk, Dot Butler, ably managed weather-delayed arrivals.

99s serving as spotters at the airports on the route were Cora Pustaver, Mary Shea

(WNE Chapter) and Billie Downing.

Hospitality was under Millie Doremus aided by Isabel Blodgett, Carol Stites, Alice Foeh, Marie Hight, Ruth Brown, Barbara Sexton, Sue Haselmann, Chris Seaver, Dot Butler and Barbara O'Brien. 49 1/2er Bud Doremus coordinated transportation, supported by Worcester Area Pilots Association.

The professional looking program was the work of Program Chairman Sue Linsley and Pam Hawes.

Helen Kolazyk and Carol Stites helped Publicity Chairman Lucille Flynn.

The 160 in attendance at the Awards Banquet heard Mrs. Robert H. Goddard discuss the value of the space program. Mike Lapamardo served as MC. Councillor Ed Deedy, representing the Mayor, presented the Key to the City to Virginia Bonesteel. ENE Chapter Chairman and Race Co-Chairman. Councillor George Wells brought best wishes from Governor Sargent.

Next year the Northern New England Chapter will hostess the race. The 1974 AWNEAR will be better than ever!

99 Chapter Personality-Bozena Vrla

by June Hanson

Chairman Doris Jacobson, Kay Bays, and June Hanson, members of the Maryland Chapter of The Ninety Nines, Inc. had the good fortune to meet the first woman aerobatic pilot of Czechoslovakia, Bozena Vrla who is now a 99 of Sydney, Australia. She and her husband, Laddis, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Dolezal of Bata Shoe Company in Belcamp during the first week of July.

Bozena learned to fly while employed by the Bata Company in Zlin, Czechoslovakia, in 1937 and flew a Zlin aircraft, made by the Bata Company. She says, in that country Bata manufactured everything from needles to aircraft, not just shoes. The company, always ready to aid employees who showed promise, helped finance her flight training. They were well rewarded.

Within a short time, Bozena was flying exhibition flights all over Europe demonstrating the aerobatic capabilities of the Zlin aircraft. From a Czechoslovakian newspaper, December 1947: "In her Air Races among men pilots, she gained First Place twice. Bozena is always very occupied by training for new aerobatics. Her name will be written forever in the history of Czechoslovakian Aviation — it needs such courageous women. It is not so hard to get a pilot's license but it is harder to climb on the top and stay there."

Little did they suspect how courageous Bozena was! After the Communist Party took control, she decided she could no longer stay in her home country. For more

than a year, the most famous woman pilot in that country, one day saw her long awaited opportunity for escape.

She was to fly a passenger on a routine business trip to a town near the Czechoslovakian border. Weather was very poor for the flight and, because of this, fewer than usual "machine gun planes" were guarding the aerial border. Using the clouds to her advantage, she and her passenger decided to try for their escape into freedom. She had with her only a small overnight bag; all other possessions were left behind. They also planned, if it appeared they would be intercepted, that she would nose dive the Zlin into the ground — at least, this way, they could choose their own time and place to die, for, in turning back, only death waited for them on the ground.

They did not make it to their planned destination — headwinds caused them to run out of fuel short of there — but, when she landed in a field beside a highway, they were in West Germany. The American authorities came to their aid and, after some months in a refugee camp, they went on to Australia to jobs in that country. Bozena had hoped to go to Canada for she knew some fellow countrymen there and "not being the adventuresome type" (her words!) she didn't want to go to Australia where she knew no one.

The story could end there after twenty-two years in Sydney but there is more. For twenty years she could not afford to fly.



Bozena Vrla (center), Australian Chapter 99, shown with Doris Jacobson (L), Chairman Maryland Chapter, and Kay Bays (R), 99 member.

Two years ago, she got back into the pilot's seat and began to do aerobatics again in a British built Beagle Pup. She is still doing them as a member of the Royal Aero Club, the Australian Women Pilots Association and The Ninety Nines. An Australian newspaper gave her age as between 35 and 50 and, as Bozena says, "I don't correct them if they want to think I am that young."

After several hours of conversation with this fascinating lady, the three women pilots had the same feeling: "How lucky we are to live in the freedom of the United States!", while in some countries permission must be obtained from the authorities to make a trip of any distance, the bank must permit you to use your own funds to make such a trip, mail may be opened by the authorities at any time, and you cannot return to your own country to visit family and friends... DO WE REALIZE THE FREEDOM WE ENJOY?



International Hot Line

By Shirley Allen
International 99 P.R.

PARIS! — LONDON! Sounds exciting, particularly when you are representing an International flying organization, the Ninety-Nines. France reigns supreme as holding the largest Air Exposition in the world, every two years at Le Bourget Airport, outside the City of Paris. The show lived up to its past reputation as the greatest air show on earth with a record number of exhibitors and aircraft. The mind and senses were completely satiated with aviation!

France can also claim the oldest-established National Flying Club in the world — L'Aero Club de France, founded in October, 1898. The President, Monsieur Bernard Duperier, is also Vice-President of the FAI (Federation Aeronautique Internationale) and his charming wife (also a pilot) chatted informally with me at their chalet. Monsieur Duperier said he would like to see more Ninety-Nine members belong to their National Club, on an individual basis. The address is 6, Rue Galilee, 75116 PARIS, France.

Madame Marie-Joséphine De'Beauregard, our French Section Governor, an extremely knowledgeable person dedicated to all aspects of aviation, is presently writing a book on the History of Women in Flight. At her apartment in Neuilly, we pored over a superb collection of "early bird" pictures and memorabilia, dating back to the early 1900's. Madame Beauregard would be most happy to receive or exchange anything on outstanding women in aviation from countries around the world, this of great mutual benefit and interest to Ninety-Nine members, stimulating and strengthening our international bonds. We talked about many other women pilots, some who are not members, but contribute enormously to the status of women in the air. Florenza de'Bernardi, who flies a YAK-40 for Air-Thyrenia in Italy (member-at-large) — Mirta Takvich, who pilots a DC-4 in Argentina, and others.

It is difficult to find words to express appreciation to the British Section for their hospitality and many kindnesses to me the following week. The Governor, Freydis Sharland, Sheila Scott, Elizabeth Overbury, to name a few — their contributions to the Ninety-Nine organization go far and beyond the call of duty. I was privileged to meet, through their efforts, many remarkable women, prior to and during the "Women in the Air" Rally and Display at Sywell Airport, Northamptonshire, north of London.

Miss Jean Batten, who lives in Tenerife, off the coast of Spain, established many early flying records in a Moth and Percival Gull Monoplane, has had an Archive dedicated to her in 1972 at the famous RAF Museum at Hendon, and continues to be a vivacious personality, promoting aviation at every opportunity. The Honourable Mrs. Victor Bruce who flew around the world in her first plane, the "Blubird", that she

bought out of a shop window for 550 Lire (pounds sterling), in the early 30's! Unassuming, petite Joan Hughes, was one of many who flew Lancasters, Liberators, Mitchells, Mosquitoes during WW II. She was the only woman pilot capable of instructing on all types. (She also flew the Demoiselle in the "Magnificent Men" and the Fokker in the "Blue Max" movies).

During a reception at the Royal Aero Club in London, Mr. Kenneth Davies, our host and President of the club, arranged for the Guests of Honour to view the illustrious Schneider Trophy. The Royal Aero Club has been and still is, predominantly a male stronghold and women are not allowed in many areas, except at certain times of the day!

It was a great pleasure to meet H.R.H. Fatema Pahlavi, a sister of the Shah of Iran, who flies a Cessna 172 and has 180 hours on a Bell Jet Ranger. It was apparent that she was delighted to talk flying with other women pilots and this was a rare occasion for her. . . . The Air Commodore & Mrs. Betty (Green) Heycock, who so kindly opened their country home to the international guests and treated us royally over the weekend, in Northamptonshire.

"Women-in-the Air" June 10th, 1973 was very well organized. Coordinated with the British Women Pilot's Association and the Girls Venture Corps — it incorporated a Robin Rendezvous Rally and an all-women pylon race. This Air Display was the second one to be organized by women and held at Sywell (Northamptonshire Aero Club). The first was held in 1931 by a Miss Molly Olney (guest of honour Amy Johnson), 1973 Air Display Organizer, Mrs. Freydis Sharland (guest of honour Sheila Scott). Proceeds to go towards the Amy Johnson Scholarship Fund, administered by the B.W.P.A. Mr. Mike Newton, Airport Manager, has supported both these outstanding events.

Delphine Grey-Fisk took time out from flying Comets with Alitair to ferry a vintage Puss Moth from the Shuttleworth collection. G-ADPR, Miss Jean Batten's Gull was on display and Myth II, very much alive and well! Formation fly-past of the women in the Tiger Club. All-girl Sky-diving Team. Girl on the Wing Barnstormer and aerobatic solos by Frances Macrae and Jane Murdoch. The Royal Air Force and the Rothman's Team were on hand to give the women male support. It was a great day!

My own memorable flights — with Sheila and Myth II from Sywell to Ellstree; a short hop in the oldest flying Tiger Moth in the world — G-ACDC and a Belgian Stampe (thanks to Suzanne Brooks and the Tiger Club at Redhill); a brief introduction to the French Rallye and Robin; and finally, a fly-by in an Air Show, in a British Beagle Pup. How green my England was. I had never seen it before from 2,000 ft! I feel as though I have truly been home.

Our overseas members take their flying

very seriously. There are approximately 300 women pilots in Great Britain and I believe they have to work harder at it than we do. It definitely costs more to fly. Elizabeth Overbury, a Senior First Officer with Court Line, flying BAC Super 1-11's, has many firsts to her credit, but had to work literally night and day to obtain her ratings. She has not encountered any passenger prejudice in the eight years she has been with the Airlines. She still feels part of the plane when flying, no matter how large, particularly when breaking out of the clouds and overcast. Thunderstorms are her greatest concern, north of the Alps, when they build up over an area of 100 miles or more. Elizabeth feels it is a privilege to be a Ninety-Nine. It was a privilege to meet her.

Returning home — up front — a friendly crew aboard Air Canada's 747 — interesting right through to the very end and touch down at Toronto, eight hours later. Time to learn a little more about the mysteries of the electronic systems — reflect on an exciting trip, ponder the breadth, scope and potential of the International Ninety-Nines!



APT

Lately, each mail delivery brings another mid-year Section report — pages of names of 99s who are APT. We are no longer merely talking safety, but are really doing something concrete. As I was reading the July 99 NEWS it occurred to me that almost three-quarters of the Chapters were mentioning Safety Seminars, APT Clinics, or promoting APT generally!

So, this month there will be no gentle nagging or promotion — just CONGRATULATIONS and thanks for showing your enthusiastic support for the Program.

Next month I'll give you a brief summary of the Convention report and report the highlights of the APT discussion to be held during Convention. An updated APT SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) will be available and distributed soon.

TO ALL GOVERNORS AND CHAPTER CHAIRMEN: If you contemplate changing your Chapter or Section APT Chairmen, please let me and your Section APT Chairman know at once so that we can have the out-going Chairman brief her successor and thereby prevent a break in our communication lines.

**WHEN YOU ARE IN
HAWAII**

PLEASE CALL US

PAT KELLEY

847-6752

TRIPPI AHRENS

373-2609

BETTY SKOLD

949-4908

FLORENCE BEAMON

395-5482

**WE WOULD LOVE TO
HEAR FROM YOU!**

CONVENTION



Bert Mulroy, special assistant to the Mayor of Milwaukee, and Dr. Anne E. Roethke, 1973 International Convention Chairman, welcomed our overseas members during the International Fun Evening Party. Each gal was given an orchid lei and a kiss on the cheek from Bert. (Photo 73-NC-5)



Bratwurst... Oh, what's that? (Photo 73-NC-40)



Marian Lutes, Minnesota Chapter models her "aeronautical" catfan for Betty Kuechle, also of the Minnesota Chapter, and Dean and Carole Chambers of Freeport, Grand Bahamas. (Photo 73-NC-25)



..... And when lady pilot 5-feet tall lands her Beech Debonair in field of corn 8-feet tall... a corn popper is always a useful piece of survival equipment to have on board! (Left to right — Pat Jetton, Dallas Redbird Chapter; Bert Mulroy, special assistant to the Mayor of Milwaukee; and Dr. Anne E. Roethke, 1973 International Convention Chairman.) (Photo 73-NC-7)

Dr. Anne E. Roethke, Chairman of the 1973 International Convention, and her Committee Chairmen, can claim the honor of staging one of the best organized annual get-togethers ever. From the time the nearly 500 delegates and members of the 99s flew into General Billy Mitchell Field in Milwaukee until the final Piper Fly-Away Breakfast, there wasn't a dull moment. Two of our committee chairmen, Helen Wray, Aerospace, and Margo Smith, APT, managed informative sessions, despite the tight schedule, and the time-consuming delegate meetings. Pat Kelly Shearer, Aloha Chapter, and 49 1/2er were very busy spreading good cheer, and pinning Hawaiian orchids on everyone.

The North Central Section Chapters carried out their duties and their programs flawlessly. Outstanding was a hilarious style show narrated in a stand-up comedy style by a "Madam Adel". Of unusual interest was an actual recording of an interview with early-day pilot Blanche Scott.



At last! A cure for nervousness has been found for the "Nervous Navigators"! (Well, at least while they are on the ground, anyway.) All it takes is an International Convention of the "Ninety-Nines" in Milwaukee... a few barrels of Milwaukee beer... and lots of Oom-Pah-Pah music! And here is the proof — pictured on the left is their leader, the new now "Non-Nervous Navigator", Col. Lewis Foster. Col. Lem Ellingson is in the background, and that fellow with the sexy knee socks was too busy dancing to identify himself. (Photo 73-NC-6)



Ticket No. 429 was the lucky number, and Juanita Waddell, Fort Worth, Texas was the lucky gal who won the Sensenich propeller as a door prize. That's Joan McArthur (center) and Marlyn Donagan (right) both of the Wisconsin Chapter shown presenting Juanita with her prize. (Photo 73-NC-8)

by Mr. Enoch Squires, newspaperman.

Amelia Earhart Scholarship Winners

Presented by Alice Roberts, Chairman of the Committee, were: Patricia Cleary Domas, Michigan, award for Instrument and Multi-Engine ratings; Peggy Bolton Husby, North Georgia, for Instrument and Flight Instructor ratings; Ora Rae Merk, E. Washington, for Instrument and Instrument Instructor ratings; Frances Sargent, Florida Goldcoast, for ATR; and Dorothy A. Tuller, Washington, D.C., for Flight Instructor Rating. Each award winner was presented with an Amelia Earhart Medal by International President, Susie Sewell, and a bouquet of roses by Committee member, Iris Critchell.

1973-1974 International Officers

Results of the election of the International Officers for the coming year are: **Elizabeth V. "Susie" Sewell, President; Pat McEwen, Vice-President; Mary Nees Able, Secretary; and Lois Feigenbaum, Treasurer.**



The gals in the center with the big smiles and the beautiful bouquets of roses are three of the five recipients of the 1973 Amelia Earhart Scholarship Awards. Left to right — Iris Critchell, AE Committee Member; Broneta Davis Evans, AE Scholarship Fund Trustee; three of the winners — Dorothy Tuller, Washington, D. C. Chapter; Patricia Domas, Michigan Chapter; Peggy Husby, North Georgia Chapter; and Susie Sewell, International President. Ora E. Merk, East Washington Chapter and Frances Sargent, Florida Goldcoast Chapter, were not present. (Photo 73-NC-10)



Chanda Budhahatti, Member-at-Large, from Bombay, India dancing with Bert Mulroy during the International Fun Evening Party. (Photo 73-NC-9)

HIGHLIGHTS



"Jennifer C. Gull and the North Central Section invite your attention to the photos taken at the International Banquet."

Salute to the Crew



Mr. Butterfield presents a bouquet of flowers to each of our two oldest charter members. Left, Mary E. Von Mach, Detroit, Michigan (Photo 73-NC-39); Right, Betty Gillies, San Diego, California. (Photo 73-NC-26)



Alice Roberts, Chairman — AE Scholarship Fund. (Photo 73-NC-35)

Fasten Seat Belts



..... Joseph R. Novello, M. D., Dept. of Psychiatry, University of Michigan. (Photo 73-NC-13)

Filing the Flight Plan



The Navigator..... Loma May, Michigan Chapter (Photo 73-NC-41)

Welcome Aboard



..... Anne E. Roethke, Convention Chairman, Wisconsin Chapter. (Photo 73-NC-14)

Closing Flight Plan



Loma May is rewarded for all her hard work with a big kiss from Mr. Butterfield, FAA Administrator. (Photo 73-NC-44)

Clear for Takeoff



Edward M. Stimpson, President, GAMA. (Photo 73-NC-23)



Nona Quarles..... Women's Aviation Activities. (Photo 73-NC-18)



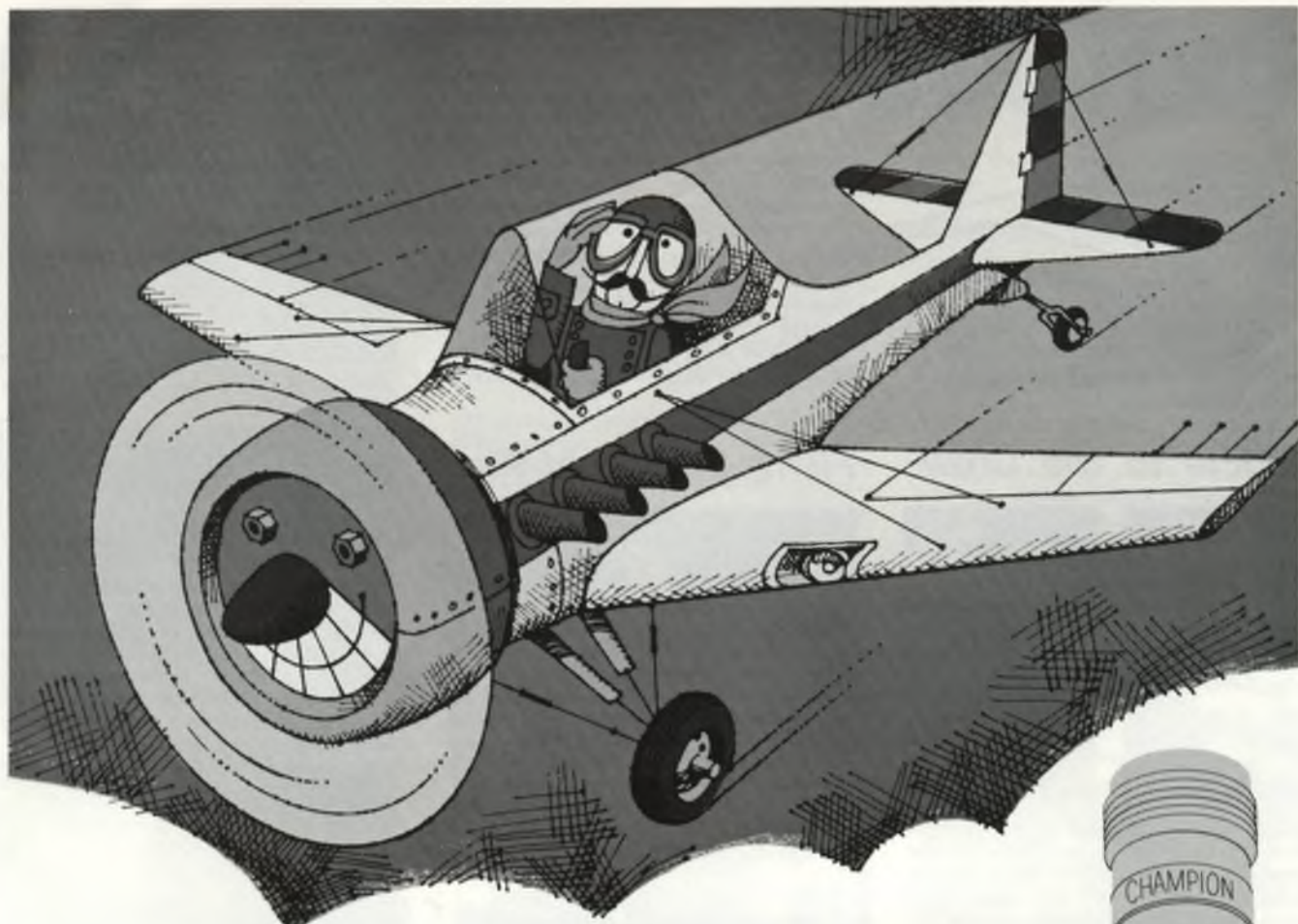
William M. "Tuck" Huey..... Deputy Assistant Administrator for General Aviation. (Photo 73-NC-32)



Peter V. Siegel, M.D..... Federal Air Surgeon. (Photo 73-NC-31)



..... The Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield, Administrator, FAA. (Photo 73-NC-30)

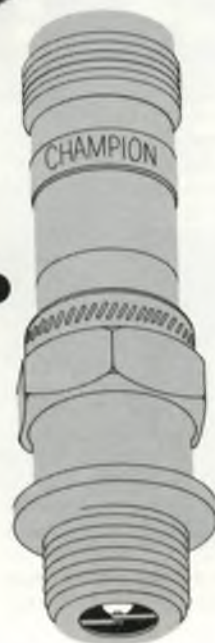


Flyer's favorite.

aviation spark plugs



igniters • oil filters



CHAMPION SPARK PLUG COMPANY • TOLEDO, OHIO 43661

Better plugs for everyone.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NINETY-NINES INTERNATIONAL CONTEST COMMITTEE

by Ellie McCullough, Chairman

The Contest Committee, consisting of Helen Sailer, Anne Roethke, and Ellie McCullough (Chairman) spent a hectic, but gratifying year.

Sixteen races were approved for 1973, namely VIXON FRISK, FRESNO 400 MEN'S RACE, ANGEL DERBY, TUCSON TREASURE HUNT, AWNEAR, ILLI-NINES AIR DERBY, GARDEN STATE 300, MINI-DERBY, POWDER PUFF DERBY, PALMS TO PINES, APUEPUELELE, NEBRASKA AIR RACE, INDIANA FAIR RACE, MICHIGAN SMALL RACE, PACIFIC AIR RACE and KACHINO DOLL & ROAD RUNNER. So far, two races have been approved for dates only in 1974. They are the 24th annual ANGEL DERBY for April 22-May 4, 1974 and the 28th annual POWDER PUFF DERBY for July 1-10, 1974.

The Committee has also received notification of well over 25 Poker Runs, some seeking SOPs, others inquiring about insurance requirements and others seeking 99 approval through the Committee. Although Contest Committee approval is not required, it is helpful to know the dates in order to attempt to prevent conflicts with nearby Races.

The 99 NEWS has been most helpful this year. The Committee wishes to thank Mardo Crane and her staff for publishing our reports and SOP. It was a surprise to

discover that so many 99s did not know of the Committee and its functions. Along these lines, the Committee is again asking the Executive Board to change the SOP as requested at last year's Convention. A copy of the suggested change will appear in October Issue.

There are still seven approved races to be run this year. The Committee appreciates the Chapters' complying with the 90 day rule.

We have received final reports from every race held so far. The 99's should be proud of the professional way these events are handled. Some of the Chapters have graciously agreed to allow the Committee to copy their Rules & Regulations as well as their Final Reports and pass them on to other Chapters desiring to hold a similar race.

There have been instances whereby the Committee had to go to the Executive Board for guidance and appreciate the Board's help and backing.

All in all, we had a very fruitful year and I want to thank Dr. Anne Roethke and Helen Sailer for all their hard work, fair decisions, support and continued good will even when the going became very difficult. With Committee members like them, a Chairman finds herself very fortunate.

