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COMING EVENTS

6th Annual Ill-Nines Air Derby
U of I Willard Airport, Champaign, Illinois
May 24, 1975 - rain date May 25, 1975
speed and proficiency categories
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After being delayed one year due to the fuel crisis the 6th Annual Ill-Nines Air Derby is on its way again. This event is unique in that the pilot of the racing plane may be either male or female. Also, there are two racing categories, speed and proficiency.

Identical awards will be presented for both categories. 1st place \$200 -- 2nd place \$150 -- 3rd place \$100 -- 4th place \$50. Trophies will be given to winning pilots and co-pilots. There may be no pets or passengers in aircraft during race, but a co-pilot is mandatory.

Impound date is May 23, 1975, with a buffet dinner on Friday, May 23 and awards dinner on Saturday, May 24, 1975. Contestants from many states, including Georgia, Alabama, Florida, California, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut, have entered this interesting event in the past. The derby is sponsored by the Chicago Area Chapter, Central Illinois Chapter & Quad City Chapter.

Mary Krautkramer, Bristol, Wisconsin, is 1975 race chairman, Gail Wenk of Highland Park, Illinois, vice-chairman; Marion Jayne, Palatine, Illinois handicaps chairman; Charlene Falkenberg, Hobart, Indiana, publicity chairman; the race board members are: Anita Albert, Olgesby, Illinois: Von Alter, Coal Valley, Illinois: Julia Konger, Northbrook, Illinois: Mary Panczysyn, Glenview, Illinois: Mary Stroh, Barrington, Illinois: Jo Anne Walker, Rock Island, Illinois: and Mary Waters, Chillicothe, Illinois.

Charlene Falkenberg

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January 19th -- The Whirly-Girls (International Women helicopter pilots) 20th Anniversary "Hovering" and 8th Annual Scholarship Award Dinner, Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California.



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The Cover: Fiorenza de Bernardi (Italy) during a take-off with the PA-18 on a windy morning flying in the Dalomites during a course in mountain flying in January.

President Pat's ACTION LINE



Congratulations on your acceptance of our theme ACT - ACTIVITIES - COMMUNICATIONS and TRAINING! Through the governors' letters and chapter newsletters your ACTIVITIES have been COMMUNICATED to me. I appreciate and welcome all your correspondence. I am so proud of you!

Ninety-Nines everywhere are participating and contributing much to aviation in their countries and communities. T - the third letter in our ACT - is Training. I am confident by now that you all have had your BFR (Biennial Flight Review) - if not - do it now! Your APT Chairman, Margo Smith, urged you in her column (Nov. - Dec.) to get APT too. Our new APT year has started so let's ACT and get APT! Why not make this pledge for the new year - Stay Alive in '75! Only by keeping proficient and staying current can we be assured of our competence in an aircraft. Charlene Falkenberg, our Flying Activities Chairman, has some great ways to have fun and keep proficient - don't fail to read her article in your last issue of the "News".

Thanks to our Safety Education Chairman, Marilyn Hibner, for the two articles in the Nov. - Dec. "News". What great ideas she has for us to become more aware of our poor flying techniques that make us unsafe pilots. It's all fun and games but at the same time we become safer pilots.

November 21st we broke ground for our Headquarters. It was very exciting, with many 99s in attendance and thanks to all of you who sent your continued support and best wishes. It was gratifying to know so many of you are looking forward to our dedication in 1975. Headquarters Chairman Marilyn Copeland has written a report, with pictures, of the groundbreaking ceremonies - look for it in this issue.

Wasn't that a memorable compilation of pictures and facts that our friend Glen Buffington gave us in our last issue? Just think - 45 years have passed! It was great fun to see early pictures of members Betty Gillies Louise Thaden, Teddy Kenyon and Edna Gardner Whyte. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Buffington for the interesting article.

I enjoy reading and hearing of all your activities - **Keep those letters and newsletters coming!**

THE MICHIGAN AVIATION FESTIVAL AND RALLY

By Claire Ojala

The well-known Michigan Chapters of 99's SMALL Race was replaced this year by the Michigan Aviation Festival and Rally. This break from the tradition evolved over the uncertainty of aviation fuel supplies last winter and the feeling that the 99s should demonstrate, in a positive manner, their concern for the future of General Aviation in a world of shrinking resources and growing restrictions on personal activities.

The theme of this event was to improve pilot skills in operating aircraft in the most fuel efficient manner. The Rally was flown enroute to the event at beautiful Autumn-colorful Bellaire, Michigan and judged the pilots ability to fly the rally to predicted flight plan time and fuel consumptions. Scores for the first five places showed considerable skills in this area, perhaps gained from previous races as the first five places were within 2 per cent of a perfect score.

1st Place	Lisa Dixon	1.9750
2nd Place	Adele Binsfield	1.9742
3rd Place	Scotty Harmon	1.9678

4th Place	Sharon Oxner	1.9641
5th Place	Walter Simons	1.9452

● Adele Binsfield & Warren Hecksel tied for perfect fuel.

● Walter Simons won for perfect time.

The non-flying part of the program was a potpourri of aviation lore ranging from technical programs on engine, fuels, cruise control, airframes and new aircraft developments to aviation insurance, microwave ILS, hang gliding demonstrations and static displays. Biennial flight reviews were also given to participants.

All attendees agreed that this unique event was interesting, fun, and appropriate to the times. Therefore, it was disappointing that only 26 aircraft entered the Rally versus the 60 plus standbys that have attended previous SMALL races. Those who could not enter the Rally but drove in, helped to swell the ranks and were as enthusiastic as the fly-ins.

Since our event was a timely and unique one to the 99s, it would be interesting to the SMALL RACE Board to know why there was less support then for pure races.

Write Claire Ojala, 26695 Simone, Dearborn Heights, Mi. 48127.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION JULY 30-31, AUGUST 1-2, 1975

By Ilovene Potter

General Information for potential Campers and Fishermen:

Airstrips in the State of Washington that lend themselves to recreational use, we can direct you to several. Stehekin, at the northwest end of Lake Chelan, provides a most beautiful setting for camping, fishing, hiking or just relaxing. We have rest rooms there as well as picnic tables, water and camp sights. Copalis Beach just north of Ocean Shores gives you fly-in access to fine beach combing, excellent clam digging or surf fishing or just walking in the fresh salt air. Easton air strip, 15 miles east of Snoqualmie Pass is a 3,000 foot lighted turf strip, that is bordered on the east end by Silver Creek, which is the head water of the Yakima River and contains nice size trout for the avid fisherman. Numerous small roads and trails abound in and around the strip and fall of the year provides a myriad of color. Tieton airstrip on Rimrock Lake just east of White Pass. This is a very pretty setting immediately adjacent to the lake. Swimming and fishing would be in order at the proper time of the year. We have other strips but we hope this will help for an opener. All of our State airstrips are closed during the winter. For further information regarding Washington State airstrips write William Hamilton, Assistant Director, Washington State Aeronautics, Perimeter Road, Boeing Field, Seattle, Wash. 98108.

For the Salmon fisherman we suggest Westport Municipal airport, 2300' sod strip, prevailing winds from the west with no obstructions, we have taken our Aztec and Comanche in with no trouble. Phone at two story house on edge of strip, free tie downs by Helen Durham's 49½. Phone Charter offices for free pick-up service for Motel etc. Warm clothing is a must for these trips, lunch's available at Charter office, fishing gear furnished, a complete service. Reservations should be made as early as possible especially for weekend and Holidays. A deposit of \$5.00 per person and \$10.00 for a 6 man boat is required to confirm your reservation. Bait and tackle sold at Charter office, you may bring your own or rent for \$2.00 per day for complete set. Bring your own lunch or buy from Cafe. Coffee on board. Warm clothes and rain gear may be needed to protect from wind or rain. No fishing license required. Write Sunrise Charters, P.O. Box 592, Westport, Washington 98595 for further information, brochures or reservations. They have 8 boats from 36' to 50' and are all first class and Coast Guard approved, have licensed Skippers and can make Motel reservations for you. Phone 206-268-6611. Commercial air service from Seattle to Hoquiam and Taxi or bus to Westport.

THE COMMISSIONER IS A 99

By Mardo

Esther D. Berner

The Director of the Aeronautics Commission of Indiana is **Esther D. Berner**, a currently APT member of the Ninety-Nines, Indiana Chapter. This handsome, capable woman pilot is dedicated to "the continued improvement of existing General Aviation facilities, and the development of new facilities" to assure the continued economic growth and industrial development of Indiana. Last year she successfully promoted a Governor-Proclaimed GENERAL AVIATION MONTH by personally pushing a Proclamation by Otis R. Bowen, M.D., Governor of Indiana, and Lt. Governor Robert D. Orr.



Esther Berner, member of the Indiana Chapter of the 99s, holds the top position.

Madine Carpenter

The first woman to be appointed to the California State Aeronautics Board is **Madine Carpenter**, member of the Orange County Chapter of the 99s. Madine probably came to the favorable attention of California's Governor Ronald Reagan because of her flying her State Senator Dennis E. Carpenter husband to meetings in areas that might otherwise have been inaccessible to him, especially time-wise. Madine has been "in the air" since the 1950's, when she flew as a TWA hostess. She went on to really get involved — accumulating her ratings as Commercial pilot, flight and ground instructor, single & multi engine ratings, with a license to fly as an Instrument pilot. Her interest went to racing and she placed first in both the Vixen Frisk and the Palms to Pines events. She was sponsored twice by Air California in the AWTAR, but flew two other PPDs as well.

Her main goal in being a Commissioner is the "hope of saving airports and saving Los Alamitos for a general aviation airport in particular." Having owned and operated her own flying business, she should know what she's talking about. Her enthusiasm and her contacts with VIPs will help a lot as she develops her place as a Commissioner.



Madine Carpenter, Orange County Chapter member thirteen years, and a past chapter chairman (1962-64), was named by Gov. Reagan as the first woman Commissioner on the State Aeronautics Board.

Geri Halfpenny

Starting her first four-year term as Airport Commissioner for the City of Salinas, California, is **Geri Halfpenny**, of the Monterey Bay Chapter 99s. Her interest is, of course, the development of general aviation, especially to bring a top airport to the City which would be dedicated to this segment of flying. Imbued with that magic source of energy that seems to be a part of a 99, her life is exceedingly active. She is married to a flying Physician, and they have five children, Debbie 20, Pam 19, Kim 17, Jeff 14, and Jim 12. It follows that she should, for the past nine years, be giving airport tours to school children. Also, that she should have flown uncountable loads of disposable diapers to the Navy in San Diego for shipment to a Saigon Pediatric Hospital.

Geri likes racing and has competed in the Angel Derby, the PAR (Pacific Air Race), the Reno Fun Race, and the Mini Derby (staged by the Golden West Chapter). She has received many high awards, among them a FAA Certificate of Merit for 1971; Monterey Bay 99 of the Year, 1972; and the Monterey Peninsula Airmen Pilot of the Year, 1973.

She is a Private Pilot, SEL, with 500 hours and obviously Geri Halfpenny is still on the way UP.



Geri Halfpenny, of Salinas, California, a new Commissioner on the City's Airport Commission.



Marjorie McLean, of Little Rock, Arkansas, recently appointed to the Arkansas Aeronautics Commission.



Virginia Proctor, a dedicated member of the Arkansas Aeronautics Commission, belongs to the Memphis Chapter of the 99s.

Marjorie McLean

A new Commissioner recently appointed to the Arkansas Aeronautics Commission for a 5-year term by Governor Dale Bumpers, is personable Marge McLean, member of the Arkansas Chapter of the 99s. She makes it a family affair, for her husband, Bill, serves in the capacity as chairman of the Little Rock Airport Commission, both thus dedicated to aviation service.

Marge has quite a family, which one might think would occupy ALL of her time — three married daughters, and three grandchildren (with more on the way!). As a typical "involved 99", she continues to hold a Private license, SEL, and says she is apparently the permanent treasurer of her chapter, having held this honor for about five years.

Marge doesn't mind admitting that her birthdays started on June 29, 1920. She believes that her long experience with pleasure flying will stand her in good stead when it comes to supporting general aviation on the Commission.

Virginia Proctor

As the first woman to serve on the Arkansas Aeronautics Commission, being appointed by Arkansas Governor Dale Bumpers in 1971, Virginia Proctor asserted herself immediately. She became vice-chairman of the Commission in 1972, and chairman in 1973. She is an active member of the Memphis Chapter 99s, demonstrating her leadership in our organization as chapter secretary, vice-chairman, and chairman; and going ahead to the offices of secretary and treasurer, and now Vice-Governor of the Southeast Section.

In her job as Commissioner she says, "I feel that the main key to the growth of general aviation is in educating the public as to the importance of aviation in the growth and development of communities. We need to make people aware of the potentials, needs, problems, career opportunities, etc., of general aviation. We can do this by speaking to civic clubs, schools, working with Scouts and other youth groups, writing our congressmen and senators about legislation vital to the industry and above all, creating a good image as a safe proficient pilot."

Virginia holds a Commercial license with instructor and instrument ratings. She and her attorney-husband, who is also a municipal Judge of Wynne, Arkansas, own a Cessna 172, and their flying is for pleasure. She has three married sons, and is a grandmother, but as with our 99s, the more she does, the more active she seems to become in aviation. She is personally responsible for many of the innovative programs which have given the Arkansas Aeronautics Commission nationwide attention.

Ruth Reinhold

Although we tried to get a photograph of Ruth, who is a member of the Phoenix Chapter 99s, perhaps we can rely on their accomplished reporter Natasha Swigard, to accept this challenge on our behalf, so that we may run it in a later issue.

Ruth is on her second five-year term as a member of the Arizona Board of Aeronautics. She is probably most widely known as being the pilot for famous Barry Goldwater, especially during his try for the Presidency. As a Commissioner, she has been vice-chairman for a year, and chairman of this Board for a year.

One of her interests is the development of a history of Arizona Aviation from the balloons about 1890 through aviation beginnings to WWII. The first draft of her book is almost completed.

She modestly lists her memberships in addition to the 99s in which she maintains an active role, as the O X 5 Club, the I.O.C., and the American Aviation Historical Society.

In keeping with a new concept by Arizona, Ruth will see her activities on the Board widened to include "building highways along with airports". A person with such a solid aviation background as that of Ruth Reinhold is bound to be a most valued Commissioner.

(NOTE: We know there are several Commissioners yet to be mentioned. Chapter reporters please inform us of these, and see that your editor gets a write-up and a photo. We are very proud of the attainments of the 99 Commissioners.)

Federation Aeronautique Internationale 67th General Conference Sydney, Australia

By Rosemary Colman

WOMEN STAR IN F.A.I. AWARDS

History was made when the 67th General Conference of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale was held in Sydney from 27th October to 2nd November, 1974. It was the first such Conference to be held in Australia and was only the second time it has been held in the Southern Hemisphere.

The Conference was organized by the Royal Federation of Aero Clubs of Australia and 350 delegates attended from more than 50 countries.

The Conference was opened at the famous Sydney Opera House by His Excellency the Honourable Sir John Kerr, K.C.M.G., K.St.J., Q.C., Governor General of Australia.

Awards won by women included:-

Lilienthal Medal - For exceptional performance in gliding or eminent services over a long period on behalf of gliding, awarded to Mrs. Ann Welch of the United Kingdom. Ann holds the British National Women's Gold Flight Record of 538 k.m., has been Vice Chairman of the British Gliding Association for 19 years and Chairman of its National Instructors Panel for 22 years. She has been British representative to the International Gliding Committee since 1964 and Vice President since 1970. She undertook the revision of Section 3 of the F.A.I. Sporting Code (Gliders).

F.A.I. Paul Tissander Diplomas were awarded to Madame Lucienne Biancotto, France and Madame Ecaterina Diaconu, Rumania. These awards are made annually to those who while not qualifying for one of the F.A.I. medals, have, nevertheless, during the previous years, served the cause of aviation in general and private and sporting aviation in particular, by their work, initiative and devotion.

The F.A.I. also recognizes group efforts and this year Australia's Royal Flying Doctor Service was one of the two recipients. "99" Robin Miller Dicks and her husband flew from Port Hedland, North West Australia to Sydney to receive this award.

A feature of the Conference was the Australian Day when delegates were the guests of the Royal Aero Club of N.S.W. Events included typically Australian activities such as a wood shop, Sheep dog trials, Boomerang throwing, Reptiles display, Sheep shearing, Clay shooting, Bar B.Q. luncheon, Koala bears, Kangaroos, Wombats, a fly-past by F111c R.A.F. planes, Hang gliding display by Bill Moyes, Ten man star parachute jump - Australian Parachute Federation, Tiger Moth formation - R.N.A.C., Gliding - Southern Cross Gliding Club, Crop-dusting, Ultra light display, Pitts special

aero display, Nomad - Australian aircraft display.

Two world champion balloonists, Dr. Jan Voesman and his wife Nimi of the Netherlands made a three hour flight in a hydrogen filled balloon which carried 2,000 specially stamped envelopes for philatelists.



99 Mrs. Margaret Kentley, Major General Aarafat, 99 Mrs. Nancy Leebold, O.B.E. photographed at the Royal Aero Club Bankstown Aerodrome, Australia where they attended the Australian Day and discussed the next F.A.I. Conference to be held in Tehran, Iran, in 1976. Major General Aarafat is the Vice President of the F.A.I. and President of the Iran Aero Club.



Alan Bean, U.S. Astronaut, Mrs. Senja Robey, member of the Australian Women's Pilots Association, Pete Conrads, U.S. Astronaut, Madame Kim Kyung - O, Vice President of the Aero Club of South Korea, relaxed and happy aboard a launch on Sydney Harbour after a luncheon for Delegates to the 67th F.A.I. Conference.

Some of the 99s might recall when Madame Kim was Korea's only woman pilot, her plane having been purchased from "green coupons" collected by the United States of America girls.

HYPOXIA (Cont.)

Mary F. Foley

Headache and lethargy usually occur after a prolonged period of hypoxia. The headache is most severe in the forehead region, and is probably caused by swelling of the brain tissues as a result of oxygen deficiency. Fortunately, permanent cerebral damage rarely occurs. Nausea, vomiting and severe weakness may also follow hypoxic periods. The best cure for these symptoms is sleep, and if available, 100 per cent oxygen.

You may have heard the term, "time of useful consciousness." This is the of time that an individual can be reasonably expected to remain fully conscious, with enough mental alertness to perform satisfactorily after sudden oxygen deprivation. This is most important in high altitude flying, and is really academic for those who never fly above 10,000 feet. There is much individual variation, of course, but here is a general guide:

At 15,000 to 18,000 feet, without supplemental oxygen, some people may faint, but most just become incompetent in one-half hour or less.

At 20,000 feet consciousness can usually be maintained for 5 to 12 minutes,

At 26,000 feet, for 4 to 6 minutes,

At 30,000 feet, for 1 to 2 minutes,

At 38,000 feet for 30 seconds or less, and

Above 50,000 feet a pilot has just 10 to 12 seconds in which to perceive that he has an oxygen deficiency and to take necessary steps to save his life.

In cases of rapid decompression - sudden failure of the pressurization system in a pressurized cabin - the time of useful consciousness is even less. If

pressurization fails at high altitude for any reason, the pilot and other crew members must use oxygen immediately and descend as quickly as possible to a safer altitude, preferably below 10,000 feet.

Rapid decompression in aircraft is an infrequent occurrence, but all pilots should be able to recognize it. Mechanical failure of the pressurization system or perforation of the cabin walls due to structural failure or other damage can occur in any pressurized aircraft, including airliners.

When a decompression happens, the cabin altitude becomes the same as the ambient altitude. If the aircraft is flying at 35,000 feet, and a hole is produced in the fuselage wall, very quickly (depending upon the relative size of the hole and the cabin) the cabin altitude is also 35,000 feet. Since the outside air is much colder than the cabin air, as the decompression occurs, moisture condenses forming a fog. The cabin becomes as cold as the outside air. Anything in the vicinity of the hole is in danger of being sucked through as the air rushes out. From the rapid decompressions which have occurred in flight, the primary danger comes from the possibility of being sucked through the opening or struck by flying debris.

Apart from the rapid decompression itself, the flight altitude determines the severity of the physiological symptoms particularly hypoxia and sudden gas expansion.

All crew and passengers must immediately use the oxygen equipment provided for such emergencies. Pilot passengers could be a great help to airline cabin crews in assisting other passengers to cope with a rapid decompression, and possibly save some lives.

International Headquarters Ground-Breaking Ceremony

By Marilyn Copeland

It was a great day! Perfect CAFU - 99s from Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas and Illinois were out in great number to participate in the official ground breaking ceremonies for our new International Headquarters Building on Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City. The excitement mounted as we awaited the arrival of the Mayor of Oklahoma City, Patience Latting. The official march music was playing in full accord when she arrived and the festivities began. Official ground-breaking was at high noon on November 21, 1974. It was preceded by welcomes, responses and comments by Paul Strasbaugh, Executive Director of the OKC Chamber of Commerce; Chamber President, Ed Cook; FAA Academy Director Tom Creswell; Airport Trust Chairman Phil Rhoades; Airport Director John Solomon; Mayor Patience Latting; and 99 President Pat McEwen. Other 99s honored on the platform decorated with red, white and blue bunting were: Lois Feigenbaum, Janet Green Susie Sewell, Broneta Evans and Marilyn Copeland. John Solomon, Airport Manager, was master of ceremonies.

