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# LOOKING UP WITH LOIS



## 1977 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has been a happy year and a most rewarding year for me as your President. I would like to thank all of you for giving me this opportunity to serve you. It is the culmination of all my work and dreams through the years.

My term was started with the theme of "Looking Up". As I'm sure most of you know, the "U" and "P" stand for "Unity" and "Participation". Looking at the Ninety-Nines as I was about to take office, I recognized the great accomplishments that we had made through the several prior years. But accomplishments are often accompanied by hurt feelings, friction or just plain misunderstanding. It was my belief that if I could help dispel some of these frictions, misunderstandings or hurt feelings, and bring a unity back home to our organization, that this, in itself, would be a great accomplishment, and this became my credo. I hope that we have been somewhat successful. I also felt that participation by more of our members in the affairs of our organization, and participation by the Ninety-Nines in more of the affairs of the General Aviation community was of utmost importance to us all, for it is only through participation that we gain the benefits of our membership, that we have our voice heard, that we help shape the destiny of the world of our chosen avocation. Here, again, I hope that we have achieved a measure of success.

Any accomplishment in these areas was not mine, but was yours, individually and collectively. It was only done with the help and devotion of an outstanding Board of Directors, and

the sympathetic cooperation and assistance of untold numbers of individual members and section and chapter officers. I thank all of you who have given of yourselves this past year.

Your Board, including myself, has attended most every section meeting and as many chapter meetings as possible. We have not only gained many friends, but have learned much from these visits that has guided the Board in formulating its policies and direction. Through our correspondence we have answered questions, conceived new ideas, accepted wonderful suggestions, given and received correct information, proudly recognized our members' accomplishments and endeavors, and truly became "pen pals". I can state in all honesty that I know of no single instance where a member's request or comment went unanswered, regardless of how important or trivial it might have been. I know of no instance where a member felt that she was wronged where an effort was not made to right the wrong or get an explanation. Through our 99 NEWS, you know how our Board functions, you know how our Headquarters and its staff functions, you know the duties and responsibilities of the Officers and what goes into their jobs and a Board of Directors meeting.

Talking about Headquarters, it is our home and I encourage you to visit us at any time. Previously, you could only visit Headquarters during regular working hours. This created hardship because many of you travel on weekends when Headquarters is closed. I was one of the many who could not see Headquarters with my guest during a visit to Oklahoma City last Summer. That has been corrected. Now you may contact the Headquarters Hostess Committee and make an appointment to visit our home at any time.

Yes, this has been a year of accomplishment. We know it and the world of aviation knows it. We have helped in aerospace education, safety, in developing new aviation programs, in judging competitive flying events, and in receiving awards and recognitions for these accomplishments. Our opinions are continually sought out by the General Aviation world, and our talents and expertise are solicited by our being elected to various aviation boards, committees and rule making bodies.

Together, we have come a long way. Together, the Ninety-Nines will go a long way in the years to come. We will do so by working as a unified group and participating in the Ninety-Nines and the world of aviation. Things are definitely "Looking UP" for the future.

## New Wildflower Chapter Borders on Three States



Wildflower Charter members are (L-R) Pat Wright, Greta Greb, Caldwell, Card, Hale, Armstrong, Beth Ann Shipp, Ann Lafferty, Beverly Edwards and Helman.



Wildflower members and friends enjoy the Mt. Pleasant Air Show.

The newest chapter of the Ninety-Nines takes its membership from three different states: Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma. The chapter is being sponsored by the Shreveport Chapter.

Officers serving the Wildflower Chapter were announced at a luncheon meeting in Paris, TX in late May. The first Chairman will be Pat Wright. Other officers will be: Greta Greb, Vice-Chairman; Loretta Helman, Secretary/Treasurer; Barty Shipp, 99 NEWS Reporter; Beverly Edwards, Membership Chairman; and Gerry Caldwell, Program Chairman.

Three members of the Texas Dogwood Chapter, Mrs. Duane Perry, Clara Pace and Viola Mason attended the luncheon and aided in the organization.

### ON THE COVER

Powder Puff planes line the grass on Peter O'Night Airport, Tampa, FL.  
Photo: Ruth Benedict.



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## SFO WHAT A SHOW



Full convention report in October issue.

## WOMAN & MACHINE

There's a lot of pent-up elbow grease luring under the buttons and bows our 99s are wearing. Some of it is being put to good use fixing up aircraft. **Marcia Leverentz**, Western New York, entered a Luscombe 8C that she and her father rebuilt in the Moorehead, PA Air Show. The plane received first place in the antique division and Marcia was the first woman to ever enter.

**Far West 99s** share the pleasure and pride of member **Jean Rutz** and husband **Wally** in the eye-catching refurbishing of **Ercoupe** which they have recently rebuilt.

**West Virginia 99s Linn Buell** and **Sharon Peters**, along with their 49½ers, **Lee** and **Bill**, have jumped into the rebuilding business again. Recently purchased was a French biplane, a **Stampe**, which should be quite an undertaking for them. Fortunately, they have some first-hand knowledge available since **Barbara Baron**, and her husband, **Bob**, also own a **Stampe**. By the way, **Barbara** and **Bob** recently got their **J-3 Cub** in the air after considerable work and are now enjoying the fruits of their labor.

What does every airplane-lovin' gal hanker for? Why her own airstrip of course. **West Virginia 99 Jean Pickering** and her husband, **Charlie**, recently moved to an Ohio farm and now have their own landing strip - "**Checkpoint Charlie**". (I wonder where they got that name?) **Jean** says to stop by their farm and help work on their **L-2 Taylorcraft** or visit over a cup of coffee. To help you locate **Jean**, she's 11 DME on the **Parkersburg 307° radial**. Another **WV 99, Barbara Baron** is now landing her **Piper Cub** at her farm in **Wellsburg, WV**. **Barb** says it's nice to be able to fly to work!

Other 99s have been winging through summer flying events in aircraft purchased just in time to let them participate. **Lynn Newton** and **Barbara Ward**, **Orange County**, pooled their pennies and green stuff to buy a **C182 Skylane** to fly the **PPD** along with passenger, **Barbara Stewart**. **Lake Michigan 99s Mary Creason** and **Eloise Smith** have a new **Grumman American Tiger**. "**Tiger**" ate up the miles in the **PPD** where the team took 10th place honors.

Perhaps the latest purchase went to **Western New York's Diane Seneff**. While at the chapter's picnic, she and husband, **John**, began receiving calls from their son in Michigan where he had located a **Mooney Ranger**. Several calls later, price agreement was reached and they flew out to make the final arrangements. Now **Mooney 2723W** is based at **Kathy Potoczak's** air strip while the **Seneffs** fondly fix it up.



# Activities

Pat Mlady, Chairman

Last month I encouraged you to get out and enter some competitions in order to prepare yourselves to compete for a place on the 1979 U.S. Precision Flight Team. An excellent opportunity has presented itself.

Pilots will be able to exercise their navigation and flying skills in competition under a Precision Flying Tournament program of Cessna Aircraft Company and its network of Cessna Pilot Centers throughout the United States and Canada. Participating Cessna Pilot Centers will conduct precision flying tournaments designed to increase pilot proficiency, sharpen flying skills and promote safe and efficient flight. Competition will be open to licensed pilots and scoring will be in two areas: navigation and precision landings.

Local winners will be eligible to compete in regional flight tournaments, with regional winners receiving an expense-paid trip to the Cessna/CPC North American Championships in August, 1978, at Strother Field, Kansas. Local tournaments are scheduled between September 1, 1977 and May 31, 1978, with regional tournaments between June 1 and July 31, 1978. There will be awards at the local, regional, and North American tournaments. Cash awards will be given at the regional tournaments. There will be a \$1,000 cash award to the overall winner at the North American Championships.

This competition would be an excellent way to hone your skills. Get a bunch of your chapter members and all of you go out to your local Cessna Pilot Center and sign up to enter the Precision Flying Tournament. If you need to know the name of your closest participating Cessna Pilot Center, drop me a note and I'll try to find out for you. Let's all get out there and show them how it's done!

If you know of any other competitions on a regional basis, let's hear about them. Let our 99 NEWS editor know about them, too, so perhaps they can be put in the NEWS calendar. Also, if you or anyone in your chapter is interested in the U.S. Precision Flight Team competition, information can be obtained directly from the National Pilots Association, Suite 307, 805 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

Another subject — keep those cards and letters coming. Let's have a real exchange of ideas during this next year. Each month I'll try to pass along interesting ideas for different and varied activities. Some of our chapters may get the doldrums and some

kind of new, refreshing activity is all it takes to get us back out accomplishing things and enjoying the camaraderie and benefits of our organization. As Activities Chairman, I'm here to serve as a clearing-house of ideas — let's have yours. Remember also to send me suggested Standard Operating Procedures on all new activities — it may help some other chapter get moving on a similar activity.

Keep sending your chapter newsletters to me (1250 Amelia, Wichita, Kansas 67209). It's a good way to let me know what you're doing.



Many people have had landlord-tenant problems, but it is doubtful if most of them ever thought of such problems as associated with airplanes. Yet in a 1975 Colorado case, such a relationship was argued in connection with a contract for a tie-down space made between an airplane owner and a fixed base operator.

On August 22, 1969, the parties entered into a written contract whereby the airplane owner was allotted space to tie down his airplane at the Jefferson County Airport, on premises controlled by the FBO. The agreement was that the FBO would supply tie-down cables, a space between the cables, and chains and links for the purpose of securing the owner's plane. The tie-down cables consisted of two steel cables running parallel and firmly secured at each end by an anchoring post fixed in cement. Each chain had an oblong link which served to couple or attach the tie-down chain to the cable. The owner was to be responsible for tying down his own airplane, with the chains provided. He paid \$15.00 a month for the use of these facilities.

The case came about when, in February, 1970, high winds, which appear frequently at Jefferson County Airport, lifted the plane and moved it along the tie-down cables. The stress created by this "walking" movement eventually caused an oblong link to break, leaving the airplane secured at only two points. As a result, the aircraft turned onto its back, sustaining substantial damage.

The jury on the trial level found for the owner and allowed recovery against the FBO, on the basis of negligence. However,

the Court of Appeals held that the relationship between the two parties was that of landlord-tenant. Instead of applying the standard of care found in negligence—that of a reasonable person—the Court found that the standard of care owed by a landlord should apply. That meant the evidence must show that the landlord either knew of the defects in the chain, or should have known of them. Finding the evidence presented here did not sustain the second standard, the appellate court reversed the decision.

In the final opinion from the Supreme Court of Colorado, that Court said there was no landlord-tenant relationship because there was no interest in an "estate" (an interest in land) involved in the contract. Rather, the contract for tie-down space and equipment was more in the nature of a "service contract". The Court based its decision in large part on an earlier Minnesota case, involving tie-down ropes that broke, in which the Court had stated that when a person such as a FBO retains the exclusive right to maintain the equipment and it is foreseeable that damage might result from defects in it, he owes a duty to use reasonable care to provide equipment that is safe for its intended use. The equipment must also be free from defects which the person could have discovered by use of reasonable care.

The Court was also swayed by the fact that the defense attorney, in his opening statement at trial, addressed himself ONLY to the fact that he proposed to show his client was not guilty of *negligence*, with no mention of any obligation or lack of it resulting from a landlord-tenant relationship. In other words, the tie-down equipment itself seemed to be more important than the rental of space.

As a result, the Supreme Court ordered the original trial verdict for the aircraft owner against the FBO reinstated.

The fact that the Court relied on the defense counsel's own argument as to the theory of law involved, however, suggests that a strong argument might be made for the landlord-tenant relationship on the basis of the lease of *space*, thus meeting the requirement of a property interest. If so, with its different standard of care, the outcome in another such case or another jurisdiction might well be in favor of the FBO.

## CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE AIRSHO, Oct. 6-9

History takes to the skies over sunny South Texas at Airsho 77, October 6-9 in Harlingen, TX. From the Battle of Britain and the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor through the fateful aerial assault on the Japanese homeland, the CAF recreates the major air actions of World War II. Almost every U.S. bomber, fighter, transport, trainer and liaison aircraft that saw action in WWII will be in the air along with examples of contemporary aviation.



