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NEW INFORMATION

The **November-December** and the **January-February** issues of the 99 NEWS will end the six-issue program. Reporter deadline to the Editor with news is **Nov. 1st. and Jan. 1st.** The newly-installed Officers and Board have voted to return to the ten-issue-per-year plan. Starting with the March issue, except for two combined issues (April-May and Jan.-Feb.), the deadline will be the first of each month, and news will be much more current, since a March issue, for instance, should be in the mail by April 1st. **REPORTERS MUST ALLOW AT LEAST FOUR DAYS FOR THEIR REPORT TO REACH THE EDITOR.** Combined issues, deadline is the 1st of the **first** of the combined months, and will be out the first part of the second month.

New reporter SOPs will be sent to all reporters. Such things as double-spacing copy; putting name of section, chapter, and reporter at the top of the first page; attaching typewritten captions to bottom of the **black and white** photo, so that it can be read **as one looks at the photo** is a **must**. Photos with captions written on the back of the photo will appear (if good enuf) without captions, since time will not permit the Editor to type these up for the printer; No photos will be returned unless sufficient postage and 10 cents extra for a mailer, is enclosed; Reporters are invited to send in features for Chapter Personalities, and are urged to get photos and stories on their outstanding women for regular features (see past issues); chapters are urged to take advantage of the \$6.00 subscription rate available to them for sending the magazine to their VIPs, friends, and promotional persons (like those who will be involved in an air race, etc.); with YOUR cooperation, this should be a very good year!

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President Pat's



ACTION LINE

We are all beginning a new year. I know it will be a year that will see the Ninety-Nines unite in worthwhile activities that will provide a close relationship among us all. Our heritage is precious and our future is bright, so let's all pull **together** and keep this goal in sight.

We have several projects that need study and development. It is my intention to give them that study. We will maintain an "open door" policy in order to try to carry out the collective wishes of the membership. My theme is ACT. A ... for activities that will enhance the image of Ninety-Nines; C ... Communications between the members and your board; and T ... Training to keep our proficiency up and our accidents down. By being ACTive Ninety-Nines we will grow and as we grow our voice in the aviation community will be strong.

The Governors of each Section will serve on the Safety Education Committee. In this way each Section can benefit from the ideas of others. I want the Governors to take a more active role in the administration of the Ninety-Nines, much as Amelia Earhart envisioned it.

I would like all correspondence to me and from me copied to our 99 Headquarters so that all of us will be informed. Only with the communication lines open can we move forward in a responsible manner. Your elected representatives and the appointed committee chairmen are going to do their very best to serve you well in this coming year. If you have ideas that you want to share, please do so. **We need ALL** of you working as active Ninety-Nines to make this year a successful and productive one.

I am looking forward to enthusiastic exchanges of ideas as we meet at chapter, sectional and international meetings. I am eager to meet the new Ninety-Nines who have just joined us.

Would like all of you to mark your calendar now for the International Convention next year in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to be held July 30th and 31st and August 1st - 2nd.

Let us hear from you through your ACTivities.



Greetings

From

Finland

By Rita Holmborg, Reporter

We had our anniversary meeting in Rovaniemi, the beautiful town in Lapland. Raili Aronen is still going strong as our Governor. In our summer program we had an air race — the 'Smiling Race'. Anu Helin was the BEST of 99s. In Rayskala Gliding Center we also had this summer a gliding course, thanks to Anneli Kokkola. It was real fun. Raili Aronen won the Como Seaplane Rally in Italy. She flew her Lake Buccaneer to Como as she did last summer. In VFR, as well as very bad

weather circumstances, she flew through Europe. Pilots from England, Norway, Denmark, Switzerland, and Italy took part in this Rally. Raili was the only one from Finland. She returned from this very difficult journey with her half a meter high prize. She also got, admitted by the Ministry of Tourist Association and presented by the City of Como, a Comabout statue made by Bronze artists, as a friendship gesture between the Aeroclub Como and the Ninety-Nines Finnish Section.

Congratulations

—To Herb Fisher, who is retiring from his big job as Head of the Aviation Dept. of the Port Authority which operates Kennedy, La Guardia, Newark, and Teterboro Airports. Herb has long been a good and loyal friend of the 99s, helping and promoting them throughout the years. To those who have known him, he wants you to "press the squawk ident" and keep in touch at his home-retirement address—628 Mountain Road, Smoke Rise, Kinnelon, N.J. 07405. Ph: (201) 838-2040.

TO ALL THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:

Thank you all very much for the help and cooperation you have given me in this past year. Your support and enthusiasm was greatly appreciated.

Aloha,
Pat Shearer

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Chapter Personalities

"FLYING BUSINESSMAN OSCAR" to French 99

Claudine SOBOL

French 99 Claudine SOBOL has been given a "Flying Businessman Award" (OSCAR DE L'HOMME DANS LE VENT) for the greatest number of flight hours logged between May 1973 and May 1974 on aircraft under 200 HP.

Claudine aged 26-flies (both for business and for fun) a Rallye Minerva 220, a French built four seater. She is General Aviation Editor for the French weekly magazine "Air et Cosmos".

Submitted by Marie J de Beauregard



French 99 Claudine Sobol has been given a "Flying Businessman Award." Here at Toussu le Noble Airport with her Rallye Minerva 220.

MARTHA PEARCE

If Martha Pearce were to show you her pilot's license, it would read as follows: Commercial Pilot; Airplane single engine land and sea; Airplane multiengine land; Instruments

The flying Paragon of the Virginia Chapter has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Ninety-Nines for several years.

Aviation has always been a part of Marty's life. As a young girl growing up in Elkton, Maryland, she dreamed of becoming an airline hostess. In those days, however, a woman had to be a registered nurse to qualify as a stewardess, so she went into the nursing profession.

It was not until Marty was stationed in Rota, Spain (as a Navy nurse) that she took action to become a pilot. She soloed in Rota, but did not get her pilot's license until she was transferred to Chelsea, Mass., where she joined an Air Force Aero Club. She was later sent to Bethesda Naval Hospital and belonged to the Andrews-Bolling Aero Club, where she earned her instrument rating and commercial license. While in Bethesda, she also went to Rose Valley Airport to earn her multiengine rating. Now an instructor at the Norfolk Navy Flying Club, she has also acquired her instrument instructor and seaplane ratings.



Martha Pearce

Our flying Angel of Mercy is a very warm, devoted and courageous woman whose ambition is to see that her students are not only excellent but safe pilots.

Virginia's loss is going to be Arizona's gain. Marty will retire from the Navy Nurse Corps with the rank of Lieutenant Commander at the end of this year. "Then I'm going to Arizona State University to work on my doctorate. I hope to teach aviation at the collegiate level," she said.

Marty is looking forward to a career that is completely oriented to flying and she's not worried about going back to school. "When you stop learning, you better stop flying," she said.

By Mary Baldwin

NEWS BRIEFS

NEWS RELEASE

The 1974 Mississippi Air Tour will be a Family Tour during the Christmas Holidays, starting December 26 at Olive Branch (just south of Memphis) and zig-zagging down the state to the Gulf. Plans are being made for about fifteen planes from distant states to visit thirteen cities during the week.

Activities are planned for each city, with emphasis on the culture of that region — such as a Candelight Tour of Plantation homes, study of the cotton industry, Indian culture and War Dance, walk through a Petrified Forest, a formal reception of dignitaries, trail riding by horseback, visit the Waterway Experiment Center, antique collecting, and deep sea fishing.

The purpose of the air tour is two-fold: 1. To emphasize to the residents of Mississippi the safety and pleasure of private flying, and to stimulate an appreciation of their local airport facility and its economic potential.

2. To show the pilot-guests first hand the beauty and tranquility of our great state, its varied interests and cultures, the new and the old.

The tour is being sponsored by: Travel and Tourism Department of the Mississippi Agricultural and Industrial Board

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INVITATION TO ANY 99 VISITING BRITAIN IN NOVEMBER

The British Section is marking their Tenth Anniversary with a special Reception in the Presence of Her Royal Highness, Princess Alexandra, at Martini Terrace (New Zealand House, London) on November 12th 5:45 p.m. We would like to welcome any visiting 99s, and ask them to get in touch beforehand with Sheila Scott (593 Park West, London W2 2RB, U.K. or telephone 262-7733).

PHOENIX AIR RACES

The Phoenix 99 chapter is having it's 7th Annual Proficiency Races on Sat. Nov. 2nd. The gals race in the morning (Kachina

Doll) and the guys in the afternoon (Roadrunner). It's a 250-300 mile round robin, from Phoenix-Litchfield Airport. This is a fun race. See results in next 99 News.

A Message of Thanks

I deeply appreciate the expressions of courage and the prayers for the recovery of my daughter, Heather, from open heart surgery. She is improving gradually. Thanks for your many, many thoughtful notes.

Pat McEwen
President

Choice excerpts from Mardo's "Get-Well" Cards (which came as a result of her recent ruptured appendix):

"I heard about your dumb appendix ..." Betty Wharton, San Diego.

"At YOUR age?" Betty Hicks, Santa Clara Valley.

"You can't keep a fiesty old broad like you down for long!" Barbara Goetz, Sacramento.

"At least you don't have to worry about what to do for an encore." An employee of Erich (Publisher).

(Love 'em! M.C.)

A.E. Scholarship Awards

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO (August 23) Five women pilots received flight scholarships today during the annual meeting of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., an international organization of more than 4,000 women pilots, meeting here this week.

All of the women will use their awards of \$900.00 each for additional flight ratings to advance their aviation careers.

They will use their awards to obtain instrument, instructor and commercial ratings.

Winners of the awards were announced by Alice Roberts, of Phoenix, Arizona, chairman of the organization's Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund board of trustees.

The fund was established by The Ninety-Nines in 1941 in memory of aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart, who served as the organization's first president when it was formed by 99 women pilots in 1929.

The winners, who received inscribed Amelia Earhart Medals from Ninety Nines president Elizabeth Sewell, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, were; Carol Ann Borgerding, of Phoenix, Az; Mary Ferol Kochanek, of Port Angeles, Wash.; Barbara Alice Goetz, of Fair Oaks, Ca.; Gloria Ward Holmes, of Baton Rouge, La. and Helen Marjorie McGee, of El Cajon, CA.

Mrs. Borgerding, who has a commercial and basic ground school rating will use her scholarship toward obtaining a CFI and instrument ratings. She will use her in-

structor's rating at Chandler Flyers where she is now a Ground School Instructor, and will use her instrument rating in air taxi work.

Mrs. Kochanek now holds a commercial license with an instrument rating and will use her award toward a flight instructor rating.

Mrs. Goetz plans on doing flight instructing and charter work when she uses her award toward a CFI. She currently holds commercial and A & P ratings.

Mrs. Holmes is looking forward to obtaining her certified flight instrument

instructor's rating with the help of her scholarship. She has a commercial, CFI, and multi-engine ratings. She is currently a part time flight instructor for The Aircraft Co., Inc. and the award will help her expand her flying and teaching abilities.

Ms. McGee will certainly be an encouragement to handicapped who wish to fly. Handicapped herself as the result of a plane crash, she has gone on to fly again, and will use her award for an instrument-commercial rating with the long range plan in mind of instructing handicapped in learning to fly.



Mary Ferol Kochanek, Port Angeles, Washington



Carole Ann Borgerding, Phoenix, Ariz.



Helen Marjorie McGee, El Cajon, California

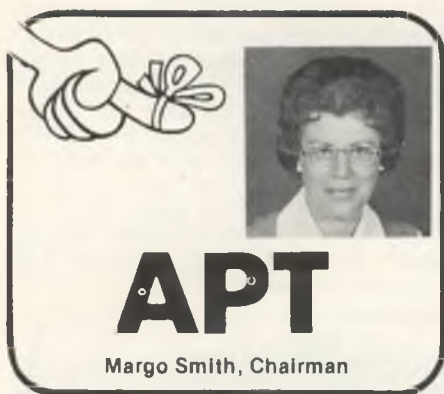


Gloria Ward Holmes, Baton Rouge, Louisiana



Barbara Alice Goetz, Fair Oaks, California

COMMITTEE REPORTS



If a 99 has an Active membership status on September 1, 1974, she will retain that status until Sept. 1, 1975, even if an American 99 fails to have her required BFR by Nov. 1, 1974. This was the decision at Convention when the proposed new By-laws and the "membership" resolution were returned to Committee for further revision.

While it would be desirable to have all 99s APT, it is unrealistic. When you discuss the membership restructure, please do consider the friendships formed by those 99s who no longer fly, and their desire to participate in all other aspects of our activities.

At Convention, the new FAA "safety pin" patches were presented to those who had their BFR - a nice surprise! Yes, a BFR (Biennial Flight Review) is also an APT ride - just submit the form to you CAC (Chapter APT Chairman), please.

1972-73 APT RESULTS

For the long 15 month year, there were 1180 APT. When we include the 99s from Columbia, France and Australia, who are **ALWAYS APT**, that is approximately 31 percent. Included too, are the British and Finnish Sections who do not participate. South Africa has a new law requiring an **ANNUAL** Flight check now.

TROPHY WINNER, 72-73

For Western Canada, Saskatchewan Chapter; New England's was Western New England Chapter. For South Central, Nebraska with 53.3 percent APT, Shreveport 85.7 percent and Topeka 66.7 percent. For Southwest, Aloha with 64 percent, Fresno 80 percent and Santa Paula with 92 percent. These two sections present three trophies, for Chapters with up to 12 members, 13 to 30, and 30 plus members. Greater Seattle Chapter of Northwest Section was 100 percent APT. (I do not have ready access to a Chapter's membership figures, so please let me know if I missed giving credit to anyone.)

For the 7 months of the 1974 year, we have about 700 APT with Greater Seattle again 100 percent. Ulla Hyatt, their CAC, says she used a gimmick. Last year her poster was an airport with planes,

representing the members, circling the tower. As they got APT, they landed. This year she disassembled an airplane, each part representing a 99. As each member became APT, the plane was rebuilt. Or, what about a thermometer like that used by Fund-raisers? Or a stairway with each step for an APT 99? What incentive can you find? Do share your ideas, with me, and others.

The new rosters will be out by October, but meantime, here are some changes in the SAC (Section APT Chairmen).

MIDDLE EAST - Helen Sheffer

NEW ENGLAND - Nina Hetman (Hetmanenko)

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY - Nicole Radecki

NORTH CENTRAL - Carolyn Pobanz

SOUTH AFRICA - Amalie von Maltitz

SOUTHWEST - Mary Lewis

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE - Carole Chambers

ALL OTHERS - as listed in 73-74 roster

Although we advocate semi-permanent tenure for APT Chairmen, they do move on. For your consideration, here are a few suggestions for greater efficiency and interest. Appoint an APT Chairman who is interested and active in the Chapter and who knows other members - or wants to. But if she loses that interest, or hasn't the time, find a successor at once. She should be briefed and her name sent to her SAC and the International Chairman. It is important she attend EVERY meeting (or have an assistant) since the CAC should send completed forms to her SAC monthly, right after a Chapter meeting, so that her SAC can return the cards for distribution at the following meeting. Membership Chairmen should have a supply of forms so that prospective members can be given one with membership forms. Since a new member is confronted with so many new names, new words, supply her with a copy of the APT article in the May-June issue of the 99 NEWS for reference.

However, any suggestions have value only if each and every 99, who flies, has her APT ride, or its equivalent, and gives the APT Chairmen a job to do!

AWTAR-PPD

RIVERSIDE HONORS POWDER PUFF DERBY WINNERS

Phyllis Pierce, Reporter

June 29, originally scheduled as take-off day for the 1974 All Women's Transcontinental Air Race was celebrated at the Riverside Municipal Airport with dedication of the AWTAR Winners Wall, an

air show, static displays and a wonderful Bar-B-Q in the evening. The Riverside Chambers of Commerce, spear-headed by Pete Hansen, Chairman of the Powder Puff Derby Committee, planned this thrilling event to honor the past winners of the Derby (with provisions for future winners). Prominently displayed on a wall of the airport terminal building are individual wings and bronze plaques commemorating the 27 winners to date. Kay Brick, Chairman of AWTAR Board of Directors, was on hand for the unveiling and to receive a pair of honorary wings in gratitude for her untiring efforts in behalf of the Powder Puff Derby.

There was a wonderful turnout of Riverside townspeople to enjoy the display of unusual aircraft, air show, and the exciting dual demonstration by Art Scholl and Carolyn Salisbury (charter member of new Inland Area Chapter 99s), members of the U.S. Aerobatic team which won first in international competition in 1972. The Inland Area Chapter of the 99s was chartered, presentation made by Pat McEwen. Everyone enjoyed the western style outdoor Bar-B-Q steak dinner served by Red Baron Restaurant, celebrating their recent opening on the field.

Of a possible 37 Powder Puff Derby winners (pilots and co-pilots), 13 (3 were co-pilots) attended this function in their honor. This represents a marvelous 18 years of winners. Gracing the winners circle were: Carolyn West (1947), Lauretta Foy (1949), Jean Rose (1950), Claire Walters (1951), Shirley Froyd (1952), Fran Bera (1953, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1961, 1962), Mary Ann Noah Hamilton (1964, 1965), Gini Richardson (1971), Marian Banks (1972), Dottie Sanders (1972).

The AWTAR Board of Directors were represented by: Kay Brick, Chairman; Marian Banks, Vice-Chairman West & Asst. Route Director; Betty Wharton, Aircraft Inspection; and Phyllis Pierce, West Coast Representative.

Hats off to Marion Brashear, Riverside Municipal Airport; Pete Hansen, Charles Phillips, and Becky Sandell, Riverside Chambers of Commerce; for a memorable June 29, 1974. We are all looking forward to another great take off day for the Powder Puff Derby on July 6, 1975.

INTERNATIONAL FLYING ACTIVITIES

By Charlene Falkenberg
International Flying
Activity Chairman

The heavens favored the Chicago area 99s for their 25th Annual Airmeet on August 3, 1974. Dire predictions were given by all weathermen the night before. The morning dawned beautiful in Hobart, Indiana with nothing but sunshine and blue skies. However, the weatherman persisted. A cold front would pass through at 11:00 AM lowering ceilings and

visibilities. Even the most persistent weatherman couldn't deter these pilots. One by one the planes arrived at Hobart Skyranch.

Scotty Harmon from Michigan City, Indiana was the first to arrive, followed shortly by Diane Cozzi, who flies out of Midway Airport. Soon the sky was filled with arrivals. Hobart Skyranch looked like O'Hare International.

At 11:00 AM, (No cold front) Elsie Wahrer took off in her Bonanza to be followed by Charlene Falkenberg in her Mooney. The Proficiency race was underway. While waiting for the first racer to return a spot landing contest was held for nonracers. A delicious luncheon had been prepared by Marie Krill, Airport Operator, Buffet style. As the racers, helpers, and others felt the urge for food their appetites were satisfied.

Finally the last race team arrived, Judy Suit and Ellen O'Hara. The time had come to announce the winners.

Ruth Frantz in a Cherokee 180 won the spot landing for racers. Scotty Harmon in a Piper Arrow 180 took the perpetual rookie trophy. Now the third place winner -- Elsie Wahrer, Pilot and Joan Mallin, Copilot, in a Bonanza. Second Place -- Scotty Harmon, Pilot, and Dick Rush, Copilot. Scotty is so tiny she could hardly carry all her trophies.

The big moment: First place, Gail Lapook, Pilot, and Rose Bonomo, Copilot.

Not only does the team take home their trophies, the rotating trophy, and the money, (which each of the winners received in addition to trophy), but the first place winners are the co-chairmen of the airmeet for the next year. This is an event that is open only to Chicago Area Chapter Members.

Well fed, happy after a day of fun, all flew home, the sun still shining..... 7:00 PM, the rains came. Who says the Chicago area girls don't have someone up there looking out for them.



Left to right: Charlene Falkenberg, Hospitality; Marie Krill, Airport Operator; Mary Stroh, Airmeet Chairman; Rita Adams, Airmeet Cochairman; 25th Annual Chicago Area Chapter Air Meet, Hobart Skyranch, Hobart, Indiana, August 3, 1974.

INTERNATIONAL HOTLINE U.S. REPORT

By Pauline Genung

Ensign Rosemary Merims Conatser, one of six women in the United States Navy to complete naval aviation training, was designated a Navy pilot on June 17 when she was formally presented the Navy's wings of gold.



Navy Ensign Rosemary Merims-Conatser receives her wings designating her a Naval Aviator from her husband, Ensign Douglas Conatser, during winging ceremonies at the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas, on June 17. She is the first ninety-nine to break the naval aviation barrier.



Pre-flight check out Navy style.

Rosemary is the first member of the Ninety-Nines to become a Navy pilot.

She began training for naval aviation following her completion of four and a half months indoctrination at the Officer Candidate School for Women at Newport, Rhode Island. Naval aviation training began in earnest when she reported to Pensacola, Florida in June 1973. She married Ensign Douglas Conatser, also a naval aviation student, just ten days before she began flight training.

Mrs. Conatser is the daughter of Constance Merims of 6255 Cominito Andreta, San Diego, Calif. She is a graduate of Patrick Henry High School in San Diego and Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind. She has a Bachelor's degree in Aeronautics. Prior to receiving her commission in the Navy she had her commercial and flight instructor certificates, instrument rating, multi-engine Inad rating, flight instrument instructor rating and almost 700 hours of flying time.

Ensign Conatser has spent a year in the Navy's aviation training program at Pensacola, Florida, and Corpus Christi, Texas. Advanced training and her designation as an aviator in the naval service were both at the Navy's Corpus Christi Air Station.

Her husband, who completed pilot training May 24, presented her the Navy's wings during a formal program.

She has been assigned to Fleet Composite Squadron Two (VC-2) at the Naval Air Station, Oceana, Virginia. She will, for the time being, fly propeller driven aircraft. Her husband has also been assigned to a squadron at Oceana.

Ensign Conatser is prohibited by law from flying combat aircraft and combat missions. Until such time as the law is

changed she, and other women naval aviators, will be limited to flying transport aircraft of fleet type helicopters.

