

## **COMING EVENTS**

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By Eleanor Linderbaum

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Jo Eddleman — COWS ON THE RUNWAY (obtain from author)

Mardo Crane — LADIES! REV UP YOUR ENGINES! (obtain from AWTAR Hdgtrs.)

Viola Gentry — HANGAR FLYING (write 4 Santa Fe Rd., Chelmsford, Mass. 01824.)
Page Shamburger — TRACKS ACROSS
THE SKY (Lippincott); CLASSIC
MONOPLANES (Crown); COMMAND THE
HORIZON (A.S. Barnes); ACES & PLANES
OF WW1 (Crown); SUMMON THE STARS
(A.S. Barnes); THE CURTIS HAWKS
(Wolverine Press, Paperback Crown).

Sheila Scott — BAREFOOT IN THE SKY (MacMillan)

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COVER: (Left to right) 99 Vivian Harshbarger, Director Student Services Sierra Academy.Bhupendra Patel from Kenya. Qualified Pilot and 707 Flight Engineer. Bello Dambauzau from Nigeria currently in Private Pilot Program. Background: Control Panel showing Schematic of Air Conditioning and Pressurization System of Boeing 707.

# President Pat's ACTION LINE



Thought I would like to share with you a part of this thrilling dedication week end. These are my remarks made at headquarters, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on November 2, 1975.

WELCOME—WELCOME—Welcome to our NEW home. I think it is always a thrill to move into new quarters or at long last have your first NEW HOME! I think it is great that we are having this dedication on the day which also happens to be our 46th birthday. This weekend, we have had a wonderful birthday party culminating in this dedication of our new home. I purposely did not welcome any specific dignitaries today, because I feel that all of us are super VIPs and dignitaries in our own right.

Last November 21st we gathered on this site to break ground for our new home. It was a beautiful day and it was an exciting moment for all of us when we finally got our building underway. I quoted Amelia Earhart, our first president, who said of women in general and Ninety-Nines in particular, "We must earn true respect and equal rights of men by accepting responsibilities and if we think and respond as capable human beings able to deal with and enjoy the challenges of life, then we have much to contribute." At a time in our nation's history when our economy was shakey and others were adopting a "wait and see" attitude, the Ninety-Nines demonstrated a faith in our country, in the future of general aviation, and in ourselves, by starting this building. We accepted the challenges of life and the responsibilities for, or to the future when we broke ground. Now we have this beautiful new building that we can call home for the next 100 years and we are all very, very proud.

We have charter members here today who met in that dusty old hangar 46 years ago and gave birth to the Ninety-Nines. We have past presidents who helped to keep things progressing thru the years. We also have young new members of the Ninety-Nines who will help us keep going in the future. In those 46 years we have seen aviation grow from bare bones, unreliable airplanes to super sophistication and dependability. We have witnessed minimum equipment to walking on the moon. During that period, the Ninety-Nines have grown from the 99 charter members to some 5000 strong and we will continue to grow. Our past headquarters have been in different places with various sized quarters. We have had to move as we needed more room. We have to move no more. We now have a permanent location for our headquarters—a place for our memorhabilia—a place that will house our historical data available for research—A place that people can come for business or pleasure—A place that we can meet to discuss the new or reminisce about the old—A place all of us can call home.

I sincerely believe there is no other organization of women that daily demonstrates their willingness to accept the challenges of life, than do the Ninety-Nines. We are women first. But we are also interested in aviation and are pilots. I remember one time in the Powder Puff Derby, a contestant was sponsored by a wax company whose slogan was, "For women who have more important things to do than scrub floors." Yes, we are busy and we live our lives to the fullest. We tackle all kinds of problems and enjoy doing it. We love to fly and make contributions to aviation. I guess Pete Young really said it all when he wrote a poem to the Ninety-Nines years ago. Pete is Dottie Young's husband.

"A Ninety-Nine is many things But best of all she's a girl She'll tackle anything with wings tho' the fact is—she's a girl.

She's a teacher, lawyer, housewife, chief or pilot—but a girl A merchant, model, doctor, nurse, or lover—but a girl She writes, paints, runs the store; she'll even iron your shirt She drives your dragster to Sunday School—dressed in mini-skirt.

She may love you and hate you all within the hour Accompanied by shiny sun or a rainy thundershower She's a doll—She's a hussy—in an aeronautical whirl She's a 99—Allah be praised—but she's also a girl.

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Headquarters building — dedication platform with dignitaries and 9th grade select vocal ensemble Coleman Jr. High School, Wichita Kansas — Lilaha Bolen, Director.

## We Have A Home

By Hazel Jones Dedication Weekend 1975

On Amelia Earhart Lane in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, over 300 Ninety Nines, Forty Nine and one halfers, and friends, gathered Sunday morning to dedicate the Headquarters Building. It was also our 46th birthday and what a whale of a birthday celebration was had. The band played, the dignataries were introduced and spoke briefly. We all gathered in headquarters for coffee and friendship. The flyby scheduled was cancelled due to weather, but just after the dedication ceremonies got underway, a brand new Learjet with Bicentennial markings and 4 Kansas 99s aboard came by and gave us a super buzz job. Pilot Chuck Dyas Learjet director of Flight Standards and flight safety did a great job in saluting the 99s. The many hours of planning and the years of anticipation came together on this historic weekend. It was truly a memorable weekend

The Ninety Nines began gathering during the week with the activities getting underway Friday night. Old friends, and new ones exchanged ideas. New Ninety Nines mingled with Charter members. What a thrill for all of us to get to visit with the charter members who got it all started.

Saturday noon the charter members and past presidents were honored with a luncheon. Each charter member had time on the program to "tell it like it was." Each past president discussed her administration and the unique things that occurred. The charter members in attendance were: Melba Gorby Beard, Betty Huyler Gillies, Phyllis Fleet Nelson Crary, Retha McCulloh Crittenden, Ila Fox Loetscher and Blanche Noyes. The past presidents in attendance were: Betty Gillies (1939-41), Blanche Noyes (1948-50), Kay Brick (1950-51), Alice Hammond (1951-53), Geraldine Mickelsen (1953-55), Edna Gardner Whyte (1955-57), Broneta Davis Evans (1957-59), Eugenia (Deedo) Heise (1959-61), Ruth Deerman (1963-65), Alice Roberts (1965-67), Donna Myers (1967-69), Betty McNabb (1970-72), Susie Sewell (1972-74). All of the International Officers and board members were present as well

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I want to thank all of you for coming to our birthday party and the dedication of our building. I want to thank the women pioneer pilots of the past who gave birth to the Ninety-Nines and who have provided our inspiration. This is a memorial not only to them, but also to us, and to the ones who will follow in our footsteps. I thank God daily that I am a Ninety-Nine and that I am associated with an organization which has given much in the past and will continue to give much in the future.



99, Headquarters Bldg. as it is today



Standing Back Row - L to R: Alice Hammond, Kay Brick, Jerry Michelsen, Edna Gardner Whyte, Broneta Evans, Deedo Heise, Ruth Deerman, Alice Roberts, Donna Meyers, Betty McNabb, Susie Sewell, Pat McEwen. Sitting L to R: Betty Gillies, Ila Fox Loetscher, Rutha Crittenden, Melba Beard, Phyllis Fleet Crary, Blanche Noyes.

## We Have A Home

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as most of the Governors. North Central and South East Sections had not only their governor but all section officers there.

Jim Yarnell, Director Advertising and Sales Promotion, Beech Aircraft, a great friend of 99s, was the m.c. for the Saturday Night banquet. He introduced the head tables (there were two) which included Board members, llovene Potter, Mary Able, and Mary Vial, headquarters committee Marilyn Copeland, Jan Million, Pat Mlady, Nancy Smith and all 491/2s present. The FAA was represented by William Flener, Associate Administrator FAA from Washington, Henry Newman, Director of the Southwest Region FAA, Charles McMillian, Chief of the Okalahoma City GADO, Airport Trust friend, Mr. Phillip Rhodes, and John Soloman, the Will Rogers Airport Director. During the introduction, the past presidents and charter members were asked to stand and be recognized.

The program was a super musical revue

"Boots to Heels" put on by the Coleman Junior High School of Wichita, Kansas. This is a group of teenage girls under the direction of Lilaha Bolen. They traced the history of the Ninety Nines in song and costumes of the day. The girls were bright and cute and talented. Director Bolen swears she is going to take up flying so she can attend future meetings of the Ninety Nines.

Where do you start thanks...How can you thank Marilyn Copeland for the zillion hours she must have spent as headquarters chairman...or Lois Feigenbaum who is some kind of interior decorator and who also went to headquarters building Saturday Night after the banquet to work to be sure everything was in readiness for Sunday. The appointments are absolutely beautiful, artisitically put together, and displays fantastic. It is breathtaking when you see it for the first time, and then it is "goosebump" time as you examine in

detail all of the historic data that is there...or the Oklahoma City Airport Trust who helped make it happen...or the Chamber of Commerce...or Cessna Aircraft and Beech Aircraft Corporations who helped...or Pat McEwen, our president, who stood tall in getting the building built...or to the Honor Roll of Donors to the Headquarters Building Fund who had faith enough to give and give, so that we could build a building. It was all the Ninety Nines and friends who built this building and they all deserve the big THANKS. Anyone who visits this building will know that it was all of us together that made it happen. It is our home and we can all point with pride.

From a briefcase, to Betty Gillies' home to the cubicle in the Oklahoma City terminal building, to our headquarters building on Amelia Earhart Lane. We truly have "come a long way baby".



Conference and Lounge area at the new 99 Headquarters.



One of first AWTAR Committee Members Lynn Briggs and Long time historian and active 99 Ruth Rueckert.



AWTAR Board members L-R Betty Wharton & Audry Schutte. Dedication Banquet decor in background.



Pat McEwen on platform at Sunday morning Headquarters dedication.

#### **Dedication Views**



99 Headquarters dedication ceremonies at airport Pat McEwen greeting 99s from many areas.



Southwest Section members at Dedication Banquet including charter members Betty Gillies & Melba Beard. SW Section members donated kitchen for new Headquarters.



Honor Roll of contributors to our new Headquarters Building.



Educational display board featuring the Powder Puff Derby.

## "Powder Puff Derby To End"

TO THE NINETY-NINE NEWS On November 3rd a joint Board Meeting was held to discuss the POWDER PUFF DERBY problems:

1. There are no bids for a Start or Terminus for 1977.

2. The energy crisis lies dormant. but is still with us.

3. The financial deficit of the POWDER PUFF DERBY continues to build. Due to increased cost of running the race and the lack of increase in monetary support from the aviation community, we have operated in the red for the last three years.

4. The growing congestion in air traffic makes route planning more and more difficult.

In an emotional session, the two Boards made the difficult decision to terminate the POWDER PUFF DERBY at the end of the 1976 race rather than ieopardize our safety record by lowering the standard of operation.

The following statement was released to the news media:

The All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race (AWTAR) and the Ninety-Nines, Inc. Boards of Directors today announced the termination of the Powder Puff Derby after the conclusion of the 1976 Bicentennial race. The two Boards have reached the decision due to the current financial and energy conditions.

During its 28 year history, the race has made its impact felt in every phase of aviation. The safety record of the race is unparalleled as a result of the careful and detailed planning and management of the race. The Powder Puff Derby has never had a fatality.

The AWTAR has inspired countless women to fly, to increase their proficiency, and has made the public aware of women's achievements. The race has demonstrated the practicability of flying and has brought about many aircraft and airport improvements to the benefit of the general public.

Although the AWTAR is being discontinued after the 1976 race, the goals of safety and education will be perpetuated through the efforts of the women pilots of The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

The world's largest and longest speed race for light aircraft will start July 9, 1976 from Sacramento, Cal and terminate July 12 at Wilmington, Del. with designated stops enroute at-Fresno and Riverside, Cal; Grand Canyon, Az., Santa Fe, NM., Lubbock, TX., Oklahoma City, OK., Little Rock, Ar., Nashville, Tn., and Parkersburg, Wv.

This is the only race endorsed by The Ninety-Nines, Inc., and the copyrighted name "Powder Puff Derby" will be retired at the conclusion of the 1976 race.



from charter member to present day, Amelia Earhart and Jimmie Kolp memorahilia



Display case featuring membership pins View of FAA control tower from front window of International Headquarters Building.



Lounge area in new Headquarters building. Lounge area in new Headquarters building.



## **CHAPTER PERSONALITIES**

## Vivian Harshbarger Our "Cover Girl"



Vivian Harshbarger, member of the Bay Cities Chapter, has an unusual and stimulating job. She works for the Sierra Academy of Aeronautics, located in the Oakland International Airport, Oakland, CA. as the Director of Student Services. This might not be unusual, except that Vivian is a "trouble shooter" for the many foreign students who sign up for flight training. Some speak little English, and their problems, at times seems great to them. However, Vivian succeeds in helping them with anything-whether it be housing, transportation, losing licenses, flight scheduling, or a roommate depelting the beer supply. At first they do not easily accept a woman in the aviation business. But when they learn that she is a pilot with a commercial license with a CFI, their viewpoint changes. She helps new and experienced pilots, as well as flight engineers from foreign airlines. Needless to say, Vivian is a great credit to the 99s.

Marie Lepore



Marie Lepore of the Eastern New England Chapter was nominated as Woman of the Year for merit in aviation at the New England spring sectional.

Besides being the present Commissioner of Worcester Airport (Mass.), there are numerous accounts of contributions and citations to her credit in aviation.

It all began in 1941 when she learned to fly and became the first woman pilot in Worcester, Mass. She almost became a WASP, but just before reporting for training, she was informed that she couldn't serve because she didn't measure up to the minimum height of 5'. Although a deep disappointment, she didn't quit, and turned her ambitions to serve the Civil Air Patrol, the Ninety-Nines and Aerospace Education.

She was the first woman in Mass. to command a CAP squadron. She was appointed Deputy for Education and Training for CAP Wing headquarters at Hanscom Air Force Base. In 1957 Lt. Colonel Lepore was presented proclamation making her "Mayor" of La Villita, the original city of San Antonio. She received recogniation for her outstanding work in Aviation Education at the Northeast Regional Conference for CAP and was cited for her outstanding contribution to aeronautics in Central Mass. as commander of the Worcester CAP squadron.

She has been a member of the New England Section of Ninety-Nines since 1945 and was given much of her time on many committees. She was in charge of local publicity for the 9th AWTAR which went from Long Beach, Calif. to Springfield, Mass., has served on several AWNEAR boards. She has lectured and acted as consultant to Chapters and Sections in areas focusing on aerospace education and programs to further aviation. She was responsible for setting up a scholarship loan fund for ENE chapter. In 1961 Marie received the New England Ninety-Nine scholarship for outstanding work in the field of air education, CAP and furtherance of women in aviation in New England.

After reading just a few of Marie's achievements, it is no wonder she was the right choice to receive the New England Section Ninety-Nine's Award.

**By Carol Phelps** 

## Freda Thompson, O.B.E.

By Rosemary Colman

Freda Thompson and the writer met on the flight deck of a 747 en route to the S. W. Sectional in HNL. The lights of dawn revealed the silhouette of Freda's profile while she spoke with Captain Bob Grey, as the computer showed a line of zeros indicating we had crossed the line.



On returning to the passenger cabin, conversation revealed no two dimensional profile but a very three dimensional person. Here are Freda's own words:

"Somewhere in the past, about 1925 I managed to get my parents to allow me to fly from Paris to London. I saw them off in the train, then later found my way to Le Bourget, I could speak French reasonably well so nobody worried. I duly arrived in London, flying was definitely in my blood stream. In 1930 I eventually won permission to fly, not nearly so easy to conquer as driving a car. In 1931 night flying took my fancy, then blind flying which I suppose was like instrument flying, but we had only a small instrument like a spirit level; the bubble gave us fore and aft and lateral level of the Moth, and we managed to fly through bad weather, cloud and rain quite safely. Flying competitions and pageants seemed to occupy every weekend. My parents became quite used to my wanderings. I was usually the only woman competing, the men certainly showed no animosity and often helped with a word of advice and I was extremely lucky. I ended up with 47 trophies, even the most sought after, the Club Championship which I managed on three occasions. In 1932 I flew to Adelaide for the second year in succession and managed to win the Aerial Derby for Victoria. It was a magnificent trophy but one of the men had to accept it for me as women were not permitted to attend the dinner and presentation!!

"Later that year I managed to get a Commercial Licence and followed it in 1933 with an Instructor's rating. In 1934 my father put money in the bank in England he knew so well my next ambition. I ordered my aircraft, a Moth Major, an A.H. and a D.G. and enough fuel for 1000 mile range. Weather reports were not very reliable, radio was non existent, 300 hours flying experience, plenty of confidence which was shaken on several occasions. but I did arrive home. The Shell Company made all arrangements and met we whenever I landed. At the time Douglas Bader was working with them and helped me a lot with maps, permits and good advice. In Athens I saw some of the first

aircraft land there in the England -Australia air race. One landed safely and could not taxi in, his fuel tanks were dry! I was in Baghdad when the first air-race machine landed in Darwin. Melbourne was the finishing line. At Alor Star in Malaysia the landing ground was an old paddy field and flooded and I was told later everyone on the ground was waiting to see what I would do. I was also thinking rapidly working out a plan of attack and splashed down safely in about 18 inches of water. Next morning taking off with a full load was more good luck than good judgement. Kupang to Darwin was a lonely 51/2 hours dodging odd storms. The strip was right in the centre of the town, just about the present shopping centre. 6th November, 1934 - there were no maps of the North then, it was a case of flying by landmarks.

"During the War I hoped to go to England and fly with the Ferry Command, but for family reasons I had to remain at home. Eventually I joined the A. W. A. S. as an ambulance driver. Early in the War two of three of us started the Women's Air Training Corps, did quite a lot of voluntary work for the Air Force and maybe our efforts encouraged the "powers that be" to form the W. A. A. F. The Victorian Aero Club kept one aircraft, a Whitney Straight, during the war years and it gave us just enough flying to hold our licenses.

"Early in 1945, several ex. R.A.A.F. Ryan aircraft were bought by a firm in Geelong but due to certain requirements they had to be ferried from Mount Gambier and Port Pirie by commercial pilots and later four from Evans Head. I was one of the lucky pilots. Later in the year I bought a D. H. Hornet Moth from a very good friend, another woman pilot. For years ! flew all around the place, North, South, East and West, around Australia and across to New Guinea; while there I had a chance of two or three trips as co-pilot in the Norseman, that was 1952 the year Sepik Airways trained the first woman airline pilot to fly there. It is wild mountainous country with most unpredictable weather which closes in very rapidly.

"In 1947 I found myself on the Committee of the Royal Victorian Aero Club and the following year I became President. With a good Secretary and a marvellous Treasurer I survived.

"I have tried the modern light aircraft, even a light twin, and instrument flying, just to find out how everything works, you just never know when it may be useful; of course there is the old saying 'A little knowledge is a dangerous thing!!!' "

Freda modestly omitted to mention that for her outstanding achievements she was awarded a number of decorations including the highly esteemed Order of the British Empire.

#### **Doris Scott**

Doris Scott, of Dayton, Ohio, All-Ohio Chapter member, flies her own twin engine Cessna, is active in her own Corporations, as well as, Scouting, Exploring, Zonta,



Flying Farmers, Aircraft Owners Pilots Association, Administrative Management Society, and the Dayton Ohio Area Chamber of Commerce Aviation Council.

She has been active for nearly thirty years as Corporation and Chairman of the Board of an Indiana Pneumatic and Hydraulic Corporation.

She is also Vice President of Fliteways Incorporated, a Pilot and Aircraft Flight Service Fixed Base Operation Center at Montgomery County Airport just recently renamed Dayton General Airport.

Doris was presented with a beautiful Explorer Trophy at the Dayton Air Fair 1975 for her distinguished service to youth. (See

Doris has been active in Boy Scouts over twenty years, first serving as Den Mother as well as a Webelos Leader. She went on to organize a Den Mothers Workshop for the Miami Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America in which over 10,000 Den Mothers received training on how to better serve boys. Twenty-two training manuals, a hundred pages each, on crafts,

skits and ideas on how to carry out the Scouting Programs were created. Doris was the T.V. Den Mother of the Air for a Scouting program that was on the air for many weeks, and the Miami Valley Council Den Mother Coordinator for many years, as well as Pow-Wow Leader and Scout-O-Rama Associate.

She planned and carried out a special program for the local Council that resulted in the organizing of 77 new Cub Scout Packs which brought 1,300 new boys into Scouting.

Despite all these Scouting accomplishments, she is most proud of is being the mother of two Eagle Scout sons, the highest rank a Boy Scout can achieve.

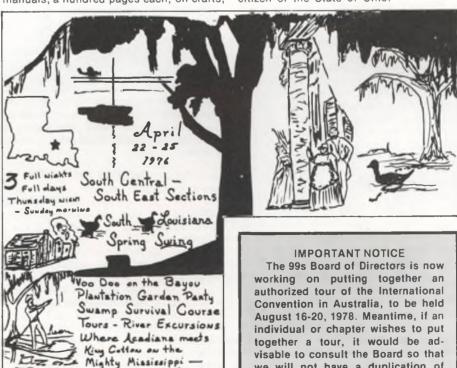
Scouting paid a fine tribute to her work by placing a permanent Bronze plaque dedicated to her at the flag quadrangle on a hillside site overlooking the 2,000 acre Woodland Trails Boy Scout Camp. The quadrangle is an open air pavilion, formed by 36 huge aluminum flag poles, from which the flags of the Scout Troops fly while they are in camp.

When the Vietnam pilots started coming home. Doris became interested in "Jobs For Veterans". Using her multiengine pilot rating, she and three other pilots organized a Fixed Base Operation, called Fliteways Incorporated, at Montgomery County Airport; which would be in a position to create jobs for Pilots, Flight Instructors, Ground School Teachers, Charter Pilots, Mechanics, Linemen, Radio Advisory Service and Administrative Personnel.

She became a member of the General Aviation Committee of the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce and has organized numerous Federal Aviation Association Educational Flight Safety Seminars.

Last year Doris was recognized in the Who's Who in Ohio as a distinguished citizen of the State of Ohio.

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At Owosso Airport in Owosso Michigan on Oct. 4-5, 38 woman pilots were entered in the 19th Michigan SMALL race. The Race Route was From Owosso to Gladwin to White Cloud and back to Owosso.

First place was won by Julie Clarke and her husband Harold Clarke of Detroit. also winning trophies for Best Performance by a Michigan Crew and a crew flying a Cessna. Second place went to Dottie Anderson of Bluffton, Ohio, receiving Trophies for the First out of state entry and Best Performance by a Crew Flying a Piper. Sammy McKay won third place with her Cessna 210, and had the distinction of being the only pilot to have flown in all Nineteen Races. Carol Bobb of Genesee Michigan won fourth place in a Cherokee 180, and the trophy for the Best Performance By a crew with a male copilot other than a husband, (Less Weaver co-pilot). Fifth place and the Best Performance by Non-professional Pilots went

## The 19th Annual Michigan SMALL Race Final

to Helen Barter and Simone Breukel one of two crews from Canada. The most trophies were won by Pauline and Peter Mallary of College Park, Georgia, with Sixth place, Best Performance by a crew flying a Beach, by Husband & Wife Team, and in a Bendex equipped aircraft.

Other Trophies went to Barbara and Tom Brotherton of Ontario for Nineteenth Place in 19 Race, In the Middle Award, and Best Fuel Score. Margaret Ringenberg and Lois Berger had the Best Speed Score, and Best Performance by a Mooney crew. Out of the Crews flying from Kalamazoo, Michigan, Eloise Smith and Mary Gardanier took Best Performance by crew flying a Ballance. From Flint Mary Anglin and Dennis Lentz won Best Performance by crew flying a Rockwell; Kathryn Battin and Janelle Golden won Best Performance by an all woman crew in their first race, private pilots with combined time less than 500 Hours. Mary and William Creason of Grand Haven won Best Performance by a crew flying a Gruman. Tail End Tony was won by Betty Wodtke and Willard Osborne of Roseville and Sterling Hgts, due to engine problems.