## SEPTEMBER

- 1      **Deadline for 99 NEWS**  
September 99 Renewals due
- 3      **Lake Erie Chapter**  
**Proficiency Race**
- 10     **Niagara Trillium Air Rally**
- 16-18 **Fairladies Annual Indiana**  
**Race, South Bend, IN**
- 23-25 **Southeast Section Meeting**  
**Pickwick Landing Inn**  
**Pickwick Dam, TN**
- Southwest Section Meeting**  
**Cal-Neva Lodge**  
**Lake Tahoe, NV**
- 27-29 **FAA Flight Instructor Reval-**  
**idation Clinic. Airport Marina**  
**Hotel, LA. Sponsored by LA**  
**Chapter**

## OCTOBER

- 1      **Deadline for 99 NEWS**  
October 99 Renewals due
- AMPAR (All Men's Palomar**  
**Air Race). Palomar 99s,**  
**Carlsbad, CA**
- Empire State 300 Race**  
**Newburgh, NY**
- 7-9    **Michigan SMALL Race**
- South Central Section Meeting**  
**Flagship Hotel**  
**Galveston, TX**
- 7-8    **Kachina Doll Air Rally**  
**Phoenix, AZ**
- 14-15 **Pacific Air Race**  
**San Diego, CA**
- NY-NJ Section Meeting**  
**Gov. Morris Inn**  
**Morristown, NJ**
- 29     **HIS & HERS Air Race**  
**Salinas, CA Municipal Airport**  
**Monterey Bay 99s**

From Jean Ross Howard, Exec. Dir. of the Whirly Girls, "Whirly Girls are not loose, they're maneuverable."

# Cessna wants to clear the air about avionics.

There seems to be a layer of haze surrounding the subject of avionics. Like how to choose from all the brands. Which equipment is needed to make the most out of today's airways. How it all works together. Who should install your avionics. Etcetera, etcetera.

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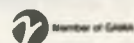
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# NEW HORIZONS

## RUTH RENTON Wichita Falls Chapter

Ruth Renton died August 2nd when the plane in which she was flying dipped its wing into the water of Lake Wichita and subsequently crashed. Ruth was killed on impact: her companion, another woman pilot, was rescued by an eyewitness on the lake at the time of the accident.

Ruth was an active pilot and held an ATP rating as well as flight and ground instructor ratings. She had been a member of the 99s since 1963.

She was instrumental in the recent attainment of the 501-c-3 tax status for both the international organization and various chapters and sections of the Ninety-Nines. She served as the liaison between our legal representative, Perry Westbrook of Wichita Falls, and the various parts of our

organization. A great deal of her time and talent was put to use in soliciting, receiving, organizing and preparing for legal presentation the qualifying materials for our tax exempt requests.

## DOROTHY MARJORIE SHAW Florida Gulf Stream Chapter

It is with great sadness that the Florida Gulf Stream Chapter reports the death of Dorothy Marjorie Shaw on Sunday, July 10, 1977, at the Bethesda, Md., Cancer Research Institute. Past Chairman of the Florida Goldcoast Chapter, Dottie had been President of the Florida Women's Pilots Association since 1975, which is also the All Women's International Air Race, and the "Angel Derby". An accomplished pilot, she was a participant in past Angel Derbys, and was also a member of the "Grasshoppers".

With her husband, "Boots", a National Air Lines Captain, she was an avid traveler, both in this country and abroad. She was formerly a Gray Lady with the American Red Cross, and was very active in Girl Scouting. Dottie was the mother of

three children, a son, Michael C. of Selma, Oregon, and two daughters, Patricia (Mrs. Kenneth) Miller, and Stephanie Shaw. The memorial service at the Parkway Christian Church on July 13th was attended by Ninety-Nines from Georgia, Alabama, and from throughout the state of Florida. The family has asked that Dottie's friends not send flowers, but may donate to a "living memorial" in her name to Boy Scout Troup 131, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1100 S.W. 21 Street, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Peggy M. Brown

## REBECCA BROACH Hampton Roads Chapter

Rebecca (Becky) Broach and husband, Jay, died July 19 when their Mooney was ditched in the Bay of Fundy off Newfoundland after losing propeller control and oil pressure. Becky and Jay were returning home from a weekend trip to Nova Scotia.

## FIRST LT. MARY ANN JAMES Cape Girardeau Area Chapter



Mary Ann James

Mary Ann James, Cape Girardeau Chapter, was taken from us by an unknown assailant on June 30, just a couple of hours after her thirty-sixth birthday. Our feeling of loss was reflected by the loneliness of the TAPS and the finality of the twenty-one gun salute at Mary's military funeral.

Mary Ann had set definite goals in her life and tackled each one with energy and enthusiasm. As she was raising her sixteen-year-old son, Joe David, she managed her husband's business, an auto-body shop. In her spare time, she graduated Cum Laude with a B.S. in Business Administration and Accounting and then completed work

## MARION JAYNE WINS ARC

Helen M. McGee

Flying a Twin Comanche, Marion Jayne of Palatine, IL, pilot and her daughter, Nancy, as co-pilot won the first annual invitational Air Race Classic and a prize of \$3000.

The team covered the 2606 mile route from Sonoma County Airport, Santa Rosa, CA to Toledo Express Airport, Toledo, OH at an average speed of 211.16 mph, 26.16 mph over their handicap of 185. Scores are determined by subtracting the handicap of the airplane from the ground speed.

Contestants divided more than \$10,000 in prize money.

Less than .14 mph behind was second place winner, Joyce Wells of Larkspur, CA, flying solo. She averaged 26.03 mph over the 147 mph handicap of her Cessna 182Q. Had Mrs. Wells been able to improve her total time of 15:03:40 by just 43 seconds, she would have won. In addition to the \$1500 second prize, she won \$350 as the Cessna scoring highest in the race.

Another solo pilot, Luana Davis of Woodland Hills, CA, sponsored by Dobbs Houses, Inc. won third place flying a Beech Bonanza V35. She also won \$250 as the best scoring Beech and \$100 from Aircraft Technical Publishers as the pilot with under 1000 hours scoring highest. She had a score of 24.79 over her handicap of 185 mph.

Fourth, fifth and sixth places were separated by only .1 mph. Flying a Beech Bonanza A36, Norma Futterman, Beverly

Hills, CA and Virginia Showers, Los Angeles, CA had a score of 24.13 to win fourth place. Esther Wright, Thomasville, GA and Judy Hall, Macon, Ga were fifth with 24.08 in a Cessna 182 and Pat Jetton and Elinor Johnson, both of Dallas, TX, sponsored by Superior Air Parts, were sixth with a score of 24.03, flying a Beech C33A.

Also finishing in the top ten were: 7th, Ali Sharp; 8th, Jean Rose and Janice Free; 9th, Pat Friedman and Pat Gatlin; and 10th, Stephanie Mapelli with her mother, Velda, as co-pilot.

Although each contestant was free to finish the course as quickly as she wished during the four day period of the race, all arrived in Toledo within one hour and twelve minutes of each other, shortly before the deadline. All flying was during daylight hours and under VFR conditions.

The Santa Rosa Chapter of the Ninety-Nines made arrangements for the start and the All-Ohio Chapter performed similar duties at the terminus.

Ninety-Nines and friends of aviation helped out along the route in Medford, OR, Boise, ID, Ogden, UT, Cheyenne, WY, Grand Island, NB, Cedar Rapids, IA, and Evansville, IN.

Of the 23 aircraft departing Santa Rosa, 21 completed the race; two dropped out along the way because of mechanical problems.

Plans for next year's race will be announced shortly.



to become a Certified Public Accountant. While working for an accounting firm, Mary enlisted in the Missouri National Guard in 1974.

As a Guardswoman, Mary refueled helicopters, which motivated her to learn to fly. She got a private pilot license-airplane in June of 1975. Mary received her officer's commission in early 1976 and became First Lt. Mary James. With her promotion, Mary was assigned a desk job in the finance office. She was not satisfied with that, as her goal was to fly helicopters in the Guard, so she worked very hard to receive an appointment to flight school.

January, 1977, saw Mary Ann stationed at Ft. Rucker, Alabama on full-time training duty for nine months at the Military Rotary Wing Flight School. She was to be Missouri National Guard's first woman helicopter pilot, and one of the first eight such women in the United States. She had completed over half of her training when she was murdered in her off-base apartment. As of the end of July, no motive, evidence, or suspects have been found to solve the mystery of Mary's death. But, we, her friends and family find strength in the belief that the Greatest Pilot of all has shown her the direction of her last flight to join Him in Paradise.

Mary James became an active member of the Cape Girardeau Area Chapter in 1975. She served as Vice-Chairman in 1976-77, and had been re-elected to that office for the upcoming year.

Carol Edwards and Gene Williams

### MARJORIE DAVIS

Marge Davis passed away on May 2nd. She was a member of Greater New York Chapter and had been a 99 since 1935.

### KATHERINE STINSON OTERO

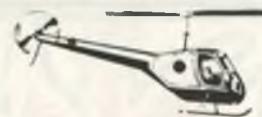
Katherine Stinson Otero died in Santa Fe in July at 86. She was not a 99; she gave up flying in 1928, one year before the 99s were founded.

Katherine is credited with being the first aviatrix to do skywriting, the first woman to fly air mail and the first woman to fly solo at night.

Katherine Stinson was the fourth woman in history to receive a pilot's license. Her license Number Four was issued in 1912. In 1913, she and her mother, Emma Beavers Stinson, incorporated the Stinson Aircraft Company in San Antonio to manufacture airplanes. In 1915, the Stinson Family opened a flight school and established Stinson Field, now part of San Antonio Municipal Airport.

In the early 1920's she went to the Sun Mountain tuberculosis sanatorium in Santa Fe due to failing health. In 1928, she married Miguel Otero, after which she never flew again.

## THE WHIRLY GIRLS



Applications are now being accepted for the two \$3,000 Whirly-Girl 1978 Scholarships (one international - one USA) which will be awarded next January to two deserving women pilots for use toward obtaining initial or advanced helicopter training.

Scholarship applicants must hold a current pilot certificate, must intend to make use of the helicopter rating in such a way as to further the involvement of women in aviation, and must demonstrate that they require financial assistance to obtain the rating.

### APPLICATION

### PLEASE TYPE

#### 1978 WHIRLY-GIRLS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DORIS MULLEN WHIRLY-GIRLS SCHOLARSHIP INTERNATIONAL ENSTROM HELICOPTER CORPORATION WHIRLY-GIRLS SCHOLARSHIP - U.S.A.

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHPLACE: \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE: Res. \_\_\_\_\_  
OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: Bus. \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER (if employed) OR SCHOOL (if student): \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND' NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HIS OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS (Yours and his): \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH YOU ARE AFFILIATED: ACTIVITIES  
OR HOBBIES YOU PURSUE: AND HONORS OR AWARDS YOU HAVE WON: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS OF HELICOPTER RATING YOU ARE SEEKING: \_\_\_\_\_  
AIRMAN CERTIFICATE NO: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_  
RATINGS AND DATES ACQUIRED: \_\_\_\_\_

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EXPERIENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ATTACHMENTS (on separate sheets of paper):

Explanation of why rating is desired, intended use of rating, and need for financial assistance.

References - at least two. One must be from a CFI for a previous rating or BFR.

Additional information you feel is important.

I hereby certify that all the information in this application is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Submit in **DUPLICATE** to:

Jean Ross Howard, Executive Director  
The Whirly-Girls  
1725 DeSales Street NW, Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20036

Deadline for Applications:  
October 31, 1977

# NOMINATION NOTICE

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## Intent to Seek Election

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

99 Member since \_\_\_\_\_ Classification \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Class of Medical \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last Biennial Flight Review \_\_\_\_\_

Ratins \_\_\_\_\_ Total Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Last 2 Years \_\_\_\_\_

Service to Ninety-Nines, Chapter level:

Committees:

Offices:

Service to Ninety-Nines, Section Level:

Committees:

Offices:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Send: Original and four copies to Illovene Potter

29926 2nd Place S.W.

Federal Way, Wn.98003

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Deadline: November 1, 1977

It is again time to set our thoughts on Election time 1978. We will be electing a new President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Board Members. The Board Members will be elected from the floor at our International Convention in Australia. Our new Officers will be elected by mail ballot as in all past elections.

In line with our new Nominating procedures, form #N-77-2 "Intent to Seek Election" is included in this issue of the NEWS. We urge qualified members to seek office, this will be your only opportunity to let yourselves be known. The 1976-77 Ninety-Nine Membership Directory, Page 243, Article X, Section 1, will give you the information needed to check your qualifications for these offices. Then follow these steps.

