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THE GREAT RACE REVEALED!

"The Time Has Come—"

"The Time has Come—" it was the Walrus who said it, but the time has come for The Ninety-Nines, too. To cut bait or fish. We are anemic. We need transfusions. Transfusions of NEW MEMBERS. There's been much talk about this—now it's time to DO something.

Everybody knows about spiraling costs, inflation, etc. etc. etc.—and of course it's affecting The Ninety-Nines, too. A dues increase is one way to transfuse, but it isn't as viable and valuable as new members.

The Board has decided we need a membership drive. One which will involve every one of us in the organization, in a search for new members or to bring back old ones who have dropped membership.

To make this effective we need an indepth effort based on a complete study and analysis of organizational approach, attitudes, latitude, and precedent. What we need, what we want, how to get it. The analysis will show the good points of current membership practices, and the bad points.

Even as the population of women pilots steadily increases, our organization is steadily losing membership. To cure this trend may mean a ripping up of tradition, swallowing of unpalatable truths and some revamping of our entire psychology of membership. But that appears to be the flight plan required, if we survive.

Many women pilots with whom I have talked, have never heard of The Ninety-Nines—even when they are not isolated from aviation's mainstream. We must arrive at some means for making ourselves more visible.

Some have misconceptions, such as the attractive young Air Force captain to whom I talked as she toolled a C-141 Starlifter with 135 people aboard, through the western skies.

She said wistfully, "I want to be a Ninety-Nine, and I've qualified in jets and am flying co-pilot in this airplane all over the world—but I still don't have that required 1000 hours. I'm up to 960 though."

Another stumbling block is rigid, extended, probationary periods—sometimes as much as six meetings are required. Tell the truth, are you bosom friends with every single member of your chapter even if they did have to attend six meetings? Is there any

organization, business, or even family, in which every member is truly fond of all the others and finds no flaw in them?

Professional women, flight instructors, flight attendants, professional pilots, women in politics, executives, are often caught in activities which don't give much time off even for home life. Some health career people, especially nurses, are working seven days off and seven on. Doctors and anesthesiologists are on call many weekends and nights. News media people can keep no regular schedule.

Why should we care? My chapter seems to welcome me although I attend only 1/3 of our meetings. The rest of the time I am engaged in my profession of medical records consulting, or I am flying my husband to his accreditation survey commitments, or we are flying search and rescue for Civil Air Patrol or Coast Guard, safety patrol, the State School Board of which I am a member, etc.

These things are important to me. So are The Ninety-Nines.

One of our neighbors is building a house for her young son, teaching five days a week and summer school, working as a waitress on weekends—and can't afford to fly. But when she shows up at a Ninety-Nine meeting, which isn't often, we greet her with pleasure, and she contributes whatever talent she has. We love her for it.

Why aren't we happy to have these interesting women as part of our organization whether they show up for chicken salad or not? They aren't deadwood. They are foundations, not often seen but strengthening the structure of our organization.

Why do we hold on to the Brownie Point concept? Let's try to figure out some other means of recognizing the accomplishments of those who do as opposed to those who just keep us in being in other ways.

Maybe we aren't giving as much to our members as we are receiving from them. Perhaps we need new ideas, enthusiasm, innovation approaches to our problems— which we must find outside our current roster.

Many prospectives live lives full to the brim with new experiences—heady encounters. Such as the Air Force navigator I met, who was in Egypt last week, Japan the

week before, and Nebraska a few days ago. I met her in Salt Lake City. **She wants to be a Ninety-Nine.** Think she'll come to six meetings in a row??? or in a year?

We need many of these people to share with us, to inspire, recharge, remotivate us. Perhaps to help bridge the generation gap.

Let's get some of our older members back in harness. A top-level executive said, "I enjoyed The Ninety-Nines, but when I lost my medical and sold my airplane, they didn't seem to want me underfoot."

Well, I hope you approve the all-out drive your Board is planning to launch. I hope you agree with the concept of asking prospective Ninety-Nines to join the organization, and let chapter affiliation take care of itself.

DO open your Ninety-Nine doors to all women pilots. DO help put our little Ninety-Nine Airplane into the stratosphere—and keep her there. Let's work to recruit new Ninety-Nines, and re-welcome old ones.

Happy Flying—and recruiting—and remember: **Membership is the lifeblood of any organization!**

—Betty McNabb
International Membership Chairman

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Thoughts From Thon



Many of you have shared with me your ideas on how we can expand and strengthen our organization thereby creating greater vitality and increasing our ability to enhance the opportunities for women in aviation. With increasing frequency, we are offered opportunities to join with the leadership of the aviation community to provide direction, solve problems or participate in worthwhile programs.

The Ninety-Nines is the only international organization of women pilots, yet it has not kept pace with the international growth of women who fly. Why is this? Are we too exclusive? Are we too expensive? Have we nothing to offer? Surely not those reasons. Have we tried hard enough to find these women pilots and offer them the opportunity to join us in support of our goals?

In addition to our need for participants and activists in the world of aviation, we have another serious problem. You may have been surprised to learn at Convention (or from your Delegates' reports) that our expenses exceeded our income during Fiscal 1978. We are trying desperately to avoid this unhappy circumstance this year. While the cost of everything is going up at an alarming rate, our income has been slowly declining! Since *The 99 NEWS* is our greatest expenditure, your Directors have had suggested to you at Section Meetings that we reduce the number of issues per year. You emphatically let us know that we must not cut our only line of communication. Nevertheless, without adequate income, soon, we cannot handle the rapidly rising costs of paper, printing and other necessary publication expenses.

A dues increase appears to be unavoidable which as you know, must be voted on by the Delegates at the Annual Meeting.

Increasing membership will increase our income, therefore The 99 Board proposes to seek out and bring into the ranks of The Ninety-Nines those qualified women pilots who are unaware of us and our activities, plus former 99s who may not be aware of revisions in our

Bylaws which now afford them an active role in the organization.