1973 RACES

Name of Race	Chapter or non-99 Sponsor of Event	Dates Scheduled	Date Approved	Final Report
VIXON FRISK	Orange County Chapter	Mar. 24, '73	1/25/73	—
FRESNO 400 MEN'S RACE	Fresno Chapter	Apr. 28, '73	1/30/73	5/73
INTERNATIONAL AIR RACE (ANGEL DERBY)	Florida Women & Pilots Association	May 7-15, 1973	1/30/73	6/73
TUCSON TREASURE HUNT	Tucson Chapter	May 11-13, 1973	2/26/73	6/73
AWNEAR	New England Section	May 19, '73	3/14/73	5/73
ILLI-NINES AIR DERBY	Chicago Chapter	May 25-27, 1973	1/9/73	6/73
GARDEN STATE 300	Garden State Chapter	May 27, '73 HELD 6/2/73	3/14/73	6/73
MINI-DERBY	Golden West Chapter	June 30, '73	3/14/73	7/73
AWTAR (POWDER PUFF DERBY)	AWTAR Board	July 9-18 1973	1/30/73	
PALMS TO PINES	Long Beach Chapter	Aug. 16-18 1973	5/28/73	
APUEPUELELE	Aloha Chapter	Aug. 19, '73	7/25/73	
NEBRASKA AIR RACE	Nebraska Chapter	Aug. 25, '73	6/21/73	
INDIANA FAIR RACE	Indiana Chapter	Sept. 15, '73	3/15/73	
MICHIGAN SMALL RACE	Michigan Chapter	Oct. 5-7	2/26/73	
PACIFIC AIR RACE	El Cajon Valley & San Diego Chapters	Oct. 13-14 1973	4/19/73	
KACHINO DOLL & ROAD RUNNER	Phoenix Chapter	Nov. 3, '73	6/21/73	
1974 Races				
AWTAR (POWDER PUFF DERBY) 28th	AWTAR Board	July 1-10 1974	3/14/73 (date only)	
AWIAR (ANGEL DERBY) 24th	AWIAR, Inc., Angel Derby, Inc. FWPA, Inc.	Apr. 22-May 4 1974	7/25/73 (date only)	
As of 7/25/73				

Coming Events

August 17-18, 1973 — All woman "Palms to Pines Air Race" — Sponsored by Long Beach Ninety-Nines, Inc., and City of Independence, Oregon.

Sept. 15 — Open house at the Ogden Airport in the "Greater Ogden Area '99' room" south of Intermountain Flight Center (IFC) on September 15, 1973. Refreshments served from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Airport Cafe available for lunches. Local motels and transportation are nearby if anyone desires them. There will be presentations to those with the oldest license, oldest plane, longest distance traveled, etc.

Sept. 21-22 — Fall Southwest Sectional — Van Nuys Airport (San Fernando Valley Chapter)

Sept. 29 — Palomar Chapter - All Men's Palomar Air Race. Entry kits \$1.50. Mary Pearson, c/o Flight Trails, 2386 Palomar Airport Rd. Carlsbad, CA 92008.

Oct. 13-14 — Gillespie Airport, El Cajon, Calif. Pacific Air Race sponsored by San Diego and El Cajon Ninety-Nines. Terminus, Buchanan Airport, Concord, CA. Contact: Ann "Boo" Christensen, 3872 Jewell St. Apt. H-208. San Diego, Calif. 92109.

Oct. 16-18 — The Los Angeles Chapter of the Ninety-Nines sixth Flight Instructor Clinic October 16-18, 1973 at the Airport-Marina Hotel in Los Angeles, California. It will be a revalidation and refresher instrument clinic and reservations may be made by contacting me, Lynne D. Oppen, 10865 Pickford Way, Culver City, CA 90230. Telephone Number: (213) 839-3797.

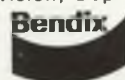
Oct. 20-21 — Second Annual Aircraft Mechanics Seminar, sponsored by El Cajon Valley Chapter Ninety-Nines, with participation of the FAA: October 20 & 21, Rodeway Inn, San Diego. \$25.00 fee includes banquet; contact Mrs. L. M. Chambers, 1440 S. Orange, Sp. 29, El Cajon, Calif. 92020.

Nov. 3 — Phoenix Air Race

AVIATION INSURANCE: Serving the Northeast with unsurpassed service, rates, and companies for 26 years. Fixed base operators, corporations or private owners call collect for a quotation. Richard J. Berlow & Co., Inc., Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, N.J. 07608 (201) 288-1091.

Flying **VOR** Manual \$1.25

The most compact, complete pocket guide to flying VOR. 55 pages. Clearly illustrated. Easy to read and understand. Send check or money order, no stamps or COD's, to Bendix Avionics Division, Dept. 390 P.O. Box 9414, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33310.



Aero Space Education-99 Style

by Helen Lee Anderson

HAPPINESS IS FOUND IN
THREE MAGIC NUMBERS

99
49 1/2
3 3/4

I, Helen Lee Anderson, am 3 3/4 year old, and my Gran, Helen Wray, is finishing her assignment as your Aerospace Education chairman. Grandpapa, Charles Wray, is a 49 1/2. I have been flying with my Papa and Gran since I was four months old, and feel very much at home in Comanche 93P. Part of my job is to help flight plan, pre-flight and fly. Since Gran is so interested in Aerospace Education, I feel lucky to be learning so much about the air age while I'm young.

Recently, Gran went to Baton Rouge to attend the first meeting of the Louisiana Governor's Council on Aerospace Education, which consists of representatives from all facets of aviation/aerospace in the state. Dr. Merv Strickler, FAA Education Office in Washington, D.C., was main speaker. He covered the gamut of Aerospace Education and helped the group become familiar with mountains of available material.

Another first was an Aerospace Workshop for elementary teachers at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana. Mary Jo Oliver, also a 99, was the favorite guest speaker. She made all the teachers aware of the necessity for the very young being informed about the entire transportation system, and says the universal curiosity of most people concerning air-

planes can be the motivating catalyst for all learning. (What big words you are using, Gran.) Gran is a teacher and she says, "Without motivation, there is **nothing**." Mary Jo also mentioned "self image" as the basis of all safety habits. Does a person like himself? If he doesn't, he is accident prone — an accident waiting to happen. Aviation can allow a person to develop a good self image — to like himself. Lloyd Haynes, star of TV's **Room 222** mentioned this at the Aerospace Congress. For the record, flying has made me like myself more.

As Aerospace Chairman, the idea came to Gran of 99 exhibits in airport terminals across the nation and around the world — a contribution to posterity of 99 accomplishments. These exhibits could be designed and executed by chapters or by states. Think of excitement of a European trip knowing that in Helsinki (for example) there was a 99 room in the terminal building; or in New York or Washington or Tennessee we could look forward to an exhibit 99 style in the airport terminals. "99s are the most creative people in the world," says Gran.

Gran says thanks for all the letters, cards and pictures sent to her during the past year. I also say thanks for letting me bend your ears (and eyes) a little. Even though I am only 3 3/4 now, I shall certainly be looking forward to being a 99 someday. There's truly magic in that number.



Helen Lee Anderson, daughter of Betty and Brady Anderson of Little Rock, Arkansas, and granddaughter of Helen and Charlie Wray of Shreveport, La., always helps with the flight planning on a trip.



"All is A-O.K., Papa and Gran. Let's go!"

NIFA NEWS

by Fran Sargent, Chairman

The college students who are members of the National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) will be back behind the desk except on week-ends, after class, or any spare hour, behind the panel of an airplane aiming for that spot on the runway for an accuracy landing, pouring over fuel consumption figures in preparation for the proficiency navigation event, or any number of other equally important practice activities for the Regional Air Meet nearest their campus.

Many Ninety-Nines are already making plans to assist them. Please add it immediately to the top priority for this year. Hopefully each Governor has appointed a NIFA Representative for her Section to serve as the "spark-plug" in helping NIFA.

As more chapters and sections help NIFA and as the regional meets take place. More and more the need is apparent for NIFA Regional Representatives to take an active role. If you are that person, please contact me. You will be placed on a mailing list to keep you posted on NIFA plans. Those Regional Meets at this writing are: Gateway Technical Institute, Kenosha, Wisconsin; Northeastern University, Norwood, Massachusetts; Texarkana College, Texarkana, Arkansas; St. Petersburg Junior

College, Clearwater, Florida. As the other locations are determined, will announce them.

Those chapters not near a host school, do plan in your budget at least a dollar a member for the NIFA Trust Fund, as a number of Chapters already have. Total contribution this past year averages about 50c a member. Where can you spend a dollar in aviation where the value is more appreciated or better utilized?

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

Flying On To . . .

NEW HORIZONS

Anita Sharon Wooldridge, Alaska Chapter, died of a blood clot on the brain, July 17, 1973.

AIRCRAFT JEWELRY
WINGS • AIRCRAFT • PLACARDS
DECALS • PATCHES • SPECIAL ITEMS



Distributor & Dealer Inquiries Invited
Send 25c for Catalog
P. O. Box 20515, Dallas, Texas 75220

FREE PILOT'S CATALOG

Send to: **SPORTY'S PILOT SHOP**
CLERMONT COUNTY AIRPORT
Batavia, Ohio 45103
phone (513) 732-2411

99 profile

99 Mary Pearson proves that there is a combination of honest modesty and likeable personality. Everything she has accomplished has been done with a quiet, dogged persistence that really hid under the proverbial bushel until her dramatic "save" of a fellow pilot in the 1972 Powder Puff Derby. Written up for FLYING magazine by talented writer Lorette Zirker of the Aloha Chapter, we still might have missed it had we not known that Mary Pearson (and co-pilot, Janise Free) was TAR No. 103. Making their fly-by at Moline, Ill., in marginal weather, they heard TAR No. 44 calling for help in finding Moline. It was apparent that she was not hearing the Tower. Mary and her co-pilot volunteered to stay in the air to help the troubled aircraft. Calling air-to-air they found and guided TAR No. 44 to a safe landing. It was an unheralded exhibition of flying know-how, and the use of talents that come only with the some 8,500 hours experience as pilot and instructor which Mary Pearson possessed.

The history of this unusual 99 began in 1948 when she helped form and learned to fly in Skycats Flying Club at the University

of Arizona in Tucson. With 30 boys and 3 girls they started out in a new Aeronca Super Chief. In three months Mary was licensed. She stayed with the club for three years, when she married and left college to fly an aerial photographer, building time, and working in the photo lab part time.

She was one of the women who worked to find enough women to start the Tucson Chapter. "I was very poor at the time," Mary remembers. "I flew a little and worked on lots of projects."

Then she had a son, and of course her flying tapered. Then she went back to college for a teaching credential, and finally moved to Riverside, California, where she lived practically under the pattern at Flabob Airport. Her wings grew again. She got her Commercial and CFI. Then to San Diego in 1959 to manage an FBO for two years with husband Brad. It was finally in 1965 that they had their own business, Flight Trails, now so widely known because of the Powder Puff Derby which started at the Palomar Airport where their business is.

Now with more than 9,000 hours, an In-



Mary Pearson, member of the Palomar (Calif.) Chapter 99s.

strument rating added to her others, and an FAA designated pilot examiner, she looks back on all the Powder Puff Derbies she has flown from 1966 **each year**, and she remembers that she had been in the top 3rd in all except the 1967 Derby, when she finished dead last when the weather did her in. She, like other prominent women participants, have always had a student as co-pilot. In fact, one year she had five former students as competitors! Mary Pearson thinks she may be one of those 20-year racers. To such a sensitive and able pilot a win may come sooner than her estimate — at least, we hope so!

U.S. Women's Helicopter Team



U.S. Women's Helicopter Team

(All members of the 99's and The Whirly-Girls)

Left to Right: Charlotte Graham, International President of The Whirly-Girls; Betty Miller, Trans-Pacific solo record holder and former chairman, WACO; Betty Pfister, former WASP and former Chairman, WACO; Ilovene Potter, Team Captain and International Treasurer, The Whirly-Girls; Jean Tinsley, International Secretary, The Whirly-Girls and Mary Tracy Gaffaney, World Women's Aerobatic Champion.



Left to Right: Senator Barry Goldwater (R. Arizona); Major General Brooke E. Allen, USAF (Ret.), Executive Director, National Aeronautic Association; Jean Ross Howard, Secretary, National Aeronautic Association and Executive Director, The Whirly-Girls; and Warren T. Rockwell, Vice President, Bell Helicopter Company in the Senator's office when he presented an American flag that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol to Miss Howard for the U.S. Women's Helicopter Team to carry in the International Fly-By during the 2nd World Helicopter Championships at Middle Wallop, England, July 23-28, 1973. Miss Howard is the U.S. Team Delegate which is sponsored by the Bell Helicopter Company.

Chapter Reports

Southwest Section

ARIZONA - CALIFORNIA
HAWAII - NEVADA - UTAH

ALOHA CHAPTER

Trippi Ahrens, Reporter

Once again the Aloha chapter is on the move! Gina Currall and her husband have been transferred to Korea. Dana DiRito's husband has also been transferred — to Viet Nam in September. Dana says private aviation is available there so she will continue flying. Florence Beamon returned from a tour of Korea with her son. Jane Kelley is going back to Oshkosh and Fond Du Lac to represent Hawaii at the EAA and IAC events. Lindy Bayes is off to the Aviation Writers Association Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. Pat Kelley Shearer attended the Milwaukee International Convention and will return via Tucson. Trippi Ahrens is taking a month's leave from work, and hopes to meet some 99's in Georgia, where she will be visiting her cousin in Athens. Later at the Reno Air Races she will meet Tom Penland, her instructor-*"friend"* (made famous in last month's 99 news) and 99 friends Joyce Failing and Mary Pinkney. Following the races, Trippi will hit the fall sectional in Sherman Oaks, California, where she will join Pat Coates to promote the spring sectional in Hawaii. Irene Rodgers has returned from a business trip to California where she stayed with Dottie Sanders and Betty Lambert in San Diego. Irene got some flight time in an Aerobatic Decathlon and in a 2-hole Pitts with Art Scholl. She and Minnett Learned are taking a celestial navigation course. Sandy Scroggins has moved to Mt. Prospect, Illinois. Sue Angell ran off to Reno and married Bob Young, a local news photographer. She brought a goodly dowry to the marriage — her commission from selling a million dollar hotel in Hawaii. Betty Skold went off to New Jersey for six weeks.

Sylvia Hammack just became Mrs. Turner and private pilot. Lennie Muttick got her commercial license and is flying for a local tour company in a Cherokee Six. Laura Hale is APT after being allowed to fly in the Military Aero Club in Guam. Aloha chapter had a great turnout for the Aerospace Workshop with Dot Reed organizing flyers, Trippi Ahrens running the Spot Landing



Irene Rodgers, Aloha Chapter, shown here with Art Scholl, instructor, visited California and got some flight time in an Aerobatic Decathlon and a 2-hole Pitts.

contest, and Sue Young, Sally Hall, Jane Kelley, Loret Bilkiss, Pat Davis, and Trippi acting as host pilots. Visiting us were Joyce Failing, Margo Smith, Fran Bera McLin and husband, and Jan and Stu Crooks.

SPRING SECTIONAL

So far we have 63 confirmed Paid 99's on the Orchid Special. Get your reservations in quick!

A-LO-HER!!!!

BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

Florence Moody, Reporter

Charter night at Santa Paula was very impressive, according to June Edwards. She watched Barbara Jamison of Porterville give a donation to the new 99's chapter in the amount we gave Southern Sierra chapter a few years ago. June said, "It was like seed planted being returned." She reports that the aviation activities at the airport are outstanding. There are many experimental aircraft there. It is such a busy airport that no "touch-and-goes" are allowed on weekends. She urges us to see the fleet of Tiger Moths being restored by Cliff Robertson, one of our popular movie stars. Our chapter chairman, Joan Paynter, and 49 1/2 Bill were there in the morning.

Butch Ayars tells of the joys of renting a Cherokee to fly VFR from Ann Arbor to Purdue University in West Lafayette. She introduced her three sons to her instructor who taught her aviation classes. She experienced her first take-offs and landings on grass strips. (We don't have grass in California, do we?) At the FAA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., she requested a book on New Instrument Ratings. The woman in charge went out of her way to find things, even gave her a tour of offices and information center.

Marianne Laxague toured Switzerland, France, and Spain visiting relatives. She left Geneva one morning while Joan Paynter just missed her by arriving in the evening.

In reviewing her trip of 14 days around the world, Priscilla Spencer said she enjoyed most of all seeing the magnetic South Pole. With sun shining, the pilot flew about 100 feet off the ice caps. The true South Pole was shrouded with fog. They were out of communication with the rest of earth for more than 3 hours. As they flew past Mt. Everest they could see into China. They flew through the Alps, not over them, and looked up to see the top of Matterhorn. Everywhere they communicated with FAA towers in English.

Happy September 16 to us when we go to Priscilla's home for our annual barbeque and swim under chairmanship of Marianne Laxague.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

Kathy Walton, Reporter

A warm pre-summer activity was the air-marking of Gness Field in Marin Co. after a couple years of planning. There were many officials on hand to watch us work and we were fortunate to get good television coverage on the early and late evening news. The "G" and "O" were painted first for publicity pictures with Mr. Gness pushing a roller. It was our first experience with the surplus paint from Oklahoma City

and of the two 30 gallon drums, only 1 needed a lot of stirring, cheerfully done by 49 1/2er Hal Wells. Chapter members helping were: Miriam Brugh, Carol Baker, Helen Kelton, Ruth Rueckert, Rose Sharp, Kathy Walton, and Joyce Wells. There were several members of the new Marin Co. Chapter helping also. Prospective 99's who came to see what it was all about and help were: Peggy Wing, Thea Lowry, and Dee Tegner.



Bay Cities Chapter — Southwest Section. "Completed Gness Airmark".

Good news from Jean Tinsley. She is a member of the USA Women's Helicopter Team. They trained in Dallas/Ft. Worth and then went to Middle Wallop, England for the World Helicopter Championships. Her son, Christopher, accompanied her on the trip.

APT from our chapter are: Jean Tinsley, Joyce Wells, and Kathy Walton. New officers for 73-74 are **Joyce Wells, Chmn.**; **Rose Sharp, Vice-Chmn.**; **Vivian Harshbarger, Sec.**; **Ruth Rueckert, Treas.** Vivian has just transferred to our chapter and we welcome her and also Helen Harrison, who is transferring to us.

Our July meeting was held in Larkspur and we spent most of the evening discussing the resolutions for the convention in Milwaukee. Ruth Rueckert was delegate.

Kathy Walton and Miriam Clark flew in the 1st annual Mini-Derby put on by Golden West Chapter. They had a good time and recommend more gals try it next year. Miriam Brugh and Helen Kelton helped with the start. Joyce Wells was co-pilot for TAR No. 68 with Alma Hinds of Redding. Joyce especially thanks those on the stops from Topeka to the terminus for trying so much to get her there on time (she was 11 min. late). Topeka Chapter's Dottie Powell and 49 1/2er Dr. Ben will never be forgotten for their unselfish help and kindness to TAR No. 68. The Palms to Pines Race will be the next event for Vivian Harshbarger and Rose Sharp (hoping to be No. 13 again). Marty Graham of Mt. Diablo Chapter will co-pilot for Joyce Wells in No. 30. We urge you to secure the FAA Safety Pin. Do it now!

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

Nina Rookaird, Reporter

With the help of the postal system, this time the news will go through!

May found the Redwood Empire Chapter meeting held at the home of Louise Ramsey with the following members present: Janet Allbeck, Anita Worel, Pat Stouffer, Hazel Bertagna, Louise Ramsey, Esther Harri, Jeanne Gibson and Nina Rookaird. We enjoyed having Irene Leverton visit.

She is an instructor at the Japanese Airlines at Napa Airport.

Elaine Hussey came to let us know she had obtained her private license and had a broken foot. (No connection between the two events!) She is a new Redwood Empire member.

Esther Harri and Jeanne Gibson have been doing a great deal of IFR flying. One flies one leg and the other the return trip. They even manage truly IFR — from Reno to Napa. Included were little problems like rime ice, pitot heat out, and plenty of turbulence. After that adventure, they made a less exciting IFR trip to Medford. They also made trips to Columbia and Red Bluff.

Louise Ramsey sold her 172. She retired from Mare Island June 30.

Anita Worel and Nina Rookaird reported on the Sectional.

Anita Worel helped score the Men's Fresno race, and the Golden West race, and plans on scoring the Palms to Pines Race.

Janet Allbeck's flying has been done commercially — to Dallas to attend a dental convention. They, Janet and 49 1/2er Les are off to Europe. They sold their Bellanca.

Nina Rookaird enjoyed the CAEA meeting in San Jose. Per usual, Santa Clara Chapter and Golden West members were assisting.

The June meeting at Sonoma Joe's in Petaluma where owners Louise Montero and 49 1/2er Mel made us very welcome, had a good turnout — but it was overshadowed with the knowledge that Betty Worstell was attending our last meeting before moving to Dallas. We will really miss her. She cheered us up by inviting us to drop by on our tours through Texas.

New officers elected; **Louise Ramsey, Chairman, Olive Agron, Vice-Chairman, Nancy Buckalew, Secretary, Lynn Ahrens, Treasurer.**

Our memorial tribute to Myrtle Wright will be given to a racer in the Palms to Pines Race.

Attending were: Anita Worel and 49 1/2er Jack, Frances Gauger and 49 1/2er Hal, Nancy Buckalew and 49 1/2er Al, Nina Rookaird and 49 1/2er Dick; Louise Montero and 49 1/2er Mel, Pat Stouffer, Janet Allbeck, Hazel Bertagna, Esther Harri, Jeanne Gibson.

We met July 29, 1973 to tour Japanese Air Lines. We combined our meeting with dinner at the Napa Airport. Louise Ramsey represented our Chapter at Milwaukee. Nina Rookaird and 49 1/2er Dick attended also.

Nina Rookaird and Virginia Kalbruner flew to Bakersfield to have lunch with the Long Beach Chapter — problems for L.B. too — we lunched together! Nina Rookaird flew up to Redding to pick up friends in Concord — and returned them the following day. They had flown very little in light planes; and enjoyed viewing the area from a different vantage.

Olive Agron tangled with some fog going to Monterey; so is practicing at a lower level a few coordinated turns in her new Porsche.

Keep Flying!

RENO AREA CHAPTER

Hazel Hohn, Reporter

Officers were elected at our last meeting: **Kay Schlinkman, Chairman; May Haskell, Vice Chairman; Katherine Flannery, Secretary; Katie Bolstad, Treasurer;**

Elaine Brown, Membership, Pat Henning, Amelia Earhart Scholarship; Mary Boles, Public Relations, APT Chairman, Gerry Gardner. I had let it be known that after 2 years of being Newsletter reporter I wasn't going to do it anymore, as I have college classes on 99 meeting nights. So guess who is going to be your absentee Newsletter reporter for another year? Katie Bolstad will take notes at meetings on the news and send them to me to write up, as phoning around takes up so much time. Any of you gals who miss meetings and don't get in Katie's notes, just send me a card or letter with your news on it and I'll be glad to include it.

Lois Williams and Gerry Gardner flew a trip for Direct Relief Foundation. They loaded up the Bonanza with 115 pounds of drugs and orthopedic appliances which they flew to Santa Ynes. They had a great time there with other 99's, and they late lunch at the little Danish village of Solvang.

49 1/2er Werner and I spent a fabulous 4 days at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas at the national convention of Aviation/Space Writer's Association, of which I'm a member. The top aerospace writers and reporters for every major publication, TV & radio were there, as well as VIPs. Of course I asked a lot of questions about women in aviation and space and was told that the main reason women aren't astronauts is because they have a different center of gravity! Now you all know. The final day everyone was airlifted to Edwards Air Force Base and Palmdale to view such things as the B-1, lifting bodies, the supercritical wing, the Digital Fly-by-Wire (F8 Crusader), F-5-E, A-10, F-14, F-15, SR-71, C-5-A, U-2.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

Barbara Goetz, Reporter

Back from another Powder Puff Derby. That's two down, guess it takes 15 or 20 before you finally get the knack of it. Me and my fearless co-pilot, Susie Harrison, did a splendid job on all but one leg. We blew it somewhere between Albuquerque and Liberia. Too much clouds and too little fuel and even less nerve. TAR 24 was 82nd.