The SMALL Race sponsored by the Michigan Chapters of the Ninety-Nines and the Michigan Aeronautics Commission, is conducted under the regulations of the Federation Aeronautique International and the National Aeronautical Association. The Race is a cross-country proficiency event for stock model aircraft not over 420 horsepower manufacturered after January 1, 1954.

By Kathryn Battin



1st place winner—Julie Clarke and husband co-pilot Harold Clarke.

## Sponsored by the Phoenix Chapter By Natasha Swigard

Saturday, October 25th brought clear skies, 9900 wind conditions and 45 miles visibility for the 8th Annual Kachina Doll Roadrunner Races. These races rate safety measures and proficiency regarding time to stations and total fuel usage. There were 42 official entries for the races—19 in the womens' race and 23 in the mens'.

The race course was 260 NM starting at Scottsdale Airport with check points at San Manuel, Az. and Whiteriver, Az. Lots of mountain flying in beautiful pine tree country.

Awards were handed out at a well-attended cocktail party held at McCormick Ranch Inn. Nancy Crase won an award for being right on the mark in a spot-landing at the end of the race, and Jessie Winners won the pre-flight contest of a Cherokee loaned to us by Anderson Aviation.

Clare Ellis, Sandy Haag and Carol Borgerding were responsible for a successful set of races.

## Kachina Doll - Roadrunner

Proficiency Air Races



First place trophy for the Kachina Doll Race being presented to Nancy Crase and Judi Gunter by Bill Carns. The women are awarded the Barry Goldwater Rotating Trophy.



Sandy Anson presenting the Sam Steiger rotating trophy to Robert King and Gerald Myers for capturing first place in the Roadrunner Race.

#### KACHINA DOLL RACE

#### PERCENTAGE RANK **TYPE PLANE CO-PILOT** Time and fuel **PILOT** Cessna 182 Judi Gunter Carns 99.2941 1. Nancy Crase Cessna 182 98.8556 Brenda Davis 2. Natasha Swigard Trainer 3. Sandra Anson Stacy Wachs 98 4 13 1 Cherokee 140 Joanruth Baumann 98.0631 4. Laura Little 5. Lois Ward Mary Williams 97.7727 Cessna 150

#### ROADRUNNER RACE

1. Robert King	Gerald Myers	99.4284	Mooney
2. Cliff Swigard	John Nelson	99.3478	Cessna 182
3. Randall Kumagai	Will Harper	99.2659	GA Traveler
4. Jack Packney		98.7765	Commanche
5. Bob Long	Dick Clark	98.7546	Bonanza



## To Save An Airport

By Mardo Crane

EDITOR'S NOTE: We will have a series of articles from time to time discussing certain airports which have had problems when building promotors have virtually surrounded their operations with homes, or shopping centers. We will attempt to give all details, and all action which took place, and the results to date.

Recently, there was a particularly tragic accident in Sacramento, California, when an F86 Sabrejet took off on a short runway. failed, and slammed into an ice cream parlor which almost deadends this runway in a shopping center. Twenty-two adults and children were killed. The pilot escaped, and perhaps only a pilot can know how he feels about a tragedy that he did not make.

Usually, in such disaster, there is much emotionalism, and of course, there was this time, too-understandable emotion. But this time something unusual happened. A man by the name of Partrick Melarkey, chairman of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, came forth with a very clear and astute comment. He was quoted in California newspapers, and on wire services, as blaming the tragic episode on "human greed".. He said it was the "human greed" of developers who pressed for construction of the shopping center where the ice cream shop was located

Further, Melarkey was quoted as declaring, "They just don't give a damn," referring to developers in general. "They'd put a service station in the middle of the runway if they could get \$50 for it... These people (developers) should be held liable for it (tragedy). They forced the decisions to develop the land that close to the air-

That the almighty dollar means so much is a tragedy in itself, and this "human greed" is responsible in most instances where an airport which has been there for years, and allowed to develop to fill a definite need in the area, gradually, and sometimes suddenly, finds itself literally surrounded by housing developments and shopping centers. We know it happens, and why it happens-so, what can we do?

Perhaps if we explore the facts we can come up with some answers. There is no use being recriminating-and that, believe me, is easy. That some real estate developers are plain experts at the art of misrepresentation has been proven over and over again, both in and out of the courts. Our ONLY battle line when this habit extends to airports, is a wide and constant education of the public.

We will tell the story of how an airport was saved in our next article-Reid-Hillview Airport, San Jose, CA. Meantime. the Hollywood-Burbank Airport is facing a very real and immediate crisis. If each 99 would drop a card to: Senator John Tunney, Aviation Subcommittee, Senate Commerce Committee, 1415 Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510; and to Representative Glenn M. Anderson, Chairman, Aviation Subcommittee. House Public Works Committee, 1132 Longworth Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515, it would certainly have great impact, and perhaps help save this long-established, and much needed airport for general aviation

If you know of any other airport now in danger; or if you know of an airport which was saved by action-please let your editor know at once. We need to help and we can help if we let our 99 voice be heard. As our President Pat has declared so often-when it is time for ACTION we must be willing and ready to ACT!

## 99s Sweep Deltona Derby

MARCO ISLAND, Fla. - 99 Sophia Payton (Greater Pittsburg Chapter) of Clearwater in her Mooney M 20C won the second annual Deltona Derby, a 265 mile women's flying competition held Nov. 7th in Florida. Her husband Neal was co-pilot.

Mrs. Payton was awarded \$250, a trophy and each leg prize.

In second place was Shirley Zillig of Williamsville, N.Y., in her Grumman Traveler. She and her husband, co-pilot Robert, won a trip for two to the Bahamas.

99 Thelma Dawson (Florida Suncoast Chapter) of Brooksville, Fla. took third place for the second year in a row. Tom Dawson, her husband, was co-pilot of their Cessna 182L.

Alma Drummond (Florida Spaceport Chapter) and her son, Dan, a mother and son team from Orlando, placed fourth. They flew a Bonanza A36

The course was from St. Augustine to Naples, Fla., with a stop in Sanford where local civic leaders literally laid out the red carpet on the runway for the 14 racers.

The Deltona Derby is sponsored by the Florida Spaceport Chapter of Ninety-Nines and the Deltona Corporation, builder of eight planned communities in Florida.

## **NEWS**



San Antonio 99s hostess a tea for 99s attending the OX5 Club Reunion in San Antonio, Texas, October 9 - 12, 1975. L to R: Judy Piper, Ruth Nichols, Fran Wehman, Heidi Heller, Mary Ann Greer, Betsy Hogan, Alice Foeh, Laura Richter and Dorothy Navarro, Chapter Chairman.



Charter Members of the Ninety-Nines at the OX5 Club Reunion in San Antonio, Texas, October 9 - 12, 1975. L to R: Melba Beard, Blanche Noyes, Viola Gentry and Mary Von Mach. Photo by Ferris.



Ninety-Nines attending OX5 Club Reunion in San Antonio, Texas, October 9 - 12, 1975. Row 1, L to R: Heidi Heller, Judy Piper, Alice Foeh, Dorothy Navarro, and Fran Wehman (San Antonio 99s).

Row 2: Name Missing: "Babe" Ruth, Michigan; Blanche Noyes, Mary Von Mach, Melba Beard, and Viola Genty, Charter Members of 99s.

Row 3: Ruth Thomas, Tennessee; Mary Randell, Florida; Ruth Nichols, San Antonio; Edna Gardner Whyte, Fort Worth; Laura Richter, and Betsy Hogan, San Antonio. Photo by Ferris.

## Pleas and Tips

From the Scrapbook Chairman Betty W. McNabb International Scrapbook Chairman

1. Thank you, thank you all for the many wonderful pieces of material, photographs and clippings, you have sent me. This has been a very bad year for me because of the illness and death of my father, and I hoped Pat had appointed another Scrapbooker, but the roster says she didn't. I'll try to be more prompt-the 1974-5 scrapbooks aren't finished vet.

2. Please identify and date all articles. Dateless, they have no archival validity. Unidentified as to geography, they are not completely desirable. And if you think you did identify them all - Where is the "Herald Tribute" published, the "Daily Bugle", and the "News Sentinel"? These aren't real names, as far as I know, but obviously communities automatically believe that the News Herald is known by everybody to be printed in Panama City, Florida. I have painfully researched the roster many wee small hours to locate a town name, and hoped the Weekly Bulletin really emanated from the hometown of the featured Ninety Nine.

3. Photocopies. I made an error when I said I could use good photocopy material because of the latitude in interpreting what good is. I have tons of stuff which peers at one from a condition of zero visibility and sky obscured-pictures and text. I don't like

to use it unless it's so important I just have to. So if you haven't one of the photocopy machines that really make good black and white photocopies, both pix and print, don't send it out, please. The scrapbooks are for all time and if you can't read 'em today, no telling what they'll be like in a few years.

now, and I hope to do better.

5. Please use my new address - 4701 Thomas Dr. No. 228, Panama City Beach, Florida, 32401.

4. I apologize for not answering the personal notes of many of the scrapbook chairmen. Life is settling down a little

## **Project**

## A.W.A.R.E.

As told to Charlene Falkenberg By Cathy Nickolaisen

Project A.W.A.R.E. sponsored by the Phoenix Chapter, had 450 safety-minded pilots and their wives attending their safety seminar, all were captivated by the speaker, Pete Campbell.

He talked about the old anti-safety syndrome - Get-there-itis. The interference of the need to reach a destination in ones ability to prejudge the safety factor. He urged pilots to learn the weight and balance limitations of their aircraft and operate within a safe envelope. He discussed the necessity of knowing the maneuvering ability of the aircraft, to be able to fly the plane and not be afraid of the changes in attitude. He stressed the important aspects of obtaining higher

ratings - with special emphasis on the instrument rating.

Four skits were presented by the chapter members which dealt with the following:

- 1. Planning your trip safely. Making sure you have enough fuel for the distance to be traveled and be sure to take into consideration head winds and availability of the destination airport. Could you make an alternate just as easily if your intended terminus is closed.
- 2. Know the craft you are flying and be sure to check your lighting if you are going to make a night flight. The clincher of this skit was that the girls pretended they had made a perfect landing without the aid of a landing light. They had failed to check their position and anti-collision lights prior to take off and when they touched down the tower operator says, "Would you mind coming up to the tower to discuss why you landed on the taxi-way?"
- 3. Preflight. Another case of the haste of the pilot who cannot get into his plane fast enough and can't get off the ground fast enough. The only problem was the angel on one wing reminding her to look carefully over the craft while the devil on the other wing would tell her to forget the
- 4. Weight and Balance. The last skit was a wife who had carefully weighed every item in the car to make sure it was not too much for the airplane. She pulled out each piece of luggage and read out the pounds (to the tenth), and tried to explain to her husband that she had loaded to capacity and not a pound over. Her problem was that her figures did not include herself and hubby.

The chapter was thrilled by the turnout and all there enjoyed themselves immensely while being educated.



THE WINNERS! Judy Campbell-Broom, Co-pilot, Wally Funk, Pilot.



Pacific Air Race Co-chairman - (Start) Vi Chambers, Betty Wharton & "Boo" Bergman.

### **Pacific Air Race 1975**

		OFFICI	OFFICIAL RESULTS	
Place	Aircraft Type	HC	Score	Pilot & Co-Pilot
1	Citabria 7KCAB	114	27.54444	Wally Funk Judy-Campbell Broom
2	Beech A-36	179	24.08500	Helen McGee (Sonora)
3	Grumen American	123	23.62944	Julie Dryer Lorraine Hoag
4	Cessna 177B	131	22.55656	Lynn Cary Ginny Wegener
5	Citabria 7KCAB	114	22.36332	Mary Pearson Harriet Booth
6	Citabria 7KCAB	116	22.27456	Juanita Thompson Patricia Thorpe
7	Piper PA28-151	119	21.52132	Phyllis Cantrell Rae Pass
8	Beech A-36	179	20.71756	Laverne Gudgel
9	Mooney M20C	153	19.94076	Theola Nutt Kathryn McNamara
10	Piper PA28-180	131	19.81984	Ann Savage D'Armand Jeanne Rumm

#### SPECIAL AWARDS TO RACERS NOT IN TOP TEN-BEST SCORES

Best Team — First Time Racers — Fran Johnson & Barbara Johnson #29 Best Team - Under 500 hrs. - Ethel Robinson & Patsy Lee Durham #46

Best Solo — Under 200 hrs. — Pat Davis #73

Best Solo - Over 200 hrs. - Gwen Dewey #64

"Tail-End Antoinette" - Nina Rookaird #99

Race Officials reviewed tower tape at Bakersfield and determined final score.

### **Photos**

which have not had postage included for return are being sent to Betty McNabb for the Scrapbook.

#### **Editors Note:**

A recent article entitled Women in Aerospace by 99 Jean Ross Howard, is available upon written request to:

Federal Aviation Administration AGA-300

800 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20591

It is well worth reading, and this should answer many requests as to where to obtain it.

## 99s Canadian Award In Aviation

By Heather Sifton First Canadian Chapter

The Board of Trustees of the Ninety-Nines Canadian Award in Aviation are pleased to announce the first Recipients of their newly established Trust Fund — The Canadian Society of Aviation Medicine, Film Fund Committee and The Western Canada Aviation Museum Inc.

One of the primary objectives of the Ninety-Nines is to support and encourage flight safety. It was the unanimous decision of the Board of Trustees that the production of a colour documentary film relating to human factors in flight environment, would be a great asset to the flying public. The Film Development Committee is Chaired in Toronto by Dr. A. R. (Russ) Kempton with Dr. Walter Johnson in charge of Research, assisted by Dr. James Carroll, and the film will be available for general release across Canada.

The Western Canada Aviation Museum, officially established in Winnipeg, January 7th 1974, is dedicated to the preservation of Western Canada's Aviation heritage. President Gordon C. Emberley states that extensive salvage and restoration of historic aircraft has been accomplished in readiness for display at a permanent site. Canadian Ninety-Nines are vitally concerned that Canada's aviation history will be preserved for future generations.

The 99s Canadian Award in Aviation is a project of the East Canada Section of the Ninety-Nines. Using an initial fund of \$10,000.00 they have established a Trust Fund from which annually Awards will be made within the Canadian aviation community. The Awards are intended to give assistance to individuals and organizations engaged in educational or charitable activities related to aviation and aeronautics, in particular in the fields of sports aviation, preservation of aviation history, dissemination of information relating to safety and aviation knowledge, and scientific studies related to aviation.



(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")

Mrs. Rae Shaffer, Kansas Chapter, died in a crash on Oct. 6, 1975. She was the daughter of the founder of Russel Airport, from which she took off on a pleasure flight. A veteran pilot, and one much beloved by her many friends, her loss is indeed a sad tragedy.

Bertha A. Cline, a valued 99 since 1963, died February 28, 1975. She was a member of the Reno Area Chapter.

Marian Newman, Lake Michigan Chapter, died Aug. 12, after a lengthy illness. An enthusiastic 99, who is greatly missed.



In applying the legal doctrine of "res ipsa loquitur"-"the thing speaks for itself"-to a crash which occurred in October, 1970, the Supreme Court of California has perhaps set a precedent. The logic behind the legal theory is essentially that it must be assumed the accident did not happen by itself, and, therefore, if no other cause can be found, the pilot MUST have caused it. To apply the doctrine, three conditions must exist: (1) the accident must be of a kind which ordinarily does not occur without someone's negligence; (2) it must be caused by something within the EX-CLUSIVE control of the defendant; and (3) the plaintiff must NOT have had anything to do with causing it.

Harold Cheatham, the owner and pilot of a Cessna 172, departed San Diego with two non-pilot friends, about 1:00 Sunday afternoon, in clear weather. When the plane failed to return, a search was launched and the wreckage was located the following day in the mountainous terrain east of Tijuana. There was no evidence the plane had ever landed or had any radio communications with anyone after take-off.

The surviving wife and children of passenger Newing sued the pilot's estate

on the basis of negligence and wilful misconduct, claiming the pilot (1) had allowed the plane to run out of fuel while in flight; (2) had violated applicable FARs; and (3) was negligent under the "res ipsa loguitur" doctrine.

The Commandante of Tijuana Airport and one of his mechanics, concluded "fuel exhaustion" was the cause of the crash, testifying there was no evidence of fuel spillage on the ground beneath the plane and the level of fuel in the tanks was three sixteenths of an inch-unusable. The defendants got the witnesses to admit that no attempt was made to bring the plane level and then measure the fuel level. Further, no other causes had been considered or investigated. Another witness for plaintiffs testified that a 172 has sufficient fuel to fly 4.3 hours when operated at the usual power settings and with a lean fuel mixture-which just happened to be the exact time from takeoff to when the plane's clock stopped at 5:18 p.m. He also testified that in an experiment in running the engine of a stationary 172 until it ran out of gas, five sixteenth of an inch of fuel remained in the tanks after the engine had stopped. Again, defendants brought out that the endurance of the plane could be much more or less. and there was no evidence as to the altitude, power settings, or fuel mixture used by the plane.

One of defendant's witnesses testified that he performed an experiment on a detached Cessna 172 wing arranged at an angle approximating that of the wing of the downed plane as shown in photographs of the wreckage, and found that it required 7.5 gallons of gas to raise the fuel level in the wing tank to three sixteenths of an inch—definitely a usable amount of fuel.

There was further evidence, from the owner of a National City tavern, that the three men had been drinking beer together on the day of the crash, and eight or nine empty beer cans were found in the plane. In autopsies performed on the three, a strong odor of alcohol had been noted emanating from the remains of the pilot and one passenger, but not from Newing.

At the close of testimony, the judge of the trial court ordered a verdict for plaintiffs, on the basis that negligence had been established under the "res ipsa loquitur" doctrine; the jury subsequently returned a verdict in the amount of \$125,000 damages for the plaintiffs.

The Supreme Court, on appeal, stated that there was no evidence of ANY factors contributing to the crash, and therefore, "it seems reasonably clear that the accident probably would not have occurred without negligence by someone." Since the two passengers were not pilots, the inference was strong that Cheatham possessed exclusive control of the airplane, and there was no contrary evidence. Additionally, Cheatham was the pilot in command, and under the FARs he is considered responsible for all decisions concerning the operation of the flight. The bodies of the two passengers were found to be in the back seat of the plane, making it difficult to imagine how either could have interfered physically with the operation of the plane in any way.

The defendants argued that the fact the three had been drinking meant that, in actuality, the passengers were in some measure guilty by allowing themselves to get into the airplane with a pilot who was not fit to fly. The court felt this argument was not sufficient to negate Cheatham's ultimate responsibility.

The court did not feel it necessary that all possible causes be eliminated. Rather, it is enough if the plaintiffs can defend against inferences of the possible contribution to the crash by their decedent. Further, if there are pieces of evidence pointing towards the pilot's negligence, it then becomes the defendant's obligation to disprove that evidence and show some other cause for the accident, or at least show that Cheatham had exercised due care in all possible respects in which he might have been negligent. Without this, the court found it must affirm the lower court's decision.

The defendants had also asked the trial court to instruct the jury as to the law if plaintiff's decedent Newing was found to be contributorily negligent, that is, have contributed in some way to the crash, or if he was found to have "assumed the risk" by participating in the drinking and then flying. The court refused, saying there was a lack of evidence to support either contention, there being only speculation as to (1) how much drinking had occurred, (2) if the pilot was intoxicated to such a degree as to put the passengers on notice of his incapacity to safely pilot a plane, or (3) if they otherwise had some reason to be put on such notice.

Nothing in the court's opinion reflected any other defenses being raised. Evidently no evidence was submitted as to other possible causes of crashes, such as clear air turbulence, downdrafts in the mountains, etc., and no investigation was made at all of the plane itself, other than that made by the Tijuana official. Yet the case is a clear precedent for holding the pilot negligent unless the other side can PROVE that he was not—a very difficult task.

What it's all about

## COMMITTEE REPORTS



by Margo Smith, Chairman

As you know by now, the individual APT listing was omitted from the roster and unfortunately, so too were the names of the Section and Chapter APT Chairmen. As

you might recall, the roster is set up early in the summer so that when the decision was made at Convention to keep the Program, it was just too late to get the information back in. Please save the following list of SECTION APT CHAIRMEN for reference (note there are some changes).

Middle East, Amy Morris; East Canada, Wilsie Frosst; New England, Nina Hetmanenko; Western Canada, Helga Valousek; New York-New Jersey, Nicole Radecki; Australian, Peg Kelman; North Central, Carolyn Pobanz; East Africa, Veronica Mason; Northwest, Dorothy Mercer; Finnish, Sirpa Huusela; South Central, Jan Heins; South African, Amalie Von-Maltitz; Southeast, Galdys Estes; South Central Africa, Brigitte Hildebrandt; Southwest, Jean Pyatt; Members-at-Large, Carole Chambers.

Since the APT Program began in 1968 there have been eleven 99s who have been for 7 consecutive Congratulations are in order for New England's Billie Downing and Mona Morrell, North Central's Margaret Ringenberg, South Central's Adele Baker, Southeast's Frances P. Davis and Southwest's Vera Arnold, Virginia Flanary, Sally Rolfing, Margo Smith, Pam Van der Linden, Kathleen Walton, No doubt there will be more when the rest of the 1975 records get to my desk. There have been many others who are 6 and 5 years APT. In fact it is interesting to note that once a 99 becomes APT she more often than not maintains this status annually. It is also true that a 99 becomes APT but the APT form was 'lost'. This was especially true in the early years before we all realized what a valuable and ongoing Program this would

With the 1974 year almost at an end, check to be sure you did get APT this year and submitted the form. Don't lose your consecutive status just because we went into a holding pattern for a month this summer!

## **AWTAR**

by Wanda Cummings, Reporter

Marian Banks and I are back in the racing office after a fun and fattening loop through the West Indies to Caracas and Guatamala with Thon and George Griffith in their Baron. Que Bueno! No way to keep 'em down on the Farms after that, so we climbed in the Comanche to blaze some more of the Bicentennial Trail. Weather permitting, we'll have all Stops covered by Thanksgiving as follows: Start July 9, Sacramento Ca; Fresno and Riverside CA; Grand Canyon, AZ; Santa Fe, NM; Lubbock, TX; Oklahoma City, OK; Little Rock, AR; Nashville, TN; Parkersburg, WV (changed from Charleston) and terminus Wilmington, DE deadline July 12. Fresno is not a must identification, Riverside and Lubbock are "Must Stops". She's a long 'un...2,916 miles.

Entry kits will be available in February for \$5.00. Send for yours early, entries will open March 15! If you plan to race an

aircraft which is not on the 1975 handicap list, request your handicap BEFORE Feb. 21. No race no. may be purchased this year.

AWTAR is blessed with good friends. For instance: San Diego area 99s have always been staunch race supporters. Their most successful project is the "Flying Companion Seminar", spearheaded by my revered co-pilot Ava Carmichael, her flying companion husband Dr. David C., and chairman Betty Wharton. Proceeds from one of these sessions were contributed for purchase of needed equipment at Headquarters. In our adopted Texan Lingo, "Love Y'all!"



TRAIL-BLAZIN' THE WEST L. to R.:

Don Potter, Owner of Moqui Lodge, Grand Canyon; June O'Neill, Stop Chairman; Wanda Cummings and Marian Banks, AWTAR Route Directors; Paul Baker, Tower Chief.

#### Flying Activities

Charlene Falkenberg, International Chairman

Congratulations go out to the committees of the successful FAIR Race and the Michigan Small Race.

Impound day for the Fair was IFR all the way. The committee was biting their nails. Finally 38 contestants made their way to Anderson, IN by hook or crook. The stories of their adventures would fill another column. Ten states were represented ranging from north to Michigan, East to Pennsylvania, South to Georgia, and west to Missouri. The top three winners were Sophie Payton, Clearwater, Fl in her Mooney M20C; Betty Cull, Osgood, IN, in a Piper PA28; and Janice Juechenmeister, Dayton, Ohio, in a Cessna 182.

