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NEWS BRIEFS

AWNEAR

Northern New England Chapter of the New England Section will be sponsoring the All Woman New England Air Race this year. The event is a proficiency race, and all licensed women pilots are eligible to enter. Consisting of a 300 statute mile course, the race this year will be based in Manchester, N.H. The date has been set (and approved!) for June 21st, with Impound scheduled for June 20th, and (we hope not) a rain date of June 22nd.

Besides fun and competition, the race offers trophies for the winners, a pilots-and-friends banquet, and a guest speaker from a particular specialty within Aviation.

Entry deadline is June 2, 1975. Race entry kits may be obtained by enclosing one dollar to Registration Chairman Millie Doremus, 177 Essex Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts 01940.

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NEW BOOKS

COWS ON THE RUNWAY by Jo Eddleman, member of the Washington, D.C. Chapter. It is a fast-moving, laugh-making autobiography, which may be obtained from Jo Eddleman, 4509 Cedell Place, Temple Hills, MD 20031, for \$4.95 plus 35 cents postage. The author is donating 50 cents from each copy sold to the 99s Women's Air Museum at Dayton, Ohio. It is published by Sleeping Fox Enterprises, P.O. Box 1322, Santa Fe, N.M. 87501.

HANGAR FLYING by Viola Gentry is a story of the excitement of early day flying in the 1920s and '30s. Viola is a charter member of the 99s, and maintains her membership in the Long Island Chapter. Autographed copies may be obtained for \$5.00 postpaid, through Viola's neice, Helen Codling, who is handling the sales. Address: 4 Santa Fe Rd., Chelmsford, Mass. 01824.

(Ed. Note: A copy of the new book, I TAUGHT AMELIA TO FLY, by Neta Snook Southern, reached me in time to be reviewed here. Although Neta was never a 99, the subject of her book, Amelia Earhart, makes it of great interest to our organization. It is published by Vantage Press, 516 W. 34th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10001. Autographed copies may be obtained from Neta Snook Southern, 15891 Shannon Rd., Los Gatos, Ca. 95030. Cost, \$6.95 plus 35 cents postage.)

You will really enjoy this story of the flying life of a very determined woman during the pre-WWI years. It was Jan. 3, 1921, when she gave our famous Amelia her first flight lesson. Her descriptions of all of the "flight" and "non-flight" actions involving Amelia provide an insight into the unusual and resolute characters of both of these women. The book is full of historical, and nostalgic incidents, which will delight the pilot-over-fifty, and will definitely intrigue the younger women who fly. Ye Editor is happy to recommend this interesting, well documented 169 page book.

President Pat's ACTION

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"We wish to express our appreciation to the 99s who have greatly contributed to our outstanding safety record in aviation during the past year." So said FAA's administrator Alexander P. Butterfield at the February 10th FAA-GAMA-Industry Safety Meeting held at the Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Your president was in attendance for the day-long session with FAA Regional Accident Prevention Coordinators, representatives from GAMA, ADMA, AOPA, EAA, CAP, INA and a representative from the State aviation associations. I beamed with pride as each of these gentlemen expressed their thanks to 99s everywhere for their contributions to the aviation safety programs during the past four years. Congratulations to you all for your enthusiastic support of these programs! It is this kind of ACTion that reaches out and tells our story - the 99 story - women pilots dedicated to improving their skills and those of the flying world we share with all pilots and non-pilots alike. Let's keep up our standards and support that we have given in the field of aviation safety.

Some very exciting news was released during this meeting. The participants were all asked what they could do this next year to keep the safety record on the up-swing. GAMA said that April 1, 1975 to April 1, 1976 they will again sponsor the sweepstakes, with a \$40,000,00 plane (winner's choice) to the winner. A drawing is to be held at each FAA-involved safety seminar. AOPA is donating an all-expense paid, two-week trip to Europe for two plus an expense-paid trip for two to the annual Plantation Party. Our contribution and goal will be to sponsor or co-sponsor 300 safety seminars nation-wide. I felt we could easily do this as we have done well over this number in the past. We now have over 150 chapters and if each chapter will have one safety seminar this spring, after April 1st, and one in the summer, fall or winter - before April 1, 1976 - we could readily accomplish the goal I have set for us. Let's get busy now and show our true 99 blue colors by keeping us all alive in 1975 by our participation in the sponsoring of 300 safety seminars.

Many thanks to you all for your past, present and future contributions towards our goal.

International Board Meeting Jan. 13 - 15, 1975

llovene Potter, reporter

The Board met Sunday evening January 12 at Pat and Owen McEwens spacious ranch home on the outskirts of Wichita, Kansas. Believe me it was hard to stick to the business at hand with so many exciting things to look at and explore.

Our business meeting got under way at 8:00 A.M. monday morning. We spent the morning on the final draft of the S.O.P's so they can now be sent out for printing. We tried to be sure there will be a minimum number of corrections and revisions on the finished product. A great deal of time was spent on the 99 News, the new contract, the format, pictures, articles and advertising. Mardo Crane has done an outstanding job with very little help as well as being in the hospital for surgery this last year. The Board commends her for her generous donation of time and devotion to a difficult job.

We reviewed all our financial reports. headquarters, general finances, insurance and 501-C-3. A great deal of time was also spent on correspondence from the membership. Items for sale, answers to questions and written reports. The last item on our first day was a preview of the new A.E. Medal and a report on the costs associated with this project. The Board extends their sincere thanks to Doris Renninger, Julie Vom Saal and Marian Andrews for the many hours and months of travel time, letters and telephone calls required to complete this project. The medal is beautiful and we feel everyone will want one and will wear it with pride.

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The Vice President Comments

LOIS FEIGENBAUM Vice President

At the 1974 North Central Section Spring Meeting in Kansas City, during the General Business Meeting, many questions came up involving both Section and International activity, problems and general information. Much of this had little to do with actual formal business, but included questions and requests for information from the members attending. Our President at that time, Susie Sewell, invited all members desiring to ask questions, make comments, or just plain express themselves to an informal "Rap Session" in the Hospitality Room immediately following the business meeting.

This was so successful and so much was accomplished that she scheduled a similar session prior to the International Convention in San Juan. Here, again, this was very successful and the members expressed their enjoyment and appreciation for the opportunity to be briefed, ask questions, and make comments in an informal setting without the restraints of a formal business agenda, and without the need for Roberts Rules of Order.

Our President, Pat McEwen, getting the favorable "feedback" of these previous sessions, has decided to continue this type of informal meeting, and has scheduled one prior to the General Business Meeting at the 1975 International Convention in Coeur d'Alene. She has designated it a "COMM Session" (Comm. being an abbreviation for communication). As you know, Pat's theme is ACT, for Activities, Communications, and Training. This "COMM Session" will be open to any member who desires to attend, whether she has a question, seeks information, has a comment, or just wants to sit in and observe. It will also be attended by all members of the board of Directors. This would be your opportunity to ask questions of Pat or any other Board Member in a totally informal and relaxed atmosphere.

We would urge you to plan on attending this session and come prepared to ask your questions or make your comments. This will also give the Board an opportunity to brief you on past activities and future plans. A session, such as this, will also assist in guaranteeing a smooth business meeting and permit delegates to vote with more confidence in what the issues are, and with more knowledge of the facts. We hope that you will plan on attending the "COMM Session" and will make a list of your questions in advance. This will permit you to gain a fuller knowledge of what is going on in the Ninety-Nines, and make our Business Meeting smooth, short and productive.

THE SCRAPBOOKER SAYS....

Photos and clips are arriving daily. Your chairman planned to thank everybody by personal note, but life is too short, postage too high, and the stack is getting too big.

So thank you all and keep 'em coming --CLEAN CLEAR photocopies if you can't get original clips; dates and identification on EVERYTHING. Two copies, please -hate to deprive either Headquarters or your hard-working Prez of those precious memories!

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

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

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

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International Board Meeting

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Our second and third days were devoted to the new By-laws. Helen Wilke, brought Kathy Long, Pat Jetton, and Hazel Jones to Wichita in her own Bonanza. Helen and Kathy have raced together for many years and placed 2nd in the last Powder Puff Derby in this same Bonanza. Pat and Hazel gave us an excellent report on the new By-Laws, a complete summary of the replies to their questionaire to the Chapters. Her report was in last months 99 News so I won't repeat it here. Other items discussed were membership, headquarters report given by Marilyn Copeland, convention report for 1975, convention 1976, overseas financing, and feasibility of a legislative information committee.

I will have to admit we did take time off to enjoy Mr. McEwens kind offer of a tour of the Ranch. Some of the animals we enjoyed were Racoons, a mother and litter of Great Danes (Blue), Black Pygmy Goats, Barbado Sheep, Peafowl, Dutch Rabbits, Bantam chicks, Racing Pigeons, European Fallow Deer, Buffalo, Kansas Mud, Jackasses, a Mother Llama and baby who as yet has no name, more Kansas Mud. Geese, Ducks and Cats, Last but not least were the 50 beautiful Arabian Horses. I think Owen and Pat have good reason to be proud of these beautiful horses. They have a tack room full of ribbons and trophies to their credit and for this year only. Each year they take the old ones down and start a new collection. We did resume our meeting later and all agreed it was well worth the extra evening hours at the conference table.

The Board would like to express our thanks to Pat and Owen McEwen and their sons for making us feel so welcome and even giving up their own beds as well as privacy for our comfort. Our thanks also to Marilyn Copeland for being such a great chaeffeur, taking us out to dinner in the evening and trips to the airport and back. Again last but not least our thanks to the many 99s of the Kansas Chapter who came each day to answer the telephone during our meetings.

HEADQUARTERS NOTAM

Orange County was omitted from the list of Headquarters Building contributors in the January-February issue. Orange County Chapter is a Subscriber.

BALLOTS for 1975-76 International Officers will be mailed in May. Must be returned no later than June 30, 1975 to be counted. Please Vote!

RENEWALS will be mailed in May for the 1975-76 membership year and to be listed in the Roster they MUST be returned to Headquarters by June 30, 1975.

NAME BADGE

The name badge described on page 295 of the membership directory and offered by the Colorado Chapter is now \$2.25.

The "Stamp of Friendship" film is still available from the Carolinas Chapter (as listed in the 1973-74 Roster)

Tribute to Women in Aviation Sends International Women's Year Off to a Flying Start!

By: Gladys Wise

Washington, D.C. Ninety-Nines and the Zonta Club of Washington put the nation's capital city into a gala ground loop on January 11, 1975, and sent International Women's Year off to a flying start.

While other Ninety-Nines and Zontians around the nation and the world also marked the 40th Anniversary of Amelia Earhart's solo flight from Hawaii to the Mainland as the start of this year-long tribute to women's achievements, more than 800 people gathered for the formal "Takeoff" dinner in the Washington Hilton Hotel's international ballroom.

The guest list read like a combined WHO's WHO in government, diplomacy and aviation. There was a stunning array of officialdom at the head table - Ambassador Carol Laise and her husband, Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker; Mayor and Mrs. Walter Washington, to name just a few. There were VIPs from the aviation community. And there were some of the most remarkable women in aviation representing many facets of the industry:

General aviation - Olive Ann Beech, Chairman of the Board of Beech Aircraft: air transport - Anna Chennault, Vice President for International Affairs, the Flying Tiger Line; the first woman to break the speed of sound and topple dozens of other aviation records - Jackie Cochran: the first woman in space - the Reverend Jeannette Piccard, who gave the invocation: The Honorable Betty Dillon, U.S. Representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); the helicopter industry - Jean Ross Howard, founder and first president of the Whirly Girls: Ferry pilot Louise Sacchi - noted for more than 260 Atlantic and Pacific crossings in light aircraft; Chief pilot, charter pilot, FAA flight examiner, Washington's flight instructor of the year last year - Velta Benn; representing our international aspects - Anesia Pinheiro Machado - Brazil's first woman pilot; Blanche Noyes, one of our original aviation achievers, noted on this night for giving John D. Rockefeller, Sr. his first (and only) airplane flight; and, of course, Fay Wells, another Charter 99.

Fay Wells was the overall coordinator for IWY Take-Offs. It was she who pulled the whole evening together and narrated the Amelia Earhart commemorative program. It was highlighted by a three-way radio hookup between Hawaii, Oakland and Washington — a dramatic recall of the day, 40 years ago, when Amelia Earhart set out from Hawaii for what was to become a record-breaking flight. In this scenario, Actor Ron David, as Will Rogers, recreated that famous star's commentary about Amelia's flight.

As if that were not enough, the audience, too, contained a bevy of women in aviation with enough "firsts," "only's" and "mosts" to start new volumes recording aviation achievements. There was Kay Brick, Alice Hammond, Fran Nolde, Dorothy Tuller, Connie Marsh, Cheryl Richi (First Officer with Piedmont Airlines,) Lt. Linda Horan (The Army's second woman helicopter pilot), Ensigns Rosemary Conaster and Anna Marie Fuqua (The Navy's first and second woman helicopter pilots).

Irene Wirtschafter, co-chairman for the dinner with Zonta AE Chairman Lois Earl, opened the festivities with words of welcome. Mary Stewart, President of the co-sponsoring Zonta Club of Washington, introduced IWY and Zonta dignitaries. And Gladys Wise, D.C. Chapter Chairman of the Ninety-Nines, had the happy honor of introducing the stars of the evening — the women in aviation named above.

The Takeoff dinner attracted nationwide attention for the news media so that thousands of people who never really knew that women play an important role in aviation now know. Perhaps thousands more, outside the aviation community, now are also aware of the role Ninety-Nines play within that community. GAMA's tribute to women in aviation and to Ninety-Nines through the Paul Harvey radio show (January 21) reached an audience estimated at six million people. One thing is certain - more than 800 people in Washington, were delighted to meet in person some of our nation's most noted aviation achievers.



International Women's Year Gala Takeoff, held in Washington, D.C., January 11th, marked the start of this UN-designated, year-long tribute to women's achievements by paying honor to women in aviation and the aerospace sciences. Shown here, left to right, Gladys E. Wise, Chapter of Washington, D.C. Chapter, Ninety Nines, co-sponsors of the Takeoff Dinner with the Zonta Club of Washington; Eleanor Jammal, International President of the Zontas; Jackie Cochran, honored at the dinner for her aviation achievements; Mary Stewart, President of the Zonta Club of Washington; Lois Earl, AE Chairman for the D.C. Chapter, who were co-chairmen for the Takeoff Dinner.

(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")



Lois Fairbank, Greater New York Chapter, Past Governor of the New York-New Jersey Section and Life Member of The Ninety-Nines. January 15, 1975.

Mildred Louise Goodson, High Sky Chapter, a Ninety-Nine since 1960. December 21, 1974.

Isabel Blodgett, aged 74, died of a cerebral hemorrange at the end of January. She and her Bonanza constantly flew the skies between here and Colorado. Last year she took her daughter and son-in-law to explore Alaska! She was very active in East New England Chapter activities, had flown in the ALL WOMAN NEW ENGLAND AIR RACE, was so helpful to all of us. and yet always eager to increase her knowledge of aviation. She is a tremendous loss not only to her family, but to a Chapter who truly loved her.

Helen Budwash, natural causes. Charter member of Chicago Area Chapter - her 99s membership card was signed by Amelia Earhart.

Friends of the Ninety-Nines Anthony S. (Speed) Hanzlik, husband of long-time pilot Wilhelmina (Willie) Hanzlik, member of the Greater New York Chapter. died in July at the age of 71. He was manager and flying instructor at the Flushing Airport, and always a favorite with the 99s. Reports to the 99 NEWS continue to eulogize "Speed", and to say that he is very much missed

Edward Walsh, July, killed in air crash in Toms River. Husband of Florence Walsh, member of Garden State Chapter.



MARION DIETRICH in her own plane.

Marion Dietrich

Marion Dietrich soloed at the age of 16. and joined the 99's in 1947. That year, with less than 100 hours each, she and her identical twin, Jan, won the First Chico-San Mateo Air Race. It was a speed race with 37 entries, only 4 planes piloted by women.

Marion wrote the first aviation column for the San Mateo Times while in high school, won a scholarship to the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, was head of the Women's Swimming Team at the University of California, the only woman on the UC Flying Team that won the Intercollegiate Meet that year, and was later President of the UC Flying Club. She was on the Library Board of the California Historical Society and a Life Member of the Sierra Club.

In 1951 Marion and Jan with approximately 200 hours each entered the AWTAR against 87 planes. Marion had 10 hours in a side-by wheel plane and Jan only 3, so Marion flew the first leg, and then they alternated. They placed Second.

As a journalist for San Francisco Bay Area newspapers, Marion often took news photographers on flights in her own plane. She ferried aircraft for Cessna and Piper, and was one of 13 women to pass the preliminary tests for astronaut. Marion flew a Beech Queen Air as co-pilot with Jan across the Atlantic to Germany. With a Commercial License she held Instrument. Multi-engine, Flight Instructor, and Seaplane ratings. The San Mateo Museum created a special aviation section to display her trophies and log book.

Marion died Dec. 14th after a long and extremely courageous battle with cancer. She requested that her aviation books be given to Bay Cities Chapter members. She had a very deep love of flying, and was one of those gifted women who were "born to fly"

Her Last Flight over the Golden Gate was in a plane piloted by Jan who scattered her ashes to the wind and the sea with one red rose - the symbol of courage.



ROUNDUP 175

By Daryl Ann Kyle

NORTHERN IDAHO--SOMETHING FOR **EVERYONE**

Whether you're a hiker, camper, jogger, see-it-by-air buff, skier, boater, naturalist, fisherman, or Indian historian, Northern Idaho has something for you. Coeur d' Alene, scene of the 1975 International 99s Convention July 30 through August 2, is located in the Panhandle of the state about one-hundred miles south of the Canadian border.

If you arrive by air, you'll surely see beautiful take Coeur d' Alene, Coming in from the south? Then look carefully where the St. Joe river actually flows through a portion of the lake, a rare occurrence indeed! The St. Joe, incidentally, is navigable and large passenger boats take groups from the docks near the Convention Center up the "Joe's" shadowy waters and back again regularly during the

Stretching forty-three miles from Sand- a camera or an observant eye. Idaho's will, too!

point south to Bayview, this huge, deep (1105 feet maximum) lake boasts Dolly Varden, kamloops, and a type of landlocked salmon the locals call blue-backs. Throughout the area are numerous small lakes, many easily accessible by float plane. And for that float plane, Brooks flying service is located just a few steps down the beach from the Convention Center

Sandpoint, fifty miles north of Coeur d' Alene, is the home of Schweitzer Ski Basin. You'll be hard pressed to find snow in August, but a ride up the chair lift rewards one with a breath taking view of the Northern Rockies far into Montana. You'll probably find excellent visibility for this scenic view, as well as during your flying in the area. While we readily admit to pollution problems, our sparce population and environmental awareness help keep it to a minimum. Those of you from smoggy areas will especially enjoy Idaho's clear blue skies. While in Sandpoint, sample delicious "Gem" cheeses produced at the factory there. These cheeses are also available at area markets. Coeur d' Alene is adjacent to several National Forests. If you're the woodsy type, a drive, hike, or campout in the Coeur d' Alene, Kaniksu, or St. Joe National North of Coeur d' Alene is another "can't- Forest will be an experience to remember. miss-it" check point, lake Pend Oreille. Wild game abounds in the forests so bring

forests contain about five percent of the standing sawtimber in the whole United States. Almost forty percent of the state is forested! That means plenty of mountain strips for you who like terrain flying. Lots of these are one-way, though. Check carefully and take a local with you if you're in doubt.

East of Coeur d' Alene is the rich Kellogg mining district. Lead, zinc and silver are taken from deep in the earth. Once the tailings from these mines are dumped into the Coeur d' Alene River. Now, as we become increasingly aware of the bountiful land upon which we live, we cease such practices. The river once again is running clear and lands are being reclaimed by industrious farmers.

On the way to Kellogg one can visit the oldest building in our area, the Cataldo Mission, It is being restored and will remain an important historical landmark in Northern Idaho. Rich Indian lore is found throughout the area.

One of the things most of you will notice is Idaho's lack of population. The whole state doesn't even have a million people, yet it ranks thirteenth in size by land area. We are often teased about Northern Idaho just being a suburb of Spokane, Washington (maybe you think so too!), but those of us who live here choose Idaho because we love it. We have a feeling you See you in July.

Members of the welcoming committee. Shella Scott (Governor) greets HRH Princess Alexandra. The Hon: Angus Ogilvy talks with April Clavell (Section Hon: Secretary), Barbara Cannon (Section Hon: Treasurer) and 491/2 er James Clavell.

Airline captain Yvonne Pooley (who recently captained the first airline all women crew): Ann Carter from Australia; Col. Whitbread (a past sponsor of the British Ninety Nines Air Race); HRH Princess Alexandra; Sue and Frank Maddock from Texas; Betty Cones (a co-founder of the British Section).

British Section's **Tenth Anniversary**

By Governor Sheila Scott

The British Section celebrated their tenth anniversary by holding a reception at the top of New Zealand House in the Martini Terrace, with the finest panoramic view that London can provide for lovers of the sky. Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra, with her husband the Hon. Mr. Angus Ogilvy, honoured us with their presence.

Several overseas guests were present, and notable Ninety Nine ambassadors were the attractive Ann Carter from Australia, and charming Sue Maddock with 491/2 er Frank from Texas, USA. The Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce represented the pioneer spirit of the women pilots of an earlier age. (It may be remembered she was actually the first woman to circumvent the world solo in 1930 in her Blackburn Bluebird. which she stowed aboard a steamer for the long ocean crossings of the Atlantic and Pacific!) A number of ex ATA members (wartime opposite numbers to the US WASPS) were with us, and of course Diana Barnato Walker, Lettice Curtis, Joan Hughes and Freydis Sharland were present as Ninety Nines as well as being members of that historic group of women. We were thrilled to receive telegrams and messages from Ninety Nines all around the world.

The Girls Venture Corps formed the Guard of Honour for Her Royal Highness. The U.S. equivalent to these teenagers are the CAP cadets, some of whom enjoy an exchange holiday each year between our

two countries.



Founder Chief 491/2 er Ernie Cones swears in the new 491/2 er, Alan Fricker, while Governor Sheila Scott and immediate Past Governor Freydis Sharland demand their rights for the night!



An International group. Ann Carter (Australian Section); Beryl Northcott (ZONTA); Frank & Sue Maddock (Texas, USA.)



HRH Princess Alexandra talks to new 99s Connie Fricker, Yvonne Pooley, and Immediate Past Governor, Freydis prospective Pam Burger. Our AE Chairman, Dawn Turley, can be seen in the background Shariand, with an Amelia Earhart Medal for next to the Princess. Dawn was the recipient of our AE Medal, for extreme bravery, some her services to others in aviation, paryears ago.



HRH Princess Alexandra ticularly with the youth.

The British Section was founded ten years ago by the then current British Members At Large, Betty Cones, Janet Ferguson and Sheila Scott (not forgetting of course, 491/2 er At Large, Ernie Cones!). After assembling nine women pilots our Charter was granted, and it has become tradition ever since to introduce our new Ninety Nines at our annual Thanksgiving party to our guests and the press. This year we welcomed television programme organizer Kay Bird, ex Red Cross Commandant Connie Fricker, aviation Company Director Yvonne Pooley, and competition aerobatic pilot Lynn Williams aboard our Ninety Nine flight.

The new 491/2 er, Alan Fricker was sworn in by his honourable lordship our Founder Chief 491/2 er, Ernie Cones. Apart from demanding the usual requirements of a 491/2 er, Ernie also duly installed him with the British Section's traditional chain of old sparking plugs and other necessary

accessories.

Her Royal Highness presented the 'Sir Alan Cobham Achievement Award' to Joan Hughes, MBE, for her unceasing flying achievements since the late '30's' until the present time. This is an award which was given to us by the great aviation pioneer, the late Sir Alan Cobham, and is a silver replica of 'Jason', woman pioneer Amy Johnson's aircraft. Amy was the first woman to fly solo to Australia in 1930, and a very good friend of Amelia Earhart. The Achievement Award is only given when it is really merited and not necessarily yearly. The Amelia Earhart Medal was presented by Her Royal Highness to Freydis Shariand, our immediate past Governor, both for her flying and work for others in aviation particularly with the Girls Venture Corps.

HRH Princess Alexandra delighted everyone by talking to as many people as possible apparently with not a little knowledge of Ninety Nines, and flying. She and her husband honoured us by their acceptance of our Sixty Six and Thirty Three Certificates - with some Governors Advice - LOVE IS GOING FLYING WITH HIM, of course.

A large group of us adjourned to Mr. Chow's restaurant for dinner, and a few



Hon. Angus Ogilvy, accept souvenir with the Sir Alan Cobham Achievement certificates of Sixty Six & Thirty Three with some Governor's advice!



Princess Alexandra, and her husband, the Her Royal Highness presents Joan Hughes Award' for Joan's unceasing good work since ATA days.



stalwarts closed the proceedings next The Girls Venture Corps formed the Guard of Honour for their President, HRH Princess morning by closing Raffles' night club too! Alexandra and her husband the Hon: Mr. Angus Ogilvy.