The real intrepid flyers of this race were the cool ones Shirley Lehr and Darlene Kelley in TAR 105. Somewhere between Prescott and Albuquerque their oil line broke, completely covering the windshield and freezing the engine. Undaunted Shirley executed a perfect landing on a nearby freeway under construction. As they were going in, Darlene hollered to look out for the trucks (those freeways can be dangerous).

Meantime the rest of the chapter air-marked Cameron Park Airport and Lincoln Field. Sandy Case, our airmarking chairman, is busy lining up more. Congratulations to Sandy on her instructor rating.

La Rue Brown did a great job of organizing a joint Fly-in meeting with the Greater Seattle at the Brigadoon in Vacaville. We flew in to the new Nut Tree Airport and were transported by the Sheriffs Aero Squadron members. Word got around about the meeting and we had members from the Bay Cities Chapter and Santa Clara Chapter meet us there. We all enjoyed seeing the 99s from Seattle.

Our Woman Pilot of the Year awards banquet was held July 27th. The award this year was won by Kay Malcolm. Congratulations to Kay for her achievements in

flying. The 49 1/2 Award went to Neil Cull for all his help to the Chapter (Mostly, though, we thought he deserved it for being husband of Thelma).

Juanita Bowler is busy with plans for the Palms to Pines race stop in Red Bluff and Klamath Falls. One team is going from our chapter: Barbara Goetz and Thelma Cull (Never say die).

FOOTNOTE: Connie Conolley had spent two years rebuilding her Porterfield piece by piece. Last month she broke it. Now she has to start all over. Poor baby.



Members of the Sacramento Valley Chapter attending the Fly-in Meeting at the Nut Tree Airport.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

Marilyn Elmers, Reporter

With the conclusion of AWTAR, business resumed as usual for San Diego 99s. The El Torito Mexican Restaurant on Harbor Island was the site for the July monthly chapter meeting. Prior to the dinner meeting, the gals gathered at Jimsair at Lindbergh Airport for a group picture which will be placed in the Ninety-Nine Display at the Aerospace Museum in Balboa Park. Guests welcomed at this meeting were Sheryl White, Mary Williams, Jenny Ristau and Diane Stocklein.

Pat Osmon announced that Lynn Grienberger had been the recipient of a \$50.00 donation by our chapter which permitted her to attend the Civil Air Patrol Flying Encampment. After 15 hours of intense instruction, Lynn received her solo license. She also was winner of the Bomb Drop Award. Eleanor Richardson received her C.A.P. wings this month in addition to becoming APT. Also APT are Betty Gillies and Barbara Jayne.

Diane Stricklein won her private pilot license and has made application for 99 membership.

On the "sick list" this month were Suzanne Bond and Ruth Ebey. Suzanne has recuperated from minor surgery and Ruth has a heavy leg cast due to a fall which fractured her knee cap.

Suzanne Bond and husband Bob packed their bicycles and flew to France for several weeks of mountain bicycling throughout France and Corsica. Marilyn and Dick Eimers visited the cockpit of a 747 prior to a flight to Greece and Turkey. A few light planes were seen in Athens and Crete. General aviation in Greece is very limited and exists primarily for rescue operations to the outer islands. We returned to the U.S. very grateful for our privilege of flying.

The official kick-off for the Bicentennial Celebration took place on Friday, July 27th at the Aerospace Museum. Numerous San Diego dignitaries and 99s joined together

in a tree planting ceremony and square dance activities.

Saturday, July 28th found ten 99s from San Diego and El Cajon chapters winging their way north to attend the Santa Paula Charter Presentation Bar B-Q. The weather was perfect for the delicious luncheon and flying activities organized by the eleven enthusiastic members of the Santa Paula Chapter. Mardo Crane, Publishing Editor of the **99 News**, was guest speaker and gave an interesting talk of why a woman should be a 99 and what her responsibilities are to general aviation. There was a hangar tour of the many interesting antique and homebuilt airplanes kept at the airport. The restaurant at Santa Paula is excellent, making it a great place for a fly-in.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY **Loretta Hines, Reporter**

The Southwest Sectional is Sept. 21-23 — fly into Van Nuys Airport at Van Nuys, Calif. Business meeting - Awards - Fun. (If you are planning on going to the TV Taping on Friday, please plan on leaving the hotel by 3:30.)

Midge Morong (flying solo) took 1st place in the Mini-Derby from San Carlos to Fresno with a plus 27. Pamela Brands in a 150 (solo) came in 11th. Pamela recently passed her Instrument Written. She and 49 1/2er flew the Grand Canyon, Lake Powell and Monument Valley. Harriet Bair, flying her 150 solo, came in 13th in the Mini-Derby (missed a marker and did a 180 to find it before going on to finish).

Thirty flew in to Punta Chivata (Baja) for a weekend. Susie & Bryce Neff & guests, Laeria Sheetz, Sally & Jim Kinsey, Bev & Woody Woodard, Jan & Phil Muntz, Delores Pynes & 49 1/2er Bob, Fly-in Chairman, Margie Robbins and 49 1/2er Richard. LOT'S of fun!

A DRF Flight to Santa Barbara was made by Margie Robbins & Liz Dinan. Bakersfield in the Cherokee 180 by Shirley Thom. Sally Kinsey & 49 1/2er Jim bought a B-D 5. Kae Parker checked out in a Muskateer. Bonnie Seymour made several trips to Truckee, Tahoe where they are building a house. Loretta Hines passed her Commercial Written. Pat Hallett had her first ride in a glider and hot air balloon in Carefree, Arizona.

On July 6, Pat Hallett had arranged an exciting tour of the Enterprise anchored at Oakland. Captain E.E. "Gene" Tissot is a relative of Pat's. (The Enterprise is the world's largest and presently commissioned nuclear powered ship). Pat & Jeff Cannon flew their King Air up with Pat Hallett and daughter Barbara, Flora Hutchinson from our Chapter and others. Lola & Ed Ricci, Vesta & Don Malby flew up; Pat Horvat PSA'd. A total of 34 people (rest from Sky Larks of S. California) had lunch in the Ward Room i.e. Officer's Mess, with Captain Tissot and eight Sr. officers. The Enterprise can catapult a plane airborne in 250 feet (short field) going 160 mph as it goes over the bow of the ship. Their equipment can bring in the planes for landing with NO assist from the pilots. Fantastic.

July 9 was the date for a pot luck supper at the home of Loretta and Pat Hines. Forty-eight 99s, 49 1/2ers and guests landed within 30 minutes. Our Chairman, Polly Flemming, presented our Powder Puffers Margie Robbins and Shirley Thom (38th) and Lorrie Blech and Donna Tracy (88th), both teams in race 1st time, with some laff goodies.

On June 2, Lola Ricci was one of three women to represent the Wasp's on the TV program on "Women In Aviation". Lola was one of 1074 graduates in World War II and spent two years in the Ferry Division based in Palm Springs ferrying basic trainers and fighters from the West Coast to the East Coast. Patrica Fox was on the second part of the program representing the new young pilot of today. Patrica is 19 years old and a soon-to-be member of our Chapter. Claire Walters was also on the program talking up aviation for women today. Great!

Lola and 49 1/2er Ed just came back from Barrow, Alaska — Northernmost point, largest Eskimo settlement, 32 degrees and 30 knot wind. The ILS was out and they made an NDB approach to 400 feet. No fuel at Barrow, so they fueled up two hours prior to their destination. The return trip saw stopovers at Nome, Fairbanks and Lola talked on the telephone to the Chairman of the Anchorage Chapter. An exciting trip!

Two more events - the Van Nuys Air Show. Our booth, chaired by Bonnie Seymour, was a busy place selling straw hats, sun glasses and model airplanes.

On May 14 the Airmarking Chairman, Kae Parker, and Liz Dinan, Lola Ricci, Rodge Rogers and Margie Robbins painted 1560 sq. ft. of paint on Santa Susana. Valitta Freidman gave all free hamburgers. Good job!

My last article for my year as reporter, and thank you for the opportunity! A great year for me and my first year as a 99. Continue to fly safe.



Libby Svenson - Chairman of the S.W. Sectional, Vesta Malby - Charge of Reservations; Taken in front of the Amelia Earhart Statue in North Hollywood Park.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER **Eve Hunt, Reporter**

Since the June Installation meeting, vacations have headed the agenda. Margaret Lawson flew a Bulkow Jr. in Stuttgart, Germany. She went with Marion Jirchesske to the PPD start. Prior to the start Brigitte Haack and Mutz Trense, No. 9, were her guests for several days. Mercedes Benz was their sponsor.

Dorothy Monsanto has made two trips to Reno in four days and is looking forward to giving her new grandson, Andy, his first flight.

Ilse Cook reports flying to Tucson and

Nogales twice. The last time she encountered overcasts on the return to El Monte and landed at Palm Springs at 2:30 a.m. She has also been checked out in a Cherokee Charger.

Jo Ann Miro flew to Las Vegas.

Marjorie Loomis and Marijane Nelson have been flying with the Norton Aero Club. Marijane attended the Experimental Aircraft Association's annual fly-in at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She had assignments to write two magazine articles on the aircraft there. She reports seeing Beverly Mahoney and Margaret at the BD-5 exhibit at Corona.

Eve Hunt checked out their S Model Bonanza. Betty Sanford flew to Oregon for the weekend to try out the new red and white paint on her plane.

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

The San Joaquin Chapter is very smug in reporting four winning spots for our 49 1/2ers in the Fresno air race way back in May. Number one spot went to Harvey McGee and son Tim. Number seven to Pete Hjos with Bob Fowler of Fresno. Number eight to "Mac" McAllister flying with Al Leviton. Number ten to Bob Gudge. How about that?

Supplies were gathered over a period of six months by auxiliary members of the Stanislaus County Medical Society. These supplies, destined for the victims of the Nicaragua disaster, were picked up in Modesto and flown to Solvang for Santa Barbara, which was socked in with fog. Two thousand pounds in all in five planes. A job well done.

One of our favorite members and our most outstanding pilot — Helen McDonald McGee of Sonora, California, who last year made us very proud with her second place winning in the Powder Puff, reports that this year, flying in an Aero Commander, she had electrical failure. She returned to Palomar soon after takeoff, to be grounded for over two hours. Even losing that valuable time, Helen still placed number 34; and won first prize for two legs of the route. She flew the entire race, getting in just under the wire. Next year **has** to be Helen's year.

Jean Murray organized another rummage sale in Stockton. Without Jean we would be broke in short order.

Nine of our most ardent followers air-marked the Stockton runway. Fifty foot letters took one hundred gallons of paint. The day was a hot one, but the workers were rewarded a half hour after the job was done when a student pilot lost "his" way home. Thanks to those beautiful, big, freshly painted letters, Stockton was sighted.

Medal for the month of June goes to Norma Draper, who was our only pilot to fly in for our monthly meeting at Doty McAllister's home in Portola Valley. There was a slight problem of a little fog, but Norma did her thing from Gness Field and found Palo Alto relatively clear. Lee Roesch and Jean Murray drove to Portola Valley from Stockton.

Our July meeting was the Delta cruise, courtesy of Jean Murray. A perfect day on the Sacramento River in perfect surroundings and company. Jean is also qualified as a river pilot.

Shirley Miller reports bumpy but beautiful flying in the Kamloos area of British Columbia. This reporter enjoyed a long weekend

at Sun River, outside of Bend Oregon, a spot where there is something for everyone, plus a newly surfaced, well-lighted air strip. Try it.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

Betty Hicks, Reporter

Adele Gualano, Sally Rohlfing, Claudia Carlson — these are Santa Clara Valley Chapter's swiftest air racers.

Adele hitched her American Traveler to a cloud when she winged west to her Tiburon home following her remarkably successful first Powder Puff Derby. Sally and Claudia, teaming up in Golden West Chapter's Mini-Derby, flew an unlikely Cessna 150 to a third-place finish in that San Carlos to Fresno race.

Pan-American stewardess Adele scooped up the prizes at the AWTAR terminus at Elmira. Her 14th place finish earned her the top awards for best finish by a pilot with less than 700 hours (Adele has 500) and by a pilot flying the race for the first time. Additionally, Adele was in second place for the Carlsbad-Prescott leg, and in fourth for the Prescott-Albuquerque leg.

Racers Rohlfing and Carlson firewalled Sally's very own 100 horses all the way from San Carlos to Fresno via Jackson, recording a whopping plus 20.8.

Our hibernating pilots have popped out from their winter-spring hiding places, flight plans filed, preflight completed. Names we haven't heard since two dozen fronts ago — Lois Letzring, Carolyn Phillips, Sandy Deller, Patti Sherwood, Jean Collins, Carole Lushbaugh, Pat Cain, Lynn Belgum, Susan Sosnow — all have become newsworthy with flights ranging from around the pattern to across the country . . . Jean Collins, Phyllis Pierce, Sue Scott and Carol Hamilton are taking care of birds. These are not Cessnas, Pipers and Beechcraft. They're Jonathan Seagull types with bad navigation radios, who wander too far inland, and minute hummingbirds, who must be force-fed . . . Jean and Dick flew swiftly to Davis recently for a picnic . . . Patti Sherwood has carpeted her living room with those unwieldy ONCs — Operational Navigation Charts — preparatory to snipping them down to 182 cockpit size. For it's "Vamos a Mexico!" soon for Patti, Pat Gladney and Margaret Standish in the co-owned Skylane . . . Des Stuart-Alexander is swapping hood time with Vera Arnold (Columbia Cascades Chapter, but technically *ours*), who is at work on her CFI . . . And her CFI was off on a California-to-Rhode Island Debonair flight at deadline time. **That** would be Layne Hackett, the chapter's flyingest non-professional professional . . . The Arndts are sharing the same towel. Marilee and 49 1/2er Dick have sold their airplane. This is in the same news category as reporting an amputation . . .

Janet Hitt is now an Accident Prevention Counselor, but still found time to supervise a Flight Instructor Refresher Course at Foothill College in July. The campus swarmed with CFIs, current and would-be . . . Susan and Don Bates did it! They sold a Bellanca — flew it themselves to its new owner in Idaho. The Cessna 206 they took in the swap proved a real truant enroute back to SJC, with a runaway prop.

SANTA PAULA CHAPTER

Adrienne Nater, Reporter

WE'RE NEW!!! It's happened at last, the

International Organization approved our chapter as of June 1, 1973.

Spearheading the Chapter's organization was Norma Williams, who is our present chairman. She had been flying to meetings with the San Joaquin Valley Southern Sierra Chapter from Santa Paula. She finally decided that Ventura County should be able to support a local membership and spread the word through Mike Dewey Aviation and Wells Aircraft, two locally based flight schools. Seven women responded and began to meet and plan for chartering, designating **Norma Williams as Chairman, Sally Allen as Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Barbara Deeds, Jill Williamson, Treasurer, Gwen Dewey, Historian, Maria Whatley, Membership Chairman, and Adrienne Nater, Reporter.** Maria has resigned since the birth of her baby, and a new member, **Barbara McKenna** is now in charge of Membership.



Santa Paula (Calif.) Chapter 99s shown L to R. Front Row, Jill Williamson, Sally Allen, Norma Williams, Barbara McKenna; Back Row, Gwen Dewey, Adrienne Nater, Barbara Deeds. Not shown is Maria Whatley.

Even before our charter was officially approved, Barbara McKenna and Roberta Provo joined the membership and shortly after chartering Evelyn Perry began attending meetings, becoming a member July 27th. Our newest prospect is Betty Johnson of Camarillo who assisted at the charter presentation.

As soon as the charter was approved we moved to our next big order of business, the charter presentation barbecue luncheon, held July 28th in Sally Allen's hangar at Santa Paula Airport.

Even with all of the work associated with putting on the Charter Dinner, three of our girls, assisted by Mildred Wells, decided to do something about the re-defining of the segmented circle at the airport. On June 13th, Jill, Gwen and Norma, armed with rakes, hoes, rags, and paint equipment, cleared and painted the tires that mark the area, much to the appreciation of the airport population. As soon as the airstrip is re-oiled, an airmarking party is planned. Barbara Deeds got her commercial rating. Sally Allen passed her commercial written exam and flew in the Mini-Derby.

Our many friends at the airport helped us to make the Charter presentation day a memorable one. Countless owners of antique aircraft opened up their hangars for our guests to tour. Mira Slovak made several of his films available for presentation, Cary Schreffler doing the projecting and narration. Art Schole loaned Mike Dewey his priceless film of the 1972 World Acrobatic Championships held in Russia

for showing.

Over 100 people attended the program with Southern Sierra, High Desert, San Fernando Valley, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey Bay, Santa Clara Valley, Bakersfield, El Cajon Valley and San Diego chapters represented. Marion Barnick Southwest Sectional officer, presented our Charter and introduced Charter members and new members.

The highlight of the day after our official presentation of charter was an inspirational speech by Mardo Crane, Editor of the **99 News** and woman of vast background and experience in many fields. Her emphasis on the need to seek our non-99 member women pilots and encourage their membership is to be this chapter's number one priority.

Our day ended with a frantic cleaning up of Sally's hangar so her orange bird could get in out of the elements. We're a very happy group, proud to be a part of the International 99ers. And everyone in the chapter is APT!

SANTA ROSA CHAPTER

Lillyann Leland, Reporter

See this issue for our gals who entered Mini-Derby and PPD.

Our first 2 penny a pound air lift at the Sonoma County Airport was a HUGE success! The cooperation of the whole airport was fantastic — the Control Tower Boys, Civil Air Patrol, Let's Fly, Nations Flight Service, Ajalon Printing, husbands, sons, daughters, boy and girl friends — everyone helped and had a good time!

Ailene Lee, Ginny Wegener, and Phyllis Cantrell were the Ninety Nine fliers, with Sandy Petersen, Ann Tunney and Janne Carlin loading the planes, Lillyann Leland, Jean Clyde weighed prospective riders, Margit Lindholm and Joan Robbins and Ruth Foster computed the weights while Maggie Bock kept track of the money received. Fran Johnson and Joan Robbins helped in the food booth while Bev Crownover and Eylene Robinson handed out flying information donated by major airlines. Phyllis Cantrell showed her Pitts Special in the Static Display.

Ann Tunney spearheaded a campaign to alert other Ninety Nine Chapters concerning the possible proposed tax for General Aviation. Letters were prepared and sent to all chapters urging them to write their senators and congressmen to vote "no" on the upcoming proposals that would be detrimental to small plane owners. This issue has not yet been settled in Congress, but it bears watching, and investigating.

New officers were chosen for the coming year: **Chairman, Ginny Wegener, Vice Chairman, Phyllis Cantrell, Treasurer, Pauline Goslovich, Secretary, Ailene Lee, Membership, Maggie Bock, Reporter, Lynn Cary, Public Relations, Ann Tunney, APT Chairman, Carol Rayburn, Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, Ruth Foster, Fly-In, Sandy Petersen, Scrapbook, Joan Robbins, Ways and Means, Fran Johnson, Air Marking, Ray Kirk and Eileen Berkland, Program Chairman, Lynn Barthel, Aerospace Education, Lillyann Leland and Refreshments, Margit Lindholm.** For such a new chapter, and comparatively small membership, the Santa Rosa Ninety Nines are VERY active fliers. We're looking forward to next year.

Carol Rayburn passed the ATR written in

April. Carol plans to start her flight training next week for the rating.

Margit Lindholm has been taking aerobatic lessons at Sonoma Sky Park in a Citabria 150. She said it's great fun, but the tail draggers are rather difficult to land!

Pauline Goslovich visited the Paris Air Show this spring. She said it was thrilling — but not so when she saw the Russian Airliner crash. That was the Tupolev 144.

Faye Kirk flew to Kentucky to bring back a Cessna 411.

TUCSON CHAPTER

Ginny Cook, Reporter

On hand in Prescott to welcome the PPD's were Jayne Hunter, Barbara Welsh, Wyn Hayward, Virginia Edwards, Jean Servaas, and Dot Jenkins. Your reporter would have been there too, you can bet your sweet biffy, if she had not had a stupid excuse, like 49 1/2er in the hospital for surgery; just poor planning!

TUS was also represented at PHX for the Second Flyaway, on July 24th for this truly international event. In conjunction with the groundbreaking at Atchison, Kansas for the International Forest of Friendship, a tree was planted in Phoenix with the State Director of Aeronautics, Jim Vercellino on hand to participate in the ceremonies. We plan to plant one in Tucson also, and it will be a peach! Taking part in the program were Virginia Edwards, Lorraine Yocum and Wyn Hayward.

Flying up to Fresno to pick up her daughter from camp was a pleasant job enjoyed by Barbara Welsh, and over to San Diego for throat surgery for 49 1/2er Bill Ruck, took two pilots; he flew over, and Chris flew back, naturally. Bill didn't talk back much either! (It's not really funny, but Bill is such a good sport about it, that we tend to treat it lightly, too).

We are fashioning our cactus into leis (ouch) to welcome Pat Kelley of the Aloha Chapter as she stops off for two days after the convention. A Hawaiian party to acquaint us with what is planned for the sectional in '74 will take place at the Cook's with Pat assisting. The Orchid Special, the Western Airlines charter that will take 137 of us to HNL for the sectional, is shaping up beautifully.

UTAH CHAPTER

Jane Patterson, Reporter

Your reporter is headed for Oshkosh, Wisconsin to attend the EAA Convention the first week in August. I will have the opportunity to meet other 99s and especially those who fly their own homebuilts.

Our June meeting at Lila Fielden's was our election meeting. New officers for the coming year are **Jane Patterson, chairman; Lila Fielden, vice-chairman; Dee Ricord, treasurer; and Julie Jacobson, secretary.** Gini Streeter will be the new reporter and Barbara Whitaker our APT Chairman.

Members have been galivanting via the airlines during the summer. Gini Streeter took a trip to Hawaii for a month to check out the location of spring sectional (1974). She gave glowing accounts of Hawaii.

Wilma Nichols' trip to Tahiti, New Zealand, Sydney and back to Tahiti was a most exciting trip.

Diana Hastings winged her way to Hong Kong to visit her Air Force husband.

Dee Ricord is busy traveling, not by air — following her husband on the boat racing

circuit.

Barbara Whitaker celebrated the fourth of July in West Yellowstone. With extremely high density altitude computations, Barbara's Cessna 182 handled the situation. Barbara recommends West Yellowstone as a fun place to fly to.

Some of the 99s were able to attend the EAA fly-in at Afton, Wyoming to take advantage of the tours through the Pitts factory. Some members of the Eastern Idaho Chapter were also there to enjoy it all.

Eleanor Irvine will be spending the next few months in Oklahoma City with her husband and family where Greg will be taking some further training in connection with his air traffic controller position in the Salt Lake ARTCC.

Kay Howells has a new Cessna 182 that she can now fly. Hopefully Kay will now be able to fly to some of the 99 activities.

COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER

Eleanor Wagner, Reporter

Palm Springs Airport closed in July for re-surfacing and 99's were off to cooler climes. Iliia Mae Carosell, new chairman, recovering from surgery and yours truly now recovered from knee surgery.

A friend and I visited Fallbrook prior to PPD take-off and were entertained at the home of the Ernie Gentles ... he is "Mr. Aero Publishers." Race Committee members, Kay Brick, Barbara Evans and Phyllis Pierce also came by for cocktails after touring the publishing plant with Ernie. Then we attended the Fallbrook Day Barbeque sponsored by the local realtors, which combined the festivities with a salute to the PPD. Pam Van der Linden of Palomar Chapter, a prominent real estate broker in Fallbrook, was hostess for this fun affair.