The Small Race also found 38 women pilots competing along a route stretching from Owosso, Michigan to Gladwin, to White Cloud, and back to Owosso. Julie Clark with hubby, Harold, as co-pilot, of Detroit, were beaming recipients of first place, followed by 2nd place winner, Dottie Anderson, Bluffton, Ohio, and 3rd place captured by Sammy McKay of Grand Blanc, Michigan. Sammy, a well known Powder Puff Derby racer has the distinction of having flown in all 19 Michigan Small Races.

There is an interesting background to this event. It begain in 1956 to get contestants from the 1956 AWTAR, which terminated in Flint, Michigan, to the International Convention of the 99s which was being held in Harbor Spring, Michigan.

Congratulations go out also to the winners of the many other small races held throughout the country. We now know the route of the 1976 Powder Puff Derby and if you haven't gotten yourself a Snoopy pin to help support this event please do so. If no one in your area has them just get in touch with me. Plans have been firmed up for the 1976 Illi-Nines air Derby. Cash prizes, trophies, and awards will be given at the 7th Annual Illi-Nine Air Derby, May 28-29-30, 1976, Quad City Airport, Moline, Illinois, Proficiency and Speed Categories. Male or Female Pilot. Contact Von Alter, Quad City Chapter, for Entry Kit.

It is good to see all Section Meeting dates in the roster this time. It is never too early to start planning a fly-in to the spring meeting. Take note all Flying Activity

Chairmen.

Will all Chapter Chairmen please send me the name of your Flying Activity Chairman. (You don't have one-shame on you-get one appointed immediately). Send to CHAR; 618 South Washington Street; Hobart, IN 46342. I also need the names of all Section Flying Activity Chairmen. Will the Governors please send this information to me, or have the Section Secretary do so?

Any Chairmen needing suggestions for flying activities drop me a line. I also would appreciate receiving Chapter newsletters as this is a good way for your ideas and activities to get passed around. In return I'll give all your activities all the publicity possible and share your ideas.

Remember A T is a stopping point. Let's keep the C in the word and make it a working, moving word. ACT - Action, Communication, Training-Don't fail to communicate with me.

#### **NIFA News**

by Page Shamburger

Both Fran Sargent and I realize we have some plenty big shoes to fill as this year's co-chairmen of National Intercollegiate Flying Association. Joy Feak did one big outstanding job last year, and - please help us keep that pace.

By the time you read this, most of the college flying regional meets will be past tense. As you may know, the winners of those regional meets are the invited contestant teams for the big champion of champions annual meet. We have received the results of some of those regional meets and we'd like to give those to your chapters for several reasons. First, we think you'd LIKE to know who these big winners are and second, if you have a winning college in your area, perhaps you'll contact them and see how you can

First and second places have been won by Central Texas in Killeen and by Southwest Texas JC of Uvale, by Southern Illinois U in Carbondale and Middle Tenn. State at Murfreesboro, by Gateway Tech in Kenosha, Wisc. and St. Cloud State at St. Cloud, Minn.

Depending on the number of competitor teams in the regional, more than two top

winners may be invited. We'll try to keep you posted. Or better yet, you can be an associated member of NIFA and receive the monthly "Contact" spreading the news all for \$10. They need those dues, and you can really be "in" on the doings by joining. Fran, I, or Prof. Harold Wood, NIFA National Headquarters, Parks College-St. Louis U, Cahokia, Illinois 62206 will accept dues and get you on the membership rolls quickly and gratefully.

Speaking of money-horrid thought! We do know that you as individuals, as chapters, and as sections have too many demands for dollars as it is. There is absolutely no way you can benefit the future of aviation MORE than contributing to NIFA, though the kids are just great and almost too appreciative; and every cent you contribute goes directly to them. All of the other NIFA supporting organizations (GAMA, AOPA-ALPA (Airline Pilots Association) have upped their contributions this year, most have doubled them. We'd like the 99s to, too. Please help us! Inflation is hitting the kids, too.

So far we have Colorado and Long Island chapters contributing between Joy's term and us. The two latest are: Southeast Section, \$200, Carolinas Chapter, \$100. Please join the list, now-NIFA needs you badly. The addresses are the same for contributions and for NIFA associate memberships.

And why not plan now to come to the big annual meet? It's in April hosted by Embry-Riddle at Datona Beach, Florida. See for yourself where our money goes. It IS a good excuse to go to Florida, too!

## For Your Information

Joan Kerwin

Legislation Information Chairman

I have tried in previous columns to encourage you to write the President. Members of Congress and your Senators about legislation affecting General Aviation. They are the people who originate and vote on legislation such as fuel allocation, taxes and large items like that. (Include your expensive ELT here, after two members of "The Club" were lost in an airplane crash in Alaska. If they had been lost at sea, do you suppose we would all be required to carry life rafts, etc.?)

However, if you think taxation with representation is bad, try regulation without information-information which the F.A.A. is seeking from you!

Whenever there is to be a change in any F.A.R., a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued. The public is given 60 to 90 days to respond with any comments, pro or con. The F.A.A. then complies and tabulates the responses, sometimes even using suggestions made and then acts accordingly. However, if they receive no comment or very few, they must assume that you agree with them and the change is enacted as written.

With the time element of 60-90 days for comment, there is very little chance of me including an NPRM in this column with time enough for you to write. Wouldn't it be nice to have your own copy in your hot little fist to mull over and comment on at your leisure? Besides, it's free, and you also receive Advisory Circulars. WRITE, asking to be placed on the F.A.A.'s mailing list for future free Advisory Circulars and Notices of Proposed Rule Making. The address: Department of Transportation, Distribution Unit, TAD 484.3. Washington, D.C. 20590. WRITE ON

#### PPD Bi-Centennial 76

Thanks to you gals who supplies the means to support the ways for the All Women Transcontinental Air Race.

The Snoopy shirts are all sold, and we are working feverishly on the pins. Approximately 3,000 pins have been distributed to sections and chapters. llovene Potter and Judy McCrum are my co-chairmen in the Northwest Section; Kathy Long in the South Central Section; Jerry Roberts in the New York-New Jersev Section: and Charlene Falkenberg in the North Central Section. To save postage I have mailed bulk to these girls, and they will be in touch with the chapters. Over 1,000 pins have been sold already, and we are getting orders every day.

Six thousand of these pins were cast especially for us by the Aviva Cloisonne process and the following is their story:

"The art of cloisonne was already flourishing in the religious art of the Byzantine Empire by the time it was introduced to the Far East. Nevertheless, each in his own way, the Chinese and the Japanese raised cloisonne to a peak of beauty and refinement. Each piece of Aviva cloisonne involves the intricate process of the placement of powdered enamel in the small outlined areas on the metal surface; firing under tremendous temperatures; polishing with pumice and charcoal and finally, gold plating, truly creating handcrafted jewelry of excellent quality!

The pins make wonderful Christmas presents for young and old, flyers and nonflyers. Others are being given away as momentos for first flights, first solos, and advanced ratings. Also for Christmas presents don't forget Mardo Crane's "Ladies! Rev Up Your Engines"! (order direct from Mardo \$3.25) and Sheila Scott's "Barefoot in the Skies" (order through me-\$7.95 plus 30 cents for postage). Both of these authors kindly make a donation to AWTAR from the sale of their books

When the pins are gone, there won't be any more ever. Just like with the shirts, the companies make only limited quantities so the items don't become commonplace. The pins are \$3 each. Postage is free on orders of one dozen or more. Otherwise, please enclose a dime or stamp for single orders. Let me have your orders as soon as Keep 'em Flying, possible and let's

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

## Safety Education

Marilyn P. Hibner, Chairman "Points for Safety" Achievement Program Underway

Effective September 1st, 1975, YOUR SECTION may be THE FIRST SECTION to receive the NEW PERPETUAL AWARD PLAQUE for having acquired the most number of points toward the advancement of safety education by the time the plaque is presented at the 1976 International Convention for the first time. In addition, the winning Section will be given permanent recognition for their achievements by also having their Section name appear on a duplicate perpetual plaque that will be on permanent display in the new Headquarters Building.

Safety Education Activity-Points Listing

The following "Point Values" have been assigned to Safety Education Activities-Accomplishments that may be earned by a Chapter and-or Section to accumulate points on a Section level. The Section scoring the highest number of points will be the recipient of a "rotating" Section Award plaque for Safety Education Achievement, which will be presented each year at the International Convention. A duplicate "record of recipients" plaque will be on display at Headquarters.

To get these points credits, a copy of the applicable points claim form must be completed by the member, or Chapter, or

Section (as the case may be), for an activity-item that has taken place between July 1, 1975 and June 30, 1976, and that form then forwarded to the Chairman of the International Committee for Safety Education for recording and verification under the name of applicable section. NO POINTS CAN BE CREDITED TO THE SECTION WITHOUT THE PROPER POINTS CLAIM FORM HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL CHAIRMAN FOR SAFETY EDUCATION. Each Section Governor should have received copies of all of these claims forms and forwarded on copies to each of her Chapters in her Section of jurisdiction. The mailing to the Section Governors consisted of the following:

- Safety Education Activity-Points Lising (4-75)
- Section Committee Chairman Appointments for Safety Education (4-75)
- Section Claim Form for Points Claimed Toward...Achievement Award (4-75)
- Chapter Committee Chairman Appointments for Safety Education (4-75)
- Chapter Claim Form for Points
   Claimed Toward...Section Achievement
   Award (4-75)
- Individual Member's Pilot Safety Maintenance Program (3-75)

If your Chapter and each of its members have not received the appropriate forms indicated in this list, contact your Section Governor immediately so that time is not lost toward working on activities to acquire points for your Section. Complete details on activities and the realm of the Safety Education Committee can be found in the latest SOPs issued by Headquarters to

Section Governors and Chapter Chairmen. Please note that the form for the "Pilot Safety Maintenance Program" has been revised as of 10-75. The prupose of the revision was to delete the requirement of attaching copies of X-C flight planning sheets and copies of log book sheets which were formerly required on the original of this form dated 3-75. There is no other change to this form or any other form as of this date. Your Section Governor has been mailed a copy of this revised form; however the original form may be used and the requirement struck out on the form where it appears above the solid line on page one of the form.

If you want to sponsor an FAA Safety Clinic, contact your local FAA-GADO Accident Prevention Specialist immediately to arrange a date (they need about 2 to 3 months of lead time to have Oklahoma City send out their Clinic Announcement mailings to pilots in your area). If you want to offer a Project A.W.A.R.E. Clinc, short SOPs are available from the Phoenix Chapter or through the International Chairman for Safety Education. If you want to offer a S.A.F.E. program, a detailed SOP (over 100 pages) is available from the Long Island Chapter for \$18.00. Get your activities planned and carried out and det your points claim form in AS SOON AS THE ACTIVITIY IS OVER. CLAIM FORMS RECEIVED WITH A POSTMARK LATER THAN JUNE 30th, 1976, CANNOT BE COUNTED FOR THIS COMING YEAR'S AWARD OF THE PLAQUE. However, they will be held over and credited to the Section for the following year's award of the plaque. In all cases a verified copy of the point recording will be mailed back to the person submitting same by the International Chairman for Safety Education. Please note: The Points Listing is not to be considered an allinclusive, restrictive listing of ways in which points can be acquired for Safety Education activities-items. Therefore, if you have an activity-item in mind which you feel promotes Safety Education, but it does not appear on the listing, submit your idea with a thorough description and it will be assigned an official point value if it will promote Safety Education.

Use appropriate Section/Chapter "Claim Form for Points Claimed" to be eligible for this award.

#### **SECTIONS**

Point Value	Activity/Accomplishment		
2 2 10 (each time) 5 (each time)	Appointment of Section Safety Education Chairman Appointment of Section Public Speakers Bureau Chairman Safety Education Theme and Program at Section Meeting Speaking Engagement of Speakers Bureau Speaking on Aviation Safety/Aviation/Ninety-Nines (combined)		
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2 2 5 (each time) 10 (each time)	Appointment of Chapter Safety Education Chairman Appointment of Chapter Public Speakers Bureau Chairman Safety Program at Chapter Meeting Penny(ies)-A-Pound Event
10 (each time)	Safety Clinic in Association with FAA
10 (each time)	Safety Check-Ride Clinic with FAA
10 (each time)	CFI Revalidation Clinic with FAA
10	Static Display on Aviation Safety/Aviation/Ninety-Nines (combined) for Public View (i.e., during local "General Aviation Week" celebrations)
10 (each time)	S.A.F.E. Seminar
10 (each time)	A.W.A.R.E.* Seminar
5 (each time)	Published Article on Aviation Safety/Aviation/Ninety-Nines (combined)
20 (each member)**	Pilot Safety Maintenance Program
5 (each member)	FAA-Appointed Safety Counselor

\*\*Int'l Safety Education Chairman will convert this to a Chapter value by dividing the 20 points per member by the number of Chapter members of record as of 1/1/76.

## Air Age Education

By Linda Hooker, Chairman

December 17th, 1903 Orville and Wilbur Wright put Kitty Hawk, North Caroline on the map. There on that bleak overcast day they, with only five witnesses looking on, made the first flight in a powered airplane in history. At noon, in twenty seven mile per hour winds, Wilbur made the fourth and longest flight of the day 852 feet from Kill Devil Hill. Since it took him 59 seconds to travel the 852 feet, this ground speed was approximately 10 miles per hour.

I relate these facts because I feel that December would be a good month to commemorate and tell the story of the birth of aviation. This can be done in any number of ways, individually or as a chapter project. Please give serious consideration to the following AAE projects for next year and the month of December particularly.

(1) At your local school(s) or in your community initiate an art contest (determine the medium yourself or leave it to the entrants choice ie, clay, oil, watercolor, pastels, pen & ink, papiermache, etc.). Have all entrants depict a certain theme or aspect of aviation (ie. "Aviation Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow," "Great Moments in Aviation," "The Birth of Aviation," etc. You might even want to have entrants relate Aviation and the Bicentennial. Arrange for entries to be displayed in a public place such as a bank lobby, community center, public library, shopping center mall, etc. Present awards publicly on or around December 17. Awards can be cash, flight time, an airplane ride, etc. (depending on age group). If possible, have several age group categories including an adult group. For helpful hints, advise and judging expertise contact your local art gallery or museum. art collectors, etc. Advertise the contest via radio & T.V. community service announcements, in local news and trade papers, hand out flyers at schools, libraries, shopping centers, etc. Above all else PLEASE let me hear of your results. Take pictures and mail them to me AIR MAIL. I would like to use them in a special article in the 99 News and a national magazine. Please accurately describe and label each picture. Slides and film footage will also be greatly appreciated.

(2) A variation on the art contest could be an essay contest. Place a word limit on the length (ie 250 words or less, 250-500 words, etc.) High School and-or college English & Literature teachers are excellent resource for judges. If you choose this route, please send me a copy of the 1st through 3rd place essays and pictures of the winners. This material also will be used for a 99 News article. Other projects you might want to undertake are as

follows:

(3) Assemble a display and place it in your local school or public library, school classroom, airport waiting lounge, or any other public gathering place.

(4) Go to a local teacher and offer to give a short talk on Aviation. You might want to include a field trip to your local airport, FSS, Control Tower, etc. Show pictures of the "Kitty Hawk" and compare it with pictures of some of today's aircraft.

AGAIN, Please send me the name of your Air Age Education Committee Chairman, if you have not already done so, and keep me informed of what is being done in the field of AAE by you and your chapter-section.

SPECIAL NOTE: Foreign Chapters and Sections, please give serious consideration to adapting one of the above suggestions to aviation in your country. YOU & YOUR PROJECT(S) ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

## SECTION REPORTS



NEW ENGLAND SECTION MEETING by Carol Phelps

The New England Section recently held their fall meeting in Springfield, Mass. The meeting was hosted by the Western New England Chapter

New Section officers for 1975-76 were installed. Mildred Doremus (ENE) of Lynnfield, Mass, governor, Barbara Herbert (CONN.) of Armonk, N.Y., vicegovernor, Harriet Fuller (ENE) of Shrewsbury, Mass, secretary, and Martha Barnes (NNE) of Amherst, N.H. treasurer.

During the luncheon, Marie Lepore (ENE) of Worcester, Mass, was honored as Woman of the Year for merit in aviation. Mrs. Lepore is presently Worcester Airport Commissioner. Her contributions and citations in general aviation are numerous. Since the beginning of the Mass. Wing of Civil Air Patrol in 1941, she has been a valuable asset and holds the rank of Lt. Colonel. She has been cited for Outstanding Contributions to Aeronautics in Central Mass. as commander of the Worcester CAP Squadron. She has been an active member of the New England Section Ninety-Nines since 1945 and has worked on many committees. In 1961 she received the New England Ninety-Nine scholarship award for work in the field of Air Education, C.A.P., and furtherance of women in aviation in New England.



A LOOK AT YESTERDAY—Mary Shea of Western New England Chapter of 99s models a flying suit of yesteryear complete with parachute. The fashion show was part of the program during the fall meeting of the New England Section of Ninety-Nines held in Springfield, Mass. (Photo by Carol Phelps).

#### NORTH CENTRAL SECTION REPORT Fall Section Meeting St. Louis, Mo. By Jan Pocock

"St. Louis has it, A to Z" was the theme, and, the "W" just had to stand for Weather Beautiful! Crystal clear skies greeted the 33 airplanes that flew into the Spirit of St. Louis Airport for the 1975 Fall Sectional.

The visiting 99s, some 49½s, and a few off-spring were greeted by smiling STL hostesses and super courteous line men at

the Spirit, then wisked away to the lovely Sheraton West Port Inn. With the combination of the Inn's Swiss decor and the intriguing West Port shopping plaza, in the perfect Indian Summer weather, everyone could have had a ball, left to their own devices! However, there was the delightful hospitality room, complete with ducks! These permanent residents of the hotel's pond obviously sniffed the odor of good food drifting out of the room and decided to wander in, much to the delight and dismay of hostess, Dot Haupt. There also was a trip to Busch Stadium for the baseball Cardinals victory over the Pirates, while some enjoyed a lovely dinner aboard the Robert E. Lee, docked at the riverfront. That was Friday, Sept. 26th. Saturday was given over to the business of a Section meeting with Chairman's coffees in the A.M., excellent exchange of information, then an Air Age Education program, presented by Intn'l. A.A.E. Chairman. Linda Hooker. The luncheon allowed us a change of pace and a chance to find out all about "Drama-metric Exercises" from quest speaker, Elenor Berkman.

This very entertaining lady demonstrated what facial exercise to use in order to deter lines, sags, etc. but urged that we restrict them to the privacy of our own homes, the reason for which was obvious!

The tables were set with gift 99 ceramic cups, manufactured to resemble a compass by Jackie Lindauer of the St. Louis Chapter. There were door prizes for everyone plus two special prizes for the first registrations received.

The business meeting was conducted in a most efficient manner by Governor Amy Laws, with very enlightening reports given by all the committee chairmen, lots of good ideas for the members to carry back to their own chapters. A report on progress of our Museum at Dayton by Joan Hrubec of All Ohio, and a Headquarters report by Intn'I. Vice President, Lois Feigenbaum. She reminded us of the formal dedication the weekend of Oct. 31st. There was unanimous agreement that the Section should follow the lead of International and have each officer serve a two year term to eliminate the cost and frustration of yearly elections. Our election of officers for the coming year saw all incumbents relected. with new Treasurer Marilyn Collette of All Ohio. The Indiana Chapter invited us to Bloomington for the Spring '76 Sectional.

At the evening banquet, we were treated to a marvelous talk on the WASPS by 99 Dr. Dora Strother. The lady from Bell Helicopter was especially fitting, since STL now boasts 3 whirly girls, Betty Board being the latest, No. 203! Dora, an unusual person her colorful tales of the gals who ferried aircraft of every size and description, while being considered civilians, together with her slides, only

helped paint an even more vivid picture of how things were.

Greater Kansas City Chapter won the covered traveling trophy award and, since there is no room left for engraving on this lovely silver bowl, they will keep it in their Chapter and start a new one. Chicago Area Chapter received the "Outstanding Chapter Chairman of the Year" award accepted by Ellen O'Hara, chairman. Both are great and deserving chapters.

Sunday dawned just as clear as the other days had been, complete with gourmet breakfast before take-off closing a supurbly successful weekend. To Betty Board, Section Meeting Chairman, and the entire St. Louis Chapter, Well Done!



Fall Section Meeting, N.C. Section, Head Table for banquet. September 27, 1975.

## CHAPTER REPORTS

**Australian Section** 

## AUSTRALIAN SECTION Rosemary Colman, Reporter

Australia's only Whirly Girl, Rosemary Harris has been this month's unofficial ambassadress of aviation. She appeared as full page colour portrait, with helicopter, on the front page of the widely read Sunday Telegraph Supplement. Inside were more photographs and a reported interview. Earlier in the month Rosemary and husband Maurice flew to Jugiong by helicopter for the Australian Women Pilots' Fly In to the Wills Allens' property. They called at Goulburn enroute to refuel and their arrival was noted on the local radio and press.

The Jugiong Fly In was a weekend of lavish hospitality—grass skiing, motor bikes and horses to ride and cordon bleu food. Some sixty people were present for Saturday luncheon outside in the balmy weather and gloriously green countryside. Dinner was inside in one of Australia's most charming verandah style homes. The weather man oblingingly sent the cold front through in the small hours of Sunday morning, and the day dawned clear as a crystal and all visual pilots had a safe trip

home after a second spendid luncheon. Ninety Nines also present were pilots from Germany, Dr. Elsa Wessel and Dr. Susie Gaertner, who are on their way to Tasmania's rugged west coast to do research

Other Ninety Nines amongst the guests were Governor Helen Blackburn who flew her 172 from Canberra with 49½ Dick and Vice Governor, Layne Glanville-Williams. Joan Thompson and Barry, Shirley Harris and Jim, Glenda Philpott and Albert, Margaret Kentley and Rosemary Colman who all flew from Sydney.

Watch the forthcoming television programmes of the Australian Broadcasting Commission. Nancy Bird Wałton is to feature in the "Big Country" series. She has spent this month flying Tigers for the camera. One sequence includes 21 spins from only 4000 feet. Nancy, at present is in Spain to be a guest at the reception after the marriage of King Leka of Albania to Sydney girl Susan Cullenward.

Congratulations to 99 Jan McKay who won the New Guinea Independence Air Race against all comers. Also flying in the race were 99s Peg Kelman and Jill Collins.

**Finnish Section** 

## FINNISH SECTIONS Outi Nallinmaa, Reporter

Our bi-annual meeting was held on 12 October in Turku, in the modern Congress Hotel Ruissalo by the sea. It looks just gorgeous here this time of year with the blazing colors of broad-leaf trees against the dark green of conifers, especially on a sunny day like the 12th was.

There were ten of us present. We had a brief summary of the past year's activities. As for raising funds, we have arranged parties and bazaars and sold T-shirts and jackets. Another article worth consideration would be a windcheater with hood.

One of the tasks of the meeting was to elect the 99 of the year. We pondered long between Arja Martikainen, who was the only female participant in the 1975 Finnish Championships for single-engined aircraft (the contest was deemed very difficult indeed, and Arja got 15th), and Eila Oster, who obtained her commercial rating this year. We decided on Eila, and she will be with an old-fashioned presented steelvard-our 99 award-with her name engraved in silver Congratulations!

We also decided to hold our next biannual meeting in Tampere. But we'll hope to let you hear from us before that, either through me or Arja Martikainen.

South Central Africa Section

SOUTH CENTRAL AFRICA SECTION
Betty Ambrose, Reporter

Excitement was in the air as the little Pitt's Special added up the flick rolls in a fierce cross wind. This was Poberesky in South Africa's Flying Showpiece, "Air Africa International", the debut of Lanserla, newest airport in the Transvaal. The crowd applauded the immaculate demonstration of what can be done with a Rockwell Commander, and Bob Hoover good-naturedly autographed T-shirts in the 99s tent, when we were back to normal breathing.

