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## President Pat's

# ACTION LINE



Our fall Board meeting was busy and productive. Your International Board of Directors met in Carbondale, Illinois at the home of Vice President Lois Feigenbaum, September 30, October 1 and 2. We had a full agenda and worked for three days, starting at 8:00 A.M. with a break for lunch and continuing till around 5:00 P.M. each evening. At this point we were ever mindful of the old proverb, "The mind can absorb only what the seat can endure!"

During the months of September and October the Board was in ACTION with a big emphasis on C for Communications. September 6 - 8 Lois attended the fall Northwest Section meeting in Renton, Washington. She was in attendance representing your Board of Directors and met with the Section concerning plans for the "99 Roundup"-our 1975 convention in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, July 30-31, August 1-2. Don't miss out on what promises to be an outstanding International convention - if you have not done so, mark the dates on your 1975 calendar now!

September 13-15 found Thon Griffith, Mary Vial and myself at Snowbird, Utah for the Southwest Section meeting - an outstanding event in a beautiful setting. September 27-29 Thon and I attended the North Central Section meeting at Marion, Illinois, hosted by the Cape Girardeau Area Chapter. So good to visit with 99s and be a part of the North Central 99 activities.

The following week-end, October 4-6, I flew to South Central Section meeting held in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The Chaparral Chapter, and with only a handful of members, did a superb job. Chaparral may be small but their enthusiasm is large! While I was at the South Central Section meeting, Lois attended the East Canada Section meeting and from all reports, it was a mutually enjoyable exchange of communications.

October 11-13 International Treasurer Janet Green carried greetings and best wishes with her to the Middle East Section meeting held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She reported a fine meeting and much fun on "Cloud 99".

October 18th I was off for Philadelphia to meet with the New York - New Jersey Section members - a great group of 99s planning ahead for our Golden Anniversary celebration. They truly reflect our theme - ACT. While I was enjoying the hospitality of the Garden State Chapter in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, Mary Able was enjoying the hospitality of and meeting with the New England Section.

Your Board has truly enjoyed working for and with you this fall and, of course, those moments of pleasure help make complete our part of the ACTION!

Many thanks to 99s everywhere for taking the time out of your busy lives to send back the cards with your approval or disapproval of the \$129,517.00 bid to build our Headquarters home. It gives me extreme delight to announce, **you have approved** the expenditure and your Board will proceed with plans to get the first shovel of earth removed before winter sets in. The results were as follows: 910 approved, 384 disapproved, 11 voided, 6 unmarked and 3 returned as undeliverable. Marilyn Copeland, our Headquarters Chairman, will keep you apprised of your Headquarters home progress through the "News".

Don't forget - let's all get into the ACT!

### "NATIONAL GENERAL AVIATION WEEK FOR 1975?" BY: MARILYN HIBNER

In the July/August issue of "Ninety-Nine News," the Long Island Chapter's column included a photo of a proclamation signing for the first "General Aviation Week" for Long Island, and gave a brief mention of it in the chapter column. This article is not for the purpose of further coverage of that event, but rather to "plant a seed" in the minds of Ninety-Nines throughout the

country -- and for members of our organization in other countries. It is my strong belief that "general aviation" needs frequent and increasing favorable exposure to the public if it is to enjoy a healthy climate in which it can survive and continue to grow. For the large majority of our population, "general aviation" is a puzzling term; they deal in the more frequent and familiar -- "planes, airlines, jets." In founding this first local "General Aviation Week," I became aware that the problem of an uninformed public and the corrective measures required can only be

attended to by those persons, organizations and companies who wish to preserve and improve the future of general aviation and reap its many benefits and pleasures. We cannot exist indefinitely under the presumption that the public will seek and strive to inform themselves by trips to the local airport and home-study courses on the subject of general aviation. Educating the public should be the endeavor of aircraft manufacturers, FBOs, local general aviation airports, and general aviation organizations -- such as the Ninety-Nines.

The time to consider your chapter's or section's involvement in such a project is NOW! Whether you would like to get a local "general aviation week" proclaimed in your area or state, or would like to strive for a "National General Aviation Week," such a project requires the good part of a year to successfully plan and produce for the public's enjoyment and interest. I am not suggesting this as an official Ninety-Nines project, but rather an aviation education project in which you could participate (or initiate), that should be of great interest and concern to general aviation pilots and to members of general aviation organizations, such as ours. Chapters and/or sections have the necessary womanpower and background to be the initiators of such a project in their locale, and further have the advantage of a country-wide organizational network with which a "National General Aviation Week" could be achieved.

Along with Long Island's recognition of "General Aviation Week" this past June 23 - 30, 1974 (the last week in June), other chapters in New York State joined in with activities in their local areas of the state. In addition to Ninety-Nines support, various other organizations and companies to join in were: CAP, FAA, FBOs, New York State Council of Aviation Organizations, and Aviation Council of Long Island. The educational promotion consisted of: static displays by the mentioned entities at shopping centers; activities at airports; safety programs open to the public as well as general aviation pilots; raffles by organizations for flights in general aviation aircraft; and anything else that would give the public insight and education on the topic of general aviation. One organization offered an essay contest to high school students with four prizes of flight instruction through solo donated by FBOs. ATC simulators were set up for the public's participation. The ideas for promoting general aviation are endless! Balloon ascensions, antique and experimental aircraft displays, penny-a-pound programs, tours of radar control facilities, etc., etc. California read a news release of the Long Island efforts and has proceeded to plan their own "General Aviation Week."

If the idea sounds good to you, join in. Long Island, and hopefully New York State, will strive for a proclamation of General Aviation Week the last week in June, 1975; and we'd be happy to see it become contagious in other areas. Start your planning NOW to promote general aviation in June, 1975!





Recreation on wheels at Roosevelt Field, Long Island (L to R): Amelia Earhart, Elvy Kalep, Frances Harrell Marsalis and Betty Huyler Gillies

Alvy Kalep, International member, then of Estonia. Frances Marsalis, first Sec.-Treas. of the Ninety-Nines and second NY-NJ Governor.

Betty Huyler Gillies (License 6525), fifth President of the Ninety-Nines, had served prior as Vice-Pres. to Daisy Kirkpatrick (33883). Betty was Commander in the WAFS and WASP '42-44, was AWTAR Director '53-61 and presently, a very active 99 lives at Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.



A 1933 Carolina Contingent of 99s, (L to R): Gene Benson (27326), Greensboro, N. C., Mary Nicholson, Greensboro, N. C., Leah Zeigler (23551), Florence, S. C., and Dorothy Speas, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mary Webb Nicholson, first Southeast Governor, served four terms. She was executive secretary to Jacqueline Cochran, sixth International President, and was elected NY-NJ Governor in 1940. Mary was a fatality during WWII while serving in the Air Transport Auxiliary in England



Jean LaRene (Foote) had a long tenure as first Governor of the South Central Section. Jean worked for Command-Aire, American Eagle, Dallas Aviation School and Foote Aviation; entered the '30-31-32 Derbies and made numerous endurance flights.



Margaret Perry (Cooper Manser) and the Tulsa-built Spartan J-6-5 she entered in the '29 Derby; operated the Culver City, Calif. Airport. Margaret was the first Southwest Governor and second Ninety-Nines' President. Was elected NY-NJ Governor in 1936 and was one of the first two Permanent Trustees of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund; Alma Harwood, Rye, New York, was the other.

# HAPPY 45TH

Compiled by Glenn Buffington

It is a privilege to share this historical data and pictorial with you . . . . many happy returns to all the past, present and future Ninety-Nines.

Picture selection includes seven of the twenty-six pilots who attended the first historical, "call to the colors" meeting, November 2, 1929 at Curtiss Field, Valley Stream, Long Island: Betty Huyler (Gillies), Marjorie May Lesser (Van Antwerp), Dorothea Leh, Amelia Earhart (Putnam), Frances Harrell (Marsalis), Teddy Kenyon and Viola Gentry.

Prior to the selection of the first roster of officers, the Organizational business was carried on by a group of stalwart charter members:

Secretary	Louise Thaden	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1943
Treasurer	Blanche Noyes	Cleveland, O.	6540
<b>Chaired Committees:</b>			
Constitution	Ruth Nichols	Rye, New York	326
Membership	Jean LaRene	Dallas, Texas	5700
National Emergency	Opal Kunz	New York, N.Y.	6830
Women's Derby	Amelia Earhart	New York, N.Y.	5716

Following is the first complete slate of officers:

President	Amelia Earhart	Rye, New York	5716
Vice-President	Louis Thaden	Baltimore, Md.	1943
Secretary-Treasurer	Frances Marsalis	Mineola, New York	7346
<b>Governors:</b>			
Northeast (New England)	Mary Moore Sansom	Hartford, Conn.	11870
NY-NJ	Marjorie Lesser	Albany, N.Y.	7200
Middle East	Dorothea Leh	Allentwon, Pa.	3961
Southeast	Mary Nicholson	Greensboro, N.C.	9562
South Central	Jean La Rene	Dallas, Texas	5700
North Central	Lauretta Schimmoler	Bucyrus, Ohio	15907
Northwest	Edith Foltz	Portland, Oregon	5600
Southwest	Margaret Cooper	Beverly Hills, Calif.	4049



Dorothea (Dot) Leh, first Middle East Governor, with the OX-5 Travel Air, was elected to the post for three terms. She was a real leader of the Ninety-Nines in that Section and "there was a mighty fine gal", to quote Louise Thaden.



A group of 1933 Annette Gipson Trophy Race participants - Back row (L to R): Edna Gardner (Whyte), Mary Moore Sansom, Teddy Kenyon, Myrtle Brown and Edith Descomb. Front row (L to R): Laura Ingalls and Annette Gipson.

Mary Sansom, first Northeast (New England) Section Governor, and Edith Descomb (18157) were both well-known Hartford, Conn. pilots, noted for racing and aerobatics. Mary also managed Interstate Airways in 1930 at Hartford.

Edna Whyte (20000), Charter Whirly-Girl No. 10, needs no introduction -- Fourteenth Ninety-Nines Pres., noted instructor and racing pilot who now operates her own airport at Roanoke, Texas.

Teddy Kenyon (9949), Whirly-Girl No. 28, and Myrtle Brown (7701), are 99s charter members. Teddy lives at Old Lyme, Conn. Myrtle was a sister-in-law of Guiseppe Bellanca.

Annette Gipson (14652) sponsored her annual air races '32-34 and helped to stimulate racing. She entered lots of competition herself; among others, the '34 National Meet at Vandalia, Ohio and the '36 Ruth Chatterton Derby from Cleveland to San Diego.



Lauretta Schimmoler, circa 1930, at Sycamore, Ohio with training plane. First North Central Governor and Second Sec.-Treas. of the 99s; managed Muni Airport, Bucyrus, Ohio '32-33, served in the WAC during WWII. Lauretta founded the Aerial Nurse Corps, forerunner to the Flight Nurse. She organized and was the first and seventeenth Commander of the Amelia Earhart American Legion Post at Glendale, and now lives at Glendale, Calif.



A 1935 picture taken at the New York Hotel Gotham headquarters of AIRWOMAN (L to R): Margaret Perry Cooper, Viola Gentry, Peggy Lennox Drown and Laura Ingalls.

Margaret Cooper was the second President of the Ninety-Nines. Viola Gentry (1822) is a charter member, historian and pioneer endurance flier, now of Miami, Florida.

Peggy Lennox (9803) flew with the Air Transport Auxilliary in England during WWII, won the first International Race in '49 and now hails from Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Laura Ingalls (9330), renowned speed, distance and aerobatic pilot, finished second to Louise Thaden and Blanche Noyes, tenth International President, in the '36 Bendix Race.

Dorothea Leh, first Middle East Governor, was elected to the post for three terms a leader of the Ninety-Nines in that Section.

Marjorie May Lesser (Van Antwerp), first Governor of NY NJ Section, must have had a good sense of humor for on the back of her photo, sent by her son, she had written, "covered wagon days"!



Louise Thaden, the first Vice-President of the 99s, takes a stance by one of her favorite aircraft, the Travel Air, the type in which she set early-day speed, altitude and endurance records. It was the forerunner to the Beech-craft she used in '36 to win the Bendix Trophy Race. A Civil Air Patrol member for over twenty years, Louise now lives at High Point, N.C.



Edith Foltz (Stearns), by the Alexander Eaglerock she flew in the first '29 Women's Air Derby, pioneer Northwest pilot, first Governor of the Northwest Section, served in the Air Transport Auxilliary in England during WWII and entered the '52-53 AWTAR with Pauline Glasson of Corpus Christi.



# Chapter Histories

(Editor's Note: Some time ago, when Virginia Thompson was Historian, we started a BIG project to record the histories of ALL State chapters in the various sections. At first we expected this would run in the 99 NEWS for some five years. However, we waited for these histories to come in so that we might run them in order of their founding. We waited in vain, and many chapters have not yet responded. When we went to six magazine issues our project was held over due to lack of space. Now that we are again going to ten issue per year, we decided to start publishing those we had.. First to arrive was the history of the California Chapters compiled by Ruth Rueckert, Bay Cities Chapter. Since this was done by Ruth, new chapters have developed, which we will cover in the future. Meantime, Ruth and those who cooperated with her to 'get it all together', are to be congratulated on a job well done.)

A History of The California Chapters, Southwest Section, The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

Compiled by: Ruth Rueckert

1929

In the beginning there was the Southwestern Section: California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona, 467,933 square miles. California's 158,297 square miles had twelve Charter members; (Nevada, one; Utah and Arizona, none).

1974

Forty-five years later, the State of California has over 800 Ninety-Nines, in 27 Chapters.

About one-fourth the total membership in the Ninety-Nines, Inc., reside in California. To mention each member by name, with her accomplishments, would be an impossible task.

The All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, Inc., - The Powder Puff Derby (PPD) - is theoretically transcontinental, and California has had the Start and or the Finish of all the 26 PPDs, with the exception of three.

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund (AEMS), established in 1940-41, honors our first President, who lived in and learned to fly in southern California. Therefore each Chapter takes pride in raising funds for this Scholarship.

After the "black-out" of the West Coast during World War Two, the State was badly in need of air-marking. Today, as you

transverse the State, the air-marks noted are, in the majority, done by members of the California Chapters.

The Wings for Drug Relief Fund (DRF), with headquarters in Santa Barbara, was brought to the attention of the national membership by Betty Ardell Hinn of the Monterey Bay Chapter.

The above are four of the major activities of the California members, active in every phase of aviation; members with ratings from Private to ATR and careers from homemaker to professorship.

1932

In order for members to work more closely to further aviation, Margaret Perry Cooper (Manser) organized the Bay Cities Chapter in Northern California, and the Los Angeles Chapter in Southern California. Both Chapters have celebrated its 41st. Anniversary.

The BAY CITIES CHAPTER was chartered March 2, 1932, with nine members. Three, Lillian Anderson, Phyllis Penfield (a Charter member of the 99s) and Ruth Rueckert are still listed in the Roster. Our "territory" was northern California, northern Nevada and the state of Utah. To interest women pilots in this area, "Winging Parties" were held, and over the



BAY CITIES CHAPTER members turn out to hear Jacqueline Cochran speak on "Horizons Unlimited" (March 26, 1962 at Theta Sigma Phi, Oakland-Berkely Professional Chapter Luncheon). Left to right: Juanda Bigelow, Ruth Rueckert, Jean Tinsley, Hazel Miles, Jacqueline Cochran, Deby Byram, Gail Lane and Ruth Wakeman.

41 years, some 250 members were recruited, and the Chapter sponsored, or gave members to, eleven of the now existing Chapters in California. Five members were Section Governor; two became International President; two, International Treasurer and A.E. Trustees; and in the Smithsonian Air Museum are 25 books, covering the first 25 years of the 99s, compiled by Ruth Rueckert, International Historian, 1949-55.

The Chapter was hostess to the AWTAR (PPD) three times, with contestants entered many times: Jan and Marion Dietrich placed second; Geri Hill, tenth. Helen Kelton (an AEMS winner) and

Margaret Gerhardt are Timer Judges of the PPD. Jan Dietrich as an ATR rating, and been Chief Pilot of a Jet Star. Jean Tinsley is our only Whirly-Girl.

The Chapter was hostess to the Section Meeting four times, and other activities include air-marking 2 cent per lb. airlifts, airport show, Wing Scout troop sponsors, and provided speakers for service groups, radio and television; two members are Ex-WASPS.

On the 41st Anniversary there were 34 members, but once again the Bay Cities Chapter is sponsoring another Chapter - Marin County - and will transfer some members to it.

The LOS ANGELES CHAPTER also formed in 1932, covered southern California, southern Nevada and Arizona. Many of the Charter Ninety-Nines lived in southern California, three of whom are still active pilots: Melba Gorby Beard, Achsa Peacock Holfelder and Betty Huyler (N.Y.) Gillies. Also in this year, record flights were made in California by Bobbie Trout, Louise McPhetridge (Thaden) and Amelia Earhart.

In 1937 member Lauretta Schimmoler launched the Aerial Nurse Corps of America and Viola Neill outfitted a Stinson Reliant for a flying ambulance service. May 9, 1930 Margaret Perry was the first woman in the U.S. to own and operate a flying field - Culver City Airport. In 1939 Pinkie Brier became owner and operator of Tri-Cities Airport, in San Bernardino.

Four members were President, 13, Governor. The FIRST AWTAR, 1946, Palm Springs to Tampa, Florida, was won by Carolyn West (then Chairman) and



LOS ANGELES CHAPTER's 40th Anniversary Birthday Cake (March 1942) about to be served by (left) Dorothy Pepin, Chairman 1971-73, and (right) Esther Johnson, First Chairman 1932-34.

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Beatrice Medes (vice-chairman of the Chapter). Mardo Crane, founder of the AWTAR, was Los Angeles Chapter Chairman in 1947-49. Early National 99 Conventions were held in Los Angeles, and the Chapter has been hostess to several Section Meetings.

In 1951 the Chapter split into three: Los Angeles, Long Beach and San Fernando Valley.

It was the sponsor of French pilot Jacqueline Auriol, as a member-at-large. During the war years, many members were Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs).

Activities include air-marking, 2 cents per lb. airlifts, high-altitude indoctrination courses, and ferrying drugs for DRF. The Chapter supports the National Arthritic Foundation and the Exceptional Children's Opportunity Fund, and fly with the Valley Airmen's Association in cooperation with the Callexico Orthopedic Clinic, flying crippled children to and from Los Angeles Hospital, and taking supplies to Callexico. Many members fly the PPD, and the Chapter won the Section Trophy for highest professional flying time, as well as for the non-professional.

Los Angeles Chapter has been the sponsor of, or given members to, ten or more Chapters in the Southwest Section. At the 40th Anniversary Party, Esther Johnson, first Chairman was present; Melba Beard, the speaker.

#### 1946

As always, the driving distances influenced the formation of new Chapters, and thus the **SAN DIEGO CHAPTER** was chartered Sept. 14, 1946. Jessie Ostrander, Evelyn Briggs and former National President Betty Gillies were the guiding lights, with eleven charter members. The foregoing three, plus Betty Lambert are still listed in the Roster.

The next three years found the Chapter members active in fly-ins, air-marking, and winning a contest for increasing the membership 83 per cent. Hostess of the Third AWTAR in 1949 - and the 1950, 1958, 1961, 1965, and 1969 (the last two assisted by other near-by-Chapters)- many members have flown the Race, and Placing among the first ten.. In 1972 Marion Banks won First Place, with Dottie Sanders (El Cajon Chapter) co-pilot. Two 99 Conventions, and several Section Meetings have been held in San Diego. From 1964 to date, the Pacific Air Race, (P.A.R.) has been sponsored; as were two Chapters, Phoenix (Ariz.) and Palomar. The first Girl Scout Wing Troop in the County was sponsored, and yet another. Scholarships to C.A.P. cadets were given. The members are active in the Flying Samaritans, the Coast Guard Auxilliary, and are assistants with the San Diego Aero-Space Museum. Three members - Betty Gillies, Theresa Vasques and Marion Banks were on the Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation.

The White Knuckles Association for reluctant passengers originated in the San Diego Chapter, which has resulted in the Pinch-Hitters Courses for non-pilots, a regular event at AOPA meetings.

#### 1947

In Bakersfield there were two National Charter Members, Eva Mae Lange and Achsa Peacock (Holdfelder). The city being "midway" between northern and southern California, it was a popular meeting place of Southwest Section members. Several air shows were held, with 99s competing - one in particular was on May 7th, 1933 The American Legion Air Races at Kern County Airport. On October 5th, 1947 the **BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER** was chartered and the Spring Section Meeting was held there in 1948.

Officers were elected for the 1948-49 year, but the Chapter became inactive in Sept. 1949. Re-activated in late 1953, it immediately was hostess to the Fall Section Meeting. It has been an active Chapter ever since, hosting the AWTAR Start in 1963 with a team from the Chapter competing - not the first team to do so.

After funds were raised by a 1 cent per lb. airlift, a bus for the Mexican school children of Santa Maria, Baja, was purchased, and driven down by Chapter members to Santa Maria for presentation.

Assistance to air races, particularly the Hayward-Las Vegas Race, is a yearly project, with members flying as contestants. Air-marking all of Kern County's airports has been achieved; relaying DRF supplies; sponsoring FAA seminars and assisting with Kern County Airport Flight Service Clinics, are some of the activities of this Chapter.



Left to Right: Ruth Wagner, California's former Lt. Gov. Ed. Reinicke, and Darlene Kelley, Sacramento Valley Chapter Chairman

Being centrally located, the Chapter has been hostess to many of the Spring and Fall Section Meetings, one in 1962 in conjunction with the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce "Aviation weekend", with the Blue Angels performing.

Nov. 16, 1947 the **SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER** was Chartered with seven members. Only Coral Bloom one of the seven, is still active in the Chapter, and has been flying for 30 years, holds instrument, multi-engined and flight instructor ratings. A teacher in the Aero education program of a Junior College in Concord, her former students now fly all over the world.

At present with over fifty members, the Chapter is active with assists to AOPA Safety Flight Clinics; supervises the yearly Palms-to-Pines Air Race RON at Red Bluff; and twice hostess to the Section Meetings, 1960 and 1968.

Geraldine Mickelsen was a member of Sacramento Valley Chapter when she was elected to the office of International President, serving 1953-55.

The center of this Chapter is the State Capitol, and members are alert to aviation legislation being put forward - working for, and against such legislation.

On Nov. 17, 1972, the 25th Anniversary was celebrated with a dinner party, which drew 99s from all points, including International President Susie Sewell, of Oklahoma City; two past-Presidents, Broneta Evans, Mangum, Oklahoma, and Gerry Mickelsen; and Governor of the Southwest Section, Mary Vial, Phoenix, Ariz.

#### 1949

Nov. 1st., **COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER** was chartered with five members, including the famous Jacqueline Cochran (President 1941-43). In 1950 a membership drive added many members, including Zaddie Bunker, who was the "Official Greeter" at the 1954 Fall Section Meeting at Desert Air Hotel near Palm Springs. Eleanor Wagner, who was the first elected Chairman of the Chapter - and Treasurer of the Southwest Section in 1955-56 found her Chapter inactive from 1957 to July 15th, 1961, when it was re-activated.

Public relations improved with the over-70 year-old Zaddie Bunker's travels, and the Chapter hostessing fly-ins to the area. A team entered the AWTAR in 1963; hostessed AWTAR stops at Palm Springs in 1953 and 1967 and timed at Fresno in 1970; held a mass fly-in to March AFB in 1964; won the Section Trophy for air-marking; members Fay Douthitt and Phyllis Wescott won the Fallon Fun Race in 1965; also in 1965 had a booth at the International Aero Classics in Palm



**COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER** members with Aviation Notables in December, 1961. Left to Right (standing): Bobbi Trout, Charter 99, Clema Granger, Cliff Henderson (of Cleveland Air Racy Days), Zaddie Bunker, Dr. Grace Song Line. Left to right (seated): Members Faye Douthitt, Eleanor Wagner, Dorothy Gireve Coleman. Trophy: The original Bendix Trophy from Henderson's collection of aviation material.

Springs, displaying 99 memorabilia. In April 1970 the Chapter honored Cliff Henderson, founder of Palm Desert - and the Promotor of the 1930's Cleveland Air Races - with a "Den-Daddy" designation; and aided the Angelus Antiquers with their fly-in to Palm Desert.

Continued next month -



**KACHINA DOLL  
ROADRUNNER AIR RACES**  
by Natasha Swigard

On Sunday, Nov. 3rd, the Phoenix Chapter sponsored their 7th annual Kachina-Doll - Roadrunner Proficiency Air Races. This race rates safety measures and proficiency regarding time to stations and total fuel useage. There were 57 official entries in both races - 31 in the Kachina Doll Race and 26 in the Roadrunner Race. It was originally scheduled for Saturday, but due to horrible WX conditions, it was postponed til Sunday.