The Navy has announced plans to recruit eight more women officers, in addition to the present six, for follow-on training in August or September of this year.

(Ed. Note: The Heading NEW HORIZONS reflects 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")



Doris Langher, Colorado Chapter died in an air crash. Memorial service held Sunday, Sept. 8.

Doris Eacret, Reno Area Chapter, died after an illness, July. She expressed her wish that donations in her name, be made to AWTAR among others.

Nancy Peniston, Phoenix Chapter died in a plane crash in Pennsylvania on July 4, 1974. Her husband John and their two children were also killed in the crash. The plane was not found until July 21, 1974. Nancy joined the 99s this year.

Mary Estelle Adkins, Indiana Chapter, no details given.

Delia V. Sanders, Indiana Chapter in 1973. No details.

Radina Petersen Tucker (Mrs. J. Morris) died June 25, when her Cessna 182 hit a mountain. She was a valuable member of Southern Oregon Chapter.

Kathryn Higgins, Central Pa. Chapter, was killed when her Cherokee Six crashed on final approach at Somerset, Pa. on Sept. 1st.

NEWS BRIEFS
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NEWS ITEM!!!!
LAKE MICHIGAN CHAPTER
Evelyn Borst, Reporter

MICHIGAN AVIATION FESTIVAL
AND SMALL RALLY
OCTOBER 3-5

A. C. Spark Plug Company has cordially invited all 99s and their families and SMALL Race workers to a Private cocktail Party preceding the banquet Saturday night, October 5th at Bellaire!



Dr. Anne Spoerry in her plane in Kenya.

DR. ANNE SPOERRY

by Denise Morchand

For most of us flying in East Africa, we could be flying anywhere else in the world. But not Flying Doctor Anne Spoerry, whose life story would make an adventure novel.

Anne has lived in Kenya for twenty-four years. In 1964, she and Dr. Mike Wood with their three Cherokees plus a full-time pilot, started the Flying Doctors here. Anne started flying in Turkana District in the northern desert of Kenya, organizing airstrips together with a missionary doctor who was anxious to have some clinics in the area. After the airstrips were finished to Anne's satisfaction, Missionary Aviation Fellowship (in 1965) took over the circuit, and Anne began pioneering Flying Doctor work with the Masai tribe in southwest Tanzania. She visited out of the way places where, as she says, "they had problems getting doctors." She handled many cases single-handed, but got nurses and assistants to help out with difficult ones.

Soon after, a war broke out on the northern border of Kenya and Soamalia, called the "Shifta" (a word meaning bandit) War, and Anne flew up to help look after casualties.

"The worst part," she recalls, "was having to circle around overhead while the police tested the ground in mine-proof vehicles. The shifta mined the airstrips and roads. That was quite interesting. No aircraft was mined, as far as I know."

Was she ever shot at? No, but she had what few of us have

experienced, and that is spears thrown at her from the ground. "The spears never reached the aircraft, of course. We think it was cattle rustlers, and nothing to do with the shifta."

And this brings us to a fascinating tale, the story of Sabarei, a police post on the border of Ethiopia.

A message came through one day that a man needed help very badly. He was choking to death on a bone that had lodged in his throat. When Anne arrived on the scene she discovered that though uncomfortable, he was all right. She couldn't get the bone out, so she took him in her aircraft to try at a better place.

"The wind was very strong and the airstrip rough, so was the second airstrip. By the time I landed, the bone had dislodged and the man had completely recovered. We carried on flying, and he talked about a goat and sheep raid in which two thousand animals had been rustled at North Horr. It turned out that he was a policeman. 'There they are!' he suddenly shouted, and I circled down to get a good look.

"Later the police were able to recover all the stolen animals. Knowing where they were made it easy, and we had marked the place where we saw them on the map."

Next she tells a story about a group of people in the desert wastes of Kenya's northern frontier that few people have ever heard about, and quite a number of missionaries wish they hadn't ever heard of, the Devil Cult, called Hyana.

"This cult is found amongst a section or ally of the Boran tribe called the Gabra. They believe that God is good and won't hurt you, so it's better to deal with the Devil, as he might need a little placating. People are treated by the Gabra to "extract" the devil; the patient always dies of course.

"Several years ago a missionary doctor told me that a man from the Catholic Mission had been baptised just the week before and now believed the Devil was in him. It was important we treat him, or he would go completely mad.

"We sent him to sleep with a harmless drug, and when he woke, we gave him another dose. Altogether he was kept asleep for twelve to eighteen hours. It worked like a miracle. Two months ago he died, an old man, and was given a Christian burial."

Anne tells us of a beautiful girl, the first flying Nun in East Africa, the American Sister Michael Teresa. It was a harrowing experience learning to fly at an American Base in Germany, Michael Teresa recalled, because jets kept whizzing by.

Anne tells what happened when the intrepid Nun flew around Turkana in Kenya. "Michael Teresa had a new aircraft, and an oil fitting burst, squirting oil all over the windshield. There was rugged terrain all around, but she was bang over Amudat airstrip, the only strip for a great distance. Her guardian angels must have been working in relays.

"Amudat is a good airstrip, and she made a beautiful forced landing. They called on Amudat radio, but she was soon impatient, and raring to go, oil or no oil. They finally persuaded her to stay on the ground."

Anne does about thirty hours flying a month, so most of us

hear her on the radio nearly every time we fly. Her home is a far at Subukia, 150 miles north of Nairobi, where she has an airstrip. To report for duty, it's only three quarters of an hour in her own aircraft, a Cherokee Six, 5Y-AJE, to Wilson Airport, Nairobi's general aviation airport, and the Flying Doctor offices.



Anne Spoerry Flying Doctor - Kenya.



ANNE SPOERRY, Flying Doctor (African Medical Research & Foundation).

Editors Note: The above article by Denise Morchand had been set up when along came another by Marie J. de Beauregard, French Section Gov. Madame Beauregard is understandably proud of Frenchwoman Dr. Anne Spoerry. Some of the good article is reproduced.

Anne SPOERRY is a frenchwoman born in 1918 in an old Alsatian family. Her father was a great friend of Doctor Albert Schweitzer. She attended a secondary school in Oxford and later took her Medical degree in Paris.

During the last war, from the first, she became a member of

the underground Resistance movement, and was arrested by the Gestapo in November 1942 and deported to the Ravensbruck concentration camp - one of the death camps - but was still alive in 1945 when her camp was liberated by the American troops.

As soon as 1946 she left France for Aden where she made herself familiar with tropical medicine, and then settled down in Kenya.

For several years she both led the life of a country doctor and ran her own farm; living alone surrounded by a native staff. She was alone, also, to face Mau Mau terrorism, with a gun on her lap, as she describes herself.

Having grown much attached to Kenya, she refused to leave



Dr. Anne Spoerry lets a Masai woman try the co-pilot's seat in her plane on the airstrip at Loliondo in Tanzania.

when the English left, and enrolled with enthusiasm in the ranks of the "Flying Doctors".

She then created and took charge of a mobile medical Service spread out in the bush and divided into 70 Posts.

She herself had traced the air tracks and named "Safari" her regular rounds of visits to which she most had urgent cases. She spared neither her time nor her efforts in Service of 30 millions Africans taken in charge by the African Medical & Research Foundation, or as they say out there, "of Kenyas Flying Schweitzers".

Be they pilots or doctors, for millions of Africans they represent help from Heaven.

African Medical Research Foundation is an enterprise consisting of volunteers for health, unique in the world: Doctors, nurses, missionaries, interpreters, teachers, coming from the four corners of the world: Texas, Austria, Canada, Norway, France, Australia and so on.

The idea was born 13 years ago, as a result of the meeting of three warm hearted men whose paths had crossed in the house of Anne Spoerry at the foot of the Kilimandare: Doctor McIndoe a New Zealander, Tom Rees, an American of Mormon ascendance and Michel Wood an Englishman. It is he who will be entrusted with the task of setting up and organizing into working condition this survival scheme.

Very soon it became clear that in order to be efficient in a Country 3 times the size of France, it would be necessary to travel by air because the country has no roads adapted to vehicles.

One is forced to pilot by direct reckoning, almost simply by looking out.

Anne has described the landings: "We have to glissade down

into clearings which resemble a hankerchief, and are discovered by chance. They do not figure on maps, or appear where we expect them. We find torn skins, a few lion huntress, and sometimes the body of some luckless warrior struck by a spear and painted with red.

In such conditions, with resolution and humility, in 1961 the East African Flying Doctors' started operating. They were the pioneers of an Organization which today watches over 30 millions Africans and contribute to their well-being, on the basis of the principle that prevention is better than treatment. Both education and hygiene are dealt with.

Headquarters include two barracks and a staff of 40 people, by the Wilson airport.

The working branches include 70 bush out posts and as many air stops. They are rudimentary. "The least rain turns them into "mudpits", sighs Anne Spoerry. We had to trace them with our hands, make them level, provide them with ground lights. Attached to these outposts, coming and going from one of the other across the country, we have mobile units: land rover dispensaries and hospital trucks. They are all linked by radio to the Nairobi mother station, which is their umbilical cord, whether in the field or emergencies or daily controls, or the detection or checking of epidemics, or medicines to be sent, or long distance consultations (there are about 400 a year)."

The flying doctors themselves are SIX altogether, having at their disposal SIX old aeroplanes, among which Anne Spoerry's personal plane, a Piper 300. An American Showman Arthur Godfrey donated the first plane and the others - generosity is catching - the flying doctors owe them to patrons as diverse as the Rotary International, the Association of Lutherians from Sweden, the German catholic Bishops etc...

Each plane is equipped IFR as well as an ambulance. They have already covered one million and a half miles which is a distance equivalent to that of two complete journeys to the moon; they perform an average of two thousand operations a year out of which 300 emergencies.

They fly out in spite of rains or wind, but nevertheless in security conditions, as insisted on by Dr. Spoerry for whom floods and tornadoes are current events to be overcome. They remain permanently vigilant and take off when called by radio.

Beside these regional excursions they go out on regular tours, to leproseries, field posts, tribes villages.

In other words, the "Safari".

Today Anne Spoerry goes into Masai Country, a calcinated desert, where navigation is only possible through a gift of second sight. Lynx eyes are necessary to perceive out the browns on the tawny ground, a bunch of huts, colour on colour in the grasses, the air strip.

The plane heads for it, makes a first circle, swings, draws near, and lands after making an impeccable approach.

The male nurses both beautifully dark skinned, set up the medical consulting room - a tent carval stretched on four poles two tables, a few folding chairs, a pharmacy case, the medical kit a set of plastic bassins, a register bearing the names of the "Clients" and the treatment administered to them. The patients are each given a special coloured tube, which they wear round the neck, containing their personal medical registry.

Here they advance, in royal procession, the men with their sculptural silhouettes, draped in rags of purple cloth, an assegai in their hand, and the women with bented busts almost naked but always covered with jewels, and in slow and noble steps.

Their native legends describe them as the elected race, in fact they are also described as a racefull of courage, where a man only really becomes a man after having tackled single handed, a wild beast.

This is not always easy, for lions fear these human beings and run away from them. Panthers do not, and that is the explanation to the atrocity of the wounds infected.

Because of the flies, the heat, the smell of flesh, the atmosphere is almost unbearable. With her face dripping, her hands wet, but her movements remaining alert, Doctor Spoerry examines Patients, sounds their chest, treats them, almost in chain, with vitamins, powders, ointments, tonics, disinfectants. So many "magic potions" white witch doctor, black witch doctor, results only count.



Dr. Anne Spoerry at work.



African Medical Research Foundation Pilots April, 1967, left to right Geoff Baker, Nigel Hallows, Dr. Michael Wood, Dr. Anne Spoerry, Reg. Turner.



L to R - Andre Eliot, French Airforce Instructor; Dr. Anne Spoerry, flying M.D., Madame Marie - J. de Beauregard, 99 French Section governor.

"Tribal war are ferocious", explains the Doctor, "Those who happen to escape in due course take their revenge theirs is a radical solution."

In these poverty struck regions, where the natives struggle for survival they neither practice nor have they heard of "birth control".

Even when one has grown tough, one may still be shaken by this sort of adventure, and Doctor Spoerry bessayes her feelings when she remembers KABILA, a three year old girl, she once found. "I gave her this name" explained the Doctor, "because it was that of the slaughtering tribe.

"It was impossible to find out who she belonged to, she was much too weak to talk. I found her with a broken skull, her side open, a kidney uncovered. I took her up in a blanket.

"Our return journey seemed interminable. I had to fly at 13.000 feet. My small charge was unconscious. She was resistant, nevertheless, because she was on foot the next month, and had luck to the end because she rediscovered her own family. With this hope I had brought her back to the village where life had returned. We had barely reached there when a woman called out Maru Maru - her real name - She rushed towards this woman and climbed on her back. Then mother and daughter turned their heels and went off."

It all ended well, concluded the doctor, who was careful not to add that they left without even a word of thanks.

But that, of course, is not the problem, because, in the saving of other's lives, Anne Spoerry and her co-workers have found a meaning to theirs.

99 profile

HEATHER STEWART By Denise Morchand

Heather Stewart is without doubt East Africa's most attractive Commercial charter pilot. She flies a Cessna 182 and a Cessna 402 for a Danish company here in Kenya, called D.C.K.

Heather first started flying in 1965, and when she was still a student pilot, flew in the Aero Club of East Africa's Air Safari Rally, together with June Sutherland (also a Ninety-Nine, and a charter pilot then as now). They won the Coupe des Dames. (Interestingly, it was when Sheila Scott was flying here some years ago in another Air Safari Rally that Heather first heard of the Ninety-Nines, and from Sheila herself.)

In 1969, Heather took the Commercial written exam and the check ride in England. She flew a Cessna 172 out of Gatwick and came in to land sandwiched between Boeing 707s.

Back in Kenya with a brand new Commercial, she flew for three months with Flying Doctors to build up hours and experience. She learned to find airstrips in the sparsely populated area where Flying Doctors and Police Airwing were the most frequent visitors.

At last she landed her first job. It was with Air Kenya (Coast) Ltd. (then known as Wilken Air), and she carried freight. But the day came when she graduated to passengers.

A four-year stint with Kenya Air Charters followed, and she flew many wealthy hunting clients around in The Baron.

Heather got Instrument-rated in 1970, and in accordance with East African regulations for commercial pilots has the following twin type ratings on her East African license: Islander, Commanche, Aztec, Seneca, Baron, and Cessna 402.

Having worked as a full-time charter pilot here Heather is very familiar with flying in East Africa. She has also made flights to Somalia and southern Sudan where people are not accustomed to seeing women piloting airplanes. She tells about landing in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia.

"I was told they were terribly difficult and that they would ask for six copies of the General Declaration. I landed and got out my passengers and the Customs and Immigrations men walked over to the plane. First they asked to see the log books, and then they asked to see the pilot. 'It's me,' I answered. And that's when a long conversation began. 'No, you don't understand,' they said. 'Where's the PILOT.' And it went on and on. In the end they never asked me for any papers, but

just followed me to the aircraft to see if I could start the engines." Likewise in Juba, the capital of southern Sudan, "They are amazed to see you."

Probably most of her passengers think the same thing; they are astonished to see such a charming and sweet gal at the helm of a gleaming twin-engine airplane, and handling it with all the aplomb of an airline captain.



Heather Stewart, charter pilot in Kenya.

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PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE 99S AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship application form is made a part of this Ninety Nine News. Any Ninety Nine wishing to apply for the scholarship is invited to read it thoroughly. The criteria for a candidate include the following:

- have been a 99 in good standing for the two previous years prior to date of application.
- hold a current medical certificate
- have a minimum of 200 hours pilot-in-command since receiving her private license
- have need of award financially
- have the support of her chapter since her chapter chairman must recommend her
- must agree to complete the course and-or training within two years
- have a sincere desire to further woman's role in aviation.

The application consists of Application form, Experience record, Eligibility form and letter of recommendation for the chapter chairman. **FIVE** copies of each of these must be submitted to her chapter Amelia Earhart Chairman, only one of which must be notarized. One head and shoulders, black and white glossy photo of the applicant at least 2¼ X 2¼ must accompany **each** copy of the application.

The chapter A.E. Chairman will ascertain that the member's application is complete and that all statements in it are true. She will determine the number of applicants permitted from her chapter. Each chapter is allowed one application for every 30 members or major portion thereof. Regardless of size each chapter is allowed at least one applicant. If there are more applicants than the quota for her chapter the Chairman will

select a committee to assist her in screening the applications. This will be a composed of two or three 99s or other member of the local aviation community who would have a non-biased interest in furthering aviation. This committee will screen the candidates using the following criteria:

- what has the applicant already accomplished?
- how much does she need the Award financially?
- how well will she use it to advance her career?
- how wide a field in aviation will this benefit?
- is she worthy of the Award?
- how long has she been a 99 and how active has she been?

Chapter A.E. Chairman will mail her quota (or less) of the applicants to the Section A.E. Scholarship Chairman to be postmarked no later than JANUARY 15. The Section Governor will have informed each chapter of the name and address of the Section A.E. Chairman in advance of this date.

Section A.E. Scholarship Chairman will in turn select a committee (similar to that described for the local chapter) and screen the application submitted by the chapters, using the criteria listed above. Each Section A.E. Chairman may submit one application for each 200 members of the section or a major fraction thereof to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the A.E. Memorial Scholarship Fund to be postmarked no later than FEBRUARY 15. The Section A.E. Chairman will notify those candidates not included in the quota submitted to the Board.

A Section which does not have a chapter may itself submit at least one application regardless of size.

HYPOXIA

by Mary Foley

The majority of pilots are familiar with the terms "hypoxia" and "altitude sickness." Articles on the subject have appeared in many aviation publications. Yet hypoxia continues to be a problem in flying.

Many pilots have taken advantage of altitude chamber flights and physiological training courses when offered by the FAA and USAF. This has been a very educational and useful program, and I encourage all pilots to attend one of these sessions. During the chamber flights, the course participants are often permitted to become hypoxic, so that each person will be able to recognize his or her own particular symptoms of impending hypoxia, as these may vary with the individual. Unfortunately, this procedure may lead to the misconception that corrective measures need not be taken until these symptoms are noted. This is extremely dangerous because one of the earliest effects of hypoxia is impairment of judgment. Thus the pilot may disregard the other symptoms if he notices them at all.

Hypoxia is defined as an insufficient supply of oxygen. It can result from several different causes.

A. **Hypoxic hypoxia** is the type most commonly encountered in aviation. Reduced partial pressure of oxygen in the inspired air produces inadequate oxygenation of the arterial blood. It can also occur in certain diseases where there is interference with respiration.

B. **Hypemic or anemic hypoxia** is caused by a reduction in the capacity of the blood to carry a sufficient amount of oxygen. This results from blood loss, anemic diseases, certain drugs and carbon monoxide poisoning.

C. **Histotoxic hypoxia** results from the inability of the cells to use the available oxygen, although the supply of oxygen

may be plentiful. Alcohol, narcotics and certain poisons, such as cyanide, interfere with the ability of cells to utilize oxygen.

D. **Stagnant hypoxia** is due to a circulatory malfunction which reduces blood flow through the tissues. Pooling of the blood in the extremities occurs during positive G maneuvers unless a pressure suit is worn. Extreme cold may also affect the circulation as can certain diseased states such as heart failure and arterial spasm.

All of these forms of hypoxia can become problems in flight, but the most important type in aviation is hypoxic hypoxia, caused by breathing air with a low partial pressure of oxygen.

(To be continued)

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New: Headquarters Location (Oct. 15, 1974)
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California
Sunday - July 6, 1975

WINNING PALMS TO PINES

NO 'FAIRY TALE' FOR JEANNE AND JAN!

By Grace McGettigan

"Fairy tales can come true," . . . and for Jeanne Rumm and Jan Dreyfus a dream became reality when they won the Palms to Pines Air Race in July!

Both Los Angeles 99s are low-time, private pilots. Jeanne (who also holds an instrument rating) has approximately 350 hours, and Jan has slightly over 300 hours.

Jeanne Rumm began flying about three years ago and joined the Ninety Nines shortly after receiving her ticket. She lives with her parents in North Hollywood and is part owner of the family business, Aircraft Sparkplugs. She flew as co-pilot in the 1972 Pacific Air Race and as pilot in the AWTAR in 1973.

Mary "Jan" Dreyfus, an Assistant Trust Officer at the Bank of California, got her pilot's license in 1957. Thereafter she remained earthbound for almost nine years, then started flying again and joined the Ninety Nines in 1968. She has competed in three PARs.

The girls first flew together as a team in the 1973 Pacific Air Race in which they

placed second. The 1974 Palms to Pines is the first race either has won.

Their winning airplane, a Piper Warrior, was rented from FBO Hugh Fink, owner of Burbank Piper. Hugh, a winner in his own right, was chosen recipient of this year's National Mechanic of the Year Award for general aviation, as well as the Western Award for Mechanic of the Year.

The PA-28-151 (Piper's newest addition to the tribe) is in its first year of production, and N-41883 is the only Warrior ever flown in any air race. Delivery of the plane to Burbank Piper was delayed and, as a result, the gals flew it for the first time a week before the start of the race. Having flown it for only an hour or so by race time, they were unaware of the Warrior's actual potential.

During the first leg of the race Jeanne made a groundspeed check and turned to her co-pilot in surprise. "Hey, Jan, this plane goes faster than we thought! We just might have a pretty good chance!" The girls modestly attribute their success to



Jeanne Rumm - (right) and Jan Dreyfus with their first-place trophies and the Piper Warrior, before takeoff for California. Photo - Courtesy Glenn Buttington.

Lady Luck — being in the right race at the right time with the right airplane — (but this writer suspects that their flying ability, pilotage proficiency and navigational accuracy on a long, cross-country flight were contributing factors to their winning score).

Sooo, . . . all you low-time, renter pilots take heart! Sharpen up your flying skills, get a great new airplane from a top mechanic, fly the course maintaining a perfect heading and altitude, and you just might become the winner of an air race. It could happen for you!