Britain's Sheila Scott was signing copies of "Barefoot in the Sky", with Piper's "Navajo" Simulator crackling in her ear; the flying fraternity were feasting their eyes on the wide range of aircraft. These were the stars of the show; from beautifully restored vintage aircraft of previous wars to the latest jets that overseas manufactuers can offer.

Against this background, the Governors' meeting got under way. Sheila Scott, British Governor, bringing up to date Governors Jeannette van Ginkel of South Africa and Betty Ambrose of South Central Africa. Also present, Zee Witham, Rhodesian Flame Lily Chairman and Eva Hollingsworth, chairman of the Transvaal Chapter. (Congratulations on your new Chapter Eva, many happy days). Much closer cooperation was suggested between these two Sections in Africa and we look forward to future fly-ins together.

Our Section Meeting, in the comfortable new club, took place at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5th, surely the earliest Sectional we have ever had, but 99s were busy manning the Information Desk for the Show and a stall, so had to be at their posts by 10 a.m. We are very sorry to have the resignation of Hedy Green from the post of vice governor. Hedy has been with this section since the beginning. Briggitte Hildebraudt was voted in to take the position.

The Governor would like to place on record very sincere thanks for all the tremendous effort and teamwork that the 99s put into the whole week. Beforehand, Val Humphreys had organized, Myrtle and Brigitte had planned—and some of the plans went awry, but 99s came up with solutions to the problems. From Rhodesia, Dr. Meg Stubbs flew a Cherokee Six down to Lanseria with Chairman Zee, Vice Chairman, Penny Dixon, and Roseann Sheldon, to join the others in a week of sustained effort.

Rhodesian Flame Lillies had chartered a Viscount to take 56 flying enthusiasts down to the Show for three days and this was a great success. We enjoyed getting to know other members of the community and more people were learning what the 99s are, in fact they were also requesting to come on our next charter!

We would like to thank Mr. Andrew Smulian, Airport Manager, for smoothing our way, and to all the people who were so kind, particularly Jeannette van Ginkel, of the S.A. Sect., and the great pleasure it was meeting pilots of other countries, France, America, Australia, and the friendships that were made.

This is what the 99s is all about.



Sheila Scott, British Governor, visits Africa again, seen here with Betty Ambrose, Governor of South Central Section.

Western Canada Section

## SASKATCHEWAN CHAPTER Nadine Cooper, Reporter

We have a postal strike in Canada, nation wide! Just as I was elected Governor of the Western Canadian Section, my enthusiasm was high, communications were going to receive first priority, and now the postal workers strike has brought everything to a standstill.

We held a successful and informative Fall Section Meeting in Lethbridge Alberta on September 26-27. It was a pleasure to meet and know 99 Board Members Ilovene Potter from Des Moines Wa. Glad to hear you had a good flight home Ilovene.

Dr. June Mills of North Battleford, Saskatchewan. June has been accepted for a post graduate course in Aviation Medicine in Farnborough England. She will be leaving on January 1st.

Mildred Beamish of Marshall, has mastered the Instrument Rating requisites at the age of 60 plus. Congratulations!

I had the pleasure of travelling with Mildred to the International Flying Farmer Convention in LaFayette, Indiana, this past July.

Our Chapter has suffered a decrease in members in the past year, Toni Ramsay has moved to Winnipeg, to a more professional flying job. Vera McAllister another instructor has moved back to British Columbia.

We paid a belated, but sincere tribute to Darleen Yergens, former Chapter Chairman, with the present of a low wing monoplane charm, at our November meeting. Darleen served with distinction in 74-75 and continues in a less visible, but no less important job — as Secretary-Treasurer.

We represented our Chapter at the Moose Jaw Air Show in July with a booth in conjunction with International Women's Year, several women pilots were officially

recognized, including Joan Studer, commercial pilot from Nipawin — Joan is a true Bush Pilot, flying into the northern lakes on floats in the summer and with skis in winter.



Nadine Cooper, Governor Western Canadian Section.



Some of the Poker Prizes for the Poker Run, Saskatchewan Chapter.

New England Section
CONNECTICUT - MAINE

MASSACHUSETTS - NEW HAMPSHIRE RHODE ISLAND - VERMONT

#### CONNECTICUT CHAPTER Vivian Utko, Reporter

The flying twosome are at it again. Evelyn Kropp and Mary Suisman took off in Evelyn's Arrow for the Empire State 300, a proficiency flying contest, and they landed two trophies, one for 2nd place and one for the "Best Women Team".

Chairman Nina Hetman flew to the AOPA convention in San Diego while Cochairman Ruth Buckley is holding down the home front, added to her teaching job and attending grad school.

Our Fly-in lunches, usually held once a month on a weekday at various airports, saw few of our members since most of them work, consequently we have changed this monthly gathering to a weekend day and the first one for this fall found a great flying day with the lunch at Keene, New Hampshire.

Connie and Rollins MacLeish, who have been traversing the East coast fairly regularly, had an eventful trip on their way to Fla. in October. During the IFR flight in

their 182, they were asked to help the local Marine base in searching for a downed plane. Approach control vectored them down through the clouds and in no time they spotted a small craft turned over in a corn field, gave the coordinates and surrouding land marks to the Marine Base, and were then vectored back onto their course again.

It is regret that I write of the passing of Mrs. Doris Sage, mother of Peg Davidson. Mrs. Sage helped the Conn. Chapter with our raffles, knitting and crocheting many lovely items for use in our section and chapter raffles and she was often seen at our fly-ins. We'll all surely miss her.

#### EASTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER Sherry Grobstein, Reporter

The Eastern New England 99s installation dinner was held on October 10 at the Lexington Inn with Dr. Sexton, and FAA flight surgeon, as our guest speaker. Installed were Billie M. Downing, Chairman; Lillian A. Emerson, Vice Chairman; Carol C. Stites, Secretary and Lucille Flynn, Treasurer.

Three members were pinned since the last report to the News: Agnes Cattell, Jean Doherty, and Brenda Colvin. Bette Back has joined us from the Michigan chapter.

Among the new ratings. Carol Stites has her Commercial and Multi-engine, Lucille Flynn completed her Commercial rating, Harriet Fuller has her Instrument rating and Pam Hawes her Commercial Glider

Carol Stites has a new job ferrying planes back to Mass. So far she has delivered two: one from New Orleans and one from Indianapolis. Carol and 49½er Frank took a month-long trip west in their 172 in August with stopovers in Montana and Idaho.

Billie Downing and 49½ er Stu flew 65 hours and covered 7500 miles in the 172. They stopped to see Devil's Tower in Wyoming, Yellowstone, and Sacramento where they rented a car to attend the Reno Air Races and see Virginia City and South Lake Tahoe. Stops included 99 headquarters in Oklahoma City.

Lillian, Howard and Chris Emerson put 55 hours on their 172 traveling to Convention.

Other recent chapter activities have included two airmarkings, one at Norwood and one at Hopedale-Draper. The August 23rd Poker Party drew 29 entries. Pam Hawes won first place and Steve Kolazyk was second. The Chapter participated in Aviation Day at L.G. Hanscom Field where Bette Back exhibited her Tiger Moth.

New York-New Jersey Section NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY

## GARDEN STATE CHAPTER Dolores Jane Zilincar, Reporter

At the October meeting, Chairman Claire Kurica followed through with her promise

to augment our business meetings with interesting educational programs for pilots of every vintage.

We held our Spot Landing Contest at nearby Preston Airport under the able supervision of Wanda and Lewis Mammel. Our winners: Janice Blackburn, 99 and Joe Smith,  $49 \frac{1}{2}$ .

At the meeting, Chairman Kurica announced that our APT Program would continue with Helen Lehman as chairman. Janice Blackburn, 66 Chairman, reported that new female pilots would be sent notices concerning our activities. Stephana Gredsted, as Public Relations Chairman, has already set things in motion for coverage in local newspapers on 99 activities. Alma Hitchings announced that applications for AE scholarship would be available to those who qualify. The current list of chairmen for our BICENTENNIAL GARDEN STATE 300 include: Route, Dana and Dick Kull (newely weds as of this report); Banquet, Claire Kurica; Impound and Registration, Kitty Pankow; Publicity and Entries, Janice Blackburn; Program, Dolores Zilincar. Steve Gredsted will be our leader.

Governor Ruth Dobrescu has asked each chapter in our section to contribute to a fund for landscaping our new headquarters building. We voted to send \$25.00 from the Garden State. And congratulations to the GARDEN STATE CHAPTER—our October 11th meeting coincided with our 10th anniversary!

Guest speaker was Captain James Murphy of TWA. Captain Murphy discussed weather as it effects the VFR pilot, observing that flying is the knowledge of thousands of small facts.

And that's the truth.

#### GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER Sharon N. Conover, Reporter

International Woman's Year was celebrated with Anna Chennault at the New York-New Jersey Section meeting. As host to the section, meeting, the Chapter was proud to introduce Madame Chennault who is Vice President in charge of International Affairs for the FLYING TIGER LINE, INC., founded by her late husband, General Claire Lee Chennault. During the business meeting,our49½ s were treated to a special program on aviation safety, presented by Bob Heckman, accident prevention specialist from the Long Island GADO

The Greater New York Chapter joined Robert and Ruth Wentz at a hanger party at the Somerset Airport in Somerville, New Jersey in celebrating their 27th wedding anniversary. Ruth keeps her Cessna Skyhawk at this friendly airport, and between the 99s and the Wentz's family and friends, there was little room left for the airplanes in the hanger.

Pat Blum and Penny Amabile flew Pat's single engine Commanche to Denver, Colorado and back. They filed IFR both ways, and out of the 22 hours they flew, only ONE was solid IFR! Penny earned her instrument ticket only a week before and

was eager to use it. Pat's rating is several years old.

Sally Bugeleisen is teaching a private pilots course for the Adult Education program in Scarlsdale, N.Y., while Penny Amabile is holding an instrument ground school at her home.

We are happy to have Jill Silton from the San Fernando Valley Chapter with us, while her husband Peter sets up an office in Manhattan. Jill has her instrument ticket.



Ruth and Robert Wentz cutting their cake at the Hanger Party.

## LONG ISLAND CHAPTER Edith Tirpak, Reporter

Congratulations to Marilyn Hibner, recipient of the A.E. Medal presented to her by this chapter for her untiring efforts in the interest of aviation. Marilyn has just completed her second term as Chairman.

Aviation Education is being served by Alice Borodkin who is teaching an aviation course in a Half-Way House, Ida Van Smith, who is teaching "An Introduction to Aviation" course at York College, and Anita Courderc who has just joined the Centereach, N.Y. Unit of Civil Air Patrol.

Jane and Wally Duggan are the proud owners of a 1968 yellow and white Citabria. They have flown it to Old Rhinbeck, Stormville, Freehold and a Flyin at Kobelt.

The chapter directly benefited from Anita Courderc's recent five week, 25,000 mile tour of the Orient when she shared her many beautiful slides, the results of her study of Oriental music while on sabbatical, with us at a chapter meeting. Thanks.

Lore Neff's recent European vacation included a flying jaunt up the beautiful Rhine River in Germany. She was honored by receiving a welcoming letter by the world famous Hanna Reitsch, the noted German Airline Captain.

Flying vacationers Daisy and Bob Poss made Williamsburg, Virginia the first stop on their three leg trip which included a visit with their son at Rochester and a landing at Toronto, Canada.

Nicole and Bob Radecki entered the Empire State 300 using their newly purchased Skylane. Also participating were Alice Borodkin and Carol Rubman.

Enterprising Heide Hafner applied for a patent pending on an aviation product—Port-A-Hanger.

New Chairman Nicole Radecki passed her CFII check ride.

#### PALISADES CHAPTER Helen Egan Levy, Reporter

We were rained out for our 99 meeting at Nairobi Airport where Palisades Chapter 99s were coordinating with our GADO representative to put on an FAA Clinic & Safety Program, so our meeting was held at Globe-Air Flight School on Caldwell Airport. Two-thirds of the members were present. Good news is that two local High Schools have started Flying Schools. West Essex and Paramus. We hope to be working with them in some way, and for a start, our 491/2 er, Dr. Joe Bellino, is giving the Flight Surgeon physicals to the West Essex members who range in age from 14 to 16. Good representation at the Section Meeting at Armonk, N.Y., hostessed by Greater N.Y. Chapter.

Louise Galfas, Wiggins Airways, Flight Instructor, CFII, 99 and Accident Prevention Counsellor, brought the local high to Teterboro area with her presentation at the General Aviation Pilot Educational Clinic held on October 29th in a Salute to Billy Diehl Safety Clinic; Palisades was well represented.

A sub-committee has been formed to contact prospective members suggested in the pilot listing received from headquarters.

The "AWJAR Snoopy pins" are easting, so we'll think SNOOPY for Powder Puff. Christmas for Palisades will be Belleville Children's Shelter, concentrating on teenagers, who usually give way to the tots. Apparently this is a preference by the Shelter.

Lord, we give Thee thanks for the Pilgrim's landings, making possible our 99s happy landings throughout this glorious land of the United States of America...we pray, Lord, that you watch over us for many more Happy Thanksgivings.

#### WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER Mary Creighton, Reporter

At the October meeting, the Western New York 99s expanded our membership through an invitational party to all local women pilots who are not presently 99s. Kathy and Henry Potoczak's slides of their trip to the convention in Idaho were the highlights of the party. Not only did we see beautiful scenes, but we also picked up some tips on mountain flying.

On October 18, the 99s and their 49-½s made a trip to the Glenn Curtis Museum and the Bully Hill Winery in Hammondsport, New York. The full day including touring, wine tasting and French cuisine.

The 99s acted as hostesses to a FAA GAMA Safe Pilot Clinic on October 22.

Attendance was above the 500 mark. It proved to be a beneficial safety clinic for all.

November meeting featured guest speaker, 49- $^{1/2}$  John Senneff who is employed in the field of aerospace research.

Agnes Denler is representing the 99s in planning the celebration of the 50 year anniversary of the Greater Buffalo International Airport in September, 1976.

The Western New York 99s are extremely proud of the fact that we have as a charter member Ceil Kenny, who was the first woman pilot to solo from Greater Buffalo.

Happy flying to Jane and Marcus Staloff in their "new" Cessna 172.



W.N.Y. Chapter 99 Picnic at Cell Kenny's Place—July 12, 1975. Kneeling L to R: Peg Pieper, Jean Valvo, Shirley Havice, Cell Kenny, Vera Denz, Jane Staloff; Standing L to R: Peter Pieper, Burt Valvo, Gini MacKrell, George MacKrell, Terri Perrung, Russ Hutchinson, Irene Miller, Donald Denz and Marcus Staloff.

Middle East Section
DELAWARE - MARYLAND

PENNSYLVANIA - VIRGINIA

## CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER Joyce Williamson, Reporter

Hurrican Eloise has passed, however overcast skies have hampered the two scheduled events for this month. The Sectional held in Williamsburg, Va. was attended by only three members of our chapter—Mary Hull, Helen Sheffer, and Flo Shirey—they went with wheels instead of wings.

The second scheduled activity, a Fly-In at Spring Hill Airport, was also followed by a dark cloud so that very few members were able to attend. However silver linings came through in Spring Hill and Wilkes Barre that day. Mary and Champ Pool made it to Spring Hill in their newly purchased Decathalon and were delighted to meet three prospective members there. One prospective member is an owner of the Spring Hill Airport.

Boots and 49½ er Rod Husted took off in a Cherokee for Spring Hill with Mary Hull and her 49½ er, Jim, as passengers. They ended up in Wilkes Barre. The same fate came to Helen and Jim Sheffer and their passenger, Naomi Stahlnecker, in a Tri Pacer—Wilkes Barre instead of Spring Hill. Much to their pleasure they all met and discovered a great Chinese restaurant on the field in Wilkes Barre. This helped to smooth over the disappointment of not making Spring Hill.

Georgene Peters and 49½er, Art, recently vacationed in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. A highlight of their trip was a tour of the Grand Teton in a 182 Cessna. The pilot gave them an "extra spectacular" ride through the canyon since both Georgene and Art were pilots.

Mary Galbraith and Marty Pool met the Bunch for Lunch at the 3-M airport in Bristol, Penna. They discussed plans for the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter's terminus for next year.

## EASTERN PENNA. CHAPTER Nancy Gaynor Reporter

Our October meeting was held at Pennridge Airport. Our hosts were Marge and Jack Bryant. Prospective members in attendance were, Rose Marie Hackett, Rosalind Snyder, and Siera Homes, who has transferred from the Hawaii chapter of 99s. All tolled there were 25 present.

The co-chairman of the '76 convention, Eileen Wiegand, discussed the schedule for the convention which will be held in Philadelphia, at the Benjamen Franklin Hotel, on August 11, 1976 through August 13. Transportation for fly-ins will be supplied by the Eastern Penna. chapter.

Eastern Penna. will be acting as the stop committee for the Angel Derby, when the participants land at Wilmington Delaware Airport. on May 27 to 31, 1976.

The Sectional meeting in Williamsburg, Va. was attended by several of our members. Kate Macario, Ann Grussemeyer, and Beverly Howett flew down IFR. Those not so brave were, Gail Lingo, Judy DeMarco and Eileen Wiegand. There were a total of 60 members in attendance. The speaker, Mr. Frank Kingston Smith, Attorney and Aviation Author, from Washington D.C., was enjoyed.

Carrol Kauffman is arranging for our chapter to answer phones, on the air, for our local educational TV station, in their annual drive for funds. Carrol has also passed her Commercial.

## HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER Patti Carwell, Reporter

Our final endeavor as members of the Virgina Chapter was participation in the planning and execution of the Fall Sectional held at the Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, Va. Maryann Jessup, Sectional Governor, presented the Charter of the Hampton Roads Chapter to our Chairman, Linda Hollowell. Each charter member was presented a corsage. We will miss our friends in the Virginia Chapter and hope to join forces with them on future projects.

Well known aviation author and lecturer, Frank Kingston Smith, recapped some of his hilarious aviation experiences. The warmth and personality of this man illuminated the evening as he spoke informally and gave the most unique autographs, each worthy of a copyright.

Our newest, if not the most willing initiates to the hallowed status of 491/2 are

Ron Cockrell, John Barrett and Glenn Carwell. We welcome their loyalty, support and on rare occasions, even their advice.

While the Atlantic is our most prominent local landmark, more and more members are talking about recent flights to the Pacific. Lucy Thompson and Linda Hollowell flew their transcontinental vacation in a new 172. Linda's glider and twin piloting highlighted the trip. She has achieved an Instrument Rating.

Becky Broach and husband, Jay, made an exciting coast to coast trip in their Mooney. And after a monotonous 747 "bus" ride, Patti Carwell especially enjoyed San Francisco by helicopter.

We are proud of Ginny Buch, who now holds a Part 135, Commercial Charter Certificate, an achievement of ratings, time and proficiency. Every six months, Ginny must take an oral and-or written exam administered by GATO in addition to a rigorous flight check related to the particular types of aircraft she will use in charter service.

Mary White and 49½er, Andy, flew their Baron to the Aerospace Convention in Acapulco, reporting phenomenally CAVU the entire flight. Janie Allen, who just returned from a cross country to Macon, Georgia, was not so fortunate, however. This volatile autumn appropriately finds us looking forward to an informative meeting at the Norfolk Naval Air Station, Fleet Weather Control.

## MARYLAND CHAPTER Paulette Jones, Reporter

In keeping with our Speaker's Bureau, Rene Birch and Donna Hawkins will give a presentation to the Girls Scouts that will include slides, an ATC-510 simulator demonstration, and mini-course on general aviation.

99s are receiving some great publicity concerning the Chesapeake Appreciation Festival on November 1 and 2. A Baltimore TV station filmed some of the flyby practice sessions and a few interviews for their news shows. There will be twenty-six 99s in their own planes in a flyby salute.

New officers for this year are: Chairman - Donna Hawkins; Vice chairman - Lenora Eaton; Treasurer - Kay Bays; Membership Officer - Harryette Decklebaum; Publicity Officer - Barbara Feader; Secretary - Barbara Marder; News Reporter - Paulette Jones; Amelia Earhart Scholarship - Babs Shankman.

Kay Bays and June Hanson just returned from a trip in Kay's Twin Comanche to the Southwest. They flew to Utah, then commercial to Montana to bring an Airstream trailer back to Utah, then back home in the Comanche. Kay flew the Comanche to Oklahoma with Jeanne Wolcott for the dedication of the 99s new building

Dale Helt is working for General Aviation Manufacturer's Association. Twelve MD 99s attended the Williamsburg Fall Sectional. Ada Barrett conducted the induction of new 49½ers. Ruth Benedict was named chairman of the Spring Sectional which is being planned for April 9 at the Hilton in Annapolis.

VIRGINA CHAPTER Beverley Cosby, Reporter

The foliage in the valley had not yet reached its peak at our September meeting at New Market, Virginia, on the 20th. But, it was the first week-end that the newly paved runway was open there. Mr. Dove, manager and owner, even has the windows of the airport washed for the occasion. Prime discussion centered on the possible formation of a new Shenandoah Chapter.

On October 18th 99s from Washington, D.C., West Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania gathered in colonial Williamsburg to join the Virginia Chapter for the Middle East Sectional meeting. The activities began in the early afternoon with the Chairman's meeting, followed by the section meeting of all the chapters. Individual chapter reports were received by the Governor and consideration then centered on preparations for the International Convention to be held in Philadelphia in August of 1976.

The evening was climaxed by a delightful banquet at the Williamsburg Lodge. Frank Kingston Smith, author of Week End Pilot and I'd Rather Be Flying, was most entertaining with humorous comments of his flying experiences. Mary Ann Jessup, Governor, then presented the new Hampton Roads Chapter with their charter

Ada Barrett concluded the festivities by initiating eight new members into the 49½ ers of which I am proud to say, your reporter's husband was one.

#### Southeast Section

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

## ALABAMA CHAPTER

After all the weather forecasts for the weekend of October 4 & 5th for beautiful weather, Saturday and Sunday were so wet even a duck wouldn't fly. It did improve over North Alabama enough for a couple of planes to make it through. But Central and South Alabama remained solid I.F.R. all day

Plans had been made for painting numbers on the runway at South Huntsville Airport. However the weather changed that too. It will be rescheduled later in the year.

By the time meeting time rolled around the group had grown. There were three girls who had shown their interest by attending two regular meetings and were extended an invitation to join our chapter. Jay Hudgins reported on International and Claudia Conn reported on our Southeastern Sectional held the previous weekend in Stone Mountain, Ga.

Plans for November meeting will be announced later.

BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER
Jo Hartness, Reporter

The autumn weather October 11, couldn't have been better. And the 35 participants couldn't have had a more enjoyable time anywhere, than they did flying the Blue Ridge Chapter's first Poker Run. Under the capable organization of Carolyn Pilaar, six stops were set up with Greenville, S.C. the terminating stop. First place award for Best Poker Hand went to Gary Wheeler. Van Vanderplough copped second place. Lee Orr won for Best 99 Hand, Pat Dockery for the hand with the Most 9s, and Aaron Tippin, student pilot, received Worst Hand recognition.

Our Chapter was awarded the Publicity Trophy at the Southeast Sectional meeting held at Stone Mtn., Georgia. Carol McKinney, Public Information chairman, deserves much credit for our receiving this award. Two delegates were present from Blue Ridge Chp., Louise White and Carolyn Pilaar. Virginia Gilreath and Gary Wheeler were also in attendance.

Joyce Cannon, Lee Orr, Louise White, Carolyn Pilaar, and Gary Wheeler joined the festivities down Okla. City way for dedication of the new 99 Headquarters Bldg.

Joyce Cannon is now employed by Atlanta Center, Atlanta, Ga. What a way to

Mary Ellen Castelloe is working diligently on her instrument rating under the expert tutelage of Carolyn Pilaar. Lee Orr has recently gotten her mulit-engine rating and proved it by taking off on a trip to Nassau. Lucky gal!