After the fantastic fanfare of speeches on the platform, the fun of digging of the dirt began. All 99s in attendance were invited to participate. Outstanding attempts at shoveling were noted to be done by our Headquarters Secretaries, Loretia Gragg and Darla Bullard. Of course, they were being assisted by Jan Million, a member of the Headquarters Committee.



Ninety-Nines proudly posing with the shovel are (fourth from L) Susie Sewell, immediate past president; Pat McEwen, President, and Marilyn Copeland, Headquarters Committee Chairman. Other happy 99s gather around to cheer them on.

Remarks made by Pat McEwen, President of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., November 21, 1974, at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Headquarters Building site of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., Oklahoma City World Airport, Oklahoma:

It is with a heart full of thanksgiving and joy that I attend this groundbreaking ceremony today. This culminates several years effort on the part of many to find a permanent home for the Ninety-Nines. We have found such a home and we will be eternally grateful to the Mayor of Oklahoma City, and the Chamber of Commerce, the Airport Trust, and all the others who have worked so hard to make this day finally happen.

We are doing several things good here today! By building a building we are demonstrating faith in the future of our country. We are demonstrating faith in the future of aviation in this great city. We are demonstrating faith in the women pilots of today and of those who will follow in our footsteps. Follow much the same way, we

follow in the footsteps of our first president Amelia Earhart.

It was Amelia Earhart who said of women in general and of the Ninety-Nines in particular: "We must earn true respect and equal rights of men by accepting responsibilities and if we think and respond as capable human beings able to deal with and even enjoy the challenges of life, then we will have much to contribute." She got a particular kick out of women tackling all kinds of problems. This is one of the prime reasons she and the other women pilots in 1929 founded the Ninety-Nines.

They envisioned the Ninety-Nines as providing a close relationship among women pilots with the purpose of uniting them to carry out education, charitable, and scientific activities, especially those related to aviation. From the 99 charter members in 1929 we have grown to almost 5,000 strong in our 45th year. We will continue to grow. With our new home as a focal point, we cannot help but thrive.

Construction on Headquarters began on the following Monday. The weather has been most cooperative on the project in November and December. Target date for completion is May 25, 1975.

Best wishes for a Happy 1975. Plan to be at the dedication of Headquarters, November 2, 1975 (Our 46th 99 Birthday).



Our International President Pat McEwen, seems to be joyful at the ground-braking ceremonies for the new International Headquarters Building. She was one of the main speakers at the historic event on November 21, 1974.



Away We Go! The first shovelsful for OUR building by VIPS.

I think it is appropriate that our official emblem is a compass rose with the Ninety-Nine intertwined in the middle. We have chosen a site that is centrally located for our home and hopefully the light of our endeavors will emanate to all points of the compass out to infinity.

Amelia Earhart could foresee that aviation would be of growing importance to industry and it is the climax of the pageant of human progress from oxcart to spacecraft. There is no field that has a greater lure for our young people than flying. We are going to provide a place for that youngster to study flying of today and yesterday.

Yes, today we start a very important new adventure. We are starting construction on a home, for the Ninety-Nines, for the next one hundred years. What a thrill it will be for some, as yet unborn, youngsters to come to our "home" and do research. If it were not for the vision and faith and courage of all of you here gathered, that would not be possible.

Chapter Histories

California (continued)

by Ruth Rueckert

(Editor's Note: This is a continuation of the first of our series of State Chapter Histories. It has been compiled by Ruth Rueckert, prominent member of the Bay Cities Chapter, with the cooperation of the individual Chapters. The newer chapters may have to be written up later, for some were formed after this was completed.)

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER was hostess to the 1956 Spring Section Meeting (against wall, top to bottom of stairs ((Geraldine Mickelsen (International President 1953-55) Sacramento Valley Chapter, Jean Collins, Santa Clara Valley, Edna Penners, San Diego, Martha Lundy, Governor Southwest Section, Las Vegas, unidentified; Elsie Smith, and Ethel Kerley, Los Angeles, and Dorothy Whitemen, Bay Cities, Next row t to b: Margaret Gerhardt, Bay Cities, Betty Gillies and Lois Bartling, San Diego, Ruth Nitzen, and Christie Warren, Los Angeles, unidentified, and Pat Stouffer, Chairman of Redwood Empire Chapter. Next row to t b: Betty Budde, Bay Cities, Dottie Sanders, San Diego, Cynthia Gilkison and Iris Critchell, Long Beach Margarita Parsons, guest, and Anna Brenner, Redwood Empire Vice-Chairman. On railing t to b: Ruth Rueckert, Bay Cities, Evelyn Briggs, San Diego, Barbara London and Bea Medes, Long Beach, Alice Roberts and Marjorie Crowl, Saguaro (Phoenix), Belle Hetzel (International President 1947-48, Missouri Valley Chapter.) Front, Left: Lucile Wright, NY-NJ Section; and front, right: Nellie Palmer, Redwood Empire Chapter.



Nov. 20, 1949 the **REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER** was chartered with seven Sonoma County women pilots, with Anna Brenner as first Chairman, and the only one of the seven currently a member. (Anna was National Historian from 1955-64). The Chapter was sponsored by the Bay Cities Chapter, and the guiding light was Marjorie Fauth, immediate Past Governor.

Hostessed the Spring Section in Santa Rosa in 1956 - see picture - and the Fall Section meeting in Hobergs, 1963 and again, a Spring Section meeting in Santa Rosa, in 1971, jointly with the Bay Cities Chapter.

Phyllis Cantrell placed 10th in the 1964 AWTAR with Becky Lightfoot as co-pilot; placed 5th in 1965, with Betty Worstell, co-pilot; and 7th in 1966, with her daughter, Sandy Cantrell, co-pilot. Eight members of the Chapter flew the 1966 AWTAR, and Anita Worel is an AWTAR Timer.

Active in fly-ins, and airmarking, the Chapter also has a "Pilot of the Year" award, won by Anita Worel, 1967; Phyllis Cantrell, 1968, Myrtle Wright, 1969, Nina Rokkaird, 1970 and Betty Worstell, 1971.

Recently two 99 members, instructors at the Sonoma County Airport gathered in all their women students, and formed the **SANTA ROSA CHAPTER**.

Jan. 28, **SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER** was chartered. A large number of women pilots in this area, with Modesto as its center, formed the Chapter with Billie Wyatt, Chairman, Frances Dias (Gustavson), Vice-Chairman, and Hazel Zimmerman as Secretary-Treasurer.

Members over the years were from all parts of this Valley, and into the eastern hills. Active in air-marking, monthly fly-

ins, hostessing the Section meetings, serving as Section Officers, assisting with the AWTAR - Timer Fran Gustavson and Chief Inspector Lou Freeman - and having three members, Helen McGee of Sonora, (2nd place), Laverne Gudgel and Dorothy McAllister placed in the top ten of this famous Race.

May 20th, 1951, **HUMBOLDT CHAPTER** was formed by seven women pilots, with a prospect of five more members. Elaine Baldwin was the first Chairman, but Humboldt County is a remote, rugged area, and the Chapter was only listed for two years.

1952

Late in October, 1951, the Los Angeles Chapter had grown so large, it was split into three chapters. The **LONG BEACH CHAPTER** dates its Charter, Feb. 1, 1952, with nine original members, and has grown to almost 100 members.

Two major projects each year provide funding: the Annual Flight Instructor Revalidation Clinic and the Annual Palms-to-Pines Air Race, Santa Monica to Independence, Oregon.

The Chapter has been the AWTAR terminus twice, 1953 and 1967, and has had the Start four times, 1952, 1954, 1955 and 1960; and been hostess to the 1961 Fall Section Meeting.

Members who were AWTAR winners - Fran Bera (McLin) seven times, Claire Walters, Judy Wagner, Iris Critchell, and Margaret Mead, the last named having won twice. Pacific crossings have been made by Claire Walters, Betty Faux, Betty Miller and Rosalind Morrifield, all in light planes. Susan Oliver soloed the Atlantic,

and Fran Bera and Margaret Mead flew the Atlantic as a team in the London to Victoria, B.C. Race. The late Joan Merrian Smith circumnavigated the globe. AEMS Awards have been won by Donna Ruth Evans, Joyce Jones and Jean Schiffmann.

Member Emma McGuire, in early 1973, received the FAA's Award as the outstanding Flight Instructor of the Santa Monica District.

An annual Achievement Award is given to encourage upgrading of pilot skills; the Chapter conducts FAA General Aviation Safety Seminars; has a monthly fly-in; flown several tons of DRF supplies; is active in aerospace education, donating several hundred dollars to a high school in this program; and many members are teachers of aviation ground school

The **SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER**'s Charter is also dated Feb. 1, 1952, with fourteen charter members. This active Chapter has members in and around a valley with a very busy airport - Van Nuys. The 1968 AWTAR Start was from



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER OFFICERS, 1972-73, left to right: Pat Hallet, Vice-Chairman, Pauline Fleming, Chairman, Beverly Woodward, Treasurer, Gerry Vickers, Corresponding Secretary, and Marjory Robbins, Recording Secretary.

this airport, and two of the members are past winners of the AWTAR, Lauretta Savory Foy, 1949, and Jean Parker Rose, 1950. Lauretta is also Whirlygirl No. 45, and was the only woman on President Nixon's Advisory Committee on Aviation.

Two members with Instructors Ratings have been teaching Girl Wing Scouts to fly girls in the CAP, and daughters of 99s.

As a result of work with the Junior Chamber of Commerce, a beautiful memorial statue of Amelia Earhart stands in North Hollywood Park - a picture of this statue was used on the local telephone book.

1954

July 8, **SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER** was chartered, sponsored by the Bay Cities Chapter. The first Chairman, Pat Gladney, Vice-Chairman, Jackie Petty and Treasurer Marion Barnick are still active in the Chapter. Marion Barnick is currently Governor of the Southwest Section. Pat Thomas Gladney was the 1st winner of the AEMS in 1941.

SCV Chapter is one of the larger Chapters in California, with 72 members, 30 of which own planes and 8 are flying Clubs. Ratings go from ATR to Glider, and an impressive number of members are professional pilots with many thousands of hours.

Hostess of two Spring Section Meetings, one in Salinas in 1955, and one in San Jose in 1970. Sponsor, with Bay cities chapter, of the Monterey Bay and Golden West Chapters.

To promote general aviation in the community, members flew in formation over a new shopping center and had a display in the Mall; participated in Airport Day at San Jose Municipal and Palo Alto Airport; helped in Airport Beautification at Palo Alto and Reid-Hillview airports; and attended city and county meetings to save the airports in the county.

Fund raising for AWTAR, AEMS, CAEA (education) and NIFA - when the National Intercollegiate Flying Association held its contest in San Jose, the members supplied hours of help, donated cash and flew as Judges; 76 members have entered the AWTAR, 2 the All-Woman International Air Race, and Irene Leverton as pilot, with Marion Barnick, co-pilot, placed tenth in the Great Race from London to Victoria, B.C.; hosted the Terminus of the P.A.R. in 1972; held a cruise and proficiency race in 1968; held five Safety Seminars; was one of the first Chapters to hold APT Clinic and support this program; members fly Search and Rescue with C.A.P.; support the DRF and Flying Samaritans; active in Oceanic Society Sea Watch and Conservation Patrol; and have two Fly-ins per month.

Member Desiree Stuart-Alexander, a geologist with a Ph.D. from Stanford, is currently mapping the moon, and studying rocks gathered on the last two moon walks.

Member Herma Hill Kay, California Berkeley Law School Professor, was one of ten women recommended for consideration for an appointment to the

Supreme Court.

99 News Editor Mardo Crane, author of two novels, and Assistant News Editor Betty Hicks, author of "Ground School Workbook" and a WACOA member, are SCV members.

1958

April 7, **SAN GABRIEL CHAPTER** was formed, an off-shoot of San Fernando Valley Chapter. Dorothy Dancer was the first Chairman, and is still listed in the Roster. Many of the members entered the AWTAR over the years; in 1961 reported 88.1 hrs per member (with no instructors in the Chapter), flights N-S included Alaska to Panama, and E-W across the U.S. and Canada; fund raising was accomplished with Scavenger Hunts; Hostess of the 1962 All Woman Tour from Brackett Field, the Spring Section Meeting in 1963 when they took 2nd place in non-professional flying time; held a Weather Seminar in 1964; and 2 cents per lb. air-lifts in 1965 and 1966. Sponsored Wing Scouts, one of whom became a 99; supported C.A.P., and AOPA Plantation Parties. Ginny Wegener, the Chairman of the new Santa Rosa Chapter, was instructing at her own school for some time in this area, before her move to northern California, and Norma Wilcox who owns her flying school in Tucson at this time, was a long-time member of the San Gabriel Chapter

1960

Oct. 13, **SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER** was formed, with 13 members. Vice-Governor Geri Hill was present at the January 28, 1961 dinner, together with 3 other Bay Cities Chapter members, to see the Charter presented. Two Charter members, Joan Steinberger and Della Abernathy are still active members, and the total membership is now 22.

The AWTAR had 11 members participate, and Margaret Mead was a Santa Barbara member when she won in 1968 and 1970. In the 1969 AWTAR Joan Steinberger added 20 minutes to her time in the race by staying aloft to help a contestant orient her position and get down safely. For this the other contestants awarded Joan the "Good Sportsman Award", and FAA DOT Award for Distinguished Service was presented by FAA Administrator John H. Shaffer. Look for this episode in Random-House's soon to be published "GREAT FLYING EXPERIENCES".

The main activity of the Chapter is DRF, of which Joan is International Chairman, and the Headquarters of DRF are in Santa Barbara. Other activities are 1 cent lb. airlifts; airmarking; held an Air Show, and was hostess to the 1963 Fall Section Meeting at Alisal Ranch, Santa Ynez.

In 1967 the members performed while then-99's Dr. Barbara L. Drinkwater and Maurine Leonard conducted a study entitled "Speed and Accuracy in Decision Responses of Men and Women Pilots",

published in the Department of Physical Education, UC Santa Barbara.

1961

Sept. 1, **EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER** was Chartered, with 11 members being transferred from the San Diego Chapter. Original officers were Dottie Sanders, Chairman, Isabelle McCrae (Hale), Vice-Chairman, Boo Christensen, Secretary and Doris Ritchey, Treasurer. All are still active members of the Chapter.

Activities include the Start of the 1965 PPD, and assists with others; Co-Chairmanships with San Diego Chapter on the P.A. Races; originating the first Mechanic Seminar on the west coast in conjunction with FAA; participating in the FAA Accident Prevention program, which tapped two members as counsellors; as members of the El Cajon Valley Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee, aid is given 2cents lb. airlifts and aircades; support of AWTAR, AEMS, DRF, Flying Samaritans, Coast Guard Auxiliary, C.A.P., Sheriff Aero Squadron; aid to AOPA Pilot Clinics, NPA; and sat in on the San Diego County Trophy two consecutive years.

The Chapter sponsored five 99s from India with memberships; members have been officers at Section level, and held International Chairmanships; mementos have been donated to the San Diego Aerospace Museum; and numerous trophies won by various racers are displayed in the Administration Building, Gillespie Field.

1962

June 15, 1962 was the Charter date of the **ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER**, though the first meeting was held on May 24th, and the Charter presented on September 14th, by Governor Geri Hill, who installed the officers. Fifteen women composed the initial membership, with 69 listed in the current Roster.

Two worthy causes are supported yearly: flying donated supplies for La Liga (an organization formed by doctors at White Memorial Hospital) into remote areas of Mexico; and ferrying supplies for the DRF.

Two Section Meetings were held by the Chapter, and a very high percentage of members are represented at other Section Meetings; a Chapter member has been on the County Airport Advisory Council; held 1 cent lb. airlifts (most memorable was one put on at the request of the county in conjunction with Orange County Airport Dedication Day); are active in aero education, Girl Scouting - to enable them to earn the Aviation Badge, and hopefully become pilots and 99s; supply speakers for service clubs and civic organizations; stress pilot awareness, APT rides and upgrading to advanced ratings; and support the AWTAR and AEMS.

Member Mara Culp, winner of the 1969 AWTAR, is Lear Jet rated, and flies full time throughout North and South America and Europe.

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99 profile



Edna Gardner Whyte

EDNA GARDNER WHYTE

by Auleen K. Hall

Edna Gardner Whyte, past International President (1955-1957) started her flying career and contributions to aviation long before her tenure of office. Twenty years later, at the age of 72, she is still extremely active.

Orphaned early in life, she lived with and aunt and uncle. She graduated from nursing school as a Registered Nurse in 1924. While on duty as an RN, she had a young Naval flier in her ward. After conversing with the young man, she became intensely interested in flying, started flying in 1926 and made her first solo in 1927 at Renton Field in the State of Washington.

Edna received her Commission in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps in 1929 and served through 1935. Since 1930 Edna has trained approximately 3800 students (from 11 to 66). Because of the need in their work, she has had 3 missionaries, living in her home, while she taught them to fly. She owned and operated the New Orleans Air College at Shusham Airport from 1935-1941. She has instructed USAF and USN pilots at Meacham Field, Fort Worth. After her retirement from military service, she and her husband were fixed-base operators in Fort Worth, Tx., Aberdeen, Miss., and Flushing, Mich. She was the first woman to receive the Department of Commerce Instructor Rating in Washington, D.C. the week they were issued. Today her license

is endorsed for SMEL, SMES, Rotorcraft and Glider, plus CFI, CFII, and Ground Instructor Link Trainer.

Edna now owns and operates her airport, Aero Valley Estates Airport, in Roanoke, Texas. After 48 years of selling and promoting aviation, and an accumulation of 21,480 hours, she has no thought of retiring. She flies three to seven hours a day. She recently said, "I love every minute of it and take pride and pleasure in every student. I have given over 200 BFRs for the FAA. I want to be sure they are very safe when I sign them off."

She has always had a keen interest in competitive flying, skywriting, and aerobatics and has won 117 trophies. Her first trophy was captured in a 1927 Little OX5 Race. Edna has been racing 46 years (she entered 2 air races in 1974). She has flown the Powder Puff Derby 6 times and the International Angel Derby 22 times (and won 4 times). In addition to her racing and instructing, for 13 years, she was a "flying saleswoman" for an aircraft cylinders company.

In the mid 30s, Edna was one of three women fliers to gain recognition in "American Women" and "Who's Who Reference Book of Outstanding Women in America" - the other two were Amelia Earhart and Helen Richey. In 1967 she won Woman of the Year - Women's National Aeronautic Assn.; Woman Pilot Contributing Most to Aviation - OX5 Club of America and Best Sportsmanship Pylon Racing - Cleveland National Air Races. On October 12, 1974, Edna was selected as a member of OX5 Aviation Pioneer Hall of Fame by the OX5 Club of America.

Edna willingly and enthusiastically gives her time and talents speaking in various clubs and organizations, encouraging interest in women's participation in aviation. Asked her hobbies, she replies, "teaching people to fly safe and well, nursing people and animals back to good health, and helping people obtain pilot licenses who cannot afford to fly."

Aero Valley Airport is on the Dallas-Fort Worth sectional. Fly in to meet and enjoy a **Legend**.

ROUNDUP '75

By Daryl Ann Kyle

PRONOUNCE IT? I CAN'T EVEN SPELL IT!

Here in Northern Idaho a folksy, farmy, woodsy, small-city population rattles off names like Coeur d' Alene, Pend Oreille, Kootenai and such without batting an eye. No, we're not all highly educated Frenchmen, either! (And our French accent is terrible.) So for those who are coming to Coeur d' Alene for Roundup '75, here's a short course in the way we say it down on the farm.

COEUR D' ALENE— (Cour duh lane): The name Coeur d' Alene was first given to the chief of the Schigumish Indians and applied to the whole tribe by French Canadians employed by Hudson Bay Company. The word Schigumish refers to "an owl's heart."

KOOTENAI— (Koot nee): Coeur D' Alene

is the county seat of Kootenai country. The Kootenai Indians were two small tribes in the area, proficient in use of bark canoes and dugouts.

PEND OREILLE LAKE — (Pond er ray): The name comes from an Indian tribe called Pend Oreilles by early French trappers. These Indians wore pendant ornaments as earrings.

MOSCOW— (Moss co): It's a faux pas to say it like the one in Russia. Moscow has several distinctions...Appaloosa horse registry center, field pea capitol of the nation, and home of the University of Idaho.

BOISE: You can sometimes tell a native from one who is new by the way one pronounces our state capitol. We usually say Boy-see rather than Boy-zee.

SPOKANE— (Spo can): Just across the border into Washington, Spokane is our nearby "big" city (200,000 population).

Spokane hosted Expo '74 this summer and those of you who come to Roundup '75 by airlines will get a good view of Spokane as you come in to Spokane International Airport.

For you trivia experts...While you hear a lot about Idaho potatoes, we're nicknamed the "Gem" state; our state flower is Syringa; the mountain bluebird is our state bird. Nitty-gritty details? We have no poison snakes or poison ivy in Northern Idaho!

Don't worry if you call us the Potato State and say Pend Oreille the way it looks. We'll welcome you with open arms and a special kind of friendliness. The name Idaho probably comes from a Shoshoni Indian expression, "Ee-Dah-how," which means sun coming down from mountain tops. Come share in the sun, July 30 through August 2, Roundup '75, Coeur D' Alene, Idaho.