Since we are competitive creatures, doesn't it follow that a **GREAT RACE** will give us the incentive to attract women pilots by publicizing our programs? The magazine cover shows an airplane at its starting position representing the beginning or take-off point of a five month membership drive and in subsequent issues of *The 99 NEWS* it will "climb" towards our safe altitude. We will be flagged off on January 1, 1980 and we will cross the finish line five months later on May 31st, the end of The 99s' fiscal year. Prizes will be awarded to chapters (and sections with no chapters) which achieve the greatest increase in membership. Part of the **GREAT RACE** will include **keeping your present members**. A handicap system will assure all chapters, great and small, opportunities to win the prizes to be awarded at Convention in Vail next summer. The "Race Rules" are outlined on the back cover. We hope all chapters will plan membership meetings and drives. To help you get started, you will receive additional membership applications from Headquarters. Fill 'em up—we have more where they came from.

The **GREAT RACE** has a twofold purpose — 1) New members bring new ideas and strength 2) New members will help carry us financially until such time as The Ninety-Nines authorize a dues increase.

Use the Membership List which is mailed by the data processing center each month to the chapter chairman—it is a valuable tool. If you have any questions about the list, call or write to me or to Headquarters.

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New Ratings

North Central

Margo Brooks—All-Ohio - CFII
Mary Jane Bassler—Chicago Area - IFR
Susan Zurcher—Chicago Area - IFR
Doris Kilanski—Greater Detroit - CFII
Gini Southerland—Greater Detroit - IFR
Mickey Pinkston—Greater Kansas City - CA
Kathy Magon—Indiana Dunes - IFR

Northwest

Judi Brown—Alaska - SES
Eddie Miller—Alaska - IFR
Carol Cansdale—Greater Seattle - CFII
Monica Mygatte—Greater Seattle - CA
Kathy Poppe—Greater Seattle - CA
Marilyn Newhouse—Idaho - IFR
Margrette Gallaher—Member-at-Large - IFR
Carolyn Curles—Mt. Tahoma - IFR, CFI
Elizabeth Grieve—Wyoming - CA

South Central

Babette Andre—Colorado - CFI
Jan Clemens—Colorado - IFR
Sharon Finch—Colorado - ATP
Faith Bridges—Dallas Redbirds - CA, CFI
Cathy Jones—Dallas Redbirds - ME, MECFI, ATP
Juanita Waddell—Ft. Worth - MEL
Mike Anderson—Houston - BGI
Mary Trusler—Houston - IFR
Mary Belle Boyd—Kansas - IFR
Carol LeKron—Kansas - IFR, MEL
Wilma Sheete—Kansas - IFR

Southeast

Rita Farias—Alabama - ME, IFR
Linda Crush—Florida Goldcoast - IFR
Ursula Davidson—Florida Goldcoast - MECFI, CFII
Belle Hutchins—Florida Goldcoast - FAR
121 Checkride
Celeste MacIvor—Florida Goldcoast - IFR
Rosalyn Sheppard—Florida Goldcoast - MEL, SES
Genie Smith—Florida Goldcoast - CFI
Nan McNamara—Florida Gulfstream - CFI, BGI
Ruth Ann Thropp—Florida Spaceport - IFR
Julie Chapleau—Mid-Tennessee - CA

Southwest

Nelwyn Choy—Aloha - IFR
Janice Lee Brown—Bakersfield - CA
Melba Moss Erickson—Bakersfield - CA
Pat Palmer—Golden West - IFR
Donna Vasko—Golden West - CA
Kathleen Snaper—Las Vegas Valley - CFII
Doyle Buschkotter—Long Beach - IFR
Pat McKennon—Long Beach - IFR
Ann Nelson—Phoenix - CA, ME
Jean Klein—Sacramento Valley - CA
Jean Patrick—Sacramento Valley - CA, IFR
Deb Tinchler—Sacramento Valley - CA
Jo Ann Linder—San Fernando Valley - CA
Barbara Michaels—San Fernando Valley - SES
Judi Rifkin—San Fernando Valley - BGI
Louise Martin-Vegue—San Fernando Valley - CA
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Louise McPhetridge Thaden (1905-1979)

Louise Thaden, stalwart Charter Member of The Ninety-Nines, passed away November 9th in the evening at High Point, N.C., following a heart attack. A private memorial service was held.

With license number 1943, Louise wasted no time in hanging up many records starting in 1928 and proved an inspiration to this writer and a multitude of others over the years. Much of her memorabilia and awards is housed at the Thaden Library, a log cabin adjacent to the Beechcraft Staggerwing Museum at the Tullahoma, TN, Northern Field—planes she helped to make famous by flying them in competitions.

Within the past month, Louise wrote she had cancelled her trip "up North" three times because she didn't feel equal to it. She had planned one of her many visits with her daughter, Pat, at Leesburg, VA and son, Bill, in the Boston area. Pat is now renewing her interest in flying and Bill is a pilot for Eastern

Airlines.

LMT lamented the fact she was unable to attend 50th Anniversary celebrations this year at Milwaukee, Albany, Atchison, Cleveland, San Diego and Valley Stream. She wrote of the invitations, "Of course had to reply negatively—I can only hope that The Ninety-Nines know my lack of participation is not from disinterest."

In correspondence over the years, I adopted Amelia Earhart's habit of ending her letters to Louise with the closing 'Cheerio'. In her autobiography, *"High, Wide and Frightened"*, Louise wrote regarding Amelia, and it is most appropriate for quoting (with poetic license) at this time: "Eternal life, I think, is a life so lived that its deeds carry on through the ages. Louise has carved a niche too deep to ever be forgotten. She will live. So I have said no farewell to her. . . I say to her, 'Cheerio'!"

—Glenn Buffington



Friendly rivals in California, 1939 (L-R) Florence (Pancho) Barnes, Amelia Earhart and Louise Thaden.

Long Island Holds Dedication Ceremony

By Alice Borodkin

The Long Island Chapter, where it all began, held a luncheon and dedication ceremony commemorating the first meeting on Long Island of The Ninety-Nines.

The luncheon which took place at the Valley Stream Park Inn and the Green Acres Shopping Mall marked the spot where 50 years ago Curtiss Field stood and where Amelia Earhart was elected first president of The Ninety-Nines.