Several members will be flying in the Air Rallye, proficiency race, in Asheville, N.C., Oct. 25—they include Louise White, Lee Orr, and Hilda Goley. Our chapter along with the W.N.A.A. will award a trophy to the "Best Woman" participant in the race.

Dot Penney's fame as a speaker has spread, and she has had several engagements to "hold forth" on the 99s and other topics.

While attending the "Happening" at Tullahoma, Tenn., Oct. 2 and 3, your reporter enjoyed meeting with Charlotte Parish, Edna Broyles, Pat Garner, and Georgiana McConnell members of the Tennessee Chapter.

## FLORIDA GOLDCOAST CHAPTER Sue Hoffman-Reporter

The October meeting of the Florida Goldcoast Chapter was a fly-in to Bimini in the Bahamas. We were the guests of Howard Wilde, aboard his yacht, Sweet Bunny, with Connie Stafford acting as hostess. We were treated to a real Bahamian luncheon including lobsters made on the outdoor grill.

Because of the late afternoon storms that still persist in our area ten of us, plus our guests, decided to rent a DC 3 to take us to Bimini. With Lois Porter at the controls, and because we are all trying to update our ratings, this was really a training flight. Each of us spent some time in the cockpit trying to familiarize ourselves with the instruments and controls.

Lois, who is a terrific instructor, has promised to give us some additional ground school training at a future meeting.

Cecile Hatfield has missed so many meetings in the past three years, is now back on the active list. Cecile graduated from the University of Miami Law School in May and is now employed as an attorney with the firm of Marx and Squitero.

Bev Powell flew up to Williamsburg for a week, then by air-cruise to Caracas, then on to Phoenix for a holiday with her family.

Ursula Davidson explained how she and her husband overhauled and refurbished their Cessna 337. This included having the engine gone over and the interior redecorated. They even added two additional seats to make room for their flying friends.

The Goldcoast Chapter was well represented at the Southeast Section meeting at Stone Mountain Georgia. Those of our members who were unable at attend the meeting were told, not only what went on at the general meeting, but how gracious the Georgia Chapter was and how much we enjoyed the program that was planned by them. We will be hostesses next year and are looking forward to having another fine meeting.

#### FLORIDA GULF STREAM CHAPTER Ellie McCullough, Reporter

Betty Dodds, with a new multi-engine rating, flew a "Champagne Flight" to the October meeting in her Beech D-18. Betty, flying since 1969, has over 1600 hours—placed 2nd in the 1974 Deltona, 3rd in the Great Bahama Air Race & 5th in the 1975 Angel Derby. She is President-Chief Pilot of her own company, Safe Air Taxi, Inc., is on call 24 hours a day living up to her slogan "Anytime, Any Place." She carries cargo, passengers (alive & otherwise) on flights to the Bahamas, Caribbean, etc.

Dottie Shaw & Virginia Britt just returned from flying the Race Route for the 1976 Bicentennial Angel Derby scheduled for May 27-31, 1976 from Quebec City, Canada to Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Connie Brunger with 49½, Fred, flew Machinac Island, over parts of Michigan & Canada, admiring the beautiful fall foliage.

Marge Forood is flying a Pitts Special working on very unusual attitudes. Her daughter, Lele, served on the US Team at the Pan American Games in Mexico City, winning gold medal in tennis.



Officers — Gulf Stream Chapter L-R — Ellie Reichenbach, Corresponding Sec'y; Mimi Bond, Recording Sec'y; Mina Elschner, Chairman; Dottie Shaw, Vice-Chairman; Treasurer, Eloise Ruby did not attend meeting.

Ruth Phillips & 491/2, Lewis, flew to New York this Summer in "Clyde" a Cessna 150, making it in one day. They then took a Mooney for a side trip to Pennsylvania. Ruth passed the Commercial written and is preparing for the check ride.

Lori Fine & family flew to Holland, Michigan, to pick up their new '68 Roamer Chris Craft now named "It's Fine." They brought it down the Mississippi River enroute to its new home at Pier 66, Ft. Lauderdale.



Betty Dodds Pilot of "Champagne Flight"



Champagne Flight. Betty Dods, Pilot; Joyce Protzman, Prospective Member, Dottie Shaw, Marilyn Burch, Joan Davis (quest), & Ellie Reichenbach.

#### FLORIDA SPACEPORT CHAPTER **Dottie Parsons**, Reporter

October 8 found us at FIT (Florida Institute Of Technology) in Melbourne, with 13 members attending. After the regular business meeting a representative from FIT made a presentation on the upcoming N.I.F.A. southeast regional meet to be held November 14 & 15, with a briefing on the 14th at 7:30 p.m., followed by a judges meeting in which several Florida chapters expect to participate.

Harry Wiese Flight Safety Inspector, of St. Petersburg GADO, conducted a safety clinic and followed up with an FAA film titled "It only Takes Once." The film dealt with several accidents and incidents which almost occurred when the pilots were psychologically unfit to fly.

A few statistics were tossed out concerning women in aviation, such as "In 1965 there were 17.555 private women pilots and 1974 found 36,943." I'll try to add monthly to this list at the bottom of my report.

In July Lovina Tabor and Jerry flew to Denver, Colorado in their Skyhawk, with a Sunday stop at 99 headquarters and although it was not open, they were able to take some pictures of the building and the main door.

Stannah and Norma Margaret McReynolds attended the Southeastern Sectional meeting at Stone Mountain and officially represented our chapter.

October finds Shirley Osborne and 491/2 Arthur travelling by Cherokee, to AOPA convention in San Diego. She'll no doubt bring back a lot of prizes as usual. P.S.-She did

Chapter chairmen have been appointed: Membership - Lovina Tabor, AE Scholarship - Joanne Davis, Air Space Education - Doris Story, APT - Lovina Tabor, Newsletter - Dottie Parsons, Publicity & Scrapbook - Wanda Morgan.

#### KITTY HAWK CHAPTER Jane Tisdale, Reporter

Kitty Hawk's Helene Robertson has done it again. At 66 years young, she's astounding everyone with her TAP DANCING at Raleigh's Little Theater. She's George M's mother in the musical, GEORGE M. Local newspapers and TV have even been featuring this former vaudvillian's comeback.

Annette Rogers is getting checked out in their new 182 so that she can fly the family to Disney World Oct. 16. She has been appointed Safety Education Chairman for the SE Section.

Hazel Monroe & 491/2 HB flew their 140 to Colorado Springs for 2 beautiful weeks

Diane & Lorrie Tunnell met several island pilots while in Curação, Dutch West Indies in August and were briefed on Island flying by the government inspector. our equivalent of FAA Inspector.

Several Kitty Hawk families attended the lovely SE Sectional at Stone Mtn., Ga. Bouquets to hostesses Kay Guice and her North Georgia Chapter. While your reporter & 491/2 drove the distance at speed limit in 14 hours, our chairman, Jan Clemen recorded her round trip at their J4's speed limit in 111/2 hours.

Our October meeting, hosted by Joyce & Bob Munford in Wilson, N.C. featured plans for our first airmarking, and for handling an Angel Derby flyover-stop at Wilmington, N.C. in May 1976.



Kitty Hawk 99s at Wilson, N.C. Airport in October. Left to right, front row; Lorrie Tunnell, Helene Robertson, guest Roylynn Markowich, Diane Tunnell. Second row; Joyce Munford, Jane Tisdale, guest Al Coots, Annette Rogers. Third row; Bob Munford & guest, Laura Otwell, Frank Hayden FSS speaker on Weather & VFR pilots.

#### **MEMPHIS CHAPTER** Chris Brown, Reporter

On October 4, the Memphis Chapter

held its annual Dutch Luncheon for new and student pilots in the Memphis Area. There were many guests, mostly young, and we were encouraged by the interest they showed in the Ninety-Nines. Nancy Miller, our recent ex-chairman, who has been assigned to Detroit in her new job as postal inspector, was home for this meeting.

Several Memphis 99s attended the Southeast Sectional Meeting in Atlanta, where they learned that Virginia Proctor, our own, was the new Sectional Governor. Virginia, always active, has been appointed Accident Prevention Counselor for the fifth year. Recently, she spoke to the Arkansas Chapter of the American Business Women's Association: Her subject was "Women in Aviation." On October 12, she attended the National Association for State Aviation Officials in

With the financial help of Ninety-Nines from all over. Carolyn Sullivan and the Memphis group have purchased a headstone to mark Phoebe Omlie's grave. Carolyn has taken the lead in an effort to get the name of Memphis Metro Airport changed to Memphis-Omlie Airport. Local News Columnists have responded favorably to the suggestion.

For the first time, the Memphis 99s will be among the official sponsors of the Annual March of Dimes Airlift. Some of us will fly, others will participate as members

of the ground crew.

Memphis 99s on the go: Belle and Posey Hedges flew to San Diego to attend the Flying Dentists' Meeting. From California they flew down to Mazathlan, Mexico where they got in some successful deep sea fishing. Belle and Posey also attended the Bonanza-Lovers Society Meeting in Minneapolis.

Hilda Savage and Dot Wilson joined me in Spain (where I went to do a little work and some play) for a delightful month of touring.

#### MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER Jenny McWilliams, Reporter

International Treasurer - Janet Green, has recently attained her Airline Transport Pilot Certificate! Congratulations, Janet!! Her new rating brings our APT percentage up to 56 per cent. Janet was at the Dedication Ceremonies in Oklahoma City on November 1 - 2, 1975.

The Mississippi Chapter has contributed a four foot high Magnolia tree to the new 99 Headquarters Building grounds. The Magnolia is our state tree.

One of our 66s, Suzanne Case, has soloed and will be a 99 before long.

The Southeast Section Meeting for Fall '75, was attended by Harriott Hall, Peggy McCormick, Janet Green and Jenny McWilliams at Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Peggy McCormick has just purchased a Sanderson Audio-Visual Ground School package for continued teaching at the Vo-Tech School in Greenwood.

Jenny McWilliams won two Blue Ribbons at the Mississippi State Fair. The entries were a crewel embroidery picture of a Skyhawk and a decoupaged purse with avionic and engine instrument cut-outs and JN-4 affixed.

Mark your calendar now to attend the 1976 Spring Section meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; a joint meeting with the large South Central Section!

#### NORTH GEORGIA CHAPTER Lois Lacy, Reporter

Despite our bountiful rains this Fall season we North Georgians did manage a fine weekend for the Fall Section meeting at Stone Mountain. 75 attended and we were pleased to have with us our International President, Pat McEwen and International Treasurer, Janet Green.

Our new officers were installed at a banquet September 25th. Carolyn Baker was named Pilot of the Year and received an Amelia Earhart medal. This was our fifth installation banquet since charter.

In the past two months several of our members have experienced the altitude chamber at Moody A.F.B. and toured the Atlanta Center at Hampton. Kay Guice gave a speech on "Becoming a Pilot, and What is a 99" to the Aerospace Education class at West Georgia College. Evelyn Trammell was interviewed on television on the "Today in Georgia" program relating some of her experiences as a W.A.S.P. in W.W. II. 15 members toured the Delta Simulator for our October meeting we had and all got to try their hand at flying the DC-9-32. After the meeting we had lunch and presented Kay Guice with a trophy in appreciation for her two years service as Chapter chairman.

Welcome to new member Rose "Lolly" Shaw. Lolly's husband is a Delta pilot and they fly a 182 out of Berry Hill. Virginia Yates is using her new C.F.I. in her new C-150 and preparing for the A.T.P. written.



Left, Carolyn Baker, Pilot of the Year and Vice Chairman. Center, Doris Engerrand, Chapter Chairman and Right, Carolyn Upton, Secretary at the installation banquet. (North Georgia Chapter).

## TENNESSEE CHAPTER Lura Odland, Jo Chandler, Reporters

A happy 35th birthday was celebrated by the Chapter with appropriate flourishes and abstracts of the early newsletters as reprinted by Ferris Thomas. In 1940 Louise Carson had just won a scholarship in the first ground school sponsored by the State and was instructing a college CPT course; Pearl Brock had just completed her private and had purchased a new Luscombe; Jane Hilbert with an LC was the member with the most hours; and Ruth Thomas had married our faithful patron Ferris, had

received her private license, and had joined the 99s-all within one week.

The annual Tullahoma "Happening" included tours of the Beech Stagerwing Museum and rides in rebuilt "oldies" of all types, the first weekend of November.

Upon return from the Powder Puff Derby, Genie Rae O'Kelley received the Mayor's Award of Merit and Mary Ann McAllister was awarded honorary citizenship of Knoxville by Knoxville's Mayor Kyle Testerman. Dick Hash of Executive Airways, Inc. TYS, is already looking ahead to backing Genie Rae and Mary Ann in next years Derby.

Louise Kokesk and Ray along with Dorothy and Bill Ponstein while sightseeing in the Gatlinburg area, brought official Chicago Area 99 greetings to the October Chapter meeting.



35 Years Ago! Charter Members Tennessee Chapter left to right: Ruth Wolfe Thomas, Jean Slack, Pearl Brock, Louise Carson, Ruth Bowler, Jane Hilbert Gump, Millie Owenby and Gladys Lacey with Jane's Fairchild 24.

South Central Section

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## ABILENE CHAPTER Marjorie Andrews, Reporter

After a stormy night the day dawned bright, clear, and just crisp enough for christening picnic, business meeting in front of "Puff's Place", otherwise known as the hangar where Betty Heise keeps her new Piper tail-dragger.

Special guests for the meeting were local photographer Jane Roadcap, free-lance journalist Connie Chapman, and Ruth Scott, an owner of Elmdale Airpark where we met.

Marjorie reported on the Denver Sectional and demonstrated her own coffeecan survival kit which she put together from information received during the Mountain Flying Ground School there. Tape recordings of the sessions are on file for members' use.

Marjorie and Nervous Navigator Mac made a long planned trip to Columbia, Missouri to visit daughter Marianne, in Chris, Too! Very VFR all the way for a change. Another trip to Evangeline Country—Lafayette, Louisiana—was the same this time off airways, mostly no radio, gorgeous pilotage, fun flying. Hope

the Louisiana girls can keep it that way for the Spring Sectional.

Next meeting will feature a self-grading pre-flight quiz also from the Denver Sectional.



Betty Heise (L) and Marilyn Schulz (R) admire "Puff", Betty's magic dragon—her very own Piper Clipper at a combination business meeting, christening party. Photo by friend of the 99s, Jane Roadcap (Abilene chapter)

#### ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER Becky Lutz, Reporter

Kathy and Ralph Fox attended the South Central Sectional in Denver last month, and participated in the ground school session on mountain flying. Our own chapter will be sponsoring a mountain flying seminar on November 14. It will be a chance for all of us to sign up for GAMA's \$40,000 airplane raffle. Kathy Fox is planning the seminar together with Roger Mitchem, our accident prevention specialist.

The chapter assisted at the Mid-Valley Airpark Fly-in last month. In addition to sponsoring the spot landing contest, the girls assisted with unicom, registration, and over-all planning and publicity. The fly-in was most successful, and Midvalley is a good example of what a small, private airport can do to put on a good show for both pilots and the general public.

Kathy Fox, Claudia Beckner, and Roz Kinlen recently flew to Santa Fe to meet the Santa Fe girls and Marian Banks and Wanda Cummings who are trailblazing next year's Powder Puff Derby. Joyce and Jack Buehler and Jerry and Jack Warrick recently had a fun trip to Garden City, Kansas, to attend a fly-in put on by the local E. A. A. Beulah Woodfin had an extended cross-country in a Cardinal to Tennessee, Michigan, Minnesota, and Nebraska to vacation and visit relatives. Jewel Lundgren flew to Arkansas in a 182 to visit her brother. Jewel also continues to be active with the St. Jude's Express, a group that regularly flies medical supplies to remote spots in Mexico.

#### ARKANSAS CHAPTER Marguerite Nielsen, Reporter

Charlene and Dr. Mac Poe enjoyed a flight to and from Miami, Florida, returning just in time for the Arkansas-Texas game in Fayetteville.

Aline Kay Newth was awarded the trophy which is presented annually to the Arkansas Ninety Nine who contributes the most to aviation. Kay has really earned the trophy and we are proud of her accomplishments.

Arkansas Chapter has Ninety Nine approval for the sale of a very beautiful cushion. The foam rubber cushion has a white polyester zipper cover with a blue compass rose. The cover is washable. These cushions may be ordered from Aline Kay Newth, 3225 John F. Kennedy Blvd., North Little Rock, Arkansas 72116, with checks payable to Arkansas Ninety Nines \$12.50 plus \$1.35 for shipping and handling. The cushion measures 15" x 15" x 3" square.

I am the Bread of Life; he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6:35.

"Fountain of grace, rich, full and free, What need I, that is not in thee? Full pardon, strength to meet the day, And peace which none can take away."

#### CHAPARRAL CHAPTER Leia Carwardine, Reporter

Summer round-up:

In July our meeting was held at Las Cruces Municipal Airport. We first airmarked the main runway—a re-paint job; and afterwards held elections for officers for the coming year. Those chosen were: Karen Iselin, Chairman; Marjorie Mitchel, Vice-Chairman; and Janie Floyd, Secretary-Treasurer. Later in August we with members of the El Paso Chapter for a joint installation dinner at Ardovino's Roadside Inn on the Texas, New Mexico border.

With a chapter membership of only ten, we were well represented at the International Convention at Coeur D'Alene by three of our members: Orene Hirth, our very special member, who was one of the five 99s receiving the coveted Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship award. She had just returned home from her first try at the P.P.D. in time to take off again for the Convention.

In August, Las Cruces held a two day festival, "Fiesta de las Mujeres" (Women's Fiesta). The purpose was to celebrate achievements of women. Chaparral Chapter was invited to join with some forty other women's clubs and associations in having booths at the beautiful Down Town Mall. We felt it was a great opportunity to present air age education to the public and evidently we did a good job. A woman reporter for the "National Observer" from Washington D. C. told us she thought it was one of the most interesting booths on the Mall. We used the 99 colors in decorations and posters, and had an exhibit of aviation magazines and literature, model planes, trophies won by local women pilots, Rene Hirth's scrapbook on the 1975 PPD, Lela Carwardine's scrapbook of her aviation adventures, dating back to 1946, and various other items. Bellanca Aircraft Company supplied small airplane pins to be given away, and we were able to award three free airplane rides, through the courtesy of the local aviation companies. One of the winners, because of his ride has now become a student pilot. We were pleased that the local newspaper gave us a very nice writeup on our project.

#### DALLAS CHAPTER Jerry Melton, Reporter

Dallas Chapter activities continue to be widespread including monthly meetings throughout the metroplex area-from Arlington to Mesquite and including a picnic and fly-in at Dallas Air Park and a pot luck dinner and trunk showing of fashions in North Dallas. The Airmarkers have been busy painting numbers at Dallas North airport; the travelers have been busy going to the fall sectional meeting in Denver and making plans to go to the Headquarters Dedication in Oklahoma City; the Officers have been busy planning a productive year for us including Aerospace Education, fund raising for the chapter, the section, and the Powder Puff Derby, more airmarking, a membership drive, and much more; the flyers have been busy with new ratings. We would like to share your ideas for keeping a chapter busy and active. Happy flying!

DALLAS REDBIRD CHAPTER Wanda Cummings, Reporter

Chairman Eleanor Johnson, Helen Wilke, Hazel Jones, Doris Fuller, Betty Worstel and Pat Jetton were all in Denver for the Mountain Flying Course. They had heard that the Powder Puff Derby would be routed over the hills to high places, and are planning ahead. Still slightly blue, they returned to cut a swath through the Dallas area with pith helmut and long-handled roller, airmarking Ennis, Redbird, and Emerald Bay.

One CAVU eve the chapter met at Dallas-Ft. Worth (the Big Mother Airport) for a tour of the tower and radar room. Hazel Jones missed that session for she was nursing husband Roys for post-appendectomy AND FIVE new puppies whose mother refused to mother. Wanda Cummings had rushed off to Baylor for the Nurse Refresher Course, but by the time she had finished, Hazel had both dogs and husband under control.

November 11 the group will see the process for chroming cylinders, courtesy of Betty Worstel's 49½. Meanwhile we headed for OKC. Dedication of the new 99 Headquarters which was a well-attended

EL PASO CHAPTER
Louise Mitchell, Reporter



Sim and Kathy Lindley became our first mother and daughter team in the El Paso Chapter when Sim proudly presented her daughter, Kathy, with her 99 pin. We will miss Kathy and her short but super flying activities as she recently left for a tour of duty with the U. S. Marine Corps. Congratulations to the Lindleys also on the purchase of a beautiful new Bellanca Super Viking.

Chairman Doris Shreve and Ruth Deerman attended the Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., civil fly-in breakfast recently. The fly-in was compliments of the 49th Tactical Fighter Wing. The purpose of the event was to acquaint those attending with their jet low level routes in the southwest and thereby enhance flying safety.

Louise Mitchell recently flew to Florida for a fabulous time on the beach and a visit to Cape Canaveral viewing the Viking blast-off to Mars.

Another big safety seminar is being planned for this month by the chapter, with anticipation that all area pilots will attend

Several of our members attended the dedication ceremony of our new headquarters building in Oklahoma City November 1 & 2.



Ruth Deerman is pictured with the Jimmy Kolp Award presented to her at the South Central Fall Sectional meeting in Denver, Colorado. The trophy is awarded to an outstanding 99 each year by the Wichita Falls Chapter in honor of the late Jimmy Kolp, a beloved and distinguished aviatrix. Ruth was also the proud winner of a Navajo classic necklace raffled by the Colorado Chapter.

## FORT WORTH CHAPTER Auleen K. Hall, Reporter

Welcome to our new members Nancy Barrett and Frances Wallace. Edna Whyte has had an extremely busy year. She was one of three women in aviation selected to be honored and entertained by the EAA at Oshkosh, Wisc. The other two were Louise Thaden and Blanche Noyes.

In October during the National OX5 Club Convention in San Antonio, Texas, she was M. C. at the Women's Banquet. Other pioneer women pilots at the head table were Viola Gentry, Melba Beard, Blanche Noyes, Tiny Broderick and Nell Beher. Edna reviewed the accomplishments and contributions of women in aviation since 1783. Miami members who attended the convention in San Antonio, after returning home, have since asked Edna to be their guest speaker at the Eastern OX5 meeting in Miami in December.

Jean Bishop was an assistant judge at the National Aerobatic Championships at Sherman, Texas in October.

Henrietta and Bob Pence participated in the Texas Air Tour. The Pences also hosted a Chapter Fly-In at their airport, Flying Oaks. Attending dedication ceremonies and festivities at Headquarters in OKC were Nancy Armstrong, Malena Richardson, Carole Wheeler, Nancy Barrett, Edna Whyte, Juanita Waddell and Auleen Hall. Verna Stubbs had planned to attend, but her Doctor said, "no". She is recovering from eye surgery and doing well.

### GOLDEN TRIANGLE CHAPTER Pat Moore, Reporter

September 6th was our first fall airmarking at Oak Grove Airport just south of Ft. Worth. The turnout for this one was so good it took only two hours to complete the job.

A fly-in was held at Texoma Lodge, Oklahoma, September 27th and those courageous hearts who ventured there in the haze with 3-miles of visibility reported a fun filled day. The early arrival of our committee chairman for flying activities, Panny Peyton, acting co-pilot, along with Glenda Farmer, pilot, stopped short on the runway to drop off their bag of lime for marking the runway for the spot landing contest (won by Dottie Hughes) and were chased and cornered by the State Park Patrol for an explanation of this highly questionable activity by two young women in an airplane so early in the morning. They weren't overly enthused but did finally accept the explanation.

Saturday, October 4th, a cool, beautiful and cloudless day in Texas, the East Texas Antique Wings & Wheels had an all day affair at Magee-Trask Antique Airfield in Wolfe City. By special invitation, our Chapter was encouraged to attend and share our aviation interests with Angel Flight, an honorary organization of dedicated college women for the furtherance of aerospace activities.