The race course was 239 NM with check points at Skull Valley, AZ, and Superior, AZ. Virginia Hash was MC at the briefing with approximately 160 attending. Traffic and regs were explained by Jim Snedeker - tower chief at Phoenix-Litchfield Airport (where the race began and ended). Lt. Samuel from Luke AFB gave some pertinent pointers on avoiding jets going in and out of Luke. He had everyone's undivided attention! Tom Parnell - FSS-was a most unpopular fellow with the rainy, snowy, obscured mountain tops WX he told everyone about. Turned out he was right!

Awards banquet was attended by 192 people. It was held at Del Webb's Townhouse. Although the trophies were handed out the next day - a good time was had by all-except the bartender!

Four trophies were given to Ruby Sheldon, Janet Edmond, R.J. Long, and

H. Whelan for finding the most "bugs" in a pre-flite test of a Cherokee loaned to us by Anderson Aviation.

The chapter plans on an 8th set of races next fall - but are hopeful that the WX will be more cooperative!



**CAPTION: The 7th annual Kachina Doll Race staged by the Phoenix Chapter was won by (L) Barbara Welsh, Co-pilot, and (R) Wyn Haywood pilot. They hold the Barry Goldwater Rotating Trophy.**



**CAPTION: Winners of the Phoenix Chapter's Annual Roadrunner Air Race on Nov. 3rd, shown holding the Sam Steiger Rotating Trophy are (L) Jason Hayward, pilot, (R) John Welsh, co-pilot, both from Tucson.**

**KACHINA DOLL RACE**

PLACE	PILOT	CO-PILOT	Est. Fuel	Fuel Used	Est. Time	Actual Time
1	WYN HAYWOOD Beech Debonair	BARBARA WELSH	12.0	12.0	123.0	123.1
2	MARY LOU BROWN Cessna 150	CAROLINE REIBERT	5.9	5.9	87.0	86.7
3	PAM MARLEY Cessna 182	VICKY BRUCE	10.9	10.8	104.0	103.8
last	JESSIE WIMMERS	JO PUTNAM	To far to be mentioned			

The first place winner was awarded the Barry Goldwater Rotating Trophy. A special "Crying Towel" award was given to the last place winner!

**ROADRUNNER RACE**

PLACE	PILOT	CO-PILOT	Est. Fuel	Fuel Used	Est. Time	Actual Time
1	JASON HAYWARD Beech Debonair B33	JOHN WELSH	12.0	12.0	123.0	123.1
2	JACK PANKEY Commanche 250	JAY JENNINGS	14.7	14.7	135.0	134.8
3	DON GOEBEL C-140	ROY QUACKENBUSH	5.5	5.5	85.0	85.3
last	JIM LIEM Mooney Super 21	BOB HANSEN	8.9	11.4	135.0	140.6

The first place winner was awarded the Sam Steiger Rotating Trophy. A special last place trophy was given to the man that did the poorest on time!

All of the racers received a special Wind Sock Trophy (made by Clare Ellis) as awards for the endurance and the indulgence shown by all the racers!

# What its all about COMMITTEE REPORTS



**Margo Smith, Chairman**

President Pat McEwen says, "My theme for this year is ACT. A. - for activities that will enhance the image of Ninety-Nines. C. - for communications between members and your board, and T. - for training to keep our proficiency up and our accidents down" And she asks us to be ACTIVE Ninety-Nines.

Have you and your Chapter discussed the restructuring of 99 membership requirements, and submitted your recommendations and reasons to Pat Jetton, Chairman of the By-Laws Revision Committee? If she and her Committee are to prepare the new By-Laws, they must have your opinions NOW. Since I know this organization is composed of individualists with opinions (which is why I love it!), I am unable to imagine anyone who would be indifferent to changes in membership status. Lazy about writing - yes, that I can see.

Are YOU APT this year? All our International Officers are. Although a Biennial Flight Review is the legal requirement in the U.S.A., we 99s advocate an Annual review - which is already the requirement in some countries.

At the end of the first seven months of this year, we had only 700 or so APT from our thousands of members. Why? Was everyone waiting until Nov. 1? Have we that many non-flying 99s? I don't know the answer. (Ed. note: As Margo says above - Lazy we are)

**Additional 1974-75 Section APT Chairmen (SAC) (see Sept. -Oct. issue for others)**

AUSTRALIAN - Peg Kelman

BRITISH - (All APT)

COLUMBIAN ORCHID - Helena De-Escovar

EAST CANADA - Wilsie Frosst

FINNISH - (All APT)

FRENCH - (by law all APT)

NORTHWEST - Dorothy Mercer

SOUTHEAST - Gladys Estes

SOUTH CENTRAL - Sondra Ridgeway

SO. CENTRAL AFRICA - Brigitte Hildebrand

WESTERN CANADIAN - Helga Valousek

Gene Nora Jessen and Lady McReynolds will continue to serve on the International Committee.

With the 1974 APT year drawing to a close, procrastinate no longer..get APT now!



**Flying Activities**  
by

**Charlene Falkenberg, Chairman**

This month instead of writing about an interesting flying activity, (and there have been many, Puerto Rico, your own Fall Sectional, mine which was one of the best ever at Marion, Illinois, etc.) I would like to speak to each and every Flying Activity Chairman. If your Chapter doesn't have one urge your Chairman to appoint one, or better yet, volunteer to serve as the FA Chairman for your Chapter. I hope every Chapter Chairman will send the name of their FA Chairman to the Section FA Chairman. If you don't know your Section FA Chairman please send the name to me and I will see that she gets it. (My address is in the Roster). In turn, will each Governor send me the name of her Section FA Chairman, or have the Section Secretary send the name to me?

I have found that my greatest need is communication. My greatest wish is that I

could make our members more aware of the importance of Flying Activities. I feel most officers tend to feel this is just a fun thing and really doesn't matter too much whether or not it is followed up.

Actually, 9 out of 10 girls who join the 99s do so because they want more opportunities to fly. Many drop away and don't show up at meetings because they find they are just in another group such as PTA, Sorority, etc. If there is some PLANNED Flying Activities these girls will be happy to join in. As a result they will come to know the other members and soon become active in many other projects in which we are involved.

Also, the Flying Activity Chairman should feel responsible to keep up with Aviation Legislation, Safety, Air Education and Membership.

Some small Chapters don't bother with a Flying Activity Chairman because they feel they live so far apart they all fly to the meetings and this is their Flying Activities.

You find that these small Chapters also do not have a Legislation Chairman, Air Education Chairman, etc. These could all be combined under the duties of the Flying Activity Chairman.

We are a flying organization so every activity we participate in concerns the Flying Activity Chairman. A Flying Activity Chairman should work as a liaison officer for all Committee Chairmen in the Chapter. She should be enthusiastic, provide information, consider Flying Activities as an important part of the 99s. It can offer friendship and a means of getting acquainted for the new 99. The Flying Activity Chairman should feel responsible for general aviation and become involved in community activities concerning aviation.

There is no end to the interesting job this chairmanship can be. I urge each Chapter Chairman and each Section Governor, again to appoint a Flying Activity Chairman...and when you are appointed communicate. Try it you'll like it. Remember, A - Action -- C - Communicate - T - Training.

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## AWTAR-PPD

In October 1974, the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, POWDER PUFF DERBY, Headquarters will commence operations from the Love Field Main Terminal Bldg., Dallas, TX 75235 (Room N103) having been located at Teterboro Airport, NJ for the past 13 years. MARIAN BANKS succeeds KAY A. BRICK as Executive Director-Chairman, AWTAR Board of Directors, who after 23 years on the Board of Directors, 13 as Chairman, is retiring but will remain Ex Officio-Adviser for the 1975 race. In 1973 she became one of three American women ever to be awarded the Federation Aeronautique Internationale's PAUL TISSANDIER DIPLOMA, highest international general aviation award.

Mrs. MARIAN BANKS has served diligently on the Board for two segments totaling 11 years, in between which she won the POWDER PUFF DERBY after 17 tries, thus she has full understanding of the race from both an executive and racer standpoint. She holds a commercial pilots license, single and multi-engine land, with instrument and certified instrument flight instructor ratings with more than 2500 hours flying time. Mrs. Banks has served as Chairman of the San Diego Ninety-Nines and Vice Governor of the Southwest Section; Chairman of the 1971 Pacific Air Race; member of the Federal Aviation Administration Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation; is a director of the National Pilots Association and San Diego Aero-Space Museum. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from San Diego State College. She flies her own Piper Comanche 260.

Joining Mrs. Banks in Dallas is Mrs. WANDA CUMMINGS, newly elected to the Board of Directors as Secretary. A former surgical nurse, Mrs. Cummings is free lance writing and has assisted with the



editing of the POWDER PUFF DERBY COMMEMORATIVE ALBUM covering the 27 years of the race in story, color and picture, due out in November 1974. She has flown three Powder Puff Derbies in her own Cessna 182, holds a private pilots license, single engine land with an instrument rating. A member of the San Diego Ninety-Nines, she has worked on the Pacific Air Race and Chairmanned the spring Southwest Sectional for the Ninety-Nines last year. She also holds membership in Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the Flying Rebels.

Current members remaining on the AWTAR Board of Directors are:  
Mrs. Barbara Evans: Vice-Chairman-Treasurer; Manhasset N.Y.  
Mrs. Alma Hitchings East Coast Representative, Lakewood, N.J.  
Mrs. Betty Wharton, Inspection San Diego, Ca.  
Mrs. Phyllis Pierce West Coast Representative, Los Altos, Ca.

#### THE 28TH ANNUAL POWDER PUFF DERBY\* GENERAL INFORMATION — 1975 AWTAR

**Prize Money.** . . . . \$5,000 to FIRST PLACE  
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<b>DATES:</b>	Impound Deadline	1700 PDT	June 30, 1975
	TAKE-OFF	0900 PDT	July 4, 1975
	Deadline to Finish	1800 EDT	July 7, 1975
	Awards Banquet		July 9, 1975

#### DESIGNATED AIRPORTS ON THE RACE ROUTE

\*\* (MUST STOPS)

1. RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, Riverside, CA	
2. Phoenix/Litchfield Municipal Airport, Goodyear, AZ	293.89
3. El Paso International Airport, El Paso, TX	366.31
** 4. HALE COUNTY AIRPORT, Plainview, TX	316.64
5. Riverside Airport, Tulsa, OK	349.10
** 6. LINCOLN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, Lincoln, NB	335.13
7. Quad City, Airport, Moline, IL	328.34
8. Toledo Express Airport, Toledo, OH	347.24
9. BOYNE MOUNTAIN AIRPORT, Boyne Falls, MI	254.10
TOTAL ROUTE MILEAGE. . . .	2,590.75

#### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTESTANTS:

1. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY AND INFORMATION KIT available from above address.  
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\$175. for non-members.

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The 1975 POWDER PUFF DERBY will follow the course laid out for 1974, cancelled due to the energy crisis.

The START will be from RIVERSIDE, CA on July 4, 1975;

TERMINUS at BOYNE FALLS, MI by July 7 and the Awards Banquet is scheduled for July 9 there.

STOPS: Goodyear, AZ (Phoenix-Litchfield.), El Paso, Tx.

Plainview, TX (Hale County) (MUST STOP), Tulsa, Ok, (Riverside), Lincoln, NB ((MUST STOP), Moline, IL (Quad City), Toledo, OH (Express).

General Information Release (AWTAR File No. 2-00) is now available.  
Entry Kits will be ready in February 1975 and available for \$3.00

## Crash Program For Safety

By Marilyn Hibner, Chairman

**ATTENTION:** Section Governors, Chapter Chairmen, General Membership

The May-June 99 NEWS had, a re-print of a speech given by Pat McEwen, I strongly urge you to read it now; for it presents a set of fact that well illustrate the recent status of safety education programs for pilots. It is not an optimistic situation. We should all feel great admiration for Pat's firm and outspoken comments aided at generating a healthier climate and enthusiastic action for safety education programs for pilots. As international President, Pat McEwen has ACTED by designating a new International Committee - Safety Education. The 99s as a pilots' organization have the ability and motivation to inspire, form and operate a multitude of safety-oriented programs for attendance and participation by pilots, and the non-flying public. This program will depend greatly on our membership's ATTITUDE, ENTHUSIASM AND ACTION. Our newly-formed committee urgently needs input from all of you. A brief description of the committee's areas of function thus far includes:

**SAFETY EDUCATION OF MEMBERS:** We are asking that each Chapter schedule 2 meeting-functions per year devoted to safety education of member (exclusive of A.P.T.); that each Section plan a Safety theme for one of their meetings each year; that there be one program planned for the Annual International Convention each year devoted to safety education. There will be a column in 99 NEWS by this committee; 99 statistics will be developed and maintained regarding our membership safety records to compare with the national trend; and the establishment of a printed "Pilot Safety Maintenance Program" will occur for distribution.

**SAFETY EDUCATION OF OTHER PILOTS:** We will expect each chapter to sponsor, at least once a year, a program such as an FAA Safety Clinic and FAA Safety Check-Ride Clinic; FAA CFI Re-Validation Clinic, or other similar type of program available to the pilot population of your locale.

**SAFETY EDUCATION OF NON-FLYING PUBLIC:** Each section is to have a Speaker's Bureau formed of members from each of its chapters so that all geographic areas of the section are represented on the Speaker's bureau. The Bureau will endeavor to arrange speaking engagements throughout the section's geographical area, for the purpose of educating the public on aviation, its safety aspects, its vast range of service in the field of transportation, and, of course, the background of the Ninety-Nines and its role in aviation today. In addition, each section is to promote and assist in organizing a "General Aviation Week" celebration with displays for the last week in June each year, with emphasis on safety, aviation programs, etc. On the chapter level, chapters will be asked to offer, at least once a year, one of the following to promote safety education of the public: penny-a-pound, S.A.F.E. seminar,



A.W.A.R.E. seminar, or to chieve a printed feature article in a newspaper geared to educating the public on aviation and its superior safety aspects in the field of transportation.

As an incentive for participation by all member, the afore-mentond programs-projects will all be re-stated in the next 99 NEWS issue and will have assigned to them various "points" that canbe earned by the chapter-section for their accomplishments in the work of this committee. At the next International Convention, a presentation will be made to that chapter-section which acquires the greatest number of points as result of their endeavors in the field of safety education in the name of the Ninety-Nines. We need to ACT in the following ways:

**SECTION GOVERNORS:** Select-appoint a Speaker's Bureau with a chairman. Appoint a Section Safety Education Chairman and submit her name to the International Safety Education Chairman within one month. Review all areas of Safety Education listed herein for other action on your part. You Governors will be the members of the International Committee for Safety Education.

**CHAPTER CHAIRMEN:** Appoint a Chapter Safety Education Chairman and submit her name to your Section Governor. The Chapter Safety Education Chairman will work with the Section's Safety Education Chairman, and will also be responsible for encouraging her chapter's participation in the program-project, herein mentioned.

The International Committee for Safety Education will endeavor to work closely with representatives fo the FAA and GAMA so it is vital that we generate visible proof of safety education **in action** as quickly as possible. Mailings will go out periodically from this committee to the various organizational levels, asking for responses, advising you of new suggested programs-ideas, advising you of SOP's and data in existence on various-programs projects and aking for reports on your accomplishments and points claimed for same.

**SAVING LIVES-ENRICHING LIVES-SAFETY EDUCATION NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF ALL OF YOU.**

## Air Age Education 99 Style

Linda Hooker, Chairman

Starting my 2nd year as your Air Age Education Committee Chairman, I ask your help on the following:

1) **Please send me the name and address of your chapter AAE Chairman.** If your chapter does not have an AAE Chairman, please give serious consideration to volunteering to serve as your chapter's chairman in this most important activity. You can be invaluable to your chapter members and chairman in helping plan,

carry out and report to me your chapter's AAE activites. This may sound like a lot of work, but I believe you will find it a lot of fun and very rewarding.

2) **I need pictures and-or slides of your chapter's Air Age Education projects.** If you do not have any of your own, please check with other members and possibly with your Scrapbook Chairman. Be sure to take a camera along to any Air Age education Activities you have. Send me copies. Please label them in the following manner and send to me as soon as possible

Chapter:  
Project Identification & Brief Description:  
Participants:  
Date

These can be pictures of projects completed in years as far back as your Chapter has existed and-or participated in AAE. They will be used in various magazine, etc. articles on 99s to feature your chapter and its members, and also to prepare a slide presentation on 99s and AAE which will be made available through 99 Headquarters to chapters, schools and other organizations.

**Please mail the above to me at the following address: P.O. Box 45021, Dallas, Texas 75235.**

A couple of suggestions for AAE projects for teachers:

1) For elementary & secondary school students: Lt. Col D.K. Calkins of Wilson High in Florence, S.C. has added a twist to the idea of having students bring to class current event clippings on aerospace subjects. He has offered to buy any newspaper brought in which contains **NO** articles relating aerospace. Why not give it a try in your class?

2) For Jr. & Sr. high school students: Larry Johnson of Waconia High in Waconia, Minn. reports great interest and considerable success with a "radio communications" unit for his aviation class by having them report to the Language Communications Lab. There they put on headsets and had two-way conversations with an ex-air traffic controller. Each student was assigned an aircraft type and number and asked to fly from a non-controlled airport with Unicom to a controlled airport. Half the kids "froze" the first time around. Each had to read what to say. The second time, however, they had courage enough to try it without printed materials. (The above two suggestions come from the September 1974 issue of the The Journal Aerospace Educatoin.)

Start the new 99 year off be setting a goal of three (3) Air Age Education projects in the next twelve (12) months for yourself. You will be surpised at the self-satisfaction and enjoyment you will yourself receive from helping someone else to learn and have a better understanding of aviation and its relatives.

# NEWS BRIEFS

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Betty McNabb, new International Scrapbook Chairman, wants you to give some thought to contributing historical photos of your members and activities for this big project. Please caption them by attaching typewritten caption to the photo so that it can be immediately put into the scrapbook. Mail to : Betty McNabb, 3114 Beachwood Drive, Panama City, Florida 32401. Make a habit of **RECORDING YOUR ACTIVITIES!**

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Note from Wanda Cummings, Secretary of the AWTAR Board: Commemorative PPD Albums are still available on order from Kay Brick, 820 Blanch Ave., Norwood, N.J. 07648. Enclose check or MO for \$10.00.

RE PPD aircraft handicaps: If it is desired to enter an airplane for which no official AWTAR handicap was established on the 1973 handicap list, a request should be sent to AWTAR Headquarters, Love Field Terminal Bldg., Room N-103, Dallas, Texas 75235 (PH: 214-0374, not later than FEB. 20th. Age of eligible aircraft has been extended to **twelve years**.

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Edna Gardner Whyte, member of the Fort Worth Chapter, was honored by being named to the OX-5 Aviation Pioneers Hall of Fame recently. With a full and unusual history in aviation - both yesterday and today - Edna has well-earned this place with other "Greats" in aviation. Her exploits read like something that might be written about several different aviation personalities, instead of just one outstanding pilot. (Ed. note: The 99 NEWS will soon feature a PROFILE story on Edna Gardner Whyte).

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# Chapter Personalities

*Carol is a Winner!*

by  
Natasha Swigard

Phoenix has a winner in Carol Borgerding. She is our new chapter chairman, and also a winner of an Amelia Earhart Scholarship.

Carol is married and quite a busy gal. Her first duties lay with her husband Hank (chief pilot at Chandler Flyers) and her 3 children, Ron 15, Shannell, and Joelle 8.



**Carol Borgerding...winner of an Amelia Earhart Scholarship. And the 1974-75 Chairman of the Phoenix Chapter.**

In the past years she has been active as a Den Mother and a Girl Scout leader. This summer she coached a girls softball team - had a blast - her team second in the league.

Among all her activities Carol has done lots of flying (has over 400 hrs.) She has a Commercial Rating and can teach Basic Ground School. Carol has flown freight and charter flights. She's been APT four years in a row!

Carol has been a very active member of the Phoenix Chapter since joining the group 5 years ago. She has been Ways and Means Committee Chairman 3 years running; P.R. Chairman one year for the Kachina Doll-Roadrunner Air Races, Race Impound Chairman, Newsletter Editor for 1½ yrs. Chapter secretary and now Chairman of the Phoenix Chapter.

Carol has also attended two sectionals, and her first International Convention this year to accept her Scholarship. The 99s are fortunate to have a person like Carol in their organization - and all of us in the Phoenix Chapter are glad she belongs to us.

## *Bernice Barris Pilot of the Year* By Helen Keldel

One of the best kept secrets in the 99s is the winning name in the Pilot of the Year award before the night of the banquet. At Lake Erie Chapter's first Achievement Award Banquet, announcing Bernice Barris as their 1974 winner came as a complete surprise to her. Bernice worked diligently in the formation of this new chapter and headed its By-Laws Committee.

Since getting her private pilot's license in 1969, Bernice has rolled up more than



**Accepting the trophy as the first-named Pilot of the Year for Lake Erie Chapter is Bernice Barris of Highland Heights, Ohio.**

600 hours, obtained her commercial and instrument ratings, is working on the flight instructor's rating, and is attending Cuyahoga Community College headed toward an associate degree in aviation technology. If that isn't enough, she does the bookkeeping for her husband's construction business and, although two of their children are out on their own, 16-year old Charles still demands some of his mother's attention. That's cutting her time pretty thin, but she thrives on all this activity, and even manages to get in a few local air races. Her only Powder Puff Derby was in 1972, but she expects to participate in this event again.

## Board Report

by Ilovene Potter

The Board of Directors of the Ninety-Nines met at Cabondale, Ill. in late September, all members being guests in the lovely home of our Vice President Lois Feigenbaum. Lois' husband Bob arranged a tour of his Mfrs. plant and to also bring us up to date on the IBM system being used. Mr. Harold Pigg, Computer Systems Analyst for the Turco Mfrs. Co. gave us a complete explanation and demonstration of the machines. He explained our present use and also the potential use we can expect to take advantage of in the future as needed. The machines not only save us money but are more accurate and carry a wealth of information for use in minutes not days as before. Our ballots come out with a control number so the machine can detect any duplicate of numbers or numbers that were never issued. The ballots are stuffed in Oklahoma by two or more girls so the control numbers mean nothing to anyone except IBM No. 5445.

Bob Feigenbaum then took us on a tour of his plant, ten acres all under cover with around 600 employees involved making assembly line from beginning to end including the silk screen process used in the decorative painting.

Our thanks to Bob and Lois from all our Ninety-Nines.

## Section Reports

### Southeast Section

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

### SOUTHEAST SECTION FALL MEETING By Virginia Proctor

Florida Suncoast Chapter chose beautiful Marco Island, Florida, as the site for the Fall Meeting of the Southeast Section.

Friday evening Ninety Nines had the choice of dinner on their own or attending the awards banquet of the Deltona Derby, a fun air race held that day from Orlando to Marco Island.

Ethel Gibson and Betty Hood went far beyond the call of duty early Saturday morning by serving coffee to the individual rooms between six and seven A.M. This was followed by the Chairmen's Breakfast playground equipment. We followed the

at 8:00 and the regular business meeting at ten. Since the 1974 International Convention, hosted by the Southeast Section, is now past history, business was kept to a minimum and included a wrap-up of convention business. New officers for the section are: Governor, Bee Reid-Tennessee Chapter, Vice-governor, Virginia Proctor-Memphis, Chapter, Secretary, Peggy McCormick-Mississippi Chapter, Treasurer, Irene Flewellen-Tennessee Chapter, Chairman, Nom. Com., Louise Smith-Carolinas Chapter.

Saturday afternoon was free for the many activities offered at Marco Island. The banquet was held at the Marco Island Country Club. Guest speaker was James T. Weakley, Director of Public Relations, St. Petersburg Junior College who spoke on the subject, "In the Beginning There Was A Committee of One."

Although a fly-away continental breakfast was given by the Suncoast Chapter at 8:00 A.M. Sunday, many seemed reluctant to leave and postponed their departure until after lunch. Thank you, Suncoast Chapter, for a lovely weekend.



## Southwest Section

ARIZONA — CALIFORNIA  
HAWAII — NEVADA — UTAH

### The Snowbird Story by Maggie Burch

The 1974 Southwest Sectional, hosted by the Utah 99s, was held at the Snowbird Lodge in the Wasatch mountains, east of Salt Lake City, September 13, 14, and 15. It was a lovely time of year, weather crisp, and leaves beginning to turn to their golden fall colors. A barbecue was enjoyed by everyone on Friday night. Saturday there were hikes, a ride on the Aerial Tramway, a delicious luncheon, and the banquet. Dr. Harry Gibbons kept everybody laughing and we all were happy to get really acquainted with Pat McEwen who attended our Sectional. Visiting with friends in our beautiful rooms was fun, as it always is.

The business meeting was interesting and productive. We met our new S.W. officers for 1974-75. Governor, Marion Barnick, Vice-Governor, Verna West, Secretary, Margo Smith, and Treasurer, Joan Steinberger.

The Southwest Section, largest in the Organization, now consists of 41 Chapters and 1,132 Members. There are 4,723 total members in the 99s. Three new chapters received their charters: Big Valley, Fullerton and Santa Monica. Spring Sectional will be at Phoenix, April 25-27, 1975, and Fall Sectional in Bakersfield. The Start for the 1976 P.P.D. is Sacramento and the bid for the International Convention in 1977 was won by San Francisco with Bay Cities Chapter hosting.