Special guests included Muriel Earhart Morrissey, Teddy Kenyon, Nancy Hopkins Tier and Fay Gillis Wells.



Special guest, Muriel Earhart Morrissey, guest speaker Anna Chenault and Master of Ceremonies Chuck Scarborough visit after the luncheon.

Master of Ceremony was Chuck Scarborough, NBC newsman, and guest speaker was Anna Chenault.

The hostess chapter, Long Island, supplied numerous talents. Among them Barbara Evans and Ruth Dobrescu, co-chairmen of the event, and "artists in residence" Carol Rubman and Carol Richard designed the table decorations and

programs. Madeline LaCarrubba registered each and every one of the 125 guests and Ronnie Minnig took care of the transportation and "hoteling" of out of town guests.

The plaque, a 36-inch bronze replica of the picture of the first meeting, will be installed in the shopping center with an inscription for all to see the glory of the 99s.



The Long Island Chapter welcomed special guests Teddy Kenyon, Muriel Earhart Morrissey, Nancy Hopkins Tier and Fay Gillis Wells to the luncheon and dedication ceremonies.

Board of Directors Fall Meeting

Oklahoma City — October 28th-30th, 1979

By Gene Nora Jessen, Treasurer

President Griffith called the meeting to order at 8:30 Sunday morning with all Directors and Headquarters Manager Loretta Gragg present. The following is not official minutes detailing the business of the corporation, but rather highlights of particular interest to the membership.

The meeting opened with the Board's gift of an inscribed Amelia Earhart medal to past President Lois Feigenbaum in honor of her receipt of AOPA's Sharples Award. As a permanent acknowledgment of that honor we also purchased a tree in her name to grace our building.

99 Jean Ferrell reported to the Board in person of her interest in spearheading a drive to acquire funds to purchase a computer for our Headquarters office. She described how the computer would streamline our membership records, handle accounting procedures, store archival indexing, and handle many other time-consuming operations. Since our personnel needs are approaching the crisis stage right now, the Directors applauded and endorsed her generous offer to undertake a concerted fund-raising drive. In fact, enthusiasm loosened the grip on the checkbooks and each Director made a donation of \$50 to the computer fund on the spot.

Pat Mlady reported little support of her "How To" book project. She is still seeking input of nuts and bolts descriptions of various 99 activities to be shared with all chapters.

Plans for the second 99 Air Age Education Seminar are approved. It is to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska the last week in June and directed by Evelyn Sedivy. Details will be forthcoming, but in the meantime get that date blocked on your calendar.

The 99-event insurance report reveals a suspiciously small number of chapters purchasing insurance coverage for their flying activities. Remember that when you sponsor an event for which money is solicited from sources outside of the individual chapter or for which entry fees are required, the event must be reported to Susie Sewell, 99 insurance representative, and a premium of \$30 per event day paid in advance. This coverage is important to protect all 99s and is relatively modest in cost by using our master policy.

49 1/2 er Dennis Shattuck has suggested that we use one of the two months our 99 NEWS is not published for the publication of our roster. (This year our membership

roster cost \$17,206.) Hopefully, using the same printer and size of the magazine would offer a cost savings.

Much thought and soul-searching went into discussions of *The 99 NEWS* costs. Directors discussed at section meetings cutting the *NEWS* and the membership overwhelmingly favored continuing publishing 10 times yearly citing communication needs as paramount. Paper costs have risen above all reason and the Directors cannot allow the *NEWS* to break our financial back. Therefore, to save the *NEWS* which the membership has directed us to do, we are undertaking a massive membership drive. This income can tide us over to the end of the fiscal year. Obviously, next fiscal year we must either cut the *NEWS* or pass a dues increase.

A reminder—articles forwarded to the Scrapbook Chairman should be identified and dated.

Ed Martin, President of the Great American Mint has proposed inserting an ad in our magazine to be paid for by a small commission from sales made to our members. The Board endorsed the arrangement. Mr. Martin also presented three bronze medals from the Diamond Jubilee Collection to be displayed at Headquarters.

Hazel Jones announced that the 1980

NIFA SAFECON is to be held May 14-18 at Grand Forks, N.D. 99 volunteer help from the area or elsewhere can be put to work. All 99s who have had contact with the young people from NIFA testify that you will gain more than you will give.

Barbara Goetz reports uneven participation in the Safety Education program. Since it is our only truly international event, the Board would like more chapters to jump into the competition. Try it—you might like it! This year's trophy will be awarded at the business meeting of the convention in Vail.

This past year 99s have won three top aviation awards; Peggy Kathman the Air Traffic Controller Award, Evelyn B. Johnson Flight Instructor of the Year, and Lois Feigenbaum AOPA's Sharples Award. The Directors voiced their proudest congratulations to these deserving 99s.

The Air Force is planning to dedicate a building at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City in memory of Paula Loop, a 99 and WASP, who died in service during World War II. The dedication will be April 14th, during the spring Board of Directors' meeting. It will be an excellent time for chapters close enough to plan a fly-in to participate in the ceremonies and see our international Headquarters building. More details later.

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You asked for it!

After last year's 'round-the-world trip for so many 99s, YOU said - Plan another. We have!

Spectacular Passion Play Trip

Oberammergau, the wood-carving village, is the site only every 10 years for the all day Passion Play. Tickets for the 1980 play already are sold out. We have a total of 26.

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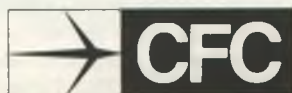
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Airmarking

By Sandy Petersen, Chairman

"Dear Mr. Marchetti,

"I am writing to thank you for helping me on my cross country I flew to your airport on October 18, 1978.

"It was my first solo cross country and also my first time getting lost. I started getting really nervous so I tuned to 121.5. . . I was just starting to explain my situation when I looked over to my left and I saw Fitchburg in bright yellow letters on your runway. If those letters weren't written there, I might have really gotten lost because I couldn't get the VOR to work.

"I think its fantastic what the 99s are doing, and I back them up 100%. If you get a chance, could you write to me . . . and let me know some information on how I could join their club. I am sure their efforts are greatly appreciated by other student pilots besides myself.