TOP FINAL SCORES — 1974

PLACE

Place	Race No.	Pilot	Co-Pilot	Score Aircraft
1	35	Jeanne Rumm	Jan Dreyfus	24.247 PA-28-151
2	19	Joan Paynter	Shirley Cote	22.014 Aero Commander 112
3	16	Jean Schiffmann	Karen Sherman	21.753 Cessna 177
4	34	Margaret Walton	Darlene Stoddard	21.211 Cessna 172
5	60	Marion Jayne	Nancy Jayne	20.147 PA-39
6	28	Berni Stevenson		19.969 Mooney M20F
7	7	"Wally" Funk	Judy Campbell-Broom	19.904 Citabria 150
8	6	Ginny Wegener	Lynn Cary	19.902 Cessna 177
9	40	Sally Allen	Gillian Williamson	18.964 Citabria 115
10	42	Shirley Thom	Elizabeth Dinan	18.303 Cessna 172

LEG PRIZES

Santa Monica to Merced

40 Shirley Allen Gillian Williamson 19.011 Citabria 115

Merced to Red Bluff

28 Berni Stevenson 26.375 Mooney M20F

Red Bluff to Klamath Falls

33 Pat Gladney Jeanne McElhatton 23.060 Cessna 182

Klamath Falls to Independence

6 Ginny Wegener Lynn Carey 20.953 Cessna 177

SPECIAL PRIZES

Bill Huerth Memorial Trophy

40 Sally Allen Gillian Williamson

Best Score-Crew with Under 500 Hours Total Time

40 Sally Allen Gillian Williamson

Mystery Spot Landing — Merced

7 "Wally" Funk Judy Campbell-Broom

99's Airport At Work

The July-August issue of the 99 NEWS had a centerfold of a map showing the location of airports at which a 99 owns, or operates the airport, or has a fixed base operation. On the back of the map appears the names, location, and type of operation of each 99. This centerfold is removable, so that it can be carried in the plane for quick reference, since we all wish to patronize fellow 99s. According to Doris Gill, 1819 Curry Rd. North, Wilmington, Ohio 45177, member of the All-Ohio chapter, who has been working with Fay Gillis Wells, chairman of the Bicentennial Star Program, the list of 99s established on airports is not complete. If YOUR name is not there, please contact Doris with the information. The map will be updated in 1975 and 1976.

1974 INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CONVENTION REPORT

By Marilyn Copeland
Officers, delegates, and members.

Working as Headquarters Chairman this past year has been a most challenging experience. I wish to thank my committee members, Pat Mlady and Jan Million, for all of their tireless, patient efforts in assisting me. I also wish to express my gratitude to our capable Executive Secretary, Loretta Gragg, and to our helpful Darla Bullard. These cheerful Headquarters Secretaries continue with their motto: "Business as usual, with a smile."

One of Headquarters big projects each year is the Membership Roster. We were pleased with our efforts last year, and gratified to received your good notes regarding the new format. We are working to further improve the Roster this year. We will be very busy preparing and proofreading the next few weeks. This year's Roster will have a blue cover. One computer delay on membership lists has already caused some ten day delay. We hope to mail it in late September.

The biggest accomplishment of this committee was probably our work in assisting Mr. Perry Wesbrooks in preparation for the 501 (c) (3) application. Thanks to all Ninety-Nines who promptly sent materials when I requested them. Also, thanks to Mr. Wesbrooks for his gigantic efforts to make this tax status a

reality for our International Organization. 501 (c) (3) is truly a step forward for all of us.

The Headquarters Committee has worked diligently since the Milwaukee Convention to carry out the wishes of the two-thirds (2-3) majority delegate vote to construct a Ninety-Nine Headquarters Building in Oklahoma City.

We have had numerous meetings with the Ninety-Nine Board of Directors, the architects, and the Oklahoma Airport Trust. Many delays were encountered during the year. The preliminary plans were carefully examined and changes made during these meetings.

A model of the building, made by Pat McEwen's son, Drew, is on display near the Ninety-Nine Sale Room. A display board is there for you to see, also.

Blue sheets have been distributed to give you an idea of the latest plan for the building. It includes a conference, library, project room; a Ninety-Nine educational display reception area with secretaries' desks and project files. There is also a work room for other Ninety-Nine business.

Other space is tenant area which may be rented to help cover the costs of Ninety-Nine rent (this is a 99 year lease arrangement for the building with the Airport Trust), upkeep, and utilities.

At the Spring Board Meeting in April, the Ninety-Nine Board of Directors agreed that the following steps were to be taken on the Headquarters Building:

1. Review the memorandum of agreement and execute if acceptable. (This has been done.)

2. Authorize the architects to complete the plans. (This has been done)

3. Send completed plans to all Board Members for consideration, stipulating construction not to start until after September 1, 1974. (This has been done.)

4. Advertise for Bids (minimum of three). This will be done.

5. Send out mailing to the membership with a cover letter and detailed progress report so that the membership may have

This project has generated more interest and more funds contributed in a short length of time, than any other single fundraising project in our organization. These are all voluntary contributions and pledges to be used to build a Headquarters Building in Oklahoma City, and are deductible from your personal Federal Income Tax.

Thanks to all who have so generously contributed to this project. At this time I would like for Mr. Perry Wesbrooks to briefly explain the Memorandum of Agreement to you.

Convention Highlights

Two years ago the Southeast Section had a brainstorm. Could we, **dared we**, host a no-registration fee International Convention in, of all places, Puerto Rico? Well, why not? The site was chosen, complete with a fabulous package plan, and the airlines came up with unbelievable charters. Then came the energy crunch; charters were cancelled, rates went up again and again and still again. Page Shamburger practically gave up her career as a writer to become a full time Chairman of Transportation.

From all reports, Convention '74 lived up to its motto, "Fun Galore in '74", when almost 600 Ninety Nines, 49½ers, and guests registered at the beautiful El Conquistadore Hotel in Los Croabas, Puerto Rico. It was indeed an International Convention, with South Africa, Canada, Australia, Germany and Finland represented. Although most arrived via the "big birds", the Finnish gals piloted a single engine Vosmer.

Except for the Governor's Breakfast at 8:30, Thursday was a free day. Ninety Nines kept the Antilles air boats busy between Fajardo and St. Thomas and came back loaded with goodies. Others toured San Juan, El Yungue Rain Forrest, golfed, sunbathed or enjoyed the breathtaking view from private balconies. At seven everyone gathered around the Lanai Pool for a Rum Swizzle Party and steak supper.

Highlights of Friday were the Chairmen's Coffee, the Amelia Earhart Brunch and the first general business meeting. President Susie lived up to her promise - no extra sessions.

Meetings were kept to a minimum, but Casals Hall was utilized Thursday and Friday nights for "Ninety Nines with a message." Ruth Fleisher, Florida Gold-coast, showed a N.I.F.A. film and Marilyn Hibner, Long Island, narrated a slide presentation entitled "S.A.F.E.", a program to alleviate the fear of flying. Mr. Don Muzeroll, A.P.A., presented Ninety Nines who had Biennial Flight Reviews with a lovely safety emblem.

After a cocktail party Saturday night at the Court of Fountains, Hazel McKendrick Jones, M.C.'d the banquet, as only Hazel can. The invocation was given by Past President Betty McNabb and a brief welcome by Virginia Proctor, Acting Convention Chairman. President Sewell introduced the incoming officers (See Photo)

Banquet speaker was Captain Charles F. Blair, Pan-Am Senior Pilot, who owns and operates the Antilles Air Boats. Winner of the Harmon International Trophy, Thurlow Award and the distinguished Flying Cross, Captain Blair is married to the Irish-born motion picture star, Maureen O'Hara and lives in St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

A convention report would not be

complete without a comment on the excellent cuisine. With a sumptuous buffet breakfast, including fresh tropical fruits, and a five course dinner, who needed lunch?

Governor Bee Reid, Co-Chairmen Cy Beers and Page Shamburger and the Southeast Section enjoyed being your hosts for Convention '74.

Virginia Proctor
Acting Convention Chairman



Whirley Girls at Convention included: (L) Mary Pinkney, Long Beach Chapter (CA.), (R) Mona Budding (E. New England) (Sitting) Louise Smith (Carolina's Chapter)



Whirly Girls "hover" during convention. (Seated L) Louise Smith, Carolinas Chapter; Ilovene Potter, Greater Seattle Chapter; Owokki Kuortti, Finland; Doris Renninger, Greater New York; (Standing L) Mona Budding, E. New England; Joyce Failing, Long Beach (CA.) and sitting in chair, Jeanne Ross Howard, Washington, D.C.

Photo by June Rodd

(L) Ilovene Potter, Greater Seattle Chapter, presents Whirly Girl Award to Finland 99 Owokki Kuortti, At a convention meeting. She had flown 50 hours in a 5 place, low wing, all metal plane to take part in the Puerto Rican "Fun Gallore."

Photo by - June Rodd, Kitty Hawk Chapter

(L) Lady G. McReynolds, Tenn. Chapter, gets convention wrap-up on plane to home from (R) Page Shamburger who was co-chairman of the big event.

Photo by June Rodd



Past International Officers and members of the Board enjoy the convention L to R Betty McNabb, Esme Williams, Julie Vom Saal, Standing - Mary Able.

New Changes at International — Standing (L) - Susie Sewell, past president, (R) Lois Feigenbaum, vice president; seated L to R - Mary Able, Bd of Directors, Janet Green, Treasurer, Mary Vial, Bd of Directors, Thon Griffith, Secretary



Chapter Reports

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COLUMBIA CASCADE CHAPTER

Dorothy Mercer, Reporter

Our annual Pancake Breakfast, August 25, in Barbara Daufel's hangar at Dietz Airpark, Canby, Or. was great fun and a big success, complemented by perfect weather, aerobatics, and fly-in guests from three States, renewing acquaintance from previous breakfasts.

JoNeal, Barbara, Mary, Billie and daughter Teri, Pegge and Dorothy, and 49½ Homer were on hand at Independence to record timing of the Palms to Pines racers at the terminus of this two-day event. They enjoyed meeting the participants, shared their excitement and attended the Saturday night banquet hosted by these good folks of Independence.

Mary Jane, Billie, Becky and Dorothy, who are members of the Northwest Antique Fly-In and Airshow August 17-18, decorating the big hangar for the banquet, selling hot-dogs, drinks and goodies, and watching some marvelous aerobatics; and this reporter was happy to win the spot-landing contest in her experimental WW-1 replica Phalz.

We look forward now to attending Fall Sectional in Seattle next month.



COLUMBIA CASCADE members Dorothy Mercer, Pegge Blinco, Pat Faller, Mary Calvert, Lillian Wager and Mary Jane Lusher, with Capt. Matus, their pilot on a trip in the Goodyear blimp "COLUMBIA" Each 99 had a turn at the controls during the flight and learned much about dirigible handling.

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

Daryl Ann Kyle, Reporter

Farmers in Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington could forecast rainy days with us! A planned meeting in Lewiston, Idaho is a sure sign of rain—even when the met people say scattered clouds and good VFR. But we've finally done it. After two earlier cancellations, we dodged showers and met in Lewiston August second.

Student pilot Robin Anderson, who is learning to fly in Cubs and 150s at Henley Aerodrome near Athol, came with 99 Fern Lake. Krista Rozelle and her instructor, 99 Gladys Buroker, arrived in a Citabria. It was Krista's first dual cross-country.

We also welcomed Barbara Dunlop, new pilot and guest from Lewiston. Barbara just made her first long cross-country to Sonoma, California to attend a class reunion. 99 Lois De Fleur arrived in 777DF and said she'd been flying around—to Chicago, Seattle, and Baja California where she and 49½ Mel cruised the Sea of Cortez for a week.

Gladys Buroker, our resident balloonist, and accomplished power pilot, now holds a commercial glider rating. 99s Sally Simundson and Pearl Mancheni glowingly reported that their rides with her in a Schweizer 2-22 were delightful.

The main business discussion centered around the 1975 Convention July 30, 31, August 1, and 2 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, preceded by Northwest Sectional July 28, and 29. Why not make plans now to attend? Coeur d'Alene is one of many beautiful areas in the Northwest and aside from days we plan meetings in Lewiston, clear air and blue, blue skies are commonplace!

GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER

Carol Cansdale, Reporter

Paine Field in Everett was the site for our August meeting. Last minute plans and preparations were made for the September 6, 7, & 8 NORTHWEST SECTIONAL held at the Doubletree Inn in Renton. We also added two new members and a transfer member to our ranks at this meeting. Welcome to new members Louise Anderson and JoAnn Burnett; and to Judy Eggleston, transferring from Fresno chapter! Visiting from Mt. Tahoma chapter was JoTerry Wheeler. Missing from this particular meeting was our own Van Adderson, also Northwest Section governor, who by that time was probably basking in the sun in Puerto Rico, attending the International Convention there. Ulla Hiatt also plans to attend.

Sandy Sullivan happily reports that she now holds her float rating, obtained August 7. It was a birthday present from her husband and followed a trip to Anchorage to deliver a SuperCub on floats.

Ellie Cansdale describes a recent addition to the family: "I have a new baby and she flies; a mystery baby who appeared and took residence under a piece of wing in the bone pile outside our hangar a month ago. She is a three months old German Shepherd pup Mystery Baby Brown Eyes, Mysty for short. It is a question of who is training who, for she is an intelligent lass. She is a model passenger in both the plane and car."

Kay Stearns and her 49½'er have discovered the joys of float flying also, as Kay described a typical example. On Aug. 4, they flew to Lake Dorothy in the mountains and explored the remote

campsites and beautiful mountain areas. Following lunch at Alderbrook Inn on Hoods Canal, they took off for a visit with a friend on the beach at Vashon Island.

Reporter Carol Cansdale just returned after five weeks from a long-awaited trip to Europe, where she toured the central part by train. "The trip was a great experience, something was always happening. If we weren't looking on maps to find the Eiffel Tower, the statue of David, or Munich Olympic grounds, we were searching for something to eat or an inexpensive hotel. It's great to be home!"

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IDAHO CHAPTER

I.R.A. Pilut, Reporter

New 99 year, new reporter and new officers. Our new leader in the Idaho Chapter is Ann Stott, wife of a physician, mother of three and an instrument-rated private pilot. The Stotts camp out of their Cessna 182 in the Idaho primitive area and commute by air to their summer home on the Little Salmon River. Just to round out a full year, Ann has also taken on the chairmanship of our 1975 Section meeting to be held in conjunction with the international convention in Coeur d'Alene. She's an active and imaginative gal to guide our busy year.

Chapter gleanings: Ardis recently had a right-of-way argument in her Cherokee 235 with a bird - both lost. Ardis got a dented leading edge but the bird lost more than that. Lyn Clark has a full complement of students this summer in McCall where they fly like mad in the summer since snow closes them down in the winter. Pat Jenkins has been flying for the forest service on surveys in her Cub. The Jenkins are ranchers near Diamond, Oregon and she flies to the grocery store in their new Cessna 185. As this is written, invitations are out for a fly-in to the ranch Labor Day. Carol DePue and Gene Nora Jensen report marvelous happenings from convention in Puerto Rico. And happily, everyone's parting words seemed to be, "See you next year in Idaho".

We are rich in new members since you last read Idaho news. A girl scout professional, Linda Harris, has joined us as have three women whose husbands do not fly; Dorothy Minor a first grade teacher, Karla Roberts a surgical assistant and Marcia Downs, whose student pilot husband lists his occupation as blacksmith. Dr. Jan McKewen, an anesthesiologist, is an active new 99 as is Sylvia Burkey from the Boise Tower. With all Sylvia's skill at communication we immediately drafted her as our secretary. Joyce Blankenbaker, another East Oregonian, flies a Cessna 172 with a big engine conversion which we're glad to know about as she passes us on the straightaway. We have a productive year ahead with all that new talent aboard.

The last weekend in August was the Idaho Chapter's fifth annual Smiley Creek fly-in. This reporter missed the festivities for the first time due to distance problems (Puerto Rico convention). The chapter arranged all the niceties: backdrop - the Sawtooth Range; sky conditions - clear

mountain air with only two or three bumps over the mountains; density altitude seminar conditions - Stanley Basin at 8,000' in August, a sloping runway with clear approach; refreshments - all you can eat at the lodge; entertainment - spectacular and amazing takeoffs and landings and the comradery of pilots. Can you beat that!

PUGET SOUND CHAPTER

Betty Curran, Reporter

We had two meetings in August, both at Paine Field, the first held at Airco Northwest in their waiting room and the latter at the Jet Deck where we not only enjoyed lunch watching the planes come and go but we had the pleasure of receiving two guests, Marge Thomas, whose husband has the Fixed Based Operation at Arlington Airport and Darlene Fletcher, who is the sole pilot in her family. Darlene is the proud owner of a new beautiful yellow Cessna Cardinal and it doesn't take much to see she loves it. Both of these girls will be new members of our chapter. The purpose of our second meeting was to do what we had to do for our September Northwest Section meeting. Our chapter made the name tags. And we think the air balloon name tag came out quite good. Marion Lewis silk screened the pattern at her place of employment.

Lorna Kringle is our member of notoriety. Lorna received a \$50.00 scholarship for contributing to the Aerospace Education Program in the Pacific Region. She did a great job with the young people in a flying educational program last fall. Lorna is also putting together a slide presentation on "Women in Aviation", past and present. She has received information from Dell Hinn of the D.R.F. and from Mary Jo Oliver of the F.A.A. This certainly proves that women in aviation are on the move. Anyone who would like to contribute to Lorna's endeavors may do so via the mails.

Marchine Dexter missed our last meeting because she flew over to Spokane to see Expo '74. Marchine also has been flying her big bird around visiting the various local airports. Peggy Nugent curtailed her flying the past couple of months to move into her new home. Yours truly is happily flying in a twin again. Our family decided we needed bigger, faster and higher flying aircraft to get to our place in Las Vegas so we traded the 285 Debonair for a Cessna 320 Skyknight and she's a honey.

RAINIER CHAPTER

Peggy Verger, Reporter

Newly formed Rainier Chapter was honored to have Governor Van Adderson present their charter at the July meeting. Chairman Elli Cunningham accepted on behalf of the membership. The meeting was combined with a plane wash to help raise money to get us started and concluded with coffee and cake decorated with clouds, planes and congratulations for the occasion. We have reason to believe that word had gotten out about our plane wash, since everyone but the five charter members wore dresses!! The 49½s contributed verbal support. During the

business meeting goals and immediate activities were discussed, including air marking Crest Airpark, Kent, Washington. Van also reminded us of the activities of the surrounding chapters and national and international conventions coming up. Our Chairman, Elli Cunningham will fly her Bonanza to Puerto Rico to represent us.

Two cross countries at home are tentatively planned-tentatively because of the Pacific Northwest's weather reputation. A picnic is also in the making with the newly formed Bellevue-Kirkland chapter. The aim of our activities is to improve our flying skills and get better acquainted with other women pilots and some of our area chapters; Western Washington, Mt. Tahoma, and Greater Seattle.

Judging by the number of female student pilots in the immediate area, the chapter has tremendous potential and will not remain small for long. Being only five members each one has been elected an officer. Elli Cunningham, Chairman, Jan Markey, Treasurer, Judy Nesland, Secretary, Peggy Verger, Membership Chairman and Reporter. Only Ms. Markey has been able to relax until now, since our treasury consists of a check book with a minimum deposit. However her vacation will be short-lived. Have we got plans!!

SOUTHERN OREGON CHAPTER

Virginia Walsh, Reporter

Several months have gone by since 99 News has heard from our Chapter. There is a lot of catching up to do. Our biggest project this year was the airmarking of Prospect in June. The crew included Radina Tucker, Shirley Haussler, Rose Ellison, Marian Carter and Ali Sharp. The gals had a fun day and a picnic was part of the fun.

Ali Sharp participated in the Angel Derby and came in No. 11. Not too bad. Ali also flew in the Palms To Pines Air Race and came in. Ali and husband Fritz have a second airplane in the family, a Beech D-17 stagger wing. More fun to come.

Marian Carter is our New Membership Chairman. She does good work as we have two new members, Marcel Johnson and Vera Baker. Welcome aboard gals.

Rose Ellison, Marian Carter and Ali Sharp are going to Sectional this year and we all hope they have a great time.

Our September meeting was the Roseburg Chapter of the AOPA. Dinner for all and a few speeches and a ski performed by SOC 99s. Good time!

Happy flying to all and may no air pockets grab yuh.



Pictured: Radina Tucker and Shirley Haussler. **Crew:** Rose Ellison, Marian Carter, Ali Sharp. **Marking the Prospect, Oregon airport.**

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ALOHA CHAPTER

Trippi V. Penland, Reporter

The Aloha 99s had their first fly-in for 1974. Six planes, five from Aeromarine Flight School, fourteen 99s, and three guests descended upon the little island of Lanai for brunch at the one and only hotel on the island. Pat Davis had planned a surprise spot landing contest, but unfortunately, no one won. Lanai is a breezy little airport!! So the prize was given to our friendly fuzz, Minette Learned, an active 99 and a FAA examiner, who spent a busman's holiday by flying with Eve Kerr who is working on her instrument rating, and flew to Lanai on instruments. We all of course, enjoyed a beautiful brunch of fresh pineapple, steak, eggs, and hash browns. Pat Columbo was our hostess on Lanai, and pointed out all the scenic interests. Pat Davis had fun flying the Apache from Aeromarine over to Lanai. It's the same one that Rosa laea and Sierra Brown just got their multi-engine ratings, on, and the one that Trippi Penland and Pat Coates are diligently flying to get their ratings. Coincidentally, that's the same school where 49½s Bud Davis and Dan Coates are instructors.

Sierra Brown left August 12th for her freshman year at Arizona State. She intends to keep flying, especially since her major at college is aeronautical engineering. Word has it that she has already started her instrument rating, her first week at college.