1. Complete form N-77-2, Intent to Seek Election.
2. Have six photo copies made (provides one for your file).
3. Send the original and four copies to me at the address below.
4. Send one copy to Headquarters.
5. Send a recent black and white photo (passport type) to Headquarters with their copy of the Intent to Seek Election form.

When Headquarters confirms to the Nominating Committee that you are eligible to run, your name and a brief resume will appear on the list of Candidates in the 99 NEWS.

The present method will let Ninety-Nines everywhere know who will want to seek election and give everyone a voice in the selection of our leaders. Candidates need not be at the Convention to be elected.

Illovene Potter, Chairman  
29926 2nd Place S.W.  
Federal Way, WN 98003

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- ☐ 5-Day Plan attending Tuesday, Oct. 18 through Sunday, Oct. 23 a.m. \$77
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# What's New at HQ?

We hope all of you will take the opportunity to visit our headquarters building in Oklahoma City whenever you're in the area. Headquarters Hostess Nancy Smith will be happy to make special arrangements for you to go through our facilities at special times if you cannot be here during regular business hours. The new sign recently installed on Terminal Drive should help you find us if you approach the airport by automobile.



For those of you who have never been here, we'd like to feature a regular monthly column in the NEWS telling you a little bit about a particular corner of our building. And we'd like to share each new gift and addition with you as it arrives.

The conference/library area is normally a serene and quiet place. The beautiful walnut conference table was a gift of **Chicago Area Chapter**. Its functionalism is amply demonstrated when the 99 Board of Directors is in town as you can see from the picture. Both the table and the conference area have proved ample enough to serve the officers and Board along with additional representatives from chapters and outside organizations who appear to meet with them.

The shelves behind the table house the beginnings of our "library". Our collection is growing all the time and we are always happy to accept donations of aviation and aerospace related materials. **Houston Chapter** recently sent a donation of 24 additional books and we are happy to learn that they are thinking of making this a continuing chapter project. Our 99 Librarian, **Dorothy Niekamp**, periodically attends to cataloging all new additions for us in an orderly manner.



Monetary donations are always welcome and help defray the expenses of our current landscaping project as well as going toward future display cases, signs for the building and other much needed items. (I was going to drop in a couple of pictures of our landscape plantings, but they look so pitiful against the background of our whole five acres right now that I decided to save them for a couple of years and give them to you as a part of a before/after sequence.) We have recently received gifts of \$100 from **Colorado Chapter**, \$50 from **Fullerton Chapter**, and a \$99 donation from **Mary Neil**, a Colorado member. Incidentally, Mary recently took special pains to see that we obtained a case to use in shipping our traveling display unit in time to send it to Oshkosh and SFO, and **Karen Greenwalt**, **Central Pennsylvania Chapter**, spent several days as a "volunteer" at headquarters selecting material and getting it ready for the display. Many thanks to everyone for their generosity and help.

Those of you who participated in the PPD Commemorative Flight this summer witnessed the presentation of the lovely portrait of Charter Member **Louise Thaden** which is now at headquarters. Louise was the honorary chief timer of the terminus and our guest speaker at the awards banquet in Tampa. In making the presentation on behalf of the 99 Board of Directors, **President Lois Feigenbaum** outlined Louise's history in the field of aviation.



President Lois Feigenbaum making presentation to Louise Thaden.

*"Many of you know the background and story of Louise as well as I do. But for the sake of those of you who do not, let me say that she started her flying career fifty (50) years ago at a time when flying was an adventure and a woman pilot was a rarity, almost bordering on an oddity. Louise holds transport license number 1943. She won the first Women's Air Derby from Santa Monica to Cleveland and in 1936, she and Blanche Noyes were the first women to win the Bendix Trophy race from New York to Los Angeles. She held various altitude, speed and endurance records from 1928 to 1932, and remained actively engaged in the flying world for many years thereafter."*

*"Louise Thaden was the first International Secretary of the Ninety-Nines from 1929 to 1931, and International Vice President from 1931 to 1933, during the time that Amelia Earhart served as our President. As Amelia was our public image, our goodwill ambassador, Louise was our backbone - the cement that bonded our organization together."*

*"As International President of the Ninety-Nines, and on behalf of its Board of Directors, it is my great pleasure to make a presentation of this painting of you to be placed in a position of distinction and honor in our International Headquarters in Oklahoma City, so that all who visit us and all who follow will recognize your place in our history and your contributions to our heritage. Louise, we do this with our love and affection and our grateful appreciation for all that you have done for us."*

Come see these items and more the next time you're close to Oklahoma City. We're looking forward to seeing you at HQ.





The Morning After - A view from the back of the Aeroclub hangar. Photo: Phinn Allen.

## THE DAY THE CONTROLLER RAN FOR HIS LIFE

Cassandra Phillips

Monday, April 25th started as a beautiful day in Nairobi (Kenya), with very clear fresh air and brilliant sunshine. By mid-day, however, great masses of cumulo-nimbus clouds were building up, as usually happens during the rainy season. I had booked an hour from 4:30 p.m. in one of the Aeroclub's Cessna 150 Aerobats with Jim Spall. Jim is the local aerobatic champion and I wanted to brush up on my slow rolls and barrel rolls. By the time we arrived at Wilson Airport, home of most of the light aircraft in Kenya, there was quite a lot of cloud around, and

a very dark one over to the east which was gradually getting larger. Over Wilson itself it looked as though the ceiling was at about 8,500' (the airport is at 5,500') and we thought we could easily get in half-an-hour's flying before the storm reached us. Storms do not usually move around much in Kenya.

We took off at 4:45 and climbed to 8,500', and were soon busy rolling. In fact we were so busy that it was not until we heard the Tower telling an incoming aircraft at the zone boundary that the field had a visibility of 100 metres that we

noticed the storm, with its solid wall of rain, had already engulfed the airport. We did a spin, came out at 6,500' and headed for the final run-in. But then we failed to raise the Tower on the radio, and at the same time saw that the runway in use (07) was completely blotted out by what looked like an advancing waterfall. "Well" said Jim, "this is useful training. What do you think we should do now?" We had about one hour's fuel in the tanks, so we decided to circle around to the south of the airport and the storm, over Nairobi National Park, and hope that by then it would have moved westwards. After circling the airport, we came down to about 200' above the ground but were too busy searching through the rain trying to catch a glimpse of a runway to spend time spotting zebra or lion. We still could not raise the Tower, but made contact with a twin which was also over the National Park, and with a pilot who was in his plane outside one of the hangars, who gave us strange reports of planes crashing into each other on the ground - though we were more concerned with what he could report on the position of the wind-sock.

After about 10 minutes of peering through the murk, we saw the twin land on runway 32, and we followed him in. We avoided the murrum (earth surface)

Aeroclub hangar used to be in the background on the left. Photo: Phinn Allen.





threshold of the runway, landed on the tarmac, and after about 30 metres ran into water a foot deep. The engine cut and we came to a stop, still unable to see the hangars all around the northern side of the airport. Jim got the engine going again, and we taxied slowly through the water back to the Aeroclub at the western end of Wilson. We could hardly believe what we saw. Several small planes were lying on their backs, and at one point three were piled on top of each other in a heap. As we approached the Aeroclub, Jim said "My god, look at the hangar!" "Where is it?" I said. "I can't see it." Then I realized that the doors, the roof and the back wall of the Aeroclub hangar were completely gone, leaving only the two side walls standing. The three planes (two of them Fournier power gliders) which had been inside were under the rubble and corrugated iron. Outside the hangar, two planes were on their backs and others had crashed into each other. One Cessna 172 had traveled 50 metres and landed on the wing of the other club Aerobat.

Later, the met. men told us that 1.4 inches of rain had fallen over Wilson in 15 minutes, and the wind was gusting at 50-60 knots, but there was disagreement as to whether it was a cyclone, tornado or straight line squall which had ripped its way down the line of parked aeroplanes and through the Aeroclub hangar. The Aeroclub is celebrating its 50th anniversary

this year, and certainly nothing like this storm had ever hit it before. The only consolation was that some silly people saved one of the Aerobats by taking it up for some aerobatics in the teeth of the storm - as it turned out, a safer place to be than on the ground!

We found out the next day that the Tower had gone off the air when the controller ran for his life, thinking his roof was being blown off - which it partly was. Altogether 15-20 aircraft were total write-offs, and another 20 were damaged. At least the parking problem at Wilson is easier these days than before, but no one is skimping on chains and blocks of concrete.

### Want to Be an Airline Pilot?

Rumor has it that opportunity may be lurking just around the corner as increased pressure is being placed on airlines to hire from minority groups. With only 20 women pilots in the airlines, we are definitely a minority.

If you're interested, be prepared. To be considered you must have Commercial-Instrument Ratings and *at least* 350 hours and must have passed the **Flight Engineers Written Exam**.

When ready to apply, request a *minority preference* application.

## AE/LINDBERGH First Day Covers

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Trustees are offering two unique US Postage First Day Covers to contributors to the AE Scholarship Fund of the Ninety-Nines. Both are recancellations of the original 1963 Amelia Earhart 8¢ airmail First Day Covers issued on July 24, her birthdate, at Atchison, Kansas, her birthplace.

One is cancelled May 20, 1977 with the Spirit of St. Louis stamp on the First Day of Issue at Roosevelt Field Station NY, where Lindbergh took off fifty years earlier on his historic New York to Paris flight. The other is recancelled May 21, 1977, also with the Spirit of St. Louis Stamp added, at Atchison, Kansas, on the 45th Anniversary of Amelia's solo Atlantic Flight.

Only 100 of each of these exclusive covers were made! They will be given to donors of \$10.00 or more to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Ninety-Nines, and checks should be made out in that manner to be tax deductible.

They will be available at the International Convention of the Ninety-Nines at San Francisco, or by sending a check and a self-addressed and stamped #10 envelope to Alice H. Hammond, 15 Oakdale Drive, Millville, NJ 08332.

## 1st TakeOff Winner Announced

Washington, D.C., July 14, 1977 — John P. Beckwith of Kingston, Ontario, Canada has won a \$50,000 airplane in the TakeOff Sweepstakes which began January 1, 1977 under the sponsorship of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association.

He is the first of six such winners, GAMA announced, to be determined in a drawing every six months through December 31, 1979. New private pilots throughout the United States and Canada will continue up to that time to have a chance to win one of the several choices of aircraft produced by GAMA member companies worth up to \$50,000.

Kingston Air Services, where Beckwith completed his private pilot training, won a \$4,000 training simulator produced by Analog Training Computers. His Flight Instructor, Jeff Parsons, won a \$3,000 vacation as one of the prizes included in the TakeOff sweepstakes.

Those other than Beckwith who registered during the first six months of the program again will be eligible in the second drawing along with the more recently registered candidates through December 31, 1977.

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# The Lindbergh Celebration

## NEW RATINGS

### AUSTRALIAN

Glenda Philpott-Sydney-Instructor Rating  
Bronwen Searle-Melbourne-Floatplane Rating, Senior Commercial License  
Rosemary Colman-Sydney-Class 3 Instrument Rating  
Margaret Lyon-Melbourne-Commercial License

### MIDDLE EAST

Kendra Roth-Hampton Roads-IFR  
Linda Hollowell-Hampton Roads-Comm.

### NEW ENGLAND

Carol Stites-Eastern New England-CFI, IFR  
Eva Kerr-Eastern New England-CFI, IFR  
Lucille Flynn-Eastern New England-ME  
Jeanne Ohnumus-Eastern New England-ME  
Joy Hazelman-Eastern New England-ME  
Nancy France-Eastern New England-IFR  
Lynn Obelcz-Eastern New England-IFR  
Jean Batchelder-Northern New England-IFR

### NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY

Carolyn (Pete) Ingle-Finger Lakes-ME  
Mary Rich-Western New York-IFR  
Marcia Leverenz-Western New York-IFR

### NORTH CENTRAL

Marlynn Miller-All-Ohio-IFR  
Marion Blossom-All-Ohio-BGI, AGI, IGI  
Joy Chave-All-Ohio-IFR  
Salley Berryhill-All-Ohio-Comm.  
Carol Edward-Cape Girardeau-CFI  
Lila Flint-Central Illinois-ME  
\*Mary Anglin-Michigan-IFR

### NORTHWEST

Rene Wicks-Willamette Valley-IGI

### SOUTH CENTRAL

Birdie Ward-San Antonio-CFIME  
Lucille Bethard-Space City-Comm.  
Evie Tumlin-Space City-CFII  
Linda Peterson-Space City-IFR  
Patty Vick-Space City-IGI, ME  
Leota Golden-Space City-CFII, ME, BGI  
Barbara Pearson-Spanish Peaks-Comm.