We co-sponsored a safety seminar with the FAA on the 16th which dealt with the



Mary Wheelock, airmarking chairman, and her 491/2 er, T.W., after Golden Triangle Chapter airmarked Oak Grove Airport.



Presentation of the coveted A.E. Medal to Linda Hooker by Jo McCarrell at the August Meeting of Golden Triangle Chapter.

never ending study of weather, take-offs and landings (both short, soft and crosswind), and a film presented by Carswell Air Force Base (our very near neighbor) regarding their F-105's low altitude missions in the hopes of reducing potential local mid-air collisions.

Saturday, the 25th, a progressive flying luncheon was staged even though the weather wasn't exactly delightful for this outdoor type of affair we had planned, turning cold with intermittent rain, but that didn't slow anyone down even to the last stop on a grass strip with home-made freezer ice cream.

#### HOUSTON CHAPTER Stephanie Vickery, Reporter

The Houston Chapter held a safety seminar at Montgomery County Airport at Conroe, Texas, on October 6. The seminar was sponsored jointly by the Houston Chapter 99s and the 22nd Group of the Civil Air Patrol. Jerry Forsythe of the Houston General Aviation District Office presented the program.

The Houston Chapter started the new chapter year with a fly-in meeting in September at Gene Gonzales' home in Conroe. The second fly-in was to the Conroe safety seminar in October. A third fly-in took place in October when a number of Houston 99s went to the Confederate Air Force Show in Harlingen, Texas.

Congratulations to Mary Able who became an FAA Instrument Examiner October 21. Mary recently flew to Chicago Midway for lunch as flight crew with Big Three Industries' Lear jet.

Pat Stratton (pilot) and Alice Seaborn (co-pilot) flew in the Baytown Air Proficiency Race October 4 and finished tenth. Pat won the low time pilot trophy.

The Houston Chapter regular meeting date has been changed from the second Tuesday to the third Tuesday of each month.

#### LUBBOCK CHAPTER Beth Covey, Reporter

The October meeting for the Lubbock Chapter was a luncheon in the Community Room of Security National Bank, with a planning meeting following at Lubbock Regional Airport. Our very special guests were Marion Banks and Wanda Cummings, representing the route survey committee for AWTAR, and several Lubbockites, representing the Chamber of Commerce, the Bicentennial Committee, and the Airport Board. We are very excited that Lubbock has been designated a stop in the 1976 AWTAR. We know we will all have a big job to do the next 7 months, but are looking forward to giving each of you racers a big West Texas WELCOME!

#### NEBRASKA CHAPTER Sharon Meyer, Reporter

For our October 99 meeting, we flew west to Scottsbluff. Since it's a long way from one end of Nebraska to the other, those from the eastern part of the state organized "plane pools" using the faster aircraft. The day brought beautiful fall weather and a good turnout for the

meeting. After the business meeting, we enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by the Scottsbluff gals.

Our Aerospace Education Chairman, Cathy Binfield, has prepared a packet of materials to assist elementary teachers with aerospace education units. The packets are mailed on request to Nebraska teachers, principals, and 99s.

On October 15, Millie Barrett, Nancy Alley, Sally Van Zandt, and Vera Bartunek flew Dawn Parkening's aerospace class from Valley High School to Wichita, Kansas for a tour of Beech Aircraft Company and McConnell Air Force Base. The excellent tour included an opportunity for each person to fly a KC 135 simulator.

Nancy Alley, our Airmarking Chairman, has been attacking Nebraska airports with fervor. Nancy wrote a stimulating article which appeared in PIREPS, the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics publication, to encourage local airport operators to utilize the airmarking service provided by the 99s. Recently, Nancy and her willing helpers have marked rooftops at Red Cloud, Genoa, and O'Neill and have painted a center line on the runway at Wahoo.

Nebraska 99s assisted with a Flight Safety Clinic in Lincoln the evenings of October 28 and 29. Plans are to help with Clinics in other parts of the state as well.



Nebraska 99s at the South Central Sectional in Denver. Pictured L to R are Dawn Parkening, Jan Heins, Diane Bartels, Shirley Amen, Mildred Barrett, Wilma Ackerman, and Paulie Perry.



Visitors at the Dedication and Open House of the new Lincoln Air Traffic Control Tower saw Sally Clark, Air Traffic Controller and a Nebraska 99, hard at work.

#### OMAHA AREA CHAPTER Gail Tonnesen, Reporter

Our new officers were installed in September, by Rosemary Block, at our annual birthday dinner. Our new officers are: Suanne Townsend, Chairman; Pat Krueger, Vice-Chairman; Gail Tonnesen,

Secretary; Diane Chadwell, Treasurer. Rosemary Block, our out-going Chairman, was given a surprise gift to show our appreciation for all the work she's done for the chapter in the past two years. Suanne Townsend was presented with a "survival kit", by Rosemary, to get through the coming year as Chairman.

After a busy summer and all of our members off in separate directions we finally got together for our first fly-out for the fall. Four planes and 11 people made it to Cherokee, lowa for a shopping trip and luncheon. The weather was perfect for a day of flying and a good time was had by all.

Congratulations to Jeanne Kautter, our newest member, on earning her instrument rating.

## SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER Pamela H. Crane, Reporter

A brief business meeting of the San Antonio Chapter was held at the airport meeting room (Gen-Aero, Inc.) at 1330 on October 11th. At this time plans were finalized for airmarking activities the following week.

Following this meeting members adjourned to the Menger Hotel for a tea honoring 99s attending the OX-5 Club national convention. Local members were happy to meet charter members Blanche Noyes, Mary Von Mach, Melba Beard and Viola Gentry, as well as greet "Babe" Ruth from Michigan, Ruth Thomas from Tennessee, Mary Randell from Florida and Edna Gardner Whyte from Fort Worth, Texas.

The grand finale of airmarking the Guadalupe County airport, Seguin, Texas took place on October 18th and was the occasion for a large turnout of local 99s, as well as 66 2/3s, 49½s and 24¾s. This job required a lot of effort to complete (in three phases) but many favorable comments have been made about the activity.

Chapter members worked the coffee concession for the San Antonio FAA GADO General Aviation Education Clinic held at the Sheraton San Antonio Motor Inn on October 19th, and also assisted with distribution of aviation safety materials. The clinic was well-organized and interesting and very well-attended by over 400 local pilots and some of their wives and children (non-pilots). Erick Anderson, local Accident Prevention Specialist, gave the local 99s his special thanks for their help. The activity also resulted in considerable interest in the 99s among attendees at the clinic.

Several more prospective members have been participating in our activities, and attending meetings, and we hope to welcome them into the chapter soon.

## SHREVEPORT CHAPTER Helen Hewitt, Reporter

Members who attended our October meeting received an abbreviated lesson in ATC procedures as we were guests of Radar Approach Control at Barksdale AFB. We had the opportunity to scan the radar screens, observe traffic and learn firsthand the problems of an ATC controller.

This beautiful autumn weather has kept many of us in the air. New instructor Jere Saur is busy getting her first private student, a potential Ninety-Nine, ready for her flight check. Evelyn Snow flew her Cherokee to see daughter Betty Hesie of the Abilene Chapter and together they flew to Grand Isle, Nebraska on business. Evelyn's newest flight student is her daughter-in-law.

Four of our members, Corinne Strickland, Mary Jo Voss, Jere Saur and Evelyn Snow participated for two days in a Search and Rescue exercise conducted by the Civil Air Patrol.

Martha and Ray Christy had the pleasure of introducing their new granddaughter to the joys of private flying. In their Twin Comanche, they toured the Northwest with stops in California and Texas. Joan and David Carroll reported CAVU weather all week long when they flew their Comanche to Illinois.

Our Aerospace Chairman, Marjo Wright, has a busy year planned with aviation-oriented lectures scheduled at local elementary schools.

#### SPANISH PEAKS CHAPTER Joan Alyea, Reporter

Highlight of our October activities was our Annual Fly-in Brunch held October 12 at the Minnequa Club in Pueblo. The weather cooperated with a good flying day, not, however, without a few bumps to be handled by our fly-in guests on the way home. Speaker was Shirley Marshall from Black Forest Glider Port, Colorado Springs, who talked on soaring. Shirley showed the film "Soaring Country"—this is a beautifully done film and made us all eager for a glider experience. Upcoming



Spanish Peaks Chapter members and fly-in guests gather together following a good meal and an interesting presentation by Shirley Marshall at the annual fly-in brunch at Pueblo's Minnequa Club.



Shirley "Sam" Marshall, of Wave Flights, Inc., Black Forest Glider Port, Colorado Springs, Colorado, was guest speaker at the Spanish Peaks Chapter annual fly-in brunch on October 12.

plans include our annual Christmas party and planning for an FAA safety seminar.

We want to pass on a bouquet for the Lincoln gals....their money-raising cab service from airport to stadium for the University of Colorado-Nebraska game really impressed some of our local pilots, who can't say enough good things about the 99s-type service! They didn't get the names of the drivers, but we're passing on our thanks and their appreciation to the whole chapter.

#### TULSA CHAPTER Johnnie K. Salyer, Reporter

Tulsa Chapter 99s fund raising project for the year was serving lunch at the EAA, AAA and International Aerobatics Club Fly-in held at Tahlequah, Oklahoma on October 11.



Northeastern Oklahoma Flight Instructors Clinic sponsored by the Tulsa Chapter 99s and the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission. Shown is guest speaker, Dr. John H. Furbay, Internationally known lecturer, author and world traveler.



Tulsa Chapter 99s serving lunch—Lydia Gutierrez, Carol Brown and Lee Brown.

#### North Central Section

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#### ALL OHIO CHAPTER Charleen Mehaffie, Reporter

In October, our 1975 Annual Achievement Award Banquet was held in Columbus. The competition was stiff among the "top ten" because they all worked hard for the 99s and on their ratings. Marcia Greenham was the award winner and we all congratulate her. The 49½ award went to Charles "Doc" Thomas and deservedly so because Doc has been to just about all of our meetings and functions lending us his support and helping any way he can.

Marilynn Miller was guest speaker at Rockwell International, Columbus Plant, Aviation Club meeting, and says they were very interested in hearing about the 99s and our activites. Judy Alcombrack has completed and received her 135 charter certificate for her company airplane, Physician Leasing Company.

We extend a welcome to the following new members: Francis Miller, Marie Allen, Patti Wolfe, Nancy Rhodes, and two transfers from Lake Erie, Pat Collier and Caroline Luhta.



Virginia and Charles "Doc" Thomas—Doc was the winner of the 49 ½ award for 1975 (All-Ohio)



Marcia Greenham — winner of 1975 Achievement Award (All-Ohio Chapter)

## CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER Ruth Teel, Reporter

"October's Bright Blue Weather"—a borrowed phrase, but certainly appropriate for the October 4 meeting of Central Illinois 99s at Marshall County Airport, Lacon, Illinois. Those arriving by air were challenged to a spot landing, won by Kathleen Wood in her twin Cessna.

Fourteen members, three guests and five 49½ ers made up the attendance list.

A successful airmarking of the new Edgar County Airport at Paris, Illinois was accomplished on September 24. The industrious crew consisted of: Jean West, Deed Holcomb, Joan Boyd, Lila Flint, Jean McLaughlin, Theo Sommer, Libby Kaiser, Betty Huffman and Barbara Jenison. Barb and Betty were on home base and provided nourishment for the workers.

Kathleen Wood has made several flights to Pensacola, Florida.

Bard Brusseau, Mary Waters, Jean and Bob West, Deed and Max Holcomb and Barbara Jenison attended the North Central Section meeting at St. Louis.

Theo Sommer attended the AOPA Plantation Party as did Dave and Lila Flint. Dave and Lila included several days in Baja, California in their last trip. Their plans also include the Navion Fly-In at Lincoln, Nebraska, as well as flying to Peli Island, Canada for some pheasant hunting.

Joan and John Boyd flew their 182 with new windshield to a high school class reunion in Wisconsin after the Lacon meeting.

Jean McLaughlin is still making 99s— She soloed two more gals just recently.

## CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER Barb Silagi, Reporter

Marion Servos and 49½ Jery flew with their children, Alan and Susan, to the International Convention to their Colorado River "Shooting the Rapids" trip.

Ruth and Bob Frantz also flew their Cherokee 140 to the Convention, all the way to Idaho and back with no weather stops.

Barb Silagi flew down to Ft. Chaffee, Ark., where she picked up a Vietnamese couple she is sponsoring. Altho' the trip was very IFR with 45 minutes holding at Chicago, they love flying and quickly taught her their word My-Ty (airplane). Bard in return has already had him to an airmarking.

Thanks to R & D Aviation which donated flying lessons to 4 lucky ladies who were the winners in a free drawing sponsored by our chapter at the 2 day EAA Air Show held at Lewis-Lockport Airport, Sept. 5-6. Polly Gilkison and Judy Herrick worked the show. Congratulations to Toni Zag of R & D who has a new private license.

Acting as advisor for the Lewis University Flying Team, Polly Gilkison and 49½ John flew a Cessna 150 to the Region 8, NIFA Air Meet at Smyrna, Tenn. Oct. 10-12. John helped in judging the pre-flight competition.

The last two Mary Shumway Scholarship winners have made it! Sandy Klock earned an Instruments rating to add to her CFI-A on October 19th and Barb Silagi added an Instrument Instructor rating on October 2nd the hard way, in that Twin Comanche.

## GREATER DETROIT AREA CHAPTER Mearl Frame, Reporter

The Greater Detroit Area Chapter met on Thursday, October 16 at the "Brew & Kangaroo" restaurant in Dearborn for their meeting. The guest speaker for the evening was Professor Bob Lyjak, Mathematics and computer science professor, University of Michigan, Dearborn Campus. He is a most interesting speaker and the dinner and program was enjoyed.

We have two new members in our chapter...Jean Paige and Joanne Marsden. Welcome aboard ladies, we are happy to have you with us. Joanne Marsden went to the section meeting in St. Louis with us.

Our chapter chairman, Joyce Odom will be entering the hospital for surgery the end of this month. We hope that she will be back with us very soon as good as new.

Joan Woodruff and Dorothy Butler sold 50-50 raffle tickets at the Monroe Dawn Patrol in September earning some money for our chapter treasury.

## GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER Sherry Quinland, Reporter

K.C. girls had a double reason for enjoying the North Cen. Sect. in St. Louis last month. Our own Bobbie Miller was re-

elected Vice-Gov. & we won the attendance trophy. This makes it a clean sweep for the yr., having also won last spg. at Lodge of the Four Seasons. The silver bowl has been presented to our chapt. to keep on permanent display & a new bowl was donated to the Sect. by Sheldon & Ruth Stafford. It will be known as the Stafford Logbook Traveling Trophy.

Another new member joined our chapt, at the Sept. mtg. which was held at the Rodeway Inn. A warm welcome to Karin Butler & to Jeanne Willerth who has transf. into the chapt, from Central Mo.

Flying Activities chairman, Pauline Clendening, & Public Relations chairman. B.J. Hoff, were singing rain -rain go away! in Sept. but to no avail. Fly-outs are a month behind now with the first one finally getting off the ground in Oct. Since the Bicentennial Year is just around the corner, Pauline & B.J. have plans for us to fly to surrounding State capitols & other cities rich in historical lore. The Sept. trip to Little Rock, Ark, will be re-scheduled. Those making the flt. to Spg. III. besides Pauline & B.J. were Jean Wilson, Kathy Zimmerman, Burt & Virginia Pacey, Babs Tooley, & B.J.'s son, Dennis. They toured the Capitol Bldg., Gov's Mansion, & visited one of Lincoln's former residences. An extremely interesting as well as educational event.

## INDIANA CHAPTER Mary Boldra, Reporter

September found Indiana Chapter at Anderson for the FAIR Ladies Race. Our meeting was held on Sunday as a conclusion to the weekend of racing. Our past Chairman, Anne Black, won the Rookie Award, with the first place going to Sophie Payton from Clearwater, Florida. Sophie also came the greatest distance.

New officers were installed by Lois Feigenbaum, National Vice President in a lovely ceremony prepared by Cullie Holst. New officers are: Chairman, Ruth Ruggles; Treasurer, Barbara Jennings; Vice Chairman, Barbara Simmons; Corresponding Secretary, Judy Graham; Recording Secretary, Sue Bathauer.



Seated: Left to Right Judy Graham, Corresponding Secretary; Sue Bathauer, Recording Secretary; Standing Left to Right: Barbara Jennings, Treasurer; Lois Feigenbaum, National Vice President; Anne Black, Past Chairman; Ruth Ruggles, Chairman; Barbara Simmons, Vice Chairman; In the center of the picture is a rug hooked by Culiie Holst in shades of blue and white.

New Instrument ratings were announced: Lois Hawley, Claudette Parker, Ruth Ruggles, Lilly Daneck and Esther Wyandt.

October found us in Winchester painting stripe and numbers on their runway for a money-making project.

The October meeting was held in Kendalville with nearly IFR conditions.

## LAKE MICHIGAN CHAPTER Mary Gardanier, Reporter

September news didn't appear in the news letter, so will combine with October. Since last news your reporter, Evelyn Borst and husband Larry have retired (?) to Lake Havasu City, Arizona. New Horizons—Our corageous Marian Newman died on August 12 after a lengthy illness. We'll miss her bubbly enthusiam. Myran Stephens flew to professional meetings in Kansas City and Minneapolis, Minnesota. She and her husband attended "The Flying Physicians" meeting at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Ruth Eiseman and family vacationed in California, Hawaii and Alaska this summer. While in Alaska visited 99 Ruth Kersten.

We enjoyed seeing everyone who reached the AWTAR terminus in Boyne Mountain, Michigan.

Our S.M.A.L.L. Race is over and the best pilot, Julie Clarke, was the winner.

Maisie Strears, hubby and sons are "skylaneing" to Disney World in Florida, November 3 & 4.

You'll find Mary Creason full time at her "Ottawa Air" operation in Muskegon, Mich.

All three Michigan chapters will combine for a Christmas party at Eloise Smith's at Austin Lake. Eloise is presently vacationing in Switzerland and Austria.

## MICHIGAN CHAPTER Carol Bobb, Reporter

The beautiful October colors of Michigan proved no disappointment to our guests from eight states and Canada that entered the 19th Annual Michigan SMALL Race, October 3, 4, and 5, held at Owosso City Airport, Owosso, Michigan. It was such a fun and exciting proficiency race with the first place going to Julie Clarke and husband Harold of East Detroit, flying a Cessna 172. Julie was a previous winner in 1969. Other winners were, 2nd place, Dottie Anderson from Ohio in a Piper Arrow: 3rd place, Sammy McKay and daughter-in-law Geri from Michigan in a Cessna 210; 4th place, Carol Bobb and Les Weaver from Michigan in a Cherokee 180; and 5th place, Helen Barter and Simone Breukel from Ontario, Canada in a Cessna 172. The sale of imprinted T-shirts and Sweatshirts with "Michigan SMALL Race" was a successful fund raising item at the race.

From Experimental Aircraft to the FAA our booth was one of approximately forty set up October 23, 24, and 25 for "The Aerial World of Stan Bandrankee" at the Macomb Mall in East Detroit promoting aviation. Thanks to Jan Olsen we distributed 1,000 pieces of literature to interested persons, have 8 new prospective

members and answered many questions the general public had regarding women in aviation. Those taking part were Elna Blass, Carol Bobb, Lynn Dahel, Winne DuPerow, Leah Higgins, Elsie Karasinski, Sammy McKay, Bertha McMenemy, Claire Ojala, prospective member, Grace Shear; Esther Stellwagon, Helen Wetherill and Lillian Snyder.



Inspector, Mary Clark (L) watches as fuel tank is topped off in June Pailthorpe's Cessna 150 at Michigan SMALL Race.



(L to R) Esther Stellwagon, Bertha McMenemy and Helen Wetherill with prospective member Grace Shear at Michigan Chapter booth at Macomb Mall in East Detroit.

#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER Clara Johansen, Reporter

Mn Chapt 99s were judges, scorekeepers and timers at the Region V NIFA meet at St. Cloud. Rita Orr and daughter Cindy, Madeline Niosi and Peggy Johnstone flew there on Friday and worked both days. On Sat. Maxine Pfeifer (and a planeload of prospectives from Duluth), Margie Hewitt, Jan Nielsen, and Kay Nagel helped.

To date, 15 of our chapter members have made flights for the Red Cross Blood airlift. Our members feel helping at meets and airlifting blood are very exciting service projects.

#### QUAD-CITY CHAPTER Gina Millar, Reporter

Von Alter has started her term in office as chairman of the Quad-City Chapter.

Fern and John Rathe flew to San Francisco recently for a brief vacation. They took the southern route home and witnessed a spectacular sunset over the Grand Canyon.

Gigi Katz and her husband spent a long weekend in Woodruff, Wisconsin. Gigi said it took her two hours to fly up in their plane and three hours to return.

Jan Gresham our Quad-City air traffic controller has been checked out on radar. Karen Davidson has recently earned her private pilot ticket.

Judy Hodges, Von Alter and Neil Pobanz attended the Illinois Race Board Meeting in Rockford on 12 October. Judy is chairman for the Illini-Nines Derby which will take place May 28, 29 and 30, 1976. She will be ably assisted by Mary Waters, Mary Krautkramer, Norma Freier, Mary Panczyszyn, Von Alter, Marion Jayne Charlene Falkenberg, Marge Hughes, Gail Wenk and Barb Silagi.

Gina and Gordon Millar flew their twin Aztec to Waterloo, lowa to attend a dinner dance. Weather was CAVU all the way there and back.

Von and Charlie Alter flew their plane to the Purdue-Illinois game in Champaign. Von got in some IFR practice on the way back and had her first ice encounter of the season.

Our November meeting will be a flying scavenger hunt to be arranged by Carolyn Pobanz. Happy flying to all.

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER Louise Yeazel, Reporter

She's done it! Dorothy (Carrot Top) Aiksnoras finished building her Acro Sport and it flies beautifully. Milwaukee newspapers and television carried the story of the red-haired girl mechanic who built her own plane after hours at the EAA Air Museum at Hales Corners where she is employed rebuilding and restoring antique aircraft. Carrot top is a C.F.I. and an enthusiastic member of the International Aerobatic Club and Aerobatic Club of America, but her first love is building aircraft. She has been supervisor of the dope and fabric tent and chairman of the welding shop at EAA Conventions in Oshkosh and mechanic for top aerobatic pilot Leo Loudenslager.

The subject of a recent feature article in the Madison Capital Times by Betty Willmore didn't fly very well at all. Betty's story about Henrietta, a smart, sassy pet chicken caused a lot of chuckles in the Madison area. Betty is employed by a public relations firm and has had a number of her free lance articles published recently. She has been invited to join the Madison Press Club.

Pat Back is a cover girl now. Her picture will appear on the front cover of **Skyways North**, a northern Wisconsin tourist magazine. This next issue will also contain an article on the Wisconsin-Minnesota joint 99 outing at Phillips.

Our October meeting was a luncheon at Austin-Straubel Field at Green Bay and a tour of the flight service station arranged by hostess Diane Harris. Chairman Pat Weir presided over the business meeting at which it was decided to assess chapter dues of \$5.00

The speaker at the November meeting at Middleton will be Robert Niemann, a World War I Luftwaffe pilot who is just as thrilled about flying now as he was as a boy watching hawks circling over his 1000-year-old home village in the Hartz Mts. of Germany before the Wright brothers flew.



World War I Luftwaffe Pilot R. Niemann talks to Wis. 99s.

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## ALAMEDA COUNTY CHAPTER Frances Gibson, Reporter

First fly-in in November will be to The Shore Bird just across the fence from Half Moon Bay Airport. Margaret Alderman flew with 49½ Bill through passes in Colorado at 13,900 to Jackson Hole, back across Idaho and Nevada in their Bellanca.

Debra Plymate flew to Portland, Oregon and stopped in at her fly-in cabin at Wakona Beach on the way back. She's excited about soaring these days and has had two lessons at Calistoga.