Jean Patane, CV airmarking chairman, has purchased an Ercope and is busy with painting, adding new equipment and radio, and getting acquainted.

Our Chapter plans for an annual 'Oktoberfest' mit German band, food, and all the trimmings are shaping up along with some sort of flying activity contests ... date and invitations to come later. October is a great month here in the desert ... the air is usually cool and clear with about the best flying conditions anyone could ask for.

EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER NEWS

June O'Neill, Reporter

Travel time for the ECV Chapter: Reporter Helen McGee and Virginia Renn vacationed in the Bahamas in July ... Dottie Sanders and Marian Banks placed 4th in the Intercontinental, followed by a side trip to Jamaica (they say Air Jamaica is fantastic!) After flying the Powder Puff, Dottie then returned to San Diego with Betty Wharton, successfully dodging storms which grounded some of the contestants ... Vi Chambers and Doris Ritchey entered the Palms-to-Pines after Doris' summer school session ended ... Dottie & Dick Campbell vacationed by airplane in Houston and Dallas ... Leah Liersch had a grand trip to San Francisco, back in time to finish plans for her September trip to Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, and Istanbul ... Lynn Coulthard spent the summer in Australia visiting her daughter

... The chapter dinner on August 7 at DeAngelis Italian restaurant in El Cajon, where Betty Wharton officiated at the installation of new officers **Vi Chambers**

(Chairman); June O'Neill (Vice Chairman); Helen McGee (Secretary) and Virginia Renn (Treasurer).

More on the chapter's 2nd Annual Mechanics Clinic, to be held October 20 & 21 at the Rodeway Inn in San Diego: Beech Aircraft will present a major portion of the training session, and attorney Stephen Prentiss will speak at the Saturday night banquet. Fee for the two-day session, including the banquet, is \$25.00. Vi Chambers, Chairman of the clinic, says the session, which is presented with participation of the FAA Flight Standards District Office, is a splendid opportunity for pilots and mechanics to become acquainted with new developments and maintenance techniques. Reservations may be made in care of Vi at 1440 S. Orange Ave., Sp. 29, El Cajon, Calif. 92020.

FRESNO CHAPTER

Betty Martin, Reporter

Fresno Chapter held its installation banquet on June 15. New officers are: **Chairman, Theola Nutt, Vice Chairman, Lois Beeler; Secretary, Judy Eggleston; Assistant Secretary, Betty Martin; Treasurer, Eleanor Linenbach.**

Our chapter hosted the terminus for Golden West Chapter's Mini-Derby and it was great fun. Fresno Chapter had one member entered in the race, Kathy Muller. She was doing fine until her gear dropped down at 180 mph! She won the trophy for the spot landing contest anyhow.

Voline Dodgson is our new APT Chairman and plans to arrange for a Saturday at which time we can all become APT and also get our safety pins from the FAA. She had a mean look in her eyes as she told us we will all be APT by November, or else.

Our flying activities for the year include a moonlight flight, a treasure hunt and a camping flyaway. Also, we plan to hold the Fresno 400 again in April. Looks like we will have a busy, fun year.

GOLDEN WEST CHAPTER

Vivian Harshbarger, Reporter

With everyone cooperating including Mother Nature, our First Annual Mini Derby on June 30 got off to a roaring start.

We couldn't have asked for more — 16 planes and 26 contestants (with total time ranging from 64 to 494 hours), many of whom were racing for the first time.

Nearly all the entries arrived the day before. The added incentive for coming in the day before was our pre-race seminar conducted by Pat (Appel) Forbes. With all of Pat's experience she gave the entrants good ideas for the Mini Derby and future races.

Race Day was beautiful with the CAP and Tower efficiently directing the planes. After a procedure and weather briefing the Mini Derby started almost on schedule. Then the fly-by at Jackson, under the direction of the Sacramento Valley Chapter, then on to Chandler Field in Fresno.

The Fresno Chapter, with Tower cooperation, did a great job and Anita Worel, Redwood Empire and Helen Kelton, Bay Cities did the scoring. With all the help we received we couldn't miss.

Then the big moment — the awards buffet. Both first place Marge Morong, San Fernando Valley Chapter and second place Ann Tunney (first race), Santa Rosa Chapter, flew solo. Third place went to Sally Rohlfing (first race) and Claudia Carlson,

both members of Santa Clara Valley. We were pleased that nine of the 16 entries had more than a plus 20 score and that a Mooney, Piper and Cessna 150 finished in that order, which would seem to indicate that the handicaps worked out fine.

The prize for lowest total time (pilot or co-pilot) went to Susan Klippel of San Jose and the Mystery Spot Landing to Kathy Muller, Fresno Chapter.

It was all over well before dark so everyone could get home if they wanted. Even Sally Allen, Santa Paula, took a slight detour but still made it to the terminus.

Everyone was so enthusiastic about the Mini Derby that we're looking forward to a bigger and better race next year. Thanks to all of you for helping make our first attempt a success.



1973 First Annual Mini Derby Winners; (L to R) 3rd place - Claudia Carlson, co-pilot, Sally Rohlfing, pilot; 1st place - Marge Morong; 2nd place, Ann Tunney.



Golden West's Mini Derby entry - Kathi Wentworth, pilot & Nancy Stock, co-pilot



Kathy McNamara welcomes late Mini Derby arrival Sally Allen. Obviously a fun mini derby.

GREATER OGDEN AREA CHAPTER Jo Winterling, Reporter

June 9 dawned CAVU and Pilot Joan Williams, Donna Odekirk, Eloise Wilcox, and Jo Winterling boarded Bonanza 2701 Victor and headed for Las Vegas and the planned luncheon date with the chairman of the Hi-Desert Chapter, Margaret Bolton and 49 1/2er Vern, the chairman of the Las Vegas Chapter, Carole Villardo and two of the gals who came out to welcome us out-of-towners, Pris Alexander and Nancy Craddock. The brunch and "hangar talk" was great! We've had some busy days around our Ogden Airport. Your reporter and 49 1/2er Skip met Harriet Brin and 49 1/2er Bill at the airport when they flew in for lunch. Eloise Wilcox was checked out in a Piper 180, still hanging on to her SuperCub tho! She's our unofficial publicity chairman via airplanes for the Ogden Valley, taking a friend from Seattle around in a Tri-Pacer to see Northern Utah. Bravest act of all is toting nieces and nephews around in her SuperCub. (I believe she likes Piper!)

A good meeting June 21, with points brought to our attention by Herb Dyer, Al and EAA-FAA designee who spoke to Donna Odekirk, Eloise Wilcox, Joan Williams, Jo Winterling & "66" Lynn Dyer. A few airport folks dropped in to celebrate Joan Williams' birthday. Jo Winterling, 49 1/2er Skip and daughter Laurie drove to Heber City, Utah to attend the EAA Chapter No. 58 Fly-in. Met Jean Powell and hubby Keith (who was heading up the fly-in). She was at work judging spot landings. There were sailplane rides available and so, Jo Winterling had her first lesson at ridge soaring and loved it. That's not the end of that, but 49 1/2er Skip has enrolled 99 Jo in a flying club and the instrument rating is on its way.

The beautification program at the room of the Greater Ogden Area "99's" is appreciated. Running a 200 foot hose to the available water tain't easy but then the end product, the flowers, are very welcome. We'll soon have an originally designed sign done by Raoul Williams, son of "99" Joan Williams, hanging above our door. And thanks for all the labor put in by our girls and friends getting the room in readiness for meetings.

Weather has been hot, watch that density altitude! You can be without enough runway to take off from in these conditions. Can just ruin your whole day.

New idea to help everyone get to know us in our Chapter is to introduce each gal. Our first is Lei Howard, our newest pilot. Holds down a full-time job with Marveon, Inc. as administrative secretary to President of the Company. She has 5 children, four at home, and will be a grandmother in December. Received her license on January 16, 1971, flying time: 76 hours. Her birthday is December 5. Other hobbies are bowling and horses. She is also our first member to get APT. Good for our newest gal!

HI-DESERT CHAPTER Eva Conrad, Reporter

Members of the Hi-Desert Chapter took a special interest in the Powder Puff Derby this year as two of the members of this small, new chapter participated. Ruth Ann Rich flew for the first time, alone, in a Cherokee 140. She finished in good time, though not among the top ten. Another

member, Kate Weathered flew co-pilot with Terry London of Long Beach.

Two chapter members, chairman Margaret Bolton and new member Mary Lue Garrison, with their respective 49 1/2ers Vern and Dick, were on hand at the start of the race to wish fellow chapter members well.

Margaret Bolton and her 49 1/2er enjoyed a short flight to Las Vegas, Nevada to meet with four of the Ogden 99s for lunch.

Marty Harstad attended the international convention in Milwaukee.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER Joan Dilley, Reporter

As deadline time approaches, the Palms to Pines Race is near countdown. The fifty plus planes take off from Santa Monica on August 17th for Independence, Oregon. First day entry race numbers were drawn by Zipora Alterman, an Israeli 99 who will be flying the race with race Co-Chairman Margaret Berry. We are very grateful to the San Joaquin, Sacramento and Portland chapters for handling the stops. Make plans to join us for our 5th annual race next August. We have all been working very hard to make this year's race the most fun and successful ever.

The Long Beach chapter has lost a good friend in the death of a charter member of our chapter's husband, Jack London. He was much loved and respected by the 99s who knew him as starter and pilot for handicapping for several years for the AWTAR. Daughter Terry flew the race this year.

We are proud of Wally Funk, first woman in the FAA to be appointed System-worthiness Analysis program inspector (SWAP). She will be based in our western region. Margaret Mead adds another title as writer in the July issue of **Pilot** describing the emergency encountered during the 1972 Angel Derby flown with Dorothy Waltz.

The classroom in the sky group Fran Bera McLin, Joyce Failing, Margaret Mead and Angela Masson report a never-to-be-forgotten trip around the world that included following the eclipse, tracing the Nile, circling mountains, dipping into craters, the list is endless. On July 6th a banner signed by the 99s aboard was dropped over Howland Island. This banner contained the large size gold 99 pin and the words "the Classroom in the Sky Salutes Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan in awesome respect on their great undertaking and continuing inspiration".

Our AWTAR entries were Emma McGuire, Georgia Lambert, Jean Schiffmann, Chris Huerth, Jean Pyatt, Marilyn Twitchell, Terry London, Margaret Calloway and Iris Critchell. They were cheered at takeoff by many chapter members. Gene Fitzpatrick and Dolores Reed from the SFV chapter represented us in the Intercontinental race and had a great time in the Bahamas. We are having a social evening to honor our racers. We have a Palms to Pines patch available for \$2.00 for those who have flown our race in the past. The Gold Medallion and patch will be given to each racer at the takeoff banquet Aug. 16th.

Over 1400 were in attendance at the joint FAA-GAMA Sweepstakes drawing held at Long Beach in June. FAA Administrator Butterfield spoke at this meeting.

We want to welcome new members Lisa Kraal and Linda French. Lisa is sponsored

by Wally Funk whom she will meet in Europe in Sept. to do some flying there. Linda becomes our 99th member and is sponsored by our Chairman Joyce Jones. She is a librarian and was in Joyce's Ground School. We are delighted to have them both join our chapter.

Betty and Walt Gabrielson will be flying a 170B to Oshkosh for the EAA annual Fly In. Doris Minter, Shirley Hoffman and Jane Vaughn have been down to Cabo San Lucas with the "Fly for Funsters" and all report a great time.

We have 33 APT members at deadline and most of them have their FAA safety pin. We have been busy writing letters concerning the Cost Allocation Study and our local airport situations.

With Ruth Gay back from a year's travel in Europe, we look forward to hearing about her contacts with 99's there.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Holley Ballard, Reporter

Congratulations to the new officers of the Los Angeles Chapter: **Lynn Oppen, chairwoman; Carol Lewis, vice-chairwoman; Jo Ann Steiert, secretary; and Grace McGettigan, treasurer.** We look forward to another good year.

Lynn and husband Bob are back from Hawaii, where Lynn tried off-shore diving and Bob raced in a car rally and played golf. Lynn tells me she spent time with Elizabeth Glaser, an inactive member of our chapter who was a flight instructor in WW II. A great hangar flying session with a great lady ... last I heard Dorothy Pepin was off on a rock hunt trip ... and I am looking forward to England, Ireland, and Scotland in late August, my first visit ... We're hoping for clear skies this fall!

MARIN COUNTY CHAPTER

Rahn Simon, Reporter

At the MC99's Organizational Meeting held on June 11 we elected our Official Instrument Panel as follows: Altitude indicator (Chairman) **Karen Kahn**; directional gyro and turn and bank indicator (Vice Chairman and Newsletter Reporter) **Rahn Simon**; altimeter (Secretary) **Helen Kampo**; airspeed indicator and rate-of-climb indicator (Treasurer and APT Chairman) **Cyd Fougner**.

Our Chapter Charter incorporation date was March 1, 1973, and plans for our Charter presentation were discussed at a special June 26 meeting. We decided it would be fun to fly down to the Southwest Sectional in the San Fernando Valley on September 21-23, when Governor Mary Vial has consented to do the honors. Attendance at a Sectional will be a "first" for most of our new members who will doubtless be recognized by their wide-eyed expressions and death grips on their Los Angeles sectionals.

Our July meeting, held on the 22nd at Usibelli's Restaurant, Pope Valley saw three Cessnas landed simultaneously — but not in the same place. Usibelli's (pronounced "you see?") is the headquarters of the Pope Valley Parachute Ranch and "you see!" was the watchword for power planes that Sunday. However, the drop planes were most cooperative in stating intentions. It's just a pity the hawks and buzzards in the area didn't also communicate on 122.9! There were four 99's in attendance (Cyd Fougner, Helen Kampo,

Barbara Kolehmainen, and Rahn Simon), one 66 (Thea Lowry), one 49 1/2 (Harry Simon), one prospective 99 (Jo Pickens), two guest student pilots (Robyn Prickett and Emiko Martin), one mother, one aunt, and a 12 and an 8 (Thea's sons).

Chairman Karen Kahn was absent on that occasion, with a good excuse, for every weekend at Gness Field she occupies the righthand seat of a Cessna 150, a CFI rating as her goal. Karen is already "instructing" her flock to get APT and FAA "Safety-Pinned". Yes, Ma'am!

Our already CFI rated member, Cyd Fougner, took what they call in England a "busman's holiday," flying from Gness Field (Marin County Airport) to Bay City (Michigan) en route to her home state of North Dakota. Cyd flew 2,000 miles in two days, putting in 10 hours each day as P-I-C which in this instance, could be translated as "pain-in-coccyx?"

August includes plans for a session of "hang gliding". To this neophyte, "hang gliding" has a distinctly dubious, if not dangerous, sound about it, especially as take off consists of jumping off a cliff while hanging on to a glorified kite, and a successful landing depends on one's ability to run like h---!! If I survive, I shall be happy to report further.

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

Darlene Brundage, Reporter

Know you've heard the name before — Ginny Flanary! She got her Instrument rating; received an award for doing our **Plane Tales** for the past three years; walked off with our "Pilot of the Year" Trophy; and was also elected Vice-Chairman!

Lots of people were in lots of races since the last report. (See PPD results, this issue)

Hayward-Bakersfield-Las Vegas Proficiency — Dick and Darlene Brundage.

Henry Ohye Trophy Race - First we gotta' mention Shirley and George Cote in Second Place (they'd got First the past two years), and following not too disgustingly behind were Dick and Darlene Brundage, Barbara Ward and Lynn Newton, Sylvia and Pete Paoli, Esther Grupenhagen, and Enid Gray and Joan Hill.

Mini-Derby - Sylvia Paoli and Darlene Brundage (who were so ridiculously confident of First Place that they managed Fourth!)

Tucson Treasure hunt - Avery and Howard Grey, Mary and Cliff Olsten, Barbara Ward, Lynn Newton and Barbara Stewart.

Other new accomplishments: Avery Grey's new Commercial, Margo Smith's (International APT Chairman) new Safety Pin; chapter DRF chairman Enid Gray's new APT status.

We welcome Jean Garrett, Betts Rivet, Sharon Goodwin, Bev Allen, Carol Davis (brand new pilot with APT status), and transfer from LVS, Florence Mendenhall.

Our Pilot of the Year banquet previously mentioned, was a fun party. More nice people were awarded nice things, long deserved. First Place P.O.Y. went to What's-her-name (already stated), Second Place to Terry Darch (our Treasurer), Third Place to Barbara Ward (retiring as Secty. and beginning with Plane Tales).

Shirley Cote, Chapter Chairman again and chairman of the banquet because-she-was-out-of-town-when we decided who was, presented Special Awards to friends

of the Ninety-Nines, Bill Griggs, A.F.I. Fullerton and Bob Bresnehan, Airport Mgr., Orange Co. Airport. Mr. Bresnehan, this year's winner of the California Airport Manager of the Year Award, spoke on the necessity of more airports locally; he proved his point by telling us Orange County Airport is now Number Two in the nation!

PHOENIX CHAPTER

Claire Ellis, Reporter

We had a great crew for the beautiful Prescott stop including our Governor, Jack Williams and his wife. Those girls under a particularly heavy strain were the timers, Melba Beard, Ruth Reinhold, Mary McPhearson, Virginia Hash, Dot Ward, and Trudy Murphy.

Last week we had our annual Tree Planting at Sky Harbor Airport. After the South-African Sumac was planted, the girls flew anniversary Amelia Earhart stamp covers to various airports around the state to be post-marked. The sale of these covers will go to the AE Scholarship Fund.

June Bonesteel passed her Basic Turbojet Flight Engineers Exam, Sue Harper and Nancy Crase both received their Instrument ratings, Royetta Marconi was commissioned in the USAF, doing medical and psychiatric social work for a year, hoping to go to either Japan or Korea.

This past month, Arizona State University held an Aerospace Education Workshop. As usual our girls were on top of the situation. Those speaking were Melba Beard, Ruth Reinhold, Alice Roberts, & Liz Taylor. Trudy Murphy and Janice Edens attended the workshop.

Phoenix Chapter held its first Membership drive the week before the PPD. With some 200 local pilots and prospective pilots, the event promises to be a good bet for next year. Melba Beard spoke on the beginning of the 99's, Mary Pinkney on International 99's and Mary Lou Brown on the PPD.

Millie Dawe, Sue Harper and June Cleaverly winged it in Millie's C-210 to Matzatlan, Mexico. Alice Roberts visited her daughter in Switzerland. Joan Francis flew to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Bev Powell and family flew to Guadalajara for scuba diving. Nancy Crase and Cliff flew to Havasu City, Arizona, for the Southern California Wheelchair Aviators meeting. They met Helen McGee and Virginia Renn, then took off to New York. Charlotte Graham was selected to represent the U.S. in the world Helicopter Competition to be held this month in England. Ann and Harold Mouser flew to the mid-west in the C-180. Erna and Bill Blatt flew to Wisconsin for their daughter's wedding. Millie Dawe and crew flew to Butte, Montana for a class reunion. Virginia Hash handled the right seat in a Lear to El Paso and back. Mary Lou Brown and Ruby Sheldon flew a float equipped Beaver to Canada. Prospective member Lona Atkinson and her husband flew their Aztec to England.

We would like to welcome our new members, Dolores Connelly, Sandi Haag, Royetta Marconi and Louise Toncre.

Get APT!

Northwest Section

ALASKA - IDAHO - MONTANA
NORTH DAKOTA - OREGON
SOUTH DAKOTA
WASHINGTON - WYOMING

MONTANA CHAPTER Juli Peden, Reporter

Our June meeting was held in Great Falls, but many members were unable to attend because of weather. Several arrived by car and one plane piloted by Betty Nunn with husband Archie, who had to RON, due to weather.

We were treated to a tour of the Malmstrom Air Force Base, arranged by Marty Volkomenier.

The nominating committee announced that all of our present officers were willing to serve another term: **Helen Dunlop, chairman; Judy McCrum, vice chairman; Doris Kamerad, secretary** and **Marty Volkomenier, treasurer.**

Laulette Hansen has received her 3rd APT pin. Three of our members were in attendance at a special Zonta dinner in Great Falls June 1 in honor of the lady Brig. Gen. Lu Nelson, and Marty Volkomenier and Marge Rolle were honored as military guests, both having been former Wasps.

Representatives from the North Dakota and Wyoming chapters met with the Montana Chapter Saturday July 14 in the remote town of Jordan. Vivienne Schrank was our hostess and also manned the unicom on our arrival. Wyoming representatives were Mabel Blakely of Lander and Marie Engleman of Worland and from North Dakota, Audrey Baird of Dickinson, Kay Vogel of Bismarck and Betty Banker of



Sue Lueneburg and Judy McCrum home from flying the PPD. Judy is the 1973 co-holder of the Northwest Sectional Achievement Award.



Having lunch in Jordan. L. to R. — Betty Banker, Vivienne Schrank, Elsie Childs, Doris Kamerad, Marie Engleman, Louise Butcher, Ellen Baird, Kay Vogel, Helen Dunlop, Audrey Baird, Mabel Blakely, Deanna Odegaard, Betty Nunn and Marty Volkomenier.



Montana, North Dakota and Wyoming Chapter members holding joint July meeting in Jordan, Montana.

Mohall. Nine Montana members were present.

After lunch we returned to the airport for our meeting held under the wing of 2391F. We discussed the 1975 International Convention to be held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Judy McCrum and Sue Lueneburg are back from flying the Powder Puff Derby. Congratulations go to Judy for being named a dual recipient of the Achievement Award from the Northwest Section. Judy was presented the award at the N.W. Sectional in Alaska.

The Montana Chapter welcomes new member Deanna Odegaard of Billings. Juli Peden just recently received her CFI rating.

PUGET SOUND CHAPTER Betty Curran, Reporter

Jet Deck, Paine Field, Saturday, July 7, 1973 was a delightful meeting with Van Aderson, Governor of Northwest Section. Van had many little goodie things to clue us in on. Marchine Dexter and Marian Lewis had a ball in Anchorage and can hardly wait to have another N.W. meeting there so they can go back. Norm Staden and wife Kathy took them on a guided mountain climbing trip and I guess it was the greatest. These girls should be hired by the Alaskan Chamber of Commerce with all the good things they could say about Alaska.

Peggy Nugent and hubby returned from a nightmare trip through Montana in their new Cessna 150. Peggy had a number of moments when she wished they hadn't left Everett. The turbulence and up and down drafts were something else. Apparently Peggy feels a little heavier airplane would be better for mountain flying. Bet she'll still be ready to go back next year.

Mildred Pearson is back from the Orient and joined our meeting. She was looking great. The trip must have been a terrific morale builder — something we can all use occasionally.

Mildred, Margaret Ames and Betty went for a flight in Betty's newly acquired Beechcraft 285 and loved it. We went to look at Margaret's summer home again from the air and everything looked in order as usual.

We discussed the museum fci: the 99's and came up with many varying opinions.

NOTICE:

Send change of address to:
Loretta Gragg
Headquarters
Will Rogers Station
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73159
(No use sending this to your editor.)

Middle East Section

DELAWARE - MARYLAND
PENNSYLVANIA - VIRGINIA
WEST VIRGINIA

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER Carol Ann Windsor, Reporter

On June 9 the Central Pennsylvania Chapter met in Elmira with the Western New York Chapter to piece together our role at the PPD terminus. Present were Ronnie Johnson, Hazel Bartolet, Esther Michaud and hubby Ellery, Joanne Bailey, Boots Husted, Marty Owens, Martie Pool, Mary Galbraith, Naomi Stahlnecker, Helen Sheffer and Carol Windsor. Following meeting and luncheon, many of us took glider rides, thanks to the generosity of Virginia Schweitzer, chairman of the newly formed Southern Tier Chapter.