What it's all about COMMITTEE REPORTS

BYLAWS REVISION COMMITTEE Pat Jetton, Chairman

ROSES, ORCHIDS, BOUQUETS to the membership. You have responded fantastically to our plea for information concerning your wishes for the new Bylaws.

We mailed 155 questionnaires to all Chapters and to those Sections which have no Chapters. In some instances the Chapters discussed the questionnaire at their regular meeting, some called special meetings, some had a committee or their or their officers review the questions and some Chapters mailed copies to all their members for review. OVER ONE HUNDRED replies have been received as of this date, and more coming, we're told. This represents FIFTY-FIVE Chapters. We are delighted with the membership and the way you have participated in this most important project.

But, now we have to read all these answers! By the time you receive this newsletter we will have read, tallied, compiled and considered all your responses and suggestions. We will have met with the Executive Board and will be hard at work on the actual writing of the new Bylaws. We hope you will like what we send you. We will try to get them to you by the first part of April so you will have plenty of time before convention to consider them.

Members, we love you and thank you for your help.

AWTAR-PPD

POWDER PUFF DERBY Reporter: Wanda Cummings

(Ed. Note: Wanda Cummings, newly-appointed Secretary to the AWTAR Board, works with Chairman Marian Banks in the headquarters office at Dallas Love Field. Private Pilot, SEL, INSTRUMENT, 1,000 hrs. P.P.D. in '70, '71, '73. Dallas Redbird Chapter)

The colorful and informative **Commemorative Album** is off the press! This fascinating history of our 27 races, a collector's item, and for racers it could be of great value as a tool for obtaining



Wanda Cummings sponsorship, as previous sponsors are featured. The publication is a bargain at \$10.00. Ordered from Barbara Evans, 40 Stuart Place, Manhasset, New York 11030.

Trail-Blazing was completed in November. At every stop, we found officials and ground crews enthusiastic, eager to pick up where they left off last year, and do their part toward the success of the 28th Powder Puff Derby.

Impound deadline at Riverside California's Municipal Airport will be **June 30, 1975**. This is the home of the AWTAR "Winners' Wall", and houses the delightful Red Baron Restaurant. In lieu of a take-off banquet, Riverside has planned a great Western Barbeque night, so bring your Cowgirl Clothes.

On July 4, George Griffith will drop the flag for Tar No. 1 at 0900 PDT. Designated airports Phoenix-Litchfield, Goodyear, AZ; El Paso International, El Paso, TX; Hale County, Plainview, TX (must stop); Riverside Airport, Tulsa Ok; Lincoln Municipal, Lincoln, NB (must stop); Quad City, Moline, IL; Toledo Express, Toledo, OH, and Boyne Mountain Airport, Boyne Falls, MI. Deadline to finish will be 1800 EDT July 7.

Kay Brick and Barbara Evans Trail-Blazed the terminus, and are raving about the lush Boyne Mountain Lodge. Imagine indoor-outdoor swimming pools and tennis courts, five golf courses and beach club...also available are sailing, fishing, hiking and bicycling-another good reason to race in '75.

Entries open April 1, and close May 1. For Entry Kits, send \$3.00 to the new AWTAR headquarters, Terminal Bldg. N-103, Dallas Love Field, Dallas, TX 75235. If you have a favorite race number (1 through 11 excepted) you may reserve it by payment of \$50.00.

In the Looking Forward Department: Pam Vander Linden of the Palomar Chapter is 99 Ways and Means Chairman for 1976.

Those interested in showing either of the Powder Puff Derby movies, contact Helen Shropshire, Monterey Chapter.

INTERNATIONAL HOTLINE U.S. REPORT

By Lillian Snyder

The General Assembly of the United Nations, by their resolution 3010, proclaimed 1975 International Women's Year calling for its celebration by intensified action to meet the needs, develop the capabilities, and utilize the skills of women.

The President of the United States has issued a proclamation calling upon Congress, federal officials, state and local government, religious and educational institutions, and all other groups to honor women for their outstanding contribution to the economic, social, political and cultural life of our country.

We have an opportunity to join in this national and international project which would be a great way for the 99s to really get on the map if every member and every chapter will become involved in their community. I share with you the fact sheet prepared by Fay Gillis Wells on the 99s participation in IWY.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR 1975 FROM A to Z

WHO: The international organization of women pilots, the Ninety-Nines, Inc. and the international organization of executive women, Zonta International.

WHAT: Will launch their joint participation in International Women's Year, 1975.

WHEN: January 11, 1975. (In a letter to all IWYers, the Director of the United States Center for International Women's Year, Ruth Bacon, wrote: "We would like the YEAR to begin with a real salute and to that end, we have selected January 11—the day Amelia Earhart left Hawaii on her record-breaking flight to San Francisco. This seems fitting for both her deed and her name represent courage, vision, perseverance, and many other qualities which IWY exemplifies, as well as dedication to achievement in a non-conventional occupation.)

WHERE: In a series of national and territorial celebrations honoring women in aviation and the aeronautical and aerospace sciences. (The celebration in Washington will be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel.)

WHY: To cooperate in a year-long salute to International Women's Year, 1975, as outlined by the United States Center for IWY in its alphabetical calendar. Each month a different facet of women's activities will be highlighted, beginning in January with women in aviation and the aeronautical and aerospace sciences; February, women in business; March, women in communications; etc. (The United Nations

already has proclaimed a tribute to women in all the Arts in September). In 1938, Zonta International proclaimed January Amelia Earhart month for its members, and January 11, as AE Day. For over thirty-five years the Zontians and the Ninety-Nines have joined to salute the winners of their Amelia Earhart Scholarships, in memory of the noted woman flyer who was a member of both clubs.

HOW: By joining in meetings, displays and celebrations to highlight all facets of women's contributions to world aviation and the aeronautical and aerospace sciences. Especially by a series of inter-related events on Launch Day, January 11, 1975—the 40th anniversary date of Amelia Earhart's record-breaking solo flight from Honolulu to San Francisco, the first flight linking Hawaii to the Mainland and to our Nation's capital, Washington—for official recognition of International Women's Year.

What we want to emphasize is the continuity of women in aviation and their constructive contributions to the industry. Purdue University is an example. Amelia Earhart set up the women's aviation program there with a special workshop labeled "Tinkering for Girls Only", so they could learn mechanics. One of this year's Zontian AE Fellowship winners is a 1973 graduate of Purdue where she got her BS degree in Aeronautical engineering and will use her scholarship to get her masters in the special problems of mission planning space vehicles, autopilots for landings and ultimately, complete automated flight.

AE opened up the Pacific on her flight from Honolulu to the Mainland; then Betty Miller conquered the whole ocean when she made her record-breaking solo flight to Australia. Nancy Bird's ambulance service in Australia and Jerrie Cobb's mercy flights in the Amazon Basin. The stories are endless; but we must start thinking fast, for the time is short.

MEMBERSHIP

Gene Nora Jessen

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:

I WILL BE MY MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S NUMBER ONE ASSISTANT.

Chapter and Section membership chairmen have a job that is literally impossible to do without a committee comprising our entire membership. They just can't unearth all the potential Ninety-Nines.

Be aware of the female-type voices you hear on the radio. Take it upon yourself to tag it to a body with a name.

Be conscious of asking FBOs, state aeronautics offices, GADOs (the GADOs chief's secretary might by your very best membership friend) and line boys if they know any new gals flying. Don't be mortified as I was recently to discover that an FBO secretary you often make small talk with is a Private Pilot of a year's duration, heretofore unearthed by the Ninety-Nines.

Be nosy. Track down that rumor of a gal flying at some little outlying airport. Be a detective and look over the list of registered pilots for your state - you'll be amazed at how many female names you've never heard of before are on the list.

Be outgoing even if you're basically the introspective type. Take the student pilot under your wing for a dose of encouragement and mother henning. Expose her to some of your educational and safety meetings.

Membership "rules" cannot be blanket rules. We're a group of diverse pilots flying from huge cities with crowded airports and also farms and ranches. There's just no **one** way to handle membership that works for all. If each of us becomes aware of new women learning to fly, encourages them in safety, and introduces them to the Ninety-Nines, we will all benefit. We will meet more fascinating women who will become our friends, we will be challenged by each others' accomplishments and our organization will grow in stature and contribution to the aviation community.

Even if you're not the membership chairman, act as though you are.

Air Age Education 99 Style

Linda M. Hooker, Chairman

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There simply are not enough positive adjectives in the English language to adequately describe this relative new publication of the National Aeronautic Association. Wayne R. Matson, Editor in Chief for "THE JOURNAL", and his staff of experts have put together the finest magazine covering all aspects of aerospace education to be found anywhere. They deserve (and I am sure will receive) the accolades and undying gratitude of every individual, organization and institution of learning involved or even remotely associated or interested in aviation and space education.

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Chapter Personalities



AT THE SOUTHWEST SECTIONAL:
Achsa Holfelder of the Bakersfield Chapter is honored for holding oldest pilot's license, April, 1928. (Contributed by Maggie Burch) And also Betty Gillies. Her license is dated May, 1928, and they're both APT. (contributed by Maggie Burch)



DONNA TRACY MYERS By Mary Neil Colorado Chapter Reporter

On November 9, 1974, Donna Tracy Myers, past president of the Ninety-Nines was inducted into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame by the Colorado Aviation Historical Society. The annual banquet was held in Denver's Brown Palace Hotel ballroom which was filled with hundreds of those interested in Colorado Aviation from both yesterday and today.

Donna was honored as Colorado's first licensed woman pilot. She started her pilot training in 1935 and received her private license in 1937 while working as secretary to Ray Wilson. He ran a flying school at that time which later developed into Monarch Aviation and still later became Frontier Airlines. As Ray's secretary, Donna would trade work time for flying time in an old Curtiss Fledgeling. In 1939 she married John Myers who was then a Forest Service photographer and later became one of Monarch's first pilots. He retired recently after 28 years with Monarch and Frontier where he served in many capacities including Director of Flight Operations.

Donna has been very active in many areas of aviation in Colorado including serving on the Board of Directors of Monarch Aviation and Frontier Airlines until her resignation in 1951; founding the

Colorado Chapter of the Ninety-Nines in 1941 and serving as national secretary of the Colorado Aviation Historical Society and playing an active role in the establishment of their museum. This museum has already designated a corner which will be devoted exclusively to Women in Aviation.



Mr. Frank Seiler, President of the Colorado Aviation Historical Society presenting to Mrs. Donna Tracy Myers her award on being inducted into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame, November 9, 1974, in Denver, Colorado.

NINETY-NINE MUSEUM REPORT

By Doris H. Renninger

The International Women's Air and Space Museum of the Ninety-Nines—Who is it?—Where is it? It is you and me, and every pilot who is interested and involved in collecting and preserving aviation memorabilia, pertaining to women in aviation. To date, the Museum building is a dream for the future, but the location is a reality. That is Dayton, Ohio—home of the Wright Brothers, the Air Force Museum and the National Aviation Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is responsible for the idea of a Museum complex, of which one day, the Ninety-Nines' Museum Trust with a humidity controlled room in the Terminal Building at Cox Municipal Airport. Doris Scott, Ninety-Nine, and member of Dayton's Aviation Council, is having shelving installed in the room to house the material that has been collected.

Former International Secretary, Joan Hrubec, has been appointed ARCHIVIST, with Genevieve Wiskman, an Archivist from Michigan to assist her. Since this is a very technical job, Joan plans to attend a school which has courses in this type of work.

Curator, Page Shamburger, continues to receive artifacts for the Museum. Nancy Bird Walton, of Australia, has sent her movies of early flyers and other memorabilia. Jacqueline Scott, newly elected Museum Trustee from Washington, D.C., is collecting news reels of women in aviation. Charter member, Viola Gentry, like Ruth Nichols, saved much of her early flying momentos and has given the Museum many clippings, autographed pictures and her early licenses. Betty Miller, from Hawaii, has donated her complete uniform, worn as a member of the United States Women's Helicopter Team, at the first World Helicopter Championship competition last year in England. It's all red, white and blue with our American flag insignia.

Museum Trust's Treasurer, Grace Harris, gave a comprehensive Treasurer's report at the 1974 International Convention. She also stated that the members who have pledged to the Museum continue their yearly payments. This financial and moral support is greatly appreciated. Remember, **all contributions are tax exempt under the Museum Trust 501 C-3 number.**

For each Section and Chapter Museum Chairman, please let's start a program of AWARENESS. For instance, if you have a Charter Member, or an early Ninety-Nine member, make her aware that there will be

a home for her aviation memorabilia. Impress upon each member to donate what they have now, or put it in their Will but don't let this aviation heritage be lost. Talk to her on a tape recorder. Ask about her early flying, the planes she flew, records broken (or struts), other women pilots she flew with, her memories of the Ninety-Nines, when and how she joined. Ninety-Nine Past Presidents should be taped, their activities and memories, as our Presidents, recorded. These tapes should be sent to Curator, Page Shamburger, in Aberdeen, North Carolina.

For each chapter member, make her AWARE that the Museum Trust has requested her complete aviation biography—as detailed as she wishes. You, as Chapter Museum Chairman, should collect these, keep a copy for your Chapter's History files, and send the original to Charter Member, Blanche Noyes in Washington, D.C. She is compiling an Aviation Biographical Notebook.

Whatever we do, time is running out—we must all campaign for the preservation of early aviation material and as Museum Trust's Chairman, Bernice Steadman said in her annual report, "As you get interested in our history, you will gain enthusiasm for the preservation of our heritage and the Museum project will continue to blossom".

(Ed. Note: The Heading **NEW HORIZONS** reflects the belief that death is a horizon toward which we all fly, even though this new adventure is brought about by diverse causes. In a sense it is a flight from the "bonds of earth" to unknown "New Horizons")



Bertha I. Barbeau-with husband Charles-fatal airplane accident (Cessna 172) near Seattle, WA. in mid-July. (All-Ohio Chapter)

Beverly G. Lang - natural causes. No date given. (All-Ohio Chapter)

Marion Deitrich (identical twin sister of Jan Deitrich, Bay Cities Chapter) died in December of Cancer.

Mildred Hurt, Indiana Chapter, died Nov. 26, 1974, at the age of 81. She learned to fly at the age of 54, and went on to own two planes. She was active in the 99s, the Indianapolis Aero Club, and the Dolphin Club.

Hazel Anna Guy, Kansas Chapter. No details.

You will want to know about a **RUBBER STAMP**, Compass Rose, 2" diameter, \$5.00 ppd. And you may order it from Dorothy Mercer, Columbia Cascade Chapter, 7001 E. Sleret Ave., Vancouver, WA 98664.

WHIRLY-GIRLS AWARD

The winner of the Eighth Annual Doris Mullen Whirly-Girls Scholarship, Mrs. Sue Matheis of St. Louis, Mo., is known there as "Sue In Copter Two" to listeners of Station KMOX-CBS.

There this petite, silver blond mother of five, serves as pilot-reporter for the station's Traffic Watch plane, "Copter Two," that is used as back-up for the full-time trafficoputer.

In 1965, Mrs. Matheis was "volunteered" as a student pilot when her sales engineer-pilot husband Dick signed her up for flying lessons. Now, 590 flight hours later, Sue is a commercial airplane pilot and holds an instrument rating. She says she's one of the lucky ones -- she's sky hooked! A member of the Ninety-Nines, international women pilots organization, the Missouri Pilots Association and General Aviation Council of Metropolitan St. Louis, she will use the \$1,000 Scholarship toward her helicopter rating.

DONATIONS TO HEADQUARTERS BUILDING STILL BEING ACCEPTED. WE NEED YOUR DONATION NOW. USE BLANK ON PAGE 16. UNITED WE GROW!

International Nominations

A reminder: Nomination forms were mailed to all Chapters and Sections, where no Chapters exist, in mid-December, so - hopefully - everyone has had time to come with an exciting list of candidates for International Officers and the Nominating Committee.

Remember that our organization is only vigorous as the officers we elect, and those elected must first be nominated from the Chapter level. It is an honor to be asked to serve! Many good women are standing by to be asked--contact them.

Nominations must be in the hands of the Nominating Committee Chairman by March 1, 1975.

Lola Ricci, Chairman,
15341 Mulholland Dr.
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Attention:

Litter bags on sale by the Lake Erie Chapter have succumbed to inflation. Their original selling price is not feasible at present wholesale prices and will have to carry a \$1.00 price tag. This is still a bargain for the attractive red, white and blue convenient holder for necessary take-alongs or for collecting litter in your car or plane.

PLEASE send contributions for N.I.F.A. to Joy Feak, 2824 Dallas N.E. Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110. The Annual Spring Meet will be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico on April 18-19-20 co-sponsored this year by University of Albuquerque and the College of Santa Fe.

Joy Feak
N.I.F.A. Chairman

NEWS BRIEFS

NEBRASKA CHAPTER RECEIVES AVIATION EDUCATION AWARD

The Aviation Distributors and Manufacturer's Association has awarded one of its annual Certificates of Merit for outstanding achievement in aerospace education to the Nebraska Chapter of the Ninety-Nines Inc. This award is given annually to ten persons or groups from throughout the United States. **This is the first time that a Chapter of the 99s has ever been so honored.**

In recognizing the Nebraska Chapter, the Association's Aviation Education Committee cited a number of activities of the Nebraska Chapter. These included their purchase of subscriptions to aviation periodicals for selected Nebraska schools, their assistance with a "Wings for Children" orientation flight program for underprivileged children, their establishment of the first and only Aviation Explorer post in Lincoln, their furnishing planes and pilots for high school aviation field trips and orientation flights, and particularly for their encouragement and assistance to Nebraska schools by making important personal contacts to teachers and administrators and participating in aviation education programs.

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SCRAPBOOK

By Betty W. McNabb

Among my most prized possessions are my president's scrapbooks. Now it's my happy assignment to prepare this year's scrapbooks. They, one for the President, one for headquarters, are the ongoing, personal, friendly, exciting story of ninety nines in all their activities.

Not the formal contribution to the archives made by the Ninety Nines Historian--but the memories of friends and fun and activity.

SO PLEASE START THE NINETY NINES' STORY COMING to your new scrapbook chairman, Betty McNabb, 3114 Beachwood Drive, Panama City, Fla. 32401.

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c. If you photocopy, DO be sure it's GOOD CLEAR photocopy.

d. If one of your members receives a community honor, an exciting appointment--let us know about that too--she IS a Ninety Nine! (Even if it's not a 99 activity.)

e. DATE EVERYTHING, IDENTIFY YOUR SOURCE AND THE ACTIVITY AND PEOPLE. WE DON'T WANT TO USE ANYTHING ANONYMOUS!

Help me make this year's books just as exciting as Ruth Thomas and Val Johnson made mine, when I was your Prez.

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JO ANN STEIERT MEMORIAL TRUST

By Grace McGettigan

In November, 1973, Los Angeles 99 Jo Ann Steiert perished when her plane crashed minutes after takeoff from Brackett Field in Pomona. Memories dim with the passage of time, but all who knew her will long remember her vibrancy and love of life.

Jo was survived by three teenage sons, Randy, Mark and Stephen. Without mother or father, they now live with Jo's sister in Huntington Beach, California. To assist them in obtaining college educations, the Los Angeles Chapter used funds in its treasury to create the Jo Ann Steiert Memorial Trust Fund a year ago.

Throughout 1974, Ninety Nines from various chapters in Southern California have made donations and we express our thanks for their generosity. However, to date the Fund is still too small to enable even one boy to attend an institution of higher learning and, in order to carry out our goal of this trust, more money is needed.

Your contribution, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated by Jo's sons as well as the Los Angeles 99s. Checks should be sent to: Lynne Oppen, Chairman, 10865 Pickford Way, Culver City, California 90230.

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SPRING FASHION NOTE FOR LADY PILOTS

By Kathy Forrest

This Spring, Martha Holst of West Lafayette, Indiana, will have no excuse for getting lost, at least not while she's flying. Martha has taken her home sectional and turned it into a fashionable accessory for her Spring wardrobe. Decoupageing it onto a wooden purse, she combines her enthusiasm for flying into the everyday necessities of carrying a billfold, make-up, etc.

The purse is not only attractive and a good conversation starter - it is an effective "spirit-lifter-upper". After all - if you can't actually be flying, the next best thing is to carry it with you and maybe do a little "window-shopping" for places you'd like to be going. For the lady who flies, Spring fashion for 1975 is in the bag!



Martha Holst, Indiana Chapter & decoupage sectional purse

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PBS "AVIATION WEATHER" A HIT WITH FAA AND 180 PTV STATIONS

"AVIATION WEATHER" a nationally-televised program for general aviation interests produced by the Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting, has been recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration for its effort "to promote aviation safety in an interesting and timely manner."

In a special awards ceremony in New York, Robert H. Stanton, director, FAA eastern region, heralded the weekly half-hour program, transmitted nationally on Friday nights by the Public Broadcasting Service to more than 180 public television stations.

"AVIATION WEATHER" is actually a two-part program featuring the latest aviation weather conditions and pilot information. The expertise of the National Weather Service, an on-air briefer furnished by the FAA, support of AOPA, and television production skills at the Maryland Center have seen the program grow from local Maryland coverage to one of the widest national television audiences serviced by PBS.

NOTICE

On Page 4 of the 1974-1975 Membership Directory under Treasurer, Janet Green, correct telephone number to 601-875-5709.