Karen Powell, Margaret Alderman, Jaunda Bigelow, Dianne Weeden, and Brande True all flew to the fall sectional. Jaunda and Ruth Magill and 49½ Joe Magill flew to International and made a forced landing on a duster's strip because of weather.

The chapter had a fly-in to Los Banos with 14 turning out. Dianne Weeden is studying for her A & P at the College of Alameda. She gets to classes on a borrowed motorcycle. She made two parachute jumps in August.

Jaunda flew to Santa Barbara Oct. 11 for the California Aviation Council meeting. Karen Powell enjoyed a flight to Fall River Mills. Jean Stroobant, Jaunda, and Joan Enos all flew in the Mini-Derby.

Frances Gibson and 49½ H. M. ((Gibby) enjoyed the California Aviation Educators Conference at Lake Tahoe October 25 and 26. The VOR and tower were out of service Sunday and people were bussing out for commercial flights from Reno and Sacramento.

#### ALOHA CHAPTER Pat Davis, Reporter

Important news is that Sally Hall, our Chairman, has had to resign with regrets. She promises not to desert us completely, and fortunately **Sue Angell Young** is ready, willing, and exceptionally able to step in and carry on.

We are in the midst of setting up an "ongoing" money-raising project; our chairman sent letters to all of the other chairmen with a flyer showing the Hawaii posters that we are selling. They are, of course, much more beautiful in the large size, but if you want to get an idea for a small gift for someone, check with your Chapter Chairman.

At our October meeting, we had five prospective members. We plan to combine our Christmas party—which is a pot-luck dinner—with an attempt to contact every single woman who is flying in the Islands. We were shocked to learn that there are 89 women student pilots on Oahu and we know of only about 8 or 10! If you have had this situation and have come up with a real good solution, we'd like to hear it. Pat Coates, our Membership Chairman, wants to hear from anyone with ideas.

Lindy Boyes, who is a member of the Silver Wings Pilots' Association has been elected to the national Board of Governors, and needless to say we are quite proud of her

On the social side, several of our 99s who are active with the General Aviation Council of Hawaii spent three days in Hana, Maui on a fly-in. Particularly great to get together with everyone else for hangar flying, but this time we also included a trip to the church at Kipahulu where Colonel Lindbergh is buried. Betty Skold was Chairman of the fly-in and was assisted by Pat Davis.

### BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER Pat Church, Reporter

The Fall sectional was a huge success with 99s, many with 49½s in tow, appeared from all over the Southwest Section. Our congratulations to Florence Moody and Achsa Donnells for holding forth through a couple of last-minute schedule changes and organizational traumas. Our guest speaker at the banquet was Dr. Ted Erb, a man whose flying experiences have covered the globe, and whose presentation was most interesting and entertaining. His talk centered on the idea of our small world—particularly from the pilot's viewpoint!

Airmarking seems to be our "big thing" this fall. We have recently decorated the runways at Meadows Field in Bakersfield, and a new private strip at Blackwell's Corners owned by Blackwell Land Company. Special thanks on that activity go to Albina "Butch" Ayars and her 49½, Bill, who set the markings for us to follow. Coming up this month are also Bakersfield Airpark and Shafter's Minter Field. Another activity this month was providing a checkpoint and timers for the Pacific Air Race.

Our Chairman, Maxine Turner, very appropriately turned over her first student for a private pilot checkride on the first day of the sectional. Yes, the student passed. Albina Ayars qualified herself for flying her new Seneca by receiving her mulit-engine rating.

This month we had a luncheon fly-in to Furnace Creek in Death Valley on Sunday, November 2. Coming up are holiday season get-togethers including new and prospective members.

#### BAY CITIES CHAPTER Vivian Harshbarger, Reporter

Jean Tinsley doesn't report in too often,

but when she does WOW! "Entered the commanche in a cruise, and proficiency contest 9-20. Beat a 310, which has won the past five years. Took first place over 200 HP, overall and team. Off 1-10 gallon, and 6 seconds ETE. Every question right on 256 mile course." Astra Johnson, our new secretary, isn't sure the 99s really want her. Last year, her first, she rushed to take her Private check ride. Then several of us personally transported her application. for the proper signatures to assure her listing in the roster, which did not materialize. This year, she took no chances. Money and renewal in early-but still no listing. Not only that she lost her

Marge Carmine, flying her Cherokee 180, with Gail Wagg as co-pilot, met Joyce Wells in Santa Barbara on DRF deliveries, then lunch with Joan Steinberger. Happy news from Maureen Carter. She's due back around Christmas.

New Chairman, Rose Sharp presided at our last meeting, which was a farewell to Kathy Walton. Husband, Rich has been assigned to the tower at Kauai. If you are flying in the area, slip in a quick "FT(Friar Tuck)?" They would love to see you.

The 9-19 Safety Seminar at Gnoss Field, Marin County was a huge success. The next Bay Cities Seminar, in conjunction with Sierra Academy, will be 12-5 at the Oakland Airport Hilton.

The eight BAY AREA CHAPTERS are having a rummage sale 3-5, 6, 7 for Convention '77 expenses. At Fall Sectional we had an offer of help from the Fresno Chapter, so we've decided to promote a RRF (Rummage Relief Fund). Thought maybe you could fly-in rummage, and we can work out someway for you to fly-out drugs for DRF.

## EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER Cay Hatch, Reporter

The PAR is over for this year and a safe and fun time was had by all. This reporter was a first-timer and looking forward to next year!

The new looks at Gillespie Field include run way lights being installed on the north-south runways, a new ILS is installed, taxi ways have been designated we're just like big town now.

Boo Bergman is recovering from her surgery—hope she will be back flying soon. Dottie Ledbetter flew to Phoenix for a dentist's appointment (sounds like a fun time), then on to Lake Tahoe with family. She's keeping up with air time—taking a group of fellow teachers to Palm Springs for lunch.

El Cajon Chapter held an ILS fly-in to celebrate the new service. Refreshments were supplied and a drawing held for a week-end in Big Bear. Drawing was won by ole lucky Claude Wharton.

Our new pilot and new member, Connie Davis, winged it to Palm Springs for lunch. Another new member is Lillie Martin. Our Chairman, Helen McGee visited June O'Neill at the Grand Canyon and took in a helicopter ride. Helen has just made her commercial rating.

What to you do with your old copies of the 99 News? On several occasions I have donated mine to my doctor's office. Some of the stuff they have in the reading selection went out with the Model T. There may be others who would like to read about us and even become interested in flying. Keep it in mind the next time you have to sit for a boring hour or so.

FRESNO CHAPTER
Gwen Blomgren, Reporter

Our pinchhitter course went over well in October. The ground school classes were taught by 99s, Carol Bugay, Voline Raiche, Dixie Haper, and Lois Beeler. On October 26, we had a graduation banquet and ceremony for the students and their families. Our friendly FAA Accident Prevention Specialist, Jack Patrick, spoke at the graduation ceremony, and Walter Martin, our Mr. 99, demonstrated via a skit the advantages of having a pinchhitter flying with you. According to the skit if a pilot through poor planning inadvertantly finds himself in a restricted area over an Air Force Base, it is a good time for the pinchhitter to call in with a "sick" pilot! Each graduating student was presented with a certificate and a Snoopy 'Keep 'em flying' pin.

Two of our members came back smiling from the Pacific Air Race. Pilot Theola Nutt and co-pilot Kathie McNamara were 19 miles an hour ahead of their handicap, and finished 9th in a field of 80.

We helped with the PCIFA meet again. We helped judge last year when the college kids did their thing, and had a really fun time. The meet this year was at Palomar near San Diego, November 8-10.

FULLERTON CHAPTER
Darlene Brundage, Reporter

Sunday, October 26...Can you believe—CAVU—real CAVU at Fullerton for our 3 cents-a-Pound! We had to give in to waiting people and start early.

Two beautiful parachutes, borrowed from Skylark Aviation at Elsinore, multicolored beach umbrellas, pastel balloons and loads of smiling people gave the flavor

of a County Fair.

14.7 tons of happy kids of all ages were flown by Avery Grey, Howard Grey, Mary Olsten, Esther Grupenhagen, Max Grupenhagen, Sylvia Paoli, Ron Stoh, Bill Griggs, Bill Resner and John Timpte. They did their number up in Super Sky, trying to maintain relationships with the guys in the tower (who were great), work their way through all the Cowboy and Indian games suddenly lossened on a day like this in the L.A. basin, and talk a little to the nice paying passengers. It was a madhouse up there, especially over Disneyland, but they all came down each time grinning from ear to ear and dying to exchange stories.

Nine planes, donated by the above, AFI at Fullerton, Glen Brown and Bob Pellisier, lit just barely long enough to pick up a new load or refuel, while groundcrew, led by Mary Dyer, and consisting of Judy Stoh, Marita Gladson, Darlene Brundage, and potential members, Evelyn Craik and Reba Thompson, weighed, escorted, and ran general interference downstairs.

The City of Fullerton added some drama to the scene by having two firetrucks on hand...they didn't have to do a thing but sit around looking pretty and red.

A plus we'd like to share: the local paper ran two articles about our 3 cents-a-Pound during the weeks preceding. One was a picture with a meaningful caption. We gave the photographer a free ride (the reporter has been up with us). That picture really brought 'em in. We sold punch to the crowd. AND—we sold aviation!...and ladies who fly planes.

GOLDEN WEST CHAPTER Bea Howell, Reporter

THE MINI DERBY, a cruise and proficiency race sponsored by our Chapter every June is again in its planning stages for 1976. We had a good turn-out this year and look forward to having more of you join us in '76. This is one of the few 99 events that allows men to enter either as teams or as a husband-wife combination. This years 1st was won by a man. We need YOU to enter in '76 and give them a run for their money!!!

Montgomery Field, San Diego (CA.) was the destination for Golden West Ninety-Nines Chairperson Kathi Wentworth and Immediate Past Chairperson Rae Gilmore. Flying to San in Rae's Commanche 260, they attended the AOPA (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assoc.) Plantation Party Convention. Having time to tour the manufacturer's exhibits, they also participated in discussions with aircraft and avionics manufactuers; and AOPA's lobbyist in Washington (D.C.) Michael Monroe. Monroe told of much legislation in Washington affecting general aviation pilots. Kathi, who has been instrumental in fighting a proposed shopping center that would affect San Carlos Airport, queried Monroe and AOPA Vice President Max Karant about obtaining names and addresses of local AOPA members who would not be adverse in assisting the preservation of general aviation airports. Other AOPA'ers in the audience suggested that a coupon in their magazine "Pilot" would allow members an opportunity to submit their names to be available, on



Rae Gilmore, past chairman, Golden West Chapter and Kathi Wentword, Chairman.

request, to assist in local airport fights. Kathi and Rae urge 99s who are AOPA members to convey their support of this idea to AOPA Vice President, Karant.

Carolyn Zapata and Bea Howell participated in the Pacific Air Race and had a 49 painted on the tail of their aircraft. This naturally led Bea's husband, Jim to paint a 49½ on the tail of his plane to join them at the terminus in Santa Rosa. Our thanks to El Cajon Valley, San Diego Chapter and Santa Rosa Chapter for their hospitality on our trip.

Carolyn is also a member of the Civil Air Patrol and just this month found a plane that had gone down in adverse weather.

> HI-DESERT CHAPTER Yvonne Koepke, Reporter

Five of our members attended the Southwest Sectional in Bakersfield, California the week-end of September 27 which gives us a 50 per cent participation. A good time was reported by all, in spite of the fact that Yvonne Koepke had her first forced landing due to a malfunction of the oil separator in their Navion. Fortunately, just over the cowling to the right appeared beautiful Fox Field and no emergency had to be declared.

Our October meeting was held in the FSS building at Fox Field in Lancaster and we had five pilots and one student pilot from that area present. They are all planning to come to our November meeting here in Apple Valley, when we will be having guests with us from the Long Beach Chapter. It will be an exciting meeting!

We were so happy to meet 99 Lt. Stephanie Wells, another first-comer to our meeting, who has recently been transferred to George Air Force Base. She is from the mid-west and we are hoping she will transfer to our Chapter.

We regret to report that Mary Lue and Dick Garrison's Cessna 210 was destroyed on take-off from Riverside Airport on October 26. The Garrison's partner in ownership was piloting and had taken friends to dinner at the Red Baron restaurant. Both couples were killed leaving six children without parents. The cause has not been determined as yet.

Our New Reporter, Bertha Ryan, has been so involved in flying sailplanes and participating in related events that this chairman is pinch-hitting for her this month.

If any of you saw the tow plane sequence on "Million Dollar Man" this past month, the tow plane pilot was our own Jeanie McAdams out at California City.

INLAND CALIFORNIA AREA CHAPTER
Lynne Greer, Reporter

Our chapter had it's first fly-in Tuesday evening, October 28, the Apple Valley Airport. We then went in to Apple Valley Inn for a lovely dinner. There were 21 people in attendance including members, 49½ ers and guests. Being so wrapped up in PPD we have never had a chance for some fun things like this so it was a real treat.

Everyone was glad to see Kay Pellegrine at Apple Valley as she has been on the "sick" list for several months. Kay is now

well and flying again.

The Greers had the privilege of flying to George Air Force Base on October 25 where they had a general aviation fly-in. The purpose of the events was to educate those in general aviation on the facts and need for the military's low, fast terrain flying. It was indeed informative and gave us a new respect for the military flying activities. The base was open entirely to us for inspection and several demonstrations presented as well as films on hyperventilation, hypoxia, disorientation, etc. The general aviation turn-out of 500 persons was far beyond the base's expectations. The funniest part of the entire day was being a part of the swarm of aircraft landing at George and hearing the controller's voice pitched about two octaves above normal in shear panic-bet they have a new respect for their counterparts in the private sector!

Our chapter is proud of Millie Langwell, our Chairman, who is the proud holder of an Instrument rating. Tooke Hensley represented us well in the PAR by coming in 29th; Millie Langwell with Alberta Brown as co-pilot were in the race too.

## LAKE TAHOE CHAPTER Doris M. Totans, Reporter

The fly-in and Charter Dinner sponsored by Lake Tahoe Chapter Ninety-Nines turned into a fly-drive due to bad weather moving into the Tahoe-Reno area earlier than forecast on Saturday October 25th. In spite of the low clouds and rain obscuring the area. Ninety-Nines from six Southwest Section Chapters arrived by midafternoon. All fly-ins were planning on landing at Truckee-Tahoe Airport with Reno as an alternate. Most finding it impossible to get closer than 40 miles to either airport elected to land at Sacramento, rent a car, and drive. Lake Tahoe Chapter is the 47th to be chartered in the Southwest Section of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., which is the largest of all the sections with 1200 members.

If you fly in to Truckee Tahoe Airport call Bonnie Seymour who runs the Thrifty Car Rental with her  $49\frac{1}{2}$  Milt, or Barbara Davis, who with her  $49\frac{1}{2}$  Dick are the operators of the Villa Vista Resort.

Those who came in Friday or very early Saturday were able to land before the fast-moving storm reached the Tahoe area. A few who knew the area well were able to make it to the Truckee airport. As one who made it expressed it, "The weather was in and out all afternoon and when it was out, we came in."

Saturday evening the forty-plus 99s and 49½s gathered at the Carnelian House overlooking stormy Lake Tahoe where white caps were breaking on the shore. Representatives from Santa Clara Valley, San Diego, Palomar, San Fernando Valley, Golden West and Reno Area Chapters joined the members of our newest chapter for the charter presentation ceremonies, conducted by Section Governor Marion

Barnick. As Marion read off the names of the charter members, Bonnie Seymour, chapter chairman, told a little bit about each of them. Some were new 99 members, several were newly licensed pilots. And about a third were transfers from the Reno Area Chapter. Bonnie is a former member of the San Fernando Valley Chapter.

Following the charter presentation, Del Hass, of the Reno Area Chapter, installed the officers: Bonnie Seymour, Chairman; Kay Schlinkman, Vice-Chairman; May Haskell, Secretary; and Marilyn Andrews, Treasurer. The remaining charter members are: Tincia Arrel, Lois Brown, Pamela Brown, Barbara Davis, Helen Foeger, Julie Hofmann, Marilyn Van Sant, Shirley Weise, Sharon Wofford.

#### LONG BEACH CHAPTER Jean McConnell, Reporter

Back to normal routine after a beautiful Pacific Air Race. The weather cooperated to assure an educational as well as fun race for us. Long Beach Chapter was well represented with seven teams. Wally Funk and Judy Campbell-Broom, flying a Citabria 7KCAB took first place while Juanita Thompson and Pat Thorpe finished in the top ten, taking a trophy for 6th place.

Fran Bera and Katie Whethered placed second in the Henry Ohje Speed Race October 18th flying a Bonanza.

After the PAR, the Santa Rosa DRF Committee was busy loading up south-bound planes with medical supplies for Santa Barbara. The weather, however, did not exactly cooperate, keeping Santa Barbara below VFR minimums for most of the following day! Several teams of south-bound racers stoped at Monterey overnight and attended a barbeque at Gene Fitz-patrick's family ranch south of Carmel.

Colene Giglio, National Flight Instructor of the Year Award Winner and Wally Funk, along with Ruth Dennis from FSS were selected to appear on national television in October as representative of women in aviation.

Preparations are already underway for the annual Flight Instructor Revalidation Clinic. With more pilots and Certified Flight Instructors attending each year, Clinic Chairman Susan Greenwald is hard pressed to get through Labor Day before starting work on the "Clinic."

Several members attended the successful Sectional at Bakersfield.

## LOS ANGELES CHAPTER Judy Campbell, Reporter

At their October meeting, the Los Angeles Chapter firmed up all the details for the Santa Monica Airport "Oktoberfest" activities, (October 25-26). The weekend marked the Airport's contribution to the City's Centennial year. Among the many attractions offered to the public, the LA 99s turned out in force to sponsor air rides. Rachel Bonzon and Lynne Opper organized the pilots and ground crew for rides which were a most successful part of the airport's celebration—over 500 rides were given over the two day period.

In the Pacific Air Race (October 4) from Gillespie Field to Santa Rosa, California, the LA Chapter had 17 participants represented by 11 teams. Wally Funk (Long Beach Chapter) and Judy Campbell-Broom came home with first place trophy, and Ann D'Armand and Jeanne Rumm placed 10th over a record number of over 70 entries—making this the second largest all women air race in America.

After the PAR, Norma Futterman, Virginia Showers, Jean Pyatt and Marilyn Twitchell joined other 99s for a barbecue and overnight stay at the Big Sur ranch of Gene Fitzpatrick. The LA girls also took DRF supplies to Santa Barbara on the return trip.

The LA Chapter was well represented at the recent Section meeting in Bakersfield, where, with a few minor additions and changes, the Section By-Laws were approved.

## MT. DIABLO CHAPTER Fran Milford, Reporter

We had four entries in the P.A.R. this year and are proud to say that one entry placed Third. Pilot, Co-Pilot team was Julie Dryer and Lorraine Hoag—Congratulations girls on a fine race.

Also in October we had an FAA Safety Seminar which was co-sponsored by three of our local FBOs. It was held at the Sheraton Inn and there was a tremendous turnout of both drive-ins and fly-ins.

We have our Christmas Brunch scheduled for December 21st, a Sunday to be held at the Sheraton Inn. Anyone interested in attending our get together for Christmas along with their 49½ er or guest please contact Fran Milford (listed in the roster).

## ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER Sharron A. Temps, Reporter

This past month we had a good representation present at the Bakersfield Sectional.

We were happy to collect a few trophies at sectional, taking home first place for greatest number of APT Pilots in a large chapter, and second place for Air-Marking. We enjoyed the outdoor activity so much, and have hopes for first place in this category next year. Those attending sectional were Margo Smith, Maryanne Jamison, Betty Carrier, Betty Marshall, Ursula Tracy, Betty Ackerman, Ginny Flanary, Barbara Ward, Maggie Burch, Noreen Kilborn, and Happy Van Oder. We were also proud to be able to donate \$1,000 to the new 99 Headquarters in Oklahoma for the purpose of landscaping. Thon Griffith was our representative at the ceremonies November 1-2.

This reporter has been enjoying the lovely scenery of Lake Elsinore, and our unseasonably warm late Autumn weather has triggered some thermals that provided lift for many sailplanes. I rode a thermal to nearly 7,000 feet in a rented sailplane. We have planned for the next few months to visit Kern Valley, Catalina Island, Rancho California, and Bermuda Dunes. These are all very beautiful trips, and not too far

away from home, so we should have a successful flying and picknicing winter.

PALOMAR CHAPTER Gertrude Lockwood, Reporter

Ruth and Marvin Dilg are beaming! As a Christmas gift (December 24) in 1969 they both earned the Private licenses, on September 24, 1975 Tig Pennock put each one through the paces, as the other rode passenger, to earn that IRF rating. Congratulations!

We finally caught up with Ruth Kneifel, who has been commuting in the Cessna 182 between their hide-away on Hornby Island, B.C., Stateline, Nev. and an occassional visit to Fallbrook. She reports that her once broken leg has healed and she'll be able to ski again this winter.

Harriet Booth and Mary Pearson captured the No. 5 spot in the PAR, and Ethel Robinson, as pilot, with Ginny Boylls were awarded the 'best lowtime score' in Ethel's "Arrow."

Pam Vander Linden is sporting a brand new "Viking". Not avocado green this time, but definitely a 'Snoopy' in the window.

The September 19th Safety Seminar was well attended and Toni Torres was responsible for bringing Jan Sakert, former Marine Corps officer, who made a spendid Meteorology presentation; Fred Torres, who gave us hints for constant good maintainence; Medical facts were discussed with Robert Parker, Marine Corps Surgeon; Bob Griscom, our own FAA Accident Prevention Specialist completed the afternoon's work session.

Betty Kitchin had arranged to show the film "Stamp of Friendship" to the group, while being convened. She made good use of it the following day at her school. For a 'fee' of one used GOOD subject matter paper book, the children were admitted to a bit of history in the showing.

Several members of the chapter attended the dedication ceremonies in Oklahoma City.

The November meeting is planned as a Fly-in Brunch at Apple Valley and a Christmas party in December will round out the year's activities.

## PHOENIX CHAPTER Natasha Swigard, Reporter

Last month we installed new officers for the year—and to keep us on course once again is **Carol Borgerding**.

Our biggest event of the year—the Kachina Doll—Roadrunner Proficiency Air Races were held October 25th at Scottsdale Airport. We extend our thanks to airport manager Harold Lagasse, and asst tower chief Dean Skidmore for making things go so smoothly for the 42 entries. The WX was absolutely fantastic for both races. It was severe clear and 9900 wind conditions. Nancy Crase and Judi Gunter Carns won the Kachina Doll Race, and a pair from California—Robert King and Gerald Myers took home first place trophy in the Roadrunner Race.

We had a successful fly-in meeting at Francisco Grande with 11 planes (and 1 car) making the trip. There are more of

these planned. Makes going to a meeting lots more fun!

Dee Southard retired from the FAA after spending 23 years aiding pilots with WX and other important info. She now spends her time training and showing Shetland ponies. Betty Jo Smith has been taking aerobatic flying with Cliff Stereburg. She has about 15 hrs. now, and really loves it. Feels that it sharpens up her straight and level flying. Judi Gunter just recently married Bill Carns. Best wishes to them both. Pat and Clark Moreland spent 9 days traveling 226 miles down the Colorado. Flying is easier and drier! Donna Reaser and Barbara Herd came in 8th in the Kino Bay Air Race, and Betty Jo and Allen Smith came in 17th, Lona Atkinson, Pat Moreland and Judi Carns joined the ranks of the APT group.



This is part of the merry group that attended the brunch and fly-in meeting held at Francisco Grande: Mary Rogers, Don Patterson (with PPD shirts), Dick Mumey, Jane Patterson, Stacy Wachs, Sandy Anson, Peggy Mumey, Caroline Reibert and Pam Marley (Phoenix Chapter)



Cliff Swigard and John Nelson making their fly-by past Scottsdale tower at the end of the Roadrunner Race (Phoenix Chapter)

#### REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER Susan Lea, Reporter

Nina Rookaird flew solo in the PAR. As Tail end Antoinette, she is enjoying her prize of a coffee pot. A late start due to tire trouble meant a really solo race!