Pilot of the Year, Southwest Section is Marion Barnick, Santa Clara. Second place, Marjory Robbins, San Fernando, and third place, Esther Grunphagen, chairman of the new Fullerton Chapter. Chapter flight time winners, professional, 1st. - Santa Clara, 2nd- Santa Rosa, 3rd- Palomar. Non-professional, 1st. - Los Angeles, 2nd - San Fernando, 3rd. - Santa Rosa.



Maggie Burch, standing, S.W. Public Relations Chairman, cooking up something with Pat McEwen (l), and Virginia Flanary, (r), Chairman of Orange County Chapter.



International President, Pat McEwen, with Clyde I. Denham, Facility Chief for the F.A.A. in Salt Lake City. He is sitting to the right and his wife, Georgie, to Pat's left.



Three new charters were presented to Chapter Chairmen, Emma Maguire, Santa Monica Bay, Charlene Kirk, Big Valley, and Esther Grunphagen, Fullerton.

## East Canada Section

### EAST CANADA SECTION MEETING Eastern Ontario Chapter Lorna deBlicquy, Reporter

The East Canada Sectional was held in Fall splendour at Elgin House, Muskoka. We're small, but about a quarter of our membership was in attendance.

We welcomed Lois Feigenbaum, who brought the joyful news that our 99s Canadian Award in Aviation had received the green light from International. The award will be presented annually, with the purpose of encouraging activities of an educational or charitable nature within the aviation community. Individual 99s, as such, cannot directly benefit. It's our contribution to the Canadian aviation

scene as a whole. Interest from our \$10,000 Trust will be used to promote aeronautical endeavours of a worthwhile sporting or scientific character. Five Trustees have been elected and you'll be hearing more of our Award soon.

Much routine business was transacted with dispatch under the efficient gavel of Governor Barbara Brotherton. It was a pleasure to have our questions concerning Museum, Headquarters Building, and International in general, answered by our Vice-President.

One delightful report among others was that of First Canada Museum Chairman, Dorothy Renwick. Dorothy has done an outstanding job of tracking down information on early Canadian women pilots. She says she's just beginning to scratch the surface.

The girls were so much impressed with the idea of holding our sectional in rural surroundings, that we all agreed next Fall's meeting will take the form of a survival school course. It's not as rugged as it sounds. Initial plans suggest rather luxurious "survival". Hope you'll plan to join us then. We can't run short of anything—you'll be taught what's good for dinner during an afternoon hike.



Front Row I. to r. Dorothy Renwick, Cheryl Jones, Lois Feigenbaum, International vice president, Wilsie Frosst, Betty Greply, Jean MacDonal, Margaret Marland

Rear Row I. to r. Mary Warner Smith, Terry Joyce, Governor Barbara Brotherton, Lorna deBlicquy, Gillian Holden, Beryl Scudellari, Betty Jane Schermerhorn, Zoe Pynkoski



Montreal members in attendance were Anita Nunns and Sandy Frank



New Governor of the Southwest Section, Marion Barnick, receiving the Governor's silver pitcher from out-going Governor, Mary Vial.



# Chapter Reports

## East Canada Section

### EASTERN ONTARIO CHAPTER Marilou Comerford, Reporter

What better way to start off a new season of meetings than to welcome four new and prospective members? We welcome Marilyn Mustard and Joanna Scissons. Also, transferred from Maple Leaf Chapter, Marilyn Schaubert and from Paris, France now living in Ottawa, 99 Pat Olivier-Martin. We wish Dorothy Russell many happy landings in Calgary where she took up residence in October.

Betty Jane Schermerhorn is to be congratulated on obtaining her Senior Commercial License and by the time this issue is out, should have her Multi. Felicity McKendry is instructing at Rockliffe Flying Club. Felicity did this by virtue of becoming APT this year and then decided to go on to get her Instructor's renewed after a number of years off the job bringing up her family. We're sure the APT programme can take many bows in this regard. Terry Tucker has bought herself a glider.

This chapter airmarked the Arnprior airport October 19. Wish we had enough space to tell of it. Suffice to say that the temperature was 28 degrees, and anyone wanting to know the why's and wherefore's of airmarking at that temperature can write any one of us. Lorna de Blicquy ought to be good on the subject. She fled to Hawaii shortly afterward.

A very happy Christmas to all 99s everywhere!

## British Section

### S. C. Brooks, Reporter

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the British Section and it is indeed fitting that our new Guv is founding member and first governor Sheila Scott. It looks like a whirlwind year.

September finds us in a state of turmoil, as we welcome our travellers back, welcome new members, and shed a tear at the departure of others. Freydis Sharland, our outgoing Guv, and family recently returned from their Greek Island, having enjoyed a beautiful summer. She informs us that Skiathos now has concrete tie-

downs and a long, hard strip--in an olive grove. April and Jimmy Clavell have returned from California and New York. Janet Ferguson is still ferrying most everything to just about everywhere--Bulldogs to Nigeria, Islanders to Canada, and Herons all over the world. Yvonne Sintes fulfilled a long awaited dream by Captaining the first all-woman airline crew. Yvonne is flying 748's for Dan-Air. Elisabeth Overbury, who worked as a senior pilot for the recently collapsed Court Line for nearly ten years, and was the first jet woman airline pilot in the Western World, has recently secured a flying job in Africa, and will be departing for the sunny climes in October. Frances Benn, and 49½ Roy, who recently helped entertain the visiting CAP Cadets, are off to Rhodesia for a lengthy stay, where they expect to fly most places rather than drive. We'll miss them, but expect to hold a section meeting there next year, as they will probably have a fair number of us there.

We welcome new members: Kay Bird, currently working for her Instrument Rating, is the T.V. Program Organizer for Thames Television. Connie Fricker and 49½ Alan took up flying when Alan decided to fly as a hobby during his retirement, and can currently be found in their Cherokee 140 at rallies all over Europe. Connie was a Red Cross Commandant for 15 years, working also as a Youth Leader and in a Child Guidance Center. Yvonne Pooley has been associated with us for several years as a 66, and we are delighted to welcome her aboard. In addition to flying, she runs the Air Touring Shops, and has written our Aviation Tour Guides for Europe and the British Isles.

We were happy to see Australian Kathryn Flynn and 49½ John in London, but sad that their stay was so fleeting the whole section could not meet them.

Sheila sends her thanks to Canadian and New York Sections for all the wonderful hospitality and parties they both held for her. They always make her so at home that she no longer knows which side of the Atlantic she belongs to.

## Australian Section

### Rosemary Colman, Reporter

Since our last report, Australia has lost five women pilots. 99s Ruth Hodges and Pie Gursansky and their passengers Joy Dixon and Rhonda Dennis. Another sadly missed personality is Evelyn Koran. It has been a sorrowful time for many people.

A material loss to Australian flying was

caused by the termination of the flying boat service to Lord Howe Island following the provision of a landing strip there. Many of the girls have memories dating back to World War II of trips in flying boats. The modified Sunderlands have been sold to actress Maureen O Hara's husband who flew one to the West Indies.

Robin and Harold Dick are to be congratulated on a successful crossing of the Pacific in a Beech Baron. Peg Kelman was in Cairns, Queensland, to greet them when they arrived. The Flying Doctor Service is keeping Robin busy with 70-80 hours a month on medical flights, and 24 hours a day and 7 days a week call system. She is at present stationed at Port Hedland, N.W. Western Australia and had an interesting change recently when she did a charter job for 99 Sue Folk's company in Jandakot, W.A. It involved flying a Baron with two geologists and three geophysicists of the Burma Oil Co. to Portuguese Timor. They went via Broome direct and she was lucky to see much of the island as the passengers wanted to do some aerial photography around Dili and Suai areas. Very mountainous country. After two exciting days in Timor they flew to Darwin, Gove and back to Perth. Another Royal Flying Doctor Service Pilot Mrs. Beth Garrett has been awarded the Brabazon Cup for outstanding airmanship by a woman of the British Commonwealth. Beth flew her plane at night with no instruments through an electrical storm with severe turbulence from Greenvale to Townsville in Queensland with a patient aboard.

The Early Birds Association of Pilots who were flying pre World War II held their annual Dinner and 99s who attended were Peg Kelman, Margaret Kently, Bozena Vrla, Marie Richardson and Nancy Bird Walton.

A most interesting lecture was delivered by Sir Lawrence Wackett on "Some Technical Aspects of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith's Flights" on the occasion of the Sixteenth Sir Charles Kingsford Smith Memorial Lecture of the Royal Aeronautical Society. 99s present were Nancy Freebold and Rosemary Colman. "Smithy" as he was known to all, an Australian, was the first person to fly the Pacific Ocean. Sir Lawrence's theory on the disappearance of "Smithy" is that a bearing of the supercharger impeller had failed, as some failures had occurred on later engine tests that had been run to destruction. If this had happened the engine would have failed completely and the plane would have gone down into the Indian Ocean.

Margaret Kentley and Rosemary Colman won the first Air Race of the Royal Aero Club, New South Wales, with Cathy Forie as Observer. Pat Rutherford has gained her 1st Class Instrument rating. Nancy Bird Walton has returned home from an extensive overseas trip which included attendance at a meeting of German women



pilots. Joan Thompson and family are back from a trip to England where they saw the famous "Red Arrows" flying in formation. Welcome visitors have included Dorothy Birdsong of Florida and Susan Caldwell of Santa Monica. Fran and Merv Waggott recently visited Queensland in their twin Comanche and called on Marj Johnson. Thelma Pye visited the Gold Coast and spoke with Peg Kelman. Olga Tarling was happy to see Esther Mather when on a business visit to Melbourne, Victoria. Eileen Battle and daughter Carol are building up hours in their Aztec Cardinal aircraft.

### South African Section

**Merle Ball, Reporter**

Fuel restrictions imposed on the Aviation Industry have been slightly relaxed and we can now enjoy weekend and competitive flying. To Jeanette van Ginkle (Governor), Val Cunningham (Vice-Governor), Ann White (Secretary), Eve Ramsey (Treasurer), our best wishes for a happy term of office.

Once again, Aerial Miller has brought honour to the 99s, and we are proud of her. At a recent Sportsman of the Year function, the Minister of Sport, Dr. P. Koornhof, presented Aerial with a Bronze Medal for having achieved and maintained such a high standard of flying. She will be living in Cape Town and working at Groote Schuur Hospital. Congratulations to Jenny Louw on obtaining her Commercial and Instrument Ratings, and also for being chosen Woman Pilot of the Year. Yvonne van den Dool will be flying the "mail" run in a Cherokee Freighter, between Tzaneen and Lanceria. Ruth Hobbs has her Instructor's Rating and Wyn Kearns her South African Licence and Instrument Rating. Lo-An Roux has not been able to fly this year and so has had to forfeit her 99 membership. However, she still attends our social functions and maintains her interest in flying. Congratulations, Ingrid Adolphs, on being invited to instruct at Grand Central.

Eve Ramsey has just returned from a most exciting trip to the U.S.A. Her face just lights up when she tells of her visit to New York, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Reno. She just loved America and was so impressed with the warmth and friendliness shown to her by all the 99s she met. She attended the Los Angeles Chapter Dinner Party at a Russian Restaurant in Hollywood.

Whilst in the U.S.A., I was able to attend the Convention in Puerto Rico (my thanks to Page Shamburger, who helped me with all the last minute bookings - and also to all the fabulous people who made me feel so welcome). What a week this proved to be. Highlights included a flight to St. Thomas in a Drummond Goose Sea Plane, sailing on a catamaran and then diving in

the Caribbean to discover a fascinating underwater world. The hotel offered a pool for skinny dipping and a Casino where I was schooled in the gentle art of playing "craps!".....We even made time for business meetings and, what's more, I attended all of them! Besides learning a lot from these sessions, I have come to the conclusion that to be associated with the dynamic and capable group of ladies I met there, is indeed a real privilege.

### South Central African Section

**Brigitte Hildebrandt, Reporter**

Here I am, a very handicapped newsreporter, partly by my own procrastinating. I did cut things rather fine for the last deadline - and partly by the inordinately long time it takes for each issue of the 99 News to get to South Africa. Net result: At the time of writing I do not know whether the previous report has appeared, so please bear with me if I repeat one or two things by way of explanation.

The 6th bi-annual meeting of our section was held at Bumi Hills on Lake Kariba in Rhodesia at the end of August. Navigational problems in finding the tiny strip in the infamous Rhodesian haze were resolved, as most admitted, by aiming in the general direction of the lake (too big to miss) then turning right or left, as the case may be! No-one seems to have this vital decision wrong, as all of about 15 aircraft arrived, swooping down in the shimmering heat, undoubtedly earning a few irate looks and snorts from elephant and buffalo unaccustomed to such wholesale disturbance of their peace. On the actual airstrip the two Arrows from Johannesburg had to circumnavigate several buck of the particularly nosy kind, who insisted on seeing things from their vantage point on the threshold.

Highlight of the meeting was the presentation by Betty Ambrose of the Rhodesian Flame Lily Chapter Charter to Zee Witham, chapter chairman. Zee's flair for organising and the enthusiasm of her team really make this a go-ahead chapter. Proof was supplied from the word 'go' by many a plan for aviation activities tentatively aired for approval, then left to mature a bit.

The ensuing dinner was the friendliest of get-togethers, although a good deal of ragging came our way. Of course, some 99s had laid themselves wide open to it, having flown to Bumi with members of the Rhodesian equivalent of the FAA, airforce navigators and air traffic controllers in assorted right-hand seats! It was good to have them, though, not only because they inspired some particularly accurate flying (one of our ranks who had hitherto thought that an arrival within anything up to ten minutes of ETA was jolly good going, found herself stared at in utter amazement

when she confidently announced Top of Descent half a minute early!) but they also provided the most entertaining before-mid-and-after-dinner speeches. Their support is appreciated - and I did notice that not one of them refused to fly back with their assigned 99 after the weekend.

Not very much later Zee Witham took part in a Rhodesian rally, her first, I think, and came home in a very commendable place.

We are pleased to welcome two new members, Kay Armstrong, presently in Botswana, and Rosemary Hall of Salisbury.

Down South heartiest congratulations to Valerie Humphreys for getting her commercial licence. Well done! May it inspire others to follow suit.



**Betty Ambrose, governor, presents the Rhodesian Flame Lily Chapter Charter to Zee Witham, chapter chairman.**

### Southeast Section

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MISSISSIPPI - NORTH CAROLINA  
SOUTH CAROLINA - TENNESSEE

### DEEP SOUTH CHAPTER

**Betty W. McNabb, Reporter**

The Deep South Chapter of the Ninety Nines, so named because it embraces Ninety Nines from more than one state, met in October at the Florida home of Virginia McKee, whose chapter and winter home are in Indiana.

At Greenwood, Florida, just North of Marianna, the McKees have a smooth 3000 foot turf strip beside their home, under some of the most magnificent oaks in the state.

Joyce McKee Toman and Virginia were hostesses for the affair, which attracted Judy and 49½ Jerry Hall, Macon, Ga., Maggie and 49½ Bill Fields, Tallahassee, Jean Vance of Cordele, Marie Deen, our newest member, from Moultrie, Ga., Esther Wright of Thomasville, Betty and 49½ Harold McNabb from Panama City and welcome visitors Ellie McCullough, formerly Long Island now living in Vero Beach, Fla., and Dr. Ann Roethke now of Fort Myers, a Wisconsin 99 turned Florida Cracker.

Ann has accepted a position as anesthesiologist at Lee Hospital in Fort Myers.



Betty McNabb gave a presentation, sort of ground-school and what-is-the-BFR going to do to you?

The chapter was flattered to learn that the Huntsville, Ala., Petticoats have modeled the 1974 Petticoat Derby after the proficiency-cum-treasure hunt held by the Deep Southerners as part of their educational program. And indeed, the Alabama girls got educated, they walked off with most of the prizes!

1974-75 Chapter Chairman is Joyce Toman. She cordially invites any Ninety Nine in the area to contact her and come to our meetings. We're little but proud!



**Dr. Ann Roethke, formerly from Milwaukee, now calls Fort Myers, Florida, home. Another newcomer to the sunny south is Ellie McCullough of the Long Island Chapter who is now living in Vero Beach, Fla. Both were guests of the Deep South chapter recently.**

#### **FLORIDA SPACEPORT CHAPTER** **Norma McReynolds, Reporter**

The September meeting was held at the Skyline Restaurant, Orlando Jetport, with about forty members and guests present. A short business meeting preceeded the dinner. Mary Jane Law, Bonnie Quenzelor, and Margaret Stannah were elected delegates to the Sectional Meeting.

There were about 20 members the the October meeting held in Melbourne. An instructor from a local FBO presented a program on the FARs. The next meeting will be held in Vero Beach. Five of our members are planning on flying the Ala. Treasure Hunt.

Ann Walker, 49½ Jimmy, and their 2 sons attended a convention in Washington D.C. recently. Ann reported she got some IFR time.

Ann Walker, Ann Conway, Joan Davis, Cy Beers, Barbara Wilder, represented us at International San Juan.

Alma Drummond, with her family, island hopped the Carribean, on to South America, on to Central America and home on their vacation recently.

Mary Jane Law attended the Air Races in Reno in September.

The Deltona Derby, held in September and sponsored by the Deltona Corporation in connection with Spaceport Chapter, was

reported a huge success. There were 23 planes entered. The route was from Orlando Herndon, Brooksville, terminating at Marco Island. Pauline Mallory of North Georgia Chapter, was the winner. Betty Dodds, Spaceport Chapter, came in second. She also, won the Grasshopper prize and the Orlando-Brooksville leg prize. Thelma Dawson, from Florida Sun Coast Chapter was third. Thelma won the leg prize from Brooksville to Marco Island. Of the 23 planes entered in the derby, there were 20 male co-pilots, and it is said they are ready to go again soon. Another derby is being planned for next year.

#### **FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER** **Doris Herndon, Reporter**

On September 15, 1974 Florida Suncoast Chapter hosted the Southeast Section meeting and Installation Banquet at Port-O-Call in St. Petersburg. New officers installed were: **Sue Van Duyn, Chairman; Sally Tanner, Vice Chairman; Gwen Zimmerman, Secretary and Jenny Cook, Treasurer.** Approximately 45 members and guests attended the Installation Banquet and initiation of the four new 49½s: Paul Zimmerman, James Marlowe, Kieth Malkemes and Robert Mitchell.

The Aviation Exhibition and Airshow was held at St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport October 5 and 6. Suncoast 99s provided a display and two cents a pound airplane rides. Our thanks go to hard working pilots: Dottie Birdsong and 49½s Glen Tanner and Paul Zimmerman. Proceeds of \$3,000.00 will go to Muscular Dystrophy.

The October meeting was held at Sarasota-Bradenton Airport. Our compliments go to Gwen Zimmerman who has worked very hard to compile the history of the 99s.

Gwen informs us the Florida Suncoast Chapter will be 10 years old in December.

We would like to welcome transferring 99 Jessie Woods from the Mount Tahoma Chapter. Jessie served as Governor of the Southeast Section in 1939 and 1940 and was instrumental in forming the Florida Chapter. Jessie is known for her wing walking act in earlier days.

A film on NIFA 1973 finals held at the University of Southern Illinois was shown for University of South Florida students as part of USF Aviation Week. Assisting in NIFA were Judy and 49½ Larry Walter, Ivone Zych, Gwen and 49½ Paul Zimmerman, and Dottie Birdsong.

Charles and Dottie Birdsong have just completed a lovely new home. Her new address is 207 Greencastle, Temple Terrace, Florida 33617.

#### **MEMPHIS CHAPTER** **Belle Hedges, Reporter**

Once again Mary Stanley and Joe were hosts for the Memphis Chapter's most popular, fun fly-in to Mary Stanley, Arkansas. Dipping into the delicious pot luck were new Chairman Nancy Miller, Carolyn Sullivan, Chris Brown, Martha and

Frank Toby, Rosemary and Bob Williams, new member Alice Guthrie and Tom, Barbara Peeler, Mary Ellen Parks, Jean and Bill McCarthy, Mary Oliver, June Pentecost, and Virginia and Everett Proctor.

Since returning from the fantastic Puerto Rico meeting, nothing but glowing reports have been heard from Chris Brown, Nancy Miller, Carolyn Sullivan, Rosemary and Bob Williams, and Virginia and Everett Proctor about the beautiful accommodations and delicious food. June Pentecost says the whole exhilarating experience put her previous trip to Spain in the shadows.

Just before becoming Flight Instructor with Dixie Flight Center at Memphis International Airport, Dot Wilson flew off with Gladys Estes and Hilda Savage in Hilda's Mooney for sightseeing in the mountains of Colorado. Hilda and Gladys have just returned from another short trip, this time to the Lake of the Ozarks at Tantara, Missouri where, besides golfing, they even did some ice skating.

A most varied flying vacation was enjoyed by Belle and Posey Hedges when they took their daughter Darwin, sons Bill and Posey III, in their V35 Bonanza to Houston, Texas to attend the Flying Dentist Meeting, then down to Tampico, Mexico, sampled the cuisine in New Orleans, the beaches of Destin, Florida, saw the Cardinals play in St. Louis, "Gypsy" in Chicago, and then to Louisville, Kentucky to attend the Bonanza Society meeting.

Jean McCarthy and 49½ Mac, have flown to Hot Springs, Arkansas for a weekend trip. Jean earned her instrument rating and put it to good use on their vacation trip to Miami by way of Houston, New Orleans, Panama City and Fort Myers. Their summer flying also included a trip to Monroe, Louisiana to visit Becky Paris. Becky, a new student pilot, returned to Memphis to continue her student training.

The annual membership luncheon was attended by several area non-99 pilots and students. We had visitors from Arkansas, Missouri and Mississippi. Burt Willis, FAA controller, gave a most informative talk to this always interested group of Ninety-Nines striving for better understanding and safety in their love -flying!

#### **MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER** **Jenny McWilliams, Reporter**

Mississippi's own Janet Green is the new International Treasurer for the coming year; the first member from our Chapter to hold such a high office in the 99s. CONGRATULATIONS, JANET!! We know all 99s everywhere will be proud of your efforts. Janet is also Southeast Section Museum Committee Chairman, and our Mississippi Chapter Museum Chairman. If that is not enough to occupy her time, she has volunteered to Co-Chairman the Mississippi Chapter's Committee for the joint Southeast-South Central Sectional Meeting in the Spring of 1976, in Baton Rouge, La., with the South Louisiana



Chapter as Co-Hosts. She finds time to come to our Chapter meetings, faithfully, even if she has to drive due to zero-zero weather. A great gal, and a great Ninety-Nine.

Three new members are welcomed to our chapter: Mary Beth Hamilton, Pat Brooks, and Michelle Clunan. Michele took her Private Ride on her seventeenth birthday. Dot Etheridge is again on our roster. In the past four months, we have added eight women pilots to our roll-call. Peggy McCormick has just seen one of her students get her Private Certificate, and we hope to welcome her, Julia Peteet, to our group very soon.

Peggy manages to do things other than instruct students; such as fulfill her duties as Southeast Section Secretary, and she is actively working on her Commercial and Instructor Certificates in Hot-Air Balloon. She is Chairwoman for two Chapter Committees—Aerospace Education and DRF, and works with our Chapter's Bicentennial Program. The best we can describe Janet and Peggy, as to their 99 work is—inde-fatigable; certainly good examples for all of us, especially since they take their work in stride and make it appear to be so easy.

Other candidates for the Southeast Section Public Relations Trophy take notice: Mississippi Chapter's Cindy Bass has amassed many points towards this end in just the two months she has been in that office. She has had Jenny McWilliams, Michelle Clunan and herself on T.V. once, on radio twice, at least two newspaper write-ups per month in newspapers local and state-wide, just for starters. Public Relation-wise, she was instrumental in awarding a duly-earned 99 Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Clyde Clunan, a Mississippian who has been very supportive of the Mississippi Chapter and the 99s in general.

Margaret Shipley recently soloed a sixteen year old on his birthday in two different types of airplanes. A fitting accomplishment for her as well; meanwhile she is putting to use her newly acquired Certified Instrument Flight Instructor Certificate!

Our Chapter sponsored a Biennial Flight Review Seminar at Clarksdale on October 12, with Ruby Williams, Ernestine Mahan and Peggy McCormick as planners and hostesses. Forty-four registrants participated to make the day a fantastic success.

The first week of December we sponsored with the FAA a Flight Instructor's Clinic in Jackson—a three day affair, and the last week in December, we sponsored a Mississippi Air Tour in conjunction with the Mississippi Aeronautics Commission and the Department of Travel and Tourism of Mississippi. This Air Tour is much like the Texas Air Tours and the Louisiana Air Tours.

#### **NORTH GEORGIA CHAPTER** **Carolyn Steele, Reporter**

Our annual Installation Banquet on Sept. 19, 1974, was held at the Chatahoochee Plantation Club in Atlanta, with

fun, food and good times. Kay Guice and Pauline Mallary presented slides and narrative from the International Convention in Puerto Rico.