### SOUTHEAST

Belle Hutchins-Florida Goldcoast-IFR, Comm.

### SOUTHWEST

Stevie Parker-Orange County-CFI  
Marie Christensen-Orange County-Comm.  
Sandy Anson-Phoenix-IFR  
Marena Palmer-Utah-IFR, CFI

\*An AE Scholarship Winner, 1976



**Anne Morrow Lindbergh receives AE Medal presented by Ruth Dobrescu on behalf of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.**

At 7:52 a.m. on May 20th - 50 years to the minute - the sister ship of the Spirit of St. Louis appeared over the horizon and across Eisenhower Park, Long Island, NY, the site of this 50th Anniversary celebration. In her wake were about 25 antique aircraft. The moment was emotional and many early fliers admitted to visible tears.

In addition to the aviation-oriented public, we were also hosts to the philatelic world, as this was the First Day of Issue for the new stamp commemorating (see June issue) Lindbergh's epic flight. New issues are sold at the First Day of Issue site ONLY on the day of issuance; they go on sale throughout the country the next day. The Postal Service in Washington, DC reported selling a record 870,000 of the new stamp on May 20th at the First Day of Issue site.

Members of the Long Island Chapter, Nicole Radecki, Madeline LaCarrubba, Alice Borodkin, Doris Abbate, Gus Andersen, Carol Rubman, Elaine Devino, Ronni Minnig, Mae Smith and prospective Mary Ann Toohil helped Nassau County Museum, the sponsoring organization, by distributing the beautiful Programs containing a picture of the cacheted envelope with the new stamp and cancellation. Lindbergh's daughter, Reeve Lindbergh Brown, was one of the guest speakers, as was Ruth S. Dobrescu, Long Island Chapter.

Many Ninety-Nines were in attendance from surrounding chapters, and I especially want to note Viola Gentry, Long Island's own charter member, who came all the way up from Florida. Viola was honored by the Long Island Early Fliers at a dinner the next evening where she was also given an Amelia Earhart Medal in moonstone by Felicity Buranelli.

The evening of May 20th found the Dobrescu family at the Waldorf Astoria for the Charles A. Lindbergh Memorial Fund Dinner. Postmaster General Benjamin F. Bailar presented Mrs. Lindbergh with her personal album containing the first sheet of stamps. Following the presen-

## Ruth Dobrescu

tation, the M.C., Walter Cronkite asked Mrs. Lindbergh to remain standing and I was called to the podium. I then had the distinct honor and pleasure of presenting to Anne Morrow Lindbergh a hand-engraved Amelia Earhart Medal on behalf of our President and members of the Ninety-Nines. Another 99, Doris Renninger, was also present at this occasion.

Early June found Charlie and me in Paris for the spectacular Paris Air Show. A star attraction was the Museum's Spirit of St. Louis sister ship, sitting on a 20 foot pedestal outside the USA Pavillion. We were pleased to discover that 99s, Jean Ross Howard, Exec. Director of Whirly Girls, and Sue Silverman, DOT Washington, were also on hand.

We were extended an invitation to attend the ceremonies of the Aero Club of France on the evening of June 3rd where we again met Mrs. Lindbergh and also their son Scott, who lives in France.

During the private ceremonies at LeBourget on June 4th, Scott Lindbergh laid a wreath at the Lindbergh monument. We then walked to the field for the placing of two additional wreaths at the bronze plaque where Lindbergh cut his engine at the termination of his epic flight. One wreath was for Lindbergh and the other was in memory of Nungesser and Coli - two French fliers who attempted the non-stop transatlantic crossing just two weeks before Lindbergh, but were lost.

A new commemorative stamp was issued by France on June 4; it not only honored Lindbergh, but memorialized Nungesser and Coli as well. Naturally we brought over some (5000) of the Museum's covers to have them again cancelled with the new French stamp too.

When we began working for the issuance of the Lindbergh commemorative stamp, we had no idea we would get so caught up in the "celebration" of the 50th Anniversary of his historic flight as well. It was a marvelous and satisfying experience, and we were happy to have been a part of it.



**Attending the 50th Anniversary Celebration on Long Island were 99s (Front) Doris Abbate, Alice Hammond, Betty Barlia, Clarice Bellino, (Back) Ruth Dobrescu, Selma Cronan, Barbara Evans, Kay Brick and Bettylou Huben.**

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# NEWS NOTES from the Sections

## "NO PROBLEM"

Carole Chambers  
Caribbean Section

"No problem!" Anyone in Freeport during the recent Angel Derby Terminus heard that phrase with great regularity. Seems our Section of the 99s was chartered after this year's Angel Derby planning was well under way. After they learned there was a Caribbean Section with members in the Bahamas, the Terminus Committee asked us (all 12 of us) if we would help and, babes in the woods that we were, we happily agreed.

All bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, we swung into preparations for the Derby. As Terminus Day approached we assured ourselves that the worst was over and after the arrival of the racers the following day looked forward to a week of meeting and visiting with the Angel Derby pilots.

The afternoon before the Terminus it began: "Where are the T shirts for the goodie bags?" "What! The hotel knows nothing about the banquet?!?" "Where's the chief timer? - Somewhere in Florida?!?" "The box of programs is missing!"

One by one the crises came, were met and handled - mostly with the comment, "No problem!" from the Freeport 99s. "No problem!" quickly became the watchword of the Terminus.

Far from being the end of the difficulties, the arrival of the racers only quickened the tempo. Feeling we could always "sleep next week" we began an almost round-the-clock tour guide, baggage claim, message and missing person service. "Seventy-five people to transport for dinner in three hours? No problem!" "You left your glasses in the airplane and it's in impound? No problem!" "The judges need a grocery run? No problem!" "Twenty-five pieces of luggage to be sent back to twenty-five different destinations? No problem!"

It was hectic - we didn't know what we were getting in to - it was an unbelievable amount of work. Would we do it again? You bet - "No problem!"

Preparing the welcome mat in Freeport are (L-R) Esme Williams, Ed Albury, Carole Chambers, and Judy Schultz.



## Australian 99s Turn Out for Section Meeting

More than half the membership of the Australian Section gathered in Brisbane, Queensland on Sunday April 24th, for the 1977 Sectional.

As well as the high attendance, the 1977 Sectional was also the "flying-est". Flying in for the event were: **Helen Blackburn**, Governor - C172 - Canberra; **Glenda Philpott**, Sec/Treas. - Piper Aztec - Sydney; **Rosemary Colman**, Convention Co-Chairman - Piper Aztec - Sydney; **Frances Waggot** - Piper Twin Comanche - Sydney; **Timmie Tiver** - C182 - Hallett, S.A.; **Carol and Eileen Battle** - Piper Aztec - Townsville; **Stephanie Day** - Citabria - Melbourne; **Shirley Smith** - Piper Comanche 260 - Melbourne; **Thelma Pye** - Beech Baron - Tintinara, S.A.; and **Dawn Gregory** - C182 - Perth. Many other Australian 99s crewed into Brisbane for the occasion.

Retiring Governor, Helen Blackburn

was thanked for her exceptional work during her term of office.

New officers for 1977/78 are: Governor - **Layne Glanville-Williams**; Vice-Governor - **Rosemary Colman**; Secretary-Treasurer - **Glenda Philpott**; Membership Chairman - **Bronwen Searle**; A.E. Scholarship Chairman - **Pamela Saul**; Museum Chairman - **Marie Richardson**; and News Reporter - **Carol (Eve) Kitching**.

Discussion mainly centered on the subscription increase, followed closely by plans for Convention '78, "CAN-BERRA CORROBOREE". Suggestions put forward by "card-carrying 49½-er" Arthur Leebold for the visitors programme were greeted with chuckles.

The date of Thursday 16th March, 1978 was set for the next Sectional, which will be held in the historical goldmining city of Bendigo, Victoria.

## Notes from India

Rabia Futehally

**Chanda Sawant** and **Mohini Shroff** attended the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Aero Club of India on 31st May, at the Safdarjung Airport, Delhi and witnessed the Air Derby from 9 A.M. to 10 A.M.

Following the Air Display was the 22nd Conference of the Flying and Gliding Clubs of India. Both Chanda and Mohini attended the Conference followed by a luncheon hosted by the Aero Club of India to all the delegates, at the Delhi Flying Club.

The Indian Section of the Ninety-Nines was enrolled as an Associate Member of the Aero Club of India. This enables the Indian Women Pilots to participate in the future conferences and put forth their views, aims and objectives.

The Indian Women Pilot's Association has put forward their proposal to the Director General of Civil Aviation to permit them to effect construction for an 'Aviation Library' at the premises of the Bombay Flying Club (Land being the property of the D.G.C.A.) which will be the first of its kind.

The various sections of the Ninety-Nines and their members who visited India in

February-March, 1977 expressed their desire to present Aviation Books to the Indian Section for the project they plan to undertake. We are indeed thankful to Mrs. **Marion Barnick** and the members of the **Santa Clara Valley Chapter** for already presenting a large number of books to the Indian Section. We truly appreciate their goodwill.

On their return home from Delhi, Chanda and Mohini called on the Prime Minister, Shri. Morarji Desai, at his residence to convey the good wishes of the Women Pilots both from home and abroad, on his assuming the new office and the leadership of the Country.

**Chanda Sawant (L) and Mahini Schroff (R) with the Prime Minister.**





# NINETY-NINES in the NEWS

## MIDDLE EAST

### 99 Judge for IAC

West Virginia Mountaineer's "acro specialist", **Barbara Baron**, recently attended the I.A.C. contest at Medina, Ohio, where she assisted in the judging. **Natalie Staffor** was promoted to Associate Professor of Nursing, West VA University and received the "Outstanding Teacher Award".

## NEW ENGLAND

### CFIs Too Independent?

Eastern New England's **Carol Stiles** was on jury duty for a month. Believe it or not, she was rejected as a juror on a murder case because as a flight instructor she was considered "too independent"!

### New England 99 Becomes Navy Pilot

Navy Lieutenant (j.g.) **Pamela Hicks Krueger** has successfully completed 18 months of flight training and was awarded her wings at a ceremony at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station. She was one of four civilians in the second group of eight women to train as pilots in the U.S. Navy.

Pam had her first flight lesson at 14, soloed at 16, had her private pilot license at 17 from Oklahoma State U. Flight School while attending a Civil Air Patrol Flight Encampment. She attained her Commercial at 18 and her Instructor's rating at 19, while a student at Nathaniel Hawthorne College, from which she graduated in 1974. She joined the Navy in October 1974, and is now training in the C130. She has been a 99 since 1972.



Lt. Pamela Hicks Krueger is congratulated after receiving her gold wings. With Pam are her husband and father.

## NORTH CENTRAL

### Shawnee Lee Culbertson Wins Aviation Writing Award

**Shawnee Lee Culbertson** was recipient of the Amos Ives Room award for excellence in aviation writing. It is the second time she has received the award in the four years it has been presented by the Ohio Aviation Trades Assn. Her entries took 1st and 3rd place for newspapers with less than 70,000 circulation. Shawnee is a reporter for the Middletown Journal and she received \$100 and a certificate.

### 99s on the Radio

**Lois Feigenbaum** and **Carol Edwards, Cape Girardeau Chapter**, have been featured speakers on an aviation radio program. The interviewer was **Carol Roth**, owner of the Airport Galley Restaurant at Cape Girardeau Airport. The program, on KFMP-FM station deals with varied aspects of aviation, and is aired each Saturday at 10:00 A.M. Lois discussed the Powder Puff Derby. Carol was asked to talk about being the first woman flight instructor at Cape Airport.

### More 99s Become FAA Accident Prevention Counselors

**Lee Zeller, Indiana Dunes Chapter**, has been designated an Accident Prevention Counselor. Other new appointments have gone to **Mary Byers, Maybelle Fletcher** and **Patty Vick** of **Space City Chapter**, and to the ATP at **Opa Locka Airport, Lois Porter**.

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### Honors go to Spanish Peaks Members

**Joan Alyea, Spanish Peaks**, has been re-elected secretary of Pueblo Chapter One, Colorado Pilots Association. **Shannon Crouse, CAP 1 Lt.** is now rated as a Mission Pilot, one of only two women to hold this rating in the Colorado Wing. **Gertrude Howard** has been elected President of the Faculty Wives Club at the U. of So. Colorado.