"Again, thank you for your help and thank the 99s for their help.

Take care,
Diane . . ."

This letter was forwarded to me by Jean Doherty of the Eastern New England Section. Both Diane and Jean are convinced of the importance of airmarking and how much it can mean. What has convinced you?

The 3" x 5" airmarking forms are ready for distribution. If the section airmarking chairmen will let me know their addresses and the number of chapters in their section, I'll forward the cards to them. The forms should be used for masters and copies made locally from them for distribution to section and international chairmen as each airmark is completed. Chapter airmarking chairmen should let their section chairmen know their requirements as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Maryland Chapter for their roof airmark on the Bank of Damascus; to All-Ohio Chapter for Fairfield County; and to Columbia Cascade Chapter for Clark County Airdrome. The new South Central Section's Airmarking Trophy donated by the Shreveport Chapter sounds like a great way to recognize the chapters' efforts. It is always nice to be recognized for our hard work isn't it!

Is there a chapter that has a compass rose template? Chapters are seeking one and unfortunately my efforts to find one have been unsuccessful. If you have a template for a compass rose or know who we can contact to get one, please let me know.

What are you doing now to set up your airmarking schedule for 1980? Need help? Let me know!

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Safety Education

Safety Education Award Program For 79-80

By Barbara Goetz

Start keeping track of your points. Your chapter and/or section could be the winners of the Safety Education competition next year. The same form will be used again this year. If you need an additional copy, please let me know. Let me clarify a few points:

1. APT & BFR's are worth 300 points.
2. New ratings and PSMP are worth 300 points.
3. Only the highest will receive points, i.e., a person with a new rating is also APT, BFR & PSMP. This will count only as 300 points.
4. Each new rating is counted as 300 points, even if the same person has more than one.

5. Time flying search for CAP will not be counted.
6. Speeches given must be about Safety Education. Talking to civic groups about "Women in Aviation" should be reported under Public Relations.
7. Fly-ins, poker runs, etc., will be counted if you state what Safety Education activity also occurred.
8. Points for activities are based on the length of time it takes to put on the project. Longer or shorter project points will be prorated accordingly.
9. The deadline is June 20th. I'll wait one week for the Post Office.

Good Luck! Please ask me to send you

info on Safety Education programs you may want to use. I have the following:

1. Pilot Safety Maintenance Program Forms
2. Year End Report Forms
3. Flying Companion Seminars (Order Blank)
4. SAFE Seminar (Order Blank)
5. Pennies-a-Pound (S.O.P.)
6. GA Week (S.O.P. & Sample Proclamation)
7. CFI Revalidation Info
8. Chapter Quiz and Meeting Ideas
9. GAMA — FAA Program
10. APT Program

Honey Wales



By Ellen Corder

With heavy hearts the Colorado Chapter announces the final departure of one of its members, Henrietta "Honey" Erika Wales. Honey succumbed in August after a short, but brave fight with cancer. She came to Colorado from New Jersey in 1971. Here she met her husband Pip, where they went to pilot training in the same ground school. Receiving her private pilot license in February 1974. Honey was a kindergarten teacher, receiving her B.S. in education from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, NJ; she played piano, harp, organ and made beautifully decorated cakes, especially for the 99s. She was an active member of the Colorado Chapter, South Central Section of the 99s having served admirably as aerospace education chairman. For her many talents, friendly smiles and gentle ways, Honey will be greatly missed by her friends and associates.

Special Edition A.E. First Day Cover

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Trustees are offering 100 *only* of the Special Amelia Earhart First Day Airmail Covers, re-cancelled at Valley Stream, NY, November 2, 1979.

They commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the first meeting of The Ninety-Nines, held at Curtiss Field there on November 2, 1929, and the dedication of a bronze plaque exactly fifty years later in their honor at Valley Stream.

These beautiful commemorative covers have the Octave Chanute 21c overseas airmail stamp added, as well as the gold seal of The Ninety-Nines Fiftieth Anniversary. They are available for a \$15.00 tax deductible contribution to the Scholarship Fund.

Checks should be made out to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, 99s, and sent with a stamped and self-addressed envelope to: Alice H. Hammond, Permanent Trustee, 15 Oakdale Drive, Millville, NJ 08332. 99

Correction

Our sincere apologies to **Accelerated Ground Training, Inc.** for reporting that the Flight Instructor's Revalidation Clinic was presented by Aviation Training Enterprises of Santa Monica instead of their firm, **Accelerated Ground Training, Inc.**

NIFA

By Polly Gilkison

Collegiate flying competition got started over fifty years ago and grew to be the National Intercollegiate Flying Association aviation program SAFECON. Professor Harold Wood, NIFA Executive Director describes, "legally we are a corporation organized under the provisions of The General Not-For-Profit Corporation Act of the State of Illinois. NIFA is classified as a non-profit educational organization 501(c)3 by the Internal Revenue Service and is also listed by the Office of Education in their publication." For thirty years, Harold has guided the development of SAFECON. He states that it was all possible due to the support from good friends of aviation, like The Ninety-Nines.

At the first Regional SAFECON in October at the University of New Haven the Connecticut Chapter 99s were there: serving as judges were Evelyn Kropp, Lorraine Jencik, Peggy Davidson. Also in October, the Greater Detroit Area Chapter 99s got our 1979-80 NIFA fund-raising campaign rolling with their donation. At the same time Libby Kaiser, Central Illinois Chapter 99 became an Associate NIFA Member by paying the tax deductible annual dues of ten dollars. All Ninety-Nines' gifts are important to the success of SAFECON. The date of the final competition is May 15-17, 1980 and the host school is the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks. (Note the change in date and place.) The 32nd NIFA SAFECON official program will again list our chapter and section donors. Mail your contribution in now, in time for the printing. Please make your check payable to: NIFA and mail to: Polly Gilkison, 131 Walker Ave., Clarendon Hills, IL 60514. 99

Items for Sale Notam

The Hudson Valley Chapter is offering Papermate ballpoint pens, silver and blue with a white 99 logo imprint. The pens are \$3.00 each and can be ordered from: Mary Sealfon, RD 4, Box 1033, Middletown, NY 10940.