Pauline Mallary and Mavis Cheek represented the chapter at the Fall Sectional meeting on Marco Island, Fla.

The next chapter function was our Fall Rummage and Bake Sale held in Bremen, with the weather cooperating.

The Vacation Flying Seminar was such a success this spring that we have been asked to put the show on the road. On Oct 18th the program was presented to the Lockheed Flying Club at their annual banquet. The program consists of talks on Flying the Islands by Betty McNabb, flying Alaska by Bryon and Alyce Strong, Flying the Rockies in the Winter by Carolyn Steele, and Flying in Mexico by Wanda Cummings. It is M.C.'d by Kay Guice and coordinated by Pauline Mallary. We are presenting this jointly with the Deep South Chapter, with the billing "by the Ninety Nines of Georgia." The next presentation will be Jan. 24, 1975 in Albany, Georgia.

The chapter was asked by the FAA to hostess the Survival Seminar for the Peachtree Pilots Assn. on Oct 29th. Eleven members were present. The program presented by the FAA was how to prevent accidents before they happen, and how to walk away from an aircraft accident. The meeting gave us a chance to know many other pilots in the Atlanta area.

#### **Middle East Section** **DELAWARE - MARYLAND** **PENNSYLVANIA - VIRGINIA**

#### **CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER** **Mary Galbraith, Reporter**

Our September meeting was held in Lock Haven at the home of our chairman, Carol Windsor, with 13 members present.

We welcome Joyce Williamson as a new member to our Chapter. Helen Sheffer, APT Chairman, reported two members APT, Betty Harlan and Mary Galbraith. Those from Central Pa. Chapter holding office in the Middle East Section are Helen Sheffer, membership; Shirley Weinhardt, beleaguered airport; and Martie Pool, international relief foundation.

Congratulations to Marian Dunlap who recently became Mrs. Lewis Garbrick.

An air show held at Latrobe, Pa. was attended by several of our chapter members. Boots Husted and Helen Sheffer flew in and Hazel and Debbie Bartolet with Bill and Donna Bartolet arrived in their Comanche. Arnold Palmer made an appearance in his Lear Jet and made several passes over the field.

Mary Galbraith with 49½ Bob, entered the Empire State 300 which originated at Schenectady, N.Y. Although they didn't win any awards they had a fun filled weekend with weather cooperating 100 per cent.

Martie Pool and Mary Galbraith flew to Hammonton, N.J. to lunch with several 99s of the Eastern Pa. Chapter. To their delight they met Martie Owens who recently moved from Lock Haven and is now located in the New Jersey area.

Martie Pool and 49½ (Dr.) Champe Pool have been flying their Comanche hither and yon. It was to Mississippi for the Flying Physicians meet, then to Texas for aerobatic competition and as of this writing are planning to leave for Colorado where Champe will take instructions to obtain his glider rating while Martie will sharpen her abilities, as she acquired her glider rating last summer.

#### **EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER** **Kate Macario, Reporter**

The planned Poker Run was held Sunday, Sept. 22, with 15 planes participating and over 50 people holding a hand of cards. Thanks to the tremendous efforts of Judy DeMarco who ran it, and Mary June Kerns of the Trenton-Robbinsville Airport, where the Poker Run terminated for lunch and prizes, and all the members who assisted at the 5 stops, it was a great success, fun-wise and financially.

For our Sept. 25th "Lunch with the Bunch," six planes with ten people, flew to Gettysburg-Charnita Airport and had lunch at the country club there. For Oct. (23rd) we flew to Hammonton Airport (N.J.) where 14 of us had lunch at the Airport Restaurant, and visited Flight Apparel's facilities, across the runway. Martie Owens, now living in Cherry Hill N.J. and transferring to our chapter, was with us on this occasion. Central Pa.'s loss is our gain...

The Fall Sectional was hosted by the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter on Oct. 12 & 13, the worst weekend weather we had all month. Joan Jones, Judy DeMarco and Eileen Weigand flew an Arrow, IFR, to the meeting on Sat. Weather conditions prevented those who planned to go VFR from attending. What a disappointment for our members, and the Pittsburgh Chapter who had such an interesting program scheduled.

Our October meeting was a Fly-In to Hazleton Airport on a "day you could see forever," and was arranged by Joan Jones, our Chairman. Fifteen members and Joan's Mother, had lunch, a meeting, and a fur fashion show at Gus Genettis, a beautiful spot near the Hazleton Airport. Everyone agreed it was a perfect day.

Ask Lorraine Downes and Harryette Jordan about their exciting adventures on an 18 day tour through Europe, beginning with blown-out nose wheel tires on take-off from Kennedy. Connie and Abby Wolf have just returned from the AOPA Plantation Party in Florida where Abby conducted the Aviation Seminar. They arrived in Fla. from Montreal where an International AOPA meeting was held in conjunction with the Int. Civil Aviation Organizations, bringing pilots from all over the world. Connie had flown from Philadelphia to Montreal to join Abby who arrived from Paris, upon completion of an



AOPA sponsored European tour with 32 people flying 14 French Rallyes, that Abby aptly guided. Edwina and Fred Hansen, from our chapter, participated in this three weeks of "FLY EUROPE," getting a temporary French license in the French Rallye 180 to fly through France, Italy, Greece and Switzerland (more, if weather had permitted). What a fabulous opportunity! Anne Shields and Helen Zubrow came in 2nd when they flew the 172 in the Empire State 300 Race. They're known as the Avis Team, since they've come in 2nd, three races in a row. Seems everybody's busy with their BFR or upgrading. Eileen Reider has a newly-acquired Comm. Rating, while Carol Kaufmann and Marge Bryant have earned their Instrument ticket. Some of our members have recently acquired aircraft, the proud owners are: Myrtle (& Bob) Brandhof, a Cessna 182 at Shannon Airport, Mary (& Des) Robinson, a Cherokee 180 at N. Phila. Airport, Maysie (& Blair) Henrotin, a Cessna 150 at Shannon, in which they have been piling up the flying hrs., and Nancy Oberle (busy flying again), a partnership in a Cherokee 140. We welcome five new members who have recently earned their License and joined our chapter: Nancy Gaynor, who flies out of N. Phila., Angie Izzo from Lancaster Airport, Carol Millard who has a 172 at Chester Co. Airport, Edie Aumann from Wings Field, and Daryl Purcell from New Holland Airport. It's wonderful how our chapter is growing, we have a constant influx of new members.

Last August we had a good representation of our 99s at the EAA Sport Aviation Convention & Exhibition in Oshkosh. Anna and Jim Spivey camped there for the week, Karen Cosgrove flew out in a 172 with her father and camped beside the plane, Cindy and Art Bretnall flew their Twin-Comanche to this great event, and pitched a tent. Take note. The dates for it next year are July 29th to Aug. 4th, right around 99 Convention time at Coeur D'Alene, Idaho; be nice to do both.

#### GREATER PITTSBURGH AREA CHAPTER Ruth Hanlon, Reporter

We welcome a new member who has transferred from the Lake Erie Chapter-Jackie Kinney. Her 49½, Ed, is the airport manager at the new Grove City Airport, Grove City, Pennsylvania. Welcome, Jackie.

Helen Davison, our chairman, and her 49½, El, both received their commercial licenses on the same day. Congratulations.

Paul and Mary Lou Waite packed their Aztec and their Mooney with their six daughters and spent 14 days flying across the U.S.A. - 7,000 miles - seeing the sights in Colorado, California, Nevada, Arizona and all the way back home to Pennsylvania.

On September 15 we had our First Air Race. Soph Payton, our racing queen, was chairman for this event held at Latrobe Airport. First place went to a prospective 99, Marge Bartko and her co-pilot, Cathy Cundiff. The fuel for the race was fur-

nished by Gulf Oil. Latrobe Airport gave each participant a beautiful plaque. Along with the race an airshow was held with T.V. celebrity Don Riggs as MC. Attendance was over 10,000 and the weather was beautiful. What more could you ask for.

Our chapter was hostess for the Middle East Fall Section Meeting held at Howard Johnson's South in Pittsburgh. The Chapter Chairman's meeting started the afternoon, followed by the general meeting, and a banquet in the evening. Richard Taylor, professor in the Department of Aviation at Ohio State University and author of two books - Instrument Flying and Fair Weather Flying - was the guest speaker. His topic, Inside a Cloud - Then, Now, and Tomorrow- demonstrated how instrument flying was done way back when, and what the future will bring. Jane Menzies, chairman of the Section Meeting, and her co-chairman, Mary Lou Waite did a tremendous job.

Plans for the future: November Powder Puff Mechanics School, December; Christmas Dinner, April; Poker Run, May; Nickle a beat airlift for Heart Fund.

#### MARYLAND CHAPTER Paulette Jones, Reporter

During October, Maryland Chapter taught a YWCA class on flying with one class in the control tower at Baltimore-Washington International and one class in the air from Aldino-Churchville Airport.

Airmarking chairman, Connie Ball, had us at Baltimore Airpark last month.

99s Ginny Vogel, June Hanson, Doris Jacobson, and Rene Birch made the trip to Puerto Rico and made us all wish we had gone with them.

October 19, we held a Flying Treasure Hunt. A list of clues was all the participants were given to find the five chosen airports. DC Chapter 99s Julie Dearth and Betty Fisher came in 1st place, with MD Chapter 99s, Ginny Vogel and Sally Williams in 2nd place.



**Pre flighting a Lake Amphibian is a bit different! Maryland 99 Ginny Vogel gets ready for take off from Edgewood Arsenal Army Flying Club---Weide Field.**



**Back on another hangar roof,(corrugated of course) this time at Baltimore Airpark. How do other chapters arrange to paint runways or taxiways? Two prospective members (Harryette Decklebaum and Gail Ranadive) and 49½er Tom Grover helped Maryland 99s work the brushes. Airmarking crew included Connie Ball, Rene Birch, Kay Bays, Catherine Grover, Babs Shankman, Monica Reilly, Annabelle Fera, Joan Bates, June Hanson, Ginny Vogel, Lenora Eaton, and Doris Jacobson---(ground crew, that day).**

Your reporter and 49½ Mike, flew their flying club's Commander 112 to the Rockwell Commander Oklahoma factory to be fitted with new doors. They gave us a marvelous tour of the factory. 12 hours flying time in the Commander (had 35 knot headwind), but 8 hours to get home by jet (stops and layovers). The trip out was more fun.

#### WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER Gladys E. Wise, Interim Reporter

When you cannot improve a perfect day, you just recount it happily as the Chapter's fly-in start to a flying new season. Luray Caverns Airport, Virginia, sets in a wide, lovely valley where, on September 21, the foliage showed just a hint of the coming Fall color. It had the jumpiest ramp in the East as 99s began to arrive for our fly-in luncheon meeting. As we landed, Manager James T. Logan got us parked, tied down and transported (all for free) to nearby Mimslyn Hotel where good food and warm hospitality abounds. By the time all 25 of us returned to the airport, a small gallery was on hand to watch the homebound takeoffs.

We are among the luckiest Chapters to have members like Virginia Thompson who had prepared for each of us an articulate, detailed handout on International Convention accomplishments. Mitzi Keller brought along a slightly censored album of Convention pictures and, with Irene Wirtschafter, Jackie Scott, Jean Ross Howard, Virginia and our other Conventioners, we were given a sparkling overview of the goings on.

Weather for the October fly-in was less benign -- ranging from downright stinky to almost great with the season's first snow showers alternating with brilliant sunshine -- but COLD. Three planeloads made it to the magnificent Greenbrier resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, for their famous elegant buffet luncheon. It was so good we very nearly had to compute new weight and balances for the return trip. Special guest was Emily A. Jones who received her private license only the day



before. Dr. Patience DesPrez, FAA Medical Examiner, also was a most welcome guest whom we hope to add to our active roster soon.

Betty Fisher and Bea Wilder, Flying Activities Co-Chairmen, are battling 1000 in arranging fine flying times.

Fay Wells has recruited top talent - Irene Wirtschafter - to help with the gala launching of International Women's Year - January 11, 1975. Women in aviation and the aerospace sciences will be recognized in this year-long tribute to women's achievements in many endeavors. In Washington, as in other locations around the country and the world, Ninety-Nines will join with Zontas to salute the 40th anniversary of Amelia Earhart's record-breaking flight from Honolulu to the mainland and to honor all women in aviation and aerospace sciences.

### New York-New Jersey Section NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY

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

The Garden State Chapter held its annual installation luncheon meeting in September. Alma Hitchings and her officers - Dolores Zilincar, Eileen Freeman, Diane Shaw and Bea Coverdale stepped down. Claire Kurica heads the incoming slate which includes Stephana Gradstead, Vice-Chairman; Janice Blackburn, Treasurer; Bea Coverdale, Recording Secretary and Dana Mack, Corresponding Secretary. Bea Coverdale and your reporter were "held-over".

The weather was perfect for our usual thriller- the popular spot-landing contest. Wanda Mammel and her 49½ Lewis did a most efficient job and the winner was Dana Mack.

Special guest for the day, Mr. John Karp, Safety Specialist out of Teterboro, GADO, enthusiastically endorsed our efforts to promote skill and safety in our favorite sport.

Incidentally, those strangers at the airport were representatives from an undercover art group who are fascinated with our contest runway markers. Seems we have produced a new school - Art Nouveau de Kull - which is another way of thanking Dick Kull for his silent and artful background work for our spot landing contests.

The farewell address given by Alma Hitchings before she turned the gavel over to our new Chairman, Claire Kurica, praised us all in couplet form and we were amazed by her modesty in hiding such poetic talent all these years.

Oh, the girls have been busy too - Janice Blackburn, 49½ Blackie and little Sandra flew their Cherokee to Texas and then to Florida where they visited the SST Exhibit in Orlando. In October Janice and Sandra were hostesses to a group of nursery

school students they took on a tour of Preston Airport. They inspected the wind sock, tie downs and hangers. Each one sat in an airplane and was introduced to the instruments. Watching the planes take-off and land was a great thrill. A most worthwhile day!

Stephana Gredsted and 49½ Finn flew their 150 to Key West for a romantic holiday. Grace McGuire dashed over to the Bahamas in her Cessna and discovered "beauty". Can you imagine that and getting an instrument rating too?

Alma Hitchings and Claire Kurica were entrants in the EMPIRE STATE 300. Claire just had her twin checkout.

Our Fall Section Meeting was held on October 19th and hosted by the Garden State Chapter at Cherry Hill, N. J. International President, Pat McEwen was our honored 99 guest. The ever-humorous Reverend William Laird gave the invocation at our luncheon which followed our meeting and Captain J. M. Miller was our fascinating guest speaker.

Governor Jerry Roberts presided for the last time in her usual gracious and knowledgeable way and introduced the new section officers.

Jerry also presented her officers with beautiful keepsakes. She received a beautiful gold charm in appreciation for a job well done.

Kay Brick, Barbara Evans and Alma Hitchings were recipients of the Amelia Earhart Medal for their outstanding contributions to general aviation.

A special farewell to inimitable past chairman Alma Hitchings. She was a genuinely productive officer, a spectacular personality and as they say in show biz - "what an act to follow". And that's the truth!

#### GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER Julie vom Saal, Reporter

Our Chapter has been busy re-organizing, electing new Officers and planning programs which will interest our remaining members and stimulate membership growth. First, I want to introduce our new Officers and will begin with Phyllis Sproul, our new Chapter Chairman.

The years 1955 and 1956 were important ones for Phyllis. She started flying, became a member of the 99s and married John, who is an Engineer with Western Electric.

Phyllis is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, continued graduate work in Bio-Chemistry and spent one year on a Cancer Research Project. She is currently in charge of the human genetics lab.

Her two young sons are doing their thing, which is singing with their local church choir and at the N.Y. City Center.

Phyllis's summers are spent at an Episcopal Camp as Unit Director teaching Arts and Crafts to the young and geriatric groups.

Phyllis has been a dedicated Ninety-Nine having been secretary and vice-chairman of our Chapter. Was corresponding secretary and is current

Section treasurer. She is a member of the Fairfield Flying Club, is APT and loves the Cherokee 180. To quote Phyllis: "I try to do for the Ninety-Nines whatever I can whenever I can. If one could add up all the pluses and minuses, I would come out ahead, for I have learned through this keen group of women what true dedication to a worthy cause means, be it the Ninety-Nines Organization or just running a household."

See next issue for continuing profiles.

#### LONG ISLAND CHAPTER Anita Coderre, Reporter

Our September meeting saw all the girls reviewing their accomplishments and goings-on of the summer. Diane Tribble returned to Long Island after receiving her Masters Degree in Aerospace Education from Middle Tennessee State University this August. She will be teaching adult Aviation starting in October as well as teaching Earth Science in Connetquot High School in Bohemia, L.I. Diane has been away for a year and during that time she helped organize MTSU Flying Sisters, Sub group of the National Aviation Fraternity AHP (Alpha Eta Rho). They ran Aviation week at the University with FAA speakers, films, displays and show. One of the events of the show was a bombing contest in which Diane came in second. She enjoyed meeting the Tenn. 99s and had an enjoyable meeting with Betty McNabb at the Aerospace Workshop this summer. Finally, Diane is working for Brookhaven National Lab as a commercial pilot with a Physics and Meteorology Group which is working on the placement of an atomic energy plant on Long Island.

Ida Van Smith, Ground Instructor, teaches a course "Introduction to Aviation" at York College in Jamaica, New York. Ida is the founder of "Flight Clubs" whose sole purpose is to expose youngsters to aviation. Clubs meet during the week in the public schools of New York City and once a month they come together at York College. The Clubs have a weekly television program on Cable Teleprompter Channel C on Sundays 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

The Long Island Chapter is very proud of the 1974 Edition of the Ida Van Smith Flight Club Journal which honors the first black pilots.

We have our own TV star in the person of Marilyn Hibner who appeared as a guest on TO TELL THE TRUTH. She stumped the panel telling of the SAFE Course for "Chickens of the Sky." Marilyn also was appointed FAA Safety Counselor for a third year.

Carol Rubman raced the calendar to Nov. 1st to complete her Commercial. She complained that her solo time is almost always rained out. On the other hand, Joan and Arthur Fleischman lucked out with gorgeous skies on their recent trip to Katama. They camped at the airport where they happened to meet other 99s doing the same. All had loads of fun. Jane Duggan and Madeline LaCarrubba and friends flew



to Hyannis for a SUMPTUOUS LUNCH AT Ojalas Finnish Restaurant.

Anita Coderre could not make the Fly-In at Kissimmee, Fla., with the Gold Coast 99s because she was at Jack Brown's Seaplane Base in Winter Haven getting her Seaplane Rating. "It was a fantastic experience, just as exciting as my first flight."

Daisy Poss received her instrument rating and no sooner was the ink dry on her certificate when she and her husband, 49½ Rob, were off for a two week flying trip in their Cessna 182. They toured all through Georgia, Virginia, Louisiana and Tennessee. She really put that new ticket to work because 90 per cent of the flying time was IFR.

Happy Flying!

### New England Section

CONNECTICUT - MAINE  
MASSACHUSETTS - NEW HAMPSHIRE  
RHODE ISLAND - VERMONT

#### CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

Audrey M. Sweet, Reporter

Have just had spectacular CAVU days... 10 in a row. That's pretty incredible for New England. It has really been tough to get inside to write. A lot of time was spent on the ground this fall by our chapter. We completed two important air markings, one at Skylark Airport and the other was a roof in Somerville... quite a challenge.

September 28th was the date for the Annual Boat Ride up the Connecticut River on Charter Member Teddy and Ted Kenyon's boat. Surprise guest was Charter member Betty Gillies, with husband Bud, from California.

Our intrepid air ladies' Peg Davidson and copilot husband Don placed fourth in the "Empire State 300" air race in Schenectady, N. Y. Evelyn Kropp and copilot Hattie Campbell, from Canada, placed sixth. Evelyn (our chapter chairman) has signed up for the S.O.P. "Safe" program started by the L.I. chapter.

Peg and Don also flew Senior Citizens in a program sponsored by the Conn. Aircraft Pilots Assoc. (Third Year). The group flew over 100 Senior Citizens "for free" and they loved it so much, they're coming back to fly again next year.

Congratulations to: Ruth Crowell who was cited as "Instructor of the Month" by A.O.P.A. magazine. Nina Hetman was appointed Section APT chairman.

Our peripatetic travelers: Connie MacLeish flew to Canada, now on a trip to North Carolina, Tennessee and Florida; Evelyn Kropp is planning a trip to Peru and Audrey Sweet will be off to Caracas, Vz. in December.

#### EASTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Helen L. Kolazyk, Reporter

Operation Maintenance has been completed and it was a huge success. Fourteen members participated in this five week, 30 hour course, conducted at and by East Coast Aero Technical School. The

course layout consisted of 18 hours Powerplant and 12 hours Airframe. Classroom lectures were augmented by actual shop practice.

One thing that was emphasized most frequently, was the importance of preventive maintenance; something every aircraft owner can do to reduce costly and time-consuming repairs. Eastern N.E. 99s would like to encourage similar training sessions in other areas for what better way to promote Safe Flying than by educating the pilot to potential trouble areas in the operation of his aircraft.

Virginia Bonesteel has received her instrument rating, while we have added three new commercial ratings in the past months: Ruth Brown, Pam Hawes and Jeanne Ohnemus can be proud of this accomplishment.

Marie Lepore has recently been appointed a new member of the Worcester (Mass.) Airport Commission. It is good to see such aviation experience and background utilized for the betterment of the aviation community. We know Marie will be a most dedicated and knowledgeable member.

#### WESTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Margaret B. Brown, Reporter

Big news this month: at our Fall Section meeting, a member of our Chapter received the Section merit Award, and is now our "Woman of the Year", with the lovely medal and plaque that go with this annual honor. Catherine Hiller indeed deserves this award, and her Chapter is very proud of her. She earned her Private Pilot certificate in 1940, and became a member of the 99s shortly after. In 1946 she and her late husband started an airport in Barre, Massachusetts, and in 1947 Hiller Airport went commercial. Countless pilots in New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Massachusetts remember this airport well, as this is where they have gone for years to take their flight tests in airplanes and gliders. Catherine has been a Flight Examiner for these since 1949, for both Private and Commercial.

A past Governor of the New England 99s, she is also a past Governor and Director of the Soaring Society of America. Another honor for which her Chapter is very proud, is that she is a Charter member of the Women's Advisory Commission on Aviation, one of only twenty-eight women in the entire United States who have been selected for this position.

Our Fall Section meeting was held at the Shawmut Inn in Kennebunkport, Maine, with absolutely glorious flying weather on both Friday and Saturday. Many thanks to our Northern New England Chapter who organized the weekend so beautifully, our weather for days prior had been really foul. These girls must do something right.

Our Section Picnic, originally scheduled for August 17th, was weathered out on our rain date of September 29th.... Maybe next year?

At our September Chapter meeting, we reviewed the year's fiscal business, and new officers were introduced: Chairman Margaret Brown, Vice-Chairman Shirley

Dunlevy, Secretary Mary Shea, Treasurer Joan Burley.

On October 5, Alexandra Taylor and Peggy Brown flew their respective planes in the Empire State 300 (out of Schenectady, New York) with fellow racers Peg and Don Davidson, and Evelyn Kropp (Connecticut) and Pam Hawes (Eastern New England) from our Section. Hospitality Chairman (official greeter, tie-down helper, and luggage-carrier). Hattie Campbell of Toronto came down to do the same excellent job that she had done for the 1974 Angel Derby. We all had a great time.

### North Central Section

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

#### CAPE GIRARDEAU AREA CHAPTER

Sue Long, Reporter

Have you ever called flight service for a weather briefing and heard "clearing....with zero percent of rain", then turn right around and see it pouring outside? Well that's what happened to us when we gave our fall sectional in September in beautiful Southern Illinois.

Despite bad weather all weekend it kept very few Ninety Nines and their families from joining us in a fun filled week-end. We did have our problems. For instance, the weather was so bad that at 5:00 pm we only had 29 people registered when we expected 85 by that time, so we cancelled two of our three buses holding forty people each; at 6:00 pm we then had 65 people and at 7:30 we had 79 people. So our girls piled the extras in cars and all drove out to the Buffalo Tro at a nearby recreation area. A demonstration was put on showing us just how Buffalo used to be cooked. Even though it was plain ole steak all of us went back for seconds and thirds. Saturday was started by a pool demonstration from Minnesota Fats who had the movie "The Hustler" centered around his pool playing. A native of Southern Illinois he said he felt honored to be invited by our Ninety Nines. After the general meeting, our new Governor, Amy Laws, took command. A tour of the Du Quoin State Fair—Home of the Hambiltonian, and lunch on the fair grounds was most exciting. Saturday evening cocktails and dinner was given at the motel where everyone got together for a socializing evening with the St. Louis girls winning the prize for most in attendance. This fun-filled weekend ended with breakfast and a weather briefing. (Beautiful weather Sunday.)

We were honored to have many of our International officers and Board here at convention. Pat McEwen, International President, Thon Griffith, secretary, Ilovene Potter, Board member, Susie Sewell, Past President, and our own Lois Feigenbaum, Vice-President. Our Fall Sectional was a memorable one.