Pat Coates is now a member of the staff at the Bishop Museum and is getting to use her pilot's license flying around the islands giving demonstrations on weaving and other crafts for the museum.

Lindy Boyes was able to use the Lanai fly-in for business, too, by taking pictures of Lanai to 'sell' back to the Hawaii Visitors Bureau.

Coral Bloom Hansen, a 99 from the Sacramento Valley Chapter, has transferred to our Aloha Chapter. Why, you ask? Well, she just married Arthur Hansen, a reknown architect in Honolulu, on June 15th. She was only a passenger at the fly-in because her airplane is still in Sacramento.

Lorette Zirker passed her commercial rating. Trippi Penland had been flying 'tours' for her friend's children. It seems that they would love to go flying, so she has been around the islands four times in August!



Betty Skold, Minette Learned, and Coral Hansen, in front of the pineapple fields of Lanai.

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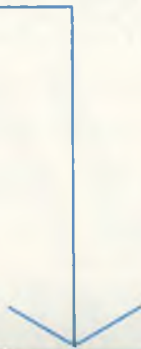
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THE LANAI BRUNCH BUNCH. Top row: Betty Skold, Vice Chairman, Pat Davis, Eve Kerr, Secretary, Luki O'Conner. Middle Row: Lindy Boyes, Florence Beamon, Chairman, Janet Sloan, and Trippi Penland. Bottom row: Sierra Brown, Coral Hansen, Dot Read, Rosa laea, and Minette Learned.

ALAMEDA COUNTY CHAPTER

Joan Enos, Reporter

Alameda 99s have a new look! Frances Gibson and Joan Enos captured many curious eyes at the Balloon Ascension opening day at the Napa County Fair with their embroidered and monogrammed chapter jackets. Joan originated the design and sewed them on her versatile Necchi.

Juanda Bigelow and Joan Enos (her first race) teamed up for the 313-mile round robin Mini Derby, piloting a C182. Juanda and Joan taught at the same school this year and were given a big sendoff by some of their students. Juanda won Best Hayward Pilot. She is the new secretary for California Aviation Educators.

Juanda and Ruth and Joe Magill flew to Spokane in July for the Fair and on to Clark Fork, Idaho to visit former ACO 99 Gladys and Raymond Cobb.

Ruth and Joe Magill were hosts for a wonderful weekend for the chapter at their cabin in the mountains near the gold rush town of Columbia. From Columbia airport, 99s and families toured the railroad museum at Jamestown, swam in the icy lake at Ruth's front door, picnicked at Calaveras Big Trees State Park and shared their watermelon and goodies with the squirrels and bluejays.

Congratulations to Jean Stroobant on checking out in a 182 on the first anniversary of getting her license. She logged 115 hours on her first year of flying. She washes airplanes for flying time and is threatening to have cards printed "Jean's Bird Bath". Jean and Lois Chick are co-membership chairpersons and the chapter's aim is to double the membership this year. Each one bring one.

The chapter's monthly fly-ins have included flights to The Flying Lady Restaurant at Morgan Hill, Pine Mountain Lake, and on AUGUST 18 to windy Rio Vista where variable winds were 20 to 25 knots and EAA members were making formation takeoffs. Lunch at The Point Restaurant on the Sacramento River was gourmet-pleasing as well as scenic.

At least four ACO 99s plan to attend the

pleasing as well as scenic.

At least four ACC995 plan to attend the Southwest Sectional at Snowbird, Utah. Beverly Davis has a date with the stork in September but she is keeping current. Adelaide Morris and Donald flew to Sun River, Oregon for a weekend in August.

Babs and Ernie Straub and Lois and Art Chick bought adjoining condominiums on Hayward Airport, close to their birds.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

Kathy Walton, Reporter

Summer vacations are drawing to a close. They have found many Bay Cities members taking to the air. Vivian Harshbarger, Maureen Carter, Joyce Wells and Kathy Walton all participated in the Palms to Pines Air Race. Billed as the fun race it again lived up to its name. They send a thank you to all Ninety-Nines who helped along the route.

Our August meeting was our annual bar-b-que. This year we met at a county park for the event. Guests at the bar-b-que were Keiko Kawasaki and Yoshiharu Shigematsu. They were the weekend guests of Barbara and John Smyth. They were on a tour sponsored by the English Conversation School in Fukuoka, Japan. They spent a total of two weeks in the San Francisco area. It was most interesting for all of us to visit with them. Pat Jesse and her family also attended. Her husband, Bill, heard about Ninety-Nines and told her to write and ask how to join. She is a student pilot, and he is working on his instructors rating.

Our thoughts now are turned towards our Domino tournament on Sept. 14 and getting chapter jackets made in time for the event. We also look forward to good flying weather in September and October.

EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER

Dottie Sanders, Reporter, Pro-Tem

Thanks to the entire Southeast Section, the International Convention was "Fun Galore in '74"! Your Reporter was privileged to represent both the El Cajon Valley and San Diego Chapters as their delegate. Helen McGee honored our Chapter by being awarded one of the five Amelia Earhart Scholarships for obtaining her Commercial and Instrument Ratings!

New officers of El Cajon Valley and San Diego Chapters were installed at a joint meeting of the Chapters on August 6th. Leaders of our Chapter will be Helen McGee, Chairman; Margaret Walton, Vice Chairman; Sue Clark, Secretary; and Cay Hatch, Treasurer. New 49½s were duly installed. Woman of the Year Awards were awarded to Lynn Coulthard, 1st Place, Vi Chambers, 2nd and Dottie Sanders, 3rd for their activity for the good of the Ninety Nines, as well as flying time and participation in behalf of aviation in general.

We regret the necessity to cancel the PAR for 1974 because of many obstacles, but will endeavor to make 1975 bigger and better! Boo Christensen will be its Chairman with Betty Wharton, San Diego, as Co-Chairman.

Flying Activities: Many are planning to attend the Fall Sectional Meeting at Salt Lake City; Weekend fly-in, Grand Canyon,

October 5-6 (Contact June O'Neill, Canyon Squire Motor Inn, PO Box 115, Grand Canyon, AZ., 86023 for reservations); November 22-23 weekend fly-in to Rancho de la Caballeros, Wickenburg, AZ. (Contact Helen McGee, Chairman, for details and join us there.) August 4th was CAP D Day with Cadets being Navigators (planning the course and keeping our member pilots on course) on a trip to Palomar Airport, Ramona and back to Gillespie Field. They enjoyed a picnic lunch at Ramona prior to returning home, with Sue Clark in charge of the educational event for the Cadets.

Around the Traffic Pattern: Margaret Walton also brought honor to our Chapter by placing Fourth in the Palms to Pines Race; June O'Neill forming a flying club at Grand Canyon; two of our members celebrating their 25th year as Ninety-Nines this month--Anna Bledsoe and Dottie Sanders.

The Chapters best wishes go to our Editor, Mardo Crane, and to our new President's daughter, Heather McEwen, for speedy recoveries.

GOLDEN WEST CHAPTER

Jeanne Abramson, Reporter

This is your guest columnist Janie Postlethwaite, filling in for this month. Jeanne Abramson is a busy gal preparing for her silver wedding anniversary reception.

Barbara La Point did a great job in making our Mini Derby a successful race. We had two winners from our Chapter. Al Abramson (a 49½) came in second and Carolyn Zapata and Co-pilot Geri Wiecks came in third. We are proud of them.

In July, two meetings were held by 8 of the 9 Bay Area 99 Chapters to find out if we would sponsor the 1977 International Convention as a group. Two members from each chapter would be chosen to act as our representatives. Our Chapter called a special day meeting July 8, to discuss our possible participation. We voted yes and now will wait to see if we are officially approved at the Puerto Rico International Convention.

We had a terrific Carson City overnight Fly-in. We had a turn-out of 20. Cecile and 49½er Rick Deriman hosted the hospitality room Saturday night. They put on a very artistic spread and everyone had a great time. Eldris Shogren can sure roll those dice. Those that toured the Mint said that it was very interesting. The Sunday Champagne Brunch at the Nugget sure separated the pilots from the passengers. The weather was perfect, making our weekend very enjoyable.

Our Chapter had two teams in the Palms to Pines race-Pat Forbes, Rae Gilmore and Barbara La Point, Nancy Stock. They didn't make it in the top ten, but they had a lot of fun.

We welcome Pat Palmer as a new member. Kathi Wentworth joined the West Valley Club in Palo Alto and is now working on her instrument rating in a Cherokee AERO.

Pat Forbes was our delegate at the International Convention in Puerto Rico. She has a lot of information to share with

us at our next meeting.

We are going to have a picnic lunch at our next Fly-in at Brownsville; which is one of the most unusual airports in Northern California to land on.

Did you know at the Sparks Reno Nugget if you present your Pilots License they will pay your taxi fare- a free show-plus coupons. Isn't that neat?

At least 4 representatives from our Chapters are going to the South-West Fall Sectional in our (Janie Postlethwaite's) newly purchased Skylane. They are: Rae Gilmore, Eldris Shogren, Emelia Williams and myself.

HI-DESERT CHAPTER Margaret Bolton, Reporter

Our "Family Night at the Airport" was a success. Magie Burch, Orange County Chapter, brought and narrated her personal movie of the Powder Puff Derby. Board Member, Thon Griffith, M.C.ed the affair. When we announced our AWARE project, sixteen ladies signed up and attended. Considering we have only twelve members we felt the activity was a huge success. Thanks to those who helped.

New member, Bertha Ryan, gave us a very informative speech on "Soaring" at our fly-in to California City. We had several visitors at the meeting including the Victor Valley College Aero Club and the Wing Nuts. Jean and Joe McAdams, operator of the flight school there, were very gracious hosts serving cold drinks and salads to augment our sack lunch.

Elected officers for the 74-45 year include, Marlene Kniss, Secretary-Treasurer; Yvonne Koepke, Vice-Chairman; Margaret Bolton, Chairman. Volunteers for committee chairman in-



L to R: Jean McAdams, Ruth Ann Rich, and Marlene Kniss, preparing invitations for the Hi Desert Chapter's "Family Night At The Airport".



Hi Desert Chapter-California City Fly-In. L to R: Bertha Ryan, timer for the smirnoff soaring race, and Joan Sizoz, soaring instructor, discuss their favorite subject-soaring.

clude Eva Conrad, Helga Deeke, Mary Lue Garrison, Jean McAdams and Bertha Ryan.

Margaret Bolton was our delegate at convention in Puerto Rico.

Various members are working on a picture hunt for those who have never participated in such an activity and on plans for involving all community flying organizations in a taste of airmaking.

LAS VEGAS VALLEY CHAPTER Liz Heller, Reporter

Marie McMillan, Liz Heller, Lois Erickson, Nancy Schirmer & Carole Vilardo flew to Parowan, Utah to airmark the runway. Members of the greater Ogden and Utah Chapters also flew in to assist. After the job was completed, the Parowan chamber of commerce hosted us to a barbecue lunch at the city park.

Installation of new officers was held at a poolside party in June. Marie McMillan, Liz Heller, Lois Erickson and Nancy Schirmer were installed as chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer, respectively. out-going chairman Carole Vilardo was presented with a medal for two years of outstanding work. She did a tremendous job for the chapter.

Marie McMillan just doesn't let up. After obtaining her CFI Rating, she attended a three week aerospace education seminar held at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Then she, with 49½ Mac and son Jeff, flew off to attend the International Convention. Lois Erickson and Jane Leighty joined the aerospace seminar group on trips to the air force academy in Colorado Springs and to Vandenburg AFB. We also congratulate Lois on getting her instrument rating and Jane for her CFI Rating. Jane will also be teaching ground school at Community College this fall. Nancy Craddock set aside her instrument studies to join husband John on a trip to Europe. Nancy Schirmer and family flew to Kansas to visit relatives. Ruth Hillman seems busy with her airport duties. Liz Heller has been getting additional time in the Beech Bonanza finding her way to several western cities.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER Grace McGettigan, Reporter

A covey of 16 Los Angeles 99s flew the Palms to Pines in July, comprising 11 of the 59 teams competing. This Chapter, not content with achieving the largest participation, further feathered its nest with honors when Jeanne Rumm and co-pilot Jan Dreyfus soared ahead of the flock to win the race! Additionally, Berni Stevenson won the leg prize for the Merced to Red Bluff segment and also placed 6th.

Winging home from the Palms to Pines, this Reporter, co-pilot Lynne Opper, Norma Futterman and co-pilot Virginia Showers RON'd at San Francisco. While we dined at Fisherman's Wharf, Joyce Condon, a visitor from Port Pirie, South Australia noticed our 99 jackets and came over to introduce herself. Joyce, a pilot but not a ninety-nine, exchanged hanger talk and we enjoyed hearing her tell about flying "down under".

Chapter trophies were awarded August 3rd following a splash party and pot-luck dinner at Norma's lovely Beverly Hills home. Congratulations to our Pilot of the Year Berni Stevenson, and to Jean Pyatt and Norma Futterman who were chosen for second and third place respectively.

We were ably represented at the International Convention in Puerto Rico by Chairman Lynne, Secretary Berni, Membership Chairman Norma, and Legislation Chairman Virginia.

Installation of officers was held at the Moskva Cliff Restaurant in Studio City September 17th, where members, 49-½ers and guests feasted on gourmet Russian cuisine. Our new leaders for 1974-75 are: Chairman Lynne Opper, Vice Chairman Carol Lewis, Secretary Berni Stevenson and Treasurer Jeanne Rumm.

STILL TIME to submit your reservation for the Flight Instructor Refresher Course October 22-23-24 at the Airport Marina Hotel. **One need not be a CFI to attend.** Send \$35.00 to Virginia Showers, 3111 South Barrington Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90066 (213) 390-4715.

Welcome home to world travelers Jean Pyatt and Marilyn Twitchell whose cruise



The Los Angeles Chapter tops 'em all with the largest number of members flying the Palms to Pines. Shown at Independence, Ore. (left to right, front row) are Racers Kit Wynn, Eileen Pickering, Grace McGettigan, Lynne Opper, Jeanne Rumm. Second row: Jo Cromwell, Sally LaForge, Barbara Nichols, Betty Neser, Ruth Stevens, Berni Stevenson, Norma Futterman, Virginia Showers, Ann D'Armand and Jan Dreyfus.

to the Greek Islands was cut short by the war in Cyprus, and to Rachel Bonzon whose weary feet earned a much-deserved rest after hiking through the Himalayas in Kashmir.

PHOENIX CHAPTER Natasha Swigard, Reporter

Not much happens in Arizona in the summer heat - except everyone trying to keep cool! A bunch of 99s from all over the state tried to cool off at Lois Ward's in Prescott. There were 47 members plus guests who arrived by car and plane. The Prescott Zonta Club provided rides for all those who flew in. Many thanks to them. Lots of "hangar talk" and a great assortment of food was enjoyed by all.

Bev Powell, Carol Borgerding, Alice Roberts, and George and Mary Vial all represented the Phoenix chapter at the convention in Puerto Rico. THINK Alice has set some sort of record - she has attended 21 conventions only missing one since 1953! She thought the hospitality was great. Alice was pleased to award in person-2 of the 5 Amelia Earhart Scholarships to Carol Borgerding of Phoenix and Barbara Goetz of Fair Oaks, California. George and Mary Vial flew their 182 to Chicago, and then took an airliner to Puerto Rico. Mary added another feather to her cap by being elected to the International Executive Board. Thought it was interesting to hear that of the 15 past living presidents, 9 attended the convention.

Sue Harper had the opportunity to ride on a National Guard KC97 refueling plane. That gal has done more flying in different types of aircraft than anyone I've heard of! And her son Will (age 17) recently received his Glider Pilot license. Jim and Lona Atkinson flew their Pa 30 Miller Oceanic to Anchorage, Fairbanks, Point Barrow, Glacier Bay and Port Angele to visit Jim's mother. They saw beautiful Juneau and the grand majesty of Mt. McKinley from 19,500 ft.!

Libby Pruett passed her written Commercial exam....For promoting the role of women in aviation by piloting all classes and types of aircraft in pursuit of the U.S. Geological Survey mission for the benefit of all people of the free world, and for their excellent cooperation with the FAA, Ruby Sheldon and Mary Lou Brown received awards and certificates of appreciation at an Airmans' Dinner in Prescott.... June Cleverly, Millie Dawe, and Sue Harper found out that many aerodynamic theories also apply to sailing. They had a lesson in this on Cliff and Natasha Swigard's Columbia 40.... We all bid a sad farewell to Nancy Peniston. She perished with her family in a plane crash in Pennsylvania. She was a kind and helpful person, and we all shall miss her.

And the latest gals to become APT are: Millie Dawe, Ruby Sheldon, Mary Lou Brown, Marilyn Bradford, Joan Strand, Betty Jo Smith and Leneah Peterson.



Bev Powell, Phoenix, Virginia Edwards, Tucson, Win Haywood, Tucson, Jan Hunter, Tucson, Georgia Hissem, Phoenix, Colleen Crawford, Prescott, and Sue Harper, Phoenix, participating in "hangar talk" at the picnic in Prescott.



Al Crawford, Chairman Arizona Dept. Aeronautics, and Lois Ward at the Arizona 99s Picnic in Prescott.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER Nina Rookaird, Reporter

Chapter members have gone so many directions it is difficult to find who flew when, what and where.

Pat Stouffer enjoyed a flight up the coast to Little River last week. Olive Agron was trying some more aerobatics.

We hear that Anita Worel and 49½ Jack have sold their Bonanza.

Lynn Ahrens combines flying C.A.P. and on PSA. The latter trips are to check on graduating nurses for the University of California in Southern California.

Erma Chance, our new member, and her daughter Debbie each in a Cessna 150 flew to Oregon over the Labor Day holiday. Erma is working on her instrument rating and her daughter is working on her commercial.

Janet Allbeck; so far; is the only one to pass the Biennial Review. I hope we are not November dropouts.

After surgery in June, Nina Rookaird has been released to fly again. It is terrible to have a doctor who doesn't understand planes have dual controls.

Frances Gauger and Harold (49½) and two children flew a Mooney to New Jersey. Frances has a new respect for weather on the East coast.

Elaine Hussey, your next reporter, and her husband Dave flew to Spokane over the holidays.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER Barbara Foster, Reporter

Sacramento Valley Chapter has the pleasure of welcoming three names to the roster. Sarah Rambo has transferred from another Chapter, while Bev Wigen and Anne Molina are brand new members of 99s.

Shirley Lehr and Thelma Drew were guest speakers at the Sacramento Optomists Club meeting this month. Thelma's theme was "Why Women Fly" and Shirley talked about the "Powder Puff Derby".

Of prime interest this past month was the Palms to Pines Race. Sacramento Valley members timed the Red Bluff and Klammoth Falls stops. Ruth Lummis was chairman of the RON at Red Bluff and Ruth Wagner of the fly-by at Klammoth Falls.

Our Woman Pilot of the Year Award was presented at the July dinner meeting to Thelma Drew. Thelma holds commercial and instrument ratings and spends many hours at the controls of her Mooney.

We literally stood up and cheered when we learned that our Chapters Vice-Chairman Barbara Goetz has been named to receive an Amelia Earhart Scholarship. We feel she richly deserves this coveted honor and are most happy about the Trustees choice.



Entering the Palms to Pines Race from Sacramento Valley Chapter are Barbara Goetz and Thelma Cull.



Sacramento Valley Chapter members, after putting finishing touches to marking Yolo County Airport.



Sacramento Valley Chapter Woman Pilot of the Year, Thelma Drew with her Instructor Gary Gilmore of Santa Rosa



Visiting at the Nut Tree with Sacramento Valley Chapter are Santa Clara, Redwood Empire, Fresno and Bay Cities Chapters.

MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER **Elaine Brady, Reporter**

Chairman Geri Halfpenny has been keeping herself, us, and the Salinas FSS and Salinas Control Tower people busy with Airport Tours. It is a delight to note the inquisitiveness and the response in the youngsters. She stimulates this interest amongst the kids by quizzing them on aircraft identification and such. Geri's been giving two tours per week with the help of Sara Jane Clouse, (who brought her own class), Kay Harmon, Judy Dake, Dell Hinn, and Geneva Cranford.

Our organization meeting in July was held at Jack Jella's Air Trails office. Plans were made for a concession stand at the Monterey Airport for the Monterey Exposition of Flight Sept. 28th and 29th, and for a Fashion Show some time in Nov. Letters were passed around from Beverly Nordine, member at large now living in Greece, and Connie Hood now residing in Australia. Connie says she will be home in December for daughter Connie's wedding. Trish Marks is in Kenya, and Dell Hinn and 49½ George, vacationed in Europe, managing to leave the Cyprus area just in time. Kay Harmon, June Knapp, Greta Peterson went on a MPAA Fly-In to Truckee and stayed at the Carmel Ski Lodge. They saw our friend, May Haskell, who now resides there. Kay tells me they

had a marvelous time scootin' on a river raft down the Truckee River. Kay and 49½ Ron, just returned from a quick trip in their Cessna 172, to Medford and Cottage Grove, Oregon, Olympia, Wn., Victoria, B.C., Vancouver, and to Spokane for the Expo 74, stopping at Klamath Falls on the way home. Quite a whirlwind tour though she said it was a carefree trip.

Our August meeting was held at our new member, Lisa Kraal's lovely Carmel home. Lisa is an environmental designer whose career encompasses horticulture, art collecting, antique cars, buying and selling real estate, leather crafts, swimming pool and surrounding design, to name a few. She flies planes and sails boats, and it sounds like she's into living!

I have been flying to most of the local air shows, Columbia, Merced, and Riverside, with a lovely trip to Fallon, Nevada in the Arrow for a check-out in a J-4 Cub and a Taylorcraft. Riversides' Air Show featured Art Scholl and Carolyn Salisbury who did some extraordinary aerobatic maneuvers in their Pitts Specials. Carolyn is the International Aerobatic Champion and a member of the newly chartered Inland Chapter 99s. On this day, Kay Brick was present and honored along with the 27 winners of the Powder Puff Derby by a dedication of a Winners Wall. 99 President Pat McEwen, Gini Richardson, Marian Banks, Dottie Saunders were amongst winners interviewed for the public. Don McAnaney, good friend of the 99s, and my Forever Friend, has taken the last flight here and flown on the New Horizons.