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Evelyn Johnson of Morristown, Tennessee, on left, receives the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Flight Instructor of the Year Award from Associate Administrator for Aviation Standards, Charles R. Foster, in a ceremony at FAA Headquarters, Washington, D.C., Tuesday, October 23rd. She was selected in a nationwide competition sponsored by more than thirty general aviation companies in cooperation with FAA.

Canadian Rockies

By Roberta Taylor

The Canadian Rockies Chapter was officially launched September 22nd at the Western Canada Fall Section meeting in Calgary, Alberta. The charter was presented by Gene Nora Jessen, representing the international Board of Directors. Receiving the charter was Roberta Taylor, who organized the new chapter and is its first chairman.

The Canadian Rockies Chapter is comprised of members who live in the Rocky Mountain Trench. They include Roberta Taylor and Barb Clarkson from Cranbrook, Jane MacIntyre, Meredith Kemp, Cathe Clement and Audrey Webster from Kimberley, Terry Taft from Invermere and Angelee Keeley from Golden B.C. Two other members come from other parts of B.C. Jean Dale-Johnson is from Castlegar and Betty Alsager is from Kelowna.

The Canadian Rockies Chapter is the first 99 chapter to be formed in the interior of British Columbia.

At the section meeting gifts were presented to the new chapter by the Alberta, Saskatchewan and Winnipeg Chapters. ⁹⁹



A new 99 chapter was born September 22nd when the Canadian Rockies Chapter was launched at the Western Canada Fall Section Meeting in Calgary Alberta. International Treasurer Gene Nora Jessen presented the charter to Roberta Taylor, chairman of the new chapter. In this photo Roberta Taylor (left) accepts a cheque from Edith Zak, Treasurer of the Alberta Chapter. The cheque was a gift to help the new chapter get started. Members of the Canadian Rockies Chapter look on: (L-R) Angelee Keeley, Jane MacIntyre, Betty Alsager and Terry Taft. Missing from the picture are Jean Dunlop, Barb Clarkson, Cathe Clement, Meredith Kemp and Audrey Webster.

Potomac Chapter

By Betty Jo Ault

Recognizing the need for women pilots to colonize in their area of the state of Maryland, the 24 women requested a charter so that they could pursue the 99s purpose.

On June 22nd, 1979, at the historic College Park Airport, Maryland, in a hangar sparked with memories of our country's early aircraft and inaugural air mail flights, birth was given to the new Potomac chapter.

Fay Gillis Wells, one of the original Charter Members, presented the charter to Mary Ellen Webster, Chairman of the Potomac Chapter. In her presentation, Mrs. Wells briefly described the areas where the 99s are involved, such as airmarking, safety and air age education. Also, she recollected the original 99s' first meeting fifty years ago, in a hangar—so similar to this charter meeting.

As chapter friends and guests listened, the keynote address was delivered by Dr. Paul E. Garber, Historian Emeritus, National Air & Space Museum. His splendid chronological slide presentation relived many historical

moments and accomplishments of women in aviation, from balloonists of the 18th century to jet pilots of today.

Founding board members of the Potomac chapter are: Mary-Ellen Webster, Chairman; Bertha Owen, Vice-Chairman; Rosalie

McNish, Secretary; Ann Lawton, Treasurer.

Following the meeting, festive Champagne Punch and other refreshments were served.

Another proud moment for The Ninety-Nines. ⁹⁹



The Potomac Chapter pictured at their charter meeting at College Park Airport, Maryland, June 22, 1979.

Activities & Projects

East Canada

Just in Time

By Felicity McKendry

Hurricane Freddie's remnants cleared out of the Ottawa area just in time to provide a beautiful clear day for the Poker Run on September 15th. There were 30 prizes donated. After judge Ernie Schneider judged the hands, Ken Broad of Winchester, who won first place, chose First Air's 2 free passes for anywhere on their southern Ontario schedule. R. Charron of Ottawa selected a \$50.00 cheque from Bradley Air Services as his prize for second place. A special thank you to the Rockcliffe Flying Club for providing the terminus manned by Suzanne Frogley and Felicity McKendry. The eight other stops were: Gatineau—Mary MacMillan, prospective 99 Denyse Marleau; Ottawa—Carolyn Thomas; Carp—Sue Chapman; Arnprior—Betty Jane Schermerhorn; Smith's Falls—Margaret Bruce; Brockville—Donna & Pat Murdock; Kingston—Christine Johnson; Winchester—Lorna deBlicquy.

New York—New Jersey

4 + 7 = Success

By Mary Matthews

Hudson Valley Chapter continued their airmarking activities by meeting at Orange County Airport, Montgomery, NY. Four members did the preliminary marking on the Thursday and seven members combined efforts on Monday to complete the job. When they were finished the taxiway in front of operations spelled out the name of airport and the elevation. All meals were provided for by the manager of the airport.

Long Island Paints 80' Compass Rose

By Patricia Rockwell

If anyone flies over Brookhaven, New York's, Airport, please notice the beautiful new 80' blue and white compass rose with the 99 emblem in the center. Twelve girls from the Long Island Chapter, including a prospective 99 and a faithful 66, turned out to paint away a day in September. After extremely hot and humid weather for weeks, Hurricane David left us the gift of a beautifully cool dry day. Only one scare

developed when three girls each received one drop of rain from the broken stratus clouds overhead.

Our grateful thanks go to the two 49½ers who laboriously calculated and chalked out our 99 circle and point pattern making sure every compass degree was completely accurate. Three cheers for Vinny Devino and Pete Bizosso. Vinny's 99 wife, Elaine, was the instigator and designer of the airmarking project as a way of saying thanks to Brookhaven Airport management for letting our chapter use Vinny and Elaine's



Central New York Chapter members Marcia Buller and Joyce Revelle flank the basket as other members look on at the October meeting in Ithaca, New York. Tom Baldock and Peggy Calicchia gave a demonstration on how to fill a hot air balloon. The weather wasn't conducive to flying so a rain check was given to the chapter.