Most of us did nothing but collapse...except for my sweet mother (LOIS). The board met at her home for their fall meeting and I was honored by joining them for dinner. They are all so interesting and so much fun. I even got to see our very prim and proper International Secretary Thon sitting on the floor in rollers with a hairdryer on her head. We are really lucky as Ninety Nines to have a fantastic, capable board.

#### Happy Flying

#### CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Joan Boyd, Reporter

Jayne Schiek held a very successful Women's Forum at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, during the annual EAA convention there. Barbara Jenison, who is also on the Illinois State Aeronautics Board, was a speaker during the forum. Jean West has added a Glider Instructor Rating to her list. Jean and her 49½ also won a trophy for the most authentic restored Taylorcraft at the Annual Antique Aircraft show at Blakesburg, Iowa. At our September meeting, Mary Koerner was the lucky one to log one hour of instruction in a free flight hot air balloon.

#### CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

Sandy Klock, Reporter

Chicago Area Chapter volunteered to give free airplane rides to women winning the drawing at the Illinois State Fair at Springfield. Those braving the IFR weather to attend were Gail Goldthorpe, Gail LaPook, Rose Bonomo, Polly Gilkison, and Gail G.'s not-quite-1-year old, Billy, who really gets round!

Madeleine Kimotek is the proud owner of a new Commercial License! Our Madeleine, while vacationing in Canada recently, enjoyed meeting another Madeleine (Fielding) of the Rockcliffe Flying Club and the Eastern Ontario Chapter 99s.

Marion Jayne and daughter Nance placed 5th in a very scenic air race - the Palms-to-Pines. Marion says it was a lovely experience skimming over the top of Crater Lake.

Closer to home, airmarking chairman Barbara Silagi planned a couple of goodies for September - a hangar at Elgin was marked with the airport name, and Naper Aero had a hangar marked and 'PRIVATE' painted on the runway.

Polly Gilkison reports that at International Convention she had the wonderful opportunity to fly over to St. Thomas with Esther Grupenhagen of the Orange County Chapter. Polly, our NIFA chairman, set up a get-acquainted fly-in of the Chicago Area College Flyers to meet with the NIU Flying Huskies at DeKalb the first weekend in October. I've never seen anyone so enthusiastic about their job as Polly working with these young people.

Chairman Ellen O'Hara got an instrument ground school started at Elmhurst College taught by the ever-popular Tom Farina, and it's going great guns, with many of our 99s learning all

about MEA, MOCA, and all those other neat letter combinations!

Bunches of our gals (17!) made it downstate for Fall Sectional, including Caroline Smith, Gail Wenk, Arta Hensen, Polly Gilkison, Gail LaPook, Juanita Harr, Elsie Wahrer, Joan Mallin, Julia Konger, Charlene Falkenberg, Diane Cozzi, Joan Kerwin, Bea Siemon, and Ellen O'Hara. Not only did Chicago Area bring home the lovely publicity plaque, but former chairman Caroline Smith was named as North Central Section public relations person!

#### GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

Dorothy Stratton, Reporter

Our chapter enjoyed a delicious spaghetti dinner at the Washington Street Station on Sept. 5th.

Sherri Quinlan, Grace Harris and Jean Wilson attended International Convention in Puerto Rico. Sherri and Jean reported on Convention.

A yearly schedule of fly-out dates and places was passed out. Sept. fly-out was to Oklahoma City with a tour of Headquarters Building.

Sue Esmond was voted into membership to our Chapter.

Joanne Reindl is back with us after spending six months in a Hospital. Joanne was injured in a car wreck in January. She has been for a plane ride and hopes to soon be flying and instructing. Virginia Pacy earned her multi-engine rating this past summer.

#### GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

Jan Pocock, Reporter

We can see nothing but ceiling and visibility, un-limited, for the Greater St. Louis Chapter, this year! We have a great new slate of officers, headed by Chairman Doris Kuhn; a common goal for a really enthusiastic bunch of women, the 1975 Fall Section Meeting; and above all, the pride in our own Amy Laws, new Governor of the North Central Section. We're already off to a flying start and expect everything to remain on course with no turbulence!

For openers, 20 of our members attended the Fall Sectional in Marion, Ill., primarily to show our support for the new "Guv", and came home with the coveted traveling trophy as a bonus! Uukky weather forced most of us to drive, but don't think we weren't on cloud No. 9, anyway.

Lotts'a fun things planned for this year, as well as as work. For instance our flight to lunch bunch switched from the usual Wednesday, to a Saturday for a super October time at the Lake of the Ozarks as guests of Amy and Jack Laws. Again, nasty STL WX forced most to drive in, but a few talented souls filed, to get out of STL area, and found Grand Glaize airport C.A.V.U. and Laws' lovely lake home swarming with 99s, 49½ers, and a white Fr. Poodle, name Hanz!

November will find us flying in to St. Clair airport for our "Pie in the Sky",

combination family get together, biz. meeting, and fund raising event. Our St. Clair gals will hostess a wiener roast cook-out, followed by an auction of our home-made pies, on the old fashioned "pie supper" theme. (For those, like your reporter, who's talent lies other'n' baking pies, we could have a pie dropping contest! From about 200 ft. over the airport?) Lucky one St. Clair Hostess, Val Johnson (Intn'l. Contest Chmn.) spent 7 daze in Hawaii with 49½ Dinger. Nope, didn't leap the pond by Bonanza, they went via (ugh) commercial!

Besides all the fun stuff, STL 99s really are involved in so many directions, it's impossible to cover, but we do have reps. attending all the aviation oriented gatherings in the metro area, and reporting back to us. Everything from the FAA sponsored clinics for facts on the bi-ennial review, to "Where's the major metro STL airport gonna be?" (An on-going question that likely won't find an answer in our generation!) Our first business meeting of the year, as guests of Sylvia Bloom and Ruth Lake, got things off in fine style with announcement of two new members, Reta Jones, and Gloria Cash. We were delighted by a surprise visit by former St. Louisan, Jane Noyes, now a member of the Maryland Chapter, as is another "alum", Ruth Taksel Benedict. Plans have begun for a super fall section meeting, with past Chairman, Betty Board heading up that project. We can't wait to entertain what has to be the greatest group of women in the world (Y'all plan to join us in St. Louis in Sept., '75.)

#### INDIANA CHAPTER

Lois Hawley & Kathy Forrest, Reporters

Forgive us if we boast - but it has been a busy fall in Indiana, and we'd like to share some of our 99 activities. At the EAA convention in Oshkosh, Pauline Genung's 1946, polished aluminum Swift won 3rd place. After Attending the Puerto convention, Indiana 99s returned for the Sept. 8th, "Operation Water Tower" seminar which they sponsored in conjunction with Purdue Pilot's Flying Club, to create better communication and understanding between FAA Controllers (in Lafayette, Ind.,) and local pilots.

Many of us went to sectional where we gave the ladies from Illinois a run for the attendance trophy. General Aviation Day, (October 6, at Purdue University Airport) brought a statewide turnout of 99s to make their fellow Hoosiers "tru-believers" that women do have a place in aviation. October 20, the ladies took to the skies with their logbooks, putting on a little glider time when Bill Callahan gave a glider demonstration for the October meeting. Oct. 26-27 marked the date for our Air Marking Jamboree to celebrate the 19 airmarkings already done this year and (natch) to do some more! We're also making plans for the North Central Section meeting which will be held in Indiana in the spring of 1976.



Holding the reins on this active bunch of women are the newly elected officers who were installed at the September meeting: Anne Black, Chairman; Ruth Ruggles, Vice-Chairman; Barbara Simmons, Recording Secretary; Judy Graham, Corresponding Secretary; and Barbara Jennings, Treasurer. Shirley Chastain has been appointed new air-marking chairman.



Prof. James Maris, Head of the Dept. of Aviation Technology at Purdue University is impressed by the 99's scrapbook at General Aviation Day, October 6, at the Purdue University Airport. 99s Jill McCormick and Anne Black "man" the exhibit.

#### IOWA CHAPTER Annetta Haack, Reporter

Our September meeting was held in Omaha in connection with Air Kaman's "Midwest Aeronautical Maintenance Weekend." The Rocky Mountain and Midwest Bonanza Societies also came to Omaha for this weekend. Many of us attended some of their functions including their Saturday night banquet. Of special interest to us was the Saturday afternoon tour of SAC Headquarters including the underground command post. We were also given a tour of one of the "Looking Glass planes". One of these planes is in the air at all times with a Commanding Officer on board. This plane would serve as a Command Post in case the Underground Post was destroyed. A very interesting tour.

Sunday activities included a tour of manufacturer's displays at Air Kaman, our business meeting and lunch at Airfield Plaza Inn. Members of the Omaha 99 chapter joined us for lunch.

October: All week the weather was beautiful - but Sunday (99 day) ran true to form - miserable!! However, the turnout was great - even though driving was the general mode of transportation. We were especially delighted to have two prospective 66s and two prospective 99s attend for the first time. Kitty and Cliff Hack showed slides of their trip to Canada. Their photography was equal to the breathtaking scenery.

Gerri and Don Walker, Ruth Ulfers, Bob and Annetta Haack attended the Sectional in Marion. Lousy weather kept several of our members from attending the "fun weekend."

Claudette Parker and Jean Ellingson have new Commercial Ratings. Jean Bedinger received her C.F.I. rating and was appointed an Accident Prevention Counselor on the same day.

We are missing Claudette Parker in the Iowa Chapter. Claudette and Bill recently moved to Monticello, Indiana. (Indiana Chapter - take note.)

**ROSTER CHANGE:** Ruth Ulfers, RR No. 3, Box 127A, Iowa City, Ia. 52240 has agreed to be our new Ways and Means Chairman. Please send your orders for Flight Bags and Post Cards to Ruth.

#### LAKE ERIE CHAPTER Helen Keidel, Reporter

Our compliments to Charlene Fee for getting her commercial rating. Congratulations to Connie Hyber who became Mrs. Walter Maxim III on Sept. 21st; and to Ted and Jeannette Dudek who celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary by flying to White Cloud, Michigan, one week and Washington, D.C. the next weekend.

The Michigan Small Race held in Bellaire, Michigan had entries from two of our members - Bernice Barris and Rosemarie Mintz. Bernice with her instructor, Richard Maxfield, flew over 400 NM placing 11th, with 47 seconds off their mark on touchdown. Rosemarie with her 49½ Ron, had perfect timing along the whole route until they got back to Bellaire - and couldn't find the airport -- oh, well, it happens to the best of us.

A number of our members tried flying from Cleveland to Marion, Illinois, for the North Central Section Meeting but the weather wasn't cooperating at all. Edy Maxim and Joan Hrubec got as far as Warsaw, Indiana before being forced down, and an overnight stay still didn't help, so they flew back to Cleveland more than a little disappointed. Louis Muranko and Bernice Barris didn't make it to the Indiana border before doing a 180.

#### QUAD CITY AREA CHAPTER Judy Hodges - Reporter

Our September meeting was held in conjunction with the Stearman Fly-In at Galesburg, Illinois, on Sept. 15, where we enjoyed breakfast, a meeting and an Air-Show.

In October we held a Photo Run which we all enjoyed and hope to do again. The weatherman even cooperated and gave us a beautiful day for flying.

Von and Charlie Alter, Neil Pobanz and Judy Hodges attended a meeting of the Illi-Nines Race Board on Oct. 13, at Morris, Ill.

Speaking of the Illi-Nines Race: There was a woman's suede coat found at the last race held in Aurora. Von Alter has the coat and if the owner will send a description of it to her, she will send it to you.

Plans are being made for the Powder Puff Derby next summer since Moline has been designated as a Fuel Stop for the Race.

Carolyn Pobanz flew to South Bend, Ind. on Oct. 26 and had a most enjoyable flight.

Bud and Judy Hodges flew to Nashville, Tenn. in September - We planned Florida but the weatherman decided that our Cessna 170 should spend a few days in Nashville instead..fun..

Gigi Katz flew to Wisconsin recently and Von Alter flew some golfing friends to the Wagon Wheel for lunch one day.

Fern Rathe is working on her Multi-Engine Rating in a new Seneca.

Our Chapter will hostess a Safety Seminar on November 18th in Davenport, Iowa at the Isaac Walton League.

#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER Clara Johansen, Reporter

Safety Month in Minnesota is coming up. Our 99s are well aware of this aspect of flying. Our project AWARE has just been completed. FAA Accident Prevention Specialist, Andrew Detroi, and Ken Patz, Chm. Aviation Dept. of Anoka Voc. Tech, Inst. presented in a very graphic manner the basics, dangers and SAFETY of flight in private planes. The women who attended said they greatly appreciated this service project carried out by our Chapter. They also enjoyed the coffee hour and chance to chat with women pilots. What a woman should and should not do as a passenger was vividly portrayed in the original skit "Willie and His Wives" narrated by Dorothy Bolander with Nancy Plummer Willie, Joan Sommerfeld and as Elsa Emotional, Sally Woodburn as Nightclub Nellie, Mary Jane Migis as Hurry Up Hannah, Linda Haedge as Olga Overload, Janie Koznick as Fancy Annie, Rita Orr as Destination Daisy, and Betty Kuechle as Polly Perfect.

Dave Bolander down at St. Louis and they continued by car to the Fall No. Central Sectional at Marion, Illinois. The severe thunderstorm activity moving our way prompted Elaine and Dean Jensen to do a 180, hangar their plane and drive the entire way, arriving at Marion at 5 a.m. The others who attended from our chapter were Gov. Rita Orr, Caroline Olson, Sandy Peterson, and Gayle Vail. They all enjoyed the meeting.

Two of our members have formed a flying two-some. One week end they fly in Jan Brodahl's low wing, the next in Florence Robinson's high wing. Their friends say they should get a bi-plane. One is strong on Omni the other on pilotage - so they both become more proficient.

Liza Lobe just got her commercial rating and Gayle Vail is now qualified under Par 135 as a charter pilot VFR, IFR, Day, Night. As Gayle says, "if you keep your nose to the grindstone, you can make it in competition with the male pilots." Gayle as a judge and Jan Nielsen, Our NIFA Chmn, both attended the NIFA meet at Grand Forks, N.D.

To help keep some of us 'up in the air', our chapter continues it's "impromptu" lunch fly-outs. Any airport in the state that has picnic or restaurant facilities closeby is selected and our public relations expert, Linda Haedge, usually alerts the local press thereby informing the local citizenry as to what and who are 99s. Sleepy Eye,



Mn. was our destination in September and thanks to 99 Mary Lee Kragt of Sleepy Eye, it was red carpeted! Who knows what will happen to 'Witches on broomsticks' in Oct.



Governor Wendell R. Anderson signing "Aviation Safety Month" proclamation. (l to r) Andy Detrol, Accident Prevention Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration; Curt Erickson, President, Minnesota Aviation Trades Association; Mrs. Betty Kuechle, Minnesota 99's; Robert Ziegler, Deputy Director, Federal Aviation Administration, Des Plaines, Illinois; Gus Limback, Sport Aviation Association; Roy Timm, Secretary-Treasurer, Minnesota Business Aircraft Association; Niel Atkinson, Air Safety Chairman, Air Line Pilots' Association; George Holey, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Aeronautics, Lawrence E. McCabe, Commissioner of Aeronautics, and Ken Patz, Aviation Representative, Department of Aeronautics.

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER Betty Willmore, Reporter

June 21, 1975 is the date set for **Wis Sky Run**. Jane Caryer is Race Chairman, Diane Harris: Operations, Pat Weir; Treasurer and Registration, Louise Yeazel; Secretary, Marilyn Schaefer; Hospitality, Betty Willmore; Publicity.

Incoming chairman Joan McArthur writes in a letter to chapter members that "our new incorporation status has challenging responsibilities on the chapter in terms of specific goals and accountability. The chartered purpose...exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes and particularly to promote aeronautical sciences by such means."

She cites the chapter's recent decision to award \$330.00 to the FAA Refresher Seminars and to continue the Wis-Sky Run Proficiency Derby as positive action toward our goals.

Florence Fintak and Achievement Committee are preparing a program which promotes and recognizes accomplishments in behalf of 99s that will be presented to the chapter.

On Oct. 27 Chicago Area 99s and Wis 99s met for lunch at the Don Q Inn, Dodgeville, Wis. Wis members attending were Peggy and Bob Mayo, Jean and Eugene Zapata, Joan McArthur, Cassey and Charles Specht, and Betty Willmore.

New Licenses: Joan McArthur, Commercial. Prospective members Elaine Strickland and Eddie Taylor, private pilot.

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#### ABILENE CHAPTER



Ed Hargrove, left, explains his crop-dusting equipment to Reporter Marjorie Andrews, new member Alice Foeh, and Marjorie's daughter, Jane. Occasion was a family tailgate picnic meeting featuring Mr. Hargrove in a live demonstration.

#### ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER Becky Lutz, Reporter

Chapter activities for this past month included attending the South Central Sectional at Las Cruces and airmarking Mid-Valley Airpark.

Roz Kinlen, Claudia Beckner, Kathy Fox and Becky Lutz attended the fall sectional hosted by the Las Cruces Chaparral Chapter. We enjoyed visiting with members of our neighboring Santa Fe area chapter.

After several postponements due to weather, we were finally able to airmark the runways at Mid-Valley. In less than three hours, the numbers 17 and 35 were laid out and painted. Assisting the 99s were several 49½s and an assorted number of curious bystanders. Hosts Jack and Elaine Wood provided the paint and warm welcome coffee and donuts.

Blanche Griscom is again teaching an aviation course at Sandia High School. The year-long course covers a wide field of aviation related topics including the history of aviation, the aerospace age, developments in space, the economic aspects of aviation, and careers in aviation along with a thorough ground school course. They utilize the text **Aviation and Aerospace Fundamentals**, a book which



Albuquerque Chapter airmarking Mid-Valley Airpark at Los Lunas.

only last year was placed on the state textbook list. Students are provided with maps.

Kathy Fox spent some time in the air this last month. In addition to flying to Las Cruces, she and Ralph have also flown to a resort in Sedona, Arizona, and to a UNM Lobo football game at Laramie. B. J. Slawson and Becky Lutz had an exciting flight to the Reno Air Races in Beech 88R.

#### ARKANSAS CHAPTER

Marguerite Nielson, Reporter

Congratulations to the new chapter being chartered November 3, 1974 in Asheville, North Carolina. Louise White is very busy making plans for ceremonies and the spirits are running high in the flying hillbilly area. We are sorry we will be losing some of the finest members of the Arkansas Chapter to the newly formed chapter but we are glad to have the new chapter and the Ninety Nines will be better served and represented.

Charlene Poe and Dr. Mac 727'd to Scotland for ten days, in Turnberry, Glen Eagle, and Edinburgh. Mac played on the winning golf team in the U.S.-British Medical Challenge Golf Match which was held in Turnberry, on the coast.

Cary and Fred Hunt have flown over to Hong Kong and you can bet they are having a great time over there and in Australia.

Arkansas Ninety Nine Christmas party will be held in the home of Charlene and Dr. Mac Poe.

Charlene, Mac, Ruth, and Ed Gray attended the Arkansas-Colorado football game which they all enjoyed.

Marge Nielsen found some lady student pilots while attending the FAA's Aviation Safety Clinic which was held this month in Fort Smith.

#### CIMARRON CHAPTER

Patty McClure, Reporter

Ten members flew to Garden City, Kansas for the September meeting. Chairman, Darlene Brollier, Moscow, KS., could not be present to conduct the installation of officers and Norma Dodson, Ulysses, presided at the service Darlene had prepared, complete with appropriate comments and souvenirs. Airplane motor parts of spark plug, piston, intake valve and push rod were used. Sue Farmer, Liberal was installed as Chairman; Nancy Yeager, Larned, was installed as vice chairman; Lone Shore, Johnson, will serve as secretary; and Grace Crist, Garden City, will serve as treasurer.

We feel our airmarking project was very worthwhile, four airports were airmarked; Guymon, Oklahoma; Johnson, Ulysses and Moscow, Kansas.

Grace Crist, Garden City, gave a report of her trip to International Convention in Puerto Rico. It sounded like so much fun, we hope more of us will be able to go next year.

One of the centerpieces for the luncheon was a cake baked and decorated by Nancy Yeager, showing a small airplane taking off on runway two, which was to remind members their second year as a 99 chapter is ready to roll.



## DALLAS CHAPTER

**Jerry Melton, Reporter**

Dallas Chapter was well represented at the South Central Fall Sectional in Las Cruces, N. Mex. Many thanks to Chapparral Chapter for a wonderful meeting. Dallas Chapter was proud to receive honorable mention in the achievement awards, and thrilled to have the Jimmy Kolp Memorial Award winner from our chapter. We now have two winners of this award, both outstanding Ninety-Nines.

This year's Jimmy Kolp Award winner, Dorothy Warren, has devoted sixteen years to the Ninety-Nines and general aviation. Dorothy became a Ninety-Nine in 1958 and has served in nearly all chapter offices including two terms as Chairman. She served as Section Secretary for two years, Section Governor for two years, has served on the International Nominating Committee, and is currently Section Airmarking Chairman. She has attended 26 Section Conventions, 13 International Conventions.

Dorothy has flown in five AWTARS, the Angel Derby, Skylady Derby, Doll Derby, Midland High Sky Derby, St. Louis Aero Club Race, Peppermint Stick Race, Hootnanny, The Kansas Treasure Hunt, Poker Parties, and several All Texas Tir Tours.

She has served as an FAA Accident Prevention Counselor and has helped co-ordinate many FAA Safety Seminars. She also instructed at three ladies co-pilot courses and wrote the text which later became the AOPA Pinch Hitter Course. Congratulations!

## DALLAS REDBIRD CHAPTER

**X. C. Carrie, Reporter**

1974 Has been a pretty good year. It started out badly with the fuel crunch and all but after awhile that leveled out and we went on flying.

HOU, BTN, SAT, SPS, ICT, ATL, ATHENS (TEXAS), ELP, MEXICO, TUL, DVR, MSP, FLI, were just a few of the points visited by one or more of our members, one or more times this year.

Both Spring and Fall Sectionals were well attended by our members; several of us got to ride on the Goodyear Blimp in Houston. Four of us flew the Angel Derby in Mexico in the Spring. Five of us attended the International Convention in Puerto Rico (loved the Airboat ride to St. Thomas).

We sponsored the chartering of a new Chapter - Texas Dogwood in Athens, Texas. Our membership has been increased by Betty Worstell (formerly Redwood Empire), Marian Banks & Wanda Cummings (San Diego).

We've airmarked, gotten APT and BFR checkrides, stuffed envelopes for FAA Safety Clinics, helped the Powder Puff move into new headquarters, entertained International Officers and various and assorted guests.

We're looking forward to 1975. More flying, more races, more visitors, more work - More fun.

## EL PASO CHAPTER

**Norma Kudiesy, Reporter**

26 members and guests attended our installation held at the Cattleman's Ranch in Faben, Texas. Margaret Thompson installed the new officers. A new member, Kim Lindley, attended with her daughter, Katheryn, who is a student pilot and a pre-med student at New Mexico State University. Guests attending were Cindy Williams, Sandra Theodore, and Veronica Mueller whose dad is an FBO at El Paso International airport. Kay and Hester Oakes came from Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Pat Davis has been voted in as chapter member at our last monthly meeting. She is a stewardess and holds a commercial ticket.

Hulda Kitchens and her 49½ have been attending ground school to update their flight knowledge and private pilot tickets.

Polly Thomas now has a commercial ticket and will be going to Las Vegas for some fun while her husband attends a medical meeting there.

Louise Cross and her 49½ recently returned from vacation in Canada visiting Lake Louise and vicinity.

Ruth Deerman had Brenda Strickland and Velma Lee Barnett as visitors while they swapped shop talk at a Mary K seminar for a few days.

Betsy Wright now has a commercial ticket with instrument rating. She has been flying a multi-engine since last summer to work on that rating. She is hard at work at Arizona State on an Aeronautical Technology Engineering Degree with an associate in flying. She hopes to do some aerial photography later on.

## FORT WORTH CHAPTER

**Jean Bishop, Reporter**

All the members of our chapter are especially proud of one of our members, Edna Gardner Whyte. Edna, who will be 72 this month and is an active flight instructor with her own airport, was named to the Hall of Fame of the OX-5 Aviation Pioneers Club. Of eleven plaques awarded, Edna was the only woman to receive one. Edna's contributions to aviation, and especially women's aviation, are too numerous to mention in this short report, but I wanted to pass along the word of Edna's latest accomplishment.

Our chapter members have been so busy lately that it is difficult to keep up with them. The Fort Worth chapter had a combination fly-in and airmarking at the Waddell Ranch on September 28. The gals painted the name on the roof of the barn and fence posts on each end of the grass strip. Then we enjoyed lunch while watching the exotic game stocked on the ranch.

We had another fly-in in October to Pecan Plantation in Granbury. There we were given full use of the facilities at this beautiful river development.