Geri Halfpenny and one third of a group of 125 students on tour of Salinas Airport.

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER **Jean Garrett, Reporter**

Congratulations to both Thon Griffith who won Pilot of the Year and to runner-up Betty Ackerman. For the past 12 months, Thon's hours accumulated as a commercial pilot, her work on the Powder Puff Derby and the 99 Executive Board, plus her current work towards a CFI rating all helped to earn her the award. Betty organized the P.O.Y. Banquet, worked on her instrument rating this year, and compiled lots of cross-country time in her Comanche.

This year we added another category to the P.O.Y. Award emphasizing work done for the chapter. The winner was Mary Ann Jamison who has done an outstanding job as membership chairman and runner-up was Barbara Ward who has spent long hours writing & editing the newsletter. Both Mary Ann & Barbara have volunteered for another year of working at the same job.

Summertime accomplishments include an instrument rating earned by Betty Carrier. Shirley Cote & her sister Joan Paynter (Bakersfield chapter) placed second in the Palms to Pines Race.

With help from Ursula Tracy & Bev Allen, Esther Grupenhagen flew a Cessna 210 to the Puerto Rican Convention & dodged several thunderstorms. Ginny Flanary, Thon Griffith, Betty Carrier, Margo Smith, & Dodie Cummings flew commercially to the Convention which gave a Delta airline captain more copilots than the usual number.

At the August chapter meeting, Ginny Flanary began her new career as our chapter chairman with outgoing chairman Shirley Cote happy to have a rest after serving for two years.

PALOMAR CHAPTER **Mary Pearson, Reporter**

The busy summer is here. We've all been busy flying, racing, boating and enjoying sunny southern California.

Our July meeting (mostly a delicious Mexican lunch at Montgomery Field, San Diego) consisted of small talk and fellowship. We keep trying to decide to have a picture hunt, followed by food and fun at Rosemary Longmire's, but no one can decide on a date. Rosemary has painted the most clever ceramic aviators for trophies, I'm anxious to win one!

The Palms to Pines race was the usual good fun. Harriett Booth and Mary Pearson did **not** win as one of their friends were sure they would. Should never have done so well in the Angel Derby. Sue Adler and Mary Santasusso were a race team this year. Ron **finally** conceded Mary could go as long as it did not involve 07J (his "cherished Cherokee"). Pam Vander Linden and daughter Jean Schulze were our chapter's third team. We all felt we flew a good race.

August, we applied ourselves to plans for the men's race. The meeting at Flight Trails set up the committees, so now we eagerly await contestants. We are still planning a secret course, which makes the navigation more exciting.

Peg Goings was our delegate to International, and has just returned with glowing reports of a well run meeting, good food, fun and scenery. Apparently our pre-meeting decisions were fine. Peg reports we agreed with all votes but one.

Incidentally, Peg preceded the 99s convention with a Woman Marines Convention in Galveston on the 7th. She reports a dandy time with much

reminiscing and a great tour of the Southeast before arriving on Puerto Rico.

And finally, regarding our Peg--she's the proud captain of her own cabin cruiser. I'm here to attest to her increasing ability to skipper, since I was on the first ocean voyage and we only got the anchor in the seaweed 3 or 4 times!

The Booth's are back from building fences on their Oregon ranch, Ruth and Joe Kniefel have temporarily moved to their Canadian Island, and the rest of us are envious!

Come fly the Men's Race, 49½!

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER **Betty Wharton, Reporter**



New Chairmen installed Aug. 6th...
Marilyn Eimers, San Diego Chapter &
Helen McGee, El Cajon Valley.



"So long.. it's been fun" Betty Wharton
receiving plaque as outgoing chairman of
San Diego Chapter.

Touche of the Month: I handed the San Diego Chapter chairperson's gavel to Marilyn Eimers...and she retaliates by making me newsletter reporter!

Sorry we had to cancel our Pacific Air Race this year...problems just piled up faster than we could handle them. But just you wait 'till next year!

We began our new fiscal year with a joint installation dinner with El Cajon Valley members at the Kings Inn. The ceremony was performed by the FUNNIEST looking female I EVER saw. (Chuck Taylor incognito) Claud Wharton took that opportunity to induct new member's husbands into the "Mystic Realm of 49½s"... a "tongue-in-cheek" ceremony that everyone enjoys.

Marilyn & Dick Eimers, Betty & Claud Wharton, Diane & Bob Stocklin and Ruth Ebey all helped the new Inland Area Chapter dedicate the winners wall at

Riverside Airport on July 21. Had a ball! I still think Fran Bera has a monopoly...her name is on eleven (11) plaques. Eleven out of twenty six ain't too shabby!

Laura Little just returned from a 6000 mile sojourn around the contiguous 48. (there's no moss on THAT Cherokee's belly) They stopped for lunch in Marquett Mich. with Betty & Art Lambert at their new flight school. The Lambert's say they like it so far...sure...it's summertime! Wait'll January!

Lt. Col. Pat Osmon attended C.A.P. National Staff College in Alabama last July. The course included mission briefings, problem solving, leadership and management training. Then, just for relaxation, she entertained three French Air Cadet Exchange Pilots visiting Calif. on a tour of the U.S. This is the first time female type exchange cadets have visited our country, and they were delighted. Marian Banks is back temporarily, recovering from recent surgery at Dottie Sanders' and studying for her CFI at the same time. (Marian never does just one thing at a time)

Hope to see lots of old friends at Salt Lake City for the fall sectional in Sept. LOVE that friendly city of gentle people!

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER **Bonnie Seymour, Reporter**

The summer is just about over. And members have reported many fine hours of flying. Virginia Rainwater managed to get in 45 hours in her new 150. flying throughout California and the Pacific Northwest. Liz Nuckolls got APT while Delores Pynes had a turn in a Turbo Commander. Vesta Malby got in some mountain flying as well as Nebraska, Texas and Kansas. Vesta is Chairman of the Southwest Section Legislative Committee. She has reported to us of possible new rule making by the FAA which could affect all of us. This issue will be too late to ask for your response as the deadline for comments is September 9th. We hope you have already responded to the issue of additional equipment requirements for TCA's. Your legislative committee is another way in which the Ninety Nines serves its members.

Jeanne Day has the distinction of being the first woman president of the "Skylarks" This large Southern California flying club is certainly in for a good year. We are well aware of Jeanne's organizational abilities. The Day's attended the Hawaii sectional and while there rented a 206 for Island hopping. The said once they got their courage screwed up and a very high altitude they loved it. Members have been asked to write the Mayor of Simi Valley in hopes of presenting some positive aspects of aviation. A citizens group in the vicinity of Santa Susana airport is doing everything possible to close that airport. Meanwhile the airport is marked PPO which means landing by "Prior Permission Only." If pilots wish to help save another little airport please write: Jim Smith, Mayor - Simi Valley, Calif. 93065.

Liz Dinan member extraordinaire reports that she and Valeta Friedman were met and

hosted by Alabama Chapter 99 Helga Rays at Jasper, Alabama on their return from the Angel Derby. Helga took our two tired racers to her home for RON and dinner. Then when the gals were rested and ready to continue their trip home Helga passed on some DRF supplies destined for Santa Monica. Liz is really quite a gal. For some time she has been the instructor for our Wing Scout Program. Recently she won a scholarship from Aviation Training Enterprises of Santa Monica. This fine company awarded one scholarship to each of three Southern California Ninety Nine Chapters: Long Beach, Los Angeles, and San Fernando Valley. The scholarship helped Liz get her Silver Seal IFR. Liz and 49½ will be touring Denmark, Russia, Germany and the East Coast during September. When she returns she will complete her CFI-I.

Chairman Bev Woodward and Ellie Rickabaugh jetted off to Puerto Rico for the International Convention.

Our last Fly-in for August was a lunch-bunch at BFL. Nice turn out of friendly women flyers. September presents such difficult decisions. Surely someone can coordinate these things better. Every year the Southwest Sectional and the Reno Air Races occur at the same time. It's hard to get the auto-pilot to overfly Reno for Salt Lake!

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER **Rebecca Clayton, Reporter**

Helping with the Palms to Pines Air Race stop in Merced was, Rosie Hijos, Jean Murray, Charlotte Morrill, Norma Draper, & Dottie McAllister. Shirley Laverne Gudgel chaired the stop.

Dottie McAllister to Fresno with a friend for Instrument Proficiency.

Laverne flew son Dan to Santa Monica he is working with the National Weather Service L.A. Office.

Helen McGee has flown two trips to Seattle bringing two daughters and four grand children for a visit, then took them back, on her return home she brought a friend and Lee Roesch's husband Frank from Yakima back with her.

Our August business meeting was held at the home of Shirley Miller in Stockton, a buffet luncheon was enjoyed by eleven members.

On our monthly flyout five airplanes with nine members and three guest flew to Livermore for lunch.

SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER **Judy Roeser, Reporter**

As we begin a new season with a new staff of officers, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marion Fickett and her retiring staff for their dedicated labours on our behalf. For the past two years Marion gave unstintingly of her time and energy.

Retiring Secretary Diane Dee, also a very busy girl with her own activities, has always managed to see that all of us were informed. Her minutes were always so cleverly written and such a joy to read that many of us have kept all the copies for our own files.

Mary Lewis, our outgoing Treasurer (and incoming Vice President), has taken the time to completely reorganize our financial system and tax status. Our other officers, Shirley Sendrak--APT Chairman, Jean Wiley--Membership Chairman, Rachael Cowan--Flying Activities Chairman, and Joan Steinberger--DRF Chairman, are also to be congratulated for a fine job. Thank you. Thank you. THANK YOU.

Rachael Cowan has organized a treasure hunt for our members. We are eagerly anticipating this event as Rachael is the only one who knows the route of flight. She plans to ask neighboring chapters to join us so it should be a jolly time for all.

Evy Treen, whose ideas keep getting bigger and bigger, is now tentatively planning a cross country air race scheduled to coincide with the Santa Barbara Airport Association's "Avions d'Elegance" on November 10. She is also actively working on the PRPA's Mojave Air Race, October 10-13, and will be a member of Lyle Sheldon's pit crew at the Reno Air Races.

California's General Aviation week, September 21-26, will find the Santa Barbara Chapter composing aviation displays and carrying them to shopping centers and banks in the community.

Our August meeting was held at Marion Fickett's house where we were joined by a young man from MGM Studios who is working on a movie titled "The Wasp". He posed hypothetical situations to us and recorded our reactions. We all regretted that our own WASP, Mary Lewis could not be there to give him first-hand information.

After the meeting Rachael Cowin entertained us with her slides and commentary of her trip to Oregon.

Note to the Phoenix Chapter: You are about to receive into your membership one of our own. We do not willingly relinquish Betty Engstrom to you as she has been a great inspiration to all of us. She is an instrument rated pilot, a competent air racer and is always willing to help when needed. Please take care of her. We'll miss her.

Personal Note: You know how you always wonder how you will react in a real emergency. Yesterday I had an engine fail on takeoff in my Apache about 250 feet over the beach at the end of the runway. Happily, remembering what I had been so recently taught about single engine procedures, I was able to bring the plane around and land it safely. Although it is not a situation which would cause a more experienced multi-engine pilot much concern, I am immensely proud of myself for having passed the "real" test and had to tell you about it.

SOUTHERN SIERRA CHAPTER **Doris Corwin, Reporter**

New officers are guiding our chapter business with the first meeting Monday, August 26th. President Murl Bragg and secretary-treasurer Frankie Ferguson finalized the plans for entering a 99 float in three city parades again within the next two months. Tulare's farm equipment show, nation's largest, and Delano's grape

festival and Porterville parade are offering prizes for best floats so members are eager to earn the prize again this year.

The girls have been vacationing flying with the ideal weather. Frankie dropped in at Hawthorne, Nevada and left some money. Martha Cummings to Las Vegas, Lorraine Sevier to Lake Tahoe, Doris to Grants Pass, Oregon, Murl to Long Beach, California. Sally Gillespie picked up two new Cessnas at Wichita and another working gal, Bert Coe, has been flying bird dog with the California Division of Forestry. It is reported that there are a record number of fires this summer in the foothills and mountains.

This reporter observes that the biennial requirement for proficiency is a wise regulation. The girls who are continually flying are maintaining pilot skills and ever learning new techniques for safety in the air and on the ground. A suggested membership designation by three classifications, APT, Sustaining and Life was heartily applauded by chapter members.

TUCSON CHAPTER **Jayne Hunter, Reporter**

Our desert city celebrated its 199th birthday in August and TUS Chapter participated in the festival held at our handsome new community center by putting together an interesting display booth representing women in aviation.

Hilde Peterson masterminded our exhibit and produced a life-size mannequin garbed in the complete costume of a pioneer aviatrix. Wyn Hayward provided a portable simulator borrowed from Tucson Beechcraft and Phyllis Courtney brought some beautiful model airplanes built by her 49½ to suspend from the ceiling of our booth which was "roofed" by a colorful 'chute. Margaret Harshberger made several professional-quality and appropriate posters, and with the historical photos of Tucson aviation and pictures of local 99s involved in flying activities, the display attracted plenty of attention from the tremendous crowd present.

New Membership Chairman, Jean Servaas, reports the chapter has been enriched in the past month by two new members, Ida Ruth Davis and Anne Mackey, and by three transferees; Ann Piggott, Jane Scott and Barbara Harper.

Norma Wilcox is particularly pleased and proud that the new instructor on the staff at Norma's Flight School is her grandson, Gregory Wilcox, who earned both his Instrument and CFI ratings this month. With Greg on the job, Norma feels free to play "hookey" and fly off with this reporter to the Fall Sectional in Salt Lake City.

Chairman Virginia Edwards is taking a "time out" from work on her Instrument to accompany her 49½ to OKC for two weeks business at FAA Hq. Jean and Pete Servaas took a flying vacation to Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper and such scenic locations in Canada, and then returned to take a vacation from flying for sailing at Catalina Island. Cooks are off on a fishing trip to B.C., Canada. The Haywards are looking forward to the Reno Air Races.

Prebles and Cooks so far are signed up to go to the Kino Bay fly-in in Mexico in October.

Edwards, Haywards, Servaases and Hunters were among the Arizona flyers picnicking in the northern part of our State in July. The invitation from PHX Chapter was welcomed here.

At Sept. meeting, Bob Hale from TUS RAPCON and Carl Swanson, our Tucson Tower Chief, instructed us on the recommended procedures for utilizing the Stage III TERSA which will go in effect at TUS International in October. The meeting will be held at Hudgin Air Service. There will be a luncheon meeting at the Parfait Palace in Traildust Town in October, and the November meeting will be held in the Pilot's Lounge at Tucson Beechcraft. Members will be allowed to use the FBO's simulator and there will be a "silent auction" to raise money for mailings and incidentals.

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ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER **Becky Lutz, Reporter**

New officers for our chapter are Kathy Fox, chairman; Blanche Griscome, Vice-Chairman; Rita Elliott, secretary; and Linda Swann, treasurer. Also appointed are the following committee chairmen: B. J. Slawsom, membership; Roz Kinlen, public relations; Becky Lutz, publicity; Blance Griscom, aerospace education; Claudia Beckner, airmarking; Berniece Swartz, Amelia Earhart Scholarship.

Welcome to two new members Jerry Warrick and JoAnn Hamlin. Jerry recently received her license, is an E. A. A. er, and flies a Cessna 172. JoAnn flies a Bonanza and teaches school.

Our third Annual Fly-In was held at Alameda Airport to help celebrate June Aviation Month in New Mexico. A successful event was held thanks to Claudia Beckner who chaired this event. Much fun was had by all and ten winners walked home with trophies that day. Ninety-Nines proudly carrying home a trophy were Rita Elliott, Rox Kinlen, and Becky Lutz. Events were held in three categories: 99s, Private and Commercial pilots, and Professionals. A grand trophy was given to the winner of the final fly-off of the first three winners.

We're anxious to hear from Harriet Nye who attended the International Convention in Puerto Rico.

The girls all report various flying activities including numerous short cross country trips. B. J. Slawsom has interrupted work on her Commercial to try the gliders. Claudia Beckner attended the Flight Instructors seminar recently, and Becky Lutz flying in her new Beech Sierra 88R earned that Commercial license.

The girls have been busy assisting at the E. A. A. Staggerwing Beech Fly In, the National Balloon races, and at various local fly-ins held throughout the state.

ARKANSAS CHAPTER

Marguerite Nielsen, Reporter

International Ninety Nine Convention was attended by Arkansas Ninety Nines Louise White, Annie Lee Orr, and Marge Nielson. It was the nicest convention we've had in several years and very well attended. Puerto Rico is magnifico!

Nebraska Ninety Nines Pauline Perry, Dottie Adcock, and Marge Nielson flew into DFW and were house guests of Hazel Jones before and after the convention. Memphis Ninety Nine Virginia Proctor of Wynne, Arkansas was acting chairman of the convention.

Marge Nielson has passed the national exams and is now a Certified Operating Room Technician.

Charlene and Dr. Mac Pee have returned from the Invitational Golf Tournament in California where Mac competed with thirty nine other doctors, twenty Americans and twenty British. Mac placed third this year winning an award of silver.

...and may you have clear skies and a strong tailwind wherever you may fly.

COLORADO CHAPTER

Mary W. Nell, Reporter

Dolly Gibbons our new Chapter Chairman passed her Commercial and is finally back in Denver after a trip to Florida to see the family and Disneyworld. Hope she's ready for a busy year.

Velda Mapelli and Jan Gammell deserve many thanks for the sizable contribution in time they made in collecting considerable funds for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund from the girls who flew the Angel Derby in memory of the four who did not come home.

Three airmarkings this summer - so far Weld County, Greeley, Colo. Longmont, and La Junta. Lucille Vessey, our Airmarking chairman deserves great credit for all the arrangements and meticulous guidance. Dolly Gibbons, Joye Baker, Betty Berger, Jean Ferrell, Honey Wales and her husband, Mary Neil and her husband, Velda Mapelli and Elva Ruberg were among the painters. In La Junta the winds offered an additional hazard to neatness. 30 knots is very difficult to manage but they finally made it and the FBO took them all to dinner. The girls spent the night and started back about noon after the second coat was applied. From all reports it was a great time. We look forward now to trying to get three more in before the winter weather comes.

Your reporter just back from the American Bonanza Society meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. She and Dave had a marvelous time—Heard Guernsey LePelley—humorist and cartoonist of the Christian Science Monitor in Boston, Mass. He was the funniest we have ever heard—bar none. Our sides still ache and besides we learned more from the other talks about our Bonanza in three days than we could have imagined we would. It was very worthwhile, but we wish we could get the Ninety-Nine convention and the Am. Bonanza Society dates separated.

We saw Lois and Jim Cherterly (No. New England Chapter) and talked about the

days when the Neils lived in Connecticut and were a part of the New England Section. Lois admitted she was picking up pointers for the New England Section meeting scheduled for soon after she got back. M. Neil was secretly doing the same for the So. Central Section meeting in fall '75.

That grand lady Marion Hart who has flown the Atlantic in her Bonanza many times was there but declined to speak. I guess she feels she writes about it in the Air Facts magazine and that should be enough.

Had a nice letter from Karen Harris, our AE Scholarship winner, 1972 who has temporarily moved to Champaign Ill, while her husband gets an extra degree and we will send most of the information for a Chapter personality feature for the next issue.

The year will be off to a good start Sept. 12 at our installation of officers at the Malibu Airport Inn. We expect to have Al Minton a lawyer who happens to work for the FAA as head of the Regional Program Director who is helping us with our incorporation and will explain some to the girls. We also expect Gary Koch, GADO Accident Prevention Specialist, as our feature speaker. Dave Olds, and his new wife Janet have agreed to come for fun, Dave is the FAA Public Relations man and also President of the Colorado Wright Brothers Memorial Foundation. Sounds like a great year coming up.

DALLAS CHAPTER

Jerry Melton, Reporter

YEARLY SUMMARY:

Current membership totals 45 with two new members and one transfer to Dogwood Chapter.

Contributions were sent to the A.E. Scholarship fund, Section Convention fund, NIFA, AWTAR, and the Human Growth Foundation. Airmarkings totaled seven for the year.

Six members are APT for the current APT year.

Air Age Education activities included NAEA membership, hosting a seminar on the Dallas-Ft. Worth TCA, public school presentations on Fundamentals of Flight and Careers in Aviation, sponsoring of the FAA Safety Pin project, participation in the FAA Safety Awareness program, and serving as hostesses in the information booths at the Regional Airport Dedication.

One member is flying as a second officer for Braniff.

The big event of the year was a hangar party held in May at Addison Airport open to all pilots. The evening featured barbeque, live music, dancing, a raffle, and an auction.

EL PASO CHAPTER

Norma Kudiesy, Reporter

A visitor to our monthly meeting was Patricia Davis, American Airlines stewardess, who holds a commercial ticket.

Sim Lindley is now a member of our chapter. Her husband is a chest surgeon.

Lynette Cantrell and Sandra Steinmier are new 66s.

George and Marilyn Cragin will be in England and the Scandinavian countries for 3 weeks and I will be flying via commercial airlines to Vermont for a 3 weeks vacation also.

A film about Amelia Earhart's life and accomplishments was enjoyed by all.

FORT WORTH CHAPTER

Jean Bishop, Reporter

Texas weather is always changing, but this summer was unusual for the consistency of the weather. In June and July it was consistently hot and dry, and in August it was consistently raining. Needless to say we have been flying less lately due to the stormy conditions. Nancy and Jim Armstrong flew to the Wings Over the World Sky Derby in Keokuk, Iowa, and from there to the EAA Fly-In at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Nancy won a ride on a Breezy and reported it was "quite a ride"!