The Long Island Chapter ambitiously undertook the painting of an 80' Compass Rose. As could be expected, it was a 'giant' success!



The Western New York Chapter painted runway numbers and threshold lines on the Lancaster, NY Airport recently. The chapter appreciated the help of Viji Kumar from India with this and other activities this past summer and fall.

fixed base operation, Northfield Aviation, for our poker runs and spot landing contests.

Many of the gals arrived at 9 AM to help with the measuring, layout and coordinating of supplies, including 12 gallons of paint. Most stayed the entire day to finish. It was well worth staying until the end at 5:30 PM. We were pooped, but that 99 emblem certainly did look beautiful.

The painting party included 99s Madeline LaCarrubba, Kathy Lustig, Carol Richards and daughter Merideth, Mae Smith, Pat Bizosso, Elaine Devino and son Michael, Ronnie Minnig, Denise Ryan and Pat Rockwell. Prospective 99 Joan Scarpinato and 66 Red Guernsey also painted.

Middle East

At Last!

By Arlene Feldman

After several unsuccessful attempts due to weather, the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter held their annual Pennies-A-Pound flights at Trenton-Mercer County Airport on Saturday, October 6th, 1979. The weather was good, the turn-out was great and the publicity was excellent. In addition to the TV interviews on the ground and in the air, an unexpected visit by Ronald Reagan, who had just completed a political tour of the area provided more coverage for the chapter and The Ninety-Nines in general.

Hats off to Louise Sacchi for her many continuing contributions to aviation. Louise has been actively promoting the newly formed Pilots' Lobby, speaking to pilots and non-pilots alike about the need to keep general aviation alive and free from unnecessary regulations. In addition, Louise graciously stepped in recently and became the guest speaker of the American Bonanza Society at the group's meeting in San Antonio, Texas, when the scheduled speaker was forced to cancel due to the hurricane that hit that area.

North Central

All-Ohio Welcomes Commodores

By Jeane Wolcott

All-Ohio 99 Martha Velesky was given the task of escorting the members of Ohio Commodores at this year's Dayton Air Fair. Deciding that the Commodores would remember what organization was responsible for escorting them, Martha set about to make a small information folder. Friends helped with the printing after Martha explained what she wanted. A small folder, on the front it stated, "Welcome, Ohio Commodores to Dayton Air Fair". The small 99 emblem came next and underneath it was "Official Hostesses". On the first page in large letters "Ninety-Nine History" and on the next page were three short paragraphs on the 99s. There was no doubt in the Com-

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modores mind who the 99s were. Interestingly enough, Martha had really done her homework. The Commadorees were established by the Governor of the great State of Ohio issuing an Executive Order. The purpose of the association is to encourage the free exchange of ideas and information between the Department of State Representatives, Cabinet members and professional community. The impression made by Martha Velsky on these influential gentlemen will have an everlasting effect.

All-Ohio is geared up for the NIFA meet which was held at Bowling Green, October 26th, 27th and 28th. NIFA Chairman Charlene Mehaffie arranged for members to assist with the navigation and spot landing events.



(L-R) Commodore John B. Calfee, Cdr. Richard J. Kelley, Mrs. John Calfee, 99 Martha Velsky, Cdr. Robert Heyl, Cdr. Fritz Russ, Cdr. Max Davidson, Cdr. Hudson Jefferys and Cdr. Jerome Turk. The sign was made by Pamela Sanders, Martha's granddaughter.

Chicago Area Ushers

By Bev Blietz

Twenty Chicago Area Chapter 99s ushered on October 16th at Chicago's Conrad Hilton as the NTSB in conjunction with the National Safety Council staged a safety seminar drawing 2000 people primarily from the general aviation community. Adhering to the theme of Training, Good Knowledge, Good Skills plus Good Judgment make up the Safe Pilot, with emphasis on the FAA's Pilot Proficiency Program, a host of notables gave presentations affirming cooperation and commitment on the part of industry and government to the cause of safety.

Accident Prevention Specialist Pete Campbell delighted the assembly with homely humor, but on a more serious thrust stressed attitude—attitude toward the accident itself, toward the bases for FARs and the general aviation public's attitude toward one another in the sharing of safety knowledge.

Quentin Taylor, administrator for the FAA, while advancing the voluntary Pilot Proficiency Program initiated in July, 1979 also previewed the spending of \$100 million for 86 reliever airports in 56 cities beginning October, 1980. Inclusions for these sites will be improvements to ILS, runways, taxiways and control towers. Taylor also predicted

penalties for infringements of FARs from \$1000 to \$25,000.

Clare Reese, Collins Radio, represented GAMA and reaffirmed industry's commitment to safety. Stating that judgement was the prime difference between "just a pilot" and a professional, Clare professed subscription to the Accident Prevention Program.

Anchor speaker Jim Greenwood of Gates Lear suggested that judgment can be taught within limits. He stressed the importance of preflighting the pilot as well as the equipment, and the formula for the successful flight is Man, Machine and Mission in tune.

Dedication!!

By Jan Pocock

The Greater St. Louis Chapter's treasury is \$165.00 healthier as a result of a lot of hard work by Chris St. Onge and crew at the September 15th airplane wash at Weiss Airport. Chris had "appointments" lined up in advance, beginning at 0730 (and the temp. was in high 40s at that hour) and some of the group, like Chris, Lynne Zeiser and friend were there throughout the day, until 5:30 PM, finishing the last of the planes. Barb Wilper flew her Mooney in for (as she said) a "badly needed wash job", brought her son and daughter as helpers, and stayed several hours helping wash the planes, and—paid for her wash job, too! That's dedication! A few other 99s based at Weiss were customer/workers, too and the weather (after the sun got up and warming) was just delightful. Lynne carried off the prize for the wettest human being alive and surely one of the hard-workinest! We even had some owners wanting to sign up for next spring and Chris said we'll do it, but having—literally—gotten our feet wet with this enterprise, we'll charge more!! Thatsalotta Work! Some of the other helpers for various periods throughout the day were: Amy Laws, Laura Sellenger, Loretta Slavick (brought her grandson to work for her!), Gloria Cash (early morn, prior to having to go to work), Nelda Lee, Jan Pocock, JoAnne Sabo, Donna Stallings, and—our thanks especially go to airport owner, Gene Taylor for allowing us to clutter up his ramp and wash area with our fund raising ladies and planes!