The following week a meeting was held in Lock Haven. Results of election of officers for the coming year: **Carol Windsor, Chairman; Helen Sheffer, Vice-chairman; Boots Husted, Recording Secretary; Marty Owens, Corresponding Secretary; Carolyn Harbolls, Treasurer.** The business meeting was followed by a luncheon provided by Alice and Bill Fuchs. The film "A Man, A Plane, and A Dream," the story of Elgen Long's historic flight, was shown. It is fascinating and not to be missed if you have the opportunity to see it.

The weekend of the PPD arrived and the Central Pennsylvania Chapter donned their yellow, white and orange and headed for Elmira. Hazel Bartolet, chairman of Impound, had the help of daughter Debbie Bartolet, Naomi Stahlnecker, Martie Pool, Mary Galbraith, Carol Windsor and girls from Eastern Pennsylvania. Boots Husted, Flo Shirey and Marty Owens helped with Registration. Operations helpers were Esther Michaud and Betty Mazzocco. Our Ronnie Johnson was one of the Tower Timers.

Alice and Bill Fuchs, FAA Safety Counselors, will present a Safety Seminar in Lock Haven, supported by our chapter.

Regards to Helen Sheffer recuperating from a compound fracture of her leg due to a fall, an unfortunate accident for Helen who worked very hard on the Fly-Away. She is more than half way through instruments. Get well Helen! Also best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Carolyn Harbolls following her recent illness.

Shirley Weinhardt's misfortune in the PPD was shared by our chapter. Next year, Shirley!

Dottie McClure, Alice Fuchs, Marty Owens, Marion Dunlap attended the Instructors' Clinic at State College, Pennsylvania.

Esther Michaud and husband Dr. Ellery were in Greece for one week in May. Then flew to Maine in July.

Kay Martin and Marty Owens flew to New Hampshire for a weekend.

Mary Galbraith and Martie Pool flew 285 lbs. of medical supplies to Grove City, Pa. Jane Menzies flew them on from there.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Marie and Al Sallade are the proud parents of a baby boy, Benjamin.

Betty Mazzocco has her Commercial License and Instrument Rating.

Marion Dunlap holds a new Commercial License.

Recently APT from our chapter are: Alice

Fuchs, Betty Harlan, Betty Mazzocco, and Helen Sheffer.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER **Kate Macario, Reporter**

The Plane Rallye planned for June 16th was literally "rained out" and a big disappointment to Joan Zaharfy and Judy DeMarco, who had spent many hours setting it up. (It is now scheduled for Sat. Sept. 15th, rain date, Sept. 16th.) Though the Rallye had to be cancelled, a meeting and lunch was held at the Plymouth C.C., thanks to Edie Aumann, a prospective member and a student pilot at Wings Field. Attending was a woman reporter who had been working on an article about the 99s. Her well-written article, with pictures, appeared in a suburban Phila. newspaper on July 16th.

On June 30th our newly-elected Chapter Chairman, Joan Zaharfy, married Bob Jones, a company pilot flying a Citation. As retiring chairman, I'd like to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed the past two years and appreciate the great amount of help I had from so many of the members. Other new officers will be: **Anna Spivey** as **Vice-chairman**, **Joanne Maloy** continuing as **Corr. Sec.**, **Marianne Blair Herstam** as **Rec. Sec.**, and **Eileen Weigand** as **Treasurer**.

In the Powder Puff Derby this year, Yvette Hortman flying an American Traveler, was the one contestant from our chapter, placing 28th. Seven of our members worked at the Terminus in Elmira. (See PPD this issue.)

The Chapter's next big event was our tree-planting ceremony for the 99s Second Flyaway. Anne Shields and Helen Zubrow flew to Harrisburg to meet Jerry Roberts, who had flown the seedling from Atcheson,

the seedlings to Pa. Gov. Shapp. They then took another seedling to Phila. to be planted in the park across from Independence Hall. The ceremony which included square dancing, brief speeches by officials of the city and Bicentennial group, and the tree-planting, was the direct result of many hours of phoning and letter-writing by Judy DeMarco, who also gave an excellent speech at this program. Judy will be Flying Activities Ch. for the Section, in addition to taking over the job of reporter from me and/or Louise Sacchi next month.

Our Chapter will be host for the Fall Sectional which will be held Sat., Oct. 20th at the Sheraton in North Phila., with a party there on Friday night the 19th. This Sheraton is only minutes away from the N. Phila. Airport and accessible by car using No. 95.

MARYLAND CHAPTER **June Hanson, Reporter**

As a result of two Poker Runs in the month of June, the Maryland Chapter donated over \$200 to the 99 Museum Fund. Thanks to Ginny Vogel for arranging the first and Lenora Eaton the second.

Only twelve members and guests flew in to Tangier Island, Va., for lunch at our July meeting but no wonder — Md 99s were all over the country at the time. Barbara Marder made the arrangements and ordered pretty good weather for us, too. Rene Birch almost didn't get the crabs home in time for her crab feast that night; her rented Cherokee refused to start.

A day at the Ocean City, N.J., beach is

planned for August. Chairman Doris Jacobson, Chairman-elect Rene Birch, Kay Bays, Jeane Wolcott, and Cleo Sherbow attended International Convention. Tommie and Stan Strauss will be flying their Cherokee to Alaska. Joan and Don Bates, taking a Tripacer tour of the US this summer, will time their return trip to coincide with Convention time in Milwaukee.

Incidentally, Joan's article "And Then There Were Three" (accepted by **Aero Magazine** two years ago) finally made publication in the July-August '73 issue.

Ginny and Steve Vogel, Paulette and Michael Jones, Doris and John Jacobson worked all day at the Edgewood Arsenal Youth Activities Council Carnival and Air Show while your reporter was running around taking pictures of the events.

Cleo Sherbow finished fifteenth in the recent International Angel Derby.

Lenora Eaton and Leah Stinchcomb are serving on a committee investigating safety hazards to flight at Maryland airports in cooperation with the State Aviation Administration. Thanks to the new Md St Av Adm publication, "Flight Plan," our chapter is receiving publicity throughout the state.

A short period of bad weather on our APT Day at Easton Airport caused several 99 planes to sit down and wait. As a result, the Bates Tripacer with Joan, Don, Rene Birch, and Doris Jacobson met some interesting pilots at a private strip on the Eastern Shore and Barbara and Bill Feader met Alma Hitchings, Chairman of the Garden State Chapter, at Bay Bridge Airport. Barbara clocked a fly-by at Kennerley Airport for Garden State racers a few weeks later, a new experience for her.

Officially APT as of July were: Connie Ball, Lenora Eaton, Paulette Jones, Joan Bates, June Hanson, Sheila McEntire, Catherine Grover, Tommie Strauss, Barbara Feader, Sally Williams, and Rene Birch.

Sheila McEntire, CFI, has two former students who are now Licensed Private Pilots. She and Barbara Feader are Chase Aviation, Inc., at Friendship International Airport.

On July 3rd, Doris Jacobson, Kay Bays, and your reporter had the pleasure of meeting a fascinating 99 from Australia — Bozena Vrla. (See article this issue.)

Kay and Jim Bays will soon have pilot number three in the family — son Jimmy soloed a Cessna 182 and gets valuable cross country experience flying with his mother.

Lenora Eaton and new 99 Donna Hawkins took Lenora's Butterscotch Cessna 172 all over Florida; Barbara and Stu Marder flew their Cherokee 180 to visit family in Illinois; Catherine Grover returned from AWTAR to continue weekends at Ocean City, Md., Airport flying charters, rides, etc.; Paulette and Michael Jones will join AOPA group in flight to Hawaii — some birthday present, Paulette! Kathy and Bob Poole and family are touring the US in their Cessna; and Jeane Wolcott plans a return Bonanza flight to Freeport, Grand Bahamas, in August.

More good publicity! Poker Run winners on June 9th were interviewed on local radio WVOB. Baltimore Evening Sun followed up with a story about our efforts for the 99 Museum Fund.

Pilot Catherine Grover and copilot Fran Davis (Freeport, Grand Bahama Is) finished 27th in the AWTAR this year — it was Catherine's second race and Fran's first.

They flew the Davis' Cessna 172, competing in a field of 105 planes. As Catherine said, "Just think what we might have done if we'd really been trying!"

VIRGINIA CHAPTER **Elizabeth Villa, Reporter**

In our last report we hoped for sunny skies for the painting of the tetrahedron at Portsmouth, the largest in Virginia and undoubtedly one of the largest anywhere, but Ra was overly accommodating. Temperature and humidity both in the 90's, however, did not dissuade Linda Hollowell, Mary White, Gini Buck, Carol Matthews and Elizabeth Villa from completing the task at hand.

Like spiders spinning a web, we snared a few "flies." Photographer Earl Updegraff volunteered(?) to extend our colors to the unreachable upper edges. John Buck, who came to fetch his wife for lunch, was also handed a brush.



Painting The Tetrahedron at Portsmouth. On ladders: Carol Matthews (left) and Linda Hollowell (right). On the ground: Mary White, Gini Buck and Elizabeth Villa.

It took an unbelievable 36 manhours to complete one side of that monster, which we hope to complete when cooler days are here.

Mr. Ed Gelletly of the Richmond GADO presided over topics discussed at the Safety Seminar held at Byrd Field June 16. In addition to familiar subjects, studies of pattern entries and the new TRSA at Byrd Field were highlighted. Arrangements were also made for Altitude Chamber testing at Langley Air Force Base on July 6.

Recipients of certificates for the completion of the Aerospace Physiology Courses were Carol Matthews, Virginia Riley, Lucy Thompson, Imel Timberlake and Fran Van Stavern.

Elizabeth Villa received her Application for Commercial License completely by surprise. The trip to Elizabeth City, N.C., which was thought part of her commercial/instrument training, was all part of a plan prearranged by Instructor Earl Faircloth. Though rattled by the surprise, she came home with that very important piece of paper.

Everyone flew to Farmville for our July get-together. The porker Sara Parmenter spent hours barbecuing was delicious.

Representing Virginia at the Ninety-Nines' International Convention were Juanita Davis, Linda Hollowell, Carol Matthews, Imel Timberlake, Lucy Thompson, and Fran Van Stavern. They flew Imel's Cessna 206. (Imagine the luggage problem for six females.)

Jeannie and Jim Dunlap became the proud owners of a Bonanza. Jeannie is also active with the Sweet Adelines and recently

formed a Virginia Chapter in this national organization.

Best wishes go with Amy Morris whose husband has been transferred to Washington, D.C.

Our roster of officers for the 1973-74 year: **Chairman, Imel Timberlake; Vice-Chairman, Marty Pearce; Secretary, Juanita Davis; Treasurer, Lucy Thompson; Corresponding Secretary, Virginia Riley; Membership, Jean Harris; Reporter, Elizabeth Villa; Public Relations, Harriet Mickel; Amelia Earhart Scholarship, Doris Phillips; APT, Sara Parmenter; Ways & Means and Museum, Fran Van Stavern; Flying Activities & Program, Carol Matthews; Aerospace, Mary White; Air Marking, Maxine Walker.**

WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER

Francine L. Bowman, Reporter

Without doubt the busiest, most harried 99's these days are our planners and participants in the Flyaway — due here for ceremonies, tree planting, etc. Fay Wells and Blanche Noyes are in Atchison pre-flighting. Our unsung heroine, Irene Wirtschafter, is indefatigably pursuing nervous collapse. If Irene does collapse, she earned it — having to deal with clean-up crews, entertainment, mayors, etc. while also coping with her own fulltime job. We hope Irene can last through the square-dance which will end the ceremonies. More on the big day and its success next issue.

Summer is picnic time so we've been combining our meetings with pot-luck picnics. Our July fly-in to Toughenamon, Pennsylvania was washed out — but New Garden Flying Field will be there the next time. We are also busy writing letters to our Congressmen and Senators re the Cost Allocation Horribles.

Chapter elections give us this new slate to be installed in Hedy Jaffe's pool on August 19: **Chairperson, Joan Stalk; Vice-Chairperson, Durette Huck; Recording Secretary, Francine Bowman; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Horner; Treasurer, Bonnie Klitzkie.**

Convention delegates were: Joan Stalk, Virginia Thompson and Bonnie Klitzkie. We welcome new transfers Ruth Bliss and Amy Morris.

Special news on members: Velta Benn is now flying Corporate Pilot in a 421 for ABC Flying Service at Hyde Field. Velta and Bea Wilder plan to visit 99 Evelyn Mahle who is now instructing in Switzerland, in September. Virginia and Don Thompson became the Fixed Base Operators at Shenandoah Valley Airport and invite all 99's. Jean Howard is the NAA Delegate to the Second World Helicopter Championships at Middle Wallop England July 23-28. The United States will field a team for the first time and it's a women's team — all Ninety-Nines. Blanche Noyes and Virginia Thompson flew to Dayton, Ohio re the Museum and to Oklahoma City for a meeting of the 99 Board of Directors. Irene Wirtschafter attended the Paris Air Show and had a chance to meet with and talk to lots of our 99 sisters in Europe. She spoke with Dr. Lucie Wymans of The Netherlands and visited Betty Nigenhuis in Hengelo. While in France, Irene was Marie-Josephe de Beauregard's guest at the French Aeroclub. Gladys Wise attended Aviation/Space Writer's News Conference in Las Vegas. The four-day meeting covered such meaningful topics as "Will Wash-

ington Regulate General Aviation out of Business" "Do News Media Share Responsibility for Hijackings" "Is Man Necessary in the Cockpit." Gladys also visited the FAA's newly automated Los Angeles Center at Palmdale, the B-1 production assembly plant, and looked at new military and NASA air vehicles at Edwards AFB. Francine Bowman and Amy Morris are now instructing at Quantico Marine Base.

Southeast Section

ALABAMA - FLORIDA - GEORGIA
MISSISSIPPI - NORTH CAROLINA
SOUTH CAROLINA - TENNESSEE

ALABAMA CHAPTER

Hilda Ray, Reporter

Thanks to uncooperative weather, Alabama 99's missed several meetings this year, and thanks to missed deadlines, no news from Alabama. However, we did manage a meeting in Greenville, Alabama on June 3, with Nancy Beeland as our hostess, and ably assisted by 49 1/2er Jeff. We had our usual fly-in with planes from as far north as Huntsville, and as far south as Pensacola, Florida. We had several new members, prospective members, guests and 49 1/2ers present as well as a large group of 99s.

Pam McDermott achieved her instrument instructor rating, and is instructing in Gadsden. Bennie Peters is free-lance instructing in Selma. Donna Green is involved in opening a new FBO at Mobile Aerospace, but is bogged down in red tape right now. Your reporter hopes to have that elusive instrument rating by the time this is printed.

Claudia Conn is inviting everyone to participate in the Petticoat Derby, sponsored by the Flying Petticoats of Huntsville. She is chairperson of the event. There will be a speed race, as well as a proficiency portion. Sounds like fun.

Sonny Turner reported that she had loads to go for Wings for Direct Medical Relief. Donna Green has taken some supplies to Shreveport.

We plan to do more air marking this fall, possibly in Luverne or North Huntsville. Summer is just too steamy. Our next meeting will be in Montgomery in September.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

Evelyn Hyman, Reporter

It's a fact that summer brings on a bit of mental lethargy, which might explain the absence of a column from this writer these past two issues.

Which is not to reflect on the chapter, far from lethargic. A June meeting at the cool mountain home of Nancy Wrenn and Ruth White provided members a unique tour of Stencil Aero, Inc. This company is engaged in research and development of ejection seats for military aircraft, presently working on the U.S. Navy's VTOL aircraft seats. (Too bad weather kept some members home.)

July's sunshine cleared the way for a full house at Chester, South Carolina. The Bermuda High Soaring School at Chester manages an impressive array of gliders and provides complete instruction as well as introductory flights. Several of the chapter members enjoyed flying these, a few more elected to laugh off the 90 plus degree heat with a spot-landing contest. Nancy Wrenn's

beautiful hand-hewn wood plaques were awarded to Nita Hudman for power-on landings and to Lynn Dillard for power-off landings.

Missing from the scene was Sylvia Roth who is recuperating from surgery. Knowing Syl, it won't be long. We suggest that Ninety-Nines working on advanced ratings take the time (and pleasure) of some good hours at Miller Aviation with Sylvia and Frances Miller.

Members Barbara O'Connor and Page Shamburger went to the annual EAA Fly-in at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Page flew from there to Minneapolis for the convention.

FLORIDA GOLDCOAST CHAPTER

Lois Porter, Reporter

The All Women's Intercontinental Air Race came to a successful conclusion at Nassau, Bahamas on June 13th, with Ann Ross as Chief Timer, standing on the deck of the "Rotterdam" (a huge oceanliner) clocking the girls as they flew down the bay between the city of Nassau and Paradise Island. That night there was a cocktail party on Paradise Island and the next night another party at the Balmoral. Friday night 250 people attended a sumptuous Awards Banquet at the British Colonial Hotel with the Minister of Tourism, Mr. Clement T. Maynard, giving the welcoming speech and awarding trophies.

Re the International Air Race — (Angel Derby) — Their race finished May 13 at Wings and Wheels Airport, Santee, S.C. The Awards banquet was held May 15 at the Holiday Inn, with special speaker Colonel Charles Duke, who was the pilot on the Lunar Module of the Apollo 16 Mission. He showed some unpublished movies of the mission which were extremely interesting, and stressed the need for all men to work together in peace. Also noted guest was Felicity Buranelli, the aegis behind the bronze plaques and the AE Medal. She presented the first six winners with the medal.

In July, The Florida Goldcoast Chapter will participate in the fly-in of the Amelia Earhart stamps. Since Amelia Earhart took off from a little field just south of Opa Locka Airport, we will fly the stamps back to that field and meet with officials and people who had originally seen her off so long ago. The present mayor of Hialeah was there as councilman on that date. Also Virginia Britt plans to pick up the stamps and trees at Atchinson, then make stops at Little Rock and Montgomery and on to Tallahassee. Also, plans are underway for proper ceremonies at Ft. Lauderdale Executive airport.

The results are in and our new Chapter Chairman is **Helen Mennitto**. This will be a big year for the chapter and Helen is the one to handle it.

FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER

Dotty Birdsong, Reporter

The Suncoast Chapter regular meeting was May 9th, 1973 at the home of Betty Hood in St. Petersburg. Fourteen members were present and two visitors, Doris Hernon, Brandon and Barbara Hicks of Largo. Chairman Marcella Klotter held the meeting before our delightful lunch. The 1974 International Convention was the discussion. Committees were set up and Chairman appointed for the banquet which is our chapter's responsibility. Ethel Gibson passed the sample favor she and husband,

Hoot, made up for approval.

The chapter voted to change dates of election of officers and installation of officers to fit in with the International program of dues and roster. Ballots were counted and our new officers are: **Betty Hood, Chairman; Sally Tanner, Vice Chairman; Ivone Zych, Secretary; and Ethel Gibson, Treasurer.** Our June regular meeting and installation of officers was set for an overnight in Port Charlotte June 23rd. Initiation of 49 1/2ers also took place.

Millie Lafferty spoke to a group of third and fourth graders on flying education. Joyce Boritz was on TV Sun Downers.

The first of April I had a letter from Leah Warren who was a new transfer to our Suncoast Chapter almost a year ago. Her nineteen year old son, David, was in a very bad auto accident in Indiana. Leah has been with him constantly all these months. His motor nerves were destroyed from the waist down. She took him to the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, where he showed much accomplishment and his spirit was good. June 24th they returned to their home in Clearwater. Dave drives his car with hand controls, swims the length of the pool several times, and says he plans to be a photographer. Leah says she will start back to meetings very soon.



Florida Suncoast Chapter at Port Charlotte initiation of 49 1/2ers. From left to right are Bill and Joyce Boritz, Joe and Barbara Shari, Curt and Judy Yoder, Judy and Larry Walter, and Joan and William Jenks.

Be an APT
Aviatrix!

PHOENIX CHAPTER PRESENTS
6th Annual

**Kachina Doll
Roadrunner
Air Races**

NOVEMBER 3, 1973

Send \$1 for entry kit
Claire Ellis
107 Cattle Track, Scottsdale, Ariz. 85253
602-948-5576

The Suncoast Chapter regular meeting was held June 23rd at Ramada Inn, Port Charlotte, for the installation of officers and initiation by Dr. Doug Hood of five lowly 49 1/2ers of new members and one transfer. (From Colorado Chapter, Judy Yoder and husband Curt.) New members were Joan Jenks and husband William, Joyce Boritz and husband Bill, Judy Walter and husband Larry, and Barbara Sharit and husband Joe.



Florida Suncoast Chapter officers at installation in Port Charlotte are: Treasurer, Ethel Gibson; Secretary, Ivone Zych; Vice-Chairman, Sally Tanner and Chairman, Betty Hood. Fran Sargent from the Gold-coast Chapter is doing the installation. Outgoing Chairman Marcella Klotter is seated in background.

Marcella Klotter, retiring Chairman was presented with a gift as a token of appreciation from the group for serving the chapter so well.

After dinner a very profitable auction was held by Auctioneer Charles Birdsong from the items brought in by the group. It was fun and ended up with two hundred twenty-one dollars for the chapter.

Thelma Dawson reports the casts have been removed from her legs and she is walking with a cane. She has had a long seige. She withdrew from the Inter-continental Air Race because of the casts. Lois Porter had to withdraw, Betty Hood and Ethel Gibson withdrew before the race because of a malfunction, Sally Tanner and Millie Lafferty had to withdraw at Dothan, Alabama because of weather and Dotty Birdsong and Jenny Cook withdrew at Opa Locka because of a blown cylinder. We shall try again!

Dotty Birdsong attended her last WACOA meeting in Ft. Worth, Texas after three years on the committee. She spoke on General Aviation Activities at the three week Aerospace Seminar at University of South Florida and journeyed to Huntsville, Alabama Redstone Arsenal with the group in an Air Force plane for a tour of the Skylab training unit.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER Nancy Miller, Reporter

The Tennessee Chapter invited the Memphis Ninety Nines to attend their awards meeting in May. Attending the luncheon in Nashville were June Pentecost, Netta Holden, Fern Mann, Betty Rockwood and Pat Kellett.

Elections were held during the June meeting at the Olive Branch, Mississippi Airport. **June Pentecost** is our new **Chairman; Dot Wilson, Vice Chairman; Nancy Miller, Secretary; and Pat Kellett, Treasurer.**

Hilda and Doyle Savage hosted the July meeting-picnic at their home near Germantown. Golf was on the agenda as well as swimming, tennis, horseshoes and fishing. Approximately 25 members and spouses

enjoyed a day of fun and food. Guests were pleased to have the opportunity to visit with member Cindy Schultz who was home from college in Florida.

Make plans to fly to Augusta, Arkansas on August 25 for a pot-luck lunch with Mary and Joe Stanley.



Tennessee 99s pose with stage prop used for an original skit on preflighting during the Safety Seminar, April 26, 1973. Nancy Fisher and Sarah Gose pantomimed the parts of pilot and passenger while Donna Williams and Ruth Thomas (author of script) supplied the voices and sound effects off stage. Front Row: L. to R. Helen Vreeland, Edna Davis, Bertha Jones, Ruth Thomas, Judy Cox, Fran Davis, Sarah Gose, Evelyn Johnson, Irene Flewellen and Nancy Fisher. Back Row: Jo Chandler, Donna Bower, Jo Wood, Rachel Pruitt, Judy Brown, Pete Campbell, Peggy Roberts, Marie Hurley, Ginny Cone, Donna Williams, Bee Reid and Marilyn Ayers.

NORTH GEORGIA CHAPTER Doris Engerrand, Reporter

Congratulations go to several of our members this month: to Pauline Mallary and her co-pilot, Carolyn Riley, for placing eighth in the Illi-Nines Speed Race; to Denise Blankinship for getting her instrument rating and completing her degree requirements at the University of Georgia on the same day; and to Kay and Sonny Guice for becoming the proud parents of a future 99.