Juanita Waddell has completed her biannual flight review. Juanita is busy right now with final plans for the wedding of her daughter, Marsha. But she did find time to fly her 172 to Midland for Marsha to be in a friend's wedding.

Al and Auleen Hall had a distinguished house guest recently, Mr. D.P. Davies, Chief Test Pilot, Civil Aviation Authority (Airworthiness Division), Surrey, England. The English CAA corresponds to our FAA. Mr. Davies is also the author of **Handling the Big Jets**, now in its third edition.

Malena Richardson says interest in flying is becoming contagious in her family. Her son is working on his pilot's license and her son-in-law recently got a U.S. license in addition to his Australian pilot's license. Malena and her husband celebrated their silver wedding anniversary this month.

Three of our lucky members, Juanita Waddell, Auleen Hall, and Verna Stubbs, attended the International Convention in Puerto Rico. Lloyd Waddell accompanied Juanita and spent a lot of time on the golf course while Juanita attended the meetings.

Our new officers are **Juanita Waddell, chairman; Diane Coon, vice-chairman; Malena Richardson, secretary; and Lorraine Waddell, treasurer.** They have already planned many exciting activities for us and we are looking forward to a great year.

GOLDEN TRIANGLE CHAPTER

Ellen VanDeventer, Reporter

August is our month for officer installation. Congratulations to the incoming officers and a big "thank you" to those serving this past year.

It's been a successful year for our chapter, activity-wise and growth-wise. We've had mini-races, a luau, safety meetings, physiological training seminar, air markings, educational projects by each member, and money making projects. We became incorporated and we grew to become a flock of 32.

Oh yes, we're coming to Las Cruces in October. Look for us; we'll be there looking for you.

HOUSTON CHAPTER

Stephanie Vickery, Reporter

New chapter officers were installed August 9 at the Airport Host Hotel at Houston Intercontinental Airport. Recipients of the outstanding member award were Betty Fritts and Joyce Johnson who served as chairman and vice-chairman during the 1973-74 year. Attendance awards went to Betty Fritts and Alice Seaborn; this is the third consecutive year of perfect attendance for Alice.

Joyce Smith flew up from Corpus Christi for the July meeting with a new commercial pilot license in hand.

Billie Joyce Wyche has earned the coveted airline transport pilot certificate. Billie had her ATP checkride in a Queen Air and qualified to fly under FAR part 135 at the same time. She has logged much time this year piloting a King Air, Queen Air, twin Bonanza, pressurized Navajo, and an Aztec.

Fourteen Houston 99s reported having a grand time at the International Convention in Puerto Rico. Six Houston 99s joined the Texas Private Flyers Association for a fly-in to Guadalajara, Mexico, in July. Among those travelling south of the border were Shirley and 49½ Evan Roberts, Delle and 49½ Gene Hightower, Mackie Fusilier, Dede Perkins, Margaret and 49½ Wes Brown, and Adelle and 49½ Jerry Baker.

To correct a typographical error in the July-August issue, Mary Able, 49½ Connie, new 99 Shannon Able, and 49½ Connie, Jr. attended the Southwest section meeting in Hawaii and reported a great meeting. Audrey Haley and 49½ Pete are enjoying their newly acquired Cessna 310.



Houston Chapter officers for 1974-75 are (l. to r.) treasurer M. E. Oliver, vice chairman Joyce Johnson, corresponding secretary Alice Seaborn, chairman Pat James, recording secretary Sally Gluckman. On right is past chairman Betty Fritts who shared most outstanding member honors with Joyce Johnson.

KANSAS CHAPTER

Carolyn Westerman, Reporter

Congratulations to Pat McEwen, Kansas Chapter 99, on her election as International President. Unfortunately Pat was unable to attend the inauguration ceremonies held in San Juan, Puerto. Her daughter, Heather, had open heart surgery Friday, August 23, and we here happy to announce that she is progressing satisfactorily.

Our July meeting was held at Pat McEwen's home. Hazel Jones, Governor-South Central Section, and Helen Wilke,

both of the Dallas Redbird Chapter, were special guests. Hazel installed the new chapter officers for the coming year and presented each with a carnation. The new officers are: **Pat Mlady, Chairman; Elizabeth House, Vice Chairman; Carolyn Westerman, Secretary; Dorothy Dickerhoof, Treasurer; Charlotte Peters and Jackie Luke, Executive Board.**

The Kansas Chapter has been busy this summer airmarking McPherson, Independence, and Augusta (Redwing) Airports. Pittsburg, Kansas is scheduled for airmarking in September.

In conjunction with the Wichita FAA, the Kansas Chapter has made firm plans for a Safety Seminar October 15, 22, and 29 to be held in the Cessna Activity Center. The subject: Man - Machine - Environment. All pilots and others interested in aviation are invited.

Condolences to Jan Clement of the death of her husband, Roger, in an airplane accident July 5.

Vee Shauver and 49½ have purchased a 150 Cessna Commuter.

Jackie Luke flew her Beech Sierra to Athens, Texas with passengers Pat Mlady, Juanita Hattan, and Dorothy Dickerhoof, for the charter presentation to the new Dogwood Chapter.

Dorothy Dickerhoof and two of her children flew to Albuquerque, New Mexico. While there she participated in a spot landing contest and came back with a trophy. Looking forward to the Fall Sectional at Las Cruces, New Mexico. Happy, safe flying!

LUBBOCK CHAPTER

Rosemary Stidham, Reporter

Lubbock Chapter of 99s met in July and elected a new slate of officers. We are pleased that Angela Boren is serving us again as chairman. Angela has been able to represent our chapter at most South Central Section meetings and at International meetings.

August 5th. Mary Badgett was hostess for a backyard supper for all members, 49½s and prospective members. Mary's husband, Bob, does a good job on cooking hamburgers.

The summer months have seen Angela Boren working on an instrument rating and Rosemary Stidham has a new instrument instructor rating and a new multi-engine rating.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

Pamela Crane, Reporter

The San Antonio Chapter met at noon on August 10th in the chapter meeting room at Gen-Aero, Inc. at San Antonio International Airport. Linda Pearson, a transfer from Florida was welcomed, and six potential new members also attended this meeting as well as the July picnic meeting at the home of Betsy and Bill Hogan.

Among chapter members missing from the August meeting were Mary Ann Greer, corresponding secretary, and Stella Priest, who were attending sessions of the annual state convention of the OX-5 Club which was also held in San Antonio on the same date.

Plans were announced at the August meeting for the chapter blood donation program scheduled for late September, and the air-marking event at Lampasas, Texas (100 miles north of San Antonio) on October 19th (rain date - October 26th.)

The September meeting at noon on September 14th in the chapter meeting room features reports from the delegate to the International Convention, and from a chapter committee studying uniforms for members, in addition to finalization of plans for other fall and winter chapter activities. Two more transfer members from Austin, Texas have been in contact with membership chairman Saralda Ross and are expected to attend future meetings of the San Antonio chapter. With all the enthusiastic newcomers, the chapter may soon double in size!

During August Peggy and Charles Kemble entertained two teen-age European boys, Manual Luden of Basle, Switzerland, and Wolfgang Sterfeld of Nettatal, Germany, who were part of the 300-member European delegation to the Baptist World Alliance Youth Conference held in Portland, Oregon. After the conference the delegates visited in homes in key cities of the U. S., and while these young men were in San Antonio Peggy gave them an air tour of the city in Cessna 205. They were thrilled and delighted with the experience which was their first ride in a small plane and their first encounter with a woman pilot.



FAA Presents Certificate of Merit to San Antonio Chapter for participation by chapter members in recent Flight Safety Seminars. L to R: Mary Ann Greer, corresponding secretary; Stella Priest; Betsy Hogan, treasurer; Carolyn Wetzel, chairman, receiving the certificate from Erick Andreson, San Antonio GADO Safety Coordinator who made the presentation; Saralda Ross, vice-chairman; Peggy Kemble, recording secretary; and Melba Aylesworth.

SHREVEPORT CHAPTER

Dot Lindsey, Reporter

August was a busy month for the SHV 99s. Good flying weather afforded us many hours in the air - getting APT or just "flying around".

Besides our regular fun-meeting - the 49½ were invited - held in Coushatta at the home of Mary and Larry L'Herisson, there were numerous other meetings pertaining to new officers for the coming September, the Fall sectional and the Biennial Flight Review Clinic scheduled

for October 19-20 here in Shreveport. Thanks to Joan Carroll for the use of her "99 Room" as our meeting place and all who kept members unable to attend fully advised of plans via telephone.

Helen Hewitt is taking a well deserved vacation - as is Evelyn Snow. Martha Christy and Helen Wray have returned to their school rooms. Sandi Jones has transferred to Arkansas - best wishes Sandi.

In closing, I introduce Marjo Wright who will report future Chapter news. We look forward to your news articles Marjo and Happy Landings All!

SPANISH PEAKS CHAPTER

Joan M. Alyea, Reporter

August saw Ann Courtright and husband Claiborne flying to Vero Beach, Florida, to take delivery of their new Piper 235. Joan and Dale Alyea flew to Cortez, Colorado, for an overnight. Joan is also serving on the planning committee for a Workshop in Non-Traditional Occupations for Women, to be held next spring at Southern Colorado State College.

New member joining us in August is Shannon Hawthorne. Shan teaches first grade in Pueblo schools. Also in August our Chairman, Ann Frink, was promoted to the rank of Major in the Thunderbird Senior Squadron, Civil Air Patrol—she is the squadron Safety Officer.

Our annual fly-in brunch will be held August 13 at the Colorado City Country Club.

We offer our condolences to Chris Berry, whose mother died recently in California.

TEXAS DOGWOOD CHAPTER

Elaine White, Reporter

The Texas Dogwood Chapter came into official "being" on July 20 in Athens with a rousing send-off by International President Susie Sewell, S.C.S. Governor Brenda Strickler, International Air Age Chairman Linda Hooker, Governor-elect Hazel Jones, and sister 99 chapter members from the Dallas Redbird, Dallas, Golden Triangle, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Shreveport chapters.

Peg Ong, the new chapter's president, was mistress of ceremonies at the luncheon at the Spanish Trace Inn, which featured the presentation of the charter for the Texas Dogwoods. Following this ceremony, the new 99s were pinned: Duane Perry, Sheri Jones, Virginia Kuykendall, and Elaine White from Athens; and Vi Mason from Ennis. Peg, who now resides at Kemp, Texas, is a transfer from the Dallas chapter; and Helen Wells of Rice, Texas, is a transfer from the Golden Triangle chapter.

Highlighting the luncheon festivities was featured speaker Gordon Baxter, associate editor of *Flying* magazine, who flew in from Silsbee, Texas, with his wife Diane. Author of the unique and entertaining "Box Seat" articles for *Flying*, Baxter captivated his audience with answers to their written questions concerning the magazine, his flying experiences, and current matters of aviation.

One 99 remarked after his speech, "I would have flown halfway across the country to hear Gordon Baxter!"

The Dallas Redbirds, who sponsored the fledgling chapter, presented the new members with 99 charms and a scrapbook to record their activities; and other mementos were given by the Dallas, Golden Triangle and Oklahoma chapters.

The Dogwoods felt that certainly few chapters had had a more auspicious beginning than theirs.

TOPEKA CHAPTER

Sondra Ridgeway, Reporter

Topeka Chapter has been active over the summer in spite of vacations. We completed airmarking the parking ramp at Topeka Municipal. All parking spaces are now marked with bright yellow T's.

Sondra Ridgeway received her instrument rating at the beginning of the summer and is now working on CFI.

Four members are currently Apt and we will be trying for 100 per cent so we can retain the silver tray Apt award our chapter received last spring.

July found four aircraft and crews from Topeka in Keokuk, Iowa for the annual Wings Over The World Proficiency Race. Bob and Charlotte Kenney, Tom and Hazel Neely, Tom and Laurie Cox and Dale and Sondra Ridgeway all participated with the Ridgeway's in their Bellanca bringing home a trophy for the best time estimate.

We flew to Manhattan, Kansas for our August business meeting. Barbara Ruhnke our Manhattan member was our hostess. Two prospective members from the Manhattan area joined us for lunch. We returned to Topeka via automobile after spending several hours at the Manhattan airport watching one of the worst storms of the year (completely unforecast) raging all around us. A long distance call for help to 49½ Bob Kenney in Topeka brought him to our rescue. What would we do without our best supporters.



Pat Mlady, Chairman, Hazel Jones, Governor South Central Section, Elizabeth House, Vice Chairman, Carolyn Westerman, Secretary, Dorothy Dickerhoof, Treasurer.
Charlotte Peters, Jackie Luke, Executive Board

Plans in the works include a fly-out to Salina in September with each aircraft crew leaving a fuel estimate with the refueling crew on departure to be checked for accuracy on our return; Airmarking in

Atchison, Kansas also in September; South Central Section convention in Las Cruces, New Mexico and hostesses for an FAA Safety Seminar in October; membership coffee in November.
Happiness is an Apt 99.



Helen Wilke, Redbird Chapter, Pat McEwen, International President, Hazel Jones, Governor, South Central Section.

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ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

Kathy Talalas, Reporter

The 99s of All-Ohio have been busy with short flying vacations and making ready for their August trip to sunny Puerto Rico, but managed to find time to do some much needed air marking at the Marion airport in Marion, Ohio. A good sized crowd of ladies appeared on a warm sunny day in July to air mark the strip. This reporter missed the meeting due to a previous engagement with a brand new 8 pound baby boy, Jeffrey Robert, born July 19. 49½ Walt still hasn't come down to earth since the arrival of his boy.

Pat Collier was hostess for our August meeting near Mansfield. 99s enjoyed a



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picnic lunch and a dip in Pat's pool after a lengthy meeting with the business of by-laws and election of delegates to the convention. All-Ohio sent 9 girls to Puerto Rico for a great time.

The September meeting is scheduled for Middletown, and the October Awards banquet will be hosted by Marilyn Miller in Columbus.

Happy Flying!

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

Sandy Klock, Reporter

Our July meeting was held at the new Eagle's Nest Balloon Port, with a fascinating demonstration of hot air balloon inflation following the meeting. If you have never seen this done, you're really missing something — it's a magnificent sight!

Our August meeting was combined with the annual swim party at Eva White's hangar and pool at Naperville Aero Estates. It was great to see Barbara Silagi and Arta Henson all well and at the meeting. As outgoing Chairman Caroline Smith turned the gavel over to Ellen O'Hara, Caroline received a standing ovation (well-deserved!) from all those present. She's done extraordinary things for our chapter these past two years. Warm thanks from all of us, Caroline! And ditto to our other fine outgoing officers, Mary Stroh, Charlene Falkenberg, Jean Ingle, and Sherry O'Keefe.

We made a bunch of working capital again this year assisting the Antique Airplane Association at the DuPage Air Show, thanx to the hard work of willing chapter members and friends too numerous to mention.

Sandy Klock spent the last weekend in June in Kokomo, Ind., acting as Starter for the 1st Annual Midwest Regional Aerobatic Contest sponsored by IAC Chapter 1.

Then early August found this reporter and Madeleine Kimotek up in Oshkosh, Wisc. for the big EAA Convention. It's always great to see the fantastic variety of planes, the exciting air shows, and old friends. A special treat this year was seeing Utah 99 Jane Patterson, whom I last met 5 years ago at the Rock Springs, Wyo. Powderpuff Derby stop.

Diane Milmont is now in training at the Chicago ARTCC at Aurora, Ill. In Phase I, Diane graduated **second** in her class — next phase of training will take her to Oklahoma City.

TOUCH & GO'S: Diane Cozzi named Director of Community Relations of Sector II, CAP — Virginia Rabung giving friend Mary Dunne a lovely first flight at sunset in her Cessna 140 — Ellen O'Hara down in Florida taking 8 hours of aerobatic instruction from Herb Marhsall in a Decathlon and 2-holer Pitts — Barb Silagi, John & Polly Gilkison, Diane Milmont, Julia Konger, Bob & Ruth Frantz, Joan Mallin, and Marion Servos airmarking the runways at Lewis-Lockport.

And our August air meet at Hobart, Ind. was won by Gail LaPook, 2nd place & Rookie Trophy by Scotty Harmon, 3rd

place by Elsie Wahrer, and the spot landing contest by Ruth Frantz. Congratulations, all!

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

Rose Mary Roth, Reporter

At our July meeting at Golly Miner's beautiful home, Ruth Lake, Apt Chairman presented Apt cards to ten of our members including Shirley Troeller, Ruth Schuller, Peggy Kilby, Jackie Lindauer, Virginia Kunkel, Edith Olovitch, Sue Matheis, Betty Board, Elizabeth Jordan and Ruth also was "APT".

Pilots at large: Gerry Beetz and 49½ Joe recently visited Hawaii. Val Johnson and 49½ Dinger flew their Bonanza to Alaska to view the future pipeline area. Val flew into our July meeting but not way of St. Clair but Long Island, New York. She told of having two New York 99s walk up to her at the F.B.O. at Long Island and ask, "Aren't you Val Johnson?" You can imagine her surprise to have such friendly folks like Doris Abbate and Ruth Dobrescu of the Long Island Chapter extend a welcome to their area. This is one of the plus features of being a 99.

Betty Board is serving as Secretary of the Greater St. Louis Flight Instructor's Association. Also learned that Betty took first place in a spot landing contest at the Blackhawk Airport.

Jean Lennertson and 49½ Rich won 3rd place in the Wings over The World race at Keokuk, Iowa. The Lowe family also participated with daughter Sylvia flying a Cherokee 140 with 49½ Jim (her daddy) as co-pilot and Mary Lowe flew with a friend in a Yankee.

Those members who attended the International Convention in San Juan were Betty Board, Doris Kuhn, Giorganne Crommie, Alice Jackson, Val Johnson, Amy Laws, Tex Wickenhauser, Nelda Lee, Audrey Casper, Irene Rawlings, Dottie Haupt, Virginia Kunkel and Jean Lennertson. Many of our gals had to return a little earlier than they had planned due to illness.

Installation of Officers will be Saturday September 14th at the Sunset Hills Country Club. Special guest speaker will be Lois Feigenbaum and our own very special Amy Laws will install the new officers.

INDIANA CHAPTER

Kathy Forrest and Lois Hawley, Reporters

Seven Indiana 99s reported to the July meeting in Auburn, Indiana with new APT certificates in their pockets. Lillie Danek, Marilyn Sousley, Betty Cull, Anne Black, Toni Roehm, Ann Bellafiore and Lela Brush added to the growing list of Indiana ladies who stress proficiency in their flying.

Air age education projects initiated included a panel-seminar held September 8th between controllers at the Lafayette, Indiana control tower and area pilots, instructors and students. The seminar creates better understanding between the controllers and pilots and lays the groundwork for smooth operations during

the heavy air traffic that comes with fall and Purdue's home football games.

Holding their own, the airmarking committee reported six new airmarkings completed 8 and even more in the works while good weather is with us.

Ed Note: The Indiana Chapter seems to be wondering "why their news is so late" according to Kathy Forrest. Please note that this issue had a Sept. 1 deadline and one would expect **August News**, even so, the issue **comes out** in Oct., thus making **Aug. News 2 mo. old**. Kathy got her copy to me by Aug. 26th, well before the Sept. 1 deadline. Yet, it **reports July News** — no Aug. News and a smattering of Sept. If members will look back in issues, you will see that the **July-Aug** issue (Kathy met the July 1 deadline) had Apr. News, as well as the logical June news. The **May-June** issue (for which Kathy made the May 1 deadline) carried February and even Jan. News, where logically April news was expected by Ye Ed. The **Mar - Apr.** issue (again Kathy made the Mar. 1 deadline) carried **January News** copy, where **Feb. copy would be expected**. Ye Ed thinks the reporter needs, somehow, to take a giant step forward. After all, Ye Ed can only print what is received.



Kathy Forrest
Reporter
Indiana Chapter

IOWA CHAPTER

Ruth Ulfers, Reporter

Fairfield was the gathering spot for the August meeting providing both a beautiful day and a fantastic buffet luncheon. 14 members and families were entertained by Dr. Kurt Hahn from Burlington. Dr. Hahn started as a glider pilot in 1936 in Germany and has been soaring both in the U.S. and Europe since then. We examined photographs from the 30's and 40's showing shots of the WWII planes and camps and saw two films spanning the continents. Some of us found the film shot from the front seat of a glider over the Austrian Alps was a bit dizzying as we did steep banks to gain enough altitude to clear the mountain crests. However, Dr. Hahn's droll commentary kept us happily asking for more. He also showed a trip of a new plane for the Burlington Soaring Association from the factory in Germany via towing and shipping to Milwaukee and then to Iowa. Soaring seemed to be a beautiful challenge for any pilot and is an extremely popular sport in Europe due to its tradition and because of fuel and financial aspects.

Gwen McClure, representing the Iowa 99s joined other representatives of various fields of aviation at the Iowa Capitol in

July. There they met with Governor Robert Ray for photographs as he signed a proclamation making August Aviation Awareness Month.

The National E.A.A. meeting in Oshkosh seemed to be a drawing card for Iowans. Gerri and Don Walker flew up for two days. Jean Ellingson and Kitty Hach (plus 49½s) attended and were also picnic guests of Ramona Heubner. The Heubner home, just off the runway, offered a beautiful locale to watch the airshow.

As this is being typed the hour to pack a suitcase for Puerto Rico is almost here. Eleanor Linderbaum and I are looking forward to every moment - both pleasure and business - and telling all Iowa members everything we can to let them enjoy it second hand.

QUAD-CITY AREA CHAPTER

Judy Hodges, Reporter

The Quad-City Chapter of 99s was represented at the International Meeting in Puerto Rico by Von and Charlie Alter. Von reports that the meeting was very successful and a lot was accomplished. They enjoyed the entire trip immensely and had nothing but good things to say about the accommodations, organization, etc.

Our July meeting was an Airmarking at Waddell Airport, (Pekin, IL.) We had a good turnout and got the numbers painted on the runway in spite of the "Hot" weather.