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SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER Judy Roeser, Reporter

Ten orphans from Tijuana, Mexico were treated to Christmas gifts from several Santa Barbara stores, a stay overnight in the home of a Santa Barbara family, and an airplane ride from San Diego to Santa Barbara and back again, thanks to the efforts of Los Ninos, a Santa Barbara based organization, and the Santa Barbara Ninety Nines. Those participating reported enthusiastically of their adventure. Although there was a language barrier, the pilotos (that's Spanish) were able to make themselves understood when absolutely necessary. The children now understand such English phrases as "Fasten your seat belts," "Sit down!" and "Be QUIET". The latter phrase was taught to two boys in Evy Treen's Cardinal who serenaded her with "Jalisco, Jalisco" until she could no longer hear the radio's transmissions. Special thanks to Jan Edmond, Evy Treen, Joan Steinberger, Judy Roeser and to Ruth Dennis, chief of the San Diego Flight Service Station, who was so helpful with arrangements on the ground at Lindbergh Field.



Santa Barbara 99s with Tijuana orphans are (L to R), Judy Roeser, Evy Treen, and Jan Edmond.

SECTION REPORTS

New York - New Jersey Section Meeting
Cherry Hill, New Jersey
By Marcia Gitelman, Pub. Rel. Chmn.

The flying weather was perfect for the girls who flew into the New York-New Jersey section meeting in Cherry Hill, New

Jersey on October 18 and 19. The "locals" could not remember the last time the Philadelphia sequence gave the visibility as 30-plus.

As the business meeting got underway on Saturday morning the girls all welcomed International President Pat McEwen. Jerry Roberts our governor presented Pat with a Walt Whitman historical bottle. Two new chapters have been formed in the section, Palisades in Northern New Jersey, with Betty Barlia as president; and Central New York in the Syracuse-Utica, New York area with Shirley Hoerle, President. We extended our warm wishes to these new groups. Along with the normal section business we all saw a presentation of a rather novel idea for our Golden Anniversary Convention, a Cruise to Bermuda. This will be further explored before any definite decision is made. Our section is hosting that convention in 1979.

This was the last section meeting with Jerry Roberts as our Governor. Under her excellent reign the section has held the terminus of the Powder Puff Derby twice, held three proficiency races and added four new chapters. She will still be keeping active as our new governor has appointed her section "Chaplain". Our new Governor Ruth Dobrescu was sworn into office along with her new slate of officers Doris Miller, Vice Gov., Judy Meltzner, Sec'y., and Phyllis Sproul, Treas.

The section awarded Amelia Earhart medals to Kay Brick, Barbara Evans and Alma Hitchings, and a certificate of appreciation to Minnie Osteyee. We are really fortunate to have such enthusiastic women in our section.

Our day was ended with a delightful luncheon and speech by Capt. John M. Miller - Airline Transport Pilot No. 5945. Captain John humorously recounted the stories of his personal flying experiences during the early flying days. He soloed a 'Canuck' when he was a teen-ager, he made early, self-devised instrument approaches, and he maintained airplanes during the 20's and 30's. He finally retired from Eastern Airlines as a jet captain in the 1960's. The romance of those old days will never be experienced by those of us who fly sleek Cherokees, Cessnas and Bonanzas under radar control.

We will convene again in May 1975, with the hostess Finger Lakes Chapter, in Rochester, N.Y.



N.Y. - N.J. Section Officers with Pat McEwen Int'l. Pres. I. to R. Ruth Dobrescu, Gov., Doris Miller, V. Gov., Pat, Judy Meltzner, Sec'y. and Phyllis Sproul, Treas.

Chapter Reports

Southwest Section

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BAY CITIES CHAPTER Vivian Harshbarger, Reporter

Another year and, to end it in style, another beautiful Christmas party with beautiful people—our Chapter members, husbands and friends from other Chapters. Joyce and Hal Wells did such a great job on our 1973 party that we unanimously volunteered them for the 1974 event and it was a smash hit.

Special treats were Margaret and John Gerhardt all the way from South Lake Tahoe and the youngest guest, Dorcey and Lee's four month old, Katie Hadley, showing off her brand new teeth with a happy giggle.

Although Ruth and Fred Rueckert and me (with my two year old grandson—a real airplane freak) were the only other Chapter members able to attend the Fly-In Eleanor Wilson arranged at the Flying Lady (near Morgan Hill) it was a success because we were joined by Marion Barnick, Santa Clara Valley, and Nina Rookaird, Redwood Empire. We missed the Hot Air Balloon meet but talked to some of the balloonists who are interested in trading power plane instruction for balloon time.

Joyce Wells and Alma Hinds are busy plotting entry in the 1975 Powder Puff Derby. Alma became very sick during the 1973 Derby and Joyce finished solo.

Miriam Brugh, Carol Baker (our special Honorary member), with Elly and Roy Jones had an extremely interesting tour of the Coral Sea aircraft carrier. Our group must have been near the end of the line of 12,000 wanting lunch so lost a few pounds by their enforced starvation. Except for the hunger pangs they had a good time.

On December 30 I start a wonderful new job. I'll be assistant to the Administrator of Admissions and Public Relations at Sierra Academy (a flight school) at Oakland Airport. It's like a dream come true—being involved in my two favorite fields, Aviation and Public relations. As an extra bonus—my new employer suggested the Public Relation work for the Academy might be helpful in my 99 activities.

We want to announce that plans are now well on the way for the 1977 International 99 Convention to be held in San Francisco and sponsored by the BAY AREA Chapters. Hotel dates are set and the two delegates from each of our local Chapters have agreed upon officers and numerous details. Our plan is to eliminate the registration charge by starting now to raise

expense money. We aren't promising but we are giving it a try. Our first expense fund raiser is a rummage sale on March 8. Donators please contact Rose Sharp. As we work together for a common goal, we become better acquainted and so share our mutual interests and problems.

We thank our representatives, who presented the bid, and the entire Southwest Section for their acceptance.

BIG VALLEY CHAPTER Bertie Hargis, Reporter

Our first official meeting was held July 11, 1974. We have 6 active members and have been doing a lot of flying.

We received our charter at the Southwest Sectional which was held in Salt Lake City, Utah during September. Pat McEwen our International President presented the charter to Charlene Kirk our chapter Chairman. Two other members for our chapter attending the sectional were Imogene Anderson and Bertie Hargis.

Our Chapter was formed soon enough for Charlene to qualify as a delegate of our chapter to the International Convention held at Las Croabas, Puerto Rico. She also represented the San Joaquin chapter at that convention.

FRESNO CHAPTER Kathie Muller, Reporter

During the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Flying Association competition held at Concord (Buchanan Field) Nov. 8, 9, and 10, our members were invited to participate as judges for the various events. The scores were so close that even some simple thing like forgetting to turn on strobes-beacons were scored against the competitors, and it came down to bare inches during the Power On-Power Off Spot landings. It took some fast ducking on our part to avoid being "zeroed" when the drops were held in the target areas for the message drop activities. Elva Ehrlich and her 49½er Delbert did the honors of getting the whole thing together and when the Awards Banquet was held Sunday, Nov. 10, the Fresno Chapter got a standing ovation for its help in the judging. It was a real fun time, lots of hard work, and we heartily agree to any activity involving young people who take their aviation seriously. San Jose State took home most of the honors and the girls contestant with the highest score, Barbara Teeter, Univ. of Arizona, was presented a trophy by our Chapter.

The AOPA Flight Instructor Revalidation Clinic was held in Fresno Dec. 3, 4, and 5th, co-sponsored by our Fresno 99s and during the same week we also hosted the FAA Clinic with Ken Gardner of Teledyne presenting an outstanding program.

We began our Christmas festivities Saturday, Dec. 7, at Tom and Theola Nutt's home and instead of exchanging gifts, we

donated money towards purchasing art supplies to girls being detained in Juvenile Hall for the holidays. We have visited the Hall and it is a sorry sight to see some of these girls (no home, no friends, NO ONE!) and everyone needs a FRIEND at this time of the year.

We are gaining two new members in the near future - Jean Barber and Gwen Blomgren.

Kathie McNamara and her Co-Chairperson (?) Carol Bugay are getting plans made for our upcoming Fresno 400 Mens' Air Race, April 25, 26, & 27 and kits can be obtained, January 15, by sending \$2.50 to Kathie at 675 E. Escalon, Fresno, Cal. 93710. We understand it will be a humdinger of a course. Make your check payable to the FRESNO 400 MENS' AIR RACE.

GOLDEN WEST CHAPTER

Jeanne Abramson, Reporter

Happy New Year and Aloha! Most everyone seems to be out on holiday jaunts, so this will be brief (for a change).

Janie Postlethwaite is arranging a dinner fly-in to Hayward late in January which will spur efforts toward night proficiency. Biggest activity this month, however, will be our participation with Zonta International on January 11 in observing the beginning of America's year-long "Salute to Women". GW chairman Reo Gilmore placed Loretta Gabrielson in charge of liaison, and our chapter will present the fashion show portion of the luncheon program that day at the request of Zonta. It was interesting to hear on Hawaiian radio of the big doings planned at Honolulu to mark the 40th anniversary of the departure of Amelia Earhart on her record-breaking flight to San Francisco.

Now that you are well into your 1975 calendars, DO mark them for the third annual Mini-Derby on June. 6. Carolyn Zapata and Geri Wiecks, co-chairmen, are deep into planning the Hayward round-robin-cruise-and-proficiency event. Complete details next issue.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

Jean McConnell -Reporter

New members Janis Crooks, Rosemary Lane and Olivia Weathered have been welcomed as transfers into the Long Beach Chapter. Our Amelia Earhart Award recipient Joyce Jones received her CFII in August; Joan Rees got her Commercial in August and her Instrument rating in November; Bonnie Zrust achieved her Commercial; Eli Roberts got her multi-engine rating; and Jean McConnell added an Instrument rating.

At the Reno Air Race, Judy Wagner took first place in the Formula One Class while Coleen Giglio flew her AT - in the Silver Finals. Judy and Coleen were the only women entries in the Reno Race. Coleen went on the Mojave Race and took first place in the Exhibition Race. Assisting with registration, timing and scoring at Mojave were Linda French, Mary Wenholtz, Joyce Failing, Mary Pinkney, Pat McKennon and Nancy Bray.

Wally Funk has accepted a position offered by the National Transportation

Safety Board as an Accident Investigator. This will make Wally the first woman to fill this job. She will work out of LAX, after attending special schools in Washington D.C. and Oklahoma City. We are all especially proud of Wally, she is doing an outstanding job of furthering aviation and women in aviation.

Beginning January 6th, Jane Martin will be working the "Big Boys" via Radar Approach at LAX; another gal that we feel fortunate to have as a 99.

Our Chapter is sponsoring two members, Coleen Giglio and Gene FitzPatrick, as Flight Instructors of the Year. This award, which is given by the FAA and AOPA, is open to any flight instructor who successfully passes at least 10 students in the previous 24 month period and meets the other criteria outlined in the FAA Advisory.

Jo Ella Champion is the proud owner of an A-33 Beach Debonair which she used to commute to her condominium complex in Palm Springs. Joan Dilley and her 49½er Milan flew their Cessna 172 to Columbia, met with relatives and went camping. Margaret Calloway, along with Delores Reed of San Fernando Chapter, flew Margaret's Commanche to Mexico City for a vacation and to attend a wedding. They had a fabulous time.

Vickie Thomas, while continuing her work as a free-lance photographer, specializing in animals now works with the Airport Manager at Santa Monica.

We want to thank Pat McKennon for the terrific job she is doing as new Editor of our monthly newsletter, Skytales. We hope that Pat's Christmas vacation 'south of the border' will bring her back refreshed to face the February issue!



Wally Funk, Long Beach Chapter, NTSB Air Safety Investigator

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Grace McGettigan, Reporter

ENROLL NOW! INTRODUCTORY MECHANICS FOR PILOTS COURSE March 8-9 at the Northrup Institute of Technology sponsored by the Los Angeles Chapter. Everyone has found these Mechanics Clinics to be of infinite value in acquiring knowledge about all the items on an airplane which one can legally repair or replace without the services of a licensed A & P. The course creates an awareness on the part of a pilot to recognize various symptoms of potential aircraft malfunctions which may become critical if not attended to.

Forty Five dollars covers the cost of the 2-day course and includes meals. Eighty-five dollars includes the course, meals and accommodations for Friday and Saturday nights. Grease smudged faces and dirty fingernails are offered at no extra cost!



Students of a prior "Dirty Fingernail Course" learn to change a tire! Next Mechanics Clinic will be held at Northrup March 8-9. (See LA Chapter Report for Details.) Photo - courtesy Plane & Pilot Magazine.

Transportation from Hawthorne Airport will be provided for those planning to fly in.

Send \$10 deposit to Kit Wynn, 12415 Arctwood Street, North Hollywood, California 91606, before the March 1st deadline. For additional information contact Kit by mail or telephone—home (213) 765-8275—office (213) 877-0031 Ext. 31.

Two teams from our Chapter participated in the Kachina Doll Race, and once again LA 99s returned home with honors. Congratulations to Norma Futerma and Virginia Showers who placed 8th, and to Dorothy Pepin and Rachel Bonzon who placed 9th!

LA 99s enjoyed a picturesque weekend fly-in to Sedona, Arizona, November 8-10. Oak Creek Canyon was breathtakingly beautiful and the weather superb.

Long Beach 99 Rosemary Lane was a guest at our November meeting. Rosemary, who recently returned to the U.S. after spending many months in Germany as a flight instructor, had some very interesting aeronautical experiences to relate.

Jean Pyatt and Eugenia Rohrberg, proud owners of a brand new yellow Cessna 150, recently traveled to Wichita to fly the bird to its new nest at Santa Monica.

Back on the flight line after recently being hospitalized are LA 99 Marilyn Twichell, 49½ Bob Opper, and prospective member Irma Orsinq. Each underwent major surgery and we're glad to have them hale and hearty once again.

The Chapter sends a special thank-you to Norma for once again extending the hospitality of her lovely home to us for our annual Christmas party.

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

Jean Garrett, Reporter

Our January meeting always brings with it the annual White Elephant Sale where unuseable holiday presents are unwrapped and sold. Many of the white elephants keep coming back year after year but that will go unnoticed by new members Bobbie Reiter and Kay Stewart.

Air marking activities have started! Barbara Stewart, Marje Hanson, Betty Ackerman, & Barbara Ward joined the Hi-Desert Chapter for re-painting of Apple Valley in November. Both Barbaras like to work with the Hi-Desert chapter because

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the painting was completed before their noon arrival.

We found marking the Barstow-Daggett airport was a more involved project. Mary Ann Jamison, Barbara Ward, Ursula Tracy, Sharron Temps, Marie Christensen, Shirely Baker, Betty Carrier, Joan Hill, Kathy Boyer, and organizer Shirley Cote all painted Barstow-Daggett, with some help from Inland Chapter members Kay Pellegrine, Virginia Boggust and Sunny Robinson.

Elizabeth Shattuck is planning the Picture Hunt on February 1 and Marie Christensen is doing the posters to advertise it. The start will be at Corona and finish wherever the pictures lead us. So far, no one has ever had to break the seal on the emergency envelope to find out where the route ends.

Lynn Newton passed her commercial written and Joan Sanborn earned her commercial. Joan Hill is finally getting to fly her new Cessna 172 after it was hit twice where it was tied down. Having just been hired to spot fish for commercial fishermen, Shirley Cote admits that it's difficult to distinguish between shark and swordfish fins at altitude.

Many of the rest of us are attending Powder Puff Derby committee meeting in Riverside so there will be a well-organized and fun start in July.

PHOENIX CHAPTER

Natasha Swigard, Reporter

December is a month for greetings and parties, and the Phoenix Chapter did their share of partying. One party held many greetings of cheer and good wishes for Bev Powell and her family who are moving to Florida in January, and the SE Section will be gaining a very active member. Bev was last year's chapter chairman, and has always been very active in a variety of capacities.

Another party that was well attended was held in honor of the chapter's 25th Anniversary, and to celebrate Christmas. The annual initiation of the "49½ers" was held. We officially initiated Howard Athey, Howard Chard, Alan Johnson, Bob Rogers, and Pat Patterson (from Utah) into the honorary group.

Ruth Reinhold, Melba Beard and Sue Harper were recently guests of the City of Scottsdale at the dedication of the new control tower at the airport. It was a cold, wet, windy and brief dedication with chief duties handed over to Mike Hunter. Ruth represented the Transportation Board of the state of Arizona; Melba represented the Antique Plane Owners; and Sue was there to represent the chapter.

The latest to join our ranks are: Anne Marie Baca (Transfer from LA Chapter), Colleen Crawford, Betty Engstrom (Transfer from Santa Barbara Chapter), Barbara Herd, Pam Marley, Cathay Nicholaisen and Marie Trudeau (who received an Instrument Rating too). This brings our chapter roster up to 79 active members! We also have two out-of-town 99s who will be with us for about two years sharing in our activities: Sierra Brown

from the Aloha Chapter is studying AERO Technology at ASU, and Jane Patterson from the Utah Chapter.

We hope that all the gals in the SW Section will plan on attending the Spring Sectional April 11-13th. Our chapter will be hostessing the function and we'd like to show everyone that April is one of the nicest reasons for living in Arizona!

RENO CHAPTER

May E. Haskell, Reporter

Even though our Chapter has not submitted news for quite sometime, we have been very active.

In September we helped at the Reno National Championship AIR Races. This is our yearly money making project, a fun way of making money!

Elaine Brown's husband, Stan, was in the Reno races this year for the first time. He placed in two events. Elaine and Stan's son, Stephen, received his private pilot rating in October just before getting his knee operated on for repair of an injury resulting from a hang glider landing. Jerri Gardiner has earned her ATR, Jean Kuckhoff her Instrument Rating in her beautiful 210 and Lois Brown her Seaplane Rating in the Seabee.

Your reporter's husband, Dick, earned his Privating Pilot Rating in November so now I only get in half as much flying time.

Katie Bolstad's son, Roger, soloed on December 20th. Nice Christmas present!

Kay Schlinkman and I participated in a Civil Air Patrol Navigation problem in October. We each flew three Cadets to Columbia and had a great time but we hope the Cadets learned much about navigating.

Our annual Christmas party was December 14th at Katie Bolstad's house and it was nice to have so many prospective members from outlying areas.

Our Chapter has tentative plans to use some of our Treasury for scholarships for some of our own members.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

Virginia Rainwater, Reporter

T'was a Merry Christmas at the home of Vesta and Don Maltby. Our 99 ladies should get a trophy for their favorite dishes shared at the festive pot luck dinner, and what a great turnout. Seems Don lost his wallet two years ago at their Utah ranch. The fields were plowed recently and guess what turned up. Yes! his dearly beloved. Vesta flew to Bishop and Phoenix. Libby Svenson has a budding pilot in the family, her 17½ yr. old son, who has just soloed. Pat Hallett was checked out in a Cherokee Arrow. Margie Robbins passed her instructors written. Ellen Miller got some 340 time. Polly Fleming flew her 72 year old father to Santa Barbara. Delores Pynes made us all a little envious by enjoying the sun in Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta. Delores is flying high with her commercial written passed.

Bonnie Seymour and Suzie Neff did a stretch in the hospital but are recovering now. Fond memories filled Pat Hallett while visiting the first airport she flew out of new Salt Lake City. Joyce Chaffin got caught in the tulle fog with her flight

instructor (won't tell his name) at Ventura country airport. What an exciting story that was! Shirley Thom rode in the back seat of a Lodestar. Lorrie Bleck can't stay on the ground, so off she flew to Apple Valley, Santa Ynez, Las Vegas and PSP. Loretta Hines, Liz Nuckolls and Michele Naples did some local flying.

Our Santa Ynez fly-in was terrific. We brought in our DRF supplies and loaded up two wagons for lunch in Solvang, Christmas shopping and baked goodies. Cec Schulman's mom says, "just ask, I'll go". Jeanie Day flew to Monterey. Ruth Mayle got apt and flew to Bakersfield, San Carlos, Sacto, and SBA. That's called catching up. Jill Silton has been getting a lot of IFR training. Helen Bernbaum flew with the Coast Guard Auxiliary making message drops to boats. Loreli and Pat Canginao have a new Mooney, a beauty.

Lola and Ed Ricci put in seven solid hours of IFR time on their recent trip east and on to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Several more hours were spent IFR (In Frantic Ramblings) about the terminal learning the efficiency of the Customs service in Puerto Rico.

Our yearly custom of taking home baked cookies to the Van Nuys tower operators at Christmas time, took place at the 94th Squadron restaurant for a luncheon that was enjoyed by all.

Virginia Rainwater had an eventful trip returning from San Felipe. Seems she landed her Bird in some bushes at Brackett airport. That's called Bye Bye Birdie. She's now a qualified "Bush Pilot".

SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER

Judy Roeser, Reporter

The Santa Barbara Chapter has a special honorary member, Liz Cummings our own personal Flight Service Weather Consultant. She briefs us before our trips, informs and advises us of all weather data, files our flight plans, and frets like a mother hen when her chicks are out trying their wings. For our November meeting, Liz took the whole chapter out to a grand dinner at a local restaurant. Such a lovely thing to do and such a wonderful time we had. She has been an inspiration to us all and we are so lucky to have her in our midst.