## SOUTHEAST

### 99s Participate in Spot Landings

**Bobbie Leitner** and **Betty Schmidt** took

part in the Regional Landing Contest at Owens Field in Columbia, SC. **Bobbie** placed second and we are all proud of her. She really puts her Cardinal down soft.

## SOUTHWEST

### Aloha Chapter Gives "Help" and "Recognition" Awards

The first annual awards of the Aloha Chapter were "pat" presentations. The awards are "Help", to give financial assistance for furthering one's aviation skills, and for "Recognition" of the member of the chapter who has been most active in participation and leadership, excluding officers, during the year.

The Help Award went to **Pat Coates** who uses an airplane for business trips between the Islands and is working on her commercial pilot license.

The Recognition Award was given to **Pat Davis** for her outstanding efforts in behalf of the Aloha Chapter's fund-raising activities during the past year. Mrs. Davis is a flight instructor and holds an Air Transport Pilot (ATP) rating. Hers is a perpetual trophy donated by Braniff International.



**Pat David (L)** and **Pat Coates (R)** are congratulated on receiving their Aloha Chapter Awards by past Governor **Marion Barnick**. Photo: **Bud Davis**.

### Gold Medal Tennis Winner

Ninety-Nines have been aware of the many exciting flying adventures of **Pam Vander Linden, Fallbrook, California**, but **Palomar Chapter** is especially proud of another accomplishment of this very active woman: Pam has captured First Place and a Gold Medal in the U.S. Senior Olympics, in the Women's Singles Tennis, Age 65 and over Division.

### Pfile Places in Pitts S1

**Julie Pfile, MD** from **Utah Chapter**, flew her **Pitts S1** competition at Council Bluffs in July and placed 5th in the Sportsman Class.



## Ninety-Nines

# Projects

*A compilation of the thousand and one things Ninety-Nines do to further aviation and aviation safety.*



## EAST CANADA

### Maple Leaf Airmarks

Ninety-Nine Gloria McRae was instrumental in organizing the airmarking of the Goderich Airport taxiway which was completed on June 23rd prior to Goderich's 150th anniversary and airshow held the July 1st weekend. Also holding paintbrushes were Heather Revesz, Patti Leonn, Hetty Dekeyser, Ann Hider and prospective 99 Marj Davis. Several of their children were also a big help.



Students and instructors ready to celebrate completion of Montreal Chapter's Pilot Aid Course. John Mitchell, the "baker", sits right behind the cake.

## MIDDLE EAST

### Hampton Roads Chapter Involved in Aviation Education

Lucy Thompson organized the effort when Hampton Roads Chapter members assisted the Camp Peary Boy Scouts in earning an aviation badge. Assisting were Sherry Barnett, Sharon Paulson, Susan Sarro, Edith Fischer and Linda Hollowell. Naturally, the airplane rides at the end of the four-week project were the boys' favorite part.

Can you imagine a group of 100 kindergarten children touring an FBO? The courageous tour-guides were Hampton Roads Chapter's Gini and John Buck, owners of Mercury Airways at Chesapeake-Portsmouth Airport. Perhaps the next generation of 99s was in the group!

## NEW ENGLAND

### 99s or the National Guard

When the FAA invited 7th, 8th and 9th grade Inner City youngsters from Boston to Hanscom Field for an introduction to aviation, they asked Eastern New England 99s to lend a hand. With Chet Baird and Connecticut's Ruth Zimmerman giving rides in Barons, Elwyn Barnes and the 99s managed "ground control". Lillian Emerson ran tours of the tower. Harriet Fuller supervised loading of aircraft. Marle

Hight's beat was to the "ladies room" while general duty went to Chris Emerson, Mona and Phillipa Budding. Well done girls, it was either US or the National Guard!

## NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY

### Monroe County Airport Gets 75 Foot Compass Rose

The Finger Lakes Chapter painted a Compass Rose on the run-up area of Runway 7 at the Monroe County Airport, Rochester, NY. Members turned out in spite of the cold windy June day and we now have a 75 foot diameter Compass Rose for calibrating compasses. We are coordinating an official altitude checkpoint and moving the VOR checkpoint to the same area. Thanks to a local pilot for the surveying and the county which provided the paint. We finished in time for Rochester's Lindbergh Day.



Finger Lakes 99s Sally Hershberg, Georgeann Garms, Judy Bennett and Jan Kesel paint Compass Rose on Monroe Co. Airport.

## NORTH CENTRAL

### 99s Help With Airshow

The Cape Girardeau Area Chapter will be helping with an airshow in Carbondale, IL, Sept. 17-18. The Blue Angels are to be the highlight of the event.



Montreal 99s Irma Selig, Joan Mitchell, Betty Isenman, Sandy Frank and Anita Nunns marked the runway at Lachute, Quebec.

### Montreal Chapter Hosts Pilot Aid Course

The Montreal Chapter held a four week Pilot Aid Course for would-be pilots and back-seat pilots at Shell Aero Center, Dorval, Quebec last spring. The course was supervised by Georgette Buch but each night was handled by a different member of the chapter. Topics covered included: the main parts of an airplane; getting it off the ground; what all those dials in the cockpit are for; a smattering of weather; maps and navigation; and a popular session, the radio.

Sixteen people attended, and the lectures were so well received that we have scheduled another session in the fall.



## MORE NINETY-NINES PROJECTS

### "I'd Rather Be Flying" (with a 99)

With Peg Bert as moderator, our team of Adela Scharr, Val Johnson, and Nelda Lee presented the program for the Greater St. Louis Instructors meeting in July. Topic was "I'd Rather Be Flying (with a 99)" and the program was well received. Val supplied colorful highlights on flying the Powder Puff over the years with a wrap-up on this year's commemorative race. This gave Del another chance to make her "pitch" for the WASPS that resulted in a letter, signed by all the flight instructors, directed to the "Powers-that-be" in Washington. Another good push for the cause of women in aviation.

### Multi-Projects Keep Indiana Dunes Members Busy

Vicki Harding and Charlene Falkenberg manned a booth for Indiana Dunes 99s at Smith Field General Aviation Day in Ft. Wayne, IN. The display included the beautiful bulletin board made by Edyle Banaszak, posters and pictures of air-markings, copies of the 99 NEWS and the 99 history, "Past, Present & Future." Coloring books, jewelry and mugs were available for purchase.



Jean Lewin, newest member of Indiana Dunes Chapter, showing what a good member she is going to be.

A recent airmarking took place when Indiana Dunes Chapter painted the runway numbers and name on LaPorte Airport.

A long term project underway by this chapter is the filming and interviewing of persons who have a career in aviation,

both men and women. The finished project will be used for presentation to schools.



Aerial view shows finished product of recent airmarking efforts by Indiana Dunes 99s.

### 300 Pilots Attend Michigan Safety Clinic

"Oshkosh" was the topic of the FAA Safety Seminar Sponsored by Michigan 99s in late June. There were 300 pilots attending.

### Lake Michigan 99s Active in Aviation Education

Mary Creason held an "Air Academy" for boys and girls ages 12-17 at Ottawa Air in Muskegon during two weeks in August. Sister Marie Emery, one of their Michigan State University members, has published a coloring book for the 8-10 year age. It shows parts of the plane and leaves room for youngsters to name and color.

### Medical Supplies Fly Across Lake Michigan

by Gerri Kuehn

Collecting medical supplies for World Medical Relief has always been a favorite project for Wisconsin 99s. However, boxes of material have been stored at different airports in Wisconsin for months waiting transport because we cannot fly across Lake Michigan to Detroit, the site of the volunteer agency that forwards the supplies.

Recently, a letter to Keaney & Trecker Corp., a machine tool manufacturer (my employer) has solved the transportation problem. Now we place the medical supplies in storage in the tool company hangar at Mitchell Field and the company planes, a DC3 and a Viscount, take the supplies with them whenever they are going to Detroit.

Wisconsin 99 Gert Heintskill made the initial trip on Sunday, July 24th after contacting Michigan Chairman Joan Woodruff about the new arrangements. The drop-off site has been established and there is no need for a 99 to accompany the supplies unless they contain drugs.

Previously, we flew up to Manistique, Michigan, going up and around Lake Michigan, and the Michigan 99s flew the supplies on in to Detroit.

## NORTHWEST

### Promoting Aviation Careers

In keeping with the responsibilities of 99s to promote interest in aviation and related careers, especially for women, Far West Chapter made available to the North Olympic Library System, material sent by 99 Lorna Kringle, NW Air Age Chairman. Mrs. Dorothy Baker of the library system arranged the material into a beautiful window display featuring covers from 99 NEWS magazines and books from the library which would interest young people thinking about the aviation field.



Librarian Dorothy Baker by aviation career window she designed with supplies furnished by 99s.

### "Introduction to Flying" Taught at 4-H Summer School

One of many classes taught at 4-H Summer School in Corvallis, Oregon in June was "Introduction to Flying". Two classes were held daily for 4 days. The instructors were Williamette Valley Chapter Ninety-Nines from all over the valley. The classes included viewing different airplanes and a film. The students were 14 and 15 year old girls and boys from Oregon.

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### Golden Triangle Makes Fast Work of Airmarkings

Caddo Mills Airport is making preparations for the 1977 World Glider Championships in August and Golden Triangle Chapter was asked to remark early this month. We called for an early start to beat the heat and were fortunate to have a good turnout and finished both runways in two hours.

Cleburne Airport resurfaced their runway and called us for a very hurried air-marking. Very early arrival and a good turnout kept us out of the intense heat once again. It had been 105 degrees in Cleburne the day before. The City treated us to lunch at the Chaf Inn which is buffet style and the food is "out of site". Their graciousness certainly made the effort worthwhile.

Golden Triangle is busy this month



making placecards for Arlington Memorial Hospital for their food trays on Aviation Day, August 14th. Each card will have a different aviation fact printed on it.

We co-sponsored a safety seminar with the Tarrant County Junior College Flying Club to introduce the new area FAA Accident Prevention Specialist, John Jarchow. Gary Lavender, his predecessor, has been transferred to Oklahoma City.

## Fall Football Fattens Nebraska Treasury

If any of you plan to fly to Lincoln, Nebraska this fall to attend a University of Nebraska football game, look for a 99 to drive you from the airport to the stadium. Nebraska 99s will be at the General Aviation Building the morning of each game to provide the ride service for pilots and passengers.

## Other Nebraska Projects

Under the direction of Airmarking Chairman, **Nancy Alley**, Nebraska 99s spent two Saturdays painting the numbers on the runway and the letters on the hangar roof at the Blair, Nebraska Airport.

Nebraska 99s spent "An Evening in Hawaii" when they hosted a steak fry on July 22 for the aviation community. The food, entertainment, and Hawaiian decor made the evening a grand success. **Mimi Haworth** and **Evelyn Sedivy** took charge of planning for the steak fry.

## 99s Assist With BFR Clinic

South Louisiana 99s **Gayle Robichaux**, **Sandra Rice** and **Dee Wilson** assisted with registration for a Biennial Flight Review clinic held on Nichols State University campus in May. **Amy Pilkinton**, Shreveport, served as one of the instructors. Approximately 60 pilots attended the clinic which briefed them for their BFR.

## Slide Presentation on Aviation

South Louisiana Chapter's **Sandra Rice** has prepared a slide presentation on aviation for a class in which she is enrolled for an Education Specialist Degree. She presented it to her classmates and also plans to use the presentation with elementary school groups and civic groups.

## Space Sponsors Safety Clinic

**Mary Byers**, **Nita Brown** and **M.E. Conrado**, Space City 99s were recently guests of FAA's **Ansel Winham**, Area Coordinator, and **Carl Edmison**, Accident Prevention Specialist, at a banquet given by AOPA in honor of the 200,000th member to join AOPA, Mr. Mayes. Mr. Mayes is from Bay City, TX. Following the presentation, the 99s and FAA co-

sponsored a safety seminar for the pilots in that area. **Carl Edmison** presided at the meeting.



Oklahoma 99s **Gwen Crawford** and **Carol Collins** run the chapter booth at the Vance AFB fly-in.

## SOUTHWEST What is a TTOM-RIUMSNUD?

It's the way **Golden West Chapter** wound up laying out the letters for **DUNSMIUR-MOTT** field in Shasta County. Did TTOM first to see if we had enough paint, and when we did, decided to go ahead and do RIUMSNUD. And to be sure the spacing would wind up OK, did it backwards. Looks bootiful, too!