Auleen Hall, Verna Stubbs, and Juanita and Lloyd Waddell attended the International Convention in Puerto Rico. Juanita took time out between business

sessions to join Lloyd on the golf course. In October, Juanita with Edna Whyte as copilot and Malena Richardson as chief navigator flew her Cessna 172 to the Fall Sectional in Las Cruces, N.M. Nancy Armstrong and her 49½ Jim and Mary Lou and Jim Blain flew their 182's to Las Cruces. The Blains stopped off in Juarez on their return and we weathered in an extra day. What a place to get caught by weather!

Lorraine and Earl Waddell and Lloyd and Virginia Waddell, three pilots, took a six-day trip to the fair at Spokane by way of Las Vegas, San Francisco, and Farmington, New Mexico. Carole Sue and Joe Wheeler also made it to the fair in a 310. They continued north to Vancouver, British Columbia and returned via Salt Lake City, the Grand Canyon and Albuquerque.

Gladys and Ernie Latham made it out of town, too. They flew with their son and daughter-in-law to Abbeville, Louisiana, for lots of good cajun cooking and several days of deep sea fishing. They brought the freezers home full!



Juanita Waddell, standing, Mary Lou Blain, Henrietta Pence, and Mary Ann Hudak airmarking roof of barn on Waddell Ranch, September 28, 1974.



Malena Richardson, Juanita Waddell, and Edna Gardner Whyte before flight to Las Cruces for the South Central Sectional, October, 1974.

## GOLDEN TRIANGLE CHAPTER

**Linda Hooker, Reporter**

The Golden Triangle Chapter has done it again. At Fall Section meeting in Las Cruces, we won the 1st Place Trophy for the Governor's Annual Chapter Achievement Award and the Attendance Award trophy. The Attendance Award is given at each section meeting to the Chapter having the largest percentage of its membership present and travelling the farthest distance to attend. This was our 3rd consecutive time to win the Attendance Award, so the Trophy belongs to the Chapter and the chapter will now have to start the presentation of a new trophy. Brenda Strickler, Governor, also presented the chapter at the October meeting with 2 of 3 special recognition certificates - one for recruiting the largest number of new members (13) during the year, and one for



completing the largest number of air-markings (11) this past year.

Our flying activity for the month was to Las Cruces for the Fall Section Meeting. We had four planes with 12 girls make the 650+ mile trip. The other five members who attended went commercial. Weather going and coming back was fantastic.

Recently school bells throughout the country heralded the beginning of a new school year for many youngsters and 99s. Already 4 Golden Triangle members report completing Air Age Education projects. In addition, on October 27th members of the Chapter with aircraft gave orientation flights to the Mid-Cities CAP Cadets.

#### HOUSTON CHAPTER

**Stephanie Vickery, Reporter**

The October meeting of the Houston Chapter took place at Hooks Memorial Airport north of Houston at the Army Reserve Medical Detachment helicopter facility. The interesting program included discussion and films about the medical helicopter operations and a briefing of the training operations at Hooks Memorial Airport for the benefit of those of us who fly there.

Mary Able flew to Portland, Maine, October 18 to represent the 99 Board of Directors at the New England Section meeting at Kennebunkport, Maine. Mary reports that the hospitality was outstanding, the scenery was exceptional, and the live Maine lobsters which she brought back were a real treat.

Also travelling Down East was this reporter, who enjoyed flying from Houston to New Hampshire, then to South Carolina and back in October at the peak of the fall color spectacular.

The Houston Chapter is proud of 99 Joyce Johnson who has recently earned her instrument rating.

The annual All Texas Air Tour was flown October 5-13, and was enjoyed by Houston 99s Adelle Baker and 49½ Jerry and Shirley Roberts and 49½ Evan.

Houston 99s M.E. Oliver and Gene Gonzales flew CAP search missions for an aircraft which was lost between Henderson and Houston for two weeks in October.

Alice Seaborn flew as co-pilot with Pat Stratton as pilot in the Annual Baytown Air Race the last weekend in September. They captured 5th place overall and placed 2nd on their estimate.

M.E. Oliver flew (commercially) to LAX in late September to attend the ATC course for travel agents.

Adelle and Jerry Baker are planning to fly to Guanajuato, Mexico, for the Thanksgiving holidays.

#### KANSAS CHAPTER

**Carolyn Westerman, Reporter**

Nine Kansas Chapter 99s attended the South Central Section Meeting hosted by the Las Cruces Chapter. The Las Cruces Chapter with only six members had a well organized meeting and did an outstanding job. Thanks Las Cruces for a superb meeting.

The nine Kansas 99s and guests, were weathered in Albuquerque following the

meeting. What a fun town to be weathered in! Not only was it fun, but educational, as we visited the Flight Service Station many times before departing on a commercial flight.

The Kansas Chapter was saddened by the death of our charter member Hazel Guy.

Pat Mlady has passed her instrument written and Jackie Luke her commercial written.

After completing our air marking at Pittsburg (wow), we got busy preparing for a Safety Seminar held in conjunction with the local FAA. The topic was Man - Machine - Environment, and was held three consecutive Tuesday evenings. The good turn out makes all the hard work worthwhile.

**Safe Flying!**



**South Central Section Meeting - Las Cruces, New Mexico. Kansas 99s.**

**Seated L-R**

**Roby Anderson, Garnett Nance (Outgoing Vice Governor), Jackie Luke, Carolyn Westerman.**

**Standing L-R**

**Pat McEwen, International President, Judy Calbeck, Pat Mlady, Chairman-Kansas Chapter.**

**Not shown - Marilyn Copeland and Charlotte Peters.**

#### NEBRASKA CHAPTER

**Sharon Meyer, Reporter**

Nebraska 99s have had a busy fall! On the evening of October 22, approximately fifteen members participated in a tour arranged by Mary Conley at Strategic Air Command Headquarters, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha. The session included a briefing and a general communications tour highlighted by a visit to the Underground Command Post. Following the tour, the group enjoyed dinner at an Omaha restaurant.

In September, the Nebraska 99s and the Nebraska Air National Guard co-sponsored a steak fry. Lots of people representing many areas of aviation enjoyed the steaks and the camaraderie. Nebraska 99s have been providing rides from the airport to the stadium for pilots and passengers who fly in for University of Nebraska football games again this year. A sign in each car indicates that donations will be accepted to help support the work of the 99s. We have found this to be a good money raising activity.

September was proclaimed "General Aviation Awareness Month" in Nebraska. To help promote general aviation awareness, we sponsored a poster contest for elementary school students. The contest was divided into three categories according to grade levels. Individual

members sponsored local contests, and the first place winner in each category was entered in a statewide contest. Prizes were determined by each local sponsor. In most places, the local winners received a free airplane ride. The first, second, and third place winners in the statewide contest were displayed at the Lincoln Airport General Aviation Building. We were very pleased to have contests by 99s in Aurora, Boys Town, Sutton, Harvard, Doniphan, Deshler, Gothenburg, Gering, Valley, Elkhorn, and Lincoln.

We have a beautiful new portable bulletin board to use at air shows, flight clinics, etc. Diane Mann's 49½, Robert, built the bulletin board for us. Dawn Parkening prepared a display for it. The display helps explain publicized activities of the 99s.

Nebraska 99s were thrilled to receive an award from the Aviation Manufacturers and Distributors Association for work in the area of aerospace education. We were told that the Nebraska Chapter is the first chapter of 99s ever to receive this award which is given annually to ten individuals or organizations in the United States. Our Chapter was nominated by Bob Harper, Valley High School teacher, for assistance given by the 99s to aerospace education at Valley High School.

Several members enjoyed seeing slides of the 1973 Powder Puff Derby one evening at Diane Bartels home. The slides were presented by Leta Powell Drake. The narrative was very interesting and humorous.

#### SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

**Pamela Crane, Reporter**

The September 14th meeting at the chapter meeting room, Gen-Aero, Inc., San Antonio International Airport was the occasion for welcoming new members Anne Marie Benham, Kathy Neff, Dorothy Navarro and Fran Wayman. Several other potential members also attended. Just five days later Fran Wayman announced the arrival of Joseph Christopher. Congratulations to Fran and 49½ Dick. The newcomer attended the October meeting with his mother and was a star attraction and a model of deportment. How's that for getting him off to a good start in aviation!

The October 5th meeting was also held at the chapter meeting room and business transacted included a successful vote for incorporation. Paperwork is presently being completed to accomplish this action. Also agreed on was selection of a uniform chapter shirt to be worn by members for identification when engaging in chapter projects. A movie, "Charlie," endorsing safe flying practices was shown by Erick Andreson, FAA Accident Prevention Specialist.

At this meeting, Membership Chairman Saralda Ross announced that the chapter has acquired two transfer members from Austin, Texas. Welcome to June Barnes and Pearl Ragsdale! We also have a 66, Jean Lyle of Kirby, Texas currently attending chapter meetings and hope to receive her as a member soon.



Flying Activities Chairman, Cynthia McGary reports the October 12th air-marking at Lampasas, Texas was a paintsplashing success, and the follow-on barbecue at Jane and Steve King's nearby ranch was rated the best ever. Besides Jane and Cynthia, those who helped splash the paint were Betsy and Bill Hogan and daughter Patty, Carolyn Wetzel, Saralda Ross, Ruth Nichols, and Dorothy and Dan Novarro. Several other 49½s and family members joined in the barbecue and spent the night camping out at Jane's ranch before returning to San Antonio.

The chapter sponsored a Poker Run November 3rd at San Antonio International Airport. Members participated in flying and ground activities. This was one of a series of fund-raising events scheduled for the current year. Another ongoing fund-raising program for the chapter involves weekly Flea Market sales in the local area. Members donate items for sale and volunteer sales time. This has been a highly successful plan.

The November 9th meeting at the chapter meeting room featured discussion of a charity Christmas project, plans for the annual chapter Christmas party, plans for airmarking at Burnet, Texas, future flying activities and a safety session conducted by Linda Pearson.

Good weather in our area has permitted much flying by active members. Peggy Kemble and 49½ Chick took advantage of the opportunity to watch the Thunderbirds perform at nearby Randolph AFB on October 5th and had the privilege of meeting these distinguished pilots.



**Airmarking Lampasas, Texas Municipal Airport on October 12, 1974.**

**Members of San Antonio Chapter of South Central Section of 99's.**

**Standing left to right: Dorothy Navarro, Betsy Hogan and Daughter Patty Hogan, Ruth Nichols, Saralda Ross, Jane King, and Carolyn Wetzel.**

#### **SHREVEPORT CHAPTER** **Marjo Wright, Reporter**

Martha and Ray Christy recently returned from a tour of the Far East; also, Helen and Whitey Hewitt made a fall trip to Africa and Spain. Helen has passed one thousand hours as an instructor.

The September 16th meeting was held at VaClair's dress shop trying on beautiful clothes to ours hearts-content, with a business meeting afterward. Co-hostess was Dot Lindsey.

Several days in September one could find the Chapter airmarking Shreveport's Downtown Airport and I might add painting ourselves, as well.

October 9th five thousand mailers were

sent to area pilots telling of the Ninety-Nine - FAA sponsored Safety Seminar held October 19 and 20. The first day was a clinic concerning the Biennial Flight Review. Special guests include 49½ Benny Voss, FAA Accident Prevention Specialist; Director of Aviation, State of Louisiana - David Blackshear. Two of our Ninety-Nines have places on the program, National Air Space - Helen Wray, and Preflight - Jere Saur. The 20th, Sunday, was reserved for check-rides and plenty of instructors were on hand to give pilots the BFR Check Ride.

Shreveport's delegates to the Fall Sectional in Las Cruces, New Mexico were Martha Christy with 49½ Ray, Mary Jo Voss, Evelyn Snow and Ann King. They reported that our Chapter won the 2nd place Achievement Award, of which we are very proud.

Ninety-Nine, Jere Saur - instructor, recommended her first student to take the instructor's check-ride. Who? Her 49½ Henry and he passed.

#### **SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER** **Pat Ward, Reporter**

The South Louisiana Chapter was privileged to welcome SC Section Governor Brenda Strickler and Governor-elect Hazel Jones to the City of Baton Rouge on September 6 to help us celebrate with Gloria Holmes, our AE Scholarship Award winner for 1974. We started this memorable event with the dedication of our tree from the Forest of Friendship at Ryan Airport. That evening at a dinner in Gloria's honor, Mayor W.W. Dumas proclaimed September 6th "Gloria Ward Holmes Day" and presented her with the designation of Honorary Acting Mayor for the Day. Keys to the city were given to Gloria, Hazel and Brenda, and State Director of Aviation David Blackshear awarded certificates naming them members of the Governor's Staff. A great deal of local TV, radio and newspaper publicity surrounded our event.

When we invited them down, we promised Hazel and Brenda that we would do something "local" for them on Saturday following our Chapter business meeting. We really out-did ourselves by providing them with Hurricane Carmen--and Pat Ward's car to escape in. As a memento, we even sent Carmen northwest to dump



**Hazel Jones, Governor-Elect, South Central Section, W.W. "Woody" Dumas, Mayor of East Baton Rouge Parish, Brenda Strickler, Governor SC Section, and Gloria Holmes, 1974 AE Scholarship Award winner from the South Louisiana Chapter are pictured the night of September 6, 1974, in Baton Rouge at a dinner in Gloria's honor.**



**Flanked by out-going and in-coming Governors and Chapter Chairmen, Gloria Holmes of the South Louisiana Chapter, 1974 winner of the AE Scholarship Award (center of the picture) is pictured with (L-R) Governor Brenda Strickler, Chairman-elect of the South Louisiana Chapter Polly Baughman, Gloria, So. La. Chairman Eleanor Lowry, Governor-elect Hazel Jones.**



**Baton Rouge, September 6, 1974: Past-Chairman Eleanor Lowry, South Louisiana Chapter presents a plaque to Ryan Airport Manager Roy Giannaloni during dedication ceremonies of a tree from the International Forest of Friendship. Looking on is Governor-Elect of the South Central Section Hazel Jones, Governor Brenda Strickler and 1974 ae Scholarship Award winner, Gloria Holmes of the South Louisiana Chapter. The tall river birch trees in the background are those being dedicated.**

some of that great Gulf of Mexico seawater on Dallas for the next two days after their return.

Gloria Holmes, achieved her glider rating as a birthday gift in August; and Fran Taylor passed her instrument exam; Pat Ward soloed a glider and took her BFR ride and Beve Titzer became APT.

During the Hurricane Carmen alert, South Louisiana Chapter was put on stand-by to again fly disaster surveillance. Thankful that we were not needed in our immediate vicinity, our usefulness to the community was a reminder that we are considered an integral part of our local network.

**NOTE:** Southeast Section will meet in Baton Rouge at the Hilton at the same time that South Central Section is meeting here April 22-25, 1976! Hosting the SE Section will be the Miss. Chapter, and we are planning many get-acquainted social



functions between the Sections for a gigantic Spring Swing '76 affair!

**New Chairman: Polly Baughman. Vice-Chairman: Molly Stockwell. Secretary: Mary White. Treasurer: Pat Ward. Chairman-of-the-Board: Eleanor Lowry. Board members: Cal Meredith and Dee Wilson.**

Gloria Holmes and Betty Jones hosted a BFR Clinic on October 20 for all Chapter members and area pilots, complete with ground school and aircraft displays. Pat Ward and Polly Baughman flew to Jackson, Mississippi, on Nov. 9 to have the first of many meetings with that Chapter on the '76 Section meetings. Plans are underway to make a concerted effort this year to involve the Chapter in more affairs in the local areas for the promotion of general aviation as a prelude to a proposed new general aviation facility badly needed in the Baton Rouge area. We plan workshops for the non-flying public and a youth aviation group that we will organize and sponsor in the high schools (in addition to our current activities with the two established high school aviation classes and scouts).

Within our 99 Chapter we expect to become more actively involved in intra-governmental affairs of our organization in order to serve the international organization more meaningfully. . . We urge communication between Chapters and Sections to build a stronger more unified organization throughout the country, not just in quantity, but in quality.

#### SPANISH PEAKS CHAPTER

**Joan M. Alyea, Reporter**

Buell Schaffer, Assistant Chief of Pueblo Combined Station-Tower, Pueblo, Colorado, was the featured speaker at our annual Fly-in Brunch on October 13 at the Colorado City Country Club. Schaffer spoke on Group II TCA operations. Fly-ins landed at the Greenhorn Valley Airport, and transportation was provided by the



Spanish Peaks Chapter members held annual fly-in brunch at Colorado City, at which guest speaker Buell Schaffer, Assistant Chief of Pueblo Combined Station-Tower detailed operation of Group II TAC's. Left to Right (front row): Buell Schaffer, Assistant Chief, Pueblo CI Combined Station-Tower; Mrs. Schaffer; Ann Frink, Chairman, Spanish Peaks Chapter.

Left to Right (second row): Gertrude Howard, Joan Alyea, Shannon Hawthorne, Mary Lou Millbern, Chris Berry, and Dr. Ann Courtright (All chapter members).



**Spanish Peaks Chapter members tested guests' knowledge of Denver Sectional at Annual fly-in brunch.**

**Left to right: Ann Frink, Chairman; Dr. Ann Courtright; Gertrude Howard; and Shannon Hawthorne. (All Spanish Peaks Chapter members)**

Colorado City Development Corporation. Weather was perfect, in spite of a typical Colorado fall front which moved through the day before.

Ann Frink, our chairman, was one of the volunteer pilots flying passengers at the 8th Annual Easter Seal Penny-a-Pound flights at Pueblo Airport in September. 49½ Dr. Claiborne Courtright (Ann), and Dale Alyea (Joan) also volunteered their services as pilots.

#### TULSA CHAPTER Earline Biles, Reporter

The Tulsa Chapter has had a busy Fall. Three members, Carol Brown, Deanna Robertson and Jan Mauritsen attended the Section Meeting in Las Cruces, New Mexico, with Jan Heins of Nebraska Chapter. Deanna's report on the Meeting, "We had a great time....!" And there was the added excitement of having the aircraft vacuum system fail with the attendant loss of gyroscopic instruments. They were near Oklahoma City when the gyros failed and the group elected to return to Tulsa and take Jan Heins' Commanche to New Mexico.

The following week, our chapter again loaded up station wagons with food and drink and made the trip to the Annual EAA Fly In at Tahlequah, Oklahoma. We served ham plate lunches to 250 persons and hot dogs to another 400 persons. Everyone enjoyed the Fly-In and it made a nice addition to our bank account. A special vote of gratitude goes to Deanna Robertson for cooking those hams.

Three days later, the 17th Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic began in Tulsa and ran three consecutive days. We were the sponsors of the Clinic with the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission. The get-acquainted reception the first evening was a tremendous success--music and entertainment by the participating CFI's. Although our entire membership made contributions to the preparation and work for the Clinic, most of the responsibility was Jan Mauritsen's. After this experience, Jan has compiled a SOP for putting on a CFI Clinic. Lydia Gutierrez and Deanna Robertson handled decorations for the banquet. Jean Willis managed to get names on the Graduation Certificates and Earline Biles received all

the mail and registration fees for the Clinic. Nan Gaylord and Earline got in a television appearance on the "Betty Boyd Show" to publicize the Clinic and talk about Ninety-Nines.

Two new members have recently been added to our Chapter. Johnnie Salyer joined during the summer and Jerri Bousum became a member at our September Meeting. Johnnie and her 49½ Bill, own a Cherokee 140. Judy Guess became a member last spring. Deanna Robertson and Earline Biles have both acquired Commercial licenses recently. Deanna is seriously working on an Instrument Rating and says the CFI will be next after that! Nan Gaylord returned to Tulsa last spring and started the Ross Accelerated Ground Schools. Sue Duncan and husband Ken flew to the races at Reno in their 210. Now Ken has brought home a Mooney. With a 210 and a Mooney at her disposal, Sue still took her Biennial Flight Review in her Ercope.

During our October 22 meeting, Jay Nelson, Tulsa's Accident Prevention Specialist, came by and presented Chairman Carol Brown with a Certificate of Merit citing our group for our contribution to Aviation Safety. The certificate joins others we have recently received in connection with our work on the CFI Clinic and we are looking for suitable places to hang them. At our October meeting, Deanna reported that we are now incorporated as a non-profit organization. In the immediate future, we are looking forward to Airmarking Pryor Municipal Airport on November 3 and meeting with the AWTAR Trailblazers on November 11.

P.S. We have acquired a large quantity of white paint and yellow paint to be used for airmarking. Other chapters are welcome to use this paint. It is currently stored at the FAA Headquarters in OKC. Any chapter wanting to use the paint should contact Sue Duncan, Route 3, Box 371, Bristow, Oklahoma, 74010 for more information. (A drum of yellow paint weighs 392 pounds, so don't take a VW to Oklahoma City to pick up your paint)

#### Northwest Section

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

#### Alaska Chapter

**Margaret Wagon, Reporter**

The October meeting was held at Dzuik Aero Service, and we had a very informative, refresher course in pre-flight procedure, particularly the engine. An Islander was used for the demonstration; then, we had the fun of looking over a Lear jet.

Stephany Dedrick has her Instrument Rating now, and is working on her Commercial. Mary Reed is flying a new



1974 Beech Baron, and hopes to have her multi-engine rating soon. Margaret Snider and 49½ Bob with two of their children flew outside to Washington state, Alberta, and back. They had a great trip in their Bellanca.

Joyce Bergstrand and Nita Wood attended the Northwest Sectional in Seattle, and returned home with interesting reports.

Jan Pessel, a teacher by profession, spent her summer vacation in an Alaskan way. She was camp cook for the U.S. Geological Survey for two months. The camp was in Kiana, Alaska, and the nearest grocery stores in Kotzebue, seventy air miles away. When supplies needed replenishing and fresh foods ran low, the cook flew her Super Cub to the grocery store at Kotzebue to shop.

Our weather this past summer was so fabulously beautiful it was almost unbelievable to even an Alaskan. Winter is fast approaching with many float planes already pulling out. It's time to get the skis, wing covers, heaters, etc. ready - the ice and snow will soon be here.

#### COLUMBIA CASCADE CHAPTER

Mary Calvert, Reporter

In September, seven of our members, Pegge Blinco, Billie Dutcher, Fay Potter, Dorothy Mercer, Betty Prakken, Susan Ward and Mary Calvert attended the Northwest Sectional in Seattle. Congratulations to the Seattle area chapters for a well planned, informative, fun-packed weekend. The drawings and door prizes were fabulous! Dorothy Mercer was the happy recipient of two hours of float time, Betty Prakken a checkout ride in a Piper Warrior and Mary Calvert a ride in an open cockpit 450hp Navy N3N-3! Sunday afternoon, with deteriorating weather between Seattle and Portland, Pegge and Mary found it necessary for a return flight on Amtrak.

Our September meeting was held at the delightful new country home of member Dr. "Gillie" Gilliland. Business meeting was conducted on the deck overlooking her private woods, river and waterfall!

Our first DRF effort resulted in two plane loads of supplies delivered by Billie Dutcher and Dorothy Mercer in the Dutcher 180 and Pegge Blinco and Mary Calvert in



**Billie Dutcher, re-elected Chairman of Columbia Cascade Chapter, pre-flights her Aeronca Champ which she and 49½ Dale rebuilt, refabricated, reupholstered and repainted. A Prez with talent.**

the Blinco 172 to Aline Sharp's hangar in Grants Pass with the Southern Oregon Chapter planning to fly the next leg. Now that we have broken the ice we hope this to be the beginning of many more DRF flight.

#### EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

Daryl Ann Kyle, Reporter

Congratulations are due this month to Lygie Hagan who was elected Northwest section governor. We're mighty proud!

Our October 11th meeting was held in Moses Lake, Washington. Those of us who generally do our flying out of country strips found mixing with the airliners at Grant Country Airport pretty exciting, while to others this was "old hat." The program, arranged for by Ora Rae Merk, included an excellent film on the SST Concorde and a yummy Chinese dinner.

99s in the great Northwest are excited! So much to do before we "Roundup" in the summer of '75. Speaking to us about their experiences in Puerto Rico this summer were 1974 convention goers Minnie Boyd, Louise Prue, and Helen Shanewise. They reported that the atmosphere and setting were especially beautiful. Helen also gave a short account of her attendance at Northwest sectional in September. Each chapter in our section is contributing something special to 99s International Convention, July 30, 31, August 1 and 2, 1975 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. We're eagerly continuing preparations to greet YOU at Roundup '75.

Guests at our meeting included Moses Lake area student pilots Sherrill Winzler (who soloed the day before), Sue Binns, Jean Redding, and Lewiston pilot Barbara Dunlop. Barbara just checked out in a Cherokee Six 300 in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Marjorie Wood recently attended an AOPA instrument course in San Jose, California and met a group of 99s there. She found them most friendly and gracious. On the day she departed they picked her up at San Jose and drove her to the San Francisco Airport. Thank you 99s!

In the new ratings category, Sally Simundson is now a private glider pilot and a commercial hot air balloonist. Gladys Buroker holds flight instructor rating in gliders, and Ora Rae Merk a multi-engine rating. Pearl Manchini made her first mountain strip landing at Horse Heaven in northern Idaho. Helen and Bob Shanewise flew to Reno, Nevada for a three-day visit with daughter Katie and her husband, Craig. They had to land at Carson City because of the Reno Air Races and no space at International. Helen says, "Good weather, great flight!"