The Santa Barbara Airport Association's Second Annual "Avions d' Elegance" was held November 10, and all agree it was a great success. The Santa Barbara Ninety-Nines helped with registration, even to a booth where we sold popcorn. We made a little money, but now we have this problem. What are we going to do with the forty pounds of popcorn we have left over (We had to buy a fifty pound bag). Some future airshow will find us in the business again.

This month we also co-sponsored with the F.A.A. a program for all interested pilots on "Winter Flying". Mr. Paul Hungerford of Van Nuys was the F.A.A.'s expert on the subject. It was very well presented and extremely informative. Mr. Vincent Brophy, our Accident Prevention Specialist at Van Nuys, has been responsible for many fine such programs in our area.

October 13 was the 14th anniversary of our charter. We celebrated with three of the six charter members present. Pamela Killian, our first chairman, Della Abernathy, now a member of the Santa Paula Chapter, and Joan Steinberger, our only continuing charter member. It was fun listening to them reminisce about past wild times and the trials of beginning a new chapter.

Evy and Woody Treen drafted members of the Santa Barbara Chapter and their 49½ers to help them at the Mojave Air Races. They were in charge of ramp control and parking and, thanks to Evy and Woody, all went smoothly in that department.

Mary Lewis informs us that APT forms are not coming in from the Southwest Section as fast as they should. A suggestion: keep an APT form in your purse all the time and when you go in for your Biennial Flight Revue or a check ride for a new rating, whip it out on the check pilot right then and there, then stuff it in an envelope and send it to Mary.

We have three new members and four new ratings. That's pretty good for a chapter of twenty members. Our new additions are all new pilots: Beth Howar, Karen Charest, and Marilyn Weixel. And here's a point for Women's Lib—none of their husbands fly. Two new Commercial Licences: Marion Fickett and Stephanie Freeman. Two Instrument Ratings: Jan Edmond and Nina Lewis. It's gratifying to know that so many of our Ninety-Nines are not satisfied with ordinary required proficiency, but insist on upgrading themselves continually. Little by little we are raising the standards of general aviation—and isn't that what it's all about?

SANTA ROSA CHAPTER **Ruth Foster, Reporter**



Sandy Peterson and Aliene Lee, Chairman of the Santa Rosa Chapter, waiting their turn in the High Altitude Chamber at Mather Air Force Base.

The crystall ball reveals a variety of activities in the new year, starting with a Christmas dinner dance to set the mood for the holidays.

At the Board meeting in December plans were made for a 49½ Appreciation Night dinner. Without their help many of our projects would have fallen far short of their goals, so, time for a "thank you".

January will bring a Fly-in to Salinas, giving all a chance to taste that Chinese food at the airport.

With hardly time to turn around, Spring will bring our 3 cents Per Pound Ride in May. This will be the second for us and hopefully just as successful. We've made a lot of flying friends and want to make more.

Claudia Ansaldo is hard at work on plans

for the annual A.P.E. Trip (Airplane Proficiency Excursion) in June. A.P.E. Packages are given out in advance with the necessary information in order to plan the flight. The destination is secret, but the gals have a chance to compete on computing their air speed and fuel consumption. A breakfast gathering on Friday for weather briefing and submitting computations, then off into the blue for who knows where? The men get together and join the group on Saturday for the "Awards Dinner". Everyone heads for home on Sunday, having put those flying skills to one more test.

A big event for the Chapter is the terminus of the Pacific Air Race in October, '75. Fran Johnson is in charge of coordinating the hundreds of details necessary to make it a complete success. Fun and hard work ahead.

Our Membership Chairman Margaret Bock is keeping busy sending out letters and information to prospective members. Members will be asked to act as a Big Sister to the prospect, helping her become acquainted with the 99s and their activities. New members are: Barbara Pedley and Joy Reinemer.

Lynn Cary participated in the Poker Run in our area and took 4th place. Ginny Wegener, Joan Robbins, and Sandy Peterson also tried their luck.

Finding time for flying in this busy season were Suzi Cesano and Lyle Skoglund, bringing back a Piper Super Cub from Pennsylvania. Joy and Jim Reinemer also went to Pennsylvania bringing back a Cessna 172. Judy Jones joined a ferrying run from Florida. Fran and Rhea Johnson flew to New York. Claudia and Chris Ansaldo, as well as Aliene and Gene Lee visited relatives in Southern California. Ninety-Nines refuse to be earth bound for long!

Northwest Section

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

COLUMBIA CASCADE CHAPTER **Mary Calvert, Reporter**

The highlight of our chapter's year so far has been a reception held recently at Pegge Blinco's home for several pioneer women pilots from our area. Dorothy Hester Stenzel, Nona Malloy Plumonder, Ellen Jo Badley and Evelyn Waldren were honored. The four are all members of the OX-5 club, and three of them are still flying.

Ellen Badley was the second woman to solo at the Beaverton airport; Nona Plumonder made money wing walking and sky diving to pay for her flying lessons; Evelyn Waldren, first girl to learn to fly in the state of Nebraska, began flying in 1928 and is still flying locally as a CFI every day; and Dorothy Stenzel, Tex Rankin student, was champion acrobatic pilot and holder of the record for outside loops. The women brought scrapbooks, pictures, and beautiful inspiring memories to share with us.

Dorothy Mercer was in Seattle in October and took one hour instruction of the two hours dual floatplane time that she won at the Northwest Section convention. She loved it, and plans to be back there as soon as possible to take enough more to gain her rating.

In November Billie Dutcher, Dorothy Mercer, Pegge Blinco and Mary Calvert attended a very informative FAA Northwest Region's "Listening Session" held in Salem. The program included presentations and question and answer periods on "Airports Program in Oregon and Southern Washington", "Northwest Region Air Navigation and Communication Facilities" and "Air Traffic and Flight Standards". C.B. Walk, Jr.; Robert Brown, Chief, Airports Division and John Wichels, Jr., Chief Airway Facilities Division gave enlightening presentations and fielded lively questions from the audience.

Twenty-six members and 49½ers attended our annual Christmas party on December 14th. There was no doubt that our banquet room was a room for aviators! A six foot long wire and crepe paper biplane floated from the ceiling, the artistry of 49½er Dale Dutcher, and in the lobby a poster created by 49½er Stan Blinco depicted Santa Claus in his plane towing a banner toward the doorway saying "99 Christmas Party". The fun "hangar flying" and gift exchange added up to the usual "good time had by all".



Billie Dutcher and Dorothy Mercer on initial DRF flight to Grants Pass in September.



Pegge Blinco and Mary Calvert brought the remaining supplies a few days later.

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER **Daryl Ann Kyle, Reporter**

A tour of Fairchild Air Force Base Helicopter Air Rescue and Recovery Unit was an informative visit for our November meeting. The effectiveness of this rescue unit in peacetime is quite marvelous, ranging from aid during last year's severe floods to delivering outlying patients to well-equipped hospitals in the cities. We not only touched those big rescue helicopters, but got first hand information from pilots on how to fly one. We also saw a demonstration on para-jumper rescue.

Our sincere thanks to the Air Force for a great tour and an ongoing job well done.

In December we celebrated with a holiday dinner party at Louise Prugh's home in Spokane. We enjoyed sampling each other's favorite dishes and of course did a lot of hangar flying. We missed Kay Peterson, our vivacious membership chairperson who was recently transferred to Montana. Lana Balser of Spokane has just completed her first quarter at A & P school. Irene Anrode told us about fog seeding at Spokane International the night before the party. A varied group of pilots we are!

Fern Lake holds new instrument and instrument instructor ratings. Fern, chairperson of the 1975 International Convention, is keeping all of us busy making plans for an interesting, informative convention next summer when we "ROUNDUP" in Coeur d'Alene. We'll be looking for you, July 30 through August 2, 1975!

IDAHO CHAPTER

I.R.A. Pilut, Reporter

Boise's pilots of the feminine gender turned into poster painters and publicity hounds promoting our co-pilot course the first week of December. We sharpened our brains, braced for the penetrating questions sure to hit, and put on a small but successful co-pilot course. Karla Roberts put it together.

Big Boise recently got radar (that may sound funny to you big city gals, but we've never had terminal radar in Idaho) so the assistant tower chief Loal Vance briefed us on procedures and winter flying. Loal is a good 99 friend since his instrument instructor was Gene Nora Jessen and he in turn taught air traffic controller and new 99 Sylvia Burkey how to fly. He presented a timely and excellent program.

Idaho Chairman Ann Stott is now a commercial pilot - watch out Northwest Section Achievement Award aspirants. Ann has achieved her Private, Instrument rating and now Commercial in two years, is our chapter chairman and Section Meeting Chairman too. Lyn Clark, who flies out of the mountain resort airport McCall, is now operating under Part 135. She's flying charter into the back country and doing a lot of instructing. She recently brought her Cessnas 120 and 150 down to Boise for the winter (her airport snows in) and her students commute 100 miles (by car) for their winter flying. How's that for devotion? Lyn, herself, was down for a little maintenance over the holidays as was Fran Brown. Both are back on the line again.

Carol DePue recently flew to her old stomping grounds, Southern California, to bring her mother back for a visit. She experienced some mag and fuel problems in her "antique" Stinson but put it on the ground like the pro that she is. After some maintenance her return was uneventful. Eula Logsdon has returned from a Caribbean cruise. Jo King has been up to her neck in the Beaux Arts Christmas sale, our big art gallery fund raiser, and she's given up dual in the Baron for the duration. Have you noticed how often 99s are so very

talented in more than just aviation?

Lucille and Jiggs Taylor hosted again what's becoming our annual Christmas party. Lucille is a highly successful interior decorator and her home is a magnificent setting for the Christmas gathering. We were so happy to see former member Jo Ann Campbell and hope 1975 will bring her a fresh medical certificate.

MOUNT TAHOMA CHAPTER

Janet Penner, Reporter

Washington's weather, trips, and Christmas activities has hindered our flying, but somehow a large group plus several 49½s managed to find our way to Jean Freeburg's near Port Orchard Airport for our annual Christmas Party. Plenty of delicious food and hangar talk was enjoyed by all.

Earlier this Fall several of our members attended the Northwest Sectional at the Doubletree Inn for an informative and fun weekend.

Our January meeting will be combined with the Zonta's of Tacoma. We are looking forward to exchanging information between both groups. My own personal research into scholarships for graduate school has revealed their sponsorship of one for women in aviation and aerospace.

After Christmas housecleaning will hopefully produce more rummage for our February sale. We had our second rummage sale the end of July which proved a total success. They are fun, helpful to our finances, and introduce us to some very interesting people!

Hopefully the monsoons will cease and we can all fly again!

RAINIER CHAPTER

Peggy Verger, Reporter

We now have the approval of the 49½s. We had a wonderful Christmas party for our December meeting and the food was supplied by the members. Since everyone brought their specialty, the name was changed from a "pot luck" supper to "le gourmet crusine" dinner party. One large mistake was made. As our guests, the men were allowed to be served first. Fortunately most of us are dieting—those who aren't did **that** night. There were no leftovers. Hostess Jeri Reynolds barely had to rinse the dishes so we could take them home. Gail Still's red velvet cake was being eaten as an appetizer. Linda Rolczynski was planning to take leftovers home for a midnight snack. No such luck.

Since the last writing our membership has grown from a humble 5 to an impressive 14. The entire chapter is directly responsible for this increase and we have more names yet to contact. Two of our new members are brand new private pilots and are to be congratulated—Sharon Vincent and Cindy Knechtel. Other new members are veteran pilots Nita Loftus and Janis Imlay. The new members are not the only active ones in the chapter. Jan Markey and Elli Cunningham have both worked hard and met the requirements for their CFIs. Elise Smith and Phyllis Lauchner are our taildragger pilots—a difficult rating in itself. Judy Nesland is working on her

"landing" rating since each take-off requires one. Marcia Warner is our Pam Am stewardess-private pilot who is working at not having to serve coffee, tea or milk at any of the meetings. (We will have to switch to wine.) Interesting group we have and from time to time there will be new activities to report.

Through no fault of our own, we will probably get organized in the next few months. The weather here in the Northwest does slow down our flying in the winter months and leaves us time to get caught up with paperwork, money making ideas and decision making. By the sounds of that last sentence, we will **definitely** have to switch to wine at the winter meetings.

South Central Section

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

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

Becky Lutz, Reporter

Three speakers representing hang gliding, ballooning, and sailplaning shared their fun and experiences with the 99s and their guests at our annual Christmas banquet on December 18. Bobbi Stacy gave a short history of hang gliding and discussed the characteristics of her craft. Slides were shown by Carol Davis to illustrate her ballooning experiences. Mike Keller told of his sailplane activities and discussed licensing and training.

Highlight of our holiday affair was the presentation of our annual Outstanding Girl of the Year Award to Claudia Beckner. Claudia was selected by secret ballot and received a traveling trophy as well as a personal trophy.

Meg Guggoltz and Harriet and William Brin of the Santa Fe 99s chapter were special guests.

Flying activities: B.J. Slawson is now a Commercial pilot. Claudia Beckner and family spent some time in Manzanillo, Mexico. Roz Kinlen and Jim flew to San Carlos, Mexico, for a weekend of deep sea fishing. Lida Swann is checked out in the Beech Sport and flies around during weekends.

We welcome our newest member Theresa Isaacson.

ARKANSAS CHAPTER

Marguerite Nielsen, Reporter

Arkansas Ninety Nines met November 17 in the new terminal building at Adams Field in Little Rock. Delores Deam, hostess, was assisted by Donna Hale, Emmy Hall, and Ann White. The meeting time was used to discuss the proposed new by laws and membership.

Cary Hunt is the winner of our trophy for her contributions to the growth of aviation in Arkansas.

Donna Hale represented the Arkansas Chapter at the South Central Sectional meeting.

Congratulations to our newly-wed. Chairman Linda Rickles has recently become Mrs. Cecil Hargraves.

Zonta Clubs the world over will honor Amelia Earhart on her special day, January 11, and from "Brainwaves" by C.R. McDonald.....

"Pariah"

I am intimate with mountains
I have secrets with the stars
I have bathed in heavenly fountains
Flown through rainbows' colored bars
I have heard celestial music
Above the engines' drone
Devised the airs ascoustic
By the sound of thunders' tone
I'm no longer one among you
I must venture over high
Above the earthly spectrum
In the haven of the sky

COLORADO CHAPTER

Mary Neil, Reporter

Working hard on Fall Sectional for 75—the whole chapter.

Voted to be with and support Colorado Wright Bros. Memorial Foundation annual award dinner for Christmas party—99 turnout light but 250 others were there. Tremendous success with Wally Schirra, astronaut, mainspeaker, Joe Higgins, national AFA chairman and noted Sheriff of TV commercials as master of Ceremonies and our own Emily Howell, last year's award winner, presenting awards this year to Gordon "Rocky" Warren, Mr. Aviation in Gunnison Colorado area. Serving on Board of Directors with David Olds, FAA, Ed Marriott, Air Force Assoc. and EB Jepsen of Chart fame, Don Murphy of Coombs Learjet, are Ninety-Nines, Betty Jo Reed and Mary Neil. Serving on Award Selection Committee were 99s Emily Howell and Jan Gammell.

Betty and Earl Berger tripped to Dakotas by car—but Betty's APT in the plane now too.

Pat Luther calling herself a "Flying Framer"—loves to deliver frames that way—made a recent dropoff in Jackson, Wyoming.

Jean Ferrell off to Oklahoma for seminar and Christmas with family in the East—also went by Car.

Colorado 99s planning joint get-together with Zonta International Jan. 8th.

Mary and Dave Neil off to Sanibel Island, Fla. for holidays with two of their grandchildren will drop Dolly Gibbons Chapter Chairman off in Pensacola to see her folks. The Neils plan to see Clarence Chamberlain, an old friend, while in the Ft. Myers area. Clarence by his own definition is "old what's his name" the guy who flew the Atlantic in 1927 the day after Lindburgh did it. Clarence went all the way to Munich, Germany on his flight and received many honors and awards, but as Mike Collins said, No one remembers the other guys—just the first. Mike, you will remember, went on the first moon flight with Armstrong and Aldrin but never got to the moon itself.

Hope everyone had a Happy Holiday and that we are all able to afford to keep flying

after it and the economy gets through with us.

DALLAS CHAPTER

Lou Marquess, Reporter

We were most saddened by the loss of our dear 49½er, **Maurice Melton**, husband of 99, Jerry Melton. We will miss him and his constant devoted support very much.

Sue Maddock just returned from a trip to Europe where she represented the United States at a 99 convention. She was entertained royally, and I do mean royally, by Princess Alexandria and British Governor Sheila Scott. Her adventures are something to hear!

Many of us went visiting during the Thanksgiving holidays—Lou and Rod Marquess to Wharton and Kountze, Dorothy Warren and family to Colorado, etc.

We enjoyed our Christmas party at Sandra Simmons' lovely home, with the Dallas Redbird Chapter as guests. This is always a time for merrymaking and some good ole' hangar flying.

Marceline Todd took her proficiency ride, making her APT along with Lou Marquess, Sue Maddock, Jerry Melton, Jan Almand, and Jan Wahrer.

Sandra Simmons took her check ride in turbine aircraft, making her the first woman ever to get checked out in such an aircraft with an airline. WOW! The Dallas Chapter in particular and the 99s in general are very proud to have such a gal as a member. This is really putting women in aviation in the spotlight where we belong!

Happy safe and careful flying during the Christmas holidays!

GOLDEN TRIANGLE CHAPTER

Linda Hooker, Reporter

"Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head", or "Rain, Rain Go Away, Come Again Another Day", should be the Chapter Airmarking Chairman's theme song. We have scheduled Sevier Co. (DeQueen, Ark.) two weekends in a row and rained out both times. The first time, November 16, six members, (Carolyn Brooks, Mary Wheelock, Barbara Routh, Jean Lemmon, Linda Hooker, Jo McCarrell) and one prospective member, (Evon Baker) along with two 24¾ers, (Donnie Brooks and Cindy McCarrell) spent from 7:00 Friday until 2:30 AM Saturday driving up to DeQueen only to wake up after three hours sleep to a gray, drizzly sunrise. Back to Texas everyone drove.

The next Saturday, Barbara Routh, Jean Lemmon, Jo McCarrell & Linda Hooker arose at 4:30 AM and journeyed to Pylon Airport in an effort to fly to DeQueen. Dawn broke to reveal that FSS knew what they were talking about when they said low ceilings, poor visibility and **DRIZZLE**. The Arkansas Chapter was invited to join us in this project and with any luck at all someday we will all meet at DeQueen to paint and rejoice about the **GOOD** weather.

Our Fly-In to Flying Tiger Field at Paris, Texas on November 9th was also rained out. On December 5th, the Golden Triangle Chapter and the Arlington Pilots Assoc. will sponsor a Safety Seminar in con-

junction with the FAA at the University of Texas at Arlington. Chapter Aviation Safety Counselor, Brenda Strickler has worked closely with the FAA in preparing the program for this Seminar. By the way, Brenda will also serve the S.C.S. as Section Aviation Safety Committee Chairman.

Last month the chapter goal was **ACTIVE PARTICIPATION**, we received instead...**PRECIPITATION**. Things are bound to look up.....

All the members of the Golden Triangle Chapter would like to wish every 99 throughout the world a **HAPPY & SAFE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**. See you next year same time, same place.

NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Sharon Meyer, Reporter

The Nebraska 99s are very pleased that Nebraska Governor J. James Exon has proclaimed January 11-18, 1975 as **Women in Aviation Week** in Nebraska. Diane Bartels worked very hard preparing a proclamation for the Governor's signature. Other Nebraska 99s are asking their local mayors to proclaim the week as a local **Women in Aviation Week**. A joint Zonta—Nebraska 99s brunch will be held in Lincoln on January 11 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Amelia Earhart's record-breaking solo flight from Honolulu to San Francisco.

Congratulations to the winners of the Nebraska 99s annual Chapter Achievement Award. The Award is presented to the 99 who acquires the highest number of points for working throughout the year in 99 and other aviation activities. The winner of the first place trophy was Vera Bartunek. The runner-up trophy was awarded to Dawn Parkening. Both of these gals are outstanding members of the 99s. Their contributions to our Chapter and to aviation in general are certainly to be lauded.

December was party month for the Nebraska 99s. The annual Christmas party, co-hosted by Betty Alfred and Sharon Meyer, was held at the Chateau Lafluer Clubhouse in Lincoln. The evening included a dinner, presentation of the annual achievement awards, and a humorous musical slide-tape presentation of a "99s Night Before Christmas Dream."

Happy flying to all of you in 1975!

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

Marjorie Hudson, Reporter

Tere Lynch, with husband Dick, of Enid flew their Skylane to the Bahamas via New Orleans, Punta Gorda and Palm Beach. While in Freeport they met Member-at-Large Francesca Davis. Next month they flew to Westhampton, N. Y. to pick up their two grandchildren to "take them to the ocean". Instrument rated Dick recently passed his CFI written and Tere passed her Commercial Written and is readying for her checkride.

Jan Million has earned her Instrument Rating and upon finishing her checkride in Oklahoma City had to file for instruments in order to return to her home base, Norman.

We were all saddened by the death by drowning in their swimming pool of Dr. Noble Wynn, husband of Chairman Norma Wynn, last summer.