And to end the perfect day, the local **Happy Flyers** fed us an excellent dinner and we met a lot of interesting people. Hostess **99 Dorothy Reel** and husband, **George** put us all up at their **Abrams Lake Mobile Estates** trailer park. A great place to over-night if you're trailering in the Shasta area.

## Long Beach Sponsors Successful CFI Clinic

**Long Beach Chapter** again sponsored a very successful **Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic** last spring with 253 persons in attendance. **Susan Greenwald** was again in charge. Mr. **Hank Richardson**, APS at Long Beach FAA Flight Standards District Office, praised the work of the Chapter and presented an Award Certificate to the Chapter and also to Chapter Chairman **Jean Schiffmann** for her work as an Accident Prevention Counselor. Jean has been appointed the Safety Coordinator for the Chapter in the New FAA-99 Accident Prevention Program. A picture of Susan, Hank and Jean was featured in the FAA's employee magazine "FAA World".

## An Airmarking Job For Two?

Airmarking a field requires a large turnout and lots of work, right? This was the exact plan for **Palomar Chapter** to airmark the popular **Fallbrook Airport**. But the only three measurable rainfalls in two months occurred on the target dates! So when skies cleared two days before the

local **Antique Air Show**, **Valerie Grimsinger**, **Evelyn Ashton**, and **Jan Hatfield** were available to spend a day chalking in the letters, and the next day Jean and Evelyn returned to paint in the nine big letters just in time for the annual celebration. Not exactly a job for two, but they did it!

## 99s are "Guest Faculty"

**Kathy Gray**, **Dee Baer** and **Hazel Hohn**, Reno Area 99s, were listed as "guest faculty" in the Aerospace Workshop for Teachers program at the University of Nevada this summer. They discussed various aspects of Women in Aviation.

## Grant Offered by San Luis Obispo Chapter

The **San Luis Obispo County Chapter** has offered a generous flying grant called "Operation Flight Start" to any pilot over the age of 18 who resides in San Luis Obispo County who either wants to begin flying or to further their training. Funds were earned last year in food concessions at various airport functions.

## New Coat of Paint for Paso Robles

The **Paso Robles Municipal Airport's** Airmarking received a much needed fresh coat of paint on one of the hottest days so far this summer. Our project was so very well received last time - (before the Army helicopters sand-blasted the letters off) that we were asked to include the field elevation, which we willingly did. They have since asked us to come back and airmark their new helipad and paint a new compass rose. That's a lot of paint for 8 women and 2 children to spread.



**San Luis Obispo members** airmarking **Paso Robles Airport** (top). Bottom view shows the finished product.



## New Banner Good for P.R.

Our chapter is now the proud owners of a beautiful 5'x6' fabric banner constructed painstakingly by **Pat Kamm**, **Shirley Moore**, **Emily Cletsoway** and **Judi Gorham**. This banner will be displayed at all of our functions for all the World to see that the **San Luis Obispo County 99s** are active in aviation.



99's spreading their wings . . .

# Flying Activities



## EAST CANADA

### Treasure Hunt Results Released

Under the guidance of Vice-Chairman **Jean MacDonald**, First Canadian Chapter recently held a Flying Treasure Hunt. Prizes were awarded to the winners at a steak barbeque with a pirate motif held at the Buttonville Golf and Country Club on 11 June.

FCC's Beryl Scudellari waiting for 1st Treasure Hunt customers at Oshawa Airport, ONT.



The first place gold trophy and \$125.00 went to **Wilsie Frosst** and her observer, **Wendy Fowler**, both **Niagara Trillium 99s**. The second place silver trophy and \$50.00 gift-certificate went to **Cam Wakeling** who flew with his wife as observer; third place silver trophy and \$25.00 gift certificate went to **John Brown** whose wife, **Barbara**, a FCC 99, was his observer. **Helen Barter**, pilot, and **Simone Breukel**, observer, both members of FCC, won fourth prize—a silver trophy and a \$25.00 gift certificate; and fifth, a silver trophy and a set of tie-downs was awarded to **Margo McCutcheon** who has just joined FCC. All prize festivities were introduced by a local television personality, **Dave Duval** of CFTO-TV, Toronto.

The participants found the clues exciting and the hunt long, but seemed to enjoy exercising their navigational skills.



Fourth prize winners, **Helen Barter** and **Simone Breukel**, both of FCC.

### Maple Leaf Hosts Successful Poker Run

The **Maple Leaf Chapter** Poker Run took off on June 12, 1977 with approximately 50 aircraft participating in the fun. The run was considered successful in spite of the chilly, barely VFR skies.

As usual many fine prizes were donated. First prize of \$99.00 donated by the **Maple Leaf Chapter 99s** and a trophy donated by the **City of Brantford** went to **John Anderson** of **Sarnia** who held the best poker hand. Second and third prizes of 50 gallons of **Avgas** went to **Rob Ogden** of **Brampton** and **Dan Kenny** of **Sarnia**.

### Niagara Trillium Air Rally Committee Gets Up a Head of Steam

Work is under way to make this year's **Niagara Trillium Air Rally** even more of a success than last year. Sponsors and prizes are rolling in steadily and **Dr. Alan Frosst** has been rubbing his hands in glee for some months concocting the 250 NM course with as much trickery as he can muster. (We know for sure he was up taking photographs when *snow* was on the ground for the Rally!) **Wendy Fowler** is Chairman again and is ably assisted by the following committee: **Teri Joyce**, **Nora Parish**, **Marjolaine Murray**, **Marg McPherson**, **Marion Hallatt**, **Wilsie Frosst** and **Zoe Pynkoski**.

## MIDDLE EAST

### Flying Circus Attracts Hampton Roads Chapter

Thirty-two **Hampton Roads 99s** and guests flew in to the **Warrenton-Fauquier Airport** on July 24 for transportation to the **Flying Circus** in **Bealeton, VA**. **Melissa Messner** of **DC Chapter**, volunteer worker and former wing-walker for the **Flying Circus**, greeted us and helped provide transportation. The **WW I-style** flying was enjoyed by all.

### Poker Run in West Virginia

**WV Mountaineer 99s** held their first **Poker Run** on June 19, in **Parkersburg**, **WV** and report it was a success. Several nice prizes were given away, including a

\$50 cash prize. A hot dog and chili supper followed the event.

## NEW ENGLAND

### 1st AIRFAIR a Success

The weather and the **Eastern New England Chapter** worked in concert to produce a successful first **AIRFAIR** in **Mansfield, MA**. The **AIRFAIR** included a wide variety of activities to suit every aviation taste.

**Pay-Your-Weigh** flights were offered and flown by Chapter members. Sailplane and helicopter rides were also available. A spot landing contest, won by **99 Joy Robbins**, followed the parachute jumping demonstration.

In the afternoon the finale of the chapter's first **Treasure Hunt** was announced. A large number of area pilots participated in identifying aerial photographs taken in the central **MA** area, but all three cash prizes went to members of **ENE**. First place—**Harriet Fuller/Carol Stites**; Second—**Lucille Flynn/Marie Lepore**; and third—**Jean Doherty** and **49½er Ed**.

One of the highlights of the day was surely the presence of **Bette Bach**, who cheerfully gave rides to the 99s present in her **Tiger Moth**. It was reward enough for helping to enrich the chapter's treasury!

### The Sun Finally Came to N.E.A.R.

by **Carol Phelps**

The **New England Air Race**, sponsored by the **New England Section Ninety-Nines** and hosted this year by the **Connecticut Chapter**, was scheduled for Saturday, June 11th - but the day was absolutely dismal. As the saying goes, "If you don't like the weather, wait a minute!" The minute stretched out to 24 hours but then came the sun and the race was on!

Thirty-one planes left the starting line at **Groton** and flew over **Great Barrington, MA**; **Hawthorne, NH**; **Lakeside, CT** and back to **Groton**. The course was designed by Race Chairman **Evelyn Kropp**.

This year the **NEAR** race, formerly the **All Women's New England Air Race (AWNEAR)** was opened to men, and the five top trophies went to all male teams. Capturing first place, the **NEAR Traveling**





New England Governor Bobbie Herbert with NEAR first place winners Edwin Reeves and Bud Risley.

Trophy and the Piper Award were Edwin Reeves and Bud Risley in a Twin Comanche. Reeves is the husband of Laurie Reeves (CT) who was the NEAR Operations Chairman.

For non-placing aircraft, 99 Jean Pyatt and her co-pilot Kathleen Daerr took home a trophy for best speed and Connecticut Chapter's own charter members Nancy Tier and Teddy Kenyon took home a trophy for best fuel. The best Private Pilot team went to 99 Judy Warner (Conn) and her co-pilot Sue Teasdale. They also took home the Grumman American Aircraft award.

Last but not least, David Varnie and his co-pilot Mary Scribner (Conn) were awarded the Tail End Tony.

Watch for NEAR again next year and come join us. It's a race that's going to become very popular, very soon.



Charter members Teddy Kenyon and Nancy Tier won trophies for Best Fuel for a non-placing aircraft. Photo: Carol Phelps.

## NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY

### 99s Sponsor Fly-In Breakfast for Rochester Lindbergh Day

The Finger Lakes Chapter co-sponsored a fly-in breakfast on June 25th for Rochester's Lindbergh Day. Much work and fun was had by all for a profitable day even though the weather was wet and inhospitable. Marcia Gitelman, our outgoing Chairman, was our expert organizer and the breakfast would not have been a success without her.

July 9th the Finger Lakes Chapter sponsored a Poker Rallye for all area pilots. The course ended at Penn Yan, New York where the local FAA included a spot landing contest to promote proficiency. Prizes were awarded the winners.

## 16-Year Old Beats Airline Pilot

Virginia Hake, sixteen, daughter of Dorothy Hake, Western New York, received first place in the Buffalo Air Park Pilot's Association spot landing contest. She landed five feet from the line. Jane Staloff placed second at ten feet from the line. Third place went to a man employed by American Airlines. He was 50 feet from the line.

## NORTH CENTRAL

### 99s Do Well at Airshow

Delaware Aviation, Inc. had a tremendous fly-in air show with lots of 99 participation. All Ohio 99 Bambi Lynch and husband John performed some fantastic aerobatics in their Citabria and Pitts. Millie Stahl and co-pilot George Barr came in 2nd in the spot landing contest and Cam Stromberg and Andy came in 3rd. Cam and Andy just missed placing in the bomb drop by one place.

### How Can You Fly If You're Locked in the Ladies Room!

The third attempt by the Greater St. Louis lunch-bunch to get to Cape Girardeau was finally successful in spite of a delayed start due to one of our party being locked in the Weiss Airport ladies room! Ruth Schueler reports that 5 airplanes and 10 ladies had a really super time with their own private dining room at Cape's new Terminal Building restaurant. Sorry they missed the Cape Area gals.

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### Results: Space City's 3rd Annual Proficiency Derby

Space City's Third Annual Proficiency Derby, held at Fletcher Aviation on Hobby Field with festivities at the Airport Ramada Inn, turned out to be a grand affair. Twenty-two entries gathered from as far away as Hot Springs, Arkansas and Flagstaff, Arizona.

The Space City 99s were out in force working to make it a success. Lucille Bethard and her husband Ken took 2nd place, Patty Vick and Robert Mitchell placed third and won the best Cessna award, and Evie Tumlin and Mary Ellen Conrado received the best time estimate. Evie's brother, Tyree, took the trophy for distance traveled, flying in from Flagstaff, Ariz. Helen and Roy Jackson also flew in the race.

## SOUTHEAST

### FL 99s Visit 94th Squadron

The Goldcoast Chapter joined the other Florida Chapters in a special A.E. luncheon at the 94th Squadron at Ft. Lauderdale.

dale Exec. Airport, complete with special guests, film on A.E., and speaker.

The Goldcoast chapter also recently held a joint fly-in to LaBelle, FL with the FL Air Pilots Association.

## SOUTHWEST

### Mini-Derby Results

June 4th saw the 5th Annual Mini-Derby take place at Hayward Airport. Sixteen teams entered, eight in the 500 mile course and eight in the 300 mile course. Fly-bys were at King City, Madera and Camden Air Park. Eldris Shogren and Geri Wiecks of Golden West 99s came in second on the short course and received nice trophies. Third in the short course went to Nina Rookkaird of Redwood Empire Chapter with co-pilot Pauline Wade of Bay Cities Chapter. They also received trophies.