#### FAR WEST CHAPTER

Mildred Wood, Reporter

Far West Chapter has been hindered by our share of bad flying weather and it seems to be more so on dates we have planned a fly out. However, we have had some very interesting meetings and lots of hangar flying. We have had several lessons on engine malfunction and how these are repaired. Bob Skaronsky of Port Townsend

and Jim Wood, Far West Aviation, Port Angeles, were both able teachers and I'm sure some of us have a better understanding of how our engines work.

Flying vacations were enjoyed by most of our members this summer. Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, South Dakota, Alaska and British Columbia were visited and we hope to hear of these trips at our November meeting.

Our Chapter was pleased to be in charge of the Hostess room at the Sectional meeting in Seattle. Of 13 members we had 9 members representing Far West Chapter. We are all pleased to have one of our members, Mary Kochanek, receive the AES this year. Mary has worked hard for this award and is a very deserving person. Congratulations Mary.

Communication was the watch word at the Sectional meeting. In September we did just that by entertaining Rainer Chapter and Greater Seattle Chapter and guests from Port Townsend. A picnic was enjoyed at Lincoln Park which is adjacent to the airport. A good time was had by all with promises to do it again in the future.

#### GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER

Carol Cansdale, Reporter

October's fly-in meeting was something special. Having not had any rain since July 17 here, (which is odd if you've ever lived in Seattle!) we were again hoping that Wednesday, October 9, would show us bright and sunny skies, our wishes came true, and it was indeed beautiful. Upon flying to Galvin's at Boeing Field, we were met by Marshall Wilson, a reporter from **The Seattle Times** newspaper. Following a short picture taking session, we hopped in our planes and flew to Kitsap Country Airport, reporter and all!

Meeting was adjourned following lunch, and once again we took to the skies, homeward bound.

Betty Denney tells us that she and her 49½ recently acquired an Aeronca Champ and are having a great time with it. In addition, she has offered her beautiful home for our Christmas party, to be held in the first part of December.

And a bit of last minute news that didn't make it in time for the meeting. Carol Cansdale is now a Commercial Pilot, having passed her flight check on October 12 with Slim Lawson.

Happy Flying!!

#### IDAHO CHAPTER

I.R.A. Pilut, Reporter

Labor Day found the Idaho 99s joining the Southeast Oregon Pilots Ass'n. flying into Dick and Pat Jenkins' Barton Lake Ranch, south of Burns. Air games were the order of the day and Joy Lou Waite and Carol Cooke wowed the crowd copping first place in the flour bombing contest. Pat calmly whipped up barbeque for sixty -



making us wish she were physically closer to the center of our chapter's activities for we need such an efficient one active in everything!

Chairman Ann Stott and passengers Pat Jenkins and Gene Nora Jessen Skylanded to Sectional in Seattle - instruments in and out but lovely while there. Unusual hospitality has become the usual at Northwest 99 events, but the Seattle crowd did outdo themselves. Pat brought home responsibility for acquiring 501(c)3 exemption for the NW Section and Gene Nora brought home the Vice Governorship. Ann brought home Pat and Gene Nora, all the "goodies" acquired, and lots of new ideas and enthusiasm for her job as chairman this coming year.

A few weeks later three airplanes of Idaho 99s joined a Willamette Valley crew in Burns for a spur-of-the-moment fly in complete with sack lunch. The FBO hospitably offered the use of his lobby for our surprise visit. As we sat there munching sandwiches and telling tall tales, this group of women (with about a quarter of a million dollars worth of airplanes cooling their engines on the ramp) received the ultimate putdown. A cowboy startled at seeing a group of women at the airport remarked, "Oh, a Tupperware party!"

Our next Tupperware party was scheduled for Sun River, Ore. Once again we were trying to get together with the Oregon gals but we'd used up all our influence with the weatherman. We had fog at both ends but clear skies at our destination in the middle. I don't know if the Oregon contingent ever got off, but Lyn Clark from McCall and Joyce Blankenbaker from Ontario made it to Baker and Ann Stott's airplane and Gene Nora Jessen's lunched at Ontario. Anyway, we flew!

Dr. Jane McKewen has achieved her instrument rating and we hear Carol DePue progressing up and down the ILS constantly. Former member Carol Patterson has reinstated after a fascinating absence. She's been playing in a musical group travelling with and accompanying "Festus." Another former member, Annette Gould, has opened a highly successful dress shop (or should I say pants shop, today) and purchased an Aero Commander. We hope she and a new multi-engine rating will be back with us soon. Helen Higby's 49½ Glenn recently suffered a coronary with fortunately only slight damage and a quick recovery. Glenn has been chief pilot for Idaho Power Company for many years and has been instrumental in quietly but most effectively educating his high level company passengers to the benefits of moving airport perimeter power lines underground. We all too often pass up opportunities to recognize aviators who contribute to our safety and Glenn's scare to the aviation community through his heart attack remind us of his great contribution.

Idaho Chapter's Co-Pilot Course is coming up December 3 & 5 chaired by Karla Roberts.

## **WILLAMETTE VALLEY CHAPTER**

**Ruth Doland, Reporter**

Our July meeting, hosted by Jane Capizzi, was held at Salem in the State Board of Aeronautics building, with a good turn-out.

Paul Burket, Aeronautics Administrator was our first speaker. He gave us enlightening information on the fuel shortage and allocation. He also spoke on what we as pilots can do to try to stop some of the unnecessary things being done to harm general aviation.

As this meeting was open to prospective members, our Governor, Van Anderson, spoke on how and when the 99s originated. Prospective new members present were Marge Peterson, Pat Doland and Shirley Shellerbarker.

Ruth Doland, who flies commercially, giving seaplane rides to tourists during the summer months, spoke on the major differences between seaplanes and land planes. She stressed mainly that seaplanes flying is fun.

We were all happy to see Evelyn Rackliff at our meeting after her long stay in the hospital and to hear that she had passed her 2nd class medical and was flying again. Evelyn has done much to promote flying.

Betty Starker spent a week in Washington, D.C. visiting relatives at Andrew Airforce Base. She saw President and Mrs. Ford board Air Force 1 for a trip to Chicago, his first trip and speech away from Washington. Later she had a tour of Air Force 1 by the President's Pilot.

In August, Bonnie Bradford and 49½ with a group of eight others flew to the Abbotsford, B.C. airshow, which they enjoyed very much.

Our August meeting was held in Sun River, after having two previous meetings rescheduled because of bad weather over the mountains. Verda Guistina was our hostess. Five planes flew in with nine members present.

Jane Capizzi flew her 49½ to the Nut Tree and then to Reno to the annual western Entomological Society meetings.

Sally Plumley brought copies of articles from the Western Flyer magazine concerning the proposed LORAN station the Coast Guard wants which would involve erecting four 700 foot guyed steel towers in the Mid Willamette Valley. We were encouraged as pilots to do something about it.

Our September meeting was held at Betty Starker's Beach house in Newport. Eleven members drove to this meeting as the fog didn't lift till late afternoon. We discussed the part we would take in helping to make the 1975 International Convention a success.

The October meeting was held in Eugene at the Eugene Airport Restaurant. Slide presentation and discussion on survival was presented by Mel Jackson. Also we met with Chuck Easley, GADO Accident Prevention Specialist.

## **Southwest Section**

ARIZONA - CALIFORNIA  
HAWAII - NEVADA - UTAH

## **ALOHA CHAPTER**

**Trippi Penland, Reporter**

The past month has been very dull for the Aloha chapter. The back-to-school rush was on, so flying was held in abeyance. The only 99 reported flying for a new rating is Eve Kerr, and she is about ready for her phase II check-out.

Pat and Dan Coates took a weekend off and flew to Kauai to look for puka shells. They left their 3 children in the able hands of 99 Karen Horn. Dee and Bob Vick went with the Coates, and reported that the puka shells are getting harder to find.

Pat Davis is flying as a co-pilot on the Queen-Aires at Aeromarine. She says those weekend tours are a ball. In between flying and working, she's been flying to the outer islands for a few rounds of golf.

The Lanai 99 fly-in was so successful that Pat Davis and Betty Skold reserved the whole hotel, all 12 rooms, and have organized a fly-in weekend for GACH. So far, all the beds are taken and they are now renting out floor space! One general aviation pilot is taking his Queen-Aire over and filling it with women pilots!

Sierra Brown reports that she is now cutting metal and building a wing. I understand she is already working on her instrument rating.

## **BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER**

**Pat Church, Reporter**

The hot weather has finally gone, and the Bakersfield 99s are ready to head back for the runways--not with wings, but paint rollers, paint, and lots of energy. We really had to bust our buttons on winning the Southwest Section airmarking trophy this year. Our handiwork is or will be in evidence at such area airports as Shafter, Wasco, Meadows Field (Bakersfield), and even Buttonwillow. (How would you like to write **that** in thirty foot letters?)

We have also been a very active bunch off the ground. Most of us are now APT, thanks to the help of Jack Patrick from the Fresno GADO. Butch Ayers now has her commercial rating and is working on her instrument, and Joan Paynter is doing charter work with Loyd's Flying Service. There are also two new planes nestling in our hangars. Joan has a spanking new Beechcraft Debonair, and Pat Church is very proud of a recently-purchased Beech Travelair. Now to get that multi-engine rating . . . We made some practical and pleasant use of the two new planes and Charlene Mackessy's Bonanza when we made a trip to Santa Barbara to deliver 900 pounds of medical supplies to the Direct Relief Center there. A little extra help came from 49½ Dave Church in driving the Travelair.



We just scared the wings off the troops and several 49½s at a happy Halloween party at Achsa Holfelder's that featured a haunted house cleverly devised by Judy Faulstick and some of her spooky pals. Next comes the Christmas party at Joan Paynter's, complete with catered dinner. Then, of course, there's the really BIG news--we will be hosting the fall sectional in 1975, and already our new president, Maxine Turner, is making plans. We're tossing around ideas that include spaghetti feeds and authentic Basque dinners. Whatever we do, you can bet it will be fun--and keep us flying!

#### **BAY CITIES CHAPTER** **Vivian Harshbarger, Reporter**

Joyce Wells flew us to Santa Barbara to deliver medical supplies and enjoy lunch with the Santa Barbara Chapter. IFR out of Gnos Field and in and out of Santa Barbara. Getting out through thin cloud or fog cover certainly emphasizes the necessity for an instrument rating. Astra Johnson flew us to the Mohave Air Races. We went to help out but got side traced watching the races. Really exciting--as was the cross wind at California City where we parked the plane.

Maureen Carter flew some non-pilot Sierra Club members to Lake Pillsbury for an outing. Miriam Brugh, Ena Ayers and Ruth Rueckert are busy complying with the biennial flight review rules. Mary Fields is using her experience and innovative ideas to put a San Jose Helicopter company on the map. Ruth Rueckert shared her International and Sectional Convention experiences with us and obtained approval for our Bay Area Chapters to sponsor the 1977 International 99 Convention. Mark it on your calendars now--San Francisco in '77. Ruth also displayed her new teeny weeny bikini (won at Sectional) complete with airplanes covering the proper areas.

Our fund raising Domino Tournament (that kept most of us away from Sectional) was a huge success socially but left a little to be desired financially. The entrants--all non-pilots were very impressed that we actually FLEW airplanes and promised to see that our tournament next year is the biggest and best in the area.

APT cards were given out at our last meeting and of course we are all proud of them, but Kathy Walton's six consecutive years was really impressive. Thanks to Dian Ward CFII (Santa Clara Valley Chapter) I now possess the most beautiful piece of paper in the world. It says I am a CFI.

#### **COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER** **Ellenor I. Wagner, Reporter**

It's no secret when a chapter meeting is held way out in the middle of the Great American desert somewhere, but that's what happened on October 20, at Desert Center Aero Park. The local citizenry there and the County of Riverside threw a free fly-in breakfast. Some 250 or so people attended and also toured the Eagle

Mountain Kaiser Mine via Greyhound and the little choo-choo that the miners use. The weather was great and so was the home town hospitality.

Chapter members present, some of them with 49-½s, were Jean Patane, Ilia Mae Carosell, Connie Woolston, Rosella Kibbee, Melba Carilton and Ellenor Wagner. We took advantage of the turn-out and held a meeting in one corner of the flight office, with Chairman Jean Patane calling the meeting to order.

The first Annual Fly-In at Thermal Airport on October 27, was a huge success. The Lions Club of Indio prepared the early morning breakfast and Les and Phyllis Leonard were efficient host and hostess as well as FBO's Palm Springs Police Aero Sqdn., Dilapidated Flight, the C.V. Chapter 99's and local pilots plus community leaders all pitched in to make it a full day of aviation activities from bomb dropping contests to glider flights and just "plane" fun. Three skydivers provided a colorful addition.

Our Chapter is trying something we think might be a "first" in fly-ins. It is to be a "Fly-In to Church" on Sunday, November 24. The Church is St. Johns Lutheran Church on Washington Street at Palm Desert Country Club. The Airport is Bermuda Dunes where ground transportation by Ninety-Nines and church members will bring those attending a short mile-and-a-half to the 9:30 a.m. services.

Each Thursday night C.V. Ninety-Nines serve coffee and cookies at the FAA General Aviation Accident Prevention meetings. Rosella Kibbee, Connie Woolston and I assisted in October, as did Jean Patane and Ilia Mae Carosell.



**Ellenor Wagner**

#### **EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER** **Margaret Walton, Reporter**

El Cajon Valley Chapter was represented at the International convention by Dottie Saunders also our hostess for our September meeting. She gave a very interesting and informative report on the convention, where, we are happy to report, Helen McGee was awarded the Amelia Earhart scholarship. Congratulations Helen.

Members attending the fall sectional at Snowbird were Vi Chambers, Dottie Saunders, Lynn Coulthard, Anna Christenson, Doris Taylor, Sue Clark, Irene Rogers, Doris Ritchie and Isabelle Hale. Everyone reported a wonderful time.

The Grand Canyon fly-in October 5th & 6th was attended by a number of members and 49½s. Everyone had loads of fun with our former member June O'Neil in charge.

Some of our members were able to donate their time or airplane to three cents a lb. rides in September. First they helped Betty Wharton of the San Diego Chapter at Montgomery Field during their open house, then at the air show at Gillespie Field under the direction of Dottie Saunders.

Not many members attended the Fly-in to Desert Center, but Lynn Coulthard reported a great turnout overall. The tour of the Kaiser mine and pancake breakfast was enjoyed. The manager of the mine is talking of making this an annual event.



**Helen McGee**  
**Winner — Amelia Earhart Scholarship**

#### **GOLDEN WEST CHAPTER** **Jeanne Abramson, Reporter**

Salud! Your reporter & 49½ recently returned from five gloriously sunny days in Baja. Our guest couple, non-fliers on their premier visit, truly enjoyed the aerial sight-seeing and lunch and shopping hop over to La Paz. La Paz, by the way, has a \$4.00 (U.S.) landing fee which it collects even if you have to be called back from taxiway after take-off clearance.

Other interesting little situations included a gear door problem which became evident after a fuel stop at Serenidad. NOTAM: We were ripped off double price per gallon for 100 octane there. Punta Chivato is closed and deserted. My 49½ made a P.I.C. decision to leave gear down after several cyclings which failed to affect port door, turning our 210 into a strutless 206 for the rest of the trip.

Next, Bahia de los Angeles, where pumps were closed for lunch hour(s). Having been told "Si, gasolina," we waited through a decent meal, explored then strolled over to the plane. Lo iento, 80-87 solamente, no 100.

Now, for the cardinal rule of Baja flying: get your advice from the pilot who has just been there, and such a one happily came along to tell us that our search for gas would end at Rancho Santa Ynez, inland. Charts, plotter, and pilotage brought us in forty minutes to the happiest discovery of the trip. There beside a small river gorge



was a long blacktop strip, perpendicular to the longer one called the new highway which runs the length of the peninsula. Across the road, set in the middle of the most spectacular rock and cactus desert landscape, was a brand new hacienda-style Presidente Hotel. From now on, this is our RON when daylight hours are short. And, we topped off with 100 octane!

Radio problems plagued Janie Postlethwaite's 182 on her way to SW Sectional in September. Rae Gilmore, Eldris Shogren, and student pilot Emelia Williams were not at all sorry to RON at Elko, where the gaming tables proved friendly. Elko FSS alerted Salt Lake, and an uneventful landing made there Saturday in time for delegates to make lunch and afternoon session, and the transmitter was fixed in time for return trip home.

Geri Wiecks with Eldris as co-pilot, and Janie with new member Melba Erickson delivered two planeloads of soap to Direct Relief Foundation in Santa Barbara on October 5. Fly-in arranged by Carolyn Zapata, who has passed her commercial and is working on instrument rating.

Other new members welcomed at the October meeting were Toni Lawhern and Adele Wolyn. Guest speaker was Brent Stockwell, noted hot air balloonist, who showed films and the real thing (deflated).

Fran Grant, Kathi Wentworth, Eldris, and Becky Masterson attended the ten chapter luncheon meeting on October 26 at the Hyatt Regency in S.F. to start planning for the '77 International Convention, which may hopefully be coordinated with Bay Cities' PPD bid for that year.

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

**Donna B. Odedirk, Reporter**

November ushered in the holiday season, and December finds us all in a hub-bub of Christmas activities.

Our birthday dinner was held at Sherwood Hills in beautiful Logan Canyon with Eloise Wilcox, Joan Williams, Ruth Kendrick, Rhonda Knighton, Maurine Baird, Donna Odekirk, and guests Janet Murphy and Leslie Edman attending.

Congratulations to the Utah Chapter for an informative and worthwhile sectional. Eloise Wilcox, Joan Williams and I had the pleasure of driving from Salt Lake International to SnowBird Lodge with President Pat McEwen. We all enjoyed the gorgeous fall color of the Wasatch mountains. Pat is so gracious, interesting, and enthusiastic! The ride was just too short...

An "OpenHouse" was held at the Ogden Airport honoring Art Mortensen, Airport Manager, upon his retirement. Art is the father of general aviation in the Ogden Area. He organized the first flight school in the area and taught the first pilot for World War II. He graciously brought his scrapbook collection covering local aviation happenings from the 1920s forward. Art is one of the Special People, he will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

#### **LAS VEGAS VALLEY CHAPTER**

**Liz Heller, Reporter**

On October 25th, our Chapter celebrated

the tenth anniversary of its charter. A party was held at the home of Nancy Craddock. Florence Murphy, a charter member, was an honored guest. Other members present, with their guests, were Jane Leighty, Liz Heller, Marie McMillan, Nancy Craddock, Nancy Schirmer, Lois Erickson, Betty Slater, Honey Pyes, Norma Gunderson and Bonnie Clayton.

Lois Erickson and Liz Heller flew to Salt Lake City in Lois' Cherokee 180 to attend the Fall sectional. Marie McMillan flew up with Pam Van-Der Linden of the Palomar Chapter.

Our October meeting was held at McCarran Tower. We were briefed on the TCA which will go into effect here November 11th. After the briefing we were given a tour of the tower facilities including the Radar Room.

Lois Erickson flew two sorties with the CAP on a recent search for an aircraft down in Utah. When an ELT was heard on 121.5 recently, Liz Heller helped pinpoint it on the airport by driving around in her car, picking up the signal on the FM radio. Nancy Craddock has resumed her instrument instruction. Phyllis Ahlswede flew to Reno to assist her former chapter at the Reno air races. Marie McMillan flew some 12,000 miles in August, attending international and touring the Caribbean and Central America. She reported meeting Carole De Pue and Joyce Failing in Puerto Rico. Joyce and Carole are former members of this chapter. Marie and Jane Leighty have been giving bi-annual checkrides.

#### **LOS ANGELES CHAPTER**

**Grace McGottigan, Reporter**

Los Angeles Chapter...FOR THE THIRD TIME was awarded the Section's annual trophy for the most non-professional flying time during the year. Chapter delegates to the Southwest Sectional in Snowbird, Utah, Sally LaForge, Dorothy Pepin, Mikail LaPointe and Georgia Lambert proudly bore "Oscar" home to us.

Berni Stevenson further honored us by placing Fourth in the Section competition for the Pilot of the Year Award. In addition, Berni and Jim's FANG II came in 7th in the Championship Formula I Race in September.

Jane Vaughn and 49-1/2 flew to Bahia Kino, Sonora, Mexico, for a few days fishing...After the Sectional Georgia Lambert and 49-1/2 took a 4-week flying holiday to Vail, Colorado, then continued on to Galesburg, Illinois. Wally Funk and her mother winged their way to Taos, New Mexico, for the Fiesta. Dorothy Pepin and Rachel Bonzon flew ETA students to Orange County for a tour of the Air Museum. Mary Reardon has been flying every two weeks at Santa Barbara Airport. Norma and Virginia, after the Reno Air Races, flew Norma's Cessna 150 to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hopped an Eastern Airlines jet to Puerto Rico for the International Convention, and returned home in the C-150 via Kentucky and Oklahoma for a total trip logged in the "baby bird" of 55.1 hours!

Lynne and Bob painted up a storm with the Santa Rosa Chapter airmarking Boonville Airport. Their expertise will be put to the test in the near future at Santa Monica Airport now that Airmarking Chairman Betty Nesser has obtained the official go-ahead.

Rachel Bonzon, this Chapter's recipient of the ATE Silver Seal Proficiency Course Scholarship for an instrument pilot, has completed the 8-hour actual and simulated flight program and is once again current and proficient on the gauges.

Our members served as hostesses at the Golden Jubilee Banquet in honor of the first round-the-world flight in 1924, received recognition and appreciation from the Explorers Club and Santa Monica Airport Association for helping to make the gala evening a success.

During their visit to the City of the Angels, South African 99 and 49-1/2 Eve and Jack Ramsey attended our annual installation of officers banquet.

Jean Pyatt, now a full-fledged CFI, is currently teaching at Cloverleaf Aviation at Santa Monica. She is the first female instructor ever retained by the School.

#### **MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER**

**Elaine Brady, Reporter**

Mary Ellen Eisemann was our hostess in Salinas for the September meeting. Connie Hood was here on a month visit from Australia. Geri Halfpenny spent a week with friend Delores Boyman. Helen Harrison went to the Puerto Rico Convention.

June Knapp and 49-1/2 Warren, Geneva Cranford and 49-1/2, Doug, with Helen Shropshire and 49-1/2, Frank, represented our Chapter at the Fall Sectional hosted by Utah Chapter. The three couples began the trip by flying to South Lake Tahoe and spending the night at June's Tahoe cabin. Upon arrival and registering at the Sectional, they were whisked up above 8000 feet to Snowbird. The cliffs rose above them on both sides some 11,000 feet. They all took this tram ride up to the dizzy heights from where you can see three states, and the Great Salt Lake.

Jo Dieser's dream has come true. 49-1/2 John has given Jo the Cessna 182 she has hoped for so long. Since she got "George," 8981G, (She likes George better than Golf), she's been getting acquainted, working on getting APT.

Our Chapter participated in the Monterey Exposition held at the Monterey Airport Sept. 28th and 29th. We manned an information booth for the public, also a concession stand. Lucky gals, Geri, Helen, Jo, Ruth, Kay, Dianne, Altena and Ali had the thrilling experience of flying in the Aerospatiale Corvette Business Jet. Aerospatiale's own marketing and technical representatives, permanently based in Wiley Post Airport, Oklahoma City, were here to provide information on "The Biggest Little Jet in the World."

Kay Harmon, who flew into Truckee with 49-1/2, Ron, in their 172 "SuperChicken," said the Reno Air Races were fantastic. Highlighting the races were Art Sholl and



Bob Hoover, but most exciting for her to see was Judy Wagner, who won in the Formula One Competition.

Geri Halfpenny, Dell Hinn, Geneva Cranford and I awarded trophies to static displays following our judging of antique, experimental, classic, and warbird entries in the Salinas Jaycees' "Wings and Things" airshow at Salinas Municipal Airport. A crowd of 3,000 persons attended the airshow of aerobatic flying demonstrations and Army parachutists from Fort Ord.

Geri Halfpenny and 49½, Norm, flew their Comanche to Colorado Springs to participate in the Civil Aviation Medical Association for International FAA Medical Examiners. They loved scenic Colorado and were particularly overwhelmed with the breathtaking beauty of the Chapel at the Air Force Academy.

#### **MT. DIABLO CHAPTER** **Fran Zanotto, Reporter**

Our last fly-in on Friday, October 18th was quite a success. Four aircraft flew medical supplies to Santa Barbara for the Direct Relief Foundation. Pat Hart worked with us on this program and brought the supplies to Buchanan Field and helped us load up. Between the four aircraft we were able to carry 1000 lbs. of supplies. We left at 0800 PDT, had a nice flight, took time out for lunch at Santa Barbara, and our return flight brought us in about 1500 PDT. Wings For Direct Relief, a special project of the 99s, is in need of more help from any chapter wanting to help. The contributions are picked up anywhere in the U.S. and flown in relays to Santa Barbara. From SBA the supplies are flown to remote areas in Latin America, South America, South Asia, the Far East and Africa. Congratulations to several of our members who have just passed their Commercial. Good Work Girls.