The Oklahoma Chapter of Ninety-Nines, Inc. was presented a special certificate of merit and award at Wiley Post Airport in recognition of our support of government sponsored safety program "Ground Assist". The award was accepted by Chairman Norma Wynn. At this time we were also commended for our voluntary activities in airmarking a number of runways, taxiways and hanger buildings at many Oklahoma airports during the year.

In November we met for lunch and a short business meeting, then were treated to a tour of the RAPCON facilities at Tinker Air Force Base. December found three planeloads of Oklahoma Ninety-Nines at the airport in Follett, Texas, where we airmarked the runway with numbers and town name; after which we were treated to a steak dinner by the townsmen.

After changing the time and course due to bad weather, the Oklahoma Fly Lady Derby was held November 10. Of the members and non-members participating, two Oklahoma Chapter members walked off with trophies. Tere Lynch won first place second leg and Marge Hudson won first place first leg.

The ground-breaking for the new Ninety-Nines headquarters building at Will Rogers World Airport was a momentous occasion attended by many of the city officials, airport personnel, Ninety-Nines officers, aviation enthusiasts, and last but not least many, many Oklahoma and Texas Ninety-Nines. It was a very impressive ceremony followed by a festive luncheon.

Since official monthly meetings are taken up with business, tours, etc., we have been having a monthly dinner in celebration of birthdays, or anything, for visiting purposes. These are well attended and great fun.

The Oklahoma Chapter was in their usual good form for the Christmas party at Arlene Walkup's house in Stillwater. This is a weekend party every year, starting with our business meeting and followed by a covered dish dinner and party. The Walkups' hospitality is well known and this chapter is indeed fortunate to partake of it. After breakfast the next morning many stayed on to visit.

OMAHA AREA CHAPTER

Pat Krueger, Reporter

Shirley Risk and Rosemary Block spoke at the October 15 meeting of the Bell Flyers, a local flying club, on who the 99s are and what we do.

October 26 was a beautiful fall day, so although short handed, Gail Tonnesen and 49½er, Paul, and Rosemary Block and son Ron airmarked the North Omaha Airport hangar. Then Rosemary had a real treat when Gail took her for a ride in their J-3 Clipped Wing Cub to survey their handiwork.

Our November meeting was spent visiting with members of the Orchard Hill Nursing Home and serving them homemade cookies.

November 19 the Omaha Area 99s were

invited to the Bell Flyers meeting to hear their guest speaker, the captain of the Sac Looking Glass.

Our lovely Christmas party was hosted by Verdayne Menze and 49½er Dick. Although a Nebraska snow storm forced us to postpone our party a day, fifteen were in attendance.

Much effort has been put into planning our "take off" celebration for International Women's Year for 1975 on Amelia Earhart Day, January 11 with the Zonta Club of Omaha. Suanne Townsend will give a commemorative of Amelia Earhart's historic flight from Honolulu to San Francisco.

Betty Jarvis and Gail Tonnesen are working on our Safety Clinic scheduled for Feb. 26 and 27.

Lavonne and Bill Tripp flew to Canada duck hunting. Didn't get as many ducks as in the past but had a good flight.

The Bill Rynearsons and Louise Smetanas flew to Florida to attend the AOPA Convention. Bill and Georgiann also flew to Anacortes, Washington to visit old flying friends.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

Pamela Crane, Reporter

Members of the San Antonio Chapter have been very busy during the months of November and December.

The regular monthly meeting was held at the chapter meeting room on November 9th and routine business was transacted. Linda Pearson, Aviation Safety Chairman, presented a safety feature, illustrated by slides, detailing factors in a recent single-engine aircraft crash in the San Antonio area. Dorothy Navarro was named new Airmarking Chairman. Next scheduled airmarking project will be the Guadalupe County airport at Seguin, Texas on January 11th, weather permitting. Plans were made at this meeting for participation in safety activities during the coming months—handing out literature and serving coffee at local FBOs, and similar projects—to assist in raising safety consciousness of local pilots. Fund raising projects were discussed.

The December meeting was held at the meeting room on December 14th, with several potential new members present. Members voted to establish a chapter scholarship fund to assist in updating proficiency, as appropriate. Future airmarking activities were discussed. Areas being considered include Burnet and Gillespie County airports, and Stinson Field in San Antonio.

Also on December 14th the chapter Christmas Party was held, once again at the charming home of Betsy Hogan and 49½er Bill, who acted as chef to produce a superb dinner for those members and their husbands attending. Members also brought to the party wrapped Christmas gifts, suitable for elderly patients, and these were taken to a local nursing home the following week by a representative group of 99s, as the chapter Christmas project.

Congratulations are in order to various chapter members: to Cynthia McGary,

who recently received her instrument instructor's rating; to Norma Barr, who won first prize in a recent Shrimp Festival cooking contest at Gulf Shores (Alabama), where she and 49½ John maintain a part-time residence; and to chapter chairman Carolyn Wetzel, who with 49½ Chuck recently won a cash prize and a trip to Acapulco in a car rally!

Carolyn and Chuck also spent Christmas in Nassau with their families; and other chapter members have also been traveling widely during the fall, both by air and other modes of transportation.

Chapter activities scheduled for the spring include a Treasure Hunt in February, a Fly-In and a Poker Run in March, an educational program in April at a local school, an airplane rally in May, and additional fund-raising projects throughout the period.

Happy New Year to all and safer flying in 1975!



Cynthia McGary, San Antonio Chapter member, who recently received her instrument instructor's rating.

SHREVEPORT CHAPTER

Marjo Wright, Reporter

SAC Bomb Competition was held at Barksdale Air Force Base in November, each base sent a top team from all across the United States and a team for Britain also competed in the bombing competition. The bases competed in booth displays and the Shreveport 99 Chapter manned the Shreveport-Bossier Tourist Bureau room. Working in shifts we handed out information, pralines, (candy) and answered questions. Did we enjoy meeting people from Maine to California!

Ninety-nines, Evelyn Snow, Mary Jo Voss and Jere Saur showed the fifth grade class of the Hillsdale Elementary School Shreveport's Downtown Airport. They toured the FAA offices, "checked-out" a CAP plane and a twin. Jere and Evelyn then visited the school to give talks on flying.

Northeastern University, Monroe, La. was the host for an intercollegiate flying meet in Nov. and our Chapter sponsored a trophy for the Preflight Event. Would like to have seen that, bet they took the plane a part piece by piece.

Our Christmas party was held December 21st with Jo Ann Carrol serving as hostess. We took this time to present the 49½ husbands with name badges to show our appreciation for the support and hard work they contributed during the year. Of course - we ate until - . Wonder if flying helps one loose pounds? Oh-well, so we'll weigh a little more next year.

Bob Mandeville, Superintendent of Airports, sent a letter of appreciation to

the Shreveport Chapter for the safety and beautification work the chapter has done.

Congratulations are in order for Helen Hewitt who received a Masters Degree from LSU, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Two of the Chapter's newest instructors, Jere Saur and Evelyn Snow soloed their first students this month. A proud moment for all.

Downtown Airport is losing a very good tower Chief, Jim Spencer. Jim is transferring to Monroe, La. soon and the chapter presented him a cake as a way to say, "Goodbye and Good Luck". Any tower would be happy to have Jim and he'll be missed in Shreveport.

SPANISH PEAKS CHAPTER

Joan M. Alyea, Reporter

December activities for the Spanish Peaks Chapter in Pueblo, Colorado, started off with our annual Christmas dinner for members and families, held at the home of Ann Courtright. Plenty of turkey and airplane talk made it an enjoyable evening.

A few days later, our secretary, Mary Ann Millbern, presented her 49½, Dick, with a baby girl, who has been named Ann Mary. A prospective member for Spanish Peaks in a few years?

Ann Frink, Joan Alyea and their 49½s are making plans for a Hawaii vacation in March with a group of other pilots. You Aloha Chapter people can expect a call from us to say hello!

Flying activities included an airport hopping tour of Colorado for Joan Alyea and 49½ Dale during Christmas vacation, and making of a movie on preflighting for use in their aviation classes in the public schools.

TEXAS DOGWOOD CHAPTER

Elaine White, Reporter

The newly formed Texas Dogwood Chapter of 99s got its collective feet wet September 21 in air marking the numbers at the Athens, Texas, airport—our first. Like many 99s before us, we lifted our eyes heavenward and hoped the rains would hold off—just long enough. They did.

With our membership geographically scattered, we have varied our meeting places. Vi Mason invited the Dogwoods for our first fly-in meeting at the Ennis airport, which she and husband Bob manage. Elinor Johnson of the Dallas Redbirds was kind enough to join us and give detailed instructions to Virginia Kuykendall, our air marking chairman. Then Chairman Peg Ong and her Nervous Navigator husband Jim greeted the Dogwoods and their husbands at a dinner meeting October 29 at the Cedar Creek Country Club, located near their marina, Donsport. Dr. Ken Kuykendall entertained the group with slides made at a summer aerobatic show, after which each 99 revealed how she got her initial interest in flying. Dorothy Duncan, prospective 99 from Tyler, and her husband DeWitt were guests. The Leon Meadows and the Lou Whinnerys from Athens, and Lil and Bob Tafel of Cedar Creek were also guests. Lil is a former 99 from the Dallas and the Dallas Redbird chapters.

The Thanksgiving holidays brought our little Texas Aggie, Sheri Jones, home for the November meeting. We met at Jones Airport in Athens, the stomping grounds for Sheri's dad, Dr. Dwight Jones, who was the instructor for several 99s in the chapter. This was a business meeting, mostly consumed by a serious discussion of proposed new International By-Laws. The chapter also recommended Helen Wells as its nominee for an Amelia Earhart scholarship.

News items: Helen Wells and her husband, Tom, hope to open their air facilities soon near Rice, Texas. Duane Perry received her commercial ticket and passed the written for her instructor's; Elaine White received her commercial license.

It is an enthusiastic group we have, and several nearby women pilots are inquiring about our activities. We only hope we can be a strong link in the prestigious chain of the 99s.



Air marking runway 17 at the Athens airport Duane Perry. Elaine White and Virginia Kuykendall.

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CAPE GIRARDEAU AREA CHAPTER

Sue Long, Reporter

At our last meeting we found that some of our Fall convention bills were "complimentary." How lucky could we be!!!! That enabled us to give full refund to all people who pre-registered but were unable to come to the convention due to bad weather. We were pleased to be able to do this.

Our own Mary Boyd from Dyersburg Tennessee is attending Law school in Memphis and hopes it won't be too long before she has that degree.

Dear Lois (Mother as I call her) has been out of the air for awhile. These cold, snowy, winter months can curtail anyone's fun (and flying) but I'm sure it won't be long before our flying friends are up and gone again.

Bright Skies.....

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Joan Boyd, Reporter

Central Illinois has had such bad weather that everyone had to drive to our

last two meetings. Even so, our last meeting at Greater Peoria airport was attended by 15 members and 4 guests. Chairman, Kathleen Wood reminded us that January 11-18 is national Women In Aviation Week. For special observance of the week members may purchase books on Amelia Earhart and proceeds will be donated to the AE Scholarship Fund. We are all busy planning the **Ill-Nines Air Derby to be held at Willard Field in Champaign this year. Dates are May 23, 24, 25, and rain date May 26.** Mary Waters, race board reported new rules: no pets or passengers will be allowed in the race planes, entrants planes own "N" numbers will be used to designate planes this year, and no spot landing contest at this derby. Also this year two teams will be working to figure race results immediately—no waiting for last minute computer results. Barbara Jenison and Jayne Schiek will meet with Neil Pobanz on transportation.

Our chapter is proud to welcome new members Sandra Bernard and Lola Tuebert, both students of our own Jean McLaughlin. Jackie Klaus was also pinned as a new member.

Jeanne Morse gave a talk on private flying to her granddaughter's school class. The children were very enthusiastic; Jeanne thinks we have several potential pilots there!

Barbara Jenison, also a member of the Illinois Aerospace Commission, has been traveling—to Springfield, Illinois twice for 3-4 days, 2 weeks in Michigan, and to Indianapolis to attend the Great Lakes Region CAP Aerospace Aviation Seminar.

Jean McLaughlin stays busy with charter and instructing—in January, she, husband Mac, and another couple will be touring Central America in a Cessna 210.

Libby Kaiser and family flew their Beach Debonair to Olathe, Kansas and toured King Radio while there. Her comment? Wish we could have brought home a plane-load of goodies!

Jayne Schiek and family flew to Detroit, Michigan for Thanksgiving and ran into 20 in. of SNOW! After shoveling the plane out, tower wouldn't let them depart. They finally made it after 3 hrs. of "conferences" with all concerned.

Theo Sommer flew her Cessna Cardinal to Tucson to be with her family over Thanksgiving and Joan Boyd logged 11 hrs. in their Cessna 182 flying family back and forth from Knoxville, Tenn. for a holiday visit.

One last item—Kay Martens, our Ways, and Means chairman, in cooperation with Betty Commons gave us a real treat last meeting. After business was finished, we toured Betty Commons beautiful home in Peoria. Donations made our treasury \$55.00 richer. What will Kay think of next?

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

Sandy Klock, Reporter

As we welcome in the new year of flying, we look back on 1974 as the year that marked Chicago Area's 40th year as a 99 chapter - and still going strong!

We had a really fascinating meeting in

November, touring the Illinois Air Guard facilities at O'Hare Airport. It started off with an interesting film on air-to-air refueling, then to the KC-97 simulator, then on to a wonderful and humorous explanation of parachute rigging and the use of parachutes and survival gear. Finally, we braved the cold rain to climb up into a KC-97 tanker, where many of us tried the left seat on for size (shades of "12 O'Clock High", with the greenhouse type windows!) and some of the more daring got down on their tummies and checked out the boom operator's birds-eye view! Accolades go to Lois Case and Juanita Harr for arranging this special meeting for us.

Christine Winzee has transferred to Chicago Area from the Connecticut Chapter, of which she was a founder. She was also winner of an Amelia Earhart Scholarship in 1966. Chris is now an inspector with the FAA GADO Office at DuPage County Airport (one of seven lady inspectors in the U.S.!), and flies her own Stearman. Welcome to our Chapter!

Chairman Ellen O'Hara got an hour of helicopter instruction. She says, "I was so intrigued and excited, there wasn't time to think about being even a little scared!"

Catching up on the news: Scotty Harmon took third place at the Michigan Air Race in '74 (co-pilot was Dick Rush from Valparaiso). Nice flying!

All of us here wish all of you everywhere a safe and happy and high-flying New Year!

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER Dorothy Stratton, Reporter

Our November meeting was held at Wilson Aviation, Fairfax Airport, Kansas City Kansas. Jany Blust was a guest at our meeting. She recently moved here from St. Louis, Nancy Campbell and Sandra Damon are new members of our chapter. Sandra just recently received her private license. Joan Reindl announced that she has been checked out in the 150 and is doing fine. Joan is making a remarkable recovery from injuries received in an automobile accident last January.

Ruth Stafford and husband Sheldon have made another flight over the Atlantic delivering two 182s to Johannesburg, South Africa.

Dorothy & Don Stratton and daughter Jean spent a weeks vacation the last of November in England. They visited their son Steve who is a junior at Oxford University and toured London.

Our November fly-out was made on the 14th to Bethany Missouri.

Nine of our members, Sectional Chairman Amy Laws and Val Johnson from St. Louis, Chapter attended a tree-setting ceremony in Atchison, Kansas. A British Oak was presented by British Ambassador Sir Peter Ramsbotham and the British Consulate from St. Louis, Val Johnson flew the tree to Atchison.

The Christmas party was at the Waldo Astoria Dinner Playhouse on Thursday December 5th—Fun!

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER Jan Pocock, Reporter



Atchison, Kansas - Amelia Earhart Memorial Airport

From left; Bobbi Miller, V-Gov. N.C. Section; Amy Laws, Governor, N.C. Section; Val Johnson; Joan Reindle, Gr. K.S. Chapter, Sir Peter Ramsbotham; Jean Wilson, V-Chmn.; Marjorie Englemann; Kathy Zimmerman, and Ginny Pacey, all of Greater K.C. Chapter

In November, when Sir Peter Ramsbotham, British Ambassador to the United States, was invited to plant a British Oak Tree in the Tree of Friendship Memorial Park at Atchison, Ks., Valera Johnson was invited to fly him from the K.C. Int'l. airport to A.E. Memorial Airport at Atchison. Val and N.C. Section Governor, Amy Laws, joined some of the K.C. Chapter gals in Atchison for a simply super time. Quite an occasion for our flyin gal Val to carry an Ambassador and a Governor, in her Bonanza in the same day!

Our various money making projects have increased the old treasury by nearly \$400, so we are all on the way to being able to provide a super weekend in St. Louis for our Section, next fall. Ways and Means chairman, Peg Kilby has come through with flying colors and we're plenty proud of her and her many helpers.

We're oh so proud too, of our 'Copter Sue! Sue has been going great guns as our local traffic-copter reporter, was one of the speakers at the Dec. 10th. Pilot Educational Meeting at - would you believe, Noah's Ark? Given the kind of weather we've had lately, I don't know but what this very fine restaurant-motel isn't a rather appropriate meeting place for an aviation safety seminar! GADO's Mr. Harrington stayed in the background as Sue joined other speakers; Larry Simms of the F.A.A., Bert Voelker, and Jim Burns in talking on the general theme of safety. The meeting place and refreshments were supplied by Noah's Ark co-owner, and flying enthusiast, Dave Flavin and your reporter thinks General Aviation is mighty fortunate to have friends like HIM!

Latest flash on Sue is that she has received word from DCA's Jean Ross Howard that she has won the Whirly Girls Scholarship which will enable her to go ahead and get that 'copter rating. We are proud of our sister 99!

Understand the 1975 has been declared "International Womans Year", with January being dedicated to Women in Aviation. Gov. Amy has advised that Gov. Bond of Missouri will officially proclaim the week of Jan. 11-18 as Missouri Women in Aviation Week. On Jan 14th., the two Govs. will meet with all Missouri Chapter

Chairman and the President of Miss Zonta Club for the official proclamation, the Capital in Jefferson City.

Our International Smorgasboar Christmas dinner, featuring contributions of dishes from all over the world was an enormous success. Things like Lois Bartlet's Crab Rangoon, Mary Lowe's Igloo Cake (?) and so many other beautiful samples of 99 cuisine certainly did nothing to help those who were on a diet!

With all the good things that have been happening around St. Louis 99s, we were unable to escape one tragedy. We were extremely sorry to hear that the husband of our brand new 99, Reta Jones was lost in the crash of his Piper Aztec and want Reta to know the Greater St. Louis Chapter shares her sorrow.

IOWA CHAPTER Annetta Haack, Reporter

November and December have been "good and bad" weather months in Iowa. 99 Sunday in November dawned MISERABLE. One brave plane flew into Mapleton. The rest of us braved the highways. Rowena Bennett, our hostess, provided a beautiful birthday cake - celebrating the 45th birthday of 99s. We were happy to have a prospective 99 and a prospective 66 at the meeting.

December was "party month". Nancy Stone (a prospective 99) opened her lovely home in Des Moines for a 99 party. Gwen McClure and Pat Hayes helped with the delicious food. We did slip a business meeting into the afternoon activities to study and make suggestions for the proposed by-law changes.

We have had some busy members. Carolyn Rowney, Sioux City, presented a program on "Women in Aviation" to an American Girl Study Group. Jeanne Bedinger, also of Sioux City, gave a talk to the SUX chapter of Quota Club about PPD.

Several new ratings too: Sonja Miller - CFI, Gwen McClure - Comm. Such busy families - their 49½s Bob Miller and Keith McClure both have new Instrument ratings.

We are deeply saddened over the death of 49½ James White of Bloomfield. Our thoughts and prayers are with LuEtt.

From the Iowa Chapter - Happy Flying in 1975.

LAKE ERIE CHAPTER Helen Koidel, Reporter

Unforgettable experiences, told and retold, often come about during an unusual rain or snow storm. Such a tale is told by Louise Murankō as "what a way to end a holiday!" The family had flown in their Cessna 210 to Palm Beach for Thanksgiving weekend. Everything went well until Sunday when they were to head back to Cleveland and learned that a heavy snowstorm was in the Lake Erie region. So they decided to spend another two days in the warm sun of Florida.

Cleveland Hopkins Airport was closed down from late Sunday through Monday, so when it opened on Tuesday, traffic was unbelievable. Over 10,000 passengers were transported in or out within a very short

time. You can imagine the traffic jam in the sky. And when do you think Louise arrived? About 5 p.m. which is normally the busiest time of the day anyway. Despite the 24 degree temperature, their landing was **hot** as they were sandwiched in between two jets - and when one of those is on your tail, you just don't dilly-dally around! It was a rather bumpy final approach, but they did get down safely.

Louise is just one of the very active members of this new chapter which is bringing its first year of existence to a close. It is encouraging to the officers and committee heads to have such a high percentage of active participation. Air marking was a big project this past summer and local news and TV coverage made local residents more aware of the efforts of the 99s.

Barb Baron recently received her instructor's rating and is now busy doing flight instructing at the Wheeling, Ohio County Airport.

LAKE MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Evelyn Borst, Reporter

Our Chapter held a sewing bee at Fowlerville in the Home Ec Room with Marian Eggleston and Natalie Kreeger as hostesses.