Although the weather has not been very cooperative, the North Georgia 99's have managed to schedule and carry out two fun flying activities. On June 24, Carolyn Upton hosted a fly-in at Winder, Georgia. Four 99's and two guests made it. One participant was Lynn Buell, a new transfer 99 from the Tri Cities Chapter, West Virginia. Carolyn furnished a room in the hangar at Winder and everyone enjoyed the cookout and fellowship. July 15 was another fun day for us. Boots and Frank Morgan hosted a fly-in picnic at Morgan Strip near Carrollton, Georgia. Carolyn, Paul, and Cheryl Steel; Carolyn Riley and her fiancé, Winn Baker; Carolyn, George, Eddie, and Eric Upton, Vernita, Pam, and Doug George, Pauline, Pete, and Tracy Mallary attended. All the children were under six years of age. Boots and Frank gave the 99's and guests a tour through their beautiful home after everyone had enjoyed eating in a grove next to the runway.

Lately Jean Voyles has been our most active cross-country member. In June she flew to Tampa to attend an American Management Society meeting, and July 14 she again flew to Tampa but this time with her son, Barry, to visit relatives. They also included Clearwater on this trip. On the 21st, Jean and Barry flew to St. Simons Island for a weekend of fun and sun.

New England Section

CONNECTICUT - MAINE
MASSACHUSETTS - NEW HAMPSHIRE
RHODE ISLAND - VERMONT

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

Claire Ball, Reporter

Valle's Steak House in Hartford was the setting for our installation luncheon on June 2nd. Bobbie Herbert, outgoing Chairman, introduced the new officers: **Evelyn Kropp, Chairman; Nina Hetmanenko, Vice-Chairman; Laurie Spence, Secretary;** and **Connie McLeish, Treasurer.** Welcomed aboard was our newest member, Laura Monohan.

Congratulations go to Evelyn Kropp and co-pilot Jean Batchelder of ENE for placing lucky 13th in the speed category of the Illi-Nines Air Derby!

We are rather proud to be the first chapter to assist with Project "Concern." The Women's Auxiliary of the Conn. State Medical Society collected approximately 500 lbs. of disposable diapers and baby clothes for the Bisti Clinic in Farmington, N.M. for distribution to the Navajo Indians. Evelyn Kropp, a member of the Auxiliary, was asked if the 99's could help deliver the supplies to N.M. The girls flying the Powder Puff Derby from the East were quick to respond, as packages were brought to Georgia Pappas, ENE, in Worcester, Mass., during AWNEAR. On her way to the Illi-Nines Evelyn Kropp flew packages to West Chicago; others were brought by car to Elgin Airport for the Chicago girls to fly to N.M. Also, Peg Davidson and Evelyn Kropp loaded their planes prior to departure for the Powder Puff Derby. Arrangements were made with Connie Rose of the Chaparral Chapter, N.M. to deliver them from Albuquerque to Farmington, N.M. The project has been a great success with heartfelt thanks to the 99's.



Connecticut Chapter helps with "Project Concern," in flying medical supplies to the Navajo Indians in Farmington, N.M. for the Bisti Clinic. Shown here are: L to R, Mrs. W. Lenkowski, Conn. State Medical Society Auxiliary Pres., Mrs. Joseph Czarsty, Evelyn Kropp, Conn. Chapter 99, and Mrs. Michael Neghad, Health Chairman, who directed the drive.

Charter member Nancy Tier will be flying into Brainard Field in Hartford on July 25th to celebrate the Second Flyaway. Quite a celebration is planned and Gov. Meskill as well as many other officials will be on hand to greet Nancy and her cargo of friendship.

Marcia Spakowki is now writing the "Flying Page" for the Groton News which comes out on Tuesdays.

Connecticut was very well represented in

the Powder Puff Derby by Peg Davidson, coming in 20th; Ruth Crowell, 24th; and Evelyn Kropp, 56th. Congratulations, we are all so proud of you!

EASTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Judy Gillis, Reporter

It has been a great summer for many of us with perhaps the best yet to come — the International Convention, which, of course, will have come and gone by the time this is read.

June meeting found us at Plymouth, Mass. Airport for elections. This is the first dual slate for all four offices our Chapter has had. Elected are: **Chairman, Harriet Fuller; Vice-Chairman, Billie Downing; Secretary, Lillian Emerson; Treasurer, Carol Stiles.** Congratulations! After our business meeting in one of the hangars where we were surrounded by a Citabria, Pitts Special and other experimentals, we went to the nearby Edaville Railroad for a delicious chicken barbecue and a ride on a narrow-gauge steam train! Many brought children who thoroughly enjoyed the day.

We are saddened to report that Mona Budding took a spill off a ladder May 6 and injured her knee quite badly. It required a 4-hour operation with bone graft and screws. She was in the hospital during AWNEAR and was completely frustrated to have to miss it.

Lois Aucterloine and her 49 1/2er, Carl, spent a week's spring golf vacation in Phoenix in May. Lois enjoyed lunch with Alice Roberts, Phoenix Chapter.

Judy Hartzler and her 49 1/2er, Glen, had a 2-week vacation with their Cherokee 180, N4JG, in the Bahamas with a stop-off at Disney World.

Carol Stiles vacationed in St. Petersburg, Florida. On the first leg of her trip, she flew into Flushing, New York (right in LaGuardia's traffic pattern) and then continued via commercial airline.

A good crowd, which included many children and 49 1/2ers, turned out for our July 14 meeting at the home of Sue Linsley on Lake Pearl — a delightful place to swim. Those who flew into nearby Norfolk Airport had the pleasure of being ferried to "Sue's lake" via Lake Amphibians being flown by John Sexton (Barbara's 49 1/2er) and his partner. Everyone had a great time.

Ripley Miller is now working for Corporate Air flying Barons and making night runs between Boston and Bradley in Connecticut. She just recently passed her six-month checkride.

Our Chapter participated in the second Flyaway and on August 9 presented first-day covers and a Cottonwood to Governor Sargent of Mass.

Harriet Fuller, Lois Aucterloine and Virginia Bonesteel flew to Elmira, N.Y. to work at the terminus of the Powder Puff Derby. Two of our girls of whom we are very proud — Georgia Pappas, pilot, and Kathy Hyme, copilot, flew an American Yankee in the PPD.

Lola Madden has now officially transferred to the Albuquerque Chapter.

Barbara Sexton just recently received her rating in their Lake Amphibian. Congratulations!

One of the grandest trips of the summer, their most exciting so far, was that of Billie and Stu Downing to Alaska, flying the Alaska Highway. They describe it as an extremely beautiful and interesting trip — 11,000 miles, flying 21 of the 36 days for 98

hours, 34 different airports, 45 landings, fantastic scenery and a lot of very wonderful people! The highlight of their trip was attending the 99s Northwest Section Meeting in Anchorage. They say the girls there were great and they enjoyed among other unusual things, a wild game dinner — moose roast, salmon, bear, caribou, reindeer, cranberry dessert and much more — prepared entirely by the 99s! They flew this trip in a rented Cessna 172, but since returning have bought their own Skyhawk.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Margaret B. Brown, Reporter

It's been a busy and productive summer for our chapter. On June 27, we had a meeting held at Peggy Brown's house (your reporter) and preceded by dinner. Our outdoor barbecue plans were ruined by a drenching rain, but we had fun.

Saturday, July 7, we had our annual luncheon at Wiggins' Tavern in Northampton, a delightful, historic spot where there is delicious food. After the business meeting, most of us went flying as it was a glorious sunny day. On July 10, Ann Thibodeau hosted an evening meeting devoted to finalizing our chapter by-laws. A few minor changes were made and voted on. Sue Stidham will be moving to Texas and a grand new job, so she has had to resign as **Windsock** Editor (our chapter newsletter) and as membership chairman. Mary Kohler will be new editor, and Mary Shea took over membership chairman. Sue has been such an integral part of our chapter and all of its undertakings since we began that it is difficult to visualize running anything without her. To say that we will all miss her is quite an understatement.

Alexandra Taylor and Peggy Brown flew to Brainard on Wednesday, July 25, for the ceremony welcoming Nancy Tier when she arrived from the Second International Flyaway from Atchison, Kansas. Many members attended, from all chapters of the section, to receive their seedlings and First Day covers. Governor Meskill was there to donate a Charter Oak to the International Forest of Friendship. There was excellent news media coverage, including television.

On Saturday, August 4, we had our annual Tanglewood Outing, to the "summer home" of the Boston Pops. We met Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Ormandy after the concert. The Fly-In will be to the Great Barrington Airport, where Betty Vigneron is taking care of all arrangements.

Our Fall Section meeting will be Saturday, September 22, at the Holiday Inn in Holyoke, Massachusetts. There will be an early afternoon business meeting. We have a great program for both 99s and 49 1/2's for the afternoon, before the cocktails and dinner. Our Banquet speaker will be Dr. Clayton Thomas, the balloon expert and Director of the Balloon School of Massachusetts at Dingley Dell. The Fly-In airport will be Barnes, Westfield, just over the hill from the Holiday Inn. We expect a full turnout.

New York-New Jersey Section

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY

GARDEN STATE CHAPTER

Dolores Jane Zilincar, Reporter

The events of last June — our Garden State 300 — our first! Though the 99's were

represented in four winning places, two good pilots took first place, Bill Steinfield and Tom Slocum. Their score was near perfect. Our Jane Martin and Flo Walsh, though not winners, scored the best time — a fraction of a second off! Second place winners were Ann Shields and Helen DuBrow, third place Dana Mack and Richard Kull, fourth place Sandy and John Duma and fifth place August and Dolores Zilincar. Our hard-working and imaginative chairman, Alma Hitchings, gave us something to remember and something to look forward to next year.

Our June meeting was a most unusual one — we were invited to a tour of NAEFAC. Director of the experimental program at Pamona, Atlantic City, Mr. Buck Commander, personally escorted us. It was inspiring to learn a little about the new advances in air safety. Non-explosive jet fuel? It is a reality!

Our July meeting was a fun one. The friendly Fenwicks, operators of beautiful Preston Airport, Malboro, New Jersey, invited us to their annual picnic. (All pilots and friends welcome.) We were given their comfortable lounge for our business meeting and later joined them for a bountiful feast. Can you believe Champagne, music and goodies after dark?

Jerry Roberts, Governor, Alma Hitching and Alice Hammond represented us in the program, Friendship Forest, at Atchison, Kansas. It was IFR all the way west. They brought our Red Oak to represent New Jersey and returned with Ponderosa Pine from the West. During ceremonies at Caldwell — Wright Alma Hitchings planted the Western Pine. Fay Wells, White House correspondent, must be commended for her work to form friendships and bring love to a world in peace. In a subsequent planting at our Capital in Irenton, Alma, in the company of Governor's representative, Commissioner Sullivan and Thomas Coyle, State Director of Aeronautics, noted that the gardener dug a huge hole — expecting a large tree instead of a seedling.

On Monday 15th July, your reporter and Alma flew to Elmira to await the arrival of our two racers in the Powder Puff Derby — Diane Shaw and Mary Rose Myers. They made a beautiful fly-by — we stood proudly waiting to greet them. The Garden State Chapter presented beautiful roses.

Janice Blackwell and her 49 1/2, Blackie, are proud owners of a new Cessna 180 and they made a most eventful trip West. Ask Janice what she thinks about our fantastic FSS. Grace McGuire has checked out in a seaplane.

This summer we have at least five new perspective members and we are looking forward to a new 99 year with eager expectations — planning a '74 Garden State 300, beautifying airports throughout the State, fly-in meetings every month, ferrying medical supplies, exciting spot landing contests at each meeting, poker runs, parties, picnics, fly-in camp-outs. We can expect fulfillment from all our genuine efforts of the past year — and that's the truth!

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

Alice Borodkin, Reporter

Active L.I. 99er, Diane Tribble attended Reading Air Show with Nina Clairmont and demonstrated ATC Simulators. Diane is presently Aircraft Sales Rep. at Mid-Island Brookhaven, plus giving Aviation lectures at L.I. Public Schools.

Another Teacher in our group, Daisy Poss, preparing to teach an Aviation course starting September J.H.S. students with perspective member Anita Coddere. Daisy is also planning on flying to Florida in August with a possible side trip to the Bahamas.

For a Lunch Break — Jane Duggan, with Nicole Radecki and Ruth Dobrescue, flew from N.Y. to Trumbull Airport, Conn.

Ruth Dobrescue was lucky to have an Australian 99er visiting for two days in July.

Nicole Radecki and 49 1/2er Bob with two of their five children, flew to Orlando Florida to visit Cape Kennedy and Disney World, in a Cessna 182, in mid April.

Nicole also flew AWNEAR with Jane Duggan — received her CFI on June 5th, is now working on her Instrument and Sea Plane Rating, and we hope she will sit still long enough to give birth to her sixth child in October. Nicole Radecki's mother, was here on a visit from Paris and had to wait two weeks for VFR weather before she flew with her daughter for the first time!

Jane Duggan and Doris Abbatte, flew thru the TCA to Harrisburg, Pa. and back over the top at 7500 feet with Jets ascending all over the place.

Jane and 49 1/2er Wally, flew his long Commercial to Augusta, Maine and Montpelier, Vermont, and back the following morning.

Happy Flying!

South Central Section

ARKANSAS - COLORADO - LOUISIANA
KANSAS - NEBRASKA - NEW MEXICO
OKLAHOMA - TEXAS

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

Becky Lutz, Reporter

The Albuquerque Chapter will be talking about the Powder Puff Derby "Must Fly-By" for a long time to come. It was a fun thing as well as educational. The girls went all out to see that things were right for the Powder Puffers for the three days. Kathy Fox, prize chairman, presented over \$300 worth of prizes to the various racers. Mr. Bob White, State Aviation Director, along with a representative of the Chamber of Commerce, personally greeted the racers on the first day. Governor Bruce King issued a proclamation declaring the week "Women in Aviation Week" in New Mexico. We received excellent cooperation from the radio and television stations and the press.

Las Cruces Ninety-Nines Lela Cowardine, Mary Dekinder, and Connie Rose came to help us.

Officers have been elected for the new year. They are: **Becky Lutz, Chairman; Blanche Griscom, Vice Chairman; Johnny Hickey, Secretary; and Linda Swan, Treasurer.**

Lola Madden of the Eastern New England Chapter has transferred to the Albuquerque Chapter. Welcome! Lola's credentials include Commercial, CFI, Inst. ASEL. Her husband is a retired air force man. Lola went to work immediately taking charge of programs for the Derby, and more recently represented our chapter at International Convention in Milwaukee.

We were pleased to welcome to Albuquerque Betty Gillies, Gertrude Lockwood, and Melba Beard who came to ABQ on July 25 in a lovely Beech Baron as part of the Second Flyaway in conjunction with America's Bicentennial Celebration. We

were presented with a Ponderosa Pine which we plan to plant at the Santa Fe Airport.

Flying Activities: Micki Collins, Roz Kinlen, and Becky Lutz attended the Deming Fly-in on July 4. Micki flew in a Bellanca with 49 1/2er Gene, and Roz and Becky, along with eight others, were guests aboard a grand old Lodestar! (We both got some right seat time, too!) Roz flew to West Texas to visit her parents in a Cherokee 140. Micki attended **another** cat show in the same Bellanca. Becky Lutz (me) has been flying a series of short but fun cross country trips, plus several trips to Raton to visit my parents. Also flew to Killeen, Texas, south of Waco in the co-pilot's seat of a Cessna 206. Got some stick time in a restored 1943 L2 Taylorcraft owned by Raton pilot Ed Ferkovitch; checked out in a Cessna 172 and a Cherokee 180. Rita Elliott flew across the seas via commercial airlines to visit her girlhood home in England after an absence of fifteen years!

CHAPARRAL CHAPTER

Mary De Kinder, Reporter

To start our summer, Chaparral Chapter joined Gregg's Air Service and the Las Cruces C.A.P. in presenting an Aviation Day at Las Cruces Municipal Airport. One of our contributions to the day was the presentation of a fine FAA film, "Airports Mean Business." (Highly recommended if for getting your city's leaders and businessmen interested in your airport.)

In July Lela Carwardine and Connie Rose continued guiding our chapter-sponsored tours of the municipal airport for local school children.

Also in July, Connie, Lela and I were warmly welcomed by Albuquerque Chapter 99s and were enjoyably allowed to take part there in the Albuquerque AWTAR stop.

Hank and 49 1/2er Jim Hallinan are proud owners of a new Cessna 182. Before giving up the old one, however, they flew it (with two student pilot passengers) to Mazatlan, San Carlos, and return, then up to Vancouver to see their new twin grandchildren. Mary Wooten has logged several hours flying in and out of El Paso and Albuquerque for controlled field exercise and all it entails these days. Rene Hirth is busy learning aerobatics in Citabria at Deming and working on her instrument instructor's rating. Pauline and 49 1/2er Milton Hall have spent the summer seeing New Mexico and surrounding territory in their '46 Luscombe and a Cessna 175.

Remember you South Central 99s, Sectional in El Paso this fall!

COASTAL BEND CHAPTER

Barbara Corley, Reporter

Our thanks to Elizabeth Morris for arranging our unusual and stimulating meeting on June 16th. We toured NAS Chase Field, Beeville, Texas, with the able assistance of Lt. John Major. At our first stop, we operated A-4 simulators.

We viewed the T-2 basic trainer, A-4 trainer, and S-2 tracker. Most of the jets at Chase Field are also designed as carrier planes.

Stops were made at the radar room and tower. Chase Field radar operators would appreciate a call on 121.3 when flying in the area. Two to 6 a.m. and after 4 p.m. are slack times for the jet procedures; however, there may be solo jets practicing in the area during those intervals.

Thanks to Captain Robert E. Ferguson and the courteous personnel for helping us fully understand the procedures of a military installation. We can now cooperate for safer, happier flying.

Those in attendance at luncheon were: Margaret and Robert Clegg, Jewel Fisher, Katherine Caraway and her sister, Vel Kiker, Barbara Corley, Eliz Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Cole, and members of the Adair family.

Congratulations to Vel Kiker — the new chairman of the Sectional Nominating Committee.

Vel, Barbara Corley, Katherine Caraway, and Elizabeth Morris plan to fly in the Skylady Derby, Houston, Texas, August 10th and 11th.

Delores Zuck, Jewel Fisher, Peggy Zapalac, and families have been on vacation. Our August 18th meeting is in Yoakum.

Our new reporter is Vel Kiker. Look forward thoroughly to enjoy her writing!

Please, stay APT!

DALLAS CHAPTER

Judy Cobb, Reporter

The July meeting was held at the home of Hazel Corry. Co-hostess was Doris Weller. The August meeting is a dinner meeting for installation of new officers, who are: **Chairman, Jerry Melton, Vice Chairman, Barbara Powell, Secretary (Recording) Judy Cobb, Secretary (Corresponding) Jan Wahrer, Treasurer, Sue Maddock.**

Lou Marquess and Pat Clark teamed up to fly the Intercontinental Air Race last June. Lou says, "We had terrible weather. Couldn't get into Thomasville, so forfeited the race by safely landing at Tallahassee." Cathy and Art Ways winged their way to Austin for their daughter's graduation from the University of Texas last month. Cathy and husband also combined business and pleasure by flying to Milwaukee for International Convention.

Edna Wright just returned from a Caribbean Cruise. While stomping around enjoying herself she ran into Pat Jetton and Elinor Johnson (Redbird Chapter) — the world is getting smaller every day. Dot Warren joined the ranks of the working women again. She still found time to make it to International in Milwaukee. Pauline and Jack Winthrop and daughter Liz just returned from a trip to South America.

Lee and Mary Kitchens (and daughter), Barbara Powell, Jerry & Maurice Melton (and Maurice's brother Tommy and wife, Jean), Mack & Judy Cobb (and daughter) gathered at Weedpatch for the delayed Father's Day Fly-in, July 1. Judy and Mack Cobb now head for a week at Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Sue Maddock and husband Frank just returned from 10 days in Pennsylvania. They plan a trip to Vancouver, B.C. in August. Sue Andrews and family spent two weeks in Florida. Edna Wright just completed a refresher Pilot Ground School Course at Eastfield College. Jerry and Maurice Melton took a flying trip in the Baron in early July — Dallas to Denver, north across Wyoming and Montana to Canada. Toured Glacier Park. Flew through Idaho to Washington and into British Columbia. Toured Vancouver and Victoria, Seattle, down the Pacific coast into California. Home with stops in Lake Tahoe and Phoenix. "Gorgeous Trip!!" (Whew ... if that was in our plane we'd still be gone-

Judy)

Sandra Simmons is attending Flight Engineer's School. She has passed the written and Simulator exams and is scheduled to take the Final Check-out for her rating in August.

Here's to good flying!

DALLAS REDBIRD CHAPTER

Edna Envious, Reporter

Helen Wilke and Kathy Long, flying Helen's Bonanza, came in **second** in the Powder Puff Derby this year (in case you didn't already know). They've been gradually easing up on first each year and next year — it's a shoo-in; the rest of us can just stay home. When they returned from the terminus, bringing Elinor Johnson with them, we had a welcoming committee — complete with loud speaker and fellow 99s.

Not to be left out, Hazel McK Jones, Bryant Hutchinson and Pat Jetton drove the "Snuggly Buggy" (Hazel's motor home) to Topeka, Kansas and manned the tower as timers for the PPD. They had a ball, got to see **everything** but couldn't talk to **anyone**.

Our July meeting was a combination shower for Leslie Willson (who's getting married in September) and a champagne party for our Helen and Kathy.

We also spent the meeting winding up last minute details for the Seminar to be held the end of August — it's a day-long briefing of the new and proposed regulations which will affect us all.

Six of us attended convention. Great!

(Ask about that cornfield!)

EL PASO CHAPTER

KK Garlitz, Reporter

The last meeting of the El Paso Chapter of the Ninety Nines was an informal luncheon at the Rodeway Inn. Officers for the coming year were elected; **Marilyn Cragin, Chairman; Doris Shreve, Vice-Chairman; KK Garlitz, Secretary; and Louise Mitchell, Treasurer.**

Doris Shreve has received a letter of commendation from FAA Southwest Region Administrator Henry Newman, for outstanding achievement in promoting aviation interest.

An open house was held at International Airmotive in June. El Paso Ninety Nines, Ruth Deerman and Doris Shreve, helped. One of the things on display was Ruth's Cessna 140 in which she won the Powder Puff Derby.

Hulda and Jack Kitchens have been on several flying vacations this summer to Tulsa, Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, and Vernon, Texas. Hulda said they had great flying weather all the way.

Louise and Ralph Cross have returned from a flying trip to their lodge in Gunnison, Colorado.

Marilyn and George Cragin spent a week at their cabin in Silverton, Colorado and then took a sight-seeing flight over Monument Valley and Grand Canyon.

We are extremely happy that Richard Collins, Senior Editor of **Flying Magazine** has agreed to speak at the Civic Center function for our October Fall Sectional. We are looking forward to this big event.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

Martha Thomason, Reporter

Would you believe we finally airmarked Prague, Oklahoma? We lost count of the number of times we tried — done in by old

man weather. We got the job done — we don't give up easily!

One of our chapter's favorite recurring meetings is an overnight meeting at Velma Woodward's cabin on Lake Eufaula. We had a big turn-out for our June meeting. Seventeen members flew in to the nearby strip at Fountainhead Lodge, and eleven more arrived in cars to make a total of 28 attending our luncheon business meeting June 9! Pat McEwen from Kansas Chapter was there.

Our July meeting was held in Oklahoma City at the cutest old-fashioned ice cream parlor ever. Visit us sometime for a sundae. Thirty attended this meeting, including several guests, and new members Dottie Antosh, Nancy Roberts, and Tere Lynch. Tere Lynch and Sandra Lapsley were presented APT pins. Congratulations.