August found us at the Davenport, Iowa Airport having a plane wash. We washed 15 airplanes, earned some money, had some fun, and at the end of a long day there were a lot of tired, hard working people and clean airplanes.

We hope to co-ordinate our September meeting with the Annual Steerman Fly-In in Galesburg, IL. Which is to be held Sept. 13-15.

Congratulations to Carolyn Pobanz on passing her Commercial Written. She is now working on her Commercial and Instrument ratings.

Von Alter flew her Cherokee 180 to Colorado Springs to pick up daughter Ann from college this summer. She also flew in the WOW Race in Keokuk, Iowa with Barney Young as Co-pilot and finished 11th.

On August 4, Joanne Walker flew a Bonanza to Michigan and home again and Bud and Judy Hodges, along with Neil Pobanz attended the EAA Fly-In at Oshkosh, WI. As always it was a very informative and enjoyable time.

Yours truly, Judy Hodges, finally flew her husband's homebuilt - the little yellow Fly-Baby while on a 4 day week-end in Missouri. I hope to get brave enough to fly it again one of these days. It was really fun as well as being quite an experience.

LAKE ERIE CHAPTER

Helen Keidel, Reporter

The Cleveland Air Races, September 1st and 2nd, found the Lake Erie Chapter members busily disseminating information about the 99s at a booth on the field at Burke Lakefront Airport. A display board featuring photos of either individual

or chapter activities, along with trophies from various air races, gave the public an idea of how active the 99s are in northeastern Ohio.

The Lake Erie girls are highly enthusiastic that their airmarking program has gone very well this summer. They tackled the difficult ones first - Ashtabula, Chagrin Falls and Columbia Station. (Why can't they give airports shorter names?) But all have enjoyed the task, even though several (who are experienced instrument pilots with hundreds of flying hours) are afraid of heights. They climbed those ladders a little gingerly, but pursued on course with the rest of the crew. News leaked to one of the TV stations, and the 11 pm news showed how their work looked from the air.

Besides the Air Races committee, another group was active in late summer, working on the Chapter's first annual Award Dinner held in Kent, Ohio - home of Kent State University - on September 7th.

Congratulations to two of our members who received new ratings this summer: Bernice Barris is now an instrument pilot, while Tina DeBlahy passed her commercial and instructor's ratings.



Lake Erie Chapter puts "signature" to airmarking of Chagrin Falls.

LAKE MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Evelyn Borst, Reporter

Our Chapter met with the Michigan Chapter on Sunday, August 11, 1974 for a picnic-type joint gathering. The weather was IFR so many of us drove. It was held at Lake Issabella Airport with Dorothy Brewer, Michigan Chapter, as hostess.

Mary Clark and Linda Knolls are APT. Mary Creason is the new Manager of the Grand Haven Airport and has a Flight School there.

Our Ninety-Nines International Convention in Puerto Rico is over. We all had a grand time and accomplished a lot at the Business Meetings. Those attending were Maisie Stears, Chapter Chairman and Delegate, Mary Clark, a Delegate, Evelyn Borst, Esther Bennett and Vickie Clark.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Bette Crook, Reporter

The Michigan Chapter reserved a block of forty seats on a flight from Detroit to Puerto Rico for the International Convention. This included Ninety-Nines, their family and friends. Official chapter delegates were Jean Reynolds, Bea Steadman, Margaret Napierla, Becky Thatcher, and Nancy Hecksel.

Roberta Wolf, Suzanne Whyte, and Bette Crook participated in a search and rescue mission, CAP, for a plane which crashed in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Bette Crook served as Assistant Mission Co-ordinator. Roberta Wolf flew her Beechcraft Bonanza, and Suzanne Whyte served as Information Officer.

The Michigan Aviation Festival and Rally is set for October 3rd thru 6th at Shanty Creek Lodge, Bellaire, Michigan. Late reservations are being accepted. (Shanty Creek Lodge, Bellaire, Michigan 49615; Toll Free 1-800-632-7118).

The seminars are multi-faceted and designed to increase every pilot's proficiency and understanding of his aircraft. Scheduled panels include engine maintenance. On this panel will be Al Hundere, President of Alcor and the EGT inventor; representatives from A-C and Champion Sparkplugs; and technical advisors from Phillip 66. There will be an airframe and airfoil design panel with representatives from Beech, Benson, Cessna, Grumman, North American Rockwell, and Mooney. Pat Murphy will be giving his free omni clinic. An insurance group panel will consist of representatives from Mach 5, North American, Insurance Underwriters, as well as attorneys. Mike Huck from the AOPA in Washington D.C. will conduct a seminar on "All Weather Operations", and Bill Reed from Tull Aviation will discuss the Microwave Landing Systems A radio panel will consist of representatives from Collins, King, Narco, Tull, and Marty Schultz from the Michigan Aeronautics Department.

In addition, there will be a dinner-dance on Friday night and the banquet on Saturday. Preceding the banquet will be the traditional A-C Sparkplug cocktail party for Ninety-Nines and their guests.

There will be opportunities for biennial flight reviews, and the FAA is providing their special disorientation chair. On Sunday there will be an aerobatic exhibition. Hot air balloons, EAA, and AAA aircraft will be on display.

The rally portion of the festival is a competition for which awards will be given. Information may be obtained from Nancy Brandon, P.O. Box 675, Lansing, Michigan 48903.

The Michigan Aviation Festival and SMALL Rally was designed to meet the challenges of the fuel crisis which we faced last winter. Dianne Ritt and Eloise Smith are Co-Chairmen.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Clara Johansen, Reporter

1949 - 1974, Our 25th year as a Chapter!

Members from many sections of the state flew to Willmar, Mn. for a special banquet complete with tiered cake trimmed in silver and blue; engraved silver trays for charter members: Rita Orr, Audrey Baird (Dickinson, N.D.) Margaret Manuel and Mary Jane Rice; Congratulatory Plaque presented by George Holey, Mn. Dept of Aeronautics. Rita showed slides and told about early days of Chapter, and Andy Detroit from FAA challenged us to make the

next 25 years worth while. We enjoyed the evening-weekend at Willmar. 99 Mary Jane Rice who is FBO- Co-owner at Willmar did her share to make it great.

Sunday, Aug. 11, our Mystery run which was to include competition in pilotage had to be postponed because of marginal weather moving across the state after most of us arrived at the starting point. Our new chairman, **Gayle Vail** and Vice-Chmn., **Carolyn Olson, Sec. Elaine Jensen**, and **Tres. Dorothy Ryan** as well as committee members present made use of the opportunity to plan future events. Joyce Frances introduced new members, Rene Diebold, Granite Falls and Jan Bardahl who just recently received her pvt. pilot license and "is very thrilled to become a 99".

Gayle, our newly elected chairman not only runs an efficient household with her family (49½ Richard and 7 children) but earned her CFI rating and is working full time at Lake Elmo Airport teaching students, giving check flights, flying charter flights and also attended the International Convention at Puerto Rico along with Rita Orr and Burt.

Other members of our chapter who have been busy flying are Marian Fredlund, Cambridge, Mn. who gave a Sunday School Contest winner his first airplane ride, landing at Crystal (Mpls.) for a tower visit. She also gave 1st flights for California guests with Duluth as destination, and instead of she and 49½ Ron flying together to the Motley Fish Fry, they each flew their own plane with guests. Marian was the only 99 to fly to the Annual Twin Baseball fly-in. 99 Shirley Bierma missed our Anniversary meeting as she was spending a month in Ibadan, Nigeria - flying commercial, but an engine out while enroute gave her an unscheduled 3-day stop over at Monrovia, Liberia also. Sally Woodburn just came back for Aspen. She says her Mooney behaved very well in the mountains! Apt. Chmn. Shari Mills, 49½ Jim and daughter Terri took off for the 170 Tail-dragger convention in Seattle. 54 tac hrs. (or 3½ weeks) later they are back home having stopped at Spokane for the Fair, Seattle for the Convention, Victoria, Vancouver, Roseberg, Oregon, San Francisco, Los Angeles and points between L.A. and Mpls. They were equipped to camp, met many flying friends and are already planning for next year's meet. And then some of us barely make it out to lunch. The last Wednesday in Aug., 4 planes, 99s - Nancy Plummer, Lois Setterberg, Sally Woodburn, Linda Haedge, Gayle Vail, Gerry Rodengen with her newly acquired '74 Cessna 172 and this Reporter did land at Starbuck Airport, walk to the beach, and make it to a shelter to eat our picnic lunch just as it began to rain. Although the showers were light and scattered, we quickly scattered back to our home bases.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Betty Willmore

Louise Yeazel, Reporters

Cindy Schofield didn't wait to become an official member before showing the 99

spirit of helpfulness to other women pilots. Bette Bach had been camping near her radioless, antique biplane at Elkhorn airport for 4 days waiting for good VFR weather and was delighted with Cindy's offer of a shower and a ride to the 99 meeting at Beloit the next day. Bette, to whom Richard Bach's book "Biplane" is dedicated, had just come from the EAA Convention at Oshkosh where her red, white and blue 1944 De Haviland Tiger Moth was on display. She thanked those of us wearing Jonathon Livingston Seagull pins for helping to pay for the biplane in which she is making a 5000 mile trip around the country stopping at Antique Air Shows gathering material for her radio program, Magazine articles, and forthcoming book, and just relaxing before going home to her six children.

It's not all camping out near little grass strips. She'll have a weekend at the Grand Hotel, Machinac Island when she speaks at a Judges Convention there. Her topic, "The Adaptability of Women". What an example of that she is! We're glad you found her, Cindy!

Anne Roethke is heading her Comanche ..South...for good!! Her new home is Fort Myers, Fla. Our chapter is losing a devoted member and good friend. We'll miss you, Annie!

But Anne promised to fly back next year and serve as official timer for the Wis-Sky Run. No date set yet for the "Whiskey" but since such good comments on the derby were received, the chapter voted to have the race again at Morey's, Middleton, Wis. More details in coming months.

Diane Harris got a commercial license. Congratulations! Diane operates a weather station at Cherryland Airport, Sturgeon Bay. She and husband, Bob are the operators of the airport. Diane and Bob hosted the July meeting at Potowatomie Park, a short distance from the airport.

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FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

Judy Markham, Reporter

Jackets, conventions and incorporation are what's occupying Finger Lakes 99s this summer.

The chapter has the blessing of International Headquarters to sell some really attractive nylon jackets as a chapter project. We've chosen navy or white with contrasting 99 compass rose emblem. But many other colors are available. They'll cost \$16.75 with cotton flannel lining and \$14 for the unlined shell. (It'll be slightly higher for NYS residents because of sales tax.) Marcia Gitelman has done all the work on this and we're ready to take orders.

At out last meeting a spokesperson for Rochester's busy (three conventions a week) and enterprising Convention Bureau

volunteered to help entice the Section to meet here next May and the International to hold its convention here in 1979. The meeting also gave us a chance to thank Judge Jacob Gitelman who is helping ease our incorporation proceedings through all that red tape.

It was gavel-passing time, too. Carole Freeman succeeded Julie Googins, our charter chairperson. Julie has worked like a fool for us these past months. She has helped us get off to that so-important good start; we've boosted our membership in a little over a year from seven charter members to the present 24, thanks mainly to her; and she's done so many other things for which we can only say, thanks. "I'm sentimental, lucky, but glad the first year is over," says Julie.

Vice chairperson is Shiela Haag, replacing Joan Prehn. Phyllis Blanchard, who's been doing three jobs, has turned those over to Shirley Goddard, recording secretary; Pat Middlebrook, corresponding secretary; and treasurer, Marcia Gitelman.

Committee heads are: Helen Moore, APT and Airmarking; Julie Googins, Flying Activities; Phyllis Blanchard, Membership; Judy Markham, Museum and Newsletter; Pat Middlebrook, Direct Relief; Nat Wheeler, Air Age Education.

This summer we welcomed new members Janet Kesel and Jo Ann White. Helen Moore flew her 172 to Oshkosh last month. Marcia Gitelman, 49½er Dave and their two boys also stopped there on their way to Bozeman, Mont. and Calgary, Alb. in their Comanche. Congrats, too, to Marcia who earned her commercial license the day before they left.

GARDEN STATE CHAPTER **Dolores Jane Zilincar, Reporter**

Our July 14th meeting at Sky Manor was a happy opener for the month with an outdoor luncheon and swimming. Wanda Mammel and 49½ Lewis were selected to "Chair" our landing contest scheduled for each meeting this coming 99 year. Incidentally, 49½ Lewis is an accomplished aquatic performer. He entertained everyone at the pool with his skill and grace on the diving board. (We all said Wanda taught him.)

Janice Blackwell really did it - and air marking at R. J. Miller Airport, Ocean Township, N.J. Of course her 49½, "Blackie" plotted the whole thing and was helped by Alma Hitchings, Claire Kurica, a few friends. This is all in preparation for the September 6th festivities marking the fourth anniversary of R. J. Miller Airport. 99s have been invited to the ceremonies and the luncheon that follows and Alma Hitchings is running a little "free ride thing" for the guests who would be so bold.

The Garden State Chapter is hostessing the Fall Sectional at Cherry Hill on October 19th. Governor Jerry Roberts has planned some surprises! We're also having a change in Section Officers. Capt. Wm. Miller has been engaged as the guest speaker.

Alice Hammond, Alma Hitchings and Claire Kurica represented the Garden State Chapter at the International Convention in Puerto Rico. Sandy Duma and John are touring out West somewhere and Grace McGuire is heading for Scotland.

99s meet friends everywhere - even at their own airport. A charming 99, Emily Hamrick, flew into Preston Airport last June in her Rallye 220. Emily hails from Rutherfordton, North Carolina and she amazed us all with the astonishing performance of her plane. Can you visualize a take off within 100 to 450 feet and landing roll of 75 to 400 feet? We were delighted to meet her and hope she comes to visit us again.

The summer of '74 closes in a mood of sadness with the loss, on July 25th of our beloved Edward Walsh - loving husband of 99 Flo Walsh. The Garden State Chapter extends to Flo and her wonderful sons its' deepest sympathy.

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

Alice Borodkin's Ghostwriter, Reporter

The scheduled date for our July fly-in to Katama at Martha's Vineyard was severe VFR (it had been weathered out the previous two years it was planned), but this time most of the members were on trips and vacations everywhere except Martha's Vineyard! However, the following members did make the fly-in and had a beautiful day: Doris Abbate, Barbara Evans, Joan Fleishmann (and Thelma Baker and Gus Andersen who are suspects, but their attendance couldn't be verified at the time of writing this column). We're looking forward to a more representative turnout of the chapter at our September 14 fly-in to Montauk Point's Sky Portel.

Chapter officers for the 1974-75 year are: **Marilyn Hibner, Chairman; Nicole Radecki, Vice-Chairman; Alice Borodkin, Secretary; Madeline LaCarrubba, Treasurer.** In addition, each of these officers attended the International Convention in Puerto Rico. Also Barbara Evans, who we were proud to learn was elected as a member of the International Nominating Committee; Ruth Dobrescu, Governor-elect of our Section; and Jane Duggan.

The S.A.F.E. Program (Seminar on Air Travel For Everyone - for apprehensive air passengers), founded by Chairman Marilyn Hibner, was given twice at the convention (once during the business meeting) for a presentation telling the story of S.A.F.E. and how a chapter can run one themselves.

At the conclusion of the convention business meeting, under "New Business" our Section representative, Ruth Dobrescu, made a motion that the S.A.F.E. program be endorsed by the convention delegation and International Officers as an International project exclusively for the Ninety-Nines, Inc. We are proud to inform all those who did not attend convention that this project was endorsed and SOP's will be available to all chapters interested in considering S.A.F.E. as a chapter project, just as soon as the Board has reviewed the SOP sub-

mission. This project has many intangible rewards for all of your members - it gives a great feeling of satisfaction and helping others as you see before your eyes in seven weeks, once-fearful air passengers turn into aviation lovers. Further, it is Ninety-Nines at its best - educating the public on the real facts of aviation, urging them to give it a fair try, and serving as living examples that flying is not a mystery reserved for people with rare talents and skill - we are the greatest stimulant to apprehensive air travelers trying to overcome their fears and distrusts of air travel! Once you have run one of these seminars, you will be "hooked" on helping people in this area of difficulty. If you would like to get on the list for receiving SOP's for S.A.F.E., contact Chairman Marilyn Hibner.

Recent flying accomplishments include: Peggy Ford passed CFI written and should have the flight test under her belt and passed by the time this column goes to print; Marilyn Hibner also has CFI written passed and hopes to have her flight test completed and giving flight instruction when this issue comes out; she also recently passed Instrument written exam; and Nicole Radecki passed Instrument written and flight test and plans to go on to CFI in the near future.

The Long Island Chapter participated in the first "General Aviation Week" on Long Island, founded by Marilyn Hibner. The chapter offered raffle tickets to the public for a 200-mile round-trip private plane flight; and the winner in the raffle drawing will be given a flight by one of our Chapter's commercial pilots (Nicole Radecki).

WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

Ginnie Mac Krell, Reporter

"Changing of the guards" took place recently, with the installation of our newly elected officers....

Jean Valvo...Chairman; Shirley Havice...Secretary; Diane Mudd...treasurer; Terri Pirrung...Membership; Arlene Lopresit...APT Chairman; Jody Lammertz...Airmarking

One of the challenges given to the membership was to develop a fund raising project which proved to be a real test of our "inventiveness". Arlene Lopresti and her husband, Russ, were the winners "hands down!" They designed and produced samples of a very distinctive wall plaque...a winged compass rose, embossed on pewter-like metal with a dark wood backing. It should prove to be attractive to all 99 members.

Bob Falcone, Pilot, Aerobatic enthusiast and instructor attended our June meeting and gave a most interesting talk accompanied by films on Art Scholl's Aerobatic endeavors.

July's meeting found us all picnicing at Ceil Kenny's summer estate at Eden, New York. A delightful hideaway in the woods...far away from the city turmoil.

Before the next edition of the 99 news goes to press, our new treasurer, Diane Mudd will become Mrs. John Seneff and our very best wishes go to the both of them.

New England Section
CONNECTICUT - MAINE
MASSACHUSETTS - NEW HAMPSHIRE
RHODE ISLAND - VERMONT

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

Audrey M. Sweet, Reporter

Buzzed home after two fantastic weeks in California (LAX, SFO & SBA) just in time for DEADLINE.

Our conventioners, Delegate Evelyn Kropp (Chapter Chairman), Nina Hetman (Veep) and Bobbie Herbert (former Chairman) are now in Puerto Rico. Hope they get some time out in the sun and sea.

We all enjoyed the picture of our reknown charter member Nancy Hopkins Tier in the "Flair for Flight" article, 99 News, March. Nancy's latest report tells us she's off to the Holy Lands in September, touring India and stopping on the way to home to visit family in West Germany, France and Belgium. Some of the family in West Germany fly for business and pleasure so she's looking forward to some light plane flying. Nancy also spoke to a Zontas meeting about Amelia Earhart. And, she just received a news report from the president of the "Long Island Early Fliers Club" that Nassau County has appropriated funds to build a new Aviation Museum on the site of Mitchel Air Base. Sounds great.

Bouquets to: Lorraine Jencik, who's sporting a brand new Flight Instructor's rating. She'll be working for Coastal Airways in Groton: our newest member and newest pilot, Carol Phelps. When not flying, Carol is a news photographer. Welcome.

Our peripatetic travelers: With Nina Hetman as our "Captain," Sue Senie and I flew into the Reading Air Show. What an experience! Fun and exciting: Our last chapter meeting was held at the Old



Some planes have landed here, mistaking it for the local airport. That necessitated a good, big, long airmarking. Signing the graphics project is Connecticut Chapter Chairman Evelyn Kropp with members Teddy Kenyon, Connie MacLeish, Marcia Spakoski, Vivian Utiko, Laurie Spence and Peg Davidson. (Left to right.)

Rhinebeck airfield, a great way to include a meeting, a picnic and an airshow.

Fall plans include an annual boat ride on the Connecticut River with charter member Teddy Kenyon and husband Ted as hosts. Also, more airmarking. Hope the weather holds...you know New England!

EASTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Helen L. Kolazyk, Reporter

Eastern New England has been blessed with beautiful, clear summer weather and this has encouraged much flying activity among our members.

Guests and members gathered at Wiscasset, Me. for a very successful outing. The flying was great, the lobster was delicious, and Marie Lepore now has a lovely piece of driftwood to add to her collection, thanks to some nimble footwork by Nancy Tier, who joined us from the Conn. Chapter.

Sue Haselmann is wearing two hats these days. She recently taped a radio show for Station WPEP from a glider. This consisted of complete flight from take-off to landing. Then she is scheduled to ferry a new Cessna 172 from the factory in Kansas City this month.

Another new Instrument Rating!! Virginia Bonesteel is the latest to add this coveted rating.

Lucille Flynn logged a 1,000 mile IFR trip to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada to pick up the daughter of a friend who had been injured in an accident.

What satisfaction there must be knowing one could do such a nice deed. On the lighter side, Lucille and George have enjoyed a lot of dinner time flights over the past several weeks.

Carol Stites just returned from a three week trip visiting the Canyon-lands of Utah, inspecting Southwest Art in Sante Fe and they returned by way of the EAA Convention in Wisconsin. Carol mentioned there were several times she was glad of that new Instrument Rating.

Chapter Chairman, Harriet Fuller treated her two sisters to a week-end trip to New Hudson, Michigan to attend the wedding of a niece.

August meeting at the home of Pat Thrasher, after a fly-in to Catham Airport on the Cape was a lovely setting for the pre-convention business we had to discuss. Many exciting plans ahead for Eastern New England 99s.!

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Margaret B. Brown, Reporter

Our joint Fly-In with the Connecticut Chapter to the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome in New York State was a lot of fun. Chapter business meetings were held before the start of the antique air show. Members of the Hudson Valley Chapter also joined us on this July fourteenth outing. The old-time air show was superb as usual, but I must admit that with the reunions going on with some of the girls who had not seen each other since various air races and conventions, parts of the air show were ignored.