NANCY BIRD WALTON

by Mardo (From facts contributed by John Behr, Aviation Writer, Australia)

Nancy Bird Walton, member of the Australian Section 99s, was the first woman in Australia to earn her living as a charter pilot. In the 1930's in the "never never country" she was her own engineer, booking clerk, weather prophet and luggage porter. At the age of 17, she began her flying lessons under famous Kingsford Smith at Mascot Airport, now Sydney's main airport. Then it was a small place with one red dirt runway covered with rough grass. This was 1933, and Nancy weighing 102 lbs. and being 5' 2" was a pretty young redhead with determination. who sat on a cushion in the cockpit of the DH Cirrus Moth, Her costume was knickerbockers worn just below the knee, like plus fours. She got her license and advanced "A" before she turned 18. By the time she was 19, she had her commercial license. There was, of course, much male prejudice in those days. It melted before her sincere, independent personality. Even when she persuaded Kingsford Smith's chief engineer to teach her something about engine maintenance, the men gradually accepted her with respect. She finally decided to own her aircraft, a DH Gipsy Moth, in which she went "barnstorming" around the country, trying to make some money by taking people up for "joy rides". She had already organized the first "Ladies Flying Tour" in Australia. Then, on credit, she bought a Leopard Moth, which was imported to her from England. This was big enough for two passengers, and no longer did she have to wear her goggles and helmet. She based herself in Bourke, in the far west of New South Wales, in those days called "back o'beyond" - a long way from nowhere. She worked for the Far West Children's Health Scheme organization, flying clinic sisters on her rounds in aerial ambulance work. This was before radio and flight planning, when roads, tracks, fences, and intersections of telegraph lines were all she had. In trouble, she would "swarm up" a post and cut the wire and wait until the linesman came to repair it. There was always the problem of finding suitable landing spots, but she made it creditably. Once she decided to enter the Brisbane to Adelaide air race, a distance of 1500 miles. She won the fastest time of the 31 starters and the Ladies' Trophy. She worked too hard at her charter and aerial ambulance flying, and on the verge of a breakdown, she was persuaded to sell her Leopard Moth in 1938. When the war came, she did

practically no flying. She married Charles Walton, was made commandant of the Women's Air Training Corps (later the Women's Australian Auxiliary Air Force). Just after the war she had two children, a son and a daughter. In the 1960's she began to campaign for an aerial ambulance service in the State of New South Wales. It took five years to raise the money for the first aerial ambulance, a Beechcraft Queen Air. She found time to start the Australian Women Pilots Association, When Betty Gillies was International President, she ioined the 99s and visited USA. Since that time (1939) she has visited more than seven times, even participating in two Powder Puff Derbies — once in 1958 when she flew with Iris Critchell, and 1961, flying with Lauretta Foy. In 1961 her book TO FLY, a fascinating autobiography of her unusual and rewarding flying years. Today, after 42 years of flying, she still holds a private license, lives in Sydney, Australia, a truly great Ninety-Nine with her own particular niche in Australia's aviation history.



Nancy Bird Walton, yesterday



..... and Today.

California
Chapter Histories
will be concluded
next issue.

INTERNATIONAL SCENE

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, THE NINETY-NINES, INC.



Loretta Jean Gragg Executive Secretary

Loretta Jean Gragg - born January 19, was 37 again this year. A native OKIE, she was born and raised in Oklahoma City. She and her husband, Joe, who celebrated their 26th. Wedding Anniversary February 12, have 2 sons; Stephen, 23, and Robby, 22; 1 daughter, Liza, 17, and 1 grandson, Nathan, 3 years old.

Loretta loves to cook and Joe admits readily that her cooking is excellent. Reading is her favorite pastime, travel a close second. She is most fond of History, especially the Civil War Period, and can discuss almost any area. She will remind you that her birthday is the same as Robert E. Lee, and wedding anniversary is on Abraham Lincoln's birthday! A big fan of W.C. Fields, she will stay up all night to see one of his old movies.

Loretta came to work for The Ninety-Nines in March, 1968, and has seen the membership grow from 3300 to 4510. An ardent admirer of The Ninety-Nines individually and collectively, she hopes to see a much greater percentage of members returning ballots. Since ballots and envelopes are numbered to insure validity only, she was surprised to hear some thought records were kept from the numbers as to who voted and how. Not True!! No one knows who gets what ballot number, and no one has ever asked for any information of this nature.

Attending Conventions and Board Meetings has broadened Loretta's understanding of The Ninety-Nines organizational structure and been of great benefit on a day to day basis. "It's a privilege to be associated with The Ninety-Nines", says Loretta.

TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Mary Vial



llovene N. Potter

Mary Vial, newly elected Board member, from Phoenix, Ariz, (Southwest Section, Phoenix Chapter), has come up the 99's has served as Chapter Treasurer, Membership Chairman, Chairman, Chairman of solo pilot; they have three grandchildren. the 1967 Southwest Sectional (Spring), Phoenix Air Race co-chairman, Section Secretary, Section Vice-Governor and Governor. It seems a natural transition into International Board.

Mary has always been an "activist" in the "devoted service" sense of the word. After marriage to pilot "George," and during four children and five grandchildren, she participated in Brownie Scouts, United Fund, Cub Scouts, March of Dimes, Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, golf, gardening, and Republican Committeewoman. Currently, son Charles is teaching her to ski.

Her first airplane ride was at age five in a barnstormer's biplane, with her dad. Her solo cross-country could have ended in disaster had she not been so exact in marking her course, for a piston threw a rod through the engine, and with oil all over the windshield, she still managed a small field landing on a strip called Tacna in the desert, rolling finally upside down after her nose gear broke off. Since then she has accumulated more than 1,500 hours, and flies with the assurance of a Commercial license, and an instrument rating. She has flown seven Powder Puff Derbies, and many local races. Her pleasure is now flying all over the U.S. and Mexico, sometimes on business, in the Cessna 182 with her favorite 491/2.

Hovene N. Potter. Native of Tacoma, Washington: Attended Pacific Lutheran University at Parkland, Washington.

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She is a member of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., past governor of the Northwest Section; Treasurer of the Whirly-Girls; member of The Helicopter Association of America: Aircraft Owners and Pilots, National and Seattle Unit; Pacific Northwest Historical Foundation, Inc. (member of the Board of Directors); member of Dr. John B. Manning Orthopedic Guild; Women's Council West Seattle Christian Church; She has competed in five Powder Puff Derby's, one international air race, three Pacific Air Races and two Palms to Pines as well as several local Washington and Oregon races

She has logged over 50000 hours of flight time and holds an Airline Transport Certificate with Commercial privileges, airplane single engine land and sea multiengine land and rotorcraft-helicopter ratings; Flight Instructor airplane, Instrument and Helicopter; ground instructor advanced and instrument; she is a FAA pilot examiner for airplane and instrument. She owns a Piper Turbo 260 Comanche.

She was Captain of the first U.S. Helicopter team that participated at the 2nd World Helicopter Championships at Middle Wallop, England. (June 1973) She was on the Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation for two years.

Her Husband, Leslie M. Potter is an airplane and helicopter pilot and is Executive Director of Mutual Hospital ladder in a typically leadership way. She Services, Inc. They have three sons, Ted and Greg are Private pilots and David is a

What it's all about COMMITTEE REPORTS

Air Age Education 99 Style

By Linda Hooker

Recently I had the pleasure of working with several 99's from the Dallas-Fort Worth area on a "Career Encounter" program for teenage girls sponsored by the Tejas Girl Scout Council, the YWCA and the local Camp Fire Girls. The following 99s discussed career opportunities in the field of aviation for their respective area of expertise.

Dorothy Warran - Flight Attendant and flight instructor

Sandra Simmons (First woman pilot with Braniff)-Airline pilot

Helen Hill - Secretarial and clerical positions with the Federal Aviation Administration

Another participant in the aviation portion of the program who contributed a great deal was Willie Johnson, who works in the Fort Worth Flight Service Station. Willie discussed opportunities for women as tower controllers, ARTCC controllers and with the FSS. All of these girls were well prepared with answers to the girls' questions and pass out materials they had obtained from experience, local airline and Federal Aviation Administration offices. In addition, South Central Section Air Age Education Chairman, Jo McCarrell, made several "Peanuts" characters posters depicting opportunities for women in aviation and was on hand to help answer questions and counsel the girls.

I was extremely proud of all the Ninety-Nine participants and the reception they received from the young women interested in entering the field of aviation as a career. The program also included outstanding

women from the local area from the fields of business, education, law, sports, government and etc.

This type of program is an outstanding educational project which any Chapter can organize with very little expenditure of funds and effort and need not be limited to girls only. It is an excellent idea to coordinate this type project with your local Girl and Boy Scouts, YWCA, YMCA, CAP, Camp Fire Girls, high schools, and etc. In most instances, at least one of these organizations will donate the use of a meeting facility, mail outs and help

enlist the assistance of women in other career fields.

Each chapter whould consider putting on a "Career Encounter" program with emphasis on aviation. For further information or assistance in planning an agenda, mail outs, etc., for such a program, please write. (Note my new address is as follows:) P.O. Box 45021, Dallas, Tx. 75235

N. I. F.A. NEWS

by Joy Feak

The first meeting with N.I.F.A. committees took place January 22 in Santa Fe, New Mexico and all of a sudden things started happening. The Spring Meet and Conference will be held in Santa Fe April 17-20 co-hosted by the University of Albuquerque and the College of Santa Fe. Gail Sanderson is the FIRST woman President of N.I.F.A., a student pilot, an Air Traffic Control student and a charming person. In addition to all the excitement and planning for the meet, there will be the World Cup Competition in Santa Fe prior to the N.I.F.A. The top winners of this year's meet will have a spot on the U.S. Precision Team that is going to Sweden for International Competition. The interest and competition will be terrific. Many events are being planned for all such as a Balloon Festival, Cavalcade of Wings Museum opening, etc. Our 50-60 mile visibility coupled with the quaint atmosphere of our capitol with its mixture of Indian and Spanish culture will make this year's Air Meet and Conference a year to

Contributions from 99s are most essential to aid these great college kids with their endeavors in the field of aviation. Those already contributing are Chicago Area Chapter, Western N.Y. Chapter, Houston Chapter, El Paso, S.E. Section, Middle East Section, Dallas, Tx Redbird Chapter and the Florida Goldcoast Chapter. In addition the All Ohio Chapter sponsors the Arlene Davis Memorial. This year Polly Gilkison reports that the Central Illinois Chapter has found one of the nicest ways to serve college flying, that of awarding a qualified young ladv a scholarship. The Chicago Area Chapter also helped a student form a flying club so they could join N.I.F.A....how about that for enthusiasm!!! They also invited all the area N.I.F.A. colleges to a fly-in just before their Regional Air Meet.

I find it impossible to get information on all the activities taking place all over the country but there is a way for individuals or chapter chairmen to do this. In support of N.I.F.A. a donation of \$10.00 per year will get you a subscription to their publication known as CONTACT. This may be obtained at the same address that you send support to: National Headquarters Office, National Intercollegiate Flying Association c/o Parks College, St. Louis University, Cahokia, III. 62206. I certainly hope to hear from many more of you personally. My address: 2824 Dallas N.E. Abq., New Mexico 87110.

AWTAR

Wanda Cummings, Reporter

Entry kits for the 1975 AWTAR, available for \$3.00 from headquarters, were mailed in February.

Even though, as Board Members, we are not eligible to race, excitement mounts as we plan toward July 4. On Wednesday, April 9, the "First-Day" drawing for race numbers will be held at the Marriott Hotel on Stemmons in Dallas. Luncheon fee is \$6.75. Make reservations for this gala occasion with us now. Let us know if you are flying in, and we will arrange transportation from Love Field. As an added attraction, we will also conduct tours of our attractive new office!

On a more somber note, a Memorial Fund has been established for racers and friends of the race. Contributions have been received in memory of Doris Eacret, Lois Fairbank, Doris Langher, Marion Burke, and Ruth Hildebrand.





PPD Bi-centennial 76 Pam Vander Linden, Reporter

Thanks to you gals who supplied the means to support the ways for the All Woman Transcontinental Air Race.

For the contributions already received for the 1976 Powder Puff Derby, we give our sincere thanks and appreciation. This year we are starting something new. We are asking each chapter to hold an annual "Powder Puff Derby Day", each year at a different airport within the jurisdiction of the chapter. I believe that this will give a great deal of added publicity to the Powder Puff Derby, a great deal more local coverage in the media, and also be a comparatively painless way to raise the necessary money. If we want to continue with the race, we all have to work for it.

The following are some suggestions for Powder Puff Derby Day: The Chapter can work with one of the service clubs (Lions, Soroptimists, Zonta, etc.) in the area. They are usually glad to help with the refreshments in return for half the profits on same. In the past we have had pancake breakfasts, wiener roasts, hamburgers with all the trimmings, Kentucky Fried Chicken, barbeques-whatever fits the occasion. Planes from nearby chapters should be invited to fly in. Scenic rides, 3 cents per pound rides, rides in Antiques, static displays, and other entertainment are popular. An empty hangar can be used to display pictures, clippings, former

Derby routes, etc. Old flying magazines can be given away and Aero Publishers, Inc., postcards should be available. Another hangar might be used for a bazaar with local products for sale. Maybe your chapter would like to have a hangar dance in the evening. The net profits could then be divided 50/50 between the chapter and AWTAR. We would welcome any suggestions and would like to have a cochairman in each section to help coordinate "Powder Puff Derby Day" in the various chapters belonging to that section. By now, I hope, each chapter chairman has received a letter with regards to "PPD Day."

Palomar Chapter has plans to celebrate 1975 Powder Puff Derby Day at Fallbrook Community Airpark on April 6. The Lions Club has offered to put on a pancake breakfast for us and share the profits. We are aiming at feeding 1500 at \$1.50 a head. In addition we plan a hangar display of past PPD routes, films, pictures, and other paraphernalia plus a static display of antique aircraft and 3 cents per lb. airplane rides. Another hangar will be used for displaying local products for sale and Aero Publishers books and flying accessories. Aero Publishers has promised the postcards by the middle of March so I will have them to the chapters by the 1st of April.

Please send in any ideas you may have to make "Powder Puff Derby Day" more exciting, and I will pass them around. I still need Sectional Co-Chairmen for Middle East, New England, North Central, Southeast, Southwest, and Canada. Volunteers, please contact me.

Pam Vander Linden, Chairman 1976 AWTAR Ways & Means Committee P.O. Box 352, Fallbrook, CA. 92028



Margo Smith, Chairman

I forgot to meet the December 31st 99 NEWS deadline. That's why there was no APT column in the last issue.

"I FORGOT". Think of the implications in that catch-all excuse - disinterest, indifference, disorganization, laziness etc. Consider too, the other common excuse, "I just haven't had the time." Strange, but we never forget or lack the time for those things which are truly important to us.

Let's take an example. On your way to the airport after a long lay-off from flying, have you ever wondered if you still know how to fly? (Usually the thought is accompanied by a knot in the stomach!) Then, once airborne, you are relieved to find you haven't forgotten! But, how much of the skill have you lost without your being aware of it?

That's what proficiency rides are all about - a chance to have your inner voice (or the one in the right seat) tell you what you have forgotten. In fact, each and every flight made can be a proficiency ride by using self-discipline to assign ourselves

specific goals and standards that reinforce what we learned and help improve our skills.

May I put on my instructor hat for a moment? Maybe on the next flight you insist on pegging the wind correction angle and applying it, so the VOR needle stays centered the whole time! Can you hold your altitude + 20 feet? 50? 200? There's a phrase I have found handy. "What will I do if?" I don't mean morbidly dwelling on dire emergencies although that does have to be planned for but rather on less earth-shaking conditions. I use it more in the sense of anticipation. I use it when I see thunderbumpers ahead, or when approaching a strange, busy airport on a Sunday afternoon, or when returning home knowing the visibility could very well have dropped to 21/2 miles. You think of some others. How long has it been since you practised a forced landing, without an instructor, by entering a glide from 3000 feet AGL, choosing a place to land, going through your emergency cockpit check without fumbling, and then leveling off having completed the exercise with no more than 200 feet altitude loss? Having trouble remembering your emergency checklist? Try chanting it out loud while driving until it is more familiar than the National An-

Then there's a philosophical question for which I have no answer. Why does it take so little effort to forget but so much effort to learn and remember? And even more effort to reprogram ourselves?

Now back to APT. Are you sure you turned in your completed APT form, the appropriate part, to your Chapter APT Chairman? Was it important to you? It certainly is to the organization to which you belong!

Please note: Sally Gluckman, 1323 Mardi Lane, Houston, Texas 77055, is now the South Central APT Chairman. Many thanks to Sondra Ridgeway who served so capably, so long.

Next time you say "I forgot", ask yourself "Why?". I did - and promptly made some new year's resolutions, albeit it a little late.

FLYING ACTIVITIES

by Charlene Falkenberg

It is frigid cold as 1 sit here in the Midwest writing this column. However, by the time you receive your 99 News many places will be experiencing spring time. Some of you lucky ones live where it is nice all year around. Others in the far north are still in the middle of winter.

Nevertheless, it is not too soon to be making plans for Flying Activities. Thanks to each of you FA Chairmen that have written me of your planned activities and to request help. Don't forget that middle letter in A C T. COMMUNICATE. I appreciate each and every communication that I receive.

It is heartwarming to know girls like Janice Clemens of the Kitty Hawk Chapter are taking my suggestions of combining Flying Activities with Legislation and Air Education. Another idea to combine with flying activities is our "bi-centennial celebration". Why not plan fly-ins to celebrations of the bi-centennial that are being held in nearby communities. Cities all over the U.S. are being named as a bi-centennial city and have special activities planned. Watch your newspapers.

Our membership is very active even though it is winter time in many places. Flying Activities have been planned in recognition of International Women's Year.

The Mississippi Chapter sponsored a Biennial Flight Review while North Georgia's 99s came up with a wonderful idea called "Vacation Flying Seminar".

Betty Fisher and Bea Wilder are keeping the Washington Chapter in the air with their planned Fly-ins.

A Spot Landing Contest was held by the Garden State Chapter. I have SOPs for Spot Landings. Send a stamped envelope and you'll get them by return mail.

The Connecticut 99s got in some flying while making some Senior Citizens happy by giving them rides.

If you wanta know about "Pie in the Sky" contact Val Johnson of the Greater St. Louis Chapter.

These and many other flying activities are being planned. Get to know other 99s by inviting several Chapters to meet for lunch. It's not too early to start planning a fly-in to your Spring Sectional. Let's have all seats filled when we fly.

Betty Fisher to Falls Church, Virginia has shared with us some interesting



Charlene Falkenberg, left, International Flying Activity Chairman and Chicago Area Chapter Membership Chairman pinning new member, Florence Whipple, January, 1975.

places to fly to. Anytime you are in that part of the country try one of the following:

LURAY CAVERNS AIRPORT, Virginia...Transportation provided to the Mimslyn Hotel for food. After partaking of delicious food you can tour the caverns, and also look at an extensive collection of antique automobiles.

HERSHEY, PA...Lunch at Old Hershey Hotel - 1/2 mile from airport.

HAGERSTOWN, MD...Excellent restaurant on airport.

READING, PA...Convenient restaurant on airport. Serves out-of-doors in warm weather. Vanity Fair outlet 3/4 mile from airport. Fabulous lingerie and Kay Windsor clothes at half-price.

Let us know all about your fly-ins.

MUSEUM REPORT

by Page Shamburger

Sorry that we've had so little communications lately. It's not because the Museum and the dedicated workers aren't doing things. They are. But the glamour of a finished building, a fine house for all the vital research material concerning women in aviation is just not part of today's economic situation. Things we want just cost too much right now; so - we must sit still on the big, the exciting projects.

Like I said, though, it doesn't mean we're not doing things! And always, a new force comes to light. Take for instance Jo Eddleman. Jo, a Ninety-Nine of long standing, has written a book called COWS ON THE RUNWAY. We haven't seen a copy, yet, and I don't think Jo has either, but she says "Many write 'How To' books but this one is definitely a 'How NOT to' volume." Jo says she had fun writing it.

She has promised and we gratefully accept 50 cents per book sold to a 99 donated to our Museum. We didn't ask for it. She brought up the whole thing, and that's what I mean about 99's world-wide thinking "Museum." The book is \$4.95 plus 35 cents per copy for postage. It's called COWS ON THE RUNWAY and by the time you read this, copies will be available, autographed if you ask, directly from: Jo Eddleman, 4509 Cedell Place, Temple Hills, MD 20031.

Then there's Peggy Brown from up Massachusetts way. Peggy, without any begging from us - in fact, only now do we



know about it! - searched out and found the GeeBee that Jackie Cochran flew in the race from London to Melbourne. This is a Q.E.D. model and the only GeeBee known to exist except a GeeBee Sportster in the Museum in Connecticut.

Well, Peggy Brown doesn't do things half-way! She got the help (and enthusiasm) of Charlotte and Ed Granville (he designed the GeeBees) and decided this airplane should be in our Museum. It's a long story - a year's worth of efforts on her part - but includes phone calls, hundreds of letters, and two trips in her Skyhawk to Mexico. Someday, perhaps we can get her to tell us all about it!

Anyway, she did find the airplane. It's "in a beautiful memorial exhibit or museum in Torreon outside of Mexico City." Seems that this plane was flown by the Mexican hero-pilot Francisco Sarabia on his record flight from Mexico City to New York. Sarabia was killed near Washington and reports have it that the US Air Force flew his body - and the Q.E.D. back to Mexico with great ceremony.

Of course, this is not the end of the story. Peggy hasn't thrown in the towel, yet. Someday, perhaps, we can share the plane with Mexico. They honor it because of Sarabia and we could honor it because of Jackie Cochran.

So, you see. Our Museum is not static. As long as we have the dedication and belief of 99s like Jo Eddleman and Peggy Brown - and the dozens more I talk with constantly - our Museum will always be active! The trouble is, we don't always tell YOU about it!

COMING

Florida Spaceport Ninety Nines TREASURE HUNT

March 15, 1975 - rain date March 22, 1975 Kissimmee Airport, Kissimmee Florida Entry Fee - \$5.00 each person in aircraft. (Spotters are valuable!) Open to female pilots, but male co-pilots and spotters are welcome.

●●● SANTA BARBARA CONTEST

Santa Barbara Chapter of the 99s, an international organization of licensed women pilots, will sponsor a treasure hunt and spot landing contest Saturday, May 10.

Deadline for entries is May 3. Entry forms are available from Rachel Cowin, 1230 Crestline Dr., Santa Barbara, Ca. 93105

●●● WASP REUNION

Hazel Hohn, 605 Jeanell Drive, Carson City NV 89701 and Fran Gustavson, 54 Venturacci Lane, Fallon NV 89406, of the Reno 99s will be making arrangements for the WASP Reunion to be held June 19th.



Thurs. April 10 and 11 & Fri. Scheduled to Coordinate with the SW Spring Sectional

Spend Thurs. aft. and evening in sunny Tuscon with lodging at the new Howard Johnson Inn. Fly the Hunt on Friday, terminating in Phoenix in time to register for the Sectional.



25th Anniversary ALL WOMEN'S IN-TERNATIONAL AIR RACE

DATES:

Qualifying: May 19, 20 - Hamilton Civic Airport, Ontario, Canada

Takeoff: May 22, 9:00 AAM - Hamilton Civic Airport, Canada

Finish: May 24, 12:00 PM - TI-CO Airport, Titusville, Florida

Awards: May 26, 8:00 PM - Royal Oak Country Club, Titusville

COURSE:

A 1428.9 statute mile route beginning at Hamilton Civic Airport, Ontario, Canada and continuing with enroute stops at -

- London Airport, Ontario Canada ~
 Michiana Regional Airport, South Bend, Indiana - Required Stop
- 3. Dress Regional Airport, Evansville, Indiana
- 4. Huntsville-Monroe County Jetport,
- Huntsville, Ala.
 5. Thomasville Municipal Airport,
 Florida
- 6. Jacksonville International Airport, Florida
- 7. TI-CO Airport, Titusville, Fla. (TERMINUS)

PILOT QUALIFICATIONS:

Minimum 500 total flight hours, 200 Pilot-In-Command hours with 50 Pilot-in-command cross-country hours, 10 hours in aircraft to be flown.

AIRCRAFT ELIGIBILITY:

Stock model, non-turbosupercharged, fixed wing aircraft of not less than 145 horsepower and not more than 520 horsepower.

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Each aircraft model is assigned a handicap in miles per hour based on speeds obtained from timed flight tests over a measured course. Average ground speeds for the total course are computed from the total elapsed in-air time. Winners are determined by subtracting handicap miles per hour from average ground speed in miles per hour. High score wins.

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Sanctioned by the National Aeronautic Association, United States Representative of Federation Aeronautique Internationale (world authority governing sport flying and

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THEME:

Women pilots from all nations are invited to participate and all past and future winners will be honored at the terminus festivities in keeping with the theme of International Women's Year.

RACE HEADQUARTERS:

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Hamilton Civic Airport

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Mount Hope, Ont., Canada

Tele.: (416) 679-6044

Hotel - Canada

Royal Connaught Hotel 112 King Street East

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For further information please contact: ALL WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL AIR RACE, INC.