**L to R - Lil Riley, Grace Ellis, Buckle Johnstone, Fran Zanotto, Joan Mason, Pauline Wade.**

#### **ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER** **Jean Garrett, Reporter**

With the holidays coming up, we are looking forward to our December 6 Christmas party that Helen Cranz and Evelyn McCray are organizing. The dinner dance will be in the officers' club at El Toro Marine Corps Air Station.

Helen Cranz has also been busy as our chapter chairman for the Powder Puff

Derby start. After reading her progress report of the Race, we know she is the right person for the job.

There should be no trouble supplying outstanding people for the PPD start with all the new additions to our chapter. Five new members are: Marje Hanson, Nancy Sterns, Joan Sanborn and Diane Hixon who sent her membership papers in early enough to sponsor Nancy McQuillan.

The personalized 99 business cards we are selling have been a success thanks to Shirley Cote. Incidentally, if anyone wants some business cards with their name and 99s printed, contact Shirley at P.O. BOX 1752, Newport Beach, CA. 92663.

Everyone returning from the Southwest Sectional at Snowbird marveled at the beauty there and the 40 miles visibility. We are proud of Margo Smith becoming the Sectional Secretary and were pleased with the good turn out from Orange County with Thon Griffith, Margo Smith, Shirley Cote, Mary Ann Jamison, Maggie Burch, Ginny Flanary, Lynn Newton, Barbara Stewart, and Barbara Ward attending.

Other people making the news include Betty Carrier who has earned her commercial and Betty Farrar who is determined to earn the same rating before Nov. 1. Betts Rivet, Betty Ackerman, Ursula Tracy, and Mary Ann Jamison have all gotten in some Direct Relief flights to Santa Barbara. Thelma Mickleson, Barbara Ward, Mary Ann Jamison, Barbara Stewart, Jean Garrett, and Betty Carrier are taking the Pilot's Maintenance course at Orange Coast College. Enrolling in an auto mechanics course, Kathy Boyer hopes to gain more information about engines. Joan Hill is enjoying her new Cessna 172. Diane Hixon earned her instrument and commercial ratings within 20 days of each other. We were delighted to see Daine's slides, taken when she was flying in the Palms to Pines Race.

#### **PALOMAR CHAPTER** **Mary Pearson, Reporter**

We have had a busy and rewarding month. It began with installation of officers at the Oceanside Elks Club. Esther Whitt planned and carried out the program, returning the gavel to Evelyn Ashton, Chairman, and Harriett Booth, Vice-Chairman, both second terms. Ethel Robinson, our new Secretary was installed in absentia, since she and Bob were on a flying vacation. Mary Santasuosso, our new Treasurer received the pot of gold from capable Mary Moons. The rest of the evening was spent dancing to real '40's and '50's music that even our youngest members enjoyed. Peg Goings reported the best joke she told at International Convention.

Six members attended the Sectional in Utah. All reported a good meeting and a pleasant time.

The most interesting and useful thing I've done in years was attend the Miramar NAS High Altitude Chamber and Lectures. Sue Adler arranged for some 16 of us; members, husbands, and a few San Diego and El Cajon 99s spend half a day learning

important things about hypoxia, vertigo, night flying phenomena, and 45 minutes actually in the chamber going to 25,000, testing our reactions. It was a super day in aviation education.

During this time, we were working on details of the All Men's Palomar Air Race. We had 20 contestants, and good weather after 2 weeks of low clouds.

#### **PHOENIX CHAPTER** **Natasha Swigard, Reporter**



**Libby Pruett, Chairman, Sandy Anson, Claire Ellis Race Co-chairman, and Sue Harper, Race Co-chairman looking over one of the birds that flew in the Kachina Doll Air Race.**

This past month we installed new officers for the year - and to keep the flying straight and level at each meeting is Carol Borgerding.

The biggest event our chapter sponsored this year took place Nov. 2nd - the Kachina Doll - Roadrunner Air Races. It was held at Phoenix-Litchfield Airport. Many thanks to George Hext, airport manager, Bob Loy, operations foreman, and James Snedeker, acting tower chief. We had 56 official entries - the most ever for this event. Had some pretty heavy rain showers in the valley that caused a couple of cancellations from Texas and California, but it was still a successful and fun event.

Many in our chapter have been busy getting their biennial flight reviews. Our APT chairman, Liz Taylor, held 5 ground school reviews, but to date there is no official count on how many have been signed off. We do have a few more APT gals: Shirley Rogers, Dee Southard, Natasha Swigard, Trudy Murphy, and Mary McPherson.

We had a small representation from Phoenix at Snowbird, Utah. Marilyn Bradford, Mary McPherson, Chas and Alice Roberts, George and Mary Vial, and Wayne and Bev Powell and daughters were all dazzled by the fantastic scenery. All thought the hospitality and food were exceptional.

Nan France and Bruni Bradley - 2 members now living in Germany - are planning a Project AWARE for their flying friends in and around Germany. That's ambition.

The "Good Guys" have been busy. Three of our 49½s have been hitting the books and terrorizing the skies. Mike Connelly is now a CFI and Luke Haag and Cliff Swigard have their Instrument Ratings. Our congratulations to them - and also to June Bonesteel getting her Helicopter Rating.



Have added a new member to the roster - Vicki Bruce. Congratulations to Penny Carruthers of the Northern Arizona Chapter on being chosen the 1974 Flying Farmers Queen.

#### REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

Nina Rookaird, Reporter

Redwood Empire Chapter met at the home of Chairman Nina Rookaird for a hamburger barbecue. The meeting followed with Ruth Rueckert, our proxy at International, giving us details of the events. Bay Cities Chapter members Miriam Brugh and Elly Jones, were also present.

Erma Chance was voted in as a new member. She is working on her instrument rating.

Anita Worel and Nina Rookaird flew to the Utah Sectional. Due to radio failure problems, Nina won a prize for taking the longest time to get to Salt Lake City. The Sectional at Snowbird was fun. It is a beautiful spot. The Utah Chapter did an outstanding job.

Pat Stouffer hosted the September meeting. Sectional events summary was made. We voted to help with the 1977 International meeting in San Francisco.

Plans were made to form a Redding--Red Bluff Chapter. Weather problems hampered all but Nina Rookaird from meeting with the prospective new members. They have 15 potential members already.

Elaine Hussey flew 3 passengers in a 172 to Ashland, Oregon for the Shakespearean Festival. The following week she undertook a trip to Las Vegas. She will soon be working on an instrument rating.

Redwood Empire Chapter welcomed Kay McGehon to her first 99 meeting in October. Kay recently became current after 26 years.

Janet Allbeck hosted the October meeting, and anticipates boarding ten members of the University of Arizona Flying team for the NIFA regional meet at Buchanan Field in November. Janet's daughter is a U of A student, and works for a FBO in Tucson.

#### SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

Barbara Foster, Reporter

The United Way Fund Drive took off in Sacramento with 99s decorating the tables for a large (2,000 people) luncheon and acting as hostesses. Our Chapter is working hard at letting more people know who and what 99s are. Ann Molina and Bev Wigen were the master minds behind the charming airplane center pieces.

This reporter had the great good fortune to attend the International Air Show at Farnborough, England in September. I was speechless with awe after witnessing helicopters doing loops and barrel rolls, Harrier jets rising vertically from the ground and the breathtaking maneuvers of the RAF Red Arrows. How good it is to be even a microscopic part of a flying world such as this.

A fly-in with fellow 99s is always great. If a delicious lunch, a trip through a museum of vintage aircraft and a movie of the first transcontinental commercial flight is included, then our cup runneth over. Such was the case when Sacramento Valley Chapter had a fly-in to South County Airport, arranged by Connie Conally. Ten planes carried thirty 99s, 49½s and friends who shared the good time.

#### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

Betty Wharton, Reporter



Ruth Ebey, San Diego Chapter and her "new" Funk.

We were 18 yrs old in Sept., so now that we are all grown up, we have a monthly newsletter, written by our new secretary, Diane Stocklin, and called "Enroute".

BFR is working. It got ONE of our idle pilots back on the active roster. Ruth Ebey got brushed-up, current, and APT, and we are real proud of her. She and 49½ Jack flew their newly acquired antique Funk to the AAA Annual Fly-In, in Blakesville, Iowa, last month.

Two other members also made us proud... Pat Mazella is now a Commercial pilot, and Marilyn Eimers is Com'l-Instrument as of this month.

Betty Gillies, Lois and Harry Bartling, Marian Banks (new AWTAR Chairperson) and Betty Wharton attended fall sectional in SLC. Thanx to the SLC 99s for a most enjoyable week-end. (On the way home, I discovered a delightful place. Parowan, Utah has a good mechanic on duty on week-ends if your fuel pump ever goes pfffffft between SLC and LAS).

Our chapter was invited by the Montgomery Field, airport manager to participate in their General Aviation Week open house Sept. 22. We put on a 3-cent a pound flight (inflation) and airlifted 12,196 lbs. of people, while adding \$308.00 to our treasury. Not bad. Now maybe some of our neighbors around the field will be a little more tolerant of our "frivolous hobby".

But our BIG news this month is our "Flying Companion Seminar". FAA sent out flyers to all San Diego County pilots, inviting them to send their reluctant spouses to our Very Basic Ground School for 12 hours. We got nearly 200 phone calls. We could only take 45 this time, so we are planning two more after the first of the year. This was originally Ava Carmichael's bright idea, and since we had such an unbelievable response, we feel we have tapped a new public service need, as well as an money maker.

Next week-end, Oct. 5th and 6th, many of our members will join El Cajon Valley 99s for a fly-in at the Canyon Squires Hotel

in Grand Canyon, where 99 June O'Niell works.... we might even be lucky enough to get snowed in...again.



Morning crew for Open House airlift: L to R: Dottie Sanders, Linda Deucher, Bonnie Adams, Stella Hardin and Betty Wharton.



Afternoon crew for Open House airlift: Margaret Walton, Vi Chambers, Diane Stocklin (and son), Shirley Wolff (and future 99 daughter).

#### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

Virginia Rainwater, Reporter

Fall is an exciting time with Air Races attracting Plane Lubbers from all areas. Our chapter was well represented in Reno this year. Lorrie Blech flew into Truckee Airport (plenty of tie-downs) and bussed to races in Reno. Lorrie also took in the Men's Air Races at Palomar. Bonnie Seymore flew with her stewardess daughter to Honolulu for a disgustingly few dollars (taxes you know). The Seymores flew to the Bay area, San Carlos and Truckee for the races. Wandering around at the Reno Air Show as well as at the Mojave Races were Ely Rickabaugh, Virginia Rainwater and our new member Lois Ployer and her 49½.

Gill Silton flew to Giant Rock and was very disappointed that there were no little men from outer space, so on she flew to Lake Havasu. Michelle Naples winged her way to Lake Havasu. Vesta Maltby represented our chapter at the Utah Sectional, and once more found her ranch in Utah. Locally Vesta flew to Santa Maria and Lompoc.

Margie Robbins must get busy on her Instructors rating, while it's hubby's turn to have fun, so off Dick flew in the Palomar Men's Race. Delores Pines navigated the Catalina Channel successfully. Marge



Morong never told us what happened in San Diego but the flight was great. Helene Bernbaum was pinned this month to the great organization of the 99s. Jeanne Day brought three guests to the meeting.

There is a commercial airline pilot flying between Moscow and Linengrad wearing Liz Dinan's 99 wings. He gave Liz his ball point pen which he said was very hard to get. Liz and her 49½ had another marvelous trip, this time to Russia, Germany and Denmark.

Our Installation Banquet was held at Pikes Verdugo Restaurant. Our new officers are: Chairman (incumbent) Beverly Woodward; Co-Chairman (incumbent) Shirley Thom; Treasurer, Delores Pines; Recording Secretary, Bonnie Seymore; Corresponding Secretary, Marge Robbins.

The deserving winners of THE WOMEN PILOT of the YEAR are: 1st place Marge Robbins, 2nd place Lorrie Blech, 3rd place Shirley Thom, 4th place Ellen Miller, 5th place Lola Ricci.

The hard working winners of THE TRIXIE ANN SHUBERT AWARD are: Vesta Maltby for 1st place, Liz Dinan for 2nd place, and Beverly Woodward for 3rd place. Congratulations all.

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

Our September meeting was held on the Murrays Houseboat in the Stockton Delta with our own "Jean at the helm". We had eleven members. Marion Barnick, Willie Gardner, and Dian Ward, Santa Clara Valley Chapter, were guests. We cruised to an island for luncheon. Marion Barnick Southwest Section Governor, gave a report on the 45th annual International Convention held in Puerto Rico.

Charlotte and Chuck Morrill flew to Spokane, Washington to the Fair. Charlotte is now APT.

Helen and Harvey McGee flew to Seattle to a newspaper conference and visited with two daughters while there.

Diane Kaufman and two children flew commercial -- Oakland to San Francisco, Albuquerque, Chicago, Peoria, Illinois and back home.

We are sorry to say our 99 Lee Roesch and 49½ Fran have moved to Toppenish, Washington. They will be missed by all of us.

September 24th saw members of our Chapter and other neighboring Chapters at Quincy Gansner Airport for airmarking. Those helping were Santa Rosa Chapter Faye Kirk, Eileen Berkland and guest Jane Brown; Santa Clara Valley Chapter Willie Gardner, Marion Barnick, Jackie Petty, Pat Rowe, Dian Ward and guest Sandy Deller.

Letters were striped instead of filled in solidly to keep the letters from raising during the winter with its alternate freezing and thawing.

Our Chapter was well represented at the Southwest Sectional held in Salt Lake City at the beautiful Snow Bird Lodge. Barbara and Howard Glantz, Helen and Harvey McGee, Dottie and Eugene McAllister, Rosie Hijos, Laverne Gudgel and Jean Murray, made the trip.

Dottie McAllister and 49½ Mac flew to Redding to their cabin at Shasta, and to Sacramento for Instrument Proficiency Flight.

Laverne Gudgel has flown all over Northern California, including several trips to King City. Son Tim Gudgel obtained his Commercial license making the entire family Commercially licensed (or better). Bob Gudgels crop dusting operation was filmed for a FAA film on aerial application to be released around the first of the year for their film Library.

October 8th meeting was held at Jean Murrays home in Stockton with twelve members attending. Angela Purues and Genie Garrett who are student pilots were guests.

We were happy to have with us Rene Nealon back from Sao Paulo, Brazil after almost two years away from Calif.



**Airmarking Quincy Gansner Airport**  
**Laverne Gudgel with paint roller, Willie Gardner and Betty Strand.**



**Taking time out for a cup of coffee while**  
**Airmarking Quincy Gansner Airport is Pat Rowe, Willie Gardner, Diane Kaufman, Marion Barnick, Laverne Gudgel and Dian Ward.**

#### **SANTA MONICA BAY CHAPTER** **Angela Masson, Reporter**

The Santa Monica Bay Chapter still has Palms to Pines Race sweatshirts for sale. They are a beautiful light blue, cost \$5 plus \$1 postage, and are available from our chapter chair-person, Emma McGuire.

The chapter will soon be sponsoring a Poker Run in conjunction with the Hi Desert Chapter. Watch for details!

Only three meetings old, the SMO Bay Chapter has already risen in membership from the original seven members (Susan Caldwell, Lillian Camden, Nina Laughbaum, Emma McGuire, Angela Masson, Doris Minter, Claire Walters) to eleven!

Emma McGuire and Nina Laughbaum belong to a flotilla of the United States Coast Guard- a search and rescue air-patrol for lost boats. Doris Minter is a member of the SMO Airport Commission. Rita Polen is a tower controller. Maureen Motola flies a Cherokee 180 with her 49½, Dan. Juana Wilson flies a Stinson with her 49½, Charles. Lillian Camden and Judy Giolitto also have flying 49½s. Judy is an MD who recently moved here from Chicago.

Nina Laughbaum and Emma McGuire returned from the Convention at San Juan in high spirits. They received their FAA safety badges.

Angela Masson has returned from Black Forest Glider Port (Colorado) with her commercial glider license and a Silver Altitude. Her 15-year-old sister, Lisa, soloed in a Schweizer 2-33.

Claire Walters is busy with Air Force and Navy ROTC contracts. Claire and Emma attended the fall Sectional at Salt Lake City and received the new chapter charter from President Pat McEwen.

The next project is a chapter get-together at Claire Walter's Lake Arrowhead cabin- the first weekend in December- and an open invitation to other chapters!

Our regular reporter, Susan Caldwell, is vacationing in Australia.

#### **SANTA PAULA CHAPTER** **Adrienne Nater, Reporter**

Gwen Dewey is doing a fine job compiling a monthly newsletter, **Santa Paula Ninety-Nines Observations**.

Chapter girls were proud of their first award, which was accepted by our chairman Norma Williams at Southwest Sectional. The award coming scarcely 14 months since our chartering for the largest percentage of members being APT during the past year (93 per cent). With Norma at Sectional were Barbara Deeds and Della Abernathy.

Della Abernathy spent the weekend of October 11th judging the finish line at the California National Air Races, held at Mojave Airport. She was also a guest of the Santa Barbara Chapter, where she was a charter member 14 years ago. Della's real estate activities scarcely keep her away from all of her flying activities.

Chapter congrats to our flyingest member Sally Allen and co-pilot Jill Williamson, who placed 9th in the Palms to Pines Race. These two members keep climbing higher and higher in the placements in the races and soon will bring home a first.

The day after the Palms to Pines race Sally left for Oshkosh with passenger Jim Smith. Gwen and Jim Dewey took time to fly to Minnisota via DC 10 to pick up two new Citabrias to ferry home for son Mike and thus add to their fleet at the airport.

Evelyn Perry and Frank flew to Columbia and camped out with the Airport ants.

Jill Williamson has moved to Paso Robles but will stay in our chapter. The group plans on the December meeting at her new home.



The McKenna family moved to Studio City and Barbara will also stay with the chapter plus contributing her daughter, Meg, as one of our newest members. Other new members are Jean Bowers, who flies out of Ventura County Airport.

A program that invites student pilots to our meetings has been initiated, and at our last meeting three not-quite-private pilots attended; Hazel Dion, Joanne Miller and Marjorie Wagner.

A plane wash was held and proved to be successful. The membership was delighted to receive payment for not washing planes based at the airport, in addition to the brave volunteer owners who got the wash.

Evelyn Perry is proving to be the one to beat in the spot-landing contests held at the airport. We may have to make her a judge.

Betty Johnson is having the time of her life in the Pitts.

#### **SANTA ROSA CHAPTER**

**Ruth Foster, Reporter**

The 1974-75 officers are: Aliene Lee, Chairman; Sandy Petersen, Vice Chairman; Lynn Cary, Recording Secretary; Mary Johnson, Corresponding Secretary; Joan Robbins, Treasurer. Aliene and her Board have a calendar of events outlined that should keep the 99s on their toes.

Ginny Wegener, Past Chairman deserves an award of her own, for in two years our Chapter has grown from thirteen charter members to thirty-five very active pilots. We had eleven 99s obtain fifteen new ratings, fourteen of which were higher than a Private. To recognize these new ratings the recipients are presented a yellow silk rose. Several are on their way to collecting a bouquet.

Faye Kirk, Sandy Petersen, and Claudia Ansaldo attended the International Convention, bringing back new enthusiasm for those who stayed at home.

The Sectional at Snow Bird Resort was a real Bonanza for us. The four members attending accepted three awards for the Chapter; third for the most non-professional hours, second for the professional hours, and third for Air Marking. Bringing home awards of their own were Joan Robbins for obtaining the most recent Commercial rating, and Lynn Cary for the most recent Instrument rating. Faye Kirk and Ginny Wegener made up the foursome.

Faye Kirk was appointed Air Marking Chairman for the Southwest Section. Thanks to Faye's hard work the award came our way.

Healdsburg and Boonville were the most recent airports being invaded by the 99s and their paint. A barbeque and camp-out helped to make the Boonville marking extra special.

Another first for us is our own News Letter. Melva Dunn is in charge of putting it altogether. Suggestions for a name will be submitted next meeting.

On October 19, twenty-seven from our group, with their 49½s participated in the demonstration of the High Altitude

Chamber at Mather Air Force Base. This was an all day affair, very informative and well worth the effort of getting up before sunrise.

Ann Tunney ventured the farthest from home this summer. Taking her family, they covered the miles from coast to coast. When someone said, "Cross Country," to Ann, she took it seriously.

Our newest members are Claudia Ansaldo, Eleanor Buckingham, Suzanne Cesano, Claudia Kirk, Karen Orcutt and Jane Todd.

#### **SOUTHERN SIERRA CHAPTER**

**Doris Corwin, Reporter**

The float building 99s have succeeded again in capturing awards in two city parades. The ten foot taildragger made of wooden ribs and plastic covering was mounted on a flat-bed cotton trailer and decorated in blue and white with a battery operated spinning propeller. Writing on the sides was changed for each parade to tie in with the theme. A single wing agriculture spray plane was converted after the Tulare County Fair to a biplane sprayer for the Delano grape festival and received a first place commercial trophy at Tulare and a second place \$200. award at Delano on October 5th.

The girls are delighted with the monetary award to supplement a scholarship program which the chapter is initiating this year. The little money maker will be entered in the Porterville parade November 11th and will be remodeled to represent Lindbergh's Ryan to tie in with their theme of American Heritage.

Selling ice cream at the E A A Fly-in September 7th and 8th brought in a tidy sum also.

#### **TUCSON CHAPTER**

**Jayne Hunter, Reporter**

Good news for those who were disappointed when the TUCSON TREASURE HUNT was suspended this year. All systems are "go" for the 1975 Treasure Hunt with exciting variations that will cater to fuel, financial and time economy for the participants. With the cooperation of PHX Chapter, hosts to the Spring Sectional, we will make it possible to take in both events with the greatest convenience. Treasure Hunters will congregate in Tucson just one day ahead and the hunt course will be planned to terminate in PHX with awards to be presented during the Sectional. Barbara Welsh is Hunt Chairman, and kits will be available early next year.

Another big event on the Chapter calendar is co-sponsorship with PHX of the first fly-by for the 1975 Powder Puff. Our chairman, Virginia Edwards and Barb Welsh, Bev Powell and Carol Borgerding of PHX, recently met with Marian Banks, new AWTAR chairman, at PHX Litchfield Airport, and the plans were set up. Lorraine Newhouse has since accepted Virginia's invitation to be Tucson chairman for the stop.

Lorraine and her 49½, Ray, captain with American Airlines, recently returned to live

in Tucson after residing in Phoenix and the chapter was overjoyed to welcome them back. It seemed appropriate to put Lorraine to work right away.

Our membership has also been enriched by these transfers: Jane Scott from El Paso, Anne Piggott from San Gabriel, Barbara Harper from Long Beach and Anna Mackey from Flagstaff. Hannelore Barnhardt, who lives in Sierra Vista, has joined our chapter this month. All the longtime members particularly are rejoicing with Terry Robertson who has been our most faithful, helpful and favorite 66 just too long to mention. Terry has passed her test and is in the process of becoming a full-fledged 99.

Tucson's entries in the annual Phoenix Kachina Doll Race this year are Wyn Hayward and Barbara Welsh in the Hayward's Debonnaire and Virginia Edwards and Lynn McGrew in an 172. The girls in the Deb have a heavy commitment to score better than their spouses who race in the Roadrunner in the afternoon for they must prove that their triumph last year was no fluke.

Even here there is sometimes weather and it got in the way of the Fly-Out chairman Joanne Hansen's planned brunch at Francisco Grande so the gals wound up IFR'ing by auto to a local restaurant. November's Fly-Out will be to Scottsdale and December's to Nogales with shopping over the border.

Plans are shaping up for an "Antique Flying Film Festival" series with ticket sales to raise money for our Scholarship Fund. Hilde Peterson is in charge and planning the event for the new year.

Judy and Jim Preble and 66 Marjorie and George Cary returned from the weekend fly-in at Kino Bay with healthy looks and happy reports and a load of shrimp. Judy says everyone filled up available luggage space with either Indian pottery or shrimp. With the Cooks, Virginia and Ken, it was salmon after a long and pleasurable sojourn on Vancouver Island. Either way it sounds fishy.

Jayne Hunter and Norma Wilcox were in the first plane to arrive in Salt Lake City for the Fall SW Sectional. Unfortunately the other Tucson team, Mirza Clark and Dorothy Jenkins, suffered mechanical problems and were stuck in Cedar City, Utah, too long to make the Sectional and share the pleasures and beauty of Snowbird Lodge and appreciate the great plans and arrangements made by the Utah 99s who did a super job for us.

Wyn Hayward and Jayne Hunter made some points for women in aviation in speaking to a University of Arizona class on this aspect of "Women in Contemporary Life".

Nov. meeting will be at the Beechcraft Pilot Lounge at TUS International Airport on the 4th with a film on hang gliding and an opportunity to use the FBO's simulator, plus a "silent auction".

The chapter's Christmas party is to be held at Hilde and Tom Peterson's home, and with that occasion in mind, we wish all our sister 99s the merriest and the best for the Season and next year.



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