In June, our chapter was represented at the first "unofficial" National Pilots'

Association annual meeting at Basin Harbor, Vermont, by Alexandra Taylor, Chairperson; Peggy Brown, Vice-Chairman; and Shirley Dunlevy, incoming Vice-Chairman. We had a great time as usual, and saw Kay Brick, Marian Banks, Mike Loening, Bill Ottley, Rufus Applegarth, and all sorts of other interesting aviation folks. The best part of this annual Fly-In is that it's not a mob scene, but a small group where you can talk to and get to know all sorts of fascinating aviation people.

On July twenty-second, your reporter and Mary Shea flew down to Block Island to make arrangements for the Section Picnic which was supposed to be held on August seventeenth, but which because of bad weather was postponed to September twenty-ninth. Ballard's Restaurant will be our meeting place - its own beach, a place for those who bring their own lunches; and those delectable goodies served there: LOBSTER, STEAMED CLAMS, ETC. And a great suggestion for any out-of-state Ninety Nines who might be vacationing in our area.

Congratulations to Alexandra Taylor who has received her Master's Degree in Computer and Information Sciences from the University of Massachusetts. After earning this honor, she spent the summer in the far north as a volunteer with the Quebec-Labrador Mission Foundation which is not only a religious organization, but which also does rescue and air-ambulance work.

The International Convention in Puerto Rico was simply marvelous, and many thanks go to Page Shamberger et al. who did such a terrific job to make our stay such a memorable one. Those of us who went early had a chance to renew old friendships, meet new Ninety-Nines, and get a little extra sun. It was really lovely there. Some of us even won at the Blackjack tables. And then there were the business meetings.....

Next meeting to see all you race bugs: Reno, for the Air Races.

Middle East Section
DELAWARE - MARYLAND
PENNSYLVANIA - VIRGINIA

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Mary Galbraith, Reporter

The July meeting was well attended by members and guests as we were hosted by Boots and Rod Husted at their home in Montoursville. A few of us took a dip in the pool and everyone enjoyed the delicious food.

Six new APT members are Carole Windsor, Kathy Higgins, Marian Dunlap, Christine Myers, Jane Theurer and Helen Sheffer.

Our Airmarking Chairman, Flo Shirey, reported that several days after airmarking Oregon Hill a U.S. Army Jet Ranger Helicopter had encountered marginal weather and could no longer distinguish

the mountain tops when they spotted OREGON HILL and set down until weather improved. The three crew members on board expressed their gratitude for being able to site a land mark.

Our annual Penny-A-Pound has been cancelled because of the fuel situation.

Mary Hull will now serve as new Vice-Chairman for the coming year. Boots Husted will serve as Treasurer for the Middle East Section and Mary Galbraith will serve on the Section Nominating Committee.

The convention in Puerto Rico was represented by seven girls of our chapter. They were Carol Windsor, as delegate, Alice Fuchs, Hazel Bartolet, Debbie Bartolet, Helen Sheffer, Martie Pool and Mary Galbraith. Fun was had by all including a trip to St. Thomas in a Grumman Goose.

Martie Pool has been designated as an Accident Prevention Counselor in the Harrisburg area. Martie, with husband Champe and sons flew to the Flying Physicians meeting at Old Rhinebeck, N.Y. They also flew to Maine for a few days vacation.

The Garden State Chapter girls brought 700 lbs. medical supplies to Harrisburg in 5 planes one Sunday afternoon. From there, at a later date, Martie Pool and Mary Galbraith flew 2 plane loads to Grove City where they will be continued on by the Greater Pittsburg Chapter.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Kate Macario, Reporter

Our planned tour of NAFEC (National Aviation Facilities Experimental Center) near Atlantic City on June 22nd was well attended, with 8 planes and several cars bringing 99 members and guests. Following the tour of the Tower, Radar room, Computer equipment etc. we flew (or drove) to nearby Smithville Inn to have lunch. We were delighted to have with us on this occasion, Alice and John Hammond (Garden State Ch.) who brought their guests, Charles and Nancy Bird Walton, from the Australian Section. What a gracious, friendly lady, Nancy is; all of us enjoyed her good company. Also, Jerry Roberts (NY-NJ Gov.), Alma Hitchings (Ret. Ch.) and Claire Kurica (Incoming Ch.) of the Garden State Ch., helped make our day, a most successful one.

In July, we visited two favorite people, Nancy and Buzz Diemand, for our annual picnic at their lovely place. This year the landing strip was full of soybeans; but a tennis court has been added. Flying into Doylestown Airport: Fran Wright, our newest member, in her 172, Alice & Ray Meisenheimer in their Navion (they flew to Cape Hatteras that evening, sleeping in the airplane), and Muriel and Rudy Chalow bringing friends, Georgia and Dick Wurster, formerly of Medford N.J. but now living in Lima, Peru. The Wursters with their 3 daughters flew their Cessna 337 on an exciting route to this country, to visit their parents. Georgia is in the process of joining the Colombian Orchid Section. Another delightful addition was the Chalow's 4 month old granddaughter, Kimberly Starer and her mother, Merle.

After sports, and hamburgers, Chairman Joan Jones conducted an informal meeting as we sat around the patio. Sadly, this will be our last 99 meeting at Diemand's, after enjoying almost 20 years of their hospitality, because they are moving to a smaller place up the road.

In August, Jane and Bill Squires invited our chapter for a Fly-In to their summer home in Ocean City, N.J. The date, Sat. Aug. 17th was rained out, so it was held the next day, instead. Betty and Pete Wood brought an interesting guest, Patricia Nolen of the Tucson Chapter. Pat lives in Sonora, Mexico, and is working in her parent's gift shop in Ocean City, for the summer. 3 delegates, Joan Jones, Eileen Weigand and Gail Lingo, and Anne Shields, Helen Zubrown, Barbara Ludwig, Mary Robinson and her husband Des, and prospective member, Karin Minauro attended '74 convention.

New slate of officers for '74-'75: Joan Jones, Chapter Chairman (For her 2nd year), Gail Lingo, Vice-Chairman, Marianne Herstam again our Recording Secretary, Eileen Weigand keeping the books again, and Beth Whirlin with the tough job of following in Joanne Maloy's footsteps, as Corresponding Secretary. Congratulations to Joanne for getting her CFII;... Anna Spivey is busy these days with students at Shannon Airport (Downington). Anna, Barbara Farquharson, Maysie Henrotin (who recently acquired a Cessna 150 and flew it to Main with 49½ Blair), Penny Sheppard, Janet Elliot, Blenda Hildebrandt, & Jean Greiner did a nice job of laying out and painting the numbers on the runway at Shannon...Our July Lunch with the Bunch was attended by 8 members from our chapter and 4 prospective ones from the Trenton-Robbinsville Airport where we flew in to have lunch...We added 8 new members and 1 renewal to our chapter since May. Three of these new gals are from Shannon Airport: Penny Sheppard, Janet Elliot and Myrtle Brandhof; Cynthia Bretnall from Pottstown-Municipal, has her Multi-engine and Instructor's Ratings, Eleanor Davis has a 172 at Wings Field, Dorothy Langley flies from West Chester Airport, Kitty Ross a Cessna 140 at Pennridge, Fran Wright a 172 at Lancaster Airport, and we welcome back Mary June Kerns after an absence of several years.

Mary June is Chief Instructor at Trenton-Robbinsville...Kate and Herman Barcus had their biennial Review at Chester Co. Airport; Kate will be doing more flying now that she has obtained her Ph.D...Anna & Jim Spivey attended the Int. EAA Sport Aviation Convention & Exhibition in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. This event has to be seen to be appreciated. Kate and Tom Macario and their four sons flew out to Oshkosh in 3 planes, one a Ryan PT-22, and camped for the duration with their tents and sleeping bags...In Sept. we have a Poker Run planned for Sat. 21st; Lunch with the Bunch (every fourth Wednesday) will be to Gettysburg-Charnita on the 25th...Greater Pittsburgh Chapter will be host for our Sectional, the weekend of Oct. 19th and 20th, and with our Fly-In to Hazleton on Oct. 12th.

MARYLAND CHAPTER

June Hanson, Reporter

THREE CHEERS for Cy Beers, Page Shamburger, and everyone else in the Southeast Section for that great convention in Puerto Rico. It may be over but it will be long remembered by Maryland Chairman-Delegate Rene Birch, Ginny Vogel, Doris Jacobson, Cleo Sherbow and your reporter who had a wonderful time and met lots of 99 from all over. See you in Boise!

In our area, flying weather in July is usually poor--no visibility. So what happened when we planned a drive-in picnic at Rene at Birch's home? CAVU and no wind! Not even enough for many to try hang gliding again. Had fun anyway and got a new member---Babs Schenkman---and a transfer from St. Louis---Ruth Benedict, assistant editor of the FAA Aviation News.

August weather was typical and the planned flight to the Ocean City, MD., home of Sally Williams was cancelled on both dates planned.

Air Marking Chairman, Connie Ball busy in September as we work at Baltimore Airpark. Good thing she and 49½er Jim had that vacation flight in their twin to Florida, the Bahamas, and Tennessee.

At the July Safety Seminar, Bob Latch of the FAA Balto GADO asked for a show of hands by those pilots who had already had their BFR. All 99s present were APT!

Our own Doris Jacobson has been elected Secretary of the Mid East Section--we're proud of her!

WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER

Gladys E. Wise, Interim Reporter

Pots full of food, Hedy Jaffe's pool full of Ninety Nines and an art show highlighted our August meeting and just in time. Hedy heads for a long-delayed visit to her Vienna, Austria, birthplace later this month.

Elvie Kalys, a Ninety Nines member in the Earhart era, showed her elegant "Pictures in Leather." Her work includes a magnificent gold-leather version of the Ninety Nine compass rose.

Talk centered on flying and the upcoming San Juan meeting. D.C. will be well-represented by Virginia Thompson, Irene Wirtschafter, Bonnie Klitzkie as delegates, and by Mary Horner, Mitzi Keller, Jean Coffman, Lil Chesnes and Jackie Scott (also of Mideast Section).

Meantime, back at the Capital, outgoing Chairman Joan Stalk remains as Membership Chairman and, hopefully, counsellor to the new Board when we can catch her on the ground. Joan and George just returned from a week-long Florida trip in their Arrow. Likely they passed Mitzi and Gil Keller somewhere enroute. The Kellers almost qualify as Florida commuters these days. Joan, Velta Benn and Bea Wilder flew a quick cross-country to Hickory, N.C. and Bea plans a New England junket this month. Bea and Betty Fisher, who is also airborne often, co-chair flying activities for D.C. this year. It promises to be a delightfully "activist" season under their guidance. Amy Morris, AE Scholarship finalist, takes over APT.

Shirley Chatfield, within just a flight test for her IFR rating, heads a new "Executive Assistance" Committee to smooth administrative tasks to let the Chapter concentrate on aviation. Francine Bowman, AVIA-Tricks' great editor, is recruiting an editorial staff.

And there's much more to come!

Southeast Section

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

ALABAMA CHAPTER

Juanita Halstead, Reporter

The Alabama Chapter's new officers are Miriam Pullen, Chairman; Nancy Beeland, Vice Chairman; Mary Ann Rhodes, Recording Secretary; Eunice Miller, Corresponding Secretary; and Ann Taylor, Treasurer.

At their regular meeting in Jasper, Alabama on July 7, 1974, they gained a great deal of knowledge about Airport Control from the guest speaker, Mr. Henry Lawson, Deputy Chief of the F. A. A. Control tower in Birmingham. Hostess, Hilda Ray introduced Mr. Lawson and he was most helpful in answering questions and enlightening everyone on what to expect from Controllers and what they expect from the pilot.

Although it has been awhile, Hilda had some interesting overnight guests who were returning from Angel Derby. Elizabeth Denon and Valleta Freidman of Van Nuys just happened to land at Jasper for fuel and lo, there was 99, Hilda Ray. She enjoyed having them.

Juanita Halstead had an opportunity to have Kathy Long, Helen Wilkie, Pat Jetton and Elinor Johnson, for supper as they R. O. N'd. M. G. M. on their return home.

Jay Hudgins will represent Alabama in San Juan, and we will hear all about the Section Meeting at Marco Island, Florida the last weekend of September.

FLORIDA SPACEPORT CHAPTER

Norma McReynolds, Reporter

The July meeting was held at River Ranch with 19 present. The August meeting was at the lovely home of Alma Drummond in Orlando with 24 present. Swimming and water skiing were enjoyed after the meeting.

New members include Jamie Padgett, Dottie Parsons, and Wanda Morgan.

There are now 15 members APT.

Several of this Chapter are going to San Juan for the International meeting.

Final plans were made for the "Deltona Derby", a fun air race, to be in connection with the Southeast Sectional meeting, September 27.

Lavina Tabor and family flew to the northeast for a 3 week vacation. One son just got his private and the other son soloed just before their trip. Congratulations to the boys. A flying family.

FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER

Doris Herndon, Reporter

Sixteen members were present at a fabulous luncheon in Hidden River at the beautiful house of Gladys Henderson.

Carol Griffin was pinned during the meeting. She and her history professor husband are from England. Betty DeLaurentis, who works the St. Petersburg FSS attended her first meeting.

Dottie Birdsong, while in Melbourne, Australia, tried to reach Ruth Hodges, only to learn about a plane crash that took the life of Ruth and her daughter. 99s will remember they flew the 1967 Powder Puff Derby and won the International trophy.

The Suncoast Chapter is working feverishly on International plans as well as Southeast section.

September 14 is our installation of 1974-75 officers. We are making a night of it at Port-of-Call in St. Petersburg.

A delightful meeting was held at Gwen Zimmerman's home with Jenny Cook as co-hostess on August 7. This meeting was to organize new officers and committee chairman for the up coming year.

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

Jenny McWilliams, Reporter

Three of our members, Ernestine Mahan, Janet Green, and Peggy McCormick attended convention in Puerto Rico. We hope to have their report soon.

Membership was again the theme at our August meeting held at North Jackson Aviation in Madison, MS. We had three 66s present, and two Private Pilots who will be joining very soon. Glorice Wells and Ede Brandon, 99s from New Orleans, came in a beautiful Cardinal which looked even better on the return trip, due to Glorice having purchased a large fern while here. The fern occupied **both** rear seats. The program for the meeting was given by Don McWilliams, CFII and 49½, who spoke on Winning Friends for Flying, through professional techniques and courtesy.

As co-sponsors of the Mississippi Air Tour to be held the last week of December 1974, we would like to invite all 99s and their families to participate. Among places of interest on the tour are: Cottonlandia Museum at Greenwood, Antebellum Homes in Columbus, Choctaw Reservation at Philadelphia, Bienville National Forest, Civil War Battlefields at Vicksburg, Deep Sea Fishing and 8 Flags at Gulfport, plus many more. Mississippi is a beautiful and hospitable state that welcomes visitors with open arms. FLY and enjoy an event-filled Air Tour with us, during the Christmas Holiday Season, which terminates in Gulfport with a gala New Year's Eve Party at the Top of the Sheraton. For more information and reservations, write The Mississippi Travel & Tourism Department.

Walters Sillers State Office Building
Jackson, MS., 39201.

August has been a month filled with tours by MS 99s—Caroline Cheek to Yellowstone, Janet Green and Cindy Bass to California, Wanda Garson to Tennessee, to name a few.

Y'all come—to Mississippi Air Tour—Dec. 26, 1974 through Jan. 1, 1975.

South African Section

SOUTH CENTRAL AFRICA SECTION

Brigitte Hildebrandt, Reporter

If this month's report to the rest of the 99 world is a little meagre it reflects in no way the true state of affairs 'at home'. It's just that this is more of a time of preparation for big things, on which we can then hold forth in the next issue.

We, at least, seem to find ordinary bi-annual meetings turned into quite an occasion every time, mainly because of the distances separating most of us - something we probably have in common with the Australian 99s (and we'd very much like to hear how they manage to span their vast spaces...?). You can imagine the flood of letters and, in the last few hectic days, the long-distance telephone calls required to co-ordinate the flying movements of the South Central African, Rhodesian, Mocambique and Angola Ninety Nines, their husbands, children, pax and guests, spread over an area of about 2,500,000 sq. km (as I have been reliably informed by various consulates) - and all of them expected to arrive at a small airstrip tucked away in the extreme north of Rhodesia! I dare say that, with this kind of invasion, the elephants and buffalo generally roaming on the said strip will take to the bush, but one never knows. It is for a very good reason that any flight guide detailed enough to mention Bumi Hills will not stop at pointing out to adventurous pilots the co-ordinates, but ranks equally important the words of caution: Watch out for Game on the Runway!

But get there we will, one and all looking forward immensely to the ceremonial presentation of the Rhodesian Flame Lily Chapter Charter on August 31st, 1974. More about that next time.

East Canada Section

FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER

Nora Parish, Reporter

From all reports it has been a busy summer for many of our chapter members. Gillian Holden visited England, Edith Denny travelled the Far East, Elizabeth Lane flew to the Rockies, not to mention the members who attended Convention in Puerto Rico.

Willie Frosst, 1st Canadian Chapter Vice Chairman, is the proud new owner of a pretty little Piper Colt, CF-TDC, (top dead centre)? The next objective is to acquire a set of floats. Should be just the right airplane to fly around the Muskoka Lakes in Northern Ontario.

Ruth Prowse is busily working on her commercial ticket as well as helping her husband finish their family project - a homebuilt Starduster Too. Both of these projects are nearing completion and with 2 sons as well as mother and father all licenced pilots it is going to be a busy flying family.

The August Fly-In to Heather Sifton's home was a great success with 46 people including families and friends of the 99s attending. It even had an international flavour with two 99s from the Greater Ohio Chapter arriving for the fun. The weather was beautiful and the day was enjoyed by everyone.

The East Canada Section Fall meeting is to be held in Muskoka on Oct. 4th, 5th, and 6th. at the Elgin House. Willie Frosst is arranging this meeting. Anyone who has ever visited the Muskoka area in the fall knows how lovely this area is and this should be reason enough to insure a good attendance.

West Canadian Section

GREATER WINNIPEG CHAPTER

Kathy Dunlap, Reporter

Newly elected officers were installed at our September meeting: **Chairman, Pat Chudley; Vice Chairman, Margaret Rubin; Secretary, Myrtle Pawlychka and Treasurer, Cheryl Milton.**

The first big event in our new year is September 28. That is the date of our annual Bar B Que and Dance held at the Winnipeg Flying Club. The public is invited to eat barbeque steaks, (cooked by our spouses) and dance all night. Our new chairman, Pat Chudley, is chief organizer.

The Governor General's Air Rally, organized by our chapter in cooperation with COPA, was held June 15. We feel it was quite successful for being the first time held in Manitoba. There were 41 participants from the four western Canadian provinces. The types of aircraft ranged from a Tiger Moth to a twin Piper. The awards banquet was held that evening at the Northstar Inn with the Honorable and Mrs. W. J. McKeag, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba guests of Honor. All participating pilots received prizes as well as the three top observers.



The Hon. W. J. McKeag, Lt. Gov. of Manitoba, center, presents the Governor General's Cup to winner of the Governor General's Air Rally pilot D. R. Fonger, left, and observer Gordon Johnson, both of Winnipeg.

Do you know enough about aviation insurance to order a policy over the phone?

Probably not. Most pilots are not insurance experts — they don't know the market and aren't familiar with such terms as declarations, exclusions, conditions, warranties, etc.

Moreover, dealing direct is no guarantee that you'll save money on purchasing a policy. In most cases, your local independent insurance agent can get you a better deal than you can make yourself. After all, he's an insurance professional who can accurately assess your needs and arrange proper coverage through any of a number of aviation insurance markets.

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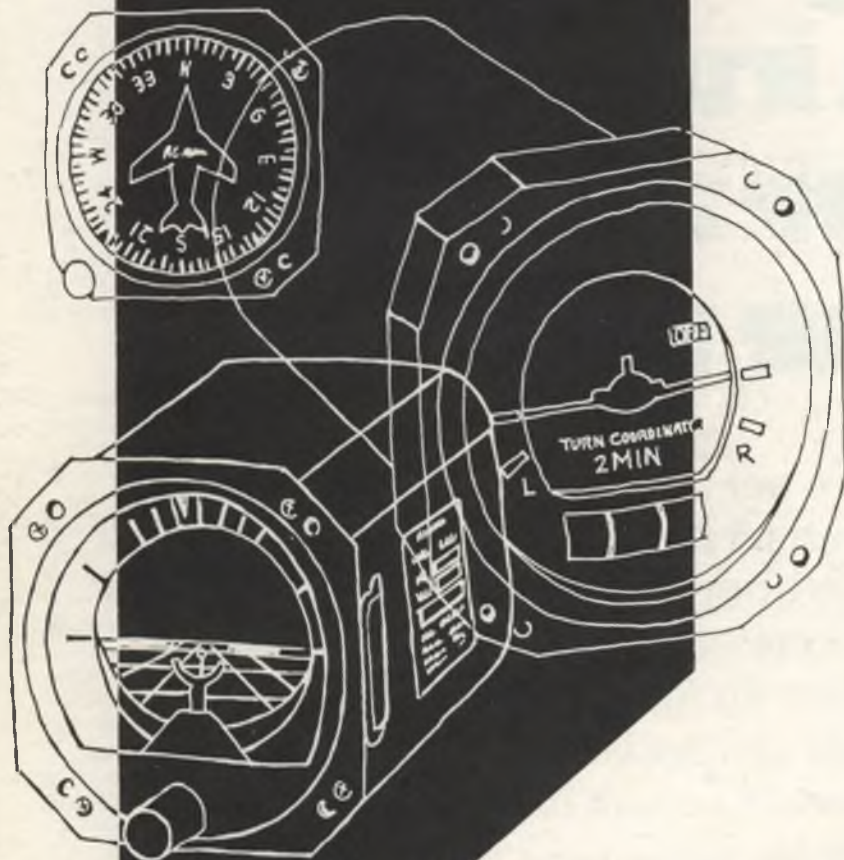
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