P.O. Box 9125

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99's Spring Sectional
45th Anniversary
South Central Section
1930-1975
April 11-13, 1975
Pre-registration: \$19.00
Registration at Door: \$23.00

Friday

1-5:30 Spot Landing Contest. (Please identify yourself as a 99 aircraft to the tower. Touchdown will be with main gear on white line or after. Touchdown before line disqualifies you.) If you will be coming earlier or later than this, please contact unicom 123.0 and have them call The Royal Inn 692-3022.

Friday Night: Nothing is planned for this night. All but this meal is included in your registration cost.

Saturday

8:30 Bus to Old Abilene Town

9:00 Breakfast (Continental Style)

10:00 Preview of Mountain Flying Clinic by Colorado Chapter

10:30 Special Tour for Men of Texas Aerospace

10:30 Business Meeting

12:00 Lunch and Guest Speaker, Gordon Baxter

1:30 Tour of Old Abilene Town

3:00 Bus to Elmdale Airport; Crop Dusting Demonstration by Ed Hargrove; Parachuting Exhibition by Lou Sparks (President, Texas Parachutist Council), Tony Sparks and Ken Mathews

5:00 Bus to hotel

6:30 Buffet Dinner, Combo 'til 10:30

Sunday

7:30-8:30 Weather Briefing by Flight Service (Flight Plans will be taken.); Continental Breakfast

9:00 Bus to Airport; Free transportation is available at other times if necessary. Please let us know in advance if possible. **DALLAS CHAPTER 99s**

M.P.A. PROFICIENCY AIR RACE

MAY 17, 1975

DALLAS. TEXAS

Write: Barbara Whitsell, Race Chairman P.O. Box 272

Farmersville, Texas 75031

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1975 Indiana Fair Ladies Race

Anderson, Indiana, Sept. 19, 20, 21, 1975. Race kits now available. Send \$2.00 to Mrs. Sue Bathauer, 11861 Hoster Road, Carmel, Indiana, 46032.

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Wis-Sky Run

JUNE 21, 1975 WIS-SKY RUN, WISCONSIN 99 PROFICIENCY AIR DERBY, MOREY AIRPORT, MIDDLETON, WIS. P.I.C. MUST BE FEMALE. CO-PILOT REQUIRED: MALE OR FEMALE. SEND \$2.00 for RACE KIT TO PAT WEIR, RT. 5 BOX 162, MARSHFIELD, WI 54449

CALENDAR NOTICE

JUNE 7, 1975: 3RD ANNUAL MINI-DERBY, Hayward Air Terminal, Hayward, Calif. 10:30 a.m. Non-stop 300 mile roundrobin speed and cruise-and-proficiency races for pilots with less than 750 hours. Sponsored by Golden West Chapter, The 99s, Inc. \$1.50 entry kits available April 1 through May 15 from Geri Wiecks, 1588 Forge Road, San Mateo, Ca. 94402. Registration fee \$12.50 per person. Includes memento, continental breakfast at briefing, 2nd banquet.



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Chapter Reports

East Canada Section

FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER Nora Parish, Reporter

On January 10, 20 women members of 1st Canadian Chapter together with members of the Zonta Club, gathered in the office of the Mayor of Hamilton, Ontario, his worship Victor K. Copps. Mr. Copps read a proclamation declaring January 11th, 1975 as Amelia Earhart day in Hamilton. The proclamation reads as follows:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR PROCLAMATION WHEREAS:

Hamilton has been one of the first cities to proclaim "Amelia Earhart Day", and whereas this year the famous "Angel Derby" on its 25th Anniversary will start at the Hamilton Municipal Airport, and whereas we wish to further recognize our Zonta Clubs, our "Z" Club and the Ninety-Nines Inc., sponsors of this all-women International Air Race and their work to sponsor the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards and other learning opportunities for young women to contribute to the advance of aviation.

Now Therefore I, Victor K. Copps, Mayor of the City of Hamilton do hereby proclaim January 11th 1975, to be

"AMELIA EARHART DAY"

in Hamilton and urge everyone to join in honouring the memory of the late Amelia Earhart in this way and to support our efforts to make the 1975 Angel Derby the most successful in the 25-year history of this great international event.

Plans are getting under way nicely for the Angel Derby and hopefully will be one of many activities undertaken by the 99s as their contribution in the celebration of International Womens Year as declared by the United Nations.



L.toR. Gillian Holden, Chairman Ist. Canadian Chapter, Mayor Copps, Barbara Brotherton, Governor, Alice Gooch, Chairman Angel Derby, Sheila Scott, Dean of women, McMaster University, Hamilton, and the Chairmen of "Z" Club and Zonta respectfully.

MAPLE LEAF CHAPTER Jean Fenton, Reporter

We are a busy group of women, who are very liberated as far as women of the world go, in this year that the United Nations are out to liberate women. We fly, we sell Real Estate, we take University courses, we get our commercial, instrument and night ratings. We are Secretary's of aircraft companies, Queen of Flying Farmers and yes, we are wife, mother and grandmother. Who says we are not liberated?

We of the Maple Leaf Chapter have a busy year planned. We are making plans for our Poker Run and already have been in the Listowel Santa Claus parade, showing the public that women do fly. We are not all Grandmother's, but thought this says what we are.

Grandma Is Off Her Rocker
The old rocking chair is vacant today,
For Grandma is no longer in it.
She's off in the plane, just buzzing around.
Now Grandma is off to classes today.
She's versatile, forceful, dynamic.
Her typewriter clackerty-clack through the night

For Grandma is writing a book.
She isn't content with crumbs,
as of old with meagre secondhand
knowledge.

Dont' bring out the mending for Grandma to do,

For Grandma has gone back to college.

MONTREAL CHAPTER Sandy Frank, Reporter

Christmas found our 99s really venturing to distant lands! Althea Smith went to New Zealand where she met and flew with a 99 of that land of gnus and emus! Upon her return she then hopped over to France for a few weeks where she plans to meet, and improve her French while flying, with one of those "Chic" 99s. Patti Sue Gould went south to Florida in a Cessna 150, stopping at Key Largo and Key West. She then picked up a Cherokee 180 and did some island hopping in the Bahamas. Irma and Syd Selig flew to Grand Cayman but had to do it the hard way - by Air Canada - their twin Comanche is laid up for a major overhaul.

January found our chapter very busy promoting International Women's Year and Aviation month. Together with the Centaure Aero Club we put on a "Flying without Fear" Ladies Night to try to turn those petrified passengers (wives and girlfriends of flyers) into competent co-pilots in one easy lesson. Georgette Buch, an instructress and our latest member, gave a talk on map navigation and then showed a film called "Come Fly with Me, Darlene," a terrific film for those who don't think they want to become interested in flying. The highlights of the dinner were the brief talks given by our guests of honour. They were Mrs. Lucille Grant, the first Canadian stewardess, she started with Trans Canada Airlines in 1938. And Miss Frances Oneson, the first Canadian woman Air Traffic Controller. Both these ladies delivered delightful sagas of their experiences and answered all our curious questions. Our turn-out for this surpassed our wildest dreams and was such a

tremendous success that they hope we will attempt another.

At our February meeting took care of all pertinent business and discussed coming activities. Jack de Bagheera who is the 49½ er of Giselle has taken over operation of EDUCAIR a flight training enterprise in Montreal so plan a night of LINK work soon. Plan to do some airport marking in the Spring. Also discussed the Spring Sectional meeting which is to be a joint meeting with the Western section in Winnipeg, hosted by the Winnipeg Chapter. Hope to be well represented at it, and hope to see some of our American 99s there also.

Western Canadian Section

GREATER WINNIPEG CHAPTER Marg. Rubin, Reporter

COME TO THE FIRST ALL-CANADIAN MEETING April 11 - 13, 1975 In Winniped

We are busy organizing the first All-Canada meeting to be held April 11-13 at the Holiday Inn in Winnipeg. As well as providing an opportunity for the Eastern and Western Canadian sections to meet and hold discussions, special activities are being planned. We are looking forward to meeting all the members and hope they can all attend.

In January, we welcomed back Rosella Bjornson to the 99s. Rosella is one of the founding members of the Greater Winnipeg Chapter. She is currently flying as first officer on the Fokker F-28 for Transair Ltd. out of Winnipeg.

In December, our chapter hosted a Christmas party for children from the School for the Deaf. After games and supper our members flew the children over the city to view the Christmas lights. The children really enjoyed the flights since none of them has ever flown before.

The Chapter is also occupied with the Poker Derby to be held on June 14. This has become an annual event for us. Pilots from all over the province will be participating. Again, it promises to be a successful, fun-filled event for everyone.

Australian Section

AUSTRALIAN SECTION Rosemary Colman, Reporter

The Ladies' Night of the Australian Institute of Navigation was chaired by 99 Margaret Kentley. The guest speaker was Miss Isobel Bennett, one of Australia's most distinguished marine biologists and an authority on the Great Barrier Reef. Miss Bennett gave a particularly interesting talk on how coral reefs form and how they grown and showed this with slides taken locally and from the air. The Coral Sea area is entrenched in Australia's history, early in Captain Cook's voyages of discovery and later in the Coral Sea Battles of our United States Allies.

Christine Wills, Australia's Governor is making an extensive flying tour of Australia to visit her wide flung Committee before our annual general meeting. This meeting is scheduled for Sunday 16 March, 1975 at 0800 hours at the Freeway Motel-Hotel, Perth, Western Australia. This date coincides with the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Women's Pilots Association Silver Anniversary Meeting and also with the Australian Women Pilots Navigation Trial in recognition of the International Women's Year. Christine was accompanied on this trip by her brand new baby Marguerite Clare, who is beautiful.

The papers are full of news about the record New South Wales Air Race to be run March 22 from Sydney to Narromine and March 23 continuing Narromine to Summerton. It was won last time by the 99s, so good luck this time, girls

There is a legend circulating Sydney's air fields of a girl who boarded a light aircraft during the approach of Cyclone Tracy in gale force winds and saved one light aeroplane from the devastation that flattened the City of Darwin and smashed all aircraft. She is said to have landed in Sydney five days later but no trace of her name can be found.

The late 99s, Ruth Hodges and Pie Gursansky are to be remembered in a Scholarship which will enable licensed pilots to train towards a Class 4 Instrument Rating

99 Anne Carter is home after flying with Dr. Wessell in the Baden Baden Rally, gaining 17th place over all, and 2nd in the



99 Nancy Bird Walton, centre, photographed dining out with 99 Mutz Trenze - Germany, left and Mrs. Alan Bean, wife of the U.S. Astronaut. Nancy opened her charming home to women pilots recently to entertain 99 Margaret Golledge of All Ohio Chapter. Nancy also held a Christmas Pool-side party which was most refreshing in Sydney's hot summer, and recently gave a dinner party for Florence Beamon of Aloha Chapter.

Photo - Courtesy of the Australian Women's Weekly.

Ladies' Division. In France she met Joseph Marie de Beauregard and Danielle Decure.

Whirley Girl, Rosemary Harris has just renewed her helicopter rating in Adelaide, South Australis. She took the opportunity to make contacts with many women fliers in the states she visited.

The Royal Aero Club of N.S.W. now has two women on the flying staff.

Many 99s were among the group of women pilots and friends who toured the Hawker de Haviland establishment at Bankstown, viewing Caribous, DC3s, the boat building division and the division responsible for manufacturing the wing ribs for Boeing 727s.

Canberra 99 Helen Blackburn is touring the Northern Territory and the famous Birdsville tract. Dawn Gregory is moving to Perth but intends to keep her nursing and flying interests.

The Award for the best performance by a woman pilot in 1974, was awarded by the Redcliffe Aero Club to 99 Virginia Gilfelt. She is commencing work on her commercial subjects. Pam Barlow and 49½ Keith are departing from Queensland for the New Hebrides.

Nancy Leebold spoke most entertainingly at the Aviation Historical Society as guest speaker and amongst those present was Layne Glanville Williams.

Overseas visitors:

Air Traffic Controller, Claudia Carlson of Santa Clara Valley Chapter toured the Kingsford Smith, Sydney, Control Tower with Shirley Harris and Senja Robey.

Marion Zaegel, Alaska Chapter has been renewing acquaintance with Marie Richardson. Marion toured the East Coast of Australia and tried Snorkling on the Great Barrier Reef. Muriel Guggolz of Santa Fe area toured Tasmania and Victoria and is staying with Marie on her way to Perth.

A minor invasion (friendly) is expected in April when an Australian Fly Yourself Trip, arranged by well known Arthur Shutt, arrives from Los Angeles.

South African Section

SOUTH AFRICAN SECTION Merle Ball, Reporter

Our bi-annual Sectional meeting is planned for April and should prove to be a tremendous amount of fun. 99s from all corners of South Africa will congregate in the pleasant surroundings of the Holiday Inn at Maseru.

I believe Sheila Scott is planning a visit to South Africa within the next couple of weeks. It would be most interesting if she could be at our meeting to tell us of her latest accomplishments and ambitions.

Anneliese von-Wallenberg-Baum and 491/2 Klaus delight in flying for business as well as pleasure, in the remote arid areas

of South West Africa. She tells me that the only disagreements that they have is trying to decide which one of them flies the best!

Jenny Louw has been flying a variety of planes to Gaberone, and Port Elizabeth recently, and looks forward to being able to do her twin rating soon.

Aurial Miller just loves living in Cape Town. One can't-blame her either, for this city, found on the Southern tip of the Continent of Africa enjoys a Mediterranean climate, and can boast some of the most beautiful scenery of our land. Aurial has joined the Cape Air Club and says that the enthusiasm these pilots share is most infectious. So much so, that she went out and did her night Rating soon after "joining up." It is possible that the next we hear of Aurial will be that she has a Commercial License.

SOUTH CENTRAL AFRICA SECTION Brigitte Hildebrandt, Reporter

It's been a quiet time with very little by way of flying activities to report from our end, but faint stirrings are being detected at all corners of 'South Central Africa,' which augur well for the future.

The South African girls spent an exceptionally interesting - and useful-day at Waterkloof Airforce base near Pretoria towards the end of last year. 'High Altitude Navigation' was the topic of a lecture but, interesting though it was, it couldn't match the fascination of the Mirage Simulator which some of us were actually allowed to attempt to fly. And attempt is the word - the antics reflected on the instruments outside (critically watched by presently non-battling 99s) were something to behold. That was as close as we are likely to get to the real thing for the time being, as our airforce adheres strictly to the regulation not to take women up in military aircraft. On the other hand, however, we were amazed and very pleased indeed at the genuine interest taken in our aims. If ever a get-together with a hitherto very remote and vitally important body committed to aviation fostered insight and mutual understanding, this was it! Credit to Ingrid Heinz for paving the way.

The Rhodesians managed to get in a helicopter ride when they visited a crop-spraying concern in February to be initiated into the intricacies of this specialised kind of flying.

Another visitor from the States, Charmian Byers-Jones managed to meet both the South African 99's and the Flame Lilies of our section within a few days of each other (something which some of our South African based members are still trying to achieve...) She was very welcome indeed and we hope she enjoyed her journey

In future I'll have to issue a directive to please stage major events in flying careers a little further away from the report deadline. I had confirmation an hour ago that Ingrid Heinz has obtained her Instrument Rating. Congratulations, that's a great stride forward! Everyone please note that she has offered to teach the rest of us how..!

Middle East Section

DELAWARE - MARYLAND PENNSYLVANIA - VIRGINIA

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER Mary Galbraith, Reporter

Our January meeting was held at the lovely 200 year old home of Mary and Jim Hull which they are currently restoring. Ten members were present. Plans were discussed on the Spring Sectional as our Chapter will host this event for the Middle East Section to be held at the new convention center in Hershey, Pa. Following the meeting and a delicious ham luncheon we enjoyed an auction of articles donated by the girls. "Boots" Husted was our capable auctioneer and the proceeds fattened our treasury.

February's meeting was well attended as everyone was eager to help prepare decorations and centerpieces for our forthcoming Sectional. The entire meeting consisted of cutting, pasting and planning for this event. We predict it will be full of delightful surprises and one you will long remember. Two prospective members, Betty Parthemer and Lynn O'Donnel were also on hand to help.

In May, our members are anticipating a Safety Clinic sponsored by our Central Pa. Chapter and Piper Aircraft. Alice Fuchs is Chairman for the event and she will be assisted by 49½ Bill. Many interesting things are planned for this clinic and your reporter will have more at a later date.

What our members have been doing: Carol Windsor, our chairman, has recently finished teaching CAP ground school for private pilot and will begin another soon. Joyce Williamson has been appointed to the staff of CAP Group 1300 as Aerospace Education Officer. Her husband, Ken, Is



Central Pa. Chapter members airmarking at Oregon Hill



Marion Garberick and Helen Sheffer admiring their work during airmarking.

Deputy Group Commander. Marion Garberick resigned her position as Group Commander and at the same time that position was assumed by 49½ Jack.

Ann Turley and 49½ Major Turley are currently working on their instrument tickets. Debbie Bartolet and Ronnie Johnson were recently hospitalized.

Mary and Bob Galbraith returned from a month long trip to the western states in their Navion Rangemaster. They visited in New Mexico, Colorado and Montana. It was their first encounter with mountain flying.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SECTION Gail Lingo, Reporter

Our very hard-working Kate Macario and family were finally caught up with and given a very deserving award for their contribution to aviation. The Chester County Pilots Association awarded a beautiful plaque to Kate, 49½ er Tom and sons Michael, Matthew and Mark for their enthusiasm, dedication and many hours of hard work over the past years. Congratulations to a wonderful flying family of whom we are all very proud.

At the same time we were pleased to have another member of our Chapter, Anna Spivey, given an award with the same honors for her work and many hours of devotion at Chester County Airport.

Fran Wright, our flying Grandmother from Lancaster just returned from flying her 172 to Key West, Fla., stopping at Florence, N.C., Boca Ratan and St. Petersburg enroute. In December she also flew her plane to Wellsville, N.Y. to go deer hunting. She didn't get one but next year...Quite a gal!

Cindy and Art Bretnall had a vacation flying their Twin-Commanche to Abaco in the Bahamas where they stayed for a week.

Edie and Jim Bullitt took their four children in their Cherokee to Vermont over the Washington Birthday weekend--had wonderful skiing with an abundance of snow.

Wanda Hansen delivered a car to San Antonio while $49 \, \frac{1}{2}$ er Fred flew the Navion. After several days of bad weather they were able to return home in their faithful flying machine.

Yvette Hortman took her children to Aspen, Colo., over the Christmas holidays for their first venture in skiing.

Adele and Sid Parsons flew to New Orleans for some Post Graduate work and to see the Mardi Gras.

The writer and 49½ er Jack just returned from a great flying vacation to Ft. Myers, Fla. We went all the way the day we planned and returned the day we planned...CAVU...didn't have to leave the Navion in any strange airports this trip. Oops---the following weekend Alice and Ray Meisenheimer and the Lingos flew to New Hampshire for some skiing and guess what-the Navion is till tied down in Keene, N.H. because of rain, fog and hail.

We are proud to say we have two new Flight Instructors...Beth Whirlein and Brenda Hildebrandt. Joan Jones also passed her Commercial on 2-22 in a

Cherokee Arrow. Joan Bertles is now a FAA Flight Examiner for Private and Commercial and based at Mercer County Airport, Trenton, N.J.

Our newest member is a gal from Newark, Dela., Anne Grussemeyer who flies a 172 from Oxford (Pa.) Airport. Anne is Assistant Manager at the Wilmington Savings Fund Society.

Anne Shields had the opportunity to show our Amelia Earhart film and spoke to a local NOW group in January. (National Organization of Women)

Our November meeting was held at Lancaster Airport using Lancaster Aviation facilities. After the business meeting we showed the film "Powder Puff for Joan" and had lunch at the Stockyard Inn. What a lovely job Fran Wright did organizing this meeting.

January meeting day brought snow, sleet and rain but still 30 stouthearted gals turned out at Pottstown Municipal Airport to show Eileen Reider all her plans and arrangements were not in vain. Everyone enjoyed the film of the 1972 Terminus at Toms River, N.J. PPD.

We met in February at Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, and had a tour of the Hall of Aviation and viewed the film "48 hours Coast to Coast." Captain Ralph Barnaby was our host and was assisted by our member Mary Robinson--excellent attendance.

MARYLAND CHAPTER Paulette Jones, Reporter

MD 99 Jill Brown is the first black woman in the nation to be enlisted in the US Navy's flight training program. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Brown of Millersville, MD - both pilots. Her mother, Elaine, was also a MD 99. Miss Brown was one of four civilians chosen when the Naval flight training program was reopened for eight more women this year.

Jill earned her private pilot license from Lee Airport. She began officer training at Newport, RI, in November 1974, and will enter Navy flight training at Pensacola, FL, in April or May 1975. After further flight training at Corpus Christi, TX, Jill will be qualified to fly fixed wing aircraft - either transport or weather service planes.

Other 99's stayed busy in January with a booth at the Women's Fair in the Pimlico Clubhouse. With good weather on the way, plans are being started for several airmarkings, ballooning and an APT day.



Outgoing Governor of the Middle East Section Jackie Scott(D.C) passes the gavel to new Governor Maryann Jessup Macconochie (Va.) with Treasurer Boots Husted (Central Pa.) and Secretary Doris Jacobson (Md) at Fall Sectional meeting in Pittsburgh.



Sally Williams and Barbara Marder were on duty in the Maryland 99s booth at the WOMAN'S FAIR held in the clubhouse of Pimlico Race Course. Thousands attended the one day affair; many were introduced to the 99s and women in aviation. Also on duty at the booth throughout the day were Chairman Rene Birch, Donna Hawkins, Barbara Feader and June Hanson.



L to R, 49½ Phil Birch, Md 99 Chairman Rene Birch, Ginny Vogel, Lenora Eaton, Monica Reilly, and Doris Jacobson at Greater Pittsburgh Chapter's first Sectional---Fall 1974. They did a great job as hostesses!

VIRGINIA CHAPTER Kendra J. Roth, Reporter

You are right. We didn't all fly to the 99 meeting in Caroline Schutts "dream machine." But it makes a nice background for a picture of us who flew into Luray for the Nov. get together.

To say Jan. 18th was all wet, is an understatement! Despite the weather, many members met at the Hanover Airport and lunched at the Holiday Inn. Our Chairman, Carol Mathews, announced that the raffle tickets for the five band radio were available to sell. The drawing will be March 15. We hope to raise money to pay our incorporating fee. Carol also announced that she and her 49½ are expecting a baby. Congratulations to you both. Just think, a 24¾.

Then came Feb. and a time to meet at Sky Bryce, the airport with a ski slope for a neighbor and, you guessed it, a weather problem. A few gals managed to meet at the planned time. Others found themselves talking to various approachs center and tower controllers. March has got to be better. After all, the weather has only one way to go.

Dottie Hartle is traveling around Europe while her Navy 49½ is seeing Europe via aircraft carrier. She plans to call 99s in the various countries she visits.

Janie Allen is instructing people in the Carbondale, III. area in the new sport of orienterring. This is a race in which the contestants disappear into the woods, carring a map and a compass. They depart

at two to five minute intervals searching for control points which will lead them to the finish line.

Our Chapter was represented at the I.W.Y. in Jan. by Mary Ann Jesup McConochie, Luci Thompson, Rosemary Conaster and Anna Marie Fogua.

In March, we will visit Navy squadron VRC-40 at N.A.S. Norfold. The squardon's Executive Officer, Commander Roth, will give us a tour and show a movie on Naval Aviation.

April will be a poker run. Good weather has been requested so that our newest member. Kim Waldrop, can enjoy a day of flying along with the rest of us.



Caroline Schutt (Bay Cities Chapter) stands in the door of her airplane, while Virginia Chapter 99s group for a picture before flying home.

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

The International Women's Year Take-off Dinner, reported elsewhere in this edition, was the culmination of intense December and January activity. Special thanks go to Fay Wells, who probably has done more to encourage women in aviation than anyone else. Irene Wirtschafter, dinner cochairman with her Zonta counterpart, spent many long hours in the effort, along with stalwarts Jean Ross Howard, Fran Nolde, Mary Jo Oliver, Blanche Noyes, and many others. Helen Wray and Helen Hewitt of the Shreveport Chapter flew up for the event bearing a proclamation from their Mayor. Soon after arrival, they presented themselves at Take-off headquarters and went to work, working all through the day on Saturday before the dinner.

Our February meeting was held at Jo Eddelman's house. Jo's book, COWS ON THE RUNWAY, is just off the presses and she was kind enough not only to host the meeting, but to inscribe the book. We recommend it to all Ninety Nines. It is absorbing reading.

Irene Wirtschafter gave a detailed afteraction report on the IWY takeoff dinner, followed by Fay Wells, who is now deeply involved in a display of the Ninety Nines' Bicentennial Star program. After being opened to the public here, the display will be made available as often as possible to other chapters and sections. Proceeds from the IWY Takeoff dinner are financing this, as well as a healthy contribution (\$300) to the International Forest of Friendship -- part of the D.C. Chapter's continuing effort to make the nation's 200th birthday a memorable - and Nines remembering year for Ninety

Any meeting is a success when our charter members Blanche Noyes and Fay Wells are present. The February meeting was notable, too, for new faces. We were delighted to have Courtney Evans, from the Australia Section, as our quest. Doris M. Canter became our newest full-fledged member; Dabney Hart our newest transfer, from Eastern Pennsylvania; and three prospective members joined us for their first meeting, Kathy Lehman, Vicki L. McQueen and Mary Frances Silitch (Mary Frances is with the National Pilots Association). Janet Batterby and Ruth Freckleton, whom we have not seen in some time, were among the members at this large turnout.