### Father's Day Poker Run Has Weather Problems

Weather made Mt. Diablo Chapter's Father's Day Poker Party sort of interesting - especially for those dealing out the cards. Special VFR's were needed into Napa. The sixteen participants had only to fly the course backwards in order to finish in time for lunch and prizes at the Sheraton, Concord. Terry Fenton was the winner of the first fun-for-all Poker Party.

### All New Kachina Doll Air Rally

Are you ready for the ALL NEW PHOENIX CHAPTER 99s KACHINA DOLL AIR RALLY? The dates are October 7 and 8, and the place is PHOENIX DEER VALLEY AIRPORT. This one is entirely different! The significant changes are these:

- There will be one race instead of two.
- Any two current pilots (male and/or female) may fly together.
- There will be no fly-bys.

Coded tables to be given out just before the race start will provide the key information for navigation from checkpoint to checkpoint. If you flew in the Kachina Doll or Roadrunner Rally last year, a free entry kit is being mailed to you. Otherwise, send \$2 to Maris Hawes, 5528 S. Heather Drive, Tempe, AZ 85283.

### GIFT COMING

To encourage all chapters to become more involved in Aerospace Education, a gift subscription of the Journal of Aerospace Education will be sent to each chapter of the 99s this year.

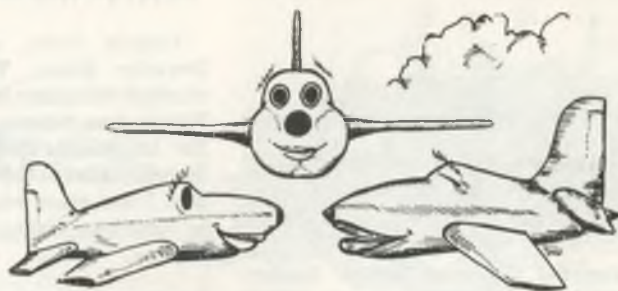
The Journal is chock full of great ideas and lists sources where information, supplies and materials can be obtained.

Please read it and use it!



99s getting together

# Meetings



## NEW YORK -

### NEW JERSEY

#### Garage Tour Reveals Airplane

The June meeting of the **Finger Lakes Chapter** was a picnic held at the lovely new home of member **Joyce Swanton**. After the election of officers we all trooped out to their garage to inspect the Cessna which she and 49½er, Charlie, are rebuilding.

#### WNY Members Meet in Ceil's Garden of Eden

On July 9, the **Western New York Chapter** held its annual picnic at the summer home of **Charter Member Celia Kenny**, Eden, NY. Our chapter fondly calls this **Ceil's Garden of Eden** as it has never rained on a '99s' picnic, even if the weather is down to minimums two hours before, as it was this year.

## NORTH CENTRAL



At the **Cape Girardeau Area Chapter** installation of officers, **International President Lois Feigenbaum** pins the **Chairman's pin** on her daughter, **Sue Long**. Could it be... "Like mother, like daughter"?

#### New Approach to Ways & Means

The "hostess with the mostest" (**Kay Von Tobel**) welcomed 14 **Central Illinois 99s** and 2 guests to her new 'woody pad' for the June meeting in Peoria. After the meeting and a delicious potluck lunch everyone was treated to a tour of the

spacious four room house. **Kay** (who was ways and means chairman for several years) charged 50¢ per room for the tour and even threw in the basement family room free. All proceeds were added to the **Chapter treasury**, of course.

#### STL 99s "Fly" Sabreliner

During the refreshment break at the **July St. Louis Chapter** meeting, one of the nice men from **Flight Safety** asked if anyone would like to see the **Sabreliner** flight simulator. I doubt if he was prepared for the mob of "takers"!

There followed a period that, for most, will never be forgotten! The simulator room looks rather like an extremely expensive laundromat, with 3 huge white "boxes" rolling and pitching this way and that, with red lights to signify they were in use. Inside the "boxes", our gals were taking off, flying around metro. **St. Louis**, and making honest-to-gosh approaches

and landings (?) at **Lambert International**, via the new visual simulators. None of them stepped out of the simulator with a **Sabreliner** type rating, but they were all smiles (if not a bit shook!) for the experience. We are all very grateful to **Flight Safety, Inc.** and to **St. Louis manager, Gordon Taylor**, for allowing us the once in a lifetime experience of "flying" a **Sabreliner**. What a thrill!

#### Joint Meeting for Iowa Chapters

For their July meeting, the **Iowa Chapter** was hosted by the **Quad-Cities Chapter** and met in **Moline** on July 9. The gals convened in the **Montgomery hangar** where they had the opportunity to tour the new **T-tailed King Air**. **Neil Pobanz** gave a detailed run-down on the airplane. The **Quad-Cities gals** furnished a gourmet picnic in the hangar before transporting the group to the **John Deere administration facility** for a tour of the offices and the museum. Most impressive! Beautiful day for a great joint meeting!

#### North Central Section Meeting Hosted by Lake Erie Chapter September 23-24

Only last minute details remain as the **Lake Erie Chapter** prepares for hosting the **North Central Sectional Meeting** on September 23-24. You'll receive the red carpet treatment as you land at **Cuyahoga County Airport** for registration and transporting to the **Holiday Inn** on the edge of **Randall Mall**, the newest and largest shopping center in **Ohio**. Cocktails and a buffet supper await you at the home of **Jane Hubben**. Saturday will include breakfast and a short business meeting in the morning, with lunch and an afternoon tour of the **Western Reserve Auto-Aviation Museum** in the cultural center of **Cleveland**, climaxed by the evening banquet. Speaker that evening will be **Dr. Jack Schreiber** of **Canfield, Ohio**, a well-known speaker and frequent guest on both radio and TV. Registration fee of \$50 includes all activities.

Shopping time may be scarce, but the Mall is only a few steps away, and they are open on Sundays, too. Or you might want to see a horse race at the famous **Randall Race Trace** just a block away from your hotel.

Whatever your choice, you'll find the weekend passing much too quickly.

## NORTHWEST

#### Military Exchanges Viewpoint with Private Pilot

At **Whidby Island Naval Air Station** questions and answers were exchanged as **Lt. Com. Jug Bernhardt** escorted the **Far West 99s** and their 49½ers through the weather station, air traffic control center, and a special inspection of his **EA-6B Prowler**. Such development of rapport and exchange of viewpoint between the military and private pilot is educational and practical since we share the air.

## SOUTH CENTRAL

#### Chaparral 99s Combine Meeting & Air Show

**Chaparral Chapter** held their May meeting in **Deming**, where they also enjoyed the **Fly-in and Air Show**. The June meeting included a picnic and swimming party at the home of **Jane and John Floyd**. Election of officers was held. We



also welcomed our newest member, **Barbara Turner** from Silver City, New Mexico.

## Eddie Holland Day Celebrated

Arkansas 99s flew-in for Eddie Holland Appreciation Day on the 2700' sod strip at Bondair in June. Eddie Holland is Director of Aeronautics for Arkansas.

Coastal Bend Chapter had their June meeting once again in Galveston, Texas to firm up plans for the South Central Fall Sectional. We were very thrilled to find that **Barbara Corley** and her daughter **Stephanie** were surprise visitors and very helpful in steering us right on several issues at hand.

## South Central Section Meeting Galveston, TX October 7, 8, 9

Coastal Bend 99s raised money with 3 cents a pound rides during the Grand Opening of Yoakum Municipal Airport. This is one more step on the road to financial security for the Fall Sectional in Galveston. We want to thank **John Seekamp** and **Loy (Speck) Morgan** for donating their time, aircraft and gasoline to our benefit.

IF FOR SOME REASON YOU DID NOT GET A REGISTRATION FORM, send your name and registration fee to **Katherine Caraway**, 904 Clark St., Yoakum, TX 77995. The price is \$35.00 until September 24, 1977. After that date, fee is \$45.00. Refunds if notified before September 17th.

## Ice Cream Attracts New Members

**Lubbock Chapter** entertained prospective members at an ice cream social which featured a wide variety of flavors of ice cream and flying stories galore. An exhibit displayed activities of the 99s and information for prospective members.

## A 99% Picnic

The **San Antonio 99s** had their July meeting at **Betsy Hogan's Ranch**. One % meeting and 99% picnic with 49½ers and friends in attendance.

## SOUTHEAST

### Carolinas 99s Play in the Sun

Carolinas 99s were hosted at a weekend of fun and sun at **Hilton Head, SC** by **Norma Littell** and **Ruth Grasil** during May. Norma and 49½er **Bill** served a terrific Lowland Stew comprised of steamed shrimp, smoked sausages and corn-on-the-cob. Finger licking good.

### Gulfstream Installs New Officers

**Mina Elschner**, Chapter Chairman of the **Florida Gulf Stream Chapter**, received a beautiful **Amelia Earhart** medal from **Genie Merrell**, the new Chapter Chairman, on behalf of all the members. The installation of new officers took place at the June meeting at the **Lago Mar Club**, on the **Ft. Lauderdale beach**, courtesy of **Connie Brunger** and **Marilyn Burch**.

## SOUTHWEST

### Southwest Section Cruise Designated Best Sectional Ever!

**Long Beach Chapter** hosted the Southwest Spring Sectional in May beginning on Friday the 13th. Setting was the luxurious cruise ship "**Pacific Princess**", taking 49 fortunate Ninety-Nines and guests leisurely down the Pacific coast, around **Guadalupe Island** and to **Ensenada** for a day of shopping and sightseeing ashore. Business and educational films and seminars on board were well attended and well received. Two highlights were talks by brand new attorney **Sylvia Paoli**, **Fullerton Chapter**, on aviation law, "**The Impossible Happens — Who Pays?**" and **Joyce Failing** on her experiences in conducting her very successful "**SAFE**" Seminars (Safe Air Travel For Everyone) being currently held in **Los Angeles**, **San Francisco** and **San Diego**. Attending the Sectional aboard the ship, in addition to Southwest Section Governor **Verna West** and a number of her officers, were International President **Lois Feigenbaum** and her 49½ **Bob**, International V-P **Thon Griffith** and Activities Chairman **Margo Smith**. At the end of the cruise, the consensus was "best Sectional ever"! Coordinator was **Mary Pinkney**, with **Pat McKennon** making travel arrangements.

### Long Beach Celebrates Quarter Century

**Long Beach Chapter** celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a dinner on June 17th. It was learned that **Long Beach** and **San Fernando Valley Chapters** were both chartered in February of 1952 as an over-large **Los Angeles Chapter** split geographically.

An effort had been made to locate all charter members. Entertainment was a series of unrehearsed bits of nostalgia presented by Charter members **Iris Critchell**, **Barbara London**, **Shirley Blocki Froyd**, **Aileen Pickering** and **Claire Walters**; and also by **Fran Bera**, **Ellenor Wagner** and **Margaret Callaway** who were members of other chapters at the time. Also present were current Chapter Chairmen **Irene Rogers** of **El Cajon Chapter** and **Virginia Showers** of **Los Angeles Chapter**. **Norma Futterman**, also of **Los Angeles Chapter**, took many Polaroid pictures, some excellent and some hilarious. A fun time was had by all.

### 10th Year Celebration for Mt. Diablo Chapter

Forty members and friends of the **Mt. Diablo Chapter** gathered in May to celebrate the chapter's 10th anniversary. Eight of the original eighteen charter members were present, and seven past chairmen were in attendance.

The chapter was sponsored by the **Sacramento Chapter** and chartered on May 8, 1967.

The speaker for the evening was **San Francisco 99, Jeanne McElhatton**, whose topic was "**Women in Aviation - Their Drawbacks and their Successes**".



Outgoing-Chairman **Fran Milford (L)** and new Chairman **Lucile Rollen (R)** are all smiles at **Mt. Diablo's 10th Anniversary**.

### Phoenix Says "Tell Us All About It"

It was "**Welcome Home**" and "**Tell us all about it,**" to the nine **Phoenix Chapter PPD** entries at the July meeting. We all thrive on the vicarious thrill that comes from listening to the adventures of the lucky ones who participated in the race. Personable **Skippy Orlitzki**, Chairman of the **Western New England Chapter**, and her daughter **Ann Smethurst**, were guests at the meeting. **Skippy** was in Phoenix to attend **Ann's** graduation from one phase of her **U.S. Air Force** flight training. **Ann** has now transitioned from **T-37s** to **T-38s**.

Whirly-Girl **Holly Douglas**, from **Los Angeles**, attended the June meeting. **Holly** has more than 2,000 hours in helicopters, instructing, crop spraying, ferrying, and what-have-you—but she has never flown a fixed wing airplane! She is a prospective 99.