Oklahoma Chapter now reports 14 members APT: Sandra Lapsley, Tere Lynch, Dottie Antosh, Jeanne Young, Tommie Long, Nancy Smith, Milta Ruth Triplett, Rita Maddux, Broneta Evans, Pat Kirkland, Lucille Pregler, Norma Wynn, June Welling, and brand-new-member Sherry Jarvis.

Sandra Lapsley has just been elected a member of Aviation Space Writers Association.

Marge Hudson got her Seaplane rating in Stillwater.

Nancy and Gary Roberts bought a 1/3 interest in a Cessna 210.

Oklahoma Chapter is extremely proud of Jan Million for being the newly-elected Treasurer of South Central Section. We are willing to bet that South Central Section is the only one with a "million" in the Treasury! (Ed. note: groan!)

SHREVEPORT CHAPTER

Dot Lindsey, Reporter

Sandi Jones was hostess for our June meeting. There was good attendance despite the activities of the season. Sandi said she and Dale had to alter their course a number of times on their recent trip to Denver, Colorado, to avoid dust storms and severe weather. Sandi logged nine hours.

Congratulations to Lt. Col. Marian Piper, our new member, who owns and flies a Mooney; to Mary Friday for a great acrobatic performance for the television cameraman — so everyone might enjoy the exhibition; and to Dottie Ports who is now a qualified insurance solicitor.

Joan Carroll gave an interesting and entertaining account of her "flying trip" — via bus — with thirty-five Boy Scouts to Washington, D.C., and points of interest.

Helen Hewitt reports a majority of our members are APT. We are striving for one hundred per cent.

Evelyn Snow and Jere Saur are in the air more than on the ground these days — they will have new ratings soon. Mary Jo Voss and Joan Carroll are now working on instrument ratings.

Helen Wray has been named to the Mayor's Bicentennial Council representing Aviation. Working in such a capacity, and also representing Louisiana 99s, Helen Wray and Mary Joe Voss flew to Atchison, Kansas, with the state tree — the Magnolia — which will be planted in the International Forest of Friendship at Atchison. On their return they brought with them a Cottonwood tree from Kansas which will be planted in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and delivered there by Helen Hewitt who has been named Section Air Activities Chair-

man.

Joyce Sheridan has made her second trip to Greenland, reporting the temperature was thirty-six.

Elaine Snow reports medical supplies are to be stockpiled in Wichita, Kansas, and disbursed from there.

Dottie Ports is in contact with the Rose Society regarding the planting of roses along the fence at Downtown Airport.

Helen and Charles Wray hosted the July meeting which included 49 1/2ers. Everyone enjoyed the get-together. Martha and Ray Christi had great pictures of their six weeks' Rome trip. Mary Margaret Storey (of a local television station) did a short feature on the Forest of Friendship.

National Aviation Day is August 19. The new tower at Downtown Airport is to be in operation then. We plan to have open house.

SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Scarlet O'Hiyall, Reporter

After a long, hot and humid summer, we're looking forward to the first cool, crisp mornings of fall when our planes will lift almost by themselves into the air.

We had a fine June meeting in Houma. Beverly Titzer and Cal Meredith, hostesses, had deputy sheriff Don Gary put on a fascinating show for us about drugs, after which we had a grand brunch. We stopped by the sheriff's motorpool and saw some live marijuana plants that had been confiscated. Attending were Fran Taylor who flew from Baton Rouge in a Cherokee 180 with passengers Nancy Fontenot, Polly Baughman and Fran Salles. Eleanor Lowry flew her pretty yellow Colt over with Mary White in the right seat. Pat Ward and Shirley Bernhardt were waiting for us, having driven over from New Orleans. At this meeting the elected and appointed officials were decided upon. Our enthusiastic and hard working **Chairman, Eleanor Lowry**, agreed to be our Chairman again, with **Beverly Titzer** as our new **Vice-Chairman**. According to this chapter's new rules, our Vice-Chairman is, in effect, Chairman-elect. This will give her a year, while working closely with the chairman, to get acquainted with the duties pertaining to her office, and also to be of help to our present chairman. **Fran Taylor** accepted a second term as our **secretary**; ditto **Polly Baughman** as **treasurer**. **Membership chairman, Mary White**; **Reporter, Nancy Fontenot**; **Public Relations, Pat Ward**; **Flying Activities, Fran Salles**; **APT, Gloria Holmes**; **Airmarking, Shirley Bernhardt**; **Aerospace Education, Cal Meredith**; **Museum, Yvonne Fort**.

The New Orleans girls invited us to their fly-in at Gloria Wills airstrip on the 4th of July. "Wills" airstrip is WSW of Poplarville, Mississippi.

Fran Salles and her husband Emile flew back and forth to Percy Quin State Park in McComb, Mississippi this summer, where they have a camp. Fran Taylor and her husband Ed went to the Northwest, then up into Canada. Eleanor Lowry and her husband flew to Colorado, and Nancy Fontenot and her husband to Florida. Mary White and husband stayed close to home awaiting the birth of their first child on "July ? at 2:00 P.M."

Towards the end of summer, some of our members had bouts in the hospital. Shirley Bernhardt is now recuperating from surgery, ditto Pat Ward. Eleanor is down

with a back problem. We trust that by the time this is read we'll all be fit and fine and ready to fly again.

SPANISH PEAKS CHAPTER

Chris Berry, Reporter

The GAMA safety seminar held in February brought out a record number of pilots with 174 attending.

Our airmarking chairman, Gertrud Howard is busily making plans to locate airports in the area which would like to be airmarked.

The May meeting was attended by two prospective members, Rhonda Burns who recently received her private license; she is thinking about getting her commercial, and Joan Aleya who is in the process of getting her private. We are looking forward to having both women join us.

Our July meeting will be held at the home of Ann Courtright. We're having a steak fry with family members attending. Our plans for August — fly to the Quarter Circle Ranch for a day of fun in the sun.

TOPEKA CHAPTER

Charlotte Kenney, Reporter

The 27th Powder Puff Derby has now passed into history, but as far as the city of Topeka is concerned it will be remembered fondly by the citizens. The racers completely captivated not only the gas crews, 49 1/2ers, security guards, ham operators etc., but the spectators as well. We have already been asked about getting the race back to Topeka as enthusiasm and interest ran very high. We told the people we would be ready when they were.

Now it's our turn to race. We have five planes flying the race at Keokuk.

Sondra Ridgeway and Pat Lane attended the second fly-away at Atchison on July 24th.

We have five members APT. Yours truly received the first gold APT card in the South Central Section.

We are looking forward to the South Central Section Convention in El Paso in October.

Mary Landis and 49 1/2er Harry have returned from Brazil after serving with the Peace Corps there. Welcome home Mary, it's nice to have you back.

TRI-STATE CHAPTER

Mazie Lipscomb, Reporter

Another year, and we of the Tri-State Chapter are looking forward to more fruitful and active times. If my figures are correct we are 100% APT.

Since we were in the center of the cyclone/tornado belt this spring our flying activities were cut short. Our Poker Run wasn't as hot as the weather which probably accounted for lack of interest. The airports were cooperative and we gained a lot of experience for a second try, along with some tips from the Tulsa 99s.

The Vinita Airport is almost ready for airmarking and with the cooperation of the FBO at Carthage we plan a Penny-A-Pound Sunday, the last of August.

Nancy Teel, accompanied by Janet Orr, represented us in Milwaukee. Diane Teel has just proven once again the abilities of a 99. She got her new Commercial License on Thursday, June 28, and was married on Saturday, June 30. Since she is now living in Syracuse, New York, no doubt membership will be transferred. We'll miss her from our group.

Happy Flying!

WICHITA FALLS CHAPTER

Virginia Holmes, Reporter

Old Man Sun grins hot and bright on Wichita Falls in July. It's downright dangerous to lay a lily white hand on a metal fuselage — result — plane branding. Ah, but what joy to climb to altitude and look down on the sweltering earthbound tribe!

Our May meeting found us snacking fellowshiping, and amiably electing new officers at Thelma Grays' lovely home. New **Chairman; Marilyn O'Neil, Vice-Chairman; Dorothy Warman, Secretary; Virginia Holmes, Treasurer; Fran Miller**.

We were all spread to the four winds in June and in July Marilyn O'Neil treated a crew of nine to a yummy steak luncheon at the Trade Winds Motor Hotel. **Ola Mae Cook** was appointed **Membership Chairman; Betty Cox, Public Relations Chairman; Nan Park, A.E. Scholarship Chairman; Ruth Renton, APT Chairman**.

Lou Ellen Foster is excited about her new ATC 5-10 simulator! I predict a new instrument rating in our Chapter, and many visitors for Lou Ellen.

Yours truly, is bragging about her daughter Carolyn, who had her first flying lesson June 1st, passed her written in July, and plans to have that license in her wallet and become a new 99 before August is out!

You gals in our Chapter with newsy items, don't be mum — let's brag about you too.

FORT WORTH CHAPTER

Auleen K. Hall, Reporter

Summer finds our members flying in all directions. Dora Strother made a trip to Denver. Jean & Tom Bishop spent two weeks in Tahlequah, Oklahoma for the National Parachuting Championships. Tom competed as a contestant and Jean spent a week in training as a Judge. Shortly after returning from Oklahoma, they attended the Parachute Meet in San Marcos, Texas.

Verna & Johnnie Stubbs have been on a three week trip including stops in Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. While in Hawaii, they visited with Pat Davis and Betty Skold.



Fort Worth Chapter members airmarking Clark Field, Stephenville, Texas Municipal Airport. L to R: Nancy Armstrong, Malena Richardson, Verna Shinn and Lorraine Waddell, Airmarking Chairman.

Auleen Hall flew to Los Angeles and Nancy & Jim Armstrong have been airport hopping around the State of Texas.

Yvonne & Tom Turner with their three children and fishing gear had a superb

vacation at Al Gaston's Fishing Resort on the White River in Arkansas. Trout fishing was great. They highly recommend the resort.

Tony Page has been in Fort Worth only long enough lately to send her **Cross Country News** to the printer. She attended the Reading, Pa. Air Show, the Aviation Space Writers' Annual News Conference in Las Vegas and she was in Wallopp, England with the Whirly Girls for the World Championship Helicopter Contest in July.

Congratulations to another APT member - Betty Jo Parsons. Anne Cozart and her daughter, Genie, are working on their Commercial rating.

The Chapter had a great turnout for our pool party at Yvonne & Tom Turner's beautiful setting. We were unable to swim or even venture outside because of a severe thunderstorm, but the food and hangar flying was most enjoyable.

GOLDEN TRIANGLE CHAPTER

Carol Callan, Reporter

The June meeting was a picnic and fly-in held at Lake Whitney on the 24th. Members, families and friends were able to attend and enjoy themselves, and the weather was CAVU.

Our July meeting was held at the Euless Public Library on the 17th. A dinner meeting will be held for the August Installation of Officers.

Our Flying Activities Chairman, Dottie Carmichael, planned a chapter Picture Hunt for July 21st and a spot landing contest. Contestants were Helen Wells and Barbara Steen, Linda Hooker, Pat Chester, Carolyn Brooks, Jo McCarrell, Jean Lemmon and Barbara Routh and several friends — first prize went to Carolyn Brooks for both the picture hunt and the spot landing contest.

AOPA's private refresher course was attended by Brenda Strickler and Ellen Van Deventer. It seems Dottie Carmichael is getting closer to her instrument rating and the AOPA's Instrument Course was another step in that direction.

Two members of our group are new aircraft owners, Pat and Charles Evans now own a Bellanca and Barbara Routh is the proud owner of a Muskateer.

The DRF shipment finally reached its westward destination of San Angelo, Texas, and Patsy Hoelscher, on the 24th of July thanks to Linda Hooker, Carolyn Brooks, Pat Evans and prospective member Linda Woodruff.

HOUSTON CHAPTER

Ann English, Reporter

This year's Installation and Awards Dinner at Continental Houston Hotel was the usual gala affair. Following dinner, the officers were installed by mistress of ceremonies Celia Parrish.

The recipient of Outstanding Member Award is decided by secret vote of the membership and along with the honor goes a plaque plus a one hundred dollar check. For her outstanding work this past year, the award was presented to Betty Fritts.

Recipients of Membership Awards, members with 100% attendance for the year, were Adelle Baker, Dianne Boyd, Sally Cox, Sally Gluckman, Delle Hightower and Alice Seaborn.

Another Texas brag — The Powder Puff Derby results! See PPD Awards, this issue!

Trudy Cooper is a full fledged jet setter.

She's the owner and co-pilot of a new Lear 25 B.

Mackie Fusilier and 49 1/2er Ervin have completed two new runways on their ranch in Lake Rayburn country.

Mary Able has been flying some basic acrobatics in a Decathlon. Have you ever heard of a Cuban-immelman-whip-spin??

Attending Texas Wing Conference of Civil Air Patrol were M. E. Oliver and her Jim. CAP now requires annual proficiency check rides for all their pilots with national headquarters sharing the cost.

Gene Gonzales has been checked out in a Cardinal 177 and the O-1 "Birdog" of the 22nd group of CAP.

Among the travelers: highlight of the summer for Marilyn and Jon Curtis was a camping trip to scenic Colorado. — Delle and Gene Hightower spent their vacation flying to several points in Texas and Arkansas. — Back from Georgia just long enough to attend the Installation Dinner, Ann English was off to Port Aransas to deep sea fish. — Some will be in Milwaukee.

Remember March 29-31, 1974.

KANSAS CHAPTER

Dorothy Barker, Reporter

Hello, all of you fellow 99s around the world, here I am back from way above the Arctic Circle to tell you what we in Kansas have been doing. We held our July meeting at the home of Virginia Speer with a business meeting, installation of officers, and a salad luncheon. Our new officers installed were **Pat Miady, Chairman; Elizabeth McCreight House, Vice Chairman; Jackie Luke, Secretary; Dorothy Barker, Treasurer.**

The Liberal stop for the PPD turned out to be a lot of fun for about 28 Kansas 99s. The girls had a marvelous time greeting those who stopped in Liberal. We air-marked Liberal while we were there. Mary Aikins was chief timer with Hazel Guy, assistant, Garnett Nance was stop chairman and Arlene Dando was co-chairman. To me, anyone who races in the PPD is a "Winner" just by being in the race.

Our new vice chairman, the former Elizabeth McCreight was married to Jim House this summer. Arlene and Bill Dando attended their wedding in Galesburg, Ill. Bill was best man.

Meriem Roby Anderson is recuperating from back surgery. She is our Kansas member who is a former WASP.

Eleanor Knott's husband Merle passed away on June 25.

Gene Woodworth has become a Registered Nurse at the same hospital here in Wichita where her mother graduated. Gene will be going back to Massachusetts. We'll miss her.

News flashes — Sara McReynolds is APT; Dorothy Dickerhoof is sporting a new Cessna 172- Virginia and Andy Speer and Kay Weber flew in the Speer Comanche 260 to Taos, New Mexico.

Now for my marvelous adventure at the top of the world. 49 1/2er Bob Barker and I and non-pilots Ed and Dorothy Short took off first week in July for Alaska. We flew over the Tetons, Yellowstone, Banff National Park in Canada, — followed the Alcan Highway from Fort St. John through Canada, across the Yukon Territory to Whitehorse and on up to Fairbanks over some of the most beautiful country imaginable. From Fairbanks we continued in the Comanche 260 to Bettles, then on to

Barrow. What a thrill to see the Arctic Ocean and to visit with the Eskimos. Our first minutes in Barrow were rather jolting, calling to ask to taxi to fuel I was informed that "there is no fuel on this airport" — we finally located a drum of gas from an Eskimo shopkeeper in town, so we didn't have to wait until Sept. for fuel after all. My husband said jokingly that he'd syphon some from another plane after dark, but then he remembered that it didn't get dark until next winter. Hmmmm . . . From Barrow we went to Nome, up to Wales and looked into tomorrow across the dateline at Russia. It's a funny feeling to be on Russian radar. Our next stay was King Salmon which is on the Aleutian Peninsula. From King Salmon we flew to the Land of 10,000 Smokes, to the top of Katmai Volcano which was breathtaking — on to Kodiak for a sampling of King Crab and Anchorage for sightseeing, taking a car up to Portage Glacier. I spoke to Ruby Pappas, a 99 in Anchorage who said their recent Section Meeting was a real success. Our Pat McEwen had attended it. As we left Anchorage we headed for Mt. McKinley and went to an altitude of 16,500 but never got a glimpse of it because of the clouds. Northway was our next stop for a day of hiking and relaxing. On our way home in Grand Prairie, Canada 99 Ruthanne Koyich sold us gasoline and gave us a ride into town. After 10,000 miles and 67 hours logged in the Comanche we're home from a most memorable trip.



Kansas Chapter members & 49 1/2ers, (Left to right) Ed Short, Dorothy Short, Dorothy Barker, Bob Barker made a refueling stop at Fort St. John, Canada just before they started following the Alcan Highway to Fairbanks, then on to Barrow and Nome, Alaska — July 1, 1973; their top of the world adventure.

LUBBOCK CHAPTER

Beth Covey, Reporter

New officers for the coming year were elected at our June meeting, hosted by Martha Sue Boren; **Betty DeWitt, Chairman; Rosemary Stidham, Vice Chairman; Harvella Johnson, Treasurer; and Beth Covey, Secretary.** The retiring officers have done a really great job during the first year for our new chapter.

The July meeting was in the home of our new chairman, Betty DeWitt. We saw a very interesting film entitled "A Man, A Plane, and A Dream", about Elgen Long, who flew his Navajo around the four crossroads of the world — the North and South Poles, and the equator at the Prime Meridian and the International Date Line to break and make records. Besides the tremendous

climatic achievement, he also brought out the great psychological accomplishment of a flight such as his.

Angela Boren gave an exciting report on her competition in the Intercontinental Air Race with co-pilot Edna Gardner Whyte of the Fort Worth Chapter. Angela says they thoroughly enjoyed the race, despite some terrible weather. It was an unparalleled new flying experience for Angela.

Rosemary Stidham has become addicted to "falling out of the sky", otherwise known as aerobatics. Beth Covey completed her Commercial license; next her Instrument rating! Angela Boren, Harvella Johnson, and Cheryl Shaw flew to Albuquerque in Angela's Bonanza to join in the excitement of the Powder Puff Derby stop.

Levelland Municipal Airport will never be the same again, for they have bright new numbers on the ends of their runway. We completed our first airmarking project Saturday, July 28, returning to Lubbock somewhat tired and paint-splattered, but just a little bit proud of our new accomplishment.

NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Mimi Haworth, Reporter

Time passes by a little faster each year and makes it that much harder to get in all the Ninety-Nine activities. The Nebraskans have been hangin' right in there, though — gathering new members, airmarking, racing, flight safety clinics, and getting ready for the Nebraska Air Race!

July meeting was held at Cozad for airmarking there. We had to do some fast shuffling in the air and change the meeting place from North Platte to Cozad due to plane difficulties and strong headwinds. The FSS's enroute saved the day for us by relaying information to "all women pilots." Assisting with the airmarking were Mildred Barrett, Vera Bartunek, Wilma Ackermann, Mimi Haworth, Val Darling, Dolores Van Boening and Cathy Binfield. Also, Sharon Meyer and two special guests — Judy Eggleston of the Fresno Chapter and Jodi Wheeler of the Western Washington Chapter.

Hastings marks another accomplishment in painting and an all-time record for paint — one gallon per letter. The gals scurried off the local paint store before they could finish the job. "Pouring on the paint" at Hastings were Mildred Barrett, Vera Bartunek, Nancy Alley, Wilma Ackermann, Sally Van Zandt, Eleanor England, Shirley Amer and son, Danny. August meeting will again be airmarking — at Harvard.

Welcome to new members Andrea Sloss of Grand Island, Eleanor England of Doniphan, and Dolly Salisbury of York.

Nebraska Chapter was represented in PPD by member Leta Drake, co-pilot for the Number 8 place plane. Leta flew a Citabria with Sally Green of Monroe, Louisiana. (It was hard to determine which list was longer for them — the prizes they picked up or the things that went wrong with the airplane!) Jan Heins and Diane Bartels from our chapter also participated in PPD. Mildred Barrett and Mimi Haworth pitched in with ground support in Waterloo, Iowa. Claudette Parker, our new 'transfer' from the Iowa Chapter was also there with us.

Mildred Barrett, Vera Bartunek, Diane Bartels, Dawn Parkening, Sally Van Zandt and Mimi Haworth participated in the Ord Air Show by operating a "Ninety-Nine Booth." Highlight of the day was the

dedication of the field to Evelyn Sharp, a Ninety-Nine who gave her life in WW II while ferrying planes. The dedication plaque was presented by the Ord Historical Society. In another community activity, Florence Boring, Sally Van Zandt, Dawn Parkening, Vera Bartunek and Mimi Haworth assisted with the CAP Flight Safety Clinic in Lincoln.

It is with sorrow that we report the death of John Perry, husband of Paulie Perry of Scottsbluff. John was one of our very active 49 1/2ers and strong supporter of the 99s.

North Central Section

ILLINOIS - INDIANA - IOWA
KENTUCKY - MICHIGAN - MINNESOTA
MISSOURI - OHIO - WISCONSIN

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

Ann Kimberly, Reporter

The really big news this month is about our Chairman, Marilyn Miller, who logged 1/2 hour in the Goodyear Blimp, Thursday night, June 21st! Now she only needs 199 1/2 more hours for the rating!?!?

Marilyn and Bob flew to Colorado the last week of June to go sail-planing at Black Forest. Bob achieved his Silver "C," which requires an altitude gain of 3,200 feet.

A great big "Attagirl" for Ann Esselburne who is the Flight Examiner replacing Jay S. Tritt, who will be managing a nursing home in Chillicothe.

As expected, the All-Ohio 99's had a very successful Poker Party, Sunday, June 10th with prizes as follows: (Fairfield County was once again well represented in the Spot Landing Contest with R. J. McGinnis, 1st; David Lauterbach, 2nd; and Terry Campbell, 3rd.) The Best Poker Hand winners were: 1st — Verlie Kratz, 2nd — Lois Gosche, 3rd — Bill Whitmer. Scott Snyder was our youngest contestant and Hugh Gahan had the lowest license number. Among the many door prizes were five free glider rides (four of which were won by eager 99's!).

Many of our members will be attending and participating in the annual EAA Convention in OshKosh, through the Women's Auxiliary and the FAA.

Barbara Baron passed her Instructor's written examination.

Your reporter married her flight instructor, Harry Kimberly, July 14th, and honeymooned in Miami Beach, Florida and Nassau, in the Bahamas for two weeks. Ann and Harry went deep-sea fishing and caught a 7 ft. shark — together! It's presently being mounted for a souvenir!

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Clarissa of Marissa, Reporter

The most exciting time in July was at the PPD Stop at Champaign. Lib Kaiser and Jean West had laid the groundwork. Barbara Jenison and Elizabeth Dunseth were official timers, assisted by Rose Andrew and Martha McMahan as spotters. Saturday our members turned out in full force only to find that most of the racers were delayed by the late take-off and didn't make it to Champaign for the champagne by Saturday night. Champaign, not a Must Stop, no one anticipated that about 40 planes would decide to stay over on Sunday night! Mary Waters and Kay Martens on hand Monday morning — got the overnights off and greeted the dozen or so stragglers. Barb Brusseau was in charge of operations.

Joyce Cooper, Ruth Ritter, Joan Boyd, Sheryle Kuizinas and Jean Hixson (from Ohio) and Arlene Johnson were among those helping the women on to Flint, Michigan.

TAR 96 had a happy problem. They celebrated co-pilot Margie Jones birthday on Sunday when they stopped in Champaign. Ed Jenison produced a cake with red roses on it. Theo presented Margie with her "leg" prize — yes, a chicken leg. Kathleen and I RON'd in Waterloo — great hospitality there, too.