Esther Bennett is Whirley Girl no. 187 with Commerical Helicopter Rating. The Bellaire Autumn Festival and small Rally was considered a success. There were 250 people in attendance for the Saturday Seminars and banquet. The Seminars were pronounced excellent with top men from the manufacturers handling the panel discussions. About 150 planes Flight Planned in Sunday morning but had to turn back because of weather. A big disappointment to everyone.

We joined with the Michigan Chapter for our Christmas Party in Ann Arbor on December 14th. Weather was bad but quite a few made it driving.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Betty Crook, Reporter

The Michigan Chapter celebrated the Yuletide season with a Christmas party at the Briarwood Hilton in Ann Arbor. Pat Domas coordinated the arrangements. Members of the Lake Michigan Chapter were invited to join us for the festivities.

The November meeting was held in Port Huron and featured a program by John MacMurray who is a meteorologist from Channel 12, TV, Flint. In spite of inclement weather, many members attended this interesting meeting.

Kay Brick and Barbara Evans of the International AWTAR Board were in Michigan October 26-27 to begin finalizing plans for the AWTAR Terminus which will be held at Boyne Mt. the first week in July, 1975. A meeting was held in Lansing on Friday and one at Boyne Mt. on Saturday. Those attending included Winnie DuPerow, Terminus Chairman, Marretta Simpson, Terminus Co-Chairman, and the different committee chairmen for the terminus. The meetings received radio and television publicity in northern Michigan.

Note to Colorado 99s: Marilyn Sidwell is

now residing at 382 Cypress St., Broomfield, Colorado. Broomfield is situated about ten miles north of Denver. Marilyn relocated after taking a job there in Flight Standards for the FAA.

Lillian Snyder has been appointed to the Detroit Aviation Advisory Commission. She and Louise Timkin flew to Los Angeles in Louise's Lear Jet where they attended the National Business Aviation Association Meeting. They stopped enroute in Wichita where International President, Pat McEwen came out to the airport to visit. While in Los Angeles, they had dinner with Marion Banks and Wanda Cummings. Lillian also attended the AOPA Plantation Party in Hollywood, Florida.

In January the Michigan Chapter will join the Zonta Club of Detroit for their annual Amelia Earhart Commemorative Brunch. This year has been designated International Women's Year by the United Nations. January will honor women in aviation, and the Amelia Earhart Brunch will take on an added significance. Proclamations have been issued by the Governor of Michigan and the Mayor of Detroit. Loma May is coordinating the arrangements for this special event.

QUAD CITY CHAPTER

Judy Hodges, Reporter

Congratulations go to Fern Rathe for getting her Multi-Engine rating in her Seneca.

We are most fortunate to have in our possession a copy of a previously unpublished picture of Amelia Earhart, taken by a relative of Marie Merdian. The picture was taken in Galesburg, Illinois for possible publication in the newspaper, but not used for that purpose. It is believed to be one of the last pictures taken before she began her trip around the world in 1937. Marie Merdian was the first Chairman of Quad City Area Chapter of Ninety Nines, Inc. Marie has sent a copy to National Headquarters and copy will be given to the Metropolitan Airport Authority at Moline Airport.

At our November meeting we discussed the National Bylaws and one item that sparked considerable discussion was the classification of membership. We felt that a member should not be forced to go inactive just because she lost her medical. In many instances, this person could be very valuable as an officer and member with full privileges. By the same token, it was felt that members with active medicals who do not keep current should not be considered as active as those who do. Therefore, the following classifications were recommended: 1. Active-with current Biennial. 2. Active-with loss of medical 3. Inactive-one who has not attended at least three meetings in the last year 4. Life-optional after specified number of years. It was also felt that Life Members should not be prevented from holding office or voting.

Carolyn Pobanz and Judy Hodges flew to Chicago for the weekend and Von Alter recently returned from a trip to Colorado Springs to visit her family. Von and Charlie Alter will be departing for Australia on February 20 for a vacation.

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GARDEN STATE CHAPTER

Dolores Jane Zillncar, Reporter

Our November meeting at Sharon Country Club was a double "first" - first meeting at the combined Country Club and Trenton-Robbinsville Airport and first meeting under the Chairmanship of Claire Kurica and her new officers. The meeting was preceded by our ever popular spot-landing contest, conducted by Wanda Mammel and her 40½ Lewis. Mary Kern took first place with Louise Meisner a close second. Louise had just returned from the Florida Keys in her Cherokee 180. She is perhaps best remembered for naming our proficiency race the GARDEN STATE 300. Our new chairman is quite an organizer. Claire's ability to get all members involved is an accomplishment one can readily foresee. Stephana Gredsted, vice-chairman, also airmarking chairman, says Manahawkin Airport is the next project, and marking with "Steve" is really just plain fun.

Rox Lavin, who has earned a Commercial Rating, will head a committee to select new uniforms for our Chapter. Janice Blackburn passed her commercial written and acquired a new Mooney. Janice will also serve as Chairman for the 1975 GARDEN STATE 300. Committees are being formed. Grace McGuire is busy working on her Instructors' Rating.

Since 1975 has been designated "International Women's Year" the Zonta Club of Washington D.C. and the Washington Ninety-Nines are hosting a dinner at the Washington Hilton on January 11th - the 40th anniversary of Amelia Earhart's flight from Honolulu to San Francisco.

Our annual Christmas meeting was gay, informative and an over-all smash hit. Jane Martin's 49½ Stewart "Stew" made a jolly and witty Santa while distributing gifts to all the girls. Though we had a great turnout, we missed former Chairman and Governor, Jerry Roberts who was snowed in at Vermont where she was supervising restoration of their New England vacation home. Before starting her project in Vermont Jerry and 49½ Hal spent three weeks visiting in Ohio, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Indiana and Virginia. Jerry had an enjoyable meeting with International President, Pat McEwen. Jerry is also State Chairman for American Indian Children. While visiting Springfield, South Dakota and Muskogee, Oklahoma, Jerry and Hal visited Indian schools and an Indian Girls College. They also stopped at Evansville, Indiana to discuss the Angel Derby with staff since that city is one of the race stops. No retiring in the life of the retired Governor of the New York - New Jersey Section. And that's the Truth!

GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER Sally Buegeleisen Reporter

On November seventh, the Greater New York Chapter opened the winter season with a gala program called "Dinner With Max", at the Wings Club in New York City. "Max", of course, is world distance record holder Max Conrad, long a friend of the Ninety-Nines. More than one hundred people attended the dinner at which he was the featured speaker. He illustrated his talk with slides taken on his last record attempt, a flight around the world by way of the Poles.

Among the dinner guests were Robert Stanton, head of the Eastern District, FAA and Mrs. Stanton; Ruth Dobrescu, Doris Miller and Judy Meltsner, who are Governor, Vice-Governor and Secretary of the New York Section. There were, in fact, so many familiar faces and old friends in aviation that mention of any of them is sure to omit some other equally well loved. At the risk of missing someone (but in the hope that none of those not named will be offended) there was general delight in seeing Claire Kurica, Chairman of the Garden State Chapter; Kay Brick, former chairman of AWTAR; Jean Batchelder and friends from the Northern New England Chapter; Stu Moak and his P-47 Thunderbird buddies; the CAP group from Westchester County Airport; Willie Hanzlik, of Flushing Airport; Leonard Greene, President of Safe Flight, and his wife Joyce, a prospective Ninety-Nine; Herb Fisher, newly retired from the New York Port Authority; and Jacques Istel (the man who makes parachutes) with Ninety-Nine wife Felicia.

Jacques asked to say a few words, and then proceeded to recall how he had written to Max many years ago, asking about overseas flights. He remembered with affection the long, detailed letter Max had taken the trouble to write in reply to a stranger. Jacques and Felicia have since flown their Twin Comanche around the world, thanks, Jacques insisted, to the encouragement he received originally from Max.

Max is the subject of a biography, INTO THE WIND, written by Sally Buegeleisen (a member of the Greater New York Chapter) and published by Random House. The evening presented a unique opportunity to have copies of the book autographed by both Max and his biographer. Seated at the head table with Max, besides the Stantons, were Doris Renninger, representing the membership committee of the Wings Club; Penny Amabile, Program Chairman for the evening; Phyllis Sproul, Chairman of the Greater New York Chapter; Robert Loomis, Senior Editor of Random House; and Sally Buegeleisen.

Phyllis Sproul introduced the evening's program, and then turned the microphone over to Sally, who paid tribute to the book's editor, Robert Loomis (a Bonanza pilot) and introduced Max. The Flying Grandfather was in rare form. He captured his audience with a particularly tall tale told with an absolutely straight face, and then held them with the story of that last record flight that ended in a dramatic crash

at the South Pole. He concluded his talk, as he always does, with the very touching "Flyers Rosary". The evening ended with a standing ovation for the seventy-one year old veteran pilot who still envies world records.



Famous Max Conrad, feted at a dinner by the Greater N.Y. Chapter, shown with author Sally Buegeleisen, who wrote the book about Max, INTO THE WIND, and (r) Bob Loomis, Senior Editor of publishers, the Random House.

PALISADES CHAPTER

Helen Egan Levy, Reporter

A fledgling has flown the nest - we are proud to have been part of the enthusiasm, camaraderie and "know-how" of the Greater New York Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., and dip our wings in salute to all who made the Palisades Chapter possible. In soaring on our own, we do not forget from whence we came; each of our members pledges to continue and enhance the spirit and goals of this ever-growing organization. **Palisades' territory encompasses the geographical area from the south end of the Hudson Valley Chapter to the north end of the Garden State Chapter, East to the Hudson River and West to the Delaware River.**

As of September 1, 1974, the twenty-five Charter Members fly by with a "tally-ho"! Not listed in the Roster are Anne Conlin, of Mahwah, N.J., and Barbara Pigott, of Warren, N.J. After September, Susan Goch joined us, making a total of 26 Chapter members.

A September "Pool Party", held at Rich and Peggy Naumann's home, was the official launching of our Chapter, in-



L to R: Clarice Bellino, Secretary; Carol Leipzig, Vice-Chairman; Betty Barlia, Chairman; Blossom Friedman, Membership Chairman; Louise Galfas, Treasurer.

September, 1974 - At the first meeting of the new Palisades Chapter - N. Y. - N. J. Section, The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

Pool Party held at residence of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Naumann, 55 Westover Ave., West Caldwell, N.J. - a "99" and "49½" respectively.

stalling Betty Barlia as Chairman; Carol Leipzig, Vice-Chairman; Clarice Bellino, Secretary; Louise Galfas, Treasurer. Guest of Honor was Ruth Dobrescu, Governor, N.Y. - N.J. Section, accompanied by her 49½, Charles.

The Section Meeting, October 19th, was well-represented by our Chapter members; November 9th brought the second meeting in the form of a luncheon "fly-in" to Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton Airport.

Many members attended the First Annual Aviation Awards Dinner, sponsored by MAPA, in honor of John Karp, Mr. Safety, and Lou Ranley, Mr. Teterboro, on December 4th, at The Cameo, Garfield, N.J.; a chance for dress-up, hangar talk and get-together with pilots in the area. A Christmas Party brought us together on Saturday, December 14th, in good cheer at the home of Betty and Lou Barlia in Oakland, N. J. All guests made merry but brought gifts to be presented to Belleville Children's Shelter in Belleville, N.J., so others could enjoy a Merry Christmas.

Plans for 1975 started off with a January business meeting at which the Constitution and By-Laws were discussed; Spring will see the airmarking of Caldwell-Wright Airport and an Antique Airplane Show at Lincoln Park Airport when our N.J. weather warms up.

All good wishes from Palisades Chapter to all of you for a Happy Flying New Year.

New England Section

CONNECTICUT - MAINE
MASSACHUSETTS - NEW HAMPSHIRE
RHODE ISLAND - VERMONT

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

Vivian Utko, Reporter

Vivian Utko is talking to you now, replacing the well traveled Audrey Sweet. She is constantly traveling hither and yon without a "rest period" to sit down and write a newsletter, the lucky gal.

Flight activities in our Chapter have slowed down in the past few weeks due to our North Eastern weather patterns. Peg and Don Davidson managed to squeeze in a business trip to Wash. D.C. for a week fortunately by-passed bad weather both ways.

Our November meeting, a special "new members" meeting extended to all Women pilots in the area including students, was well attended. The meeting which was preceded by dinner, was highlighted by NASA film of the workings of Apollo 16. Ruth (Crowell) Zimmerman, was present with our new 49½, Mr. Z. and we congratulated them with a wedding cake, replacing our usual donuts.

We're feeling so professional now with our airmarking activities, and to top it off we received special attention for our efforts plus a photo in the winter issue of the Conn. Aviation Newsletter. How nice to have a professional news photographer as one of our members. Carol Phelps, and now as we complete one of our airmarkings they are photographically



The Conn. Chapter had a CAVU day for this air-marking event. Skylark Airport is in S. Windsor, Conn. We also marked and painted the runway numbers for them. Photo by Carol Phelps

recorded on the spot. Carol recently had a rendezvous with a "mail" pilot to gather material for a photo-essay on flying the mail. The mail run was from Boston-Logan Airport to LaGuardia Airport in N.Y. City in a twin Beech G-18. The story will be published shortly in two local newspapers.

Our annual Christmas party took place in December and was well attended at the home of Carol Phelps. Gee, Carol just became a member of the 99s this past year and she has contributed to our activities two-fold.

Our monthly "fly-for-lunch-bunch" got rained out in November, but the Dec. date, although minimum VFR, took place at White Plains Airport with a delightful guest. We chanced to meet a Lake Michigan Chapter member, Esther Bennett, who was passing the time of day waiting for her passenger to return from his business meeting. Esther joined us for lunch, making her time pass faster, and then departed in her company's Aero-Star. Isn't that what the 99s is all about?

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Margaret B. Brown, Reporter

Our November meeting at Joan Burley's home was preceded by a pizza party. After thoroughly discussing the subjects on the questionnaire about the Ninety-Nine Bylaws and deciding on our answers.

Charles Bohanowicz of Pioneer Aviation at Turner's Falls, Mass., hosted our Christmas party on December twenty-second. We were honored guests, and in gratitude to him for his many kindnesses to our chapter in years past, we presented him with a Ninety-Nines Certificate of Appreciation. Mary Shea did the beautiful artistic lettering on it, and matted and framed the certificate. The local newspaper photographer was there to record the event, and Charles was overjoyed at our expression of thanks for his neverfailing support of our activities.

Alexandra Taylor flew to Washington, D.C., for the annual membership meeting of the National Pilots' Association, where she had a chance to meet and talk to some of the best-known names in aviation.

Joanie Burley has been named the Administrative Assistant for the Westover Task Force. She has been working for this group since its beginning, and ably

deserves this important position. The Task Force is in charge of the redistribution of the surplus properties of Westover Air Force Base, as this multi-million dollar complex is being deactivated. Recently, Joanie flew left seat in a Bell TurboCharged helicopter while it was on a local aerial photographic mission.

Our itinerant member, Sue Stidham, who recently received her Doctorate, is now working for Texas Instruments in Dallas, Texas. She is very much involved with the computer part of the Air Traffic Control Programs.

Each chapter member is working on her respective jobs for Women in Aviation Week, contacting various Mayors' Offices, the newspapers, and television and radio stations. Our local Zonta contacts have been very helpful, and we look forward to a successful celebration honoring AE and all women in aviation and the aeronautical sciences.

HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER

Arlene Spiesman, Reporter

Since we have been so busy here in the Hudson Valley, we almost forgot to let the rest of the world know what we've been doing. In October, for instance, the Hudson Valley and Central New York 99s sponsored an extremely successful Empire 300 Race. Entered in the race were twenty-one male and female contestants. The team of Donald Albanese and William Steinfeld won the event and were later honored at the Holiday Inn in Schenectady where a crowd of 125 had gathered. Second place honors also were awarded to Helen Zubrow and Anne Shields that Saturday night. Due to the inconvenience of distance caused by meeting in different areas of our vast New York State, we have now become two groups of 99s. The Central New York Chapter includes the Syracuse and the Utica sectors, while the Hudson Valley Chapter includes Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Kingston and Schenectady. Gertrude Felsen, a commercially rated pilot, is the new chairwoman of our chapter. On Saturday, November 2, at Sky Park in Red Hook, the Hudson Valley Chapter heard an informational lecture on ballooning by the expert balloonist Bill Hughes. Unfortunately the ladies were unable to have a balloon ride because of the high winds in the Red Hook area that day. Several of the 99s, including June Simpson and Patty Barone were there waiting at five in the morning for that balloon ride. On December 14 our guest speaker was Jon Keel, a UFO specialist and the author of such books as *Our Haunted Planet* and *Strange Creatures in Time & Space*. In attendance were five new prospective 99s, three 49½s and nine regulars. Another highlight of the meeting was the TV showing of our own 99s in action. We are fortunate to have June Simpson, who is our TV director and producer, putting us on the local news media. On December 15 June Simpson, a member of the Civil Air Patrol at Orange Co. Airport demonstrated, with assistance from three student nurses (also pilots), several emergency operations at the site of air crashes.

Our Direct Relief Foundation is underway with Ginny Styles, Julie Price and myself contacting local hospitals, auxiliaries and doctors. Anyone across the country with valuable hints and information, please let us hear from you.

Congratulations to our very own Doris Miller, our brand new Vice-governor of New York-New Jersey Section.

Middle East Section

DELAWARE - MARYLAND
PENNSYLVANIA - VIRGINIA

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER Mary Galbraith, Reporter

The November chapter meeting was held at the lovely home of Doctors Marjorie and Champ Pool in Wormleysburg. Because of the beautiful weather, many of the girls were able to fly-in.

99 doings: Alice Fuchs flew to Denver to work with Jeppesen & Co. in preparing aviation material for Piper Aircraft's training program. Ronnie Johnson and hubby, Ray, attended the Piper sales meeting at Disneyworld. "Boots" Husted and 49½ Rod sailed the Carribean on the new Queen Elizabeth II. At about the same time, Joyce Williamson and husband chartered a 41-foot sailboat out of St. Vincent and explored the Windward Islands.

Our annual Christmas dance, held in State College, was well attended and proved to be an enjoyable evening. The orchestra consisted of members of the Pennsylvania Blue Band of Penn State University with our 99 Chris Ann Myers singing several numbers. Hazel Bartolet and Carolyn Harbolis deserve thanks for producing a successful party.



Dr. Marjorie Pool, Central Pa. Chapter DRF Chairman and Mary Galbraith loading Mary's Navion for DRF flight



Chairman Carol Windsor (straw hat) conducting pool-side meeting of Central Pa. Chapter

Helen Sheffer, chapter APT chairman, organized a Civil Air Patrol Flight Clinic giving the biennial flight check rides out of Williamsport Airport with the assistance of Marian Garbrick.

We welcome Ann Turley as a new member to our chapter.

Newest APT member is Beverly Bailey.

MARYLAND CHAPTER Paulette Jones, Reporter

December brought much busyness and fun as the holiday season does. "Introduction to Flying" classes at the YWCA will be offered again since it was such a success in October.

Jack Poage's banner-towing Decathlon announced a new grandchild for Roy and Sally Williams; clever and much enjoyed!

Jill Brown was accepted at the Naval Flight Training Center. Edna Somerlock got her ATP. Kay Bays has added Flight Instructor to her list of achievements.

Our chapter had a great Christmas party—covered dish dinner at the home of our chapter chairman Rene Birch. Guests from Aldino Airport helped with the festivities which included initiation of three new 49½s and a baby picture-guessing contest. Really a fun time!



Maryland Chapter Chairman Rene Birch was the instructor at this session of the "FLY WITH THE Y" classes. She was aided in other sessions by 99's Ginny Vogel, left, Sally Williams, right, Kay Bays, June Hanson, and Annabelle Fera.



Three members of the Bel Air YWCA and Md. 99's "Introduction to Flying" classes join CFI Annabelle Fera in a preflight inspection of her Cessna before takeoff on, for several, their very first flights. Kay Bays piloted a Piper 140 to help with the orientation rides.

VIRGINIA CHAPTER Kendra J. Roth, Reporter

Armed with paint, brushes, and ladder, the Virginia Chapter managed to paint one side of the Portsmouth tetrahedron. Rain prevented the original attempt earlier in October.

The third Saturday in November proved to be a beautiful day for flying to our

meeting in Luray, Virginia. There was even a little snow on the Shenandoah Mountains. Caroline Schutt, from the Bay Cities Chapter, joined us. We are happy to have her with us while she is in the area.

Our very own Orientarion, Janie Allen, announced that she would hold a class on Orietary in Charlottesville. According to hostess, Mary Ann McConochie, quite a few people participated in this unusual sport. (Ed. note: We give up. Whatzit?)

The Aerodrome at the Holiday Inn in Richmond was the setting for our Christmas party. Many 49½'s joined us for dinner and later a party hosted by the New Kent Airport.

Our Chapter has now accepted for membership, three lady pilots. They are Bev Cosby, Dottie Hartle and Kendra Roth.

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

Another great fly-in, this time to historic Williamsburg, Virginia, highlighted November activities, staged by Bea Wilder and Betty Fisher. Two-part business meetings invite maximum member participation—one part for fly-inners who cannot attend weeknight meetings; the other part for those who are tied up on weekends.

Part I this month took place after brunch at Williamsburg. It featured Jo Eddelman telling about her new book, **Cows on the Runway**, due out in January. Lucy Thompson attended from the Virginia Chapter.