1929 must have been a heck of a year for aviation, because every time you turn around, somebody in aviation is celebrating 50 glorious years, and Bi-State Parks Airport in Cahokia, IL, is no exception!

October 13th was the date for their day long celebration that offered something for everyone. Beginning with a fly-in breakfast at 0700, the activities resembled Barnum & Bailey's finest!

Greater St. Louis 99s were asked to assist as timers and judges for the various activities, and we were delighted to help them out, in view of the wonderful cooperation we received during the 50th Commemorative Air Race in August and the many nice things the airport people did for our racers



Jan Pocock, Val Johnson and Sue Matheis admire (?) Dottie Haupt's method of keeping her head warm at a very chilly Bi-State Parks Airport while judging the spot landing contest.



Some of the Greater St. Louis gang who sold papers on "Old Newsboys" Day, November 13th, for the benefit of children in the Metro St. Louis area.

who stopped there on the way to Cleveland. Besides, who can refuse our delightful Amy Laws, whose airplane is based there and who was more or less in charge of lining up the ladies?? Nobody!!

Indiana Chapter 40th Anniversary Celebration

By Margaret Dant

Indiana Chapter celebrated its 40th Anniversary in Lafayette, IN with a brunch in the Memorial Unions' Sagamore Room. The first organizational meeting of our chapter was held in that very building. The All-Ohio Chapter, who helped with founding details, were also present for these festivities.

Helen Wetherill, first chapter chairman, told us some of the early details. At that time, there were approximately several hundred 99s. Also, she was informed by letter that she had been elected chairman—she didn't even know that she had been nominated. This proves things don't change much in Indiana in 40 years.

Dorothea Hendricks, Historian and member with most years in the chapter, told of the early years and also of chapter reorganization after World War II.

After the joint meeting, Ann Black, FAIR Chairman and Purdue University librarian, had arranged for us a special display of Amelia Earhart memorabilia. This display included a flight suit, goggles, scarf, notes, telegrams, pictures, trophies, etc.

Thanks to Helen, Dorothea, Ann and the great All-Ohio girls for making our anniversary so memorable.

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Indiana Dunes Make History

By Barb Gross

October 25th, we made history. We were the first civilian group to FLY into Grissom Air Force Base. We were given the VIP treatment in every aspect of the tour, starting with the marquee welcoming us. A ramp gave us access to the KC-135, the military version of a 707. Inspection of the re-fueling planes was another thrill. The weather room offers the weather anywhere in the world at your command within 30 seconds. The first thing we read on the teletype machine was "Ninety-Nines, Welcome to GUS." Then onto the radar room, where we were briefed on approach control and precision approach radar. They showed us the strips from our approaches to their field. From there we lunched at the Officers Club, where the Wing Commander spoke to us. The bus tour also included a general base tour of the living and recreation areas and the small outside Vintaged Aircraft Museum. We recommend this tour to all, it's truly fantastic.

Northwest

Idaho Celebrates 25th Anniversary

By Pat Jenkins

A heady mix of dignitaries honored the Idaho Ninety-Nines at a recent celebration of the chapter's twenty-fifth year. The anniversary dinner held in Boise, lured out the Northwest Section's immediate-past Governor, Louise Wicks and her husband of Eugene, Oregon and the new Section Governor, Charlotte Kamm of Seattle. The State of Idaho's Lieutenant Governor, Phil Batt, was in attendance with his pilot-wife, Jacque, and even the MC was the Boise GADO Chief, Jim Prendergast. A warm welcome was extended to special guest, our very charming President, Thon Griffith.

The Idaho Chapter was issued its charter October 15, 1954 with eight original members. Two of them are still active 99s today, Fran Brown and Eula Logsdon, both of Boise.

Flying stories of yesteryear pervaded the evening's conversations, and entertained both old and new Ninety-Nines. It was a rare treat indeed to meet with our former members and share an evening together.

Land West—Regardless

By Shirley Everett

On September 9, 1979, Wyoming 99s, 49½ers, and guests enjoyed the camaraderie of the ranch hands at member Lynn Sanford's TTT Ranch, eighteen miles south of Kaycee, Wyoming. The active runway which is located near the South Fork of the Powder River is a landing strip in the hayfield and the standard airport advisory is to land to the west regardless of the wind direction. After camping out Saturday night, members got an early start arrowhead hunting, finding two arrowheads and several chips, and were back at the ranch in time to share a



Hostess Bev LaBrie makes a few remarks while the other head table guests including Jim Prendergast, Boise GADO; President Thon Griffith and Charter member Fran Brown listen



Two celebrated Ninety-Nines: Chapter charter members Fran Brown and Eula Logsdon

picnic lunch and conduct the regular meeting.

South Central

Redbird's Hold Seminar

By Bryant Hutchinson

On October 20th we held a Safety Seminar for Maintenance and had splendid speakers: Ken Gardner for Beech, Gilbert Hendrix of Spectrometrics, William Schaffer, Airworthiness Specialist and Malcom Meyers, Aviation Underwriter.

Our sponsors were magnificent flying men. Braniff Aviation Services, Professional Aircraft Management Corporation and the FAA Accident Prevention Program with John Jarchow doing yeomans duty. Mini speeches were made by Huard Norton, APCM John Jarchow, Jim Woehr, and our own old friend, Hank Newman.

At the last meeting we agreed to help with the regional NIFA meeting on November

9th and 10th. Hope the weather is good.

Our new Chairman Kathy Jones is proving to be a terrific leader. Come see us when you get to Dallas, Texas.

Ft. Worth Unveils Memorial Plaque

By Henrietta Pence

In October, the Fort Worth Chapter of Ninety-Nines was invited to fly or drive to Stubbs Strip near Ft. Worth for the unveiling of a memorial plaque by the White-settlement, Texas Historical Society on the grounds of the Stubbs ranch home.

Verna Stubbs, a long time member of The Ninety-Nines, was honored a short while ago by our chapter with a Life Membership in The Ninety-Nines.

Verna and her husband, Johnny, maintain a grass strip next to their home that was a stagecoach inn during the 1800's.

The scene was moving and full of contrasts at the occasion: Verna and Johnny dressed in clothes circa 1800's, an Indian

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Verna and Johnny Stubbs unveil the memorial plaque in Ft. Worth, Texas

warrior and maiden on horseback, a stagecoach pulled by four horses, light aircraft circling and landing—all, practically in the shadows of Fort Worth skyscrapers seen on the skyline in the distance.

Conclusion: We still need the "Inns"—just farther down the airways.

Converging Painters

By Lenora Woodard

Ninety-Nines from Austin, Golden Triangle and Waco Centex Chapters converged at the Hearne Airport on September 15th for a joint airmarking session. The 7,000 foot runway received runway number markings, a displaced threshold chevron and the airport name and elevation. The 32 participants were treated to a bar-b-que lunch at the airport by the manager and also enjoyed watching glider operations and parachute jumping activities which were going on.

Houston 99s Paint & Paint & Paint

By Elsie Collie

The Houston 99s have been busy with their paint brushes and rollers. Weiser Field was airmarked on September 22nd. Anyone flying over the NE Houston Airport will



The Houston Chapter airmarked Weiser Airport the hard way--on the roof. (L-R) Chris Cobb, Connie Mungle, Joy Parks and Helen Simonette decided that going up and down the ladder was the hardest part of the job.



Palacios Airport was another Houston project. Chapter members wisely recruited prospective members and guests to help with the painting. (L-R) Helen Simonette, Peggy Campbell, a prospective member, Kitty Heintz, a guest, Carol Ragland, and Linda Andrews roll away.

now be able to easily see those large black and yellow letters on the hangar roof. The work crew consisted of Linda and Dan Andrews, Chris Cobb, Elsie Collie, Connie Mungle, Margaret Nelson, Joy Parks, and Helen Simonette. A special thanks to 49½er Dan who took care of cleanup tasks after the marking.

On October 21st, four planes loaded with ambitious Houston 99s returned to Palacios to complete the marking of four runway numbers. Manning shovels, brooms, paint brushes, and rollers, the task force spent four hours of hard labor performing their services. Ninety-Nines Chris Cobb, Elsie Collie, and Helen Simonette, along with prospective members Linda Andrews, Carol Ragland, Peggy Campbell, and Ann Young enjoyed the ride in the back of the Palacios limosine... a very very old rusty truck. Donna Wilson was the trusty chauffeur! Other helpers included Dan Andrews, Al Sumrall, Dempsey Tucker, Kitty and Jeff Heintz. Yes... all thirteen of us rode in that truck and carried brushes, rollers, cans of paint, lunches, and coolers!

Flying Footballers

By Sharon Meyer

Nebraska 99s have been providing transportation from the Lincoln Airport to the stadium for football fans flying to Lincoln this fall for University of Nebraska football games.

Installs and Installs

By Geils Hegrane

The San Antonio Chapter met for dinner at the Medina Base OTS Club on September 6th to install new officers and thank the outgoing officers. Mary Ann Greer installed Laura Richter as Chairman, Virginia Spikes as Vice-Chairman, Barbara Faulk as Secretary, and Barbara Moore as Treasurer.

Following the installation of officers, Laura Richter announced the installation of 49½ers. Expressions of surprise and disbelief were evident on the faces of most of the males present. John Greer administered the oath to the 49½ers with their 49½er Certificates and Certificates of Doubtful Competency.

Since the American Bonanza Society chose San Antonio for the site of its annual convention this September, Chapter members Jackie Kirby, Alice Foch, Barbara Faulk, and Geils Hegrane went to Stinson Field to help park some of the three hundred plus planes which flew in for this event. Between parking planes and driving shuttle buses they kept a sharp eye out for any visiting 99s so they could give them a special welcome to San Antonio.

Picking Up Pencils Can Be Dangerous To Your Health

By Melissa Messner

The Tulsa Chapter discovered at their October meeting that vertigo is not something that everybody else but me can get.

Any quick movement of your head can induce vertigo, especially when in an airplane. Jay Nelson, local Accident Prevention Specialist with the Tulsa Flight Standards District Office, showed an Air-Force film on recognizing vertigo and demonstrated the vertigo chair. Each member present got the opportunity to experience the disorientation caused by vertigo. We certainly will be more careful about quickly picking up dropped pencils while piloting an airplane.

Balloons, Balloons

By Joan Alyea

Balloons were the topic at the Fall Accident Prevention Seminar held in Pueblo on October 18. Co-sponsored by Spanish Peaks Chapter and Thunderbird Senior Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, the seminar featured "The Flight of the Nightstar", a videotape show of the 1979 Gordon Bennett Balloon Races. The show was presented by Jack Shaffer of KKTU-5, who hauled six color TVs up the stairs to the meeting place. The tape "starred" Dewey Reinhard of Colorado Springs, who is best known for his unsuccessful Atlantic crossing attempt. Gary Koch, Denver GADO, detailed current safety items. Captains Bennett Spencer and Hu Stock demonstrated the "Li'l Yelper"—the squadron's mobile E.T. locator. We gave away another airplane as a door prize, too—a stained-glass mobile (wings and all!) created by Sharon Roush and won by George Rabatin, the flight instructor who taught about half the Spanish Peaks Chapter to fly. The seminar was preceded by a pilots' buffet dinner — always well-attended and FUN!

Southeast

Alabama Celebrates A Silver Anniversary

By Harriett Hall

Alabama Chapter 99s celebrated their 25th year with a banquet at Holiday Inn-Airport, Birmingham, August 18, 1979. The celebration included dinner, highlights of

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Birmingham Mayor David Vann presents the Key to the City to Southeast Governor Judy Hall as Alabama Charter Members Juanita Halstead and