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## 99s Ride in T-38s

During the Vance Air Force Base Open House/Fly-In, Nancy Smith, Oklahoma Chapter Chairman, and Kay Alley, Kansas Chapter, were two of the five persons who received an orientation ride in a T-38 Jet. The gals spent all morning getting outfitted with parachutes, oxygen masks, G-suits, helmets and the works, and getting a feel for the airplane by trying out the simulator.

Nancy reports that during her thrilling one-hour ride into the Wild Blue Yonder, she had the opportunity to try a few rolls and loops on her own. The Instructor Pilots were terrific (cute, too!) and the whole experience was extremely exciting and not the least bit scary. The only twinge of anxiety occurred when the Instructor Pilot was explaining to Nancy about the handles she should pull if she

Nancy Smith climbs aboard the T-38 for her one-hour orientation flight during the Vance AFB fly-in.



needed to bail out. He reassured her that he had never had to use this procedure in the five years he had been teaching, but it was important to be familiar with in just-in-case. He informed her, "If we need to eject, I'll say, 'Bail out! Bail out! Bail out!'" three times. If you're not gone by the time I say it the third time, you'll be flying solo."

## First Time Racer Places at The Mojave Air Races

Just entering a race for the first time is thrilling, but capturing a fourth place in aerobatics at the Mojave Air Races gave a real boost to Palomar Chapter's new member, Roberta Brown. While the Powder Puff Derby and Air Race Classic are the foremost in racers' minds these days, Palomar Chapter hopes 99s will remember that husbands like to race too, - and that they will encourage them to enter Palomar's annual Men's Air Race, October 1, 1977.

## Good Grief! What Airport?

Space City's Evie Tumlin, accompanied by M.E. Conrado, left Texas recently in her Cessna 170 named Samantha to visit her husband Bob in Morgan City, Mississippi and look over his new business venture there called Texas AgriCopter.

On the way they made a stop at New Iberia, Louisiana to check out places to obtain float plane ratings. Filing a flight plan out of New Iberia to Morgan City, they encountered a problem. Even though Morgan City is on the current sectional, *FSS couldn't find it*. Much time was spent on the telephone directing FSS until they did finally find it.

Once in the area of Morgan City, the crop-duster strip where they landed was not too hard to find. Not many crop-duster strips have a DC3 tied down on them.

## Alaskan Flies in a Bikini?

Alaska's Marion Zaegel was televised flying her Helio Courier H-295 on floats for the State of Alaska. The State is making a public service film showing what you can make of your life if you aren't a boozier!

Marion and 49½er Bill flew their bright yellow Starduster II to the EAA Convention in Oshkosh. They aren't used to the hot temperatures in the lower 48. Marion really startles the locals when she crawls out of the bi-plane in her bikini.

## Getting High

Wisconsin's Field and Carolyn Morey, with friends Dick and Judy Gleasner, flew to Aspen, Colorado in a Turbo 210. Upon arrival in Aspen they noticed a sign at the Chamber of Commerce Building saying, "GET HIGH". They investigated and found out it was a hang glider flight

school.

They took lessons - \$20 worth apiece, which lasted four hours. Both Field and Caroline "hung in there" in a modified Rigaldo wing. The biggest problem was cross wind take-offs. If the wind shifts when running for a take-off, you have to quickly turn into the wind or the wing will lift up, resulting in a ground loop. The Moreys said it was a real different thrill.

## She Hasn't Missed One Yet

Florida Gulf Stream member Peggy Brown, flew to the annual meeting of the National Pilots' Association in June, but not in the way that she had intended. Her Cessna 210 not being ready on the departure day as promised, she and fiance Dick Sanders hitched a ride with Palm Beach FBO-owner Jim Tilford, an NPA Director. This was a life-saver as Peggy had never missed an annual NPA Fly-In since its inception. Genial Jim allowed each person to take equal time in the left seat, a very generous gesture and fun for all in the new C-182.

On arriving at Basin Harbor, Vermont, the first persons to greet the trio were Marion Hart, the lovely and venerable lady in her eighties who had just made her umpteenth crossing of the Atlantic, solo, and Bill Ottley, the Executive Director of NPA.

## 99 Visits Israeli Aircraft Industry

Palomar Chapter's Rusty Mizell had a vacation including highlights every flyer would like to experience. On a trip to the Holy Land, she was part of a group of four AOPA members who were given a personally conducted tour of the Israeli Aircraft Industry. Later, the Mizells took in the Paris Air Show which Rusty reports was primarily a show of military planes from all countries which manufacture planes. Contacts with local 99s in both Tel Aviv and Paris made the trip complete.

## Seattle and Sacramento 99s Meet at The Nut Tree

Five planes from Greater Seattle Chapter filled with members and friends flew to California to join the Sacramento Chapter for lunch at the famous Nut Tree Restau-



ant. The event was thoroughly enjoyed but problems were encountered on the way home. The mean old fronts had moved in and had altered their plans. Two planes RON'd in Red Bluff and two at Redmond while only one lucky one managed to skip all the way through on Sunday. That's what makes trips interesting, though, isn't it?

## Space City 99s Turn Out For Arkansas Air Race

Several 99s and husband/wife teams from Space City Chapter in Texas flew to Hot Springs to enter the Arkansas Air Race. Helen and Roy Jackson won the trophy for the best time estimate.

## South Central 99s Tour Alaska

Chaparral's Henrietta Hallinan and husband Jim joined Kay Bond and Phyllis Brashar and husbands from Santa Fe for a trip to Alaska in a Cessna 206. The itinerary included areas reaching as far north as Circle Hot Springs, to Barrow and Nome in the Northwest, and Anchorage and Juneau in the south. Snow storms, low ceilings, socked-in airports, and mechanical problems made flying somewhat disappointing, but they reported that it was a great trip in a wonderfully beautiful and interesting country.

## Fantastic Sight at Gaspé Penninsula

Billie and Stu Downing of Eastern New England had a beautiful trip north to the Gaspé Penninsula, with tailwinds keeping the trip down to just 4½ hours. The two-hour boat trip to Bonaventure Island from Perce is beautiful. After the ride around the island to see the birds nesting on the cliffs we spent the rest of the day watching the gannets close up. Fifty thousand of these 71-inch wingspan "sea geese" nest here. What a fantastic sight!!

Of special interest to those planning to go to Canada: You can go through Canadian Customs at Houlton, Maine and then you need not land at an "Airport of Entry" in Canada.

## Parting with that "First Plane"

A trip to Denver to visit their daughter and son-in-law was to be their last flight in the Cessna 150 which Lake Erie member Bev Demko and her husband purchased when learning to fly. The little plane had served them well in the past four years, but they wanted a 4-place plane. So with much trepidation, they flew it back to New River Vally, Dublin, Virginia, to pick up the Skyhawk II which they had picked out. Ironically, New River Valley was where they had to leave their C-150 for two months last winter when trying to return VFR from Florida and that wintry blast hit the country. Bev reports they'll always be tender memories of their first plane.

## Australian Nurses Honor

### 'Tsugar Bird Lady'

Layne Glanville-Williams

On Monday 14th March, 1977, in a simple and moving ceremony, the memory of nurse-aviator, Robin Miller Dicks was perpetuated by the dedication of the Robin Miller Dicks Seminar Room, which will be the hub of the newly-renovated Nursing Administration of Royal Perth Hospital, which is responsible for over 1200 staff members.

Robin's father, aviation pioneer Captain Horrie Miller, unveiled the plaque, which reads:

"This tablet was placed here by the nursing staff of Royal Perth Hospital in proud and affectionate remembrance of

Robin Miller Dicks

a former student nurse of this hospital, who died at the age of 34 years on 7th December, 1975.

Her pioneer work added lustre to the history of nursing and of aviation in Western Australia. For her long term devotion to aviation which, with her work for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, she used to help the people of out-back Australia, she also earned international recognition.

In October, 1976 at Teheran she was awarded posthumously The Paul Tissandier Diploma by the International Aeronautical Federation, and in November, 1976, in London, The Brabazon Cup was awarded to her by the British Women Pilots' Association in recognition of her inspiring service to the community.

But to the aboriginal people of the out-back, to whom she gave hope, dignity and compassion in their time of need, she was known simply and endearingly as the "Tsugar Bird Lady".

Her life as a nurse and as a pilot was a dedication to the well-being of others less fortunate than herself. She exemplified in the best possible way the hospital's motto, "SERVIO".

The title "Sugar Bird Lady" arose from the method by which she administered to over 43,000 people. Sabin Oral vaccine - on sugar cubes - together with her ability to fly "like a bird."

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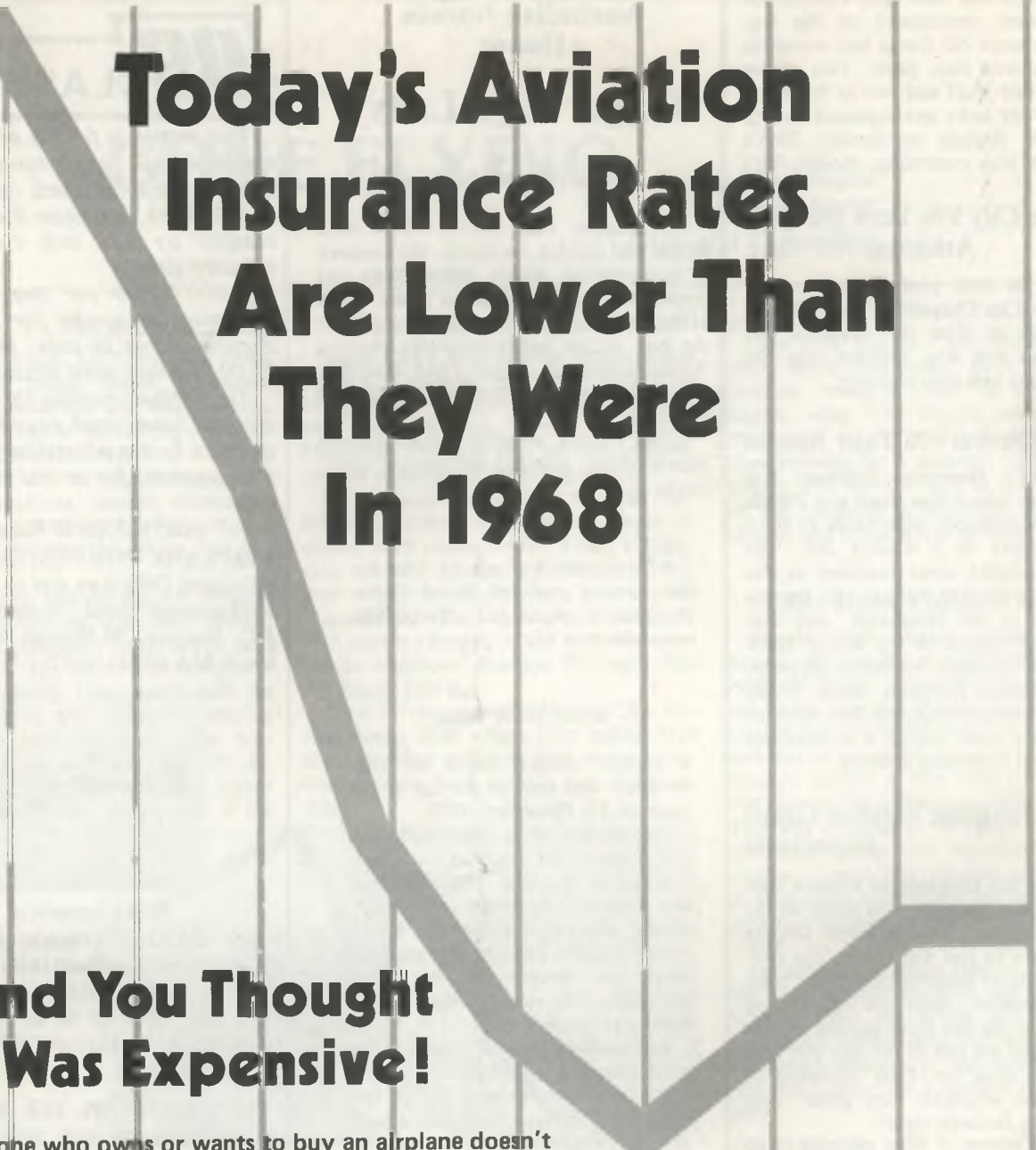
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