A last minute change worked to our advantage, 49 1/2 Bob West had to man the "Ham" radio station and kept info flowing.

Our Chair-person Jayne Schiek has been surveying army housing in Georgia and Colorado. On a business trip w/Ben to the Ozarks, she found a turtle competing with the 172 for Runway space. Jayne states Spain, "a great experience" — flew in a 747-C — beautiful weather. Jayne's article concerning women's forums at Oshkosh was printed in the July "Sport Aviation," B'Gosh!

The decision of the Illi-Nines Race Board is that the 1974 race will be at Champaign — Willard Airport on May 24th, 25th and 26th. Lay your plans now!

Barbara Jenison was spear-heading (for our chapter) the 99's Second Flyaway. We were to gather at the Springfield airport, but it was a thunderstormy day.

Every plane must have an ELT (emergency locator transmitter) by the end of the year. Since Barb Jenison won one at our Spring Sectional and has no plane, she is raffling it off to help our chapter treasury.

At the banquet at the Take-off Mardo Crane was presented. I was disappointed not to be able to meet her after going all that way. Did meet the publisher of our Newsletter and the PPD official program.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

Dorothy Stratton, Reporter

Installation of officers took place at our last meeting held at the Royal's Stadium Banquet Room. We had 22 members, 17 49 1/2ers and three guests. Donna Ridgeway presided, installing the following officers: **Kathy Zimmerman, Chairman; Marge Engleman, Vice-Chairman; Karen Ballowe, Secretary; Joanne Reindl, Treasurer; and Dorothy Stratton, Corresponding Secretary.**

Joanne Reindl received the Achievement Award for the "Outstanding 99 of the Year." The award is large plaque with Joanne's name engraved thereon and it will pass to Award winner each year. She also received a trophy presented by Aleah Combs.

Lois Willy reported the last shipment of DRF to leave Kansas City for Santa Barbara consisted of 4300 pounds.

Our annual Scholarship award was presented to Patty Jo Scott by Rosamond Oliver.

Our chapter chocked up two Air Markings. Excelsior Springs was Air Marked on May 9th and on June 26th we did McComas Airport. It was much fun with a good feeling of accomplishment.

Fay Glenn, Rosamond Oliver and Theda Benningfield spent four days in the tower at Waterloo, Iowa as official timers for the Powder Puff Derby. They worked each day from 5:20 A.M. to 9 P.M.

Our two PPD teams Loretta Jones and co-pilot Erlene Lowe, and Ruth Stafford with Joanne Reindl as co-pilot returned

home. They placed 58th and 68th. Joanne earned her Glider Rating while in New York.

INDIANA CHAPTER **Cari Downes, Reporter**

Our July meeting held in Fort Wayne was very interesting with Jeanne Walters showing her movies of her flight to Africa and their safari. To keep things exciting, at the airport — Smith Field — they had an experimental aircraft fly-in and an air show.

The air marking committee had been working hard trying to bring the markings of ten years ago up to date. This involves checking an approximately sixty old markings and repainting most of them. This will keep many of the 99s and 49 1/2s busy this summer and fall.

The Indiana 99s earning new ratings: Dorthy Niekamp, Commercial rating; Barbara Jennings, Commercial rating; Norma Nevitt, Instrument rating; and Tina Sturdevant, Instrument Instructor rating.

Then there are other 99s who have been enjoying vacations. Nancy and Dick Hagans of Valparaiso, Indiana found a place to fly in and camp for free near Alma, Michigan. Its called Lumberjack Land and you can pitch your tent at the tip of your wing and enjoy nature. Jill McCormick enjoyed a thirty-nine day trip through the west and visited many 99s on her way — Dora Daugherty Strother in Fort Worth, Adella Neff in Tucson, Ethel Knuth in Cave Creek, Alice Roberts in Phoenix, Betty Gillies in San Diego and Doris Langher in Denver. She had a wonderful time seeing the country from the ground this time and visiting the many 99s. Cari and Bill Downes went to Tennessee for their vacation so pinch hitting this month is your novice reporter Judy Graham.

LAKE MICHIGAN CHAPTER **Babe Weyant Ruth, Reporter**

The Value of Publicity.

The Ninety-Nines is not a secret or private organization and our light should not be hidden under the proverbial bushel. There seems to be a lack of proper public relations in connection with various Ninety-Nines functions.

Newspaper editors as well as radio and television broadcasters, are eager to learn about Ninety-Nine activities and they will usually cooperate with you if you let them know about the organization and what you are doing. Make it a point to meet these important people. They can do a lot for the 99's and the entire aviation industry. Provide them with stories and pictures. Readers and listeners are always interested in such material. (Right! — Ed.)

Another important thing is to have the meetings well-covered by a cameraman, whether it be a news photographer or one of the members of the club. The picture you take at the next affair, may become a cherished treasure in the years to come.

Back in 1943 this "old newsreporter" was editor for the Ninety Nine News, having taken over from Betty Thompson Townsend. Then for awhile was news reporter for the Michigan Chapter and now will try to be news reporter for the Lake Michigan Chapter. When I say "old," I really don't mean it as I don't feel any older than I did 30 years ago.

A new chapter was thought about for several months before Maisie Stears took the bull by the horns and sent out notices

for a March meeting at Grand Rapids. The results were these officers: **Chairman, Maisie Stears**, Kalamazoo; **Vice-Chairman, Mary Creason**, Grand Haven; **Secretary, Nancy Brandon**, Lansing; **Treasurer, Ruth Eiserman**, Kalamazoo; **Membership Chairman, Lin Knoll**, Jackson; **News Reporter, Babe Ruth**, Lansing. Several names suggested for the chapter, Lake Michigan Chapter suggested by three different members and the meetings to be held the second Saturday of the month at the Kent County Airport, Grand Rapids at 10:30 a.m. Any out state 99's in Michigan for the summer please visit our meeting.

The May meeting was attended by 15 women pilots.

The North Central Section Officers approved the application for a second chapter in the state of Michigan.

June 2 was the joint operation of the Michigan Chapter and the Lake Michigan Chapter for the Poker Run. The weather was beautiful, we made money and everyone was happy.

Announcement: The Lake Michigan Chapter Charter Celebration will be held September 8th at Austin Lake (Kalamazoo) 1 to 8 p.m. This will be at Eloise Smith's home and the Kalamazoo 99s will be the committee; if you'd like to help us celebrate please contact one of the committee for more information.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER **Betty Kuechle, Reporter**

The National Flying Dentists and their wives convened at Arrowwood Lodge in Alexandria, Mn. Word got to us that Betty Mosley would be among those present, so with the careful, fast planning by our own Flying Dentist wife, Linda Haedge, the Minnesota 99's were invited to join all the wives for lunch on July 3rd. Minnesota 99's came from all over the state — 11 planes in all including Carolyn Olson, who landed right in front of the lodge in their brand new float plane. Betty Mosley and Marilyn Copeland spoke to the group expounding on women in aviation and the 99's — a real thrill. There were other 99's there from all over the country — an impressive group — including 25 from our own chapter. We are all grateful to Linda Haedge and the Flying Dentists wives for including us.

July 22nd found the more hearty floating down the Crow Wing River at Staples as guests of LaVerne and Jim Schaeffer. The weather was most uncooperative but those seen at the Staples Airport unloading inner tubes and braving the elements were: Dorothy and Dave Bolander; Dorothy and Rocky Ryan; Joyce Francis, Fred Van Dusen and Marian Fredlund; Gail and Jim Vail with children Jackie and Jim; plus Betty and Bill Kuechle and Diane. The most welcome of all was the hot coffee and delicious meal waiting at the end of the long cold ride. We highly recommend a float on the Crow Wing River (but do pick a hot, sunny day!).

We are busy making plans to assist the National Association of Air Traffic Specialists at their convention in September. Also in the planning stage is our part in the **National N.I.F.A. meet to be held in St. Cloud**. May is a long way off, but chapter N.I.F.A. chairman Gail Vail already has the wheels in motion. So Minnesota 99's, save **May 9th, 10th and 11th** — Gail needs all our help.

QUAD CITY AREA CHAPTER **Ellen J. Thiel, Reporter**

Sharon Ehrich is sporting a brand new Instrument Instructor Rating. She is teaching at Lambert Field, St. Louis, Mo. It is an hours flying time each way, so Sharon is getting plenty of time in the air.

Von Alter, daughter Ann, and instructor, Barney Younge, just returned from Phoenix, Arizona, with a stopover in Colorado Springs to visit Von's parents. Von doing most of the flying in a Twin Comanche.

The Roger Smith Family just spent a week at Hayward, Wisconsin.

Jo Ann Walker, 49 1/2'er, Vic, and four sons, plus Jo Ann's girlfriend and her two children, left Monday for a month's vacation in California. Imagine, three adults and six children all the way to California in a station wagon.

Our Fly Inn Picnic in June was really a nice relaxing day, with CAVU skies all the way. Our July Swim Party was cancelled, (would you believe it) due to "rain." Held our meeting at Gigi's instead, at the last minute, but Gigi was prepared with coffee and brownies.

Are planning our annual Plane Wash for September. It should be titled — Annual Plane & People Wash, because everyone always gets soaked. It is a good money making project and everyone has a ball. Afterwards we are having a beer & pizza party at the hanger.

Norma Smith, Sharon Ehrich, and Von and Charlie Alter attended the International in Milwaukee.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER **Toney, Reporter**

Our first poker run was flown in June on the way to the Wausau meeting. Marlyn Donagan arranged this special event. Pat Weir was the winner of the 5-card hand and Joan McArthur the winner of the 4-card hand. Our hostess, Marie Grimm, even arranged for TV coverage by WSAU-Channel 7.

The luxurious office of Zivko Aviation was the setting for the July meeting at the Hartford Airport. Final reports concerning the convention were made and work details assigned. By the time you read this, the convention will have become a memory. Thanks to those of you who came — we hope you enjoyed MKE — come back when you can!

Arlene and Dr. Hersh Schwartz flew to Montreal, Canada for a first time visit. Brainerd, Minn. was the destination of the Yeazels for a flying family vacation. Louise Yeazel and Dee Kluppel have passed instrument writens. Marilyn and Herb Ritzman attended the Michigan Flying Farmer convention in Jackson, then flew on to Dayton, Ohio to tour the Air Force Museum. Jane Caryer flew to Cape Cod, Mass. for a two-week fun-work vacation.

Betty Willmore, who will be the new Wis. 99 Newsletter Editor, has been asked to write a column for the "Wisconsin Pilot," a state oriented aviation publication just starting.

East Canada Section

FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER **Barbara Brotherton, Reporter**

Facing Fall with this issue, but I write in deep summer with some good news and

some bad.

First the good news. Past Chairman, Helen Barter, with co-pilot Simone Breukel, won the Guelph Air Rally with a new perfect score of 99.189. 491/2 Tom Brotherton with his wife (that's me) took second place, scoring 99.096. Chairman Lois Apperley scored 97.378 for 7th place. Gillian Holden was 11th with a score of 96.414. Betty Grep-ley, with Edie Luther as co-pilot, flew as a team. Mildred Hodd co-piloted for her husband as did Dorothy Renwick. Three U.S. planes entered, one co-piloted by Marcia Gitelman, a 99 from Rochester, N.Y., and one co-piloted by Betty Wittemore, a 66 from Michigan. This is a proficiency race, similar to the Michigan Small Race and AWWNEAR and gives our local Chapter a chance to fly without all the work of organizing. Pure joy!

The bad news is that our air marking project this year crashed and burned. The original day saw four of us arrive by noon. Decided it was due to accurate forecasts for rain and thunder storms in the area, so set a new date and called all members. Great credit goes to Edith Berry, June Struthers and daughter, Ursula Wood and visitor from England, Julia Trent and Lois Apperley. We outlined 20' high letters and got three of them painted before the rains came at 3 p.m. to send us home. Guelph Air Park had to hire people to get the rest of the letters painted. Probably due to bad timing on dates and not lack of interest in this most important project. It is usually one of our best attended meetings and great fun.

Our Shirley Allen is becoming a celebrity. She has a major part in the CBS Television Program "Careers for Women" appearing this Fall. Watch for it, as there will be air to air pictures of Shirley flying, as well as interviews.

Shirley flew with Heather Sifton to Elmira, N.Y., for the end of the Powder Puff Derby. They donated three days of hard work. I arrived for one day only, but heard from a dozen girls that they really loved our Convention.

Let's have everyone back for something! We hear our roving member, Wendy Smith, is in New South Wales, Australia, apparently flying with Navair and working on her commercial license.

Talked to Gerda Frieberg. She would love to fill her plane for the next Bunch for Lunch, as would I and Elizabeth Lane. Call us, or load your own bird and join us. Get High, Fly!



Winners of the 1973 Guelph Air Rally. Co-pilot (left) Simone Breukel. Pilot (right) Helen Barter.

West Canadian Section

SASKATCHEWAN CHAPTER

Darleen E. Yergens, Reporter

Sunday, July 8 found the 99's poker run blessed with perfect weather and at every airport the word was GO, GO, GO.

Thirty-six airplanes participated with 112 people playing poker.

First prize of a weekend fishing trip for 2 at Red's Camp in LaRonge, transportation by Norcanair was won by PAUL LECERF of Tisdale. Second prize a helicopter familiarization flight for 2 was won by JOHN LOMAX (12 years old) of Saskatoon. Numerous other prizes were awarded for poker hands, gimmick prizes and door prizes. A trophy from the Prince Albert Chamber of Commerce was presented to the pilot flying the farthest to participate. It was won by GORDON YEO of Assiniboia who came 270 miles to play poker. The youngest poker player was JOHNATHON FROM of Melfort (1 year and 10 months).

Special thanks to all who took part and to the airport operators at: Valley Air Service-Melfort, Carrot River Airways-Carrot River, Nipawin Air Service, Athabaska Air Service-Prince Albert, and Town Council at Tisdale. Without all of you it couldn't have been a success.

ALBERTA CHAPTER

Eleanor Bailey, Reporter

On May 16, several members met at Ponoka for an Airmarking day. The weather was hot and the paint dried fast — especially on hands, feet and clothing! Nevertheless, the day was a great success, and the Town of Ponoka has expressed their thanks to our group.



Airmarking — Western Canadian Section — Alberta Chapter — Ponoka — a great accomplishment!

Susan Milligan, head of the Organization for the Aid and Promotion of Search and Rescue has attended several of our meetings as a guest, and has provided us with a great deal of valuable information on search and rescue and Emergency Locator Transmitters. This organization aims to provide the public with more favorable publicity in the field of Search and Rescue. Susan and others give talks, and demonstrate methods of survival, and generally educate the public and pilots on the history, function and record of success of Search and Rescue. Our Alberta chapter has agreed to provide the organization with an approved survival kit on a loan basis for

demonstration purposes at the talks and meetings on this subject.

Our July meeting was held at the Springbank airport just outside of Calgary. Our Search and Rescue seminar, originally planned for June, is now scheduled for September 7 and 8, and will be open to all on a first-come, first-served basis. We will be taken to a remote area by Canadian Armed Forces people who will be giving the course, and will "survive" for approximately 48 hours. Building a shelter, getting food, survival techniques, etc. will all be covered in theory and by practical experience.

Alberta will host the annual Western Canadian Section meeting on September 21-22 in Calgary. A warm welcome will be extended to anyone visiting us at that time. Several members attended the International convention in Milwaukee.

South African Section

SOUTH CENTRAL AFRICA SECTION

Val Humphreys, Reporter

Gosh, time flies and I have been very tardy about gathering news from our girls.

Ingrid Heinz is buried in a mountain of books swotting for her instrument rating. We are all expecting her to come up with top marks when she writes the exam later this month — best of luck Ingrid! In this great flying country on ours though, she will battle to keep the rating current without the use of a hood, 'cause our weather is wonderful, year round, but especially in the winter when we don't see a cloud from May to the end of August — temperatures during the day about 50° to 60°F and dropping to the 30's at night. Snow, when we do have a bit, is headline news! And remember here in Johannesburg we are up at 5800 feet so the moderate climate is a blessing.

Brigitte Hildebrand and her husband, Claus, flew up to Botswana for 4 days in a Cherokee Six. They visited the beautiful, remote Okavango swamps. To get there they flew over mile upon mile of the Kalahari desert to Maun and then out to a teeny-wee private strip in the swamps themselves — Africa is really a country of contrasts — one moment you are in the hustle and bustle of Johannesburg's million people and a few air hours away in a native dugout in the swamps.

Ingrid had a letter from Pilar Martins who is way up in northern Mocambique and who is a lonely little lady pilot all on her own — she'd just love to have flying visitors to entertain — her address is Rua Gabriel Teixeira 114, Quelimane, Mocambique — even a letter from, say, the U.S. would be exciting.

Sue Kaluza is busy at Pretoria, running a Ground School for private pilot license students — lucky guys to have such a nice looking teacher!

Our APT list is growing steadily. 41% of our members are APT — they are: Helene Robertson in Botswana, Annatjie Dreyer in Rustenburg, Val Humphreys and Hedy Greene in Johannesburg and Pilar Martins in Mocambique. Come along the rest of you lets have 100% really soon.

Our next meeting is being held right in the very heart of Male World (at least in this country it is) and that is at an Air Force base. Boy, I'm looking forward to that. I like women pilots, but I adore men pilots! I'll tell you all about it next time. Cheers.

Australian Section

AUSTRALIAN SECTION Christine M. Wills, Reporter

Congratulations to Robin Miller on her marriage to Dr. Harold Dicks. Robin and Rosemary de Pierres finished sixth over the line in the Powder Puff Derby and were placed 36th. They won two sectional prizes — the first leg from Carlsbad, California to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and a performance prize in the leg to Topeka, Kansas. Well done!

Congratulations to Margaret Kentley and Marie Richardson, who in a Cessna 172, on Handicap times, won the N.S.W. Air Race in which about 170 aircraft participated — ranging from Tiger Moths to two P51's.

Welcome to New Member — Pam Barlow, who is at present on a business trip to the U.S.A. with her husband Keith. They operate a Charter and Agriculture operation at Rockhampton, Queensland.

Lord and Lady Casey returned in early July from a visit to London.

Ruth Hodges was placed second, when piloting her Cessna 150 in the "Caltex" Navigation Trial, organized by the Royal Aero Club of Victoria. Ruth has now held her 1st Class IFR Rating for 5 years and recently renewed it.

En route to the Barrier Reef for an Oceanographic Convention, Janet Robertson, (Tuscon Chapter), enjoyed a flight with Peggy Kelman, piloted by Doreen McLeod to Point Lookout and over Stradbroke Island.

Helen Blackburn has gained her Fuji en-

dorsement and is APT. Occasionally Helen and Justice Blackburn fly from Canberra in their Cessna for country weekends — recently to Winton, Sth. Aust., a 3,000 sq. mile sheep station — 70 miles from Broken Hill.

Bozena Vrla and her husband, Ladis, flew from Boston to Paris with TWA on July 8, after two weeks travelling in the U.S.A. Visited ex-Sydney friend — Kamil Skapa, who is an Instructor on simulators for United Airlines in Denver. Bozena experienced "flying a DC8". Toured the General Aviation Airport in Cincinnati; flew from La Guardia over Manhattan in a helicopter and enjoyed the wonderful hospitality so very kindly extended by many 99's.

Olga Tarling's position as Supervisor ATC Trainees Queensland, Class 5, has been confirmed as permanent. Olga has been holidaying in Cairns with Beth Garrett, who is a Pilot with the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

At the October meeting of the N.S.W. Branch of the A.W.P.A., Dr. Pat Rutherford will be giving a talk on Aviation Medicine. Pat recently visited her daughter in Malaysia, and with her husband flies their Cherokee 180D to keep their Class IV Instrument Ratings current.

Beryl Edmonds recently returned from seven weeks in Greece, the Greek Islands, U.K., Europe and Scandinavia.

At our Sectional a memento was presented to Rosemary de Pierres in recognition of her outstanding service and leadership during her two terms as Governor. The Section has benefitted under the guidance of Rosemary and the very capable Vice-Governor — Robin (Miller) Dicks.

The 1973/74 Office Bearers are: **Governor** and **A. E. Scholarship Chairman** — **Christine M. Wills**, (Home:) 19 Lothian Street, Annerley, Brisbane, Queensland. 4103 (Work:) Curley Air Maintenance Pty. Ltd., Hangar 71, Archerfield Aerodrome. Tel: 47 2499. **Vice Governor** — **Dr. Dorothy Herbert**; **Secretary/Treasurer**: **Doreen McLeod**, (New Address:) No. 5, 393 Annerley Road, Annerley, 4103. Tel: 91 6793. **Membership and APT Chairman** — **Peggy Kelman**, **Public Relations** — **Marjorie Johnson**, **Museum Chairman** — **Virginia Gilfelt**. Cheerio for now.



L. to R. Miss Sara Schonk, Carolinas Chapter; Kathryn (Henderson) Flynn, who now lives in Gove, Northern Territory and Thelma Pye, Tintinara, Sth. Aust., before takeoff in the Air Trial, At Geelong.

'Safari is the greatest adventure which can happen to man in this bemused and muddled age'

Robert Ruark

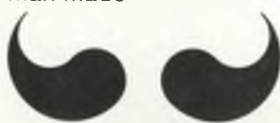
On a safari slipstream across the sky . . . Africa unfolds. From "E'Goli" — the Golden City — Johannesburg, to Africa's greatest natural show on earth — the wild game country of Botswana where herds of elephant, buffalo, zebra, carve a thousand gametrails across the bushveld. Africa's living theatre seen from a seat in the sky. Camp-fire at Savuti where the sunset speaks in sounds of silence.

Setting course to the Zambezi, glide-slope to "The smoke that thunders" — the Victoria Falls. Through a gateway of rainbows to where the mighty river is held captive, tamed by Kariba's concrete and steel, a man-made

engineering marvel born of Rhodesia, pioneer land-locked in the bosom of Central Africa, where the mystery of the Zimbabwe ruins poses a question in the sands of time.

East to the palm-lined, bleached white shores of the Indian Ocean, fishing the blue waters for the fighting barracuda and landing on an island called Paradise . . . it's an air-way to man's greatest adventure; a flight to an unforgettable experience, and you fly it yourself.

The E.T.A. is up to you. Begin by plotting your course to our African Flying Safari by writing to . . .



Flying Safari

Flying Safari (Pty) Ltd PO Box 337 Johannesburg South Africa Telegrams WINGED



Discriminating aircraft owners demand super high quality craftsmanship and luxurious, custom-selected appointments. The new Bellanca Super Viking 300A is the only high performance single offering old-world super quality and craftsmanship in today's mass-production orientated environment. Only Bellanca's super plane, the Super Viking 300A, offers customer selection of interior fabrics, color schemes and equipment options. Bellanca's customers expect more, and they get it!

Viking's new reclining, posture contoured seats and headrests are covered with the most exquisite fabrics, in colors and patterns of the buyer's choice. The headliners are done in coordinated velvets. And the appointments are reminiscent of the accessories found in a fine home. The exterior paint design is new, and the workmanship, long a hallmark of Bellanca, is naturally superb.

But beyond this, you can expect more from the Viking as an aircraft. Viking offers high cruise and climb performance, long range, the responsiveness of a fighter and the forgivingness of a trainer. More, the Super Viking 300A has an all new panel design and control layout for maximum pilot comfort and professional all-weather utility.

Learn what you should be expecting and can have from a high performance custom-crafted aircraft. Learn how we can offer this for thousands less than the competition. Arrange for a demonstration flight with your nearest Viking dealer.

Custom-Crafted for Beauty



BELLANCA
AIRCRAFT CORP.

SALES OFFICES:

NORTHERN — Box 624, Alexandria, Minnesota 56308 • (612) 762-1501

SOUTHERN — Box 190, Plainview, Texas 79072 • (806) 293-1337

ALEXANDRIA, MINNESOTA 56308