It must have been Jo's book; the overlong business meeting could not have attracted so many, but we did accomplish some important work. Our nominees for International Office are Mary Clark, Hazel Bartolet and Jackie Scott. Helen Delaney agreed to take on slate preparation for next season's Chapter offices. Our fledgling speaker's bureau got off the ground with a small stable of speakers, to talk to increasingly receptive audiences about general aviation, women in aviation, and Ninety Nines. Our baseline briefing is loaned to us from GAMA. We invite inquiries from interested chapters.

Spring is almost here, and Bea Wilder and Betty Fischer have set up our first 1975 fly-in to Smithville, March 16.

> New York-New Jersey Section **NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY**

GARDEN STATE CHAPTER Dolores Jane Zilincar, Reporter

On January 12th we were guests at Hammonton Airport operated by George Arslanian Jr. After our spot landing contest, won by Dolores Zilincar, we had a meeting with guests Mayor and Mrs. Clark of Hammonton. Mr. Marvin Small, our guest speaker, enlivened the afternoon with his appraisal of the benefits derived from all phases of aviation.

Chairman, Claire Kurica, conducted the meeting and officially announced Smithville Airport as the site of our 1975 GARDEN STATE 300. The date is Saturday. June 7th with the 8th as rain date. Deadline for entry is May 10th. (send one dollar for your kit to Janis Blackburn, Chairman.) Committee Chairmen include: Rules, Alice Hammond; Entries, Dana Mack; Impound, Stephana Gredsted; Registration, Edythe Fein; Transportation, Mary R. Myers; Banquet, Claire Kurica and Dolores Zilincar; Judges, Chicky Alper; Route, Grace McGuire and Kitty Pankow; Program, Judy Meltsner; and Awards, Sandy Duma.

Diane Shaw passed the in-News: strument written. Mary Rose Myers, Roz Lavin, Edythe Fein and Wanda Mammel are working on instrument ratings, Bea Coverdale, Claire Kurica and Stephana Gredsted are APT, Grace McGuire passed her CFI written and Kitty Pankow is a full

fledged 99. Roz Lavin and her 491/2 flew their Cherokee to the Bahamas and Dana Mack just returned from a flight to Florida. While on a winter vacation to San Juan and other Islands, Chickie Alper reported flying Prinair Commuter which was piloted by a lady named Judy Stanton. Judy hails from San Francisco, has been flying only five vears and has all her ratings. Now there's an inspiration for all women contemplating a career in aviation.

Our February meeting at Millville, New Jersey began with the weather crashing down just moments after our windy spot landing contest. Wanda Mammel and 491/2 Lewis were undaunted by the frigid air. The winner this time was Dolores Zilincar and since the distaffers were far outnumbered in the contest, we must conclude that a certain gender is more than holding its' own. Competition never hurts.

Now for the outstanding news - our program for the day was devoted exclusively to the eventful and nostalgic 92 year flying careers of our sparkling Alice Hammond and her 491/2 John. Since the program was so extraordinary we shall not attempt to cover it here, but shall offer it as a special report to all our 99s at some future date in the 99 News. Alice has kindly consented to allow your reporter to write a personality profile, while modestly wondering if her activities since the beginning of her flying career in the twenties would be of sufficient interest to the readers. Any lady who is considered a pioneer in aviation, who has been in such spectacular company as Amelia Earhart and Ruth Nichols, and who has been a past International President of the 99s doesn't have to do anything. Just sparkle! And that's the truth.

GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER Julie vom Saal, Reporter

On January 15th we lost a very dear and dedicated 99 Lois Fairbank to New Horizons. Lois joined the 99s in 1943, was twice Governor plus many, many important committees. Last year, though ill. she again served as our Chapter Secretary. Lois and her Mother truly loved all 99s. I would like to say God Bless to another fine dedicated 99 and her 491/2, Barbara and Ed Evans who eased Lois's problems and pain during her long illness. We all extend our deepest sympathy to Lois's Mother.

This will be a short profile on Sally Buegeleisen, Chapter Vice-Chairman, for you will be reading a longer one in her book "Into The Wind" which relates the life, trials and triumphs of our beloved Max Conrad. A MUST for your aviation library. Sally has many talents. Her first priority is husband Abbott, then Mother, teacher, writer and author. It is no suprise that she is a member of the Aviation Space Writers Assoc., Author's Guild and WACOA. Her friends say she has a well earned title of "raconteur extraordinaire" and can whip up a dish to delight the most discerning gourmet. Truly a 99 who wears many hats.

We had a fun Xmas nite at our Chapter Chairman's home in Bronxville, N.Y. The Sproul's delivered all Xmas presents to the Children's Ward at Bellevue Hosp. NYC, a project of our Chapter which was started by Ruth Nichols.

Doris Renninger and I attended the kick-off banquet in Wash. D.C. which began International Women's Year. The first month, January began by a salute to women in aviation. They chose to commemorate Amelia Earhart's record breaking flight from Honolulu to Oakland.

We are all impressed with our Balloonist, Penny Amabile who has also passed her Instrument Instructors written and during November spent three days at Wellesley College Careers Conference meeting with students interested in aviation as a career.

Ruth Wentz is representing the 99s and women in aviation by assisting a group of Explorers, Boy Scouts of America at Somerset Airport in N.J.

Jan. 19th Doris Renninger, Whirl-Girl No. 59 flew to attend the 20th Anniversary "Hovering" at Anaheim, Calif. Doris flew both a Jet Ranger and an Enstrom and also had rides in two French Helicopters, a Dauphin and Gazella.

Our new Chapter Secretary Sharon Conover and husband filled two empty seats of an Aztec from Teterboro, N.J. to Nassau and happy Sharon added seven beautiful left hand seat hours to her log.

Welcome to our new members: Alison Holland, N.Y.C., Sara Rose Neubauer, Bronx, N.Y. Joyce Green, Chappaqua, N.Y., Dorothy Freydberg, White Plains, N.Y. and Carol Jarecki, recent transfer from Germany who now lives in Rye, N.Y. If I have included everyone, our membership now totals 43.

As the weather here is miserable I plan to brush the ice and snow off my faithful Cessna 206 and have flying fun with my Florida friends.

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER Anita Coderre, Reporter

Daisy Poss passed her Commercial written and is continuing to get the rest of the ratings. Passing also was Mini Claremont with her Instrument. Ida Van Smith, Flight Clubs started on a project to work with New York Family Courts and children who have had a brush with the law. Alice Borodkin is working with Ida by touring the schools and talking to classes about careers in aviation.

Catching up on some late holiday news, the Long Island Chapter had their Christmas Party at Ruth Dobrescu's "Governor's Mansion." Nicole Rodecki told us she has been shopping for a suitable DC-3 to transport her family (6 children) for a Christmas vacation in upstate New York! They finally had to resort to driving by auto for a fun-filled 4 days of winter sports.

The Long Island Chapter contributed \$60.00 to the St. Christopher's Home in Sea Cliff, Long Island at Christmas. Presentation was made by Ruth Dobrescu, Alice Borodkin and Doris Abbate. They were given a tour and were most impressed with the loving care given these children. The money was gratefully accepted, to be used for programs of development for which they cannot use state funds. (the

State provides only food and clothing). These are hard to place children and children who will stay there temporarily until problems at home are resolved.

The Long Island Chapter officially welcomes Lorre Ness as our newest member.

NEW YORK CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER Peg Weiss, Reporter

Just because your new reporter was a little slow getting started, don't think the chapter was. Our new slate of officers Nancy Fitzroy, Ann Matthews, Betty Elliott and Helen Fansler have led us through a busy fall and winter.

Chairman Nancy Fitzroy and your reporter were all set for an early takeoff on a CAVU day to the fall section meeting in New Jersey when a malfunctioning brake aborted the plans. The delay for repairs precluded our making the meeting, so we flew to Keene, New Hampshire for a marvelous lobster lunch. Not a bad substitute for a disappointed crew!

Chapter members had a great opportunity to evaluate their instrument flying skills when Bob Rosencrantz gave us full use of two ATC simulators for our October meeting.

Our November meeting was cancelled to allow us to join with the local unit of PATCO and other Capital District pilots for an informative pilot-controller seminar.

January 11th inaugurated the beginning of International Women's Year, and Nancy Fitzroy, JoAnn Perko, Ann Matthews and Lillian Roylance represented the Ninety-Nines at the local Zonta meeting to commemorate the event.

The flu bug forced cancellation of our February meeting. In March we'll have a superb program about what it was like to really fly the old mail routes.

Capital District is on the move as a chapter, and so are its individual members. Nancy Fitzroy flies her Cessna 310 to engineering meetings. Lillian Roylance and Peg Weiss flew in Lil's Debonair to Elmira to visit Ralph Haeslop of the American Bonanza Society and then to Binghamton for lunch. Ruth and Rob Green flew their Skymaster to St. Petersburg, Florida on business and to enjoy some of that sunshine. Ruth tells us of the great activities of the Grasshoppers. Joan and George Gannon, with pilot friend Emil McKay, flew the Gannon's Baron to Fort Lauderdale and Port Charlotte, Fla.

The Northeast will soon be free of the icy grip of winter, and once more the skies will beckon enticingly.

PALISADES CHAPTER Helen Egan Levy, Reporter

Top O' the Mornin' to you all! Shure and the Leprechauns have worked their magic....with a wee bit of help from our devoted members. Would you believe the 25 charter members have increased to 27 and the enthusiasm of a delightful group have tipped their rainbows to 27 prospects. Our thinking is to sponsor each prospect, one for one!

We might be a new one, but 'tis a flying' and, right now, one of the swimmingest

Chapters, despite the cold, foggy, North. A splash party held at Betty Lou Hubin's (and 49½, Tom) was our February meeting. George Meade, "Traffic Eye in the Sky", detailed traffic conditions in the New York Metropolitan Area while he flies WOR-AM's Helicopter 710. We learned of the traffic problems, and gained hints on tower communication and low flying in marginal weather, a no-go for our non-helicopter pilots.

Kudos to Peggy Naumann, CFII, ATP, and FAA Designated Pilot Examiner, all while taking time out to add a future 99 to our area. Rebecca, born in January, has already taken her first ride in an airplane and spends her time at Liberty Aviation, Caldwell-Wright Airport, with her sister and Mother, Chief Pilot for L.A. Clarice Bellino and her 491/2, Joe, flew to Exuma in January and upon return both obtained their multi-engine ratings. Jeann Silver, in spite of hospitalization complications, received her Glider, Sea, Multi-Engine and Instrument ratings. Betty Lou Hubin continues upgrading even after receiving her Sea, Commercial, Glider and Instrument ratings. Micki Thomas has Commercial, Instrument and Multi-Engine. Louise Galfas keeps all her ratings, Commercial, Instrument, CFII, extracurrent as a salesman for Wiggins Airways (N.Y. Piper). Angela Kovacs with her CFI and Commercial is inundated with students at the newly-formed Teterboro Flight Academy, both by flying and teaching ground school. P.A.M. Crouch, inactive, holds a Commercial rating. Kay Brick, holding Commercial and Instrument, is kept active as a Director of N.P.A. Selma Cronan has her Commercial. Blossom Friedman, Vicky Searles and your reporter are concentrating on instrument ratings!!!

Betty Lou Hubin helped celebrate 1975 International Women's Year by bringing the 99s to the forefront for "Zonta". Helen Egan Levy, brought the 99s past, present and future to the Mid-Atlantic Pilots Association, a group bringing safety to all pilots in our area. With the assistance of our Chairman, Betty Barlia, the MAPA group viewed the 1972 Powder Puff Derby film. All present were enthusiastic about the accomplishments of, and reason for, being Ninety-Nines.

And a blessing to you all....May the sky rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.



Helen Egan Levy News Editor - 99 News New York-New Jersey Section Palisades Chapter

New England Section

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CONNECTICUT CHAPTER Vivian Utko, Reporter

Our January meeting day was a day to remember. The meeting covered alot of business and was highlighted by the addition of two new members. We are proud to announce: Claudia Stuart, RFD No. 2 Box 66 Stonington, Conn. 06378 and Sue Costanzi, 951/2 Great Plain Rd., Danbury, Conn. Welcome! Following the meeting we proceeded to Hotel Sonesta in Hartford for a joint luncheon to launch IWY in the state of Connecticut. Those present were the area Zontians and the Conn. Chapter 99s plus the city's Mayor and other city and state representatives. The affair was highlighted by two speakers one being Sister Mary Ellen Murphy who as a consultant to NASA on the recent moon explorations, explained with slides the findings and workings of the flights to the moon. She was most fascinating. The other speaker, our Nancy Tier (charter member), spoke of Amelia Earhart, her flight, and her goal as a woman and her great inspiring spirit for the freedom of the air. All in all it was a day to remember and Mary Scribners planning made it so, especially obtaining TV coverage of the event. To top it all our chapter received an official proclamation to IWY from the states' first woman Governor, Gov. Ella Grasso.

At this writing, our chairman, Evelyn Kropp is recuperating from surgery and we're all wishing her the speediest recovery.



L to R Mary Scribner, Chairman Evelyn Kropp, and Nancy Tier (Charter Member), receiving the official proclamation beginning International Womans' Year in Conn., from the states' first woman Governor.

Four of our members had the opportunity to view the early stages in the making of the new A.E. Medal. Bobbie Herbert, Nancy Tier, Audrey Sweet and Vivian Utko visited the Medallic Arts Corp. in Danbury, Conn. and had a complete tour of the processes involved in manufacturing commemorative medals. While we were there the A.E. Medal was in the process of being scaled down from it's original draft to actual size. It was all very interesting and fun to see the various stages of the production of the medals, and the metals themselves.

Laurie Spence flew to Fla. during the holidays, visiting many family members along the way. Stops included Wash. D.C., Delray Beach, and Lakeland. Then on to Key West where there were a record number of visitors for the season.

Ruth Crowell Zimmerman has been selected "CFI of the Year" for the New England Region. Ruth, one of our very active members, is a flight instructor at Bradley Intn'l Airport with a whole list of ratings. Congrats and loads of luck are extended to her.

As for our months' activities...nil...snow and ice cancelled out our business meeting and Fly-For-Lunch-Brunch, plus the rain dates. So...we'll try again next month for more favorable weather.

EASTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER Lucille Flynn, Reporter

Boston's Logan Airport, 8th busiest in the world, was the scene on January 11, for a joint meeting of our chapter with ZONTA, a fellowship of Executive and Professional Women. The combined meeting was called to celebrate the month of January, dedicated to Women in Aviation, as part of the International Women's Year.

Billie Downing, Georgia Pappas and Mona Budding were in charge of the arrangements for the delightful luncheon in Restaurant 76. Harriet Fuller very ably presided over the 93 women and 2 men who were present. Georgia, an employee of MASSPORT, arranged for a guided tour of a TWA 747, after which we boarded a bus to visit the "inner circle" and working facilities of this beautifully developed International Facility.

Harriet introduced the first of our two guest speakers, Mel Gregorie, Chairman of the Status of Women Committee, New England District of ZONTA. Mel referred to Amelia Earhart as their most outstanding member. She gave a description of her service organization and informed us that a portion of each member's dues is placed into their own Amelia Earhart Fund.

In order to familiarize our guests with our purpose, Harriet read a brief history and told of the many activities of the 99s. She introduced Mrs. Muriel Morrissey, Amelia Earhart's sister, who spoke briefly on the attributes of the "special people" who make up our organization.

This memorable day was made outstanding by Mrs. Morrissey's recitation of a poem written by her sister and considered a fair summation of Amelia Earhart's philosophy of life.

"Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace.

The soul that knows it not, knows no release

From little things;

Knows not the livid loneliness of fear, Nor mountain heights where bitter joy can hear

The sound of wings."

We felt outselves doubly blessed on this occassion to not only be able to meet at the same airport where Amelia Earhart had done much of her flying, but also to have her delightful sister as our honored guest.



Harriet Fuller, Chairman, Eastern New England Chapter 99s, and Muriel Earhart Morrissey at Logan Airport 11 January 1975.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER Anne Good, Reporter

Congratulations to Pamela Hicks. She is attending U.S. Navy Officer Candidate School at Newport, R.I. for nineteen weeks. After commissioning, she will go on to pilot training.

Flying since she was fourteen, Pam has acquired an impressive flying record; obtaining a private, commercial, and flight instructor rating, she received her instructor rating at the age of nineteen.

Before entering the Navy, Pam was employed by White Mountain Airport and worked summers at a flight school at Hanscom Field, Bedford, Massachusetts.

Southeast Section

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

ALABAMA CHAPTER Juanita Halstead, Reporter

The Alabama Chapter has much old news and I will try to report our past meetings briefly.

On November 3 we had a lovely meeting in Luverne, Alabama. The weather was perfect and we had the pleasure of having Bee Reid, our Governor with us.

On December 8, Juanita and Foy Halstead, hosted the Christmas meeting at their country home near Montgomery. In spite of low hanging, scuddy clouds we had a good crowd. The business meeting was mainly devoted to a review of the proposed By-Law Changes.

For a change, Sunday, January 5 was so clear and beautiful you could see for twenty miles. We all flew into Huntsville's Jet-Port to enjoy lunch and meeting with the girls in that area. Miriam Pullins, Chapter Chairman, presided at the business meeting. Reports were heard. She announced the stop in Huntsville of the Angel Derby.

The February meeting was in Clanton. Cloudy, overcast skies kept some away. There were, however, twenty three present, including 49½s and guests.

Everyone enjoyed Minnie Wade's hospitality and lunch at the Clanton Holiday Inn.

The March meeting will be held in Mobile and is an overnight meeting with a visit to Bellingrath Gardens. The Mississippi Chapter is invited to join us.

BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER Virginia Gilreath, Reporter



Left to Right - Chairman, Louise White; Southeast Section Governor, Bee Reid and Hostess, Virginia Gilreath at the Dogwood Room in Charlotte, North Carolina for the January Meeting of The Blue Ridge Chapter.

Our January meeting in Charlotte, was held at the lovely Dogwood Room with 37 lady pilots attending. A buffet luncheon was served; hostesses were: Virginia Gilreath, Priscilla Stickney, Anne Adams and Cremilde Blank.

Guest speaker was Southeast Section Governor Bee Reid of Chattanooga, Tennessee. She was very helpful in giving us ideas for future organized chapter activities.

A movie film of the Powder Puff Derby was shown, encouraging our girls to enter the July 4 race.

Two new members joined our chapter, Patty McManus and Dorothy Penney, a retired airline stewardess.

Carolyn Pilaar is trying out her new A & P license. She is rebuilding a Luscombe. She has the wings ready to be primed and

Carolyn and Virginia Gilreath are hard at work preparing for this year's Powder Puff Derby Race. They have TAR No. 14 reserved as their plane race number. It is Carolyn's first try and Virginia's second attempt as Pilot-In-Command of heraircraft, a Cherokee Arrow 200.

The Chapter's February meeting waheld at Greenville, at Thermal Belt Aviation in the main terminal building. Those who came "early" went to the beautiful Thunderbird for lunch. In spite of another weekend of bad weather, we had a large turn out of members and prospective members. A total of 23 lady pilots were present. Ruby Guinn of the Carolina Chapter let us use her F.B.O. facilities and we enjoyed having her attend our meeting.

A group of us flew into Pickens Airport to take part in the Pickens Civil Air Patrol "Flea-Market". We set up our own booth and sold many different items. It was a tremendous success.

Soon as the weather clears we have many outdoor activities coming up, such as Airmarking, a Proficiency Race, an Airshow in Asheville, N.C. and other money-making projects.

"We salute" Chairman Louise White for doing such an outstanding job directing us and her deep devotion to our chapter.

Lucy Merritt received her Instrument Rating recently. Ground Instructor Carol McKinney gave us a test on rules and regulations to make sure we were all aware of the changes since last November 1, 1974.

Louise White's blue and white Mooney Aircraft has "99" LW as her call numbers

and Virginia Gilreath recently purchased "99" INC for her 1975 car tag. Wonder what the girls will think up next???

CAROLINAS CHAPTER Nancy Duncan, Reporter

The Carolinas Chapter has been busy, with a wide variety of activities. Our most recent meetings have been concerned with discussing the International resolution recommendations and candidates for International Offices, as well as endorsing and helping to organize a seminar in conjunction with Air Service, an FBO in Greensboro. This seminar is rather unique, we believe, and we'll report it in detail in the next issue.

We welcome to our group Babs Rochester, Jo Payne, and Barbara Leitner. They are new members and a tremendous asset to our Chapter. Barbara recently received her ASES rating. Nancy Jones, Nita Hudman, and Aileen Hamrick got instrument ratings this past year. Louise and Herman Smith's daughter, Linda, is currently working toward her private license. We are all thrilled about that and can't wait to see her fly that gorgeous Bonanza.

On February 2, we met at Miller Aviation in Columbia, S.C. Frances Miller and Sylvia Roth greeted us. That's one of our favorite meeting places so we turned out in large numbers in spite of very dreary weather.

The chapter presented one of the Amelia Earhart first day covers to each of our new members and prospective members.

Now we are all looking forward to Spring Sectional. Our chapter, along with Kitty Hawk, will be hostess. With the leadership of our member with the mostess, Page Shamburger, this one promises to be a super good one.

DEEP SOUTH CHAPTER Betty W. McNabb, Reporter

The deep South Chapter met in Albany, Ga., at Commander Air Service's plush and hospitable conference room. Luncheon at the new Terminal restaurant, and an excellent presentation on the Care and Feeding of Engines by Ralph Aldrich, Maintenance Chief for Commander.

North Georgia and Deep South chapters have coordinated activities lately with three "Holidays with Wings"--Vacation Flying Seminars. Each has been spearheaded by North Georgia's Pauline Mallary, implemented by Southern Region Gado's Safety Specialist, Herb Schaaf, and MC'd by N. Ga. Chapter Chairman, Kay Guice. Each has attracted close to or more than 100 listeners.

First: Atlanta. Deep South Alyce Strong, with 49½ er Byron, showed breath-taking slides of 9000 miles in their Cardinal "Sky-Camper", Savannah round-trip to Alaska. Carolyn Steele (N. Ga.), presented Mountain Flying. Wanda Cummings gave her sparkling specialty, Flying in Mexico. Betty McNabb of Deep South presented tips on Island-Hopping and Over-Water Flying, and told the audience what a Ninety Nine is.

Second in the series, by invitation of Lockheed-Georgia Flying Club, was held in Marietta, Ga. Kay added Mountain Flying to her duties as M.C., Alyce, Byron and Betty repeated their specialties.

The third presentation, in Albany, brought the Strongs, Betty, and Wanda back. Wanda and Marian Banks Comanche'd up from Dallas, mostly on solid gauges, as far as Montgomery, Ala., then drove the rest of the way. So did everybody else--drive, that is. Not one soul was able to fly in. We were all delighted at the size of the audience considering the really dreadful weather, replete with rain, wind, and a few tornados thrown in. Sponsoring this seminar were FAA and Gray Air Service of Albany.

The seminar will be repeated this summer.

FLORIDA SPACEPORT CHAPTER Bonnie Quenzler, Reporter

The Spaceport Chapter is not resting on its accomplishments this year. Behind us is September's Deltona Derby Air Race, highly successful and on the agenda for next year. The October meeting in Melbourne refreshed us on the new part 61 and 91 FAR's. To encourage us all to become APT, one member furnished her aircraft, and a flight instructor his time, for check rides. Other chapters might consider this at their own meetings.

In November, Vero Beach members hosted a workshop for our March Treasure Hunt. December found us in Orlando at Juanita Blumberg's home 'Tranquility' for a Christmas Holiday Luncheon served to Florida Grasshoppers and Ninety Nines. Juanita is now a columnist for the "Florida Aviation Journal".

January's meeting was held in St. Augustine, where we enjoyed a tour of the Old City. In February we met at Mayport Naval Station in Jacksonville. There we were royally escorted about the Base and toured a new Destroyer Escort, the Capodonna.

Is Shirley Osborne lucky or what? She was one of seven 99s from the Spaceport Chapter who attended the AOPA Plantation Party and came away with several prizes, including a radio and a panel cover. Then she won the VFR ETA prize at the November Grasshopper meeting in Freeport - a four day vacation at a Bahamian Resort!

Nine Spaceport members aided in the judging of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University's NIFA meet in Daytona during November. The ladies participating were Cy Beers, Alma Drummond, Juanita Blumberg, Bonnie Quenzler, Ricky McDaniel, Gail Sims, Wanda Morgan, Shirley Osborne, and Dot Parsons. All but one of the contestants were male.

Kissimmee marks the spot of our Treasure Hunt in March. If you have never flown in a treasure hunt you've missed a fun experience. We would like all Southeast Section Ninety Nines to join us. For information call or write Juanita Blumberg. See also our announcement elsewhere in the News.

Still under consideration for late spring

is an airmarking project. Something with a short name, right?

Next month's report will include more news of terminus plans for the 1975 Angel Derby. The race this year from Toronto to Titusville promises a large field of contestants. Ellie Starkey, Ninety Nine terminus chairman reports a flurry of preparations.

See you at the Treasure Hunt!



Sharon Leavine and the rest of the Spaceport Ninety Nines invite all women pilots to enter our Treasure Hunt at Kissimmee March 15.

FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER Doris Herndon, Reporter

Suncoast 99s experienced a very enlightening and interesting meeting in January when we toured Mac Dill Air Force Base in Tampa. The 94th Tactical Fighter Squadron really presented a first class tour which included a close up inspection of the F-4E Phantom jet, the control tower, the Aerospace Physiology Training Center and the Rickenbacker Lounge. Our guides for the day, Sgt. Schwend and Capt. Jerry Stalnaker were charming and provided an unforgettable day for us.

The February meeting was held in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the chartering of the Suncoast Chapter. Twenty-four members enjoyed a lunch complete with birthday cake, at the Hilton Hotel in St. Petersburg. Special favors and a copy of the charter were presented to the three charter members present; Jessie Corser, Thelma Dawson and Ethel Gibson. We were glad to welcome Mary Rose Myers, a guest from the Garden State Chapter. Christie Sample, Terri Walters and Barbara Maxey are new members pinned at the meeting. A movie was shown on air safety to get us off on the right foot.

Ethel Gibson and Betty Hood have informed us they are planning to fly the Powder Puff Derby. Good Luck girls!

A painting project is planned for March at Albert Whitted Airport, St. Petersburg.



Florida Suncoast 99s touring MacDill AFB, Tampa, Fla. on Jan. 8th

MEMPHIS CHAPTER Belle Hedges, Reporter

Charming Sandra Simmons (Dallas Chapter) inspired all Memphis 99s with her accomplishments leading to the achievement of becoming Braniff's first woman pilot. Sandra was the guest speaker at a luncheon held to kickoff International Woman's Year in Memphis. It was sponsored by the Ninety-Nines and Zonta Club of Memphis in honor of Amelia Earhart. Chris Brown, who is both a Ninety-Nine and Zonta, was chairman of the event which attracted 200 men and women. Mayor Wyeth Chandler issued a proclamation for Women's Year in Memphis. Southeast Governor Bee Reid and 491/2 John flew in from Chattanooga for the event. New member Carol and John Edwards came down from New Madrid, Missouri especially to hear and meet Sandra.

Chris Brown's iniation into "ski country" flying was the greatest! With Rosemary and Bob Williams in their Barron and Hilda and Doyle Savage, she spent a glorious week skiing Snowmass at Aspen while staying in the fantastic Guggenheim mountain chalet.

That winter weather changes plans of winter flying is known too well. Belle and Posey Hedges were stalled in Denver two days after skiing Vail before flying on to Chicago with still two more overnights spent in Ainsworth, Nebraska and Moline, Illinois because of snow storms. Martha and Frank Tobey outran the weather at least as far as Greenville, North Carolina on their business trip to Charlotte.

Gladys Estes, Dot Wilson and Hilda Savage chased the sun down to West Palm Beach in Hilda's plane. At Tallahasse, however, the Mooney developed a mechanical problem and there it had to stay for repairs. Now they have the great excuse for another trip to Florida to bring it home again.

In spite of winter, Carolyn Sullivan is setting a good example in practicing her spot landings as well as giving her most informative aeronautical talks to Memphis Prep Schools. "Strive in '75!"

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER Jenny McWilliams, Reporter

Our February meeting was held in Meridian and included a Tour of the Navy Meridian Air Base, complete with orientation rides in a Singer Simulator which gives the same effect as being launched off an aircraft carrier, and on Instruments yet!! Members of our families were guests, as well as prospective members: Sarah Willis of Canton, Pat Bowney of Butler, Ala., and Ruby Dickerson of Clinton. The Navy is a superb host and allowed us to view the finest machines they use, their readyrooms, and training facilities. The skipper of the base, Commander Benjamin Woodworth, presented our Chapter with a photograph of their jet trainers used by the VT-19 Squadron, and personally signed by him. Wanda Garson is responsible for having arranged this unusual and informative outing for us. We have been invited to come again next year!

The Mississippi Chapter welcomes two new members to The Ninety-Nines: Barbara Freeman of Columbus and Judy Peteet of Greenwood, both new Private Pilots, and both avidly interested in flying and The Ninety-Nines. They have each been faithful attending meetings and helping our projects.

A newsworthy item in aviation circles within our State is that the 1975 FAA Instructor of the Year Award was won by a woman, Suzie Lambert. Suzie is not a 99, but we can all feel proud that "one of us lady pilots" has been so honored.

Kittye Green is the first to become APT for 1975, with Jenny McWilliams second. Come on girls, you've got to have your BFR, anyway, so take along your APT form.

Jackie Enochs, who is based in McComb, has completed plans for hostessing a Stop on the April '75 Louisiana Air Tour at "her" airport. We look forward to meeting those of you making the Tour. Plans are underway for the "Magnolia Air Tour" to begin at the close of the combined Southeast-South Central Section Meeting in April 1976, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

North Central Section

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MISSOURI - OHIO - WISCONSIN

ALL OHIO CHAPTER Charleen Mehaffie, Reporter

Our January meeting in Springfield turned into a weekend affair for many of us due to Virginia Thomas having hospitality at her house the night before which was very enjoyable - great chance to get to know each other better. Virginia was also our hostess for the meeting, and we had a good turnout considering the weather did not permit flying. Our speaker was Caro Bayley Bosca who was in the WASP program during WW II.

The Ohio House of Representatives proclaimed January 11-18, 1975, "Ohio Women in Aviation Week" as part of International Women's Year and January Aviation Month. Many of our members got some good PR via newspapers and radio, and our chairman Pat Fairbanks was on TV in Cincinnati. The 99s were honored by the Fairborn Zontas at a dinner at the Fairborn Holiday Inn on January 15 in conjunction with Women in Aviation Week and Doris Gill, Ann Buvinger, Vi Blowers, Marsha Greenham, Janet Kelley, and Judy Winn attended.

Our February meeting was held at Lunken Airport, Cincinnati, and once again the weather kept all of us on the ground. Our hostess was Chairman Pat Fairbanks. She presented our program showing slides of aircraft accidents and mishaps at Lunken during the past 15 years. Virginia Thomas and Rosalie Wyse invited everyone to join them for hospitality the evening prior, at the Ramada Inn where they were staying.

Betty Bobo attended a Flight Instructor Refresher Seminar in Knoxville, Tenn. in January, and while there she visited the Tenn. Chapter 99s where she was a member before moving to Ohio. Pat Fairbanks attended a three day Flight Instructor Revalidation Seminar in February at Louisville and also passed her ATP written - congratulations.

Our APT year has begun again, reminds Connie Huffman, our APT chairman.

CAPE GIRARDEAU AREA CHAPTER Sue Long, Reporter



Sue Burford, Elmer Heuer, Mary Boyd, Lois Feigenbaum and Evelyn Braise at annual dinner.

At the annual pot luck meeting Mary Boyd presented Gene Williams and Lois Feigenbaum with certificates of appreciation for their work on our past section meeting.

We also voted to subsidize a different chapter member and send her to the International Convention each year.

We were happy to have Millie Limbaugh, Nadine Heuer, and Gene Williams meet with Cape Girardeau Mayor Tooke and sign a proclamation declaring a week in January as "Women in Aviation Week."

One of our members, Nell Rice, gave a speech to a large group of Future Homemakers of America. She told them that many careers were available to women in the area of flying, and it was still possible to be a wife, mother and homemaker

Lois Feigenbaum has been appointed Co-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Aviation, formerly WACOA. She will be in Washington in March for a planning meeting with FAA Administrator, Alexander Butterfield, to help set up the next meeting of this group.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER Joan Boyd, Reporter

Our January meeting was held in Centralia on a bright, beautiful January day. It was the only meeting of the last four that had better than minimum IFR weather! Five of our gals attended the IFR flight clinic in Bloomington recently; they were Jean West, Mary Waters, Barb Brusseau, Dot Wright, and Joan Boyd. At least two--Deed Holcomb and Jean West attended the flight instructors clinic in Carbondale. Ruth Ritter, Jan Vanatta, Jean West, Louise Stahly, and Joan Boyd were

on programs for Decatur, Mattoon, and Bloomington January Zonta meetings. Did you know that Amelia Earhart was also a sponsor of Zonta and that they, too, have an Amelia Earhart aerospace eduction award? Also January was National "Honor Women in Aviation" month. Jeanne Morse presented a program for a Cub Scout Blue and Gold banquet and Barbara Jenison will give the program for the Slip and Skid club, a group of Springfield, III. pilots. With all these gals being called upon for programs, our chapter decided that more 99s would be willing to present programs in the community if they had available an already assembled programs to use at least as a starting point. Kathleen Wood, chairman, appointed a committee to assemble such a program.

Barbara Jenison, member of the Illinois Aerospace Education Committee, recently attended a committee meeting at Evanston, Ill. There she heard Gordon Cooper, astronaut, relate many interesting experiences while speaking for the dedication of the new National Aerospace College in Evanston.

Mary Waters, race board, reports plans and committees being finalized for the Illi-Nines Derby to be held at Champaign, Ill.-Willard Airport May 23, 24, 25, and rain date May 26th. We are looking forward to a fine race this year. Co-sponsoring the Derby are the Chicago Area and Quad Cities chapters.

Libby Kaiser and family spent Christmas in Aspen skiing. A plus for husband Bob and son Jim, was hang gliding. The Jon Totmans have a hang gliding (flying off of the mtn. on skiis) school on the Tiehack area of Buttermilk Mtn.



Central Illinois 99s are busy planning for the Illi-Nine Derby at Champaign, Illinois--Willard Airport May 23, 24, 25, rain date May 26. L to R Joan Boyd, reporter, Kathleen Wood, chairman, Barbara Jenison, public relations, Mary Waters, race board, and Marjorie Hughes, prospective 99 and entrant in her Bonanza.

Jayne Schiek got into another blizzard after flying her daughter back to college at Minneapolis after Christmas vacation. When the weather finally cleared enough to fly home, the ice was so thick on her plane that it took from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to thaw in a hangar heated to 80 degrees.

Marsha Marvel is still teaching school

but is now also flying a Cessna 411 part time for a corporation.

Joan Boyd and family had a great flight to Florida in their Cessna 182. Left Decatur with 6 inches of snow so really enjoyed that Florida sun!

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER Sandy Klock, Reporter



Members of the Chicago Area Chapter want to tell you about their visor hats which they are wearing in this photo! These visors are available as a great money-maker for all chapters! They are red, with a star-studded blue and white band with 9 adjustable slots. The front boasts of the history of the 99s, with membership requirements and a 99 compass rose. Selling them at air shows is a lot of fun, and the "sellers" not only make money for their chapter, but get to enjoy the air show at the same time! See page 299 of 99s directory for details in ordering--make \$\$\$ this summer, the fun way!

January 25th was a special day for Chicago Area Chapter--46 of us participated in a wonderful tour of the Chicago Air Route Traffic Control Center at Aurora, Illinois. There were morning and afternoon tours, and there was a tour guide for every 7 or 8 people. Very personalized!

Our Center has been computerized for about a year now, as the whole country will be eventually. It was fascinating to stand at the controllers' elbows and watch the tiny green blips move across the screen, each with a little block of information next to it showing the flight number (for airline traffic), the aircraft's altitude, and a number coding which, when punched in on the side console, gives a read-out of points of origin and destination and all other pertinent information on the flight.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the gals of our chapter, especially those who were instrument-rated, to be able to see how IFR traffic is controlled and to meet some of the voices on the other side of the mike.

Sylvia Sheldon is back after a long stay in her second country, New Zealand. Flying her beautifully-restored DeHavilland "Moth," Sylvia recently qualified for her New Zealand pilot's license, as did her 49½er Bayard.

Gen Bowman spent the holiday season on her seat (?) in the Virgin Islands after falling off her bike and injuring he. foot. Curse you, Red Bike!

Sue DeWulf and family went to Phoenix for the holidays and caught headwinds going down for the good time and tailwinds coming back home.

Ruth Frantz and Marion Servos with 491/2 ers flew to Long Island, Bahamas,

through rain, snow and ice to reach the sunshine. They report Stella Maris lodge now has its own landing strip.

Mary Panczyszyn flew to Hayward, Wisc. with her 2 boys for a bit of snowmobiling--son Mike, with 30 hours, was a great co-pilot!

Rita Adams, our chapter's charming 99 jewelry saleslady, has been blessed with a second daughter, born January 23rd.

A warm welcome to new members pinned so far this year: Florence Whipple, Betty Pepich, Gail Rezabek, Charlotte Bliznick, and Arta Henson. Also to Avis O'Connor, who has transferred to Chicago Area from Minnesota.

FUN! FUN! FUN! Yes, it's the 1975 Illi-Nines Air Derby, to be run this year out of Willard Airport, Champaign, Ill. It's open to both men and women; fly for either speed or proficiency. Co-sponsored by 3 Illinois 99s chapters. Come on and join us for a real fun weekend! For race kits (\$2) and more info, contact Von Alter, R.R. No. 1, Box 419X, Coal Valley, Ill. 61240.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER Jan Pocock, Reporter



Mayor John Poelker of St. Louis, surrounded by 99s, as he signs proclamation for Women in Aviation Week. (Did he have a choice?)

January found STL 99s moving in all directions collectively, as well as individually, promoting women in aviation. Pursuing the declaration by the U.N. Gen. Assy. of "I.W.Y.," we received proclamations from the cities of Washington, Union, and St. Clair, Missouri. In addition, Val Johnson and Sue Matheis have each been doing their bit on the "Chicken Kiev" circuit, addressing luncheon and banquet affairs of Rotary Clubs and the like, going all out to spread the word. How fortunate for us to have such delightful ambassadors of women in aviation.

We were pleased to meet and greet St. Paul 99s who flew into Spirit of St. Louis airport with medical supplies for the "Friends of Children in Viet Nam." Linda Haedge and Sally Woodworn felt their flight to STL was not only a contribution for the F.C.V.N., but a large boost for women in aviation month, as well. 'Twas! They received good T.V. and press coverage both in MSP and STL.

Our January meeting was combined with an exciting tour of the Ozark Airlines home base. The following Saturday, we joined the St. Louis Chapter of Zonta Intn'l. for their annual A.E. Luncheon, and we wound up the month with a nearly weathered-out representation of our gals at the grand opening of the "Times Square" shopping center in Mt. Vernon, III. Featured was a Cessna Skylane exhibit, for their gala

opening, and how better to set it off than with lady pilots? So much to do, in fact, that it lopped over into Feb. with another combined gathering with the Zonta Club to help them honor our 'Copter Sue.

Meanwhile, our individual members have been working on personal up-grades. Our Aeronautical Engineer Secretary, Nelda Lee and fairly new member, Ruth Schueler have both passed their Instrument writtens; Sue Matheis and Val Johnson are taking helicopter training; and our already too-busy Chairman, Doris Kuhn, is instructing in Commercial as well as Private ground school.

Winter is a good time for getting schmartz and our Feb. meeting was an exercise in doing just that, thanks to our two quest speakers. Multi-talented, mucho experienced Fred Atkinson of St. Clair airport tried to put us at ease about what he referred to as the "Stall-Spin Syndrome," followed by 491/2 Jim Board who told us he practiced "Student Centered Instruction" as he lectured on the "Agony and Ecstasy of Flight Instruction." (Or, I wonder what ever happened to old whatshis name, my instructor!) Such a worth while evening and our thanks to hostesses Irene Rawlings, Alice Jackson, and Laura Sellenger. We're looking forward to spring and lots of lovely flying weather. We're about due! We wish the same to all of you.



Sue Matheis, of the Greater St. Louis Chapter, winner of the 8th Annual Doris Mullen Whirley-Girls Scholarship. (See story p. 12. Jan-Feb issue)

INDIANA CHAPTER Lois Yawley and Kathy Forrest, Reporters

January 11 found the Indiana ladies commemorating Amelia Earhart and saluting "Women In Aviation Day" by joining with members of Zonta International for lunch at the Purdue University Airport. Purdue's Research Foundation was the organization that funded Amelia's Lockheed for her flight around the world. A special display (see photo) was set up on the University campus to salute her on the 40th anniversary of her flight from Honolulu to the mainland, Jan. 11, 1935 and to promote "Women In Aviation Day." To further bring emphasis to the special observance, a special proclamation was issued by Gov. Otis Bowen, naming the week of Jan. 11-18 as "Women In Aviation" week in Indiana.



Women in Aviation Day

The new year has brought a busy schedule for our gals and a real challenge to our membership to meet the goals set forth. We will be hosting the Spring Sectional in 1976. A committee was formed to help in site-selection. Chairman, Dorothy Niekamp presented their recommendations and final selection was made for the Fireside Inn, Bloomington, Ind., with probable dates of May 14-16, 1976.

APT chairman, Dorothy Niekamp is pushing for 100 percent APT Chapter. Three members are now currently APT for 1975, Chairman Dorothy, Lillie Danek and Lois Hawley.

Congratulations to Claudette Parker, Multi-Engine rating; Mildred Newman, Mary Campbell, CFI ratings and to Joyce Shriver, CFII, who completed an aviation weather observer school and is now an official weather observer for Sky Harbor at Eagle Creek Air Park, Indianapolis where she is employed as a flight instructor.

The Indiana Fair Ladies Race will be held in Anderson, Ind. Sept. 19, 20, 21 this year after postponement last year due to the fuel shortage. (See notice under coming events)

Under consideration is the geographical division of our chapter. The committee consisting of Sue Bathauer, Chairman, Dorothy Smith, Martha Holst and Marty Wyall have conducted discussion meetings with members to be able to present a feasible solution to the Chapter.

IOWA CHAPTER Annetta Haack, Reporter

A good group of 99s, 49½ ers and guests enjoyed the hospitality and program presented by the Cedar Rapids hostesses at the January meeting. It was a busy and interesting day. A letter of welcome from the mayor was read. Robert Johnson, Bicentennial chairman gave a short talk on his group's aims and accomplishments and urged us all to get involved in the Bicentennial. Dorothy Hall and 49½, Clarence, presented an excellent program on education. Jack Hicks gave the men a demonstration of the new H.P. 65 calculator.

The February meeting in Des Moines proved to be a cold day, but again, a good group in attendance. I understand some planes didn't appreciate the cold, and either froze up or just plain refused to start after the meeting.

The highlight of our January activities was the proclamation by Gov. Ray

proclaiming "Women in Aviation" week. Congratulations to Pat Muehl and 49½, Phil, on the arrival of Michele Ann, born Christmas eye.

We hope by now that Fran Doherty is "back in action." She has been working very hard on her IFR rating, but while at the airport, slipped and fell. A cast to her hip hasn't been very conducive to flying.

Kitty and Cliff Hach report a beautiful and uneventful trip to Gainsville, Florida and Dallas, but some of the toughest headwinds ever. Gwen McClure and Sonja Miller flew McClure's Traveler to Alburqueque to spend Christmas with Gwen's daughter. Gwen is new secretary of radio controlled model planes club in DSM. Carolyn Rowney presented her program on "Women in Aviation" to the Zonta Club of Sioux City. Reports out of Indiana are that Claudette Parker has passed the IFR written.

Congratulations also to Edna VanWyk, who reported at the December meeting that she now has both her Instrument and Commercial ratings.

Jean and Lem Ellingson and daughters flew to Key West for a week of Florida sunshine. Bob and Anneta Haack took advantage of a long weekend and flew to Dallas, Texas.

The big day arrived for Pat and Jim Hayes, when Jim flew the Starduster (which they have been building, forever it seems). Pat will fly it on warmer days. Pat is the new president of EAA Chapter 135.

Snow and cold may have curtailed some of our flying in lowa, but not our spirits and faith that warmer CAVU days are just ahead.



Standing behind Gov. Ray: (as he signed the "Women in Aviation" week proclamation) L to R: Dr. Betty Orduna, pres. DSM Zonta; Gwen McClure, la. 99; Bob Nemmers, acting head of la. Aeronautics Commission; Pat Hayes, la. 99 & pres. EAA Chapter 135; Sue Potts, la. 99

LAKE MICHIGAN CHAPTER Evelyn Borst, Reporter

The January 1975 meeting was held in Jackson. The wind was blowing at 40 knots with gusts to 55, so everyone drove in. We took in one new member, Doris Kinsella with her husband Milt, becoming a 49½er. Welcome! The proposed changes in the By-Laws were read and discussed and the results of that discussion were sent to the By-Laws Committee. Our Chapter was most grateful to that committee for the chance to express our opinions in this important matter.

Ruth Kersten has returned from 6 months in Alaska and glad to be home. Our chapter has been asked to handle the Impound Area at Boyne Mountain Airport

for the Powder Puff Derby. Wanda Jubb is chairperson of this committee.

Lynn Knoll and husband Dr. Bruce are flying to Oklahoma City in February for an Aviation Medical Seminar. They will fly in their Bonanza V35-A. Also Natalie Kreeger will be in Las Vegas for a High School Principal's Convention. Natalie will give a talk while there. Esther Bennett is attending Glenn Oaks Community College working on her Degree in Business Administration. Nancy Stewart has finished Instrument and Commercial tickets in September. Eloise Smith, Mary Clark, Evelyn Borst and Maisie Stears are in the sunshine and surf at Marathon in the Keys.

Our lunch-bunch met at noon February 18th and had lunch and hanger-talk for over 2 hours. There were 10 of us and we meet every month at a different city. Our February meeting was in Battle Creek at the airport. Had an FAA film on Float Plane Flying - part of it being filmed in Alaska. The March meeting will be in Lansing.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER Bette Crook, Reporter

The Michigan Chapter joined the Zonta Club of Detroit for their traditional Amelia Earhart Commemorative Brunch which was held January 12 at the Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, Loma May presented us with a splendid program, and the occasion was a memorable one. Col. Billie Bobbitt of the United States Air Force flew in from Washington, D.C. to be our special guest speaker. She is responsible for seeing that WAF officers are effectively employed in the USAF. Among the other guests on the program was Col. Ed Palka, Michigan Wing Commander, C.A.P. The Civil Air Patrol Amelia Earhart Awards were presented to deserving cadets during this segment of the program. The event received television coverage from Channel 2. TV, Detroit. Suzanne Whyte read the proclamations which had been issued by Governor Milliken and by Mayor Coleman Young of Detroit declaring Jan. 12-18 as Women in Aviation Week. It was a grand way to "take-off" for International Women's Year 1975.

The February meeting was held at Flint Bishop Airport and devoted to business. A "Money Tree" of \$99.00 was raffled off. Suzy Parker and Lillian Snyder were co-chairmen for this fund raising project. Airport authorities invited our group to tour the new tower facilities, and, hostesses, Imogene Ross and Sammy Mckay provided transportation for those who took advantage of the opportunity.

Sammy McKay represented the Ninety-Nines at the Flint Community College IWY kick-off at Bishop Airport on Jan. 11th. She gave a short talk on outstanding women in aviation. Sammy also presented an Amelia Earhart program for the Zonta Club of Port Huron. Imogene Ross flew with Sammy to this program.

Suzanne Whyte gave an Amelia Earhart program in Petosky for the local Zonta Club. She was asked to speak about the

Ninety-Nines. Roberta Wolf was invited to attend and join the group for lunch. Suzanne was also interviewed on WATC radio, Gaylord, and discussed aviation opportunities available for young people through the CAP Cadet program.

Lillian Snyder was one of the judges for the FAA's Flight Instructor of the Year Award for the District. Pat Domas was chosen over six other highly qualified candidates.

Mary West writes from Punta Gorda, Florida that she and A.B. rented a Cessna 150 and went flying on their 47th Anniversary.

Karen Jones has been accepted into the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan next year.

Two Safety Clinics are scheduled for April. One will be held in Dearborn, the other in Flint. Stanley Mohler, M.D., Aeromedical Application Division, FAA, and Pete Pederson, Safety Coordination Division, FAA, are expected to fly in from Washington, D.C. to be featured speakers.

A Poker Party is planned for May 17, utilizing airports in southeastern Michigan. Those in nearby states who would like more information should contact Elna Blass, 38 Maplefield, Pleasant Ridge, MI.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER Clara Johansen, Reporter

Communication between our chapter members, other 99s and the community is, to quote Chairman Gayle Vail, "our priority." She followed through by speaking on Amelia Earhart and Women in Aviation to 40 women executives at the Mn. State Dept. Human Rights Luncheon held as part of their observance of International Year of the Woman. Gayle also spoke on Amelia Earhart's development of the 99s to about 50 members of Zonta Intn'l and to top off the Feb. observance of the year, Gayle and Linda Haedge spoke about women in Aviation to the West St. Paul Kawanis Club.

Our communication with the aviation community was strengthened when the Mn. Nat'l Air Guard hosted us at a dinner meeting, showed slides of their work, gave a tour of their facilities and encouraged us to practice PAR landings at Anoka Airport where they provide this service.

The first three issues of the Ms Minnesota Ninety-Nine News have been printed, thereby communicating news among our own members in all sectors of the state. Our Christmas party at the home of Sally Woodburn and 491/2 Bob assisted by Linda Haedge and 491/2 Carl was a great opportunity to share experiences and get better acquainted. Some of us worked laborously on the answers to two pages of "written test" type of questions only to discover they were a hoax as were the survival kit prizes, but we appreciated and proudly pinned on the APT Airplanes from the ceramic tree which APT Chmn Shari Mills had arranged. Thirty of our members are APT as of the end of the year.

WCCO TV No. 4 covered our Jan. meeting, a seminar on general aircraft

operations and maintenance presented by Paul Griffin, former Mankato State College Instructor. This was the first of three mechanical seminars and was well attended by members, and prospective members, Carol Sexton, Gretchen Beall, Jan Porter and Kristi Iverson, the latter with Lee Ayers and Sandy Peterson were approved for membership in Mn Chapter 99s and we've heard that the TV coverage alerted other Ms Mn Pilots to 99 activities.

A flight made by Sally Woodburn and Linda Haedge in their respective Mooneys to St. Louis, Mo. from St. Paul Mn. was a combination service and communication project. They ferried Pediatric supplies on the first leg to California. Flying with Sally was Gloria Krier, Pres. of the local chapter of Friends of Children of Viet Nam, the organization collecting the supplies. 99 Mary Griffiths flew with Linda. Before they took off, they were interviewed by WCCO Television and the St. Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press and the Sun Newspapers. At St. Louis, their arrival was covered by Channel 5 TV, NBC Network, and the St. Louis Newspaper. Our 99s were thrilled to be met by St. Louis 99s Amy Laws, Gov. of No. Central Section, Jan Pocock, Alice Jackson, Ruth Lake and 491/2 Lake as well as the President of St. Louis Chapter of Friends of Children of Viet Nam, two other members and two adopted Vietnamese children. Special invitations to attend the Spring and Fall Section meetings in Missouri were brought back to our chapter.

Linda Haedge and Lauri Nelson recently earned their commercial ratings. Lauri has just taken a leave from her printing business and is attending Emery School of Aviation Greeley, Colorado. Lauri did a terrific job on our 1st issues of Ms Minnesota Ninety-Nine News. We know she

will succeed at Emery.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER Betty Willmore, Reporter

A chill factor of 30 degrees below on January 12 didn't stop our Wisconsin 99s from attending the meeting at Four Lakes Aviation, Madison. Twenty-four members and 9 guests were present.

Two members from MSN C.A.P. squadron were guest speakers. They discussed C.A.P. activities and urged more 99s to get involved. Pat Back and Ann Lytton have attended several meetings of the MSN squadron.

Jane Caryer announced that the Wis-Sky Run race kits would be ready the middle of February. The proficiency air derby will be held the week-end of June 20, 21 22 at Morey Airport, Middleton, 8 N.M. West of Madison. P.I.C. must be a woman. Copilot required, either man or woman. (Send \$2.00 for race kit to Pat Weir, Route 5, Box 162. Marshfield, WI 54449.)

Church Women United of Madison filmed interviews at the meeting with Louise Yeazel, Marilyn Schaefer, and Betty Willmore for a cable T.V. program spotlighting women in aviation during January of '75 International Women's Year.

Congratulations to Marie Grimm, charter member of the Wisconsin chapter, who

recently was appointed to the Wisconsin Aerospace Education Committee by the State Superintendent of schools. The 21 member committee will serve as an advisery group regarding aerospace education in Wisconsin schools.

Marie Grimm is also president of the Wisconsin Aviation Trades Association. She is the first woman president in the association's 27 year history. Marie and her family have operated Grimm's Flying Service at the Wausau Airport for many years.

The flying Hollmans, Margaret and Don are heading their Mooney to Yucatan and Honduras on a 3 week tour with six other couples that they met on state tours. In November they flew the Mississippi Air Tour. Weather was solid IFR so only they and 4 other planes completed the tour. But Margaret says they had a great time. Margaret is the new membership chairman of the chapter.

Ramona and Jewel Huebner, Katie and John Conkling, Joan and John McArthur, Pat Back, Ann Lytton, and Florence Fintak attended Zonta's Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award Dinner in Milwaukee on January 22.

Governor Patrick J. Lucey proclaimed January as Amelia Earhart Month in Wisconsin. He commended Zonta International for establishing the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards in aeronautical sciences.

South Central Section

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ABILENE, TEXAS CHAPTER Marjorie Andrews, Reporter

For the first time in many years, our chapter baked Christmas cookies and bread to take to the local Flight Service Station, Weather Bureau, Dyess AFB Tower personnel, RACON facility, two local FBO's and the Abilene Control Tower. At Dyess, we were treated to an escorted tour of the flight line, actually driving on the enormous runway to reach the temporary tower.

Plans for the South Central Spring Sectional in Abilene on April 11, 12, and 13 are well under way. Under the "I THINK we CAN!" leadership of Chairman Betty Heise our small, but enthusiastic group has been working hard to make it worth while and fun. Gordon Baxter, Associate Editor of Flying Magazine will be our featured luncheon speaker on Saturday. In addition, there will be a preview of the Mountain Flying Clinic to be offered at the Fall Sectional in Colorado. Also, a crop dusting demonstration, a parachuting exhibition by champion jumpers and a tour of a local aerospace industry are planned. Those who wish may enter the spot landing contest on Friday afternoon from 1-5:30. We have mailers ready and they should be arriving soon after this issue of 99 News.

Evelyn Woltien had a solo adventure in a 172 flying from Omaha to Abilene, part of the way minus a functioning omni receiver. At the time. Evelyn had only 80 hours total time! She admits to being a pretty fair contact navigator now. Alice Foeh and husband A.W. attended the recent Instructor Recertification Course at San Antonio. She is eager to get started on her Instrument rating. Peggy Hawes has been getting with it in a 150 while awaiting the fate of her beloved Citabria that has had its share of ups and downs lately. Mari Andrews and Chris, had a delightful weather-induced vacation along the Rio Grande and they brought back some of that good, Mexican sugar just in time for some conscience-free Christmas baking.

Y'all Come!----April 11, 12, 13-----Abilene, Texas.

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER Becky Lutz, Reporter

April promises to be a busy month for our chapter. We're looking forward to the National Intercollegiate Flying Association annual air competition on April 18, 19, and 20 at Santa Fe, and several girls are planning to attend the South Central Spring Sectional at Abilene on April 10, 11, and 12.

Joy Feak has been working closely with NIFA to make this national meet one that won't soon be forgotten by participants and New Mexicans alike. Joy has been busy raising money, coordinating registration and hospitality activities, and securing judges. We congratulate Gail Sanderson of the University of Albuquerque presently serving as president of NIFA.

Our chapter sponsored a Safety Panel Discussion on March 2 at Midtown Holiday Inn. Representatives from the Albuquerque tower, GADO, and local FBO's served as panelists. Main topics of discussion were problems around uncontrolled airports.

At our February meeting, the girls endorsed the formation of a central board composed of representatives from the various aviation organizations in the state. A gal who has long promoted this idea, Joyce Buehler, was appointed to represent the 99s on this board.

Kathy Fox and Joy Feak attended the Zonta banquet honoring Amelia Earhart in January. New Mexico's Governor Jerry Apodaca declared a Women in Aviation Week, and Albuquerque Mayor Kinney declared an Amelia Earhart Week. Becky Lutz was named chapter applicant for the Amelia Earhart scholarship.

Flying activities this past month have been limited to local weekend flying. Rita Elliott reports a flying trip to the ski slopes at Angel Fire with 49½ Glenn in their Commanche. B.J. Slawson and Becky Lutz are working on the Instrument rating, and Claudia Beckner continues instructing at 7-Bar

ARKANSAS CHAPTER Marguerite Nielsen, Reporter

Zonta Club of Fort Smith honored Amelia Earhart with an aviation dinner Amelia Earhart Day. Speaker of the evening was Fort Smith Control Tower Chief, Ed Stacy who spoke on careers for women with FAA, air traffic control and Fort Smith's new radar system. Arkansas Ninety Nines were invited and represented by Chairman Linda Hargraves, Charlene Poe, and Zonta Amelia Earhart committee chairman, Marge Nielsen.

Arkansas 99s flew into Little Rock this month for lunch, much publicity and photographing, and last but not least to hear one of our favorite speakers Mr. Tommy Hancock Accident Prevention Specialist of Little Rock General Aviation District Office.

DALLAS REDBIRD CHAPTER Pat Jetton, Reporter

1975 is shaping up as a busy year for the Dallas Redbirds. January started off with a meeting of the Bylaws Revision Committee (Hazel Jones, Kathy Long, Helen Wilke, Elinor Johnson and Pat Jetton) which lasted two days and accomplished much. The next week we went to Wichita, Kansas to report our findings to the Executive Board. Great fun with the Board and some of the Kansas members.

We celebrated Marian Banks' birthday and had a party at our meeting; at which we had almost more guests than we have members. Visiting was Pauline Mallary from North Georgia; Ann English from Houston; Sue Stidham, Connecticut; Lois Smithey, Illinois; Mary Adams, Colorado; Doris Fuller, prospective member from Dallas; and Wanda Cummings' Mother.

Several of us attended the International Women's Year kickoff luncheon. Some joined with Dallas Chapter and Golden Triangle Chapter to air-mark Caddo Mills, Texas.

Our February meeting was attended by Pat McEwen, Kansas. We celebrated her birthday and Margie Barr's. We had two prospective members as guests and welcomed Doris Fuller as a new member.

Doris is a relatively new pilot, has a new Bonanza and has jumped feet first into our activities. WELCOME, DORIS.

FORT WORTH CHAPTER Jean Bishop, Reporter

Our January meeting was a fly-in or drive in at Edna Gardner Whyte's Aero Valley Airport. The spot landing contest was won by Juanita Waddell. We enjoyed an FAA film on radar and a rap session following on VFR flying in the DFW TCA, led by our own 49½ er Jim Armstrong.

In February we cosponsored a safety seminar at Oak Grove Airport with Oak Grove Flying School and the local chapter of ACA. Despite the cold weather and icy temperatures in the hanger, we had a good attendance.

On January 11 the Ninety-Nines and Zonta Clubs of Dallas and Fort Worth sponsored the International Women's Year luncheon in Dallas. One of our members, Dora Strother, was the featured speaker and Auleen Hall, Nancy Armstrong,

Lorraine Waddell, Mary Ann Hudak, and Juanita Waddell represented our chapter at the luncheon.

Henrietta and Bob Pence flew to Horseshoe Bay, a resort area on LBJ Lake, to join the Texas State Aviation Association group for lunch and a meeting. Penny and Bud Barnick flew to Shreveport, Louisiana, for the horse races, and Lorraine and Earl Waddell flew to Tucson, Arizona, so Earl could play in the Skyline Invitational Golf Tournament.

Carole Sue and Joe Wheeler have opened their airstrip at Cone, Texas, between Lubbock and Flydada. They invite everyone to fly in.

GOLDEN TRIANGLE CHAPTER Linda Hooker, Reporter

The Golden Triangle 99s have been on the go this month. A joint Fly-In and Airmarking with Dallas and Redbird chapters really put Caddo Mills Airport on the map. Golden Triangle had 20 members who arrived via seven planes and auto's. We layed out and painted four sets of numbers on two runways (left & right.)

The ATWAR girls, Wanda Cummings and Marian Banks presented a skit on racing during our January meeting. It was a real rib tickler and we had over 25 in attendance. Two of our members, Linda Hooker and Jo McCarrell will be ATWAR assistant timers at the Plainview. Texas air race stop this summer. During the Meacham Airport dedication, the Golden Triangle Chapter hosted a safety film and rest stop room. Had over 800 people look in on us during the day. We passed out literature on the activities of 99s to the general public. Several members of the chapter participated in a North Central Texas Area Career Encounter Day for the Tejas Council Of Girl Scouts, Campfire and YWCA youth program, on February 22.

On January 11th, the chapter had five planes and several members attend a joint Fly-in with the Texas Dogwood Chapter at the Cedar Creek Lake Country Club. Several of the chapter members represented the 99s at the International Year Of The Woman dinner, co-hosted by the area 99 Chapters and Zontas on January 11th. The Chapter is striving to stay active in Air Age Education. Coming up next week is a tour of the ARTCC in Forth Worth. We ended the year with 23 members APT, which I feel is a real feather in our cap, thanks to our APT chairman, Barbara Routh.

KANSAS CHAPTER Carolyn Westerman, Reporter

The Kansas Chapter has had an active winter. Gates Learjet was our meeting site for January. All members and guests were given the opportunity to fly the Learjet simulator and to tour the plant.

On January 14, 1975, Kansas Governor Robert Bennett signed a proclamation proclaiming the week of January 11-18 Women in Aviation Week. This is in conjunction with the International Women's Year and the fact January had been set aside to honor women in aviation

and the aeronautical sciences. There were representatives from several chapters of the 99s (Greater Kansas City, Topeka, and the Kansas Chapter). Pat Mlady, Kansas Chairman, and Janice Wilson were there to represent the Kansas Chapter.

A joint meeting between the Zonta International Wichita Chapter and the Kansas 99s was held to award Mrs. Annamma John from Alleppedy, India, the Zonta Amelia Earhart Fellowship. Mrs. John will complete her Masters degree at Kansas University in the field of Gas Dynamics this spring and return to her home land.

The International Board Members were house guests of Pat McEwen. They were very busy in business meetings but took time to attend a cocktail party hosted by the Kansas chapter followed by a dinner.

Betty Corbin, Lee Kensett, Lyndall LeCrone, Cindy Martin, Barbara Brantner, and Chavela Clark are the Kansas Chapter's newest members.

Pat Mlady has earned her instrument rating and Dorothy Dickerhoof her commercial rating.

Safe flying!



Left to Right - Lillian Eis, President Wichita Zonta; Annamma John, Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awardee; Pat Mlady, Chairman, Kansas Chapter.

NEBRASKA CHAPTER Sharon Meyer, Reporter

We express our sincere sympathy to Mildred Barrett whose mother passed away in January. We know that this is a difficult time for Millie and we offer her our understanding.

We've acquired some memorabilia of an early pioneer in aviation--Evelyn Sharp. Evelyn, who was a member of the 99s, began her flying career in Ord, Nebraska in 1934 at the age of 14. She became a flight instructor at 20 and soon was one of the nation's first female airmail pilots. In World War II, Evelyn joined the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron. She was killed in April, 1944, in the crash of a P-38 pursuit plane near Middleton, Pennsylvania. Copies of newspaper clippings and photographs have been donated to the Nebraska 99s by Dr. Glen Auble of Ord for eventual use in the International Women's Air and Space Museum.

The Ord, Nebraska Airport is named after Evelyn Sharp. If you have an opportunity to stop there sometime on a cross-country flight, be sure to read the inscription on the monument that is dedicated to her.

Dawn Parkening is helping teach an Aerospace class for adults in the Omaha area. Most of the participants are Omaha teachers who are interested in aerospace education and are hoping to become pilots.

Evelyn Sedivy has just finished teaching two ground schools, one for the Southeast Nebraska Community College and the other for employees of a Lincoln bank.

Mary Robbins gave a presentation to women in attendance at a Nebraska Aviation and Trades Association meeting in Kearney in February.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER Marge Hudson, Reporter

At our January Guest Day meeting there were 27 members and 6 prospective members present. Susie Sewell gave a resume of the 99s activities, history, and purpose to our guests, after which Charles Vandergriff showed slides taken during our various activities in years past. Louise Wilcox was given an application for membership. The Sheridan Inn Restaurant at Will Rogers Airport was the scene of this meeting.

In February the Oklahoma Chapter was welcomed at the Country Club in Ponca City, Oklahoma. There were 24 members and 3 prospective members present. Duane Trenton, Test Pilot for Great Lakes gave a very interesting and humorous talk and showed movies of the aerobatic maneuvers he had flown. Mary Jane Migis of the Minnesota Chapter was present and is transferring to the Oklahoma Chapter. We are very happy to welcome this charming, active member. Wanna Lou Wyler, of Tonkawa, Oklahoma was present and we hope will join our chapter.

One of our "lost" charter members was found by accident in Matamoris, Mexico by Marge Hudson while enroute to Central America with the International Flying Farmers. Her name was Ila Fox and she is now living in South Padre Island.

The whole Oklahoma Chapter is going to miss Jan Million when she moves to Washington, D.C. around March 1. February 19 twenty-seven members gathered at the Hungry Peddler Pub and Restaurant to bid her a farewell. South Central Section will miss her also, since she was section Vice-Governor. Despite the very merry gathering in Oklahoma City, we are sorry to lose Jan.

The Oklahoma Chapter Chairman has a new name. The former Norma Wynn is now Mrs. Charles Vandergriff. We wish them every happiness.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER Pamela H. Crane, Reporter

San Antonio Chapter had planned to "mark" the start of 1975 by airmarking the Guadalupe County Airport, Seguin, Texas on January 11th, but uncooperative weather caused this event to be postponed to March. The regular meeting was moved up to January 18th and held in the airport meeting room (Gen-Aero, Inc.) at noon. Routine business was transacted and plans were discussed for coming events. Members Melba Aylesworth, Jane King, Cynthia McGary and Ann Lowell attended a Flight Instructors Refresher Clinic held in San Antonio in January. They reported

that a session on engines was particularly good.

February activities more than compensated for a fairly slow start in January. The regular meeting was held at noon on February 8th at the chapter meeting room, and was a lively session, with 14 members and 6 quests present. A delightful surprise was a visit from Linda Hooker, International Air Age Education Chairman, and Jo McCarrell, South Central Section Air Age Education Chairman. Jo is also chairman of Golden Triangle Chapter and Linda is a member of that chapter. They were in San Antonio to attend the annual Stock Show and Rodeo, and "dropped in" to say a few words of encouragement for air age education activities. They also displayed their very entertaining chapter activity report in illustrated form, as presented at the last section meeting.

Three new members, Catherine Sellers, Joyce Greer and Sarah McPherson were welcomed at this meeting and several prospective members were among the guests. Membership Chairman Saralda Ross reported that she has contacted other prospective members. Our chapter IS growing! Business transacted related to fund-raising activities, future airmarking plans, safety literature distribution at local FBO's in April and our second annual chapter picnic in July.



San Antonio Chapter members Melva Aylesworth (extreme left) and Laura Richter (extreme right) with Ursuline Academy students during the Free Form Week aviation program at the school, February 13th.

The week of February 10th through 14th held a real aviation Valentine in the program for Free Form Week at the Ursuline Academy (local girls high school). This is a special period between regular semesters when courses and activities not regularly available are scheduled, and for the third year chapter member Laura Richter, an Ursuline faculty member, coordinated an aviation program which included the following activities:

Monday: (1) a visit to San Antonio International Airport where Mr. S. Reed, chief pilot of H.B. Zachry Co. (world-wide construction company) explained corporate aviation and gave the students a tour of a company plane, (2) a visit to the SAT ARTS III facility and to the control tower, and (3) an informal briefing by a Southwest Airlines stewardess.

Tuesday: a slide presentation on Civil Air Patrol organization and activities by CAP Col. Robert Camina.

Wednesday: a talk on general aviation activities by Erick Andreson, San Antonio GADO Safety Coordinator.

Thursday: a presentation by chapter member Melba Aylesworth on her background and experiences as an instructor.

Orientation flights were scheduled for Friday, but had to be cancelled when the pilot was called out of town on business. Laura is to be commended for her efforts in this program.

Congratulations to Ann Lowell who received her instrument rating on February 10th, and to Betsy Hogan and 49½er Bill who were honored on February 19th with a special program presented by the local Wolverine Help-A-Boy-Camp for their support of the Wolverine program for boys from disadvantaged background.

SHREVEPORT CHAPTER Marjo Wright, Reporter



Shreveport Chapter 99s and 49 ½s with Helen Wray and Helen Hewitt attending Take-Off Breakfast sending them on their way to the Amelia Earhart ceremonies in Washington DC

SHREVEPORT CHAPTER IS 100 PERCENT APT

January started the year for us with the Chapter's Annual Membership Salad Supper, Jo Ann Carroll was Hostess.

Ninety-Nines, Helen Hewitt and Helen Wray were chosen by the Honorable Mayor Calhoun Allen to represent Shreveport, January 11, 1975, in Washington D.C. at the Amelia Earhart cermonies. President Ford designated 1975 as International Womens Year and Amelia Earhart ceremonies started the 1975 activities. The two Helens found the city a "delight" and enjoying meeting, helping and visiting with the Washington 99s.

Mary Jo Voss and Benny have been traveling around the country in their motor home - Mexico in January and New Orleans in February.

Safety was the word for the Chapters February meeting and with the winter weather it was a good time to show the films

One of our members bought a 1974 Cessna Skyhawk II, and that member is the Chapter's reporter - ME (and husband, Curtiss), And a partner, Barbara Ringold a future 99.

Amy Pilkinton, our 99 college-gal, has entered the World Championship for General Aviation sponsored by NPA and NIFA being held in Auburn, Alabama, March 8-9.....Good Luck, Amy. Helen Hewitt, Shreveport Chapter 99s, won the Zonta Club's 13th annual Amelia Earhart Service Award. The plaque is awarded to the person selected as making the most

outstanding contribution to aviation science in the Ark-La-Tex. This is the second time in the history of the award that it has been presented to a woman. Helen Wray, Shreveport, won the award in 1968.

SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER Betty Jones, Reporter

A most successful safety seminar, covering various aviation subjects and demonstrations of the vertigo chair was held in Lake Charles, La. Co-sponsors of the event were: Southwest Louisiana Chapter 99s (Sandra Rice and Dee Wilsonhostesses) Lake Charles Accident Prevention Counselors, airport management and Federal Aviation Administration. Over one hundred area pilots attended the seminar.

Pat Ward, Molly Stockwell, and Polly Baughman flew (courtesy of the Hilton Helicopter) to Jackson, Mississippi for a meeting with the Mississippi chapter 99s.-Purpose of the meeting was to discuss-SECTION CONVENTION, 1976. There will be two separate conventions, separate registrations, separate business meeting etc.- and joint social events---sounds like great fun!! Even though plans are far from completion, the date of the event will be: APRIL 22-25, 1976.

The local Zonta Club of Zonta International and Louisiana Chapter 99s joined to celebrate with a Buffet Banquet at the Roadway Inn. Pat Ward Gloria Holmes and Eleanor Lowry explained the 99s so beautifully. I was pleased as punch--all over again--to be a member of such a great organization.

Mary White was hostess for the January meeting, a delicious luncheon was served and a tremendously interesting program.



Zontians and 99s banquet honoring women in aviation. L to R: Billieann Riddle, Pat Ward, Eleanor Lowry, Polly Baughman, Elizabeth Stevens, Gloria Holmes, Francis Cox.



Sandra Rice, of Southwest Louisiana Chapter 99 and E.P. Crawford, Lake Charles Accident Prevention Counselor, summarize plans for the Aviation Safety Seminar.

Movies and demonstrations of the Laser beam.

CRAWFISH-SHRIMP BOIL and Slumber Party with Cal Meredith in Houma, Louisiana for the February meeting. I understand the turnout was excellent, the crawfish superb, and, for those of us who could not attend--hope Cal offers rain-checks....

Fran Taylor now has her instrument rating.

Gloria Holmes is flying a SCHWIEZER SGU 1-19 open cockpit glider. Roger Ward, Dave Holmes, Inc. are the happy owners.



To solo a glider must be like "kid stuff" for PAT WARD..never-the-less, she looks down right pleased about the whole thing.

SPANISH PEAKS CHAPTER Joan Alyea, Reporter

1975 began as a busy year for us. Our January meeting was held in a small room at the Pueblo Airport where the operation of a flight simulator was explained to us by Paul Eubanks, owner and pilot. Paul is also one of the controllers at Pueblo Tower, so knows both ends of the business.

Our February meeting was busily spent making plans for a seminar on "Women in Aviation" which we will present April 23 as part of "Women's Week" activities at Southern Colorado State College in Pueblo. This type of seminar is a first for the college and for the Spanish Peaks Chapter. With the excellent speakers we have invited and the willing help we are receiving from the college and aviation community, we're looking forward to a great success. Time and exact location will be ready next month and we'll plan airport pickups for all oos who would like to join

Ann Courtright, $49 \frac{1}{2}$ Claiborne and family flew to Florida in January in their Piper 235--took in a medical convention and Disney World.

February flying was minimal--what with snow, low clouds and high winds, we were lucky to get around the pea patch a few times. If we're lucky, March should find us in the air a lot more--we hope!

TEXAS DOGWOOD CHAPTER Elaine White, Reporter

The shiny, new 99 emblems of Texas Dogwood members are turning up at a variety of functions these days. For most of us, it means time lovingly sandwiched in between jobs, children, church, and other activities.

Saturday, January 11 found us at the little strip beside the Cedar Creek Country Club scanning the gray skies to watch our scattered members safetly set down their

planes. Happily enough, we also welcomed eight 99s from the Golden Triangle Chapter for our fly-in luncheon. Our veteran and chairman, Peg Ong, is fortunate in knowing 99s from many places.

Then, on Thursday evening, February 13, we sponsored a Safety Seminar in conjunction with the FAA. Dr. Dwight Jones led a discussion of two excellent films to a large group of pilots who had gathered from the Athens-Tyler-Ennis area for this dinner meeting at the Town House Restaurant in Athens. Dorothy Duncan, our newest member, and her husband DeWitt (from Tyler) were also present.

Duane Perry and Elaine White, from Athens High School, journeyed to Dallas on their in-service training day February 21 to visit Skyline High School's Aviation-Aerospace program in anticipation of their own proposed course for the next school year. An auxiliary tour included a glimpse of Skyline's A & P study cluster. Sister 99s from all over the country. Six teachers supervise the 30,000 square foot area and teach airframe construction and study of the electrical, hydraulic and other systems of the powerplant. Helipcopters, planes, and various kinds of engines fill the huge space. It is quite an experience!

On the way home we made a detour to Addison Airport to visit Pat Jetton of the Dallas Redbirds. What should we find but an impromptu gathering of the Redbirds meeting with International President Pat McEwen and Governor Hazel Jones! We neophytes were duly impressed, for we wager there is no more active chapter than our sponsors, the Redbirds!

In the future--another safety seminar and an air marking. Those shiny, new emblems of ours will be at the scene of much activity.

TOPEKA CHAPTER Sondra Ridgeway, Reporter

October, 1974 - Co-sponsors and hostesses for FAA Safety Seminar. Dorothy Powell and 491/2 er Ben organized and conducted a 3 day aviation workshop for 8 Topeka West High School students. First day included general orientation and tour of facilities at Topeka Municipal Airport. Second day a trip to Forbes Air Force Base, Topeka and a flight to Wichita to visit the Cessna factory. Third day a look at radar facilities ATC Center, Olathe, Kansas and flights in TWA simulators Kansas City, Missouri. How about that for an air-age education project. Sondra and Dale Ridgeway attended Fall section meeting at Las Cruces, New Mexico.

November, 1974 - We entertained prospective members at a Saturday morning coffee, Topeka Municipal Airport. Barbara Ruhnke represented Topeka 99s and served as hostess at the Flint Hills Aviation Meeting, Manhattan, Kansas.

December, 1974 - Our annual Christmas party and buffet supper was held at the home of Dale and Sondra Ridgeway. Charlotte Kenney passed her FAA Instrument written exam. Virginia Marshall of Manhattan Kansas joined our chapter as a new member.

January, 1975 - Ninety nine and Zonta Club members from Topeka, Kansas City and Wichita assembled January 13 in the office of new Kansas Governor Robert Bennett for signing of "Women in Aviation" proclamation.

February, 1975 - Regular business meetings were changed from the third Wednesday to the second Saturday of each month. We held a planning session for spring and summer activities.

TULSA CHAPTER Jan Mauritson, Reporter

Winter weather always seems to slow flying activities to some extent, so Tulsa Chapter is looking forward to spring in anticipation of a number of projects.

The January meeting was held in the lounge of Tulsair Hangar 12 at Tulsa International Airport, Besides our faithful regulars, there were two quests present; Sherry Killion and Jean Conkling. Since Tulsa is one of the stops for the AWTAR this year, some preliminary plans and arrangements were discussed. We also have quite a list of airports for airmarking and are hoping to get started with these as soon as weather permits. Deanna Robertson is now officially Instrument rated and is proceeding with CFI training. She has the written exams passed and says she is probably about half way through the flight training.

Lydia Gutierrez flew with a friend to "Never-sweat International" to visit with Sue and Ken Duncan. The red carpet is always out at the Duncan airstrip. Our chairman, Carol Brown, is a frequent dropin at "Never-SWEAT". Also Johnny Salyer and husband, Bill, flew over for a visit earlier this month. Sue and Ken just returned from a flying fun tour of the Colorado, New Mexico area. They spent a couple of days in Durango, then flew into ABQ for the balloon races and on to Sante Fe before returning to Tulsa. The middle of February Jan Mauritson flew to Denver to meet her son and daughter-in-law who were driving up from Dallas. All three spent a delightful four days skiing in the Winter Park area. It was a successful trip no bones broken!

Our February meeting was at the home of Johnny Salyer and, among other things, we will begin making plans to attend our Spring Section meeting in Abilene.

Northwest Section

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

ALASKA CHAPTER Margaret Wagnon, Reporter

With subzero temperatures and snow lots of snow - the flying weather has kept many of us earthbound. Oh well, sweeping snow off of airplanes is good, outdoor exercise.

There have been some new ratings. Beth

Wade and Stephany Dedrick have their Commercial. Marion Talbot earned her Instrument. ATR pilot Ruth O'Buck has been to the American Airlines Academy in Fort Worth, Texas obtaining her type rating in a Cessna Citation.

Our most interesting meeting this winter was held at Dimond High School Planetarium. Emma Walton made the necessary arrangements. We may not be ready for celestial navigation, but we learned many interesting facts.

Lavelle Betz held a Tupperware Party at her home in January as a Chapter fundraising project. Due to very bad weather that night, the turn out was poor, but those brave ones who attended had an enjoyable evening.

Marion and Bill Zaegel had a vacation trip to Australia and New Zealand. They enjoyed spending a day in Sidney with Marie Richardson and Margaret Kentley of the Australian Section. They saw the New Zealand national glider meet with 35 gliders participating, and they took a float plane ride in Rotorousa, New Zealand over mountain lakes and boiling mineral and sulphur pools.

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER Daryl Ann Kyle, Reporter

Despite a pile of snow on the ground, since late Christmas eve, we're able to get together, at least by car!

In January we met at Henley Aerodrome near Athol, Idaho and discussed business (that means mostly convention plans), and were treated to a tremendous program begun by Steve Marrow, parachuter with the Henley Hummers and participant in an 18-man, Idaho record star formed last summer. Steve speaks with great inspiration about his favorite sport and answered our questions expertly. Gladys Buroker and Sally Simundson, our resident balloonists, (also mother and daughter!) then told us about ballooning and showed slides of some of their ballooning adventures. Gladys also talked about the early days of parachuting. Her tales left us all ooohing!

Guests at our meeting were Missy Davis who was visiting her sister, 99 Carolyn Love from Kellogg, Idaho, and 49½ers August Lake and Carl Boyd. Lewiston 99 Margie Wood passed her instrument check ride the day after our Christmas Party. Now she's after the multi-engine rating. Gladys Buroker passed her instrument written.

February brought us to Spokane for a luncheon meeting. We welcomed Robin Anderson as a brand new 99. Robin learned to fly at Henley Aerodrome. Lewiston pilot Barbara Dunlop has joined the fold. Prospective members present included student pilot Nadine Henley, and Jean Davis, a pilot from Walla Walla, Washington.

Chief newsmaker this month is Lana Balser. She and several other women A.&P. students at Spokane Community College were featured in a full-page of pictures and accompanying story in the Spokane papers. Lana says men at the school are now demanding equal time!

We were treated to a presentation by John Radamaker, former Blue Angels pilot from Liberty Lake, Washington; now a charter pilot with Executive Air Corporation in Spokane. John awed us with a spectacular Blue Angels demonstration film, then fielded countless questions from the group. What a way to fly!

Remember ROUNDUP '75, July 30 through August 2, Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. We hope to make it a very special International Convention for YOU.

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER Della Koss, Reporter

Our New Year started off with a bang. Pat Erickson arranged a tour through McChord Air Force Base. Major Joe Menard briefed us on the activities of the Air Force Reserve and conducted us through a C 141. The highlight of the trip was being able to fly the C 141 simulator. Those attending: Theda Brentson, Priscilla Cook, Pat Erickson, Lou Burrows, Jayne Alice Pykonen and Della Koss did have some difficulty, beating our 49½ ers to the controls of the simulator. We all managed to get a turn. This was followed by a trip up to the tower and lunch at the officers club.

Doris Wolfstone was the recipient of the Bernie Lyman Award. The Washington Pilots Association present this to her at their State convention. This is a very meaningful award as it is given to the "unsung hero" or "heroine." A person who always gets the job done without a lot of public fanfare.

Priscilla Cook's youngest daughter, Tandy, took her first solo flight. This puts Priscilla fifth in line for the plane behind husband Bill and three flying offsprings.

Della Koss completed her Commercial rating and husband, George, now has his instructors license. With four future 99s rapidly growing up, it will come in handy.



Doris Wolfstone, Western Washington Chapter, receives the Bernie Lyman award at the Washington Pilots Association for her "unsung heroine" roll in always getting the job done.

IDAHO CHAPTER Gene Nora-Jessen, Reporter

Idaho 99s are working hard, but it's the unspectacular yet necessary type of work. We're searching out prospective members and Pat Jenkins is slaving over 501(c)3 for the Section. We're in the thick of Sectional plans which will be immediately prior to the International meeting in Coeur d'Alene. It is a little different putting on a meeting 300 miles away from the hostesses, but we're up to the challenge.

Not much flying outside our banana belt valley - except to the ski areas. We heard from Chris Winzer from the Chicago Area Chapter on a ski charter to Sun Valley. Chris reports a happy though busy life with

the Chicago GADO.

Jane McKewen has finagled a couple of weeks absence from her medical practice and is estatic at the prospect of flying her C. 172 in the AWTAR. Our tower operator Sylvia Burkey who earned her living in aviation for so long before she got her nerve up to try flying herself now has the evangelistic fever. She's got her roommate navigating for her at every opportunity. Chairman Ann Stott has been down for maintenance put plans on being airborne soon.

Carol dePue has lived in Boise and worked with our chapter for the last couple of years though she left her membership with the E. Idaho Chapter since they are so small. Now we have both lost her to Las Vegas. What do you bet she'll have plenty of visitors from Idaho.

A sprinkling of 99s was spotted at Pete Campbell's multi-engine clinic. Joyce Blankenbaker reports having gotten to within ten minutes of the last meeting before giving up and reversing course. Pat Jenkins never even got off her ranch that day for the sky was falling in big white flakes. We appreciate the loyalty of our away-from-Boise members who really give it the extra try to get to winter meetings.

Plans are afoot to move our sixth annual density altitude clinic-fly-in breakfast from Smiley Creek in August to McCall in late June this year. Smiley Creek was just a little tough for the low time pilots who are our real target for a density altitude clinic. Tentative date - June 29.

WILLAMETTE CHAPTER Jane Capizzi, Reporter

The snow Survival short course, Feb. 15-16, sponsored by the Willamette Valley 99s, was a success. We all survived!

Over 50 pilots attended the evening lecture of Mel Jackson of the Eugene Park and Recreation Dept. Mel showed slides to emphasize survival techniques in snow cave construction, clothing, food, equipment and positive common sense attitude.

Twenty one pilots and prospective pilots (6 99s) from Corvallis, Lebanon, and Eugene joined forces for the actual trip into the Willamette Pass area for an overnight survival test. We were warmly dressed, loaded with a pack of sleeping bag, sponge pad, plastic underpiece, stove, food, digging tool, extra set of clothes, flashlight, candle, and a jar of wooden matches. Many took skis or snowshoes which were little used because

we were so busy building our snow caves, igloos and shelters. Mel's 1/4 mile from the highway turned out to be nearly straight up thru waist-deep snow. The scenery was fantastic--fresh powder snow glistening against a bright deep blue sky with the snow laden fir forest and Odell Lake below

We had been so warned of the dangers of being cold and wet that we over-dressed and were too hot during the climb up the mountain. Upon reaching our camping area, everyone started digging in for the night, except Cec and Bev Saxon who put up a bright orange tent right in the middle of the clearing. Some old snow caves there helped 5 or 6 couples, while several independent individuals worked on their own new caves or tree shelters. Sally Plumley and Jean Mackey did all the work and then had to return to Corvallis that night.

With Jan Amundson's 491/2 as head architect, we started a 3 room unit for 5 or 6 of us. The igloo was time-consuming but real: the shelter, of snow block walls and ski rafters covered with plastic and snow, was hurriedly finished before dark, and a neat snow cave in between the 2 other units looked the coziest with red candles glowing thru the entrance snow, above which, attached to crossed ski poles, was a long red pilot tube cover "Remove Before Flight." The fragrance of tea waffed from the cave entrance as we settled inside our shelter next door and again as we left at 8 the next morning to dig out our stoves etc. for breakfast.

It's a long night from dark to dawn (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.). Verda Givstina and I sat up and talked about every 2 or 3 hours, snacking on dried fruit and wine, and knocking the deepening snow from the entrance flap of our roof.

Saturday's dinner was informal to say the least, with 3 or 4 stoves--butane or sterno--heating snow water slowly for coffee, cocoa, tea and reconstituted dinners. Suprisingly, we felt well-fed, standing around the middle of the stamped down opening surrounded by giant snow laden fir trees. The snow was falling lightly during dinner and people started disappearing into their little snow caves before dark

As the snow deepened, Mel made the rounds of all the snow caves several times thru the night, checking to see if there was ventilation and everyone was warm enough.

Wet boots were still wet in the morning, and Mel's warnings of the necessity of wool sox, mittens and pants was reinforced. The cold people started down hill after breakfast, meeting a blowing snowstorm from the crest of the hill to the highway. The warm people enjoyed a second or third cup of coffee, packed and reluctantly left.

The experience of really sleeping out gives one an idea of what is important to include in your plane's survival bag---A wide bladed, shorthandled strong shovel, a down sleeping bag, a stove, a bit of dried food, and extra wool clothing.

Maybe the humility to believe the weather briefing and to make a 180, comes first.

Southwest Section

ARIZONA – CALIFORNIA

HAWAII – NEVADA – UTAH

ALOHA CHAPTER

ALOHA CHAPTER Marijane Nelson, Interim Reporter

Aloha Chapter members really got down to business when they met for a luncheon meeting at the Tahitian Lanai on January 7th, for there were many final details to be worked out before our launching of International Women's Year on the 11th!

The year 1975 has been proclaimed International Women's Year by the Secretary General of the United Nations, United States President Gerald Ford, and Hawaii's Governor George Ariyoshi. Honolulu was selected as the location for the opening event as a salute to Amelia Earhart, who left Hawaii at 4:30 p.m. on January 11, 1935, to become the first pilot to fly solo to the North American Continent. It was felt that her historic flight represents the perseverence and dedication to achievement which IWY exemplifies.

Florence Beamon (Chairman of the Aloha Chapter), Betty Skold, Pat Davis, and Lindy Boyes worked hard planning our opening event and arranging for publicity for the past two months. United Airlines offered to host the party aboard one of their 747 airliners.

The culmination of all this planning took place at 4:30 on the afternoon of January 11th--forty years after Amelia Earhart's departure for the west coast. Some 200 women leaders from the islands were invited to the event sponsored by the Ninety-Nines. We had our largest turnout in the history of our chapter!

Marguerite Gambo Wood (charter member of the Aloha Chapter and an active aviatrix in Hawaii since the early 1930s) was honorary chairman of the affair. She was assisted during the ceremonies by Dorothy Read, Florence Beamon, and Jane Kelley (who spoke on the background of the Ninety-Nines). Governor Ariyoshi was represented at the function by Mrs. Eileen Anderson, Director of Finance for the State of Hawaii. Mr. H.C. Chee, district manager of the U.S. Postal Service, presented Amelia Earhart "First Day Covers" at the celebration.

Much credit is due our "planning committee" and United Airlines for successfully launching this important event.



Amor Bitanga, representative from the Civil Air Patrol, waits with Aloha chapter members Marijane Nelson and Sue Young for turn to tour the flight deck of the United Airlines' 747--scene of the celebration held to lunch International Women's Year.



Florence Beamon, Chairman of the Aloha Chapter, reads greetings sent from Yae Nozoki, chief director of the Japan Women's Association of Aeronautics and member of the 99s in Tokyo. (Dorothy Read waits in the background).



Jane Kelley tells about the Ninety-Nines during the International Women's Year ceremony aboard a United 747 at Honolulu International Airport.



behalf of the United Nations Association, Fren McQuesten (on left) presents a check for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship to Marguerite Gambo Wood, honorary chairman at the International Women's Year opening event. Sonja Frost, President of the FAA Women's Club, looks on at right.

BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER Pat Church, Reporter

The biggest boost for our chapter is the recent selection of June Edwards as a runner-up for the National Spokesman Award by Agricultural Chemicals Magazine. June has earned this honor for her tremendous job boosting the dual cause of aviation and agriculture. She has been very active in aviation and agriculture. She has been very active in aviation and agriculature education in Bakersfield and is now teaching an agriculature aviation course at Bakersfield College. The program has been strongly supported by our chapter, especially by "Butch" Ayers, who has been serving on the education committee. Now Bakersfield College will be expanding its aviation program through the Industrial Education

Department, adding related courses such as marketing and journalism.

Another active flying teacher, Marge Harps, is teaching a basic aviation course to junior high school students in Taft. We are trying very hard to "educate" our community about aviation.

We took five or six planes and flew about 1,200 pounds of Direct Relief supplies to Santa Barbara on March 8. There are also tentative plans for a fly-in meeting with the High Desert chapter in the near future. We'll put our heads together for some "special" plans for the fall sectional.

Several gals, including Joan Paynter, Achsa Holfelder and Priscilla Spencer are planning on attending the spring sectional in April, where they're planning on getting all sorts of ideas on how a sectional meeting is run. We're going to do it up right!

Speaking of doing things right, we did sponsor one very successful event recently. On January 22nd we co-hosted a program on air safety with the FAA, featuring Colonel William Spruance. Colonel Spruance gave a very informative program in which he enlivened his advice on air safety with an account of his own tragic experience in aviation, when he crashed and nearly perished. It means so much more to hear such advice from those who've "been there." Lots of very favorable comments resulted from the program, and we're very proud to have been a part of it.

Bakersfield's weather will be improving now, and the old worn-out runways of Kern County will be sparkling with bright new vellow and white markings carefully applied by the paint-besmeared ladies of the

Bakersfield 99s.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER Vivian Harshbarger, Reporter

We've been generally grounded because of weather since the last report but have been working on numerous projects, i.e., a rummage sale March 7 (for 1977 International 99 Convention expenses), Domino Tournament--Astra Johnson, Chairman, a Chapter 43 year Birthday Flyin to Santa Rosa on March 22, and air marking of nearby airports. The last two projects are being arranged by Astra and Maureen Carter. Also, Dorcey Hadley, with help from Astra have been busy making items to sell in the boutique section of the rummage sale. These three have added so much to our Chapter, since joining in late 1974, we want to thank them in this news report, and note that even with all these activities, Maureen and Astra are attending Instrument Ground School, and Maureen may soon be pursuing an extra-curricula career in the Navy Reserves to obtain training as a Tower Controller.

Rose Sharp, Chairman of the rummage sale, sponsored by the Bay Area Chapters has every detail worked out, and she and Joyce Wells plan to start setting us the night before.

Wells made a four hour IFR trip to San Luis Obispo and back. They were thankful it was smooth, though raining in clouds.

I am involved with foreign students learning to fly, and is that ever a whole new ballgame. Like the one who landed at

Mather Air Force Base, while in radio contact with Marysville. He was greeted by an armed escort, and fortunately released in time to return before sunset, as he wasn't checked out for night flying. Imagine landing on one of those beautiful long runways in a Cessna 150 and have them say "Goodby--please don't come back," without having to fill out all those forms and maybe end up without a license.

COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER Ellenor Wagner, Reporter

We air-marked Thermal Airport in December, Palm Springs in January and are scheduled to tackle 29 Palms on April 6. The January meeting was held at the home of Rosella and Roy Kibbee with a great turn-out and an equally great steak barbeque. In a sense, it was a rather 'touching' occasion since the Kibbees have sold the home on the runway at Bermuda Dunes Airport and we will all miss the familiar rooftop umbrellas and chairs and the fact that we could taxi in for a cup of coffee and some hangar flying any old

Ilia Mae and Nick Carosell have a new address: 3459 San Martin Circle, Palm Springs...complete with swimming pool. The Kibbees will be having a new one soon. Betty Manley, with TWA Captainhusband enjoyed a trip to Florida where they sea-planed themselves right into new ratings in November. Mary and Cal Turner have been taking some beautiful aerial shots around our desert, plus making photo records of our airmarkings.



The loyal crew and supporters on the recent Palm Springs Airport project turned out en masse on a day when 'you could see forever.' (L to R) Jean Patane, Chapter and airmarking chairman, Connie Woolston, Ellenor Wagner, Roy and Rosella Kibbee, Ilia Mae Carosell, George Manley, Art Woolston, Betty Manley, Bill Carlton and the two Carlton boys. (E. Wagner Photo)

Heard from Lynne Greer, PPD start Co-Chairman, Inland Chapter, with a progress report of plans for the 1975 Race from Riverside, CA. C.V. Chapter and others will be lending a hand and a financial assist for them.

Melba and Bill Carlton hosted the February meeting at their lovely home in Yucca Valley. Prior to the m ng. all enjoyed a spaghetti dinner .. each member bringing pot-luck extras. It was a cold, fun evening enjoyed by the host and hostess, George and Betty Manley, Mary Turner, Ilia Mae Carosell, Connie and Art Woolston, Rosella and Roy Kibbee and Peggy and Dick Marsh from San Gabriel Chapter, who have also purchased a home in Palm Springs. Good to see Shirley and

Gordon Von Kalinowski at the January meeting and hope to see them more often.

Peggy and Dick Marsh have opened their new Palm Springs home to a local chapter meeting and San Gabriel Chapter fly-in on March 9, from 11 a.m., until 3 p.m. Their address is 1100 Granvia Valmonte, Palm Springs, in the event any of you 99s are flying in the area and want to join the fun.

The airmarking at 29 Palms on April 6, from 8 a.m., is also scheduled as a fun-flyin combined with a pot-luck picnic; so come join us there and bring your own lunch and a paint roller, too!

LAS VEGAS VALLEY CHAPTER Liz Heller, Reporter

The February meeting was an open meeting for members and their friends to listen to Joe Gervais, author of Amelia Earhart Lives. It was the second time Joe has been a quest speaker and as usual most interesting.

We have also welcomed two new members to our group, Kate Clifford and Kathleen Snaper. Coming back to Las Vegas after several years absence is Carole De Pue.

Flight Instructors AOPA The Revalidation Clinic was held at the Sahara Hotel in February with Lois Erickson, Marie McMillan, Jane Leighty, Kathy Snaper, Nancy Craddock, Liz Heller and Carole Vilardo helping with the registration. Most of the girls attended all or part of the sessions.

Carole Vilardo is Contest Chairman for the Southwest Section. The Chapter is sponsoring a NIFA Chapter at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Lois Erickson flew some DRF supplies to Santa Barbara and made use of her instrument training with an instrument approach at Goleta. Weather cut her return trip short at Daggett and the trip was completed by Greyhound. Liz Heller flew her back to Daggett a couple days later to pick up her plane. Nancy Craddock went along to navigate. Lois is also proud possessor of personalized license plates -99 LE. Fly-ins to Death Valley and Palmdale Center are on the agenda in the near future.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER Grace McGettigan, Reporter

While Ninety Nines in many parts of the Country were grounded by snowstorms and huddled in hangars to avoid the cold, members of the Los Angeles Chapter spent the winter piloting their birds through the warm, blue skies of Southern California.

Virginia Showers participated in the Orange County Picture Hunt with her daughter-in-law Adele in the right seat as chief spotter. Georgia Lambert also took part in the Hunt, then winged her way to San Jose and spent two days with her daughter and son-in-law who are also pilots.

Jean Pyatt, Rachel Bonzon and Dorothy Pepin flew ETA students to Santa Paula in January for an interesting tour through many of the hangars and visited briefly with Gwen Dewey and Marian Fickett of the Santa Paula and SBA Chapters respectively.

Jeanne Rumm and Jan Dreyfus headed for the slopes at Lake Tahoe for a few days

To escape the frosty 60 degree temperatures of Los Angeles, our Chapter held its February fly-in at Mulege, Baja, California, where members enjoyed a weekend of sun, surf, sand, and mucho Margueritas.

Long time prospective member June Scruggs recently obtained her Private Pilot's license and we are now pleased to officially include her among our ranks.

Recent honors went to Betty Nesser who installed January 24th as Vice Commander of the Coast Guard Air Flotilla of Van Nuys. Berni Stevenson was appointed Contest Chairman for the Mohave Air Races to be held June 20-21-22; LA 99 Jan Drevfus and Evalee Treen of the Santa Barbara Chapter were appointed to Ramp Control.

In the academic sphere Holley Ballard recently attained her Master's Degree, and Berni completed the ground training portion of the very rugged Lear Jet Course.

MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER Elaine Brady, Reporter

At our Christmas Potluck, Chairman Geri Halfpenny presented the Pilot of the Year Award to Dell Hinn, most deserving of the trophy. Deputy Dell has logged innumerable hours flying female prisoners for the Monterey County Sherriff's Dept .. and to boot, she is now flying oil drillers to San Ardo area. Even more newsworthy now that Powder Puff Derby time is creeping up on us, are the plans being made by Dell and her granddaughter, Gail, to fly the Powder Puff as the first grandmother-granddaughter team.

Congratulations were extended to Altena, who recently married Neil Svendsen. They were presented with a lovely wedding cake made by Geneva Cranford and with our 99 tray.

For the January meeting at Olga Scheffler's home, we had as guest speaker, Cmdr. Jack Branson, Safety Officer, from the Naval Post Graduate School. He showed two interesting films used in their program for the safety officers school. They were films of the most spectacular but unfortunate phenomenal flying mishaps.

After the business half of our February meeting, 99 friend. Mike Hughes showed us his films on the soloing and subsequent flights of his homebuilt gyrocopter. Also at this meeting, we welcomed our newest member, Sandy Pratt.

Kay Harmon flew Geri Halfpenny, Geneva Cranford and Sandy in the "Super-Chicken" to a delightful luncheon at San Muni's newest restaurant, "Headquarters of the 94th Aerosquadron."

Our Chapter has filled a glass covered cabinet at the Salinas Airport Terminal with history of the 99s, news, trophies and awards to help keep the public aware of Ninety-Nines' activities.

MT. DIABLO CHAPTER Fran Zanotto, Reporter

Persistance paid off again! After being fogged-in for our January Fly-In to South County Airport (Santa Clara County) we had perfect weather this month. On Saturday, February 22nd, 99s, their family and friends arrived at South County airport where transportation was provided to the restaurant "THE FLYING LADY" (most appropriate for a Ninety-Nine fly-in). After a delicious lunch at an unusually decorated dining room we wandered down to the museum. There is a fantastic collection of beautifully restored aircraft. wagons surreys, stage coaches. automobiles, many antiques, old license plates and beautiful wood carvings of famous people carved from Redwood tree stumps. It was most interesting and something everyone would enjoy no matter what age.

Our next fly-in will be March 21st to Sacramento Metro (weather permitting). Anyone wishing to join us would be most welcome.



Mt. Diablo Chapter: South County Fly-In.

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER Jean Garrett, Reporter

Elizabeth Shattuck and Margo Smith organized a great Picture Hunt in February. Margo was beaming at the awards ceremony because her former student, Bobbie Reiter, took first place and she did it with a new private license. Second place went to Esther Grupenhagen (Fullerton Chapter) and third place went to Darlene Brundage. By placing a wheel on the "e" of Apple Valley, Shirley Cote won the spot landing contest at the end of the Hunt.

Needles Airport is now clearly marked, in spite of gravel on the paint rollers, because of the skills of Betty Marshall (a new member!), Sharron Temps, Barbara Stewart, Shirley Cote, Marie Christensen, Bobbie Reiter, and Les Hall. Les flew everyone there in his beautiful Grand Commander and has offered to help out for the next airmarking assignment. If the weather is good, Catalina Airport should be glistening with letters.

All has not been work. The February meeting was held at the Revere House in Tustin where each member took her valentine to dinner. That evening it was announced that Betty Marshall is now a member. If Betty is not flying her Cessna 150, she is busy taking her second semester in Mechanics for Pilots.

Congratulations goes to Maggie Burch, Marty Harstad (yes, she is back from her tour of Latin America), Diane Hixson, and Bobbie Reiter for being the first ones this

year to become APT. Sharron Temps, who joined 99s as a glider pilot, has now earned her private license. Shirley Baker missed the Picture Hunt because she couldn't pass up the chance to fly a C-47. A new CFI rating has been earned by Diane Hixson.

PALOMAR CHAPTER Mary Pearson, Reporter

Our annual Christmas party, held this year at the recreation room of Bob and Ethel Robinson's town house complex, was a big event. Bob even gave up going to a very important football game to act as host! Observation: for so many competent pilots, we're really good cooks!

The Booths spent Christmas on their Oregon ranch, the Kniefel's send greeting from Stateline, Nevada and the rest of us have been doing the usual weekend flying.

Congratulations to Ellen and Virgil Fordham, parents of a baby boy born in early December. He came to his first 99s meeting, in January at Borrego, in the family apache.

Pam Van der Linden reported on her flight through Mexico to Guatamala with the Baja Brush Pilots. They flew some 60 hours, saw a lot of beautiful country and met many interesting people. Neil and Sue Adler enroute to La Paz in their Comanche 400 to spend New Year's report hearing a great number of "gringo" voices (the Bush Pilots going south) on 122.9.

Come join us -- Palomar's fund raising project for Powder Puff Derby will be Powder Puff Derby Day held at Fallbrook Airport on April 6. The Lion's Club will serve their delicious Pancake Breakfast at \$1.50 each. There will be 3 cents a pound rides, displays, movies, etc. Pam Van der Linden is our leader in this project and the Chairman of the Ways and Means for the Powder Puff Derby, 1976. Please fly in, drive in, have breakfast, enjoy our displays and support the PPD! Pam believes this is an easy way for each chapter to make a substantial contribution. Help Pam, and the Powder Puff Derby to a successful project.

See you April 6 in Fallbrook.

PHOENIX CHAPTER Natasha Swigard, Reporter

The past month our chapter has been busy choosing committee chairman, handing out specific duties, and making sure the ball is rolling in the right direction. The reason for all the hustle and bustle is our hostessing the Spring Southwestern Sectional to be held April 11-13. Last meeting 19 of us plus 2 guests spent the evening "stuffing" 1500 envelopes with all the info regarding the sectional.

We have a new idea (for our chapter) we're trying to get off the ground on flyin breakfasts. Pam Marley is in charge of this activity, and if anyone out there has had experience with this type activity, I'm sure Pam would love to hear from you.

Carol Borgerding spoke to the Prescott Zontas about women and their role in aviation. Mary Lou Brown and Ruby Sheldon have been flying around Pt. Barrow, Alaska somewhere (for the U.S. Geodetic Survey Dept.), but due to the ice flow shifting places from point to point, we're not quite sure where their base is located! Mary Vial attended the 99 International Board meeting in Wichita, and had the pleasant opportunity of staying at Pat McEwen's lovely home. The AOPA had another successful seminar in Phoenix with approximately 100 planes here from various places. There were 13 local 99s to help drive visiting pilots to and from Sky Harbor.

Carol Borgerding, Nancy Crase, Jan Edens, Cathy Nickolaisen and Natasha Swigard all had the opportunity to meet Raul Castro, Governor of Arizona. We received a signed proclamation designating a week toward recognizing Women in Aviation to coincide with the Powder Puff Derby.

Sad to say we are losing an active member in Libby Pruett - but our loss shall benefit a Colorado chapter. Our new Airmarking chairman is Caroline Reibert - and warm WX should bring out the paint crew soon. Cathy Nickolaisen will be out trying to establish Public Relations with the community since taking over that post.

Sandra Anson is our newest member, and our APT gals so far are: June Bonestell, Sandi Haag, and Liz Taylor.



Some of the group that helped "stuff" envelopes: from left to right, Carol Borgerding, Dianne Johnson, Cacho Medina (a guest from Mexico City), Judi Gunter-Nancy Crase, Sue Harper, Marg Crowl, and Nan Sheer.



The elusive Ruth Reinhold who does not like to have her picture taken because she says, "I come out looking like Zazu Pitts!" She consented to have her picture taken only if "Curly" could be in the picture too. Ruth was featured last month as a (99) commissioner for Arizona.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER Elaine Hussey, Reporter

Redwood Empire Chapter Ninety-Nines celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary during December, with Charter Member Anna Brenner hostessing a luncheon at the

Plum Tree in Santa Rosa. Specially prepared programs and a Ninety-Nine pin were at each person's place. Former charter member Nellie Palmer assisted with the luncheon, and provided lovely floral decorations from her garden. Members attending included Janet Albeck, Lynn Ahrens, Hazel Betagna, Erma Chance, Fran Gauger with 49½ er Harold, Jeanne Gibson, Esther Harri, Nina Rookaird and Pat Stouffer. The Chapter presented Mrs. Brenner with a copy of Barefoot in the Sky by Shiela Scott.

Chapter chairman Nina Rookaird was quite active the past two months, in line with the United Nations Declaration of Women's year, speaking to the Santa Rosa Chapter Zonta on Women in Aviation, the St. Rosa Chapter 99s on Aerospace in Schools, and attending the organizational meeting of the Mt. Shasta Chapter 99s in Redding. Her activities prompted an invitation to 49½ er Dick to bring their ATC to the 3rd grade class at Allexander Valley Elementary school in Healdsberg.



Potential members of the new Mt. Shasta Chapter 99s pose with their newly selected chairman, Lee Agnew (5th from right) and Redwood Empire Chapter President Nina Rookaird (3rd from right) at their organizational meeting at Enterprise Airport in Redding in January.

The chapter held an all day meeting in January at Janet Allbecks home, to discuss the proposed bylaws, which proved quite interesting. The following week they regrouped at Janet's again, this time with guests and 49½ ers, for the Chapter's annual "December" Bubble Bash, which was a potluck in the true fashion, with no one telling anyone else what they were bringing, and with the "bubbles" flowing.

Fran Gauger passed her biennial. Nina Rookaird passed the Instrument Written -Erma Chance received her commercial ticket under the "grandparent" clause.

Elaine Hussey and 49½ er David purchased a 1974 Cessna 150 to lease to the UC Flying Club, of which Elaine is the Newsletter Editor. Hopefully this will encourage David in his decision whether to learn to fly or just take a "pinch hitter" course.

Kay MeGeehan, our newest member, spent the weekend flying up and down the coast counting whales. We hope the plane flew faster than whales swam, so that the count was accurate.

We welcomed Dorothy Gundling to our February meeting, and hope she'll return many times. She holds a private license, and teaches at the University of California, Davis, and a college in Napa, California.

Two members of the UC Flying Club recently attended our meeting, Susan Lea

and Donna Spoontak. Susan recently got her private license, and Donna is just taking lessons (about 7 hours now). Hopefully they'll both be joining us on a regular basis soon.



The Honorable Florence Douglas, Mayor of the City of Vallejo, California, (center) with Redwood Empire Chapter Members Louise Ramsey (left) and Fran Gauger, after signing the City of Vallejo resolution proclaiming the year 1975 as "International Women's Year" and the week of January 11-18, 1975 honoring women pilots and all women serving in the aviation field.

RENO AREA CHAPTER May Haskell, Reporter

In spite of high winds and lots of snow, things haven't come to a complete standstill in our Chapter.

Joann Winterling got her Instrument Rating January 5th with a 25 knot headwind going into Stead on the ADF approach.

Fran Gustavson and Hazel Hohn are on the Committee for the WASP Reunion to be held in Reno June 19, 20, 21st (more information in the Aviation Calendar).

Hazel Hohn had an aviation marker installed on Highway 395 in Carson City commemorating the first flight made in Nevada in 1910.

Jerry Gardiner is our member who flies as much as we would all like to. Jerry does charter for Reno Executive Air and has just ferried a Piper Super Cub from the factory in Lockhaven, Penn. to Reno, sans nav radios!

Our prospective member, Peggy Twedt from Carson City, is a balloonist and had invited the Reno 99s for a ride in her balloon. We all hope to accept this invitation soon.

Our Chairman, Dell Haas and $49\frac{1}{2}$ Carl, have just returned from a flying trip to South America.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER Barbara Foster, Reporter

Due to the bad weather doldrums, Sacramento Valley Chapter has had its flying activities curtailed. However, it has not prevented several members from continuing work on their instrument ratings, nor did it prevent Shirley Winn from getting her Ground Instructor rating.

We are pleased to welcome Marie Durbin as a new member to our Chapter. Marie started attending meetings and functions while still a student pilot and is now the happy holder of a private ticket. She was sponsored by June Devine.

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Our most recent airmarking effort was on Natomas Field. The strip has been improved and the office refurbished.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER Betty Wharton, Reporter

After many years of "the same ol' faces" in our chapter, we are experiencing almost a rebirth...pinning at least (1) new member a month for the past fiscal year, and THIS month, we had SEVEN guests! It's exciting to have the younger gals around, with fresh ideas and energy to match! They are SO educated and eager, I sometimes wonder, how long before they put me out to pasture??

Our newest member, Connie Goertz related a "snowstorm approach" into Buffalo, N.Y. in Feb. Newcomer Bea Wheeler is APT '75. That makes five of us.

Ruth Ebey and 49½ Jack flew their "new" Funk to the Ariz. Chapter's Winter A.A.A. Fly-In, held this year at Casa Grande. (no, Virginia, THIS AAA stands for Antique Aircraft!) Lois and Harry Bartling go so much it's not news. They tried desperately to get snowed in at Grand Canyon. Speaking of Grand Canyon, ask Pat Mazella about her last two trips to the big ditch. Snow is only fun when it and we are on the ground!

We are all looking toward a busy year. Plans include a fun fly-in to Sedona in March, Sectional in PHX in April, another Flying Companion Seminar, a Mechanics clinic for local 99s, and of course our annual (almost) Pacific Air Race on Oct. 4th. Flyers will be out soon with race info. Plans are for a start at Gillespie Field, gas stops at Bakersfield and Columbia, and finish in Santa Rosa.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER Virginia Rainwater, Reporter

SPRING has really sprung in sunny California. February meeting gave us valuable information on the ever current subject of Weather, thanks to Mack Carter of the FAA. Our 49ers were invited also. A fantastic turnout, a successful evening thanks to Loretta Hines.

Donna Tracy will have to go to Alaska to visit her aircraft and tractor. That's what happens when you sell your toys to the Alaskan pipe line. Pat Cannon enjoyed a trip to Puerto Vallarta. Pat is hiding a secret from us which she will deliver in a few months. Audrey Schutte took Hughs Air West to Redding for a very important occasion--not losing a daughter, gaining a son. Congratulations! Mary Totans and her 49er are stripping their aircraft. Such a job. Lorrie Blech flew to Hillsburg, SFO, and PSP. Lorrie is the proud owner of an EAA By-plane. Many of us had a lovely visit with the Riverside 99s as we dinned in their famous RED BARON restaurant. Those who flew in were Lola Ricci and Ed, Liz Dinan, Marge Robbins, Shirley Thom, Ely Richabaugh, Virginia Rainwater, and the four Totans, Mary and Lou, Doris and Hubby, Beverly Woodward and Cec Schulman.

Pauline Fleming took another "first

timer" for a ride. Pamela Brands earned her commercial license. Congrats! Pam also flew to England and spent three days ferrying a Cessna 150 to Aloro, OKC. Vesta Malby flew to SBA. Marge reports she divorced her hubby in the cockpit many times as her flight instructor. Marge will "be one" any day now; that is flight instructor. Shirley Thom is still buzzing around in that Rallye Stole.

Two ladies showed up at the Montgomery field fly-in, Doris and Mary Totans. They barely got out of there before the costal fog closed in. Off to Apple Valley for the alternate luncheon destination went Liz Dinan, Lola Ricci and guest, Cec Schulman, Pat Hallett and guest, Lorrie Bleck, Marge Robbins, and Shirley Thom.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER Betty Skiles, Reporter

Las Vegas was the fly in for the month of January. Marion and Bob Marriott invited all to a fine Italian Restaurant and to see the Ann Margaret Show. Some members tried their luck in the casino after the show, didn't hear of any great winnings, sad to report.

Next morning some of the group went to Ceasars Palace for the fabulous Champaigne Brunch.

Great turnout for Eve and Harold Hunts dinner party. 32 in all came to enjoy the delicious dinner. Eve supplied the entree, with the rest of the members bringing salads, desserts, etc. Members, 49½ s and guests had a stimulating evening discussing flying, what else? A good time was had by all and many thanks to Eve and Harold for their great hospitality.

Peggy Marsh reports that she saw all the members of the Coachella Valley 99s last weekend and invited them to join us for our "Fly-In" to Peggy's on March 9.

Congratulations to Marge Loomis. She has passed her written instrument and is working toward her flight check.

Air markings for the San Gabriel Valley will be scheduled for Chino Airport in the month of May. Big Bear will be next on the schedule for the month of July. Joan Winters has again graciously offered her cabin at Big Bear for the members who wish to stay overnight.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER Rebecca Clayton, Reporter

In November our chapter went to Palo Alto. Dottie McAlister made arrangements for luncheon and tour of the Allied Arts center. Only the instrument rated got to fly. Fourteen members and six guests attended.

In December our luncheon meeting was hosted by Lyn Davis of Oakhurst. Due to heavy fog in the valley our attendance was seven members

Our chapter had a fly out to Monterey, where members of the Monterey Bay chapter met us. We had lunch at cannery row, (fifteen in attendance).

Shirley Miller has recently become Mrs. Ted Dare.

Helen McGee and her family flew to Seattle for the holidays then to Denver and Vail for skiing, and while there they visited with Velva Mapelli of the Colorado chapter. Norma Draper also joined the group.

Laverne Gudgel flew to Reno, Nevada and Bakersfield and by Airline to San Diego for AOPA instructor class and to Las Vegas, Nevada with 49½ Bob for the International convention of National Aerial Applicators.

Rosie Hijos flew to Palm Springs for the California Flying Farmers convention. Also attending the convention was Rebecca Clayton and 49½ Claud.

Our holiday dinner party was held at the Murray home in Stockton, enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glantz, Bob Gudgel, Harvey McGee, Charles Morrill, Eugene McAlister, Ted Dare, Claud Clayton, Mrs. Rosie Hijos, and host and hostess Jean and Harley Murray. White elephant gifts were exchanged.

Rosie Hijos was hostess for our February meeting. We were happy to have as our guest Faye Kirk from Santa Rosa chapter. Faye and 49½ Bob recently moved to Stockton. Shirley Dare Pro'Tem conducted the meeting in the absence of chairman Barba Glantz who was vacationing with 49½ Howard in Hawaii. Nine members were present.

A fly out February 25th saw three airplanes, six members and two guests land at the Santa Maria airport lunching at the beautiful Chandecces Restaurant.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY Pat Rowe, Reporter

Santa Clara Valley has some catching up news this month. Chairman Willy Gardner can now legally poke her nose into clouds, having annexed her new instrument rating. Ignominius conclusion to getting her new ticket at San Jose Muni, Willy had to get a special VFR home to Reid. It's a seaplane rating for Sue Windus, who spent an entire day giving rides to pontoon first-timers. Susan Sosnow polished off both her instrument and commercial written exams, and Maureen Mahoney has her CF11.

Jeanne McElhatton and Betty Hicks helped launch International Women's Year with speaking on women in aviation for Zonta, an organization of business and professional women. Betty flew to Portland, Oregon, for her presentation and Jeanne to San Mateo. Desiree Stuart-Alexander has been shipped by boss US Geological Survey to Nasa Headquarters in Washington for a year assignment. Verna West flew co-pilot in Des' Skylane for the trip to Washington. Dian Ward met Marion Barnick in Cleveland, visiting Marion's airline pilot son Bob. They picked up a Skylane to ferry home by a circuitous route including a stop at Dian's home town of Lumberton, N.C. Membership chairman Evelyn Lundstrom announced new members; Jan Meitus, Carolynn Chase, Grade Campbell, Pat Davis and Chicago transfer Sherry Sisson.

Pat Roberts is consistently getting snowbound in Sun River, Oregon, holed up in the family condominium. A parade of fronts seem to follow Pat around and clearing highways take priority to Sun River's runway..so Pat has to wait sometimes to Aztec out. Marilyn and husband Ken Orloff have been flying their Bonanza to Sun River for great skiing at Bachlor Mountain. Marilyn Howard, with 49½ er John and their girls, left in Feb. for a trip on behalf of LIGA. LIGA has a clinic in Guaymas, Mexico. The Howards enjoyed stops in Nogales, San Felipe, Lax and back to SJC.

Claudia Carlson, recently returned from an Australia vacation. Caludia, Oakland Tower Controller, spoke at the Feb. meeting about the difference in Australian vs. USA flying. Caludia met some of the 99s on her journey and had a fantastic trip.

Marion Barnick and daughter Kay, visiting from New York, just returned from 172 trip to Baja. Marion said the flight was beautiful and the fishing great.

Sally Rohlfing, our paint bucket queen for '75 has approval to airmark. San Jose Muni. Dian Ward has gone coed again at San Jose State University to get a degree in aeronautics. Flying is truly safer these days for some Santa Clara gals. About nine of the gals invested in the Italian foldup Bianchi bike. They are great little bikes to stuff in the airplane. Economy wise, the gals took to wheels...first trip found them cycling across the Golden Gate Bridge, to Sausalito for lunch, ferrying back across the bay and reinforcing their ten mile trip with hot fudge sundaes at Ghiradelli Square. Jackie Petty became that daring young woman on the flying handlebars down an increadibly steep hill. Jackie has recovered. Second trip was on flat and level Vasona Park ground, but Vera is recovering nicely and says that her airplane is truly her home. The bikes are not for sale but there seems to be a little hesitation on where next and who next! Two out of two hasn't been the best average but maybe flying is our thing!!!!!

SANTA MONICA BAY CHAPTER Whole Chapter, Reporter

The SMO Bay Chapter met at Doris Minter's home for a wonderful November dinner meeting. 99 rule changes were discussed.

Emma McGuire and Lillian Camden flew Emma's 182 in the Kachina Doll Derby along with Angela Masson and Nina Laughbaum in Angela's Bellanca Super Viking. Dan and Maureen Motola hitched a plane ride to Phoenix and picked up their plane in Prescott.

Claire Walters and her Academy have been busy with Air Force and Navy ROTC students.

Chuck and Juana Wilson will be flying to Lompoc to visit their new grandson. They have two other grandchildren in Taipai, but unfortunately, their airplane won't make it that far!

Rita Polen can now work Ground Control all by herself in the tower at SMO.

Doris Minter just finished a five hour aerobatic course at Mike Dewey's in Santa Paula. She flew a Citabria and learned loops and aileron rolls, hammerheads, the inverted stall, cuban eights, four suc-

cessive spins and immelmans! Doris also got her commercial license from Claire Walters this week. Emma McGuire was her instructor.

Guests at the November meeting included Adelle Young and her daughter, Denise, Audrey P. Franklyn and Cara Lund.

The SMO chapter held a glorious and raucaus goingaway party for Larry Morton at the Williamsburg Inn. He had been SMO Tower Chief and with the F.A.A. for 30 years.

SANTA ROSA CHAPTER Ruth oster, Reporter

Our monthly newsletter is now flying it's new name-"Wings 'n Things." Last month's Wings 'n Things carried a synopsis of the proposed by-law revision. Diane Cory and Sandy Peterson spent many hours researching the proposed changes in order to clarify it for the members. Its been a great help and well worth their efforts.

The movie, "A Powder Puff for Joan" was shown at the February meeting, much to the delight for all who attended. Many 99s brought husbands and guests. What better way to tell the AWTAR story? The picture brought back many memories to those who have flown the race, and new determination for five of our members planning to enter this year. The rest of us just turn green with envy! Our Ways and Means chairman, Sandy Peterson took this opportunity to add a few dimes to the treasury by selling popcorn and soft drinks.

Should you fly into Sonoma County Airport, be sure to stop by the lobby for a look at the 99s trophy case. Carol Valette is working hard on putting it all together. Members will have their names engraved on a plaque for all to see. We hope to display trophies and items of interest that will help to tell our chapter's story.

In December Carol and Bob Valette and Lynn Barthel flew their planes to Santa Barbara with a load of medical supplies. Lynn managed over 1000 pounds. We have now caught up with the supply, but will start over again in March. If anyone needs an excuse to fly, this is certainly a worthwhile project.

February 22 is the date for another chance to experience the effects of the high altitude chamber at Mather Air Force Base. The 32 members who attended the last demonstration urged everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to add to their flying knowledge.

May 18 is the date set for our 3 cent lb. Fly-In. 99s in the vicinity--join us for food and fun.

If there is a wedding in your future, you might give this some thought. Sheri Knight, a transfer from the Marin Chapter, made the front page of the newspaper when she and Oren were married in his 195 taildragger in the skies over Santa Rosa. Sheri owns a 150 and is currently working towards her law degree.

Joining Sheri as new members of the Santa Rosa 99s are: Marilyn Jack, Dee Neal and Rae Pass.

Zonta International invited our chapter to join them at their January dinner meeting. Several of our members attended and enjoyed getting acquainted with another active group of gals.

YUMA CHAPTER Patt Holland, Reporter

Yuma Chapter had a "wind-sock" raising at Auxiliary No. 4 landing strip - 8 miles southwest of Yuma, Arizona. This triangle strip, rement of World War II, is used by student pilots and old timers wishing to 'up-date.'

The sock was donated by new member Lt. Frances Wilson of Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS), Yuma, who is assigned to Control Tower Operations.

"Stock raising," stone moving, and painting were arranged by chairman Margaret Carpenter. Participating were Olivia Browning, Patt Holland, and the three 49½s.

"Yes, I could see the sock just fine," said the pilot of the plane shown. He landed with an emergency: two of the three children taking a ride with him had just been violently ill!



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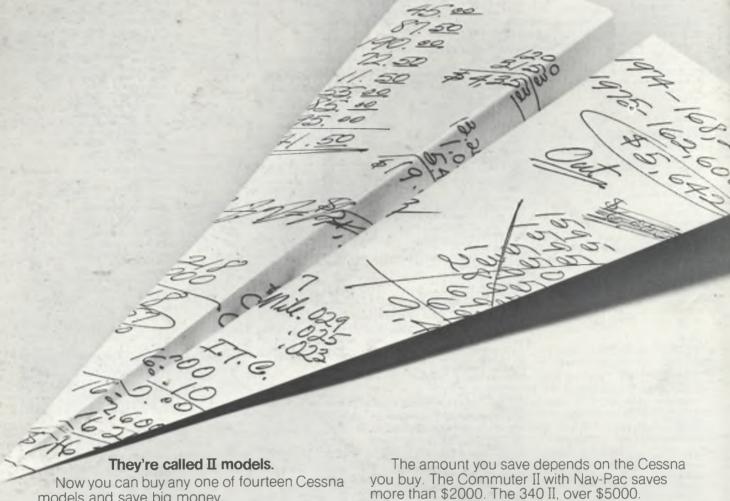
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