Part II, held at Mary Horner's house, let us welcome our newest member, Emily Jones, and Helen King, who we hope will join us. Millie Wenzel and Francine Bowman made the evening practically a reunion since their own flying duties have kept them from our fly-ins. Francine has accrued more than 500 flying hours during the past year by instructing weekends at the Quantico Flying Club. She is being posted by the State Department to Africa's Ivory Coast next spring.

About the most exciting event going right now is the January 11 kickoff to International Women's Year. The Washington, D.C. 99's, co-hosting with the D.C. Zontas, inaugurate this year-long celebration at the Washington Hilton Hotel with a tribute to Women in Aviation and the Aerospace Sciences. It promises to attract some of aviation's most prominent people as well as top names in government and business. Fay Wells is overall coordinator. Gladys Wise, as Chapter Chairman, serves as co-Chairman with the Zonta President. Jean Howard, Fran Nolde, Blanche Noyes, Mary Jo Oliver, Francine Bowman, Mary Caroline Adler, Marlene Clark, Irene Wirtshafer are among our prominent members already working or scheduled to begin work to make the evening a roaring success. The IWY tribute, tied to the 40th anniversary of Amelia Earhart's record-breaking flight from Hawaii to the mainland, will trace achievements of women in aviation from that date to the present.

The Chapter voted overwhelmingly to

support and assist Maryann Jessup, Section Governor, in achieving an Advisory Status to the United Nations for the Ninety Nines. We urge all Chapters to inquire about and back this unique opportunity.

Southeast Section

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

ALABAMA CHAPTER Juanita Halstead, Reporter

The Alabama Chapter had a great meeting in Luverne on Nov. 3, with hostess Sunny Turner. Weather was perfect, members enthusiastic and glad to get together and to top it all our Governor, Bee Reid flew down in her beautiful green Bonanza.

We were pleased to have with us, as guests, besides Bee, Ann Rocka Pensacola, Florida; Billie Powell, Luverne; Wilma Grevey and Betty Willcott, both from Jasper; and Vivian Cannon from Montgomery. All of these girls are prospective 99s and we are looking forward to having them with us.

Luverne's airport had had an extension this year and since Sunny flies out of Luverne she thought and the rest of us agreed, that the new runway should be numbered. So, when we departed there it was, in bright white paint 22 and 04. We were quite proud of it and know many others will appreciate them in the future.

Chairman, Miriam Pullins went over business and heard chairman reports. Then we all found a nice cool spot and ate our picnic lunches.

On Dec. 8th, twenty odd, including several 49½s arrived in Montgomery. Juanita & Foy Halstead were hosts for lunch at their home in the country.

Even though it was a bit early the Christmas tree was up and gifts were exchanged.

A short business meeting was held. Proposed By-Law changes were reviewed and opinion given.

Amid low hanging, scuddy clouds everyone departed to meet on Jan. 5th in Huntsville.

Hope everyone has had a Happy Safe Holiday.

BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER Virginia Gilreath, Reporter

Newly formed Blue Ridge Chapter of the Southeast Section was honored to have International Treasurer Janet Green from Ocean Springs, Mississippi to present their charter. The lovely ceremony was held in Asheville, N. C. at the beautiful new Great Smokies Hilton with 60 people attending the happy occasion.

The 6 charter members are Louise White, Ruby Lee Eason, Virginia Gilreath, Lee Orr, Elaine Cave and Frieda Zollinger. The Chapter now has a total of 33 members.

The following members have been elected to office. **Louise White, Chapter**

Chairman; Ruby Lee Eason, Vice Chairman; Priscilla Stickney, Secretary; Frieda Zollinger, Treasurer.

Chapter members appointed by the Chairman are Virginia Gilreath, Chapter Reporter; Betty Caldwell, A.P.T. Chairman; Lee Orr, Membership Chairman; Joyce Cannon, Amelia Earhart Chairman; Nina Tweed, Airmarking; Barbara Carter, Museum Chairman; Hilda Goley, Air-Age Education; Carolyn Pilaar, Current Events; Lucy Merritt, Flying Activities; Mary Ellen Castelloe, History (Scrapbook); Carol McKinney, Public Relations; Libba Brown, Social Chairman.

The Blue Ridge Chapter is hard at work to be 100 per cent A.P.T. soon. Recently Betty Caldwell received her commercial license, Carolyn Pilaar earned her A&P license, many others are working on Instrument, C.F.I. and Ground Instructor's ratings.

The Chapter will have monthly Fly-In meetings on the 4th Sunday at different locations.

Judging by the number of lady student pilots in our area who have been attending our meetings, the Chapter has tremendous potential to enlarge even more in the near future.

The Blue Ridge Chapter expresses their gratitude for now being a part of a great 99 organization with outstanding lady pilots all over the world. May we all unite together today for a brighter tomorrow and work towards reaching new heights in aviation.



Left to right—International Treasurer, Janet Green presenting Chairman Louise White with the Blue Ridge Chapter Charter in Asheville, North Carolina.

DEEP SOUTH CHAPTER Betty W. McNabb, Reporter

Deep South Chapter—small but going. Who are we, and what did we do in 1974? By roster and calendar, then:

CARNURU, Carolyn (Kennedy): Comanche Pilot. Received a Nursing degree and a new husband in 1974. Practices her nursing profession in Columbus, Ga.

DARLEY, Pat: Hard-working Business Administration teacher in the Cordele, Ga., high school.

DEEN, Marie: Newest member; from Moultrie, Ga., flies Cherokee 140.

FIELDS, Maggie: Tallahassee. Hostess wid mostes' for 1973 and 1974 Deep South Christmas parties. Works with husband in Wallpaper paste business. Races Hobeycats on the Gulf Coast. Flies Cessna 182.

HALL, Judy: Macon, Ga. Husband Jerry

is recovering from heart attack; Judy is PIC of brand new Skyhawk 99JH, using her new instrument rating. Active in Macon Pilots' Association. Accident Prevention Counselor. Past Chairman. Delegate, Puerto Rico convention.

McNABB, Betty: Arrow. Hospital consultant, speaker, writer. Assistant, Air Operations, USCG Aux, viii district. Just received National Commander's Citation, Civil Air Patrol. (Highest Senior Training award.) Finished 10 years on 99s International Board and this year undertook scrapbooks. Betty is an Accident Prevention Counselor and a flight instructor. Talked to Central New York Pilots' Association this spring, wonderful 99 hospitality.

REIS, Lee D.: Busy career woman in Savannah area; keeps Mooney hot as a business tool.

STRONG, Alyce: with 49½ Byron, flew 9000 miles in their Cardinal this summer, Alaska and Canada. Shows her fabulous slides at pilot meeting by frequent invitation.

TOMAN, Joyce: Chapter Chairman. Civic leader—PTA prez, Girl Scout leader, Little League sponsor. Flies Cessna 150. **VIRGINIA McKEE**, Joyce's mother, commutes between home chapter, Indiana, and Greenwood, Florida home-cum-strip, is active in both chapters! We appreciate borrowing her. Flies Cessna 150 and Aero Commander.

WRIGHT, Esther: Her 182, sports a new garnet and gold paint job. Accident Prevention Counselor. Flight Instructor. Holiday Inn Keeper. International Committee Chairman, 99s, Air Marking. **WACOA**. Racing pilot, placing and bringing home trophies frequently.

MYERCHIN, Sandy: Lives in Atlanta, teaches Executive reading and speaking skills for Department of Human Resources. Attended Puerto Rico convention.

PETERSON, Nancy: Other half of Peterson Field, FBO in middle Georgia.

1974 calendar included fly-ins; Biennial Flight Review Seminar; Navigation exercise in which four chapters participated; speakers on two vacation flying (Holidays with Wings); seminars in Atlanta (Alyce and Betty); assisting with safety seminars in Georgia and Florida.



Herb Schaaf, GADO Safety Specialist, Atlanta, Ga., with his three Accident Prevention Counselors from the Deep South Chapter. Herb presented the chapter a plaque in appreciation of their efforts, the chapter gave him a Gold Safety Pin in thanks for his assistance to them. The counselors are Judy Hall, Betty McNabb, and Esther Wright.

Deep South presented Herb Schaaf of Southern Region GADO, Safety Specialist in Georgia, with a gold safety pin, in gratitude for his continued kindnesses and assistance to the chapter.

Meetings are the first Sunday of each month and y'all come.

FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER Doris Herndon, Reporter

The beautiful home of Dr. Rothmeyer in Chrystal River was the scene of the November meeting of the Florida Suncoast 99s. It was a Saturday meeting and held in conjunction with the Flying Farmers. Jenny Cook, a loyal and enthusiastic 99, was chosen to represent the Florida Suncoast Chapter as applicant for the A. E. scholarship. Good luck Jenny! A special welcome to our new members: Terry Walters, Christy Sample and Thelma Isenhower.

Our annual get together with the Grasshoppers was held in December. The very gracious Juanita Blumberg was our hostess at this affair. It is always a pleasure to visit Juanita and her lovely home 'Tranquility'. I am sure everyone will agree that the November and December meetings were informative and enjoyable. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and safe New Year.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER Belle Hedges, Reporter

The first Memphis event of the International Woman's Year in 1975 will be the Ninety-Nines luncheon in honor of Amelia Earhart, the 11th of January, with guest speaker Sandra Simmons, a Dallas 99.

Our members have been flying many hours locally and afar. Jean and William McCarthy flew their 1945 Navion to Houston. Netta and Doug Holden had a great flight in their Bellanca Viking to Spokane's Expo '74 and then on to Vancouver, B.C.

Not many future mothers-in-law can take their daughter's fiancé for a local sightseeing flight! Steve Bowen was greatly impressed with Mary's mom, Carolyn Sullivan, after their fun flight.

Our nation's capitol is most awe inspiring any time, but when Belle and Posey Hedges (with children Darwin and Posey, III) flew right up the Potomac, past Mt. Vernon, the monuments of Jefferson, Lincoln and Washington, to land at Washington, D.C., they all felt a great surge of patriotism. In their Bonanza V35B they were treated even better than the big boys when the kindly ground controller told a 747 to "give way to the little one!" The fine treatment didn't stop there either. Enroute to New York they were vectored right up the Hudson to the Statue of Liberty, held for two 360's over the Empire State Building, then landed right in front of Eastern at LaGuardia!

The beautifully decorated, warmly inviting home of Hilda and Doyle Savage was the festive setting for forty merrymakers to celebrate the annual Christmas party. Funny gifts, fantastic food and flying friends all mixed easily to make a happy, merry, Christmas, happening.

New Year's Resolutions? Think about this: the second most contagious force is **ENTHUSIASM!** However, the foremost contagious force is **LACK** of enthusiasm. **STRIVE IN '75!**



Mrs. Virginia Proctor, Memphis Chapter, is sworn in by Arkansas Supreme Court Justice Frank Holt for her second term on the Arkansas Aeronautical Commission.

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER Jenny McWilliams, Reporter

Southeast Section and South Central Section members, please take note: The Mississippi Chapter and the South Louisiana Chapter are already working very hard to make our 1976 Spring Joint-Section Meeting one you will thoroughly enjoy and won't want to miss. The dates are **April 22 through 25, 1976, in Baton Rouge, La.**, so mark your calendar now. We want to see the ramp in Baton Rouge FILLED with your airplanes bearing the Bicentennial Logo!!! Jot the dates down now!

Our November meeting was held in Jackson with the main topic being the 1976 Spring Sectional. Special guests were Polly Baughman, Chairman of the South Louisiana Chapter, Pat Ward, and Molly Stockwell. They arrived via a turbine-powered Bell Ranger II helicopter, courtesy of The Hilton at Corporate Square in Baton Rouge. Ernestine Mahan is our chapter's chairman of the A.E. Scholarship Committee, and fortunately her broken ankle will not interfere with her paper work on the application forms for our 1975 Candidate—Peggy McCormick.

We welcome Harriett Hall to the 99s.

BRAVOS are **again** in order for Janet Green who recently passed her ATP written examination!!

The CFI Clinic for Flight Instructor Airplane Course that was co-sponsored by the Mississippi Chapter was a tremendous success. There were 130 registrants, two of whom were Mississippi 99s—Dot Etheridge and Margaret Shipley.

Our Mississippi Air Tour has ten planes participating, at the latest count, so we expect that to turn out very well, also.

Bernice Kelly has arranged three T.V. interviews lately for our members. Kitty Green, Ethel Radzewicz, and Margaret Shipley all did a very fine job on what is a far-reaching benefit for our chapter.

January 11, 1975, is **LAUNCH DAY** for **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR 1975**; plans for our January regular monthly meeting include a joint Luncheon with the Jackson (MS) Chapter of Zonta International. Janet Green, International Treasurer, and member of the Mississippi Chapter, will be the Guest Speaker. Further celebration of AE Day will include

yet another T.V. appearance for our Mississippi members: As the members arrive at Bruce Campbell Field in Jackson, a local station will be on hand for inflights, landing, and taxiing shots, as well as individual interviews. As we share in the Salute to Women in Aviation, let us broaden our scope and include **all** women pilots, 99s, and non-99s, as well.



Fran Salles, Mississippi Air Tour Coordinator, is pictured with a group of Mississippi 99s at a recent meeting to finalize the Mississippi Air Tour. The tour will begin in Olive Branch on December 26, and end at Gulfport on January 1, with intermediate stops in 11 other Mississippi cities. From left to right are Ms. Salles; Caroline Cheek, Clinton; Jenny McWilliams, Jackson; Michelle Clunan, Canton; and Peggy McCormick, Greenwood. The tour is being sponsored by the Travel and Tourism Department of the Mississippi Agricultural and Industrial Board, the Mississippi Aeronautics Commission and the Mississippi Chapter of 99s.

NORTH GEORGIA CHAPTER Carolyn Steele, Reporter

We began this year with our annual Installation Banquet on Sept. 14. It was held at the Chattahoochee Plantation Club in Atlanta, Georgia. The chapter thoroughly enjoyed the fun, food and good times. Kay Guice and Pauline Mallary presented slides and narrative from the International Convention in Puerto Rico for the program.

Pauline Mallary and Mavis Cheek represented the chapter at the Fall Sectional Meeting on Marco Island. From reports it was really well done.

The next chapter function was our Fall Rummage and Bake Sale held in Bremen, Georgia. The weather cooperated and made for a lovely Fall day.

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 Alyce and Byron Strong; Flying the Rockies in the Winter by Carolyn Steele and Flying in Mexico by Wanda Cummings. It is M.C. by Kay Guice and coordinated by Pauline Mallary. We are presenting this jointly with the Deep South, so the billing is 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. Members present were: Kay Guice,

Pauline Mallary, Carolyn Steele, Carolyn Upton, Carolyn Baker, Janice Massee, Evelyn Trammell, Lois Lacy, Paula Schwartz, Peggy Husby and Virginia Yates. The program presented by the FAA was most informative about how to prevent accidents before they happen. This also gave us a chance to meet many other pilots in the Atlanta area.

Congratulations to Doris Engerrand on getting her Instrument Rating.

South African Section

Merle Ball, Reporter

Much like a handful of wheat tossed into a 30-knot wind, so are the "99s" scattered over the southern tip of the African Continent. This makes regular contact that much more difficult, but there are some shreds of news to report.

Our Annual South African Flying Championship Competition, always a duel between the guys and gals, is made up of three precision flying tests under three different examiners, plus a written paper. This year's event was based at Virginia, Durban, on the 29th-30th November. Congrats to Auriel Miller for topping the contest with 85.67 per cent, and runner-up Tricia Owen, who hit 83.89 per cent. The next two places were filled by males with figures of 78.39 per cent and 77.99 per cent.

Understandably, Auriel also scooped the "Best Woman Pilot" award and, with Tricia, did us all proud. We would be so happy to have Tricia join the ranks of the "99s". Two of last year's top performers were missed, however: Charmaine Clane and Madge Griffiths were unable to compete.

Another great achievement was chalked up by Carol Lee and hubby Anthony, who recently returned from an exciting Flying Safari. Both have only had their licenses a short while and share the flying and navigating in their Cherokee 235. With navigational aids in these areas few and far between, they must have had their work cut out flying from Durban to Salisbury, Kariba, Boomie Hills, Victoria Falls, Chobe in Botswana, then on to Khai River Lodge, and back again via Kugana on the Okavango Swamps. No wonder they feel like world beaters; and they must have many exciting memories to relive at their leisure.

In closing, I would like to extend my best wishes for many happy flying hours in 1975 to all "99" members.

TRANSVAAL CHAPTER Armelle von Maltitz, Reporter

A very exciting and memorable evening was held at the Diplomat Hotel in Johannesburg on Sunday, September 1st, 1974, where a dinner was held for the

presentation of the new Charter to the Chapter.

It was well attended by all the Transvaal members, their husbands and friends. Among the special guests present were Brigadier Gilliland, Jacques Germishuys, Bob Preller, and their wives. Once again Bea Read of the S.A.B.C. honoured us with her presence, and guest pilot was young Linda Fitzgerald, an instructress from Avex Air. Ann White, our outgoing Sectional Governor, flew up specially from Durban to present the Charter to our Chairlady, Eva Hollingworth.

Much fun and laughter was heard from the initiation of three 49½s, namely Ian Frazer-Jones, Peter Heinz, and Derek Hunt-Davis. All three were subjected to being blindfolded, to holding their hands above their heads with fingers crossed and taking an oath. Altogether it was an extremely good evening with excellent food and even better company.

Our next social event was the Christmas party, which followed on a very short meeting for the purpose of deciding on the date for the next Chapter meeting, and also fixing the final date for the annual Sectional meeting, to be held on 12th—13th April, 1975, at Maseru.

Angela Heinz had prepared a delicious buffet supper for the 99s and their husbands, and while the wine flowed, discussions ranged far and wide in subject matter. Prospective member Lillith Billing declared it to have been truly a most successful evening, and expressed what we all felt.

British Section

Susan Brooks, Reporter

April and Jimmy Clavell and Guv Sheila Scott had an enjoyable lunch-time visit with Erdine and Bruce McCollum from the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter. We were both honored and delighted to receive the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter's historic gold Amelia medallion, and the lovely scroll that came with it, though sad that Erdine could not stay to present it personally at our full section meeting.

The following week several of the section spent a great day getting to know Caroline Smith, recent Chairman of the Chicago Chapter, and her 49½, George. We had all intended to take the Smiths across to France for lunch, but our Old English brand of weather let us down.

Our Hangar Session section meeting featured a Bring and Buy sale, Ann Carter from Australia, and a report from Freydis and Suzanne on their recent visit to Russia. Ann is working in London with the Australian Wines Bureau(!), and will be with us until Christmas.

Congratulations to April and Jimmy Clavell on their Helicopter Ratings, obtained in California, on a whirlwind two

week course!! Now they're looking for a backyard model.

Elizabeth Overbury is busy in Africa, where she is again flying. We now have three members in Africa who are still in our thoughts.

Australian Section

Rosemary Colman, Reporter

All attention was focussed on Sydney Overseas Air Terminal on Sunday morning 27th October when delegates were arriving for the F. A. I. Conference. 99 Margaret Kentley was the F. A. I. Transport Manager for the hectic week to follow. Cathy Fourie found her school girls' German handy when many delegates arrived earlier than expected. It was the day of change-over for daylight savings time and both airline information services and the 99s alarm clocks were confused. Nancy Bird Walton arrived with cascades of orchids for the Countess von Hardenburg whom she had recently visited in Germany. Also on the scene finding cabs and advising on money matters were Layne Glanville-Williams, Pat McAuley and Rosemary Colman. After a reprieve at lunch time, Shirley Harris, Audrey Williams and June Perry arrived to help with the afternoon flights. Alighting also were Madame Bleriot of France, daughter-in-law of the famous French aviator, Mrs. Anne Welsh from the United Kingdom to receive an award, Madame Kim Kyung-O from South Korea.

Interstate arrivals included Mrs. Peggy Kelman and Mrs. Marg. Johnson from Queensland, Mrs. Esther Mather, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Hope from Victoria, Mrs. Shirley Adkins from Western Australia, also Mrs. Robyn Dicks who was to accept an award on behalf of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

It was a hectic but satisfying week. 99 Wendy Hare was on the Ladies Committee which provided a splendid luncheon for the delegates at Palm Beach.

A most interesting Seminar was held by the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators in Sydney on 7th December in the Stephen Roberts Theatre at Sydney University. The theme was Pilot Training. Margaret Kentley, a Guild member successfully publicized the event especially among women pilots. Nancy Leebold spoke eloquently in answer to one question on women in aviation. Other interested participants included Rosemary Colman and Layne Glanville-Williams. We were all pleased to learn that one woman's application is coming up for consideration by a major Australian airline.

Overseas: Anne Carter is in France visiting the first female 1st Officer of Air France. Mary O'Brien is presently in Boston—she has passed her Senior Commercial Navigation Examination and is working on Air Transport Regulations.

At home: Olga Tarling has arranged

visits to air traffic control centres which were well attended and also to Amberley Air Force base. Olga will be in Melbourne in April to attend the Annual International Conference of Air Traffic Controllers. These conferences are attended by A. T. C.s from all around the world to discuss and exchange ideas to improve the status quo.

Australian weather in 1974 has not been conducive to V.F.R. and many country landing strips have spent a good deal of time under water. Here's hoping for better flying conditions in all ways in 1975.

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