Susan Lea received her instrument rating October 13.

Erma Chance won a door prize at the Bakersfield Sectional—a free weekend for two at the Bioche Ranch in Nevada. She also ferryed a new Cessna 172 to Napa from Wichita. Weather beautiful, and 14.5 hrs flight time back to Napa.

Nina Rookaird and 49½ Dick spent October 24-26 at Tahoe Valley at the California Aerospace Educational Council and Aerospace Workshop Director's meeting. They helped with the

organization and registration. Three members of the new Lake Tahoe chapter were there helping with registration on Friday. Nina is the high school representative on CAEA board of directors.

Lynn Ahrens and a Mt. Diablo 99 flew to Gillespie, San Diego, in a T34 to attend a CAP practice mission. As trainees, they enjoyed the experience. Both logged their first 0.5 hr of multi-engine time (in a Twin Commanche) after experiencing oil leak problems with their own plane.

Lynn, our chairman, has been omitted from this year's director, so please note her name and address: Lynn Ahrens, 65 Canal Street, Apt. 15, San Rafael, CA 94901, Phone (415) 457-2543



Left to right (Redwood Empire Chapter) Pat Stouffer, Treasurer, Erma Chance, Secretary, Lynn Ahrens, Chairman, Fran Gauger, Vice Chairman.



Frances Gauger—Pilot of the Year Award (Redwood Empire Chapter)

#### SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER Connie Conolley, Reporter

Our membership drive paid off at our October meeting with 18 potential 99s in attendance! A pleasant surprise visit by our sectional governor, Marion Barnick with Verna West, and Willy Gardner from the Santa Clara Valley Chapter. Marion spoke on "How to get involved in section activities". New member, Nadell Said, a registered civil engineer working for the div. of Aeronautics on an Environmental Impact Study, was welcomed to the fold. Doris Loftsgaard was reinstated after five years absence.

A presentation on "Air Safety" was given by Dick Neilson of G.A.D.O. followed by a film on Winter Flying. Pat Sheehan, P.R. for the United Fund Drive, presented certificate awards for their help during this drive. A big thank you goes to the Monterey Chapt. for their donation of \$100 towards our P.P.D. start fund.

A soaking good time was had by those hard-working fund raisers at a plane-wash organized by Sandy Case. Barbara Goetz reports a nice profit, a good suntan and a thorough drenching from head to toe!

Audrey Germain and Barbara Goetz have been appointed to the "Sacramento Airport advisory committee" by the Board of Supervisors.

Horsebackriding, hiking, fishing for trout, dancing and excellent food was what 11 girls and their husbands experienced at the fly-in to the J. & H. Ranch in Scotts Valley.

Our busy 99, Lynn Abbott, who is also a charter member of the International Flying Nurses Association, was recently appointed their Historian. 49½er, Russ is also heavily involved in aviation. He not only owns a business called "Victor 6" selling Pilot supplies but he has organized a group of 50 young adults at the school where he teaches, in the interest of Aerospace Education. Lynn recently checked out in their Beech Sierra, flew with Russ to attend the A.O.P.A. Convention in San Diego exclaiming it as "Fantastic!"

The good habit of preflighting your plane before each and every flight paid off for Shirley Lehr. Someone had stolen her dip stick! Beware of those Gremlins!

#### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER Betty Wharton, Reporter

The 1975 Pacific Air Race is now history...it had it's good times and it's bad times, but we'll remember just the good ones...o.k.?

Congratulations to Wally Funk and Judy Campbell-Broom, who won first place. San Diego Chapter had four entries, Bea Wheeler and Diane Stocklin, Laura Little and Joanruth Baumann, Martha Mullen and Kitty Razook, and Eva McHenry, who chose to go solo this time. The El Cajon Valley, Bakersfield, San Joaquin and Santa Rosa Chapters, worked hard for all those who flew in the race! (the last I saw of Ray, the tower controller at BFL, he was headed for Crowley's Bar). Our chapter had a "first" at our Oct. meeting. Membership chairman Ruth Ebey pinned Elsie Watson's GRANDdaughter as a new 99. Her name is Debbie Powell. (MRY Chapter eat your heart out) Two additional new members this month are Harriett Smith, and Dottie Helm, who holds a Phi Beta Kappa Key...(now THAT'S class!)

Pat Osmon attended a C.A.P. Officer information conference on Oct. 18-19, at Travis AFB, and was given the "Gill Robb Wilson" award for meritorious service to the C.A.P. Senior program.



Some of the Start Committee Chairmen. PAR Joan Sierecki, Camilla Hutson, Lynn Briggs, Cay Hatch, Ruth Ebey. Front row, Leah Liersch, Evelyn Wing, Dottie Sanders, Dottie Koltz, and Laura Little.

On Oct. 19, 4 aircraft from San Diego and El Cajon Valley 99s christened the new localizer at Gillespie Field. It's a circling approach only, so don't let the altitudes scare you off! Refreshments were served afterward, and Claud Wharton won a weekend in Big Bear, in a cabin that sleeps twelve. (he says he's taking eleven 99s, and go while I'm in Oklahoma City for the dedication of the 99 Hdq. Bldg., and an AWTAR Board meeting). More about the divorce later!



Terminus chairman take it easy at the start. L. to R — Phyllis Cantrell, Rae Pass (PAR 63), Fran Johnson, Barbara Johnson (PAR 29).



PAR Official Starter Pat Hill at Gillespie Field (isn't he cute?) and the "flag" (Maggies drawers).

## SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER Donna Zwink, Reporter

Member Margie Robbins proudly received "Woman Pilot of the Year" Trophy at Sectional in BFL and our Chapter received the "Non Professional Pilot Award" which will be displayed at various FBOs. Eight members were able to attend Sectional, Doris Totans distributed copies of the Van Nuys Airborne publication and has requested all Chapters submit news items to her at 3916 Oak St., Apt. E, Burbank, Ca. 91505. Publishers plan to feature as many Chapters as possible in each edition in the Ninety-Nines Logbook column Doris is currently writing.

DRF supplies were flown to Santa Barbara for October Fly In combined with a picnic on the Beach with members of the Santa Barbara Chapter. Pamela Brands took student pilot, Diane Gellathy, Coralee Tucker took guests and Bev Woodward loaded her car and drove?

A weekend fly in is scheduled to Truckee Tahoe to join former member Bonnie Seymour and members of the New Tahoe Chapter on their Charter Night activities. Among the racers who departed San Diego in the Pacific Air Race, Audrey Schutte-Joan Sandeen (Beech) 18th, Margie Robbins-Cec Schulman (Piper) 19th, Marjorie Morong (Mooney) 26th, Donna

Zwink (first time racer) and Shirley Thom (C172) 28th, Lorrie Blech-Peggy Schaeffer (Rallye) 56th. A dip of our wings to all who made this race the biggest and best yet.

Doris Totans was selected Member of the Month, a new program the Board has decided to implement to bring attention to a member who is "buzzing around" for the 99s and general aviation, Doris is recognized for her efforts in publicity for our Chapter and all 99s.

A warm welcome to our guests, Susie Katz, L A Chapter, Fehra Davis and Diane Gellathy, student pilots and Joyce Neal from Lubbock, Texas who owns an elderly V tail Bonzana Model B.

Farewell to Rodg Rogers, moving to Morreland, Okla. first part of 1976 to open aircraft service and repair station. Libby Svenson and Audrey Schutte Sons are now private pilots and Lorrie Blech soloed her first student, her sister. Virginia Rainwater pinned new member Marjorie Gillen who owns a C180 and C150.



San Fernando Valley member Margie Robbins and 49 ½ Richard proudly showing off the "Woman Pilot of the Year" trophy received at Southwest Sectional Banquet in Bakersfield.



Chairman, Shirley Thom, beamed with pride accepting the Non Professional Pilot Trophy at Southwest Sectional, on behalf of the San Fernando Valley Chapter.

Vesta Malby presented valuable information on the sale of Burbank airport, closure of Whiteman field and restricted hours of operation at Van Nuys, Vesta stressed we must educate the public. Elizabeth Dinan will contact 99s in Bombay, India and celebrate her birthday in Bombay, Lorrie Blech "bumped" around Texas in a Bonanza, Pat Hallett flew to Montana, Lola Ricci flew to Seattle and Canada, Virginia Rainwater and Joan Hetzel attended Canadian Air Races and Sally Kinsey flew 50 hours solo cross country in her Cherokee, saw Viking launch at Cape Canaveral and flew entire Colorado River from Grand Junction to

Grand Canyon. Our members do get around!!!

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER Betty Skiles, Reporter

Cable Airport was the setting for the 3 cent a pound ride by the San Gabriel Chapter on Oct. 18th. Thanks to a lot of hard work by our 99s, and especially Helen Blanchard chairwoman of the event, we had a very good turnout. Antique Airairplanes. planes. experimental agricultural and rescue Helicopters were a few of the exhibits on display for the people who came in spite of the contrary weather. Thanks to Helen Blanchard and Kathy Woolsey and their husbands for the use of their planes and talents. We really had a great turnout of our own members for this event.

Our fly-in for this month was Monterey. Sad to report some of us were grounded due to bad weather, but the ones who made it reported that once they got there the weather was great.

Our racing gal Bev Mahoney entered the Pacific Air Race on Oct. 4th flying a Bonanza 36. She said she really had a great time and despite a few problems she came in 27th out of 80 participants.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER Barbara Glantz, Reporter

Jean Murray had our September meeting on her houseboat on the Delta in Stockton. She also had our October work meeting then the following day was in charge of our rummage sale. Jean worked on the PAR fly-by in Columbia and attended the S-W Fall Sectional. Jean also had the pleasure of flying her son, Doug, and his friend to Calistoga to take a glider ride.

Trixie Clayton was in charge of the refueling during the PAR fly-by in Columbia, she was well assisted by her 491/2 er Claud.

Helen McGee flew her son, Tim, to Logan, Utah, where he is a freshman at Utah State University. Helen then dropped off her husband, Harvey, in Salt Lake City where he flew commercially to Washington, D.C., then on to Russia to report on the Astronauts' good will tour. Helen attended the S-W Sectional and flew in the PAR placing second.

Rosie Hijos flew to the S-W Sectional taking along her Daughter, Diane and Bertie Hargis. Diane recently received her

Private Pilot rating.

Laverne Gudgel flew her A36 in the PAR, No. 6. She was first to fly-by in Columbia and Bakersfield. Then, first to arrive at the terminus in Santa Rosa.

Norma Draper was checked out in a Warrior. She also worked on the fly-by in Columbia for the PAR.

Barbara Glantz flew her young son, Danny, to Salinas for a visit with her cousin, Judy Dake, a Monterey 99. Barbara was appointed to serve on a newly formed Airport Advisory Committee in Madera. It is a five member board.

## SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CHAPTER Judi Gorham, Reporter

9 members and 1 guest arrived in 4 Governor and Vice Governor to Lake Tahoe airplanes and 2 cars at the King City to attend the dedication banquet. The

Airport to conduct our monthly meeting over lunch and then to tour the Meyers Tomato Packing Facility. Member in charge of the month's activities was Emily Cletsoway.

To generate interest and attendance, one member is assigned to each month and is responsible for whatever activities she wishes during her month.

Seen flying overhead was Lois Smith checking out in the new Cessna 175; Emily Cletsoway and husband on their way to the New England area to bicycle in the falling leaves; Criss Yecny and baby? going to the CFI Seminar in San Diego (that baby will have quite a log book when it is born) and several members doing air work on various ratings in progress.

#### SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER Beth Howar, Reporter

Representatives to the Coeur d'Alene Convention were Jan Edmond, Joan Steinberger, Karen Charest, Marian Fickett and Judy Roeser.

Members reported the Bakersfield Sectional was great fun.

Jan Edmond has just treated her family to a trip to Tucson in her beautiful new Cherokee 235.

Marian Fickett must take the prize for the longest trip this summer; she flew her two daughters to college in a Cessna 182. Her route included stops in Portland, Maine and Washington D.C.

Marilyn Weixel has added a Commercial to her fast-growing collection of ratings.

A lot of energy is going into helping persuade our city of the desirability of providing a new facility for our FSS so that it won't be forced to move elsewhere. Discussions, meeting with the mayor and the city council, and more planning are among our attempts to explain the value of saving FSS.

Evie Treen is coordinating our project of collecting and distributing periodicals to convalescent hospitals. Aviation magazines top the list of desire collectables.

Our last FAA safety seminar was a big success with over 200 people attending. We are making preparations for another one in October.

## SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER Pat Rowe, Reporter

Hey, what are you doing here...rolling out from a loop during an aerobatic contest Amelia Reid found herself looking at an Air Force C-5A. Amelia averted the turbulent near-miss but drew a penalty for "overtime" on her routine!

Jeanine and Pete Ceccio flew their 182 to Columbia to visit with Helen Murphy and enjoy a relaxing day.

Phyllis Pierce sponsored her 2nd annual aircoupe day. Participating in flying Phyllis's plane were Jackie Petty, Joan Enyeart, Marion Barnick, Nancy Rodgers, Willy Gardner and Evelyn Lundstrom.

Congratulations to the new Tahoe Chapter. Jackie Petty piloted Marion Barnick and Varna West, Southwest Governor and Vice Governor to Lake Tahoe to attend the dedication banguet. The

return trip was delayed a day due to a snow storm but the extra hours were just wonderful.

Adrienne Parker jetted to Boston for a weekend reunion and some Maine lobster! Sherry Andersons 10 day turbo 210 flight to Mexico turned out to be a "winner." The first stop was Puerto Vallarta with a side boat trip to Yalapa where Sherry became proficient in parachute riding by boat. On to Oaxaca for sightseeing and then to Belize British Honduras with perfect weather all the way. Four days were spent on San Pedro Island, B. H. filled with scuba diving and snorkeling. The return trip was to Acapulco and a blessed decision to stay an extra day before going on to Mazatlan. Mazatlan was hit on that day by a hurricane. Sherry said the planes at the airport were unbelieveably twisted with destruction. After a short stop there she returned by way of Culiacan and Mexicali. Sherry is off again down La Paz way for Thanksgiving.

Pat Roberts is 4-wheeling a new silver Scout wagon for an anniversary present. The wagon will provide transportation for the Roberts condominium in Sunriver, Oregon. So whenever Pat lets forth with "Heigh-ho Aztec, Get-um up Scout" we know which direction she is headed!

SANTA PAULA CHAPTER Gwen Dewey, Reporter

Our aerobatic champ, Betty Johnson, did it again! First place in the Sportsman category in the San Diego Competition held at Borrego Springs. Next competition is in February and Betty is already practicing her Sequence in the intermediate catagory.

Santa Paula chapter has been busy. For two Sundays, we BBQ'd Hot Dogs, plain and fancy, with all the trimmings. The stand was joyfully accepted by everyone on the field (cafe being closed) and we had fun, we also did well financially. Our Chapter was asked to count Airport Traffic—takeoffs and landings—for a four day period, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This was for a current master plan of airport activities requested by the City of Santa Paula and the Airport Association. We who use this airport think it is the greatest airport in the world. Come see!

Five of our members entered, finished, and had a wonderful time in the Pacific Air Race. Those 99s sponsoring it did a fantastic job! Gwen Dewey finished in 11th place and also brought home a Best Score trophy for solo pilot over 500 hours. Teammates Barbara Deeds and Betty Johnson, and Joanne Miller and Norma Williams enjoyed their flights, got a lot of great experience and all are raring to go next year.

We have welcomed two new members, Betty Cuney, with a Cessna 172, and Lucille Litsheim, and her Cessna 182.

Members, Jackie Ross, and, Carolyn Riley, are proud of their new Cessna 172. They have it on lease-back at Wells Air-

Sally Allen has a replacement for her 115 HP Citabria named Jonathon. She has retained the color, (orange and white) the

number, and the name, Jonathon. Their intentions? Numero uno in Powder Puff next year.

SANTA ROSA CHAPTER Ruth Foster, Reporter

Our Chapter has a reason to brad. coming through with three trophy winners in the P.A.R. Ginny Wegener and Lynn Cary just might be in a rut, taking Fourth as they did in the Powder Puff. Phyllis Cantrell and first time racer Rae Pass love that Seventh Place trophy. We've missed Phyllis in recent contests, but now perhaps we have a new "team." Fran Johnson and Barbara Johnson are making room for their trophies for the Best Performance for First Time Racers, Franaccomplished this while in her spare time she was coming in a winner as the P.A.R. Terminus Chairman. We are proud of the 10 "followers" from our chapter. In all 75 planes with no there were disqualifications. The Zontas did a great job in helping to feed a lot of hungry fliers. As always the success of any event depends upon the co-operation of so many, and the P.A.R. proved just that.

Those who missed our October meeting missed meeting and hearing Marion Barnick and Verna West. As Governor and Vice-Governor of our Section they reported on the current problems and possible solutions facing the 99s. Most informative!

A bonus for our Chapter was received from those P.A.R. racers who signed up to fly medical supplies to Santa Barbara on their home flight. The total was over 2000 pounds.

Busy making the "Speakers Circuit" these days are Ginny Wegener and Lynn Cary. They give a very entertaining talk on aviation and the part women are playing. They have visited service clubs, women's organizations, and many other groups expressing an interest in aviation. This has also afforded them an opportunity to reach the youth groups in our area.

With a full schedule of events on the calendar, we promise to keep our new members Helen Bamber and Lisa Murphy very busy. Lisa's parents run the Columbia Flying Service, a spot the P.A.R. racers know quite well.

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## GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER Frances Heaverlo, Reporter

Sandy Sullivan and 49½ John and family spent one month in Alaska, hunting, fishing, and visiting. They put more than 40 hours on the C-185. Sandy visited the Alaska Chapter Ninety-Nines meeting.

Linda Harris won the door prize at a recent FAA seminar-1 hour in a simulator.

llovene Potter flew the Pacific Air Race from San Diego to Santa Rosa with Jan Gammell of Denver. After the race they

visited with former Seattle 99 Terry Kellogg.

We welcome our new members Dorothy Habert, Priscilla Cox, Suzie McGuire. We are proud to have our chapter represented at various levels. Ilovene Potter 1st Board Member, Sandy Sullivan is Sectional Membership Chairman. Charlotte Kamm is Sectional Secretary, Betty Denney is Sectional Scrapbook Chairman.

MONTANA, BIG SKY CHAPTER Dorothy Albright, reporter

The school year time took off for a good start for our chapter. Up to date Five Big Sky feminine flyers attended the International Convention at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Vivienne Schrank, Jordan "Mrs. UNICOM," was the sole soul to go via wing wafting. Betty Nunn, delegate from Billings, graciously gave correspondent the chance to go along in a nice self contained camper. One of the highlights for yours truly was not just one but two sessions in a float plane. The first fall Fly-In was in Billings in the lovely home of chapter chairman, Judy McCrum. Inza Riedesel gave some pointedly pertinent ideas as to the importance of attending meetings and being a feminine flyer. "People do sit up and take notice when a gal remarks that she is a pilot.' was Inza's challenge. The officers present were, Judy McCrum, chairman, Dorothy Albright, secretary-news reporter, and Liz Gunn, vice chairman, who with daughter Amy flew over from Helena. Amy returning to Dartmouth College had but a few weeks before obtaining her own private pilot's license. (Mom Liz may now try to outdo many as she is engrossed in both gliding and parachuting) Mid October favored flyers with a fine Saturday seeing planes put down at Jordan where Vivienne and 49 1/2 Milt Schrank hosted the gathering. 99s gallavanted in on the air waves from Idaho, North Dakota, Oregon, and several spots within the Big Sky State. Gene Nora Jessen, Northwest Governor, Boise, Idaho, and from Eugene, Oregon, Lou Wicks, Vice-Governor, who brought Pat Jenkins from near Burns, Oregon, all had something important to say. The 1976 Northwest Sectional will be in Sun River, Oregon near Bend; next in turn will be the northeast corner comprised of the Dakotas and Montana! Helen Dunlop, Air Marker Chairman, and incidentally MC'er for the International AE luncheon, gave quite a list of possible sites in need of attention, marking-wise. If you greatly like distances, do come to Montana, where there are miles of Big Sky Country. 'Twould be fun for us to offer you all a cup of steaming hot coffee at the Roundup Airport (where Albright's Flying, Inc. is) which is possibly the busiest, little airport in the state. There are three runways, an NDB, and UNICOM to greet you. Standing by on 122.8!

PUGET SOUND CHAPTER
Lorna Kringle for
Betty Curran, Reporter

A pancake breakfast let aviators "flip" for Sand Point. Marchine Dexter represented our chapter at the breakfast

sponsored by the Paine Field Chapter of the Washington Pilots Association. The purpose was to raise money for a campaign to preserve Sand Point Naval Air Station as an airport. The state organization has resolved to fight the city's planned closure of Sand Point. We may have lost a battle, but not the war!

Flying tours over Mr. Baker's boiling top (a not extinct volcano in Washington state) are being offered by the University of Washington in a course on Atmospheric and Geological Change. The \$25.00 class fee covers a flight of 1½ hours duration over the mountain and will be conducted by instructor Jeff Smith, a doctoral candidate in cloud physics at the University of Washington who did an airborne study of the area. Lorna Kringle recommended the course to our chapter at the last meeting at the Jet Deck at Paine Field.

Rejects from the 99 Booklet of Whirly Girl photos sent by Saundra Lapsley and Jean Ross Howard to be incorporated into the "Women in Aviation" slide show were also shown. The joint Zonta-and-99s-and-AAUW Luncheon that had been suggested was approved by the membership and invitations to all women's groups in the area will be sent.

We are happy to welcome Karen Mikkelborg and Gail Brees to our chapter and know they will be making valuable contributions this year. Student pilot Suzanne Harke, who works at Paine Field has asked to attend our meetings.

Photographs taken at Pauline Wirth's home on Camano Island, when Chapter officers met to plan the year's activities were shared. The weather being less than the best, we all arrived by ground transportation. Marian Lewis came all the way from Renton. This was a meeting for photographs, because the picture taken of Lorna Kringle and family at Henley Aerodrome in Coeur d'Alene also arrived to prove they were there.

SOUTHERN OREGON CHAPTER Ali Sharp, Reporter

Our regular October meeting was scheduled for the Tri-City Airport and we met there, but the weather man did it to us again. We had to drive. This same weather man will probably scuttle plans to air-mark Tri-City, at least till spring.

Marian Carter, newly installed in the left seat of our airship of state, presented outgoing chairman Ali Sharp a beautifully engraved Ninety-Nine charm. Our guest and prospective member, Eloise Nickell told of leaving for Hawaii a few weeks ago with the ink still wet on her private license. While there, she rented a 172 and soloed from Kona to Honolulu International, then back to Kona. Later she rented a Muscateer and did some sightseeing over Hilo.

Betty Glines, always busy with students, charter and fire patrol, has filled her evenings lately conducting ground school. Betty has promised that the weather at North Bend would cooperate on the 6th of November when we all fly-in for a luncheon meeting.

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Hazel Jones, South Central Governor, was asked to represent all of the governors at the dedication ceremonies and give the invocation:

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We are gathered here today with joy and thanksgiving to dedicate our headquarters building. We gratefully dedicate it to You, for without You, it would not have been possible. We dedicate it to the Ninety Nines who have made their "last flights", but who left legacies for all of us. We dedicate it to the members here present, and to the Ninety Nines of the future who will carry on when our work is done. Thank You for blessing us with leaders who are courageous, dedicated to aviation, and God fearing women.

Thank you for permitting all of us to use our talents to the fullest in a free society; to share your skies, and to know the total serenity of flying toward a glorious sunset.

Bless what we do here today and everyday as we live our daily lives. Watch

over us, and guide us so that our efforts will always be pleasing to You. In Thy name we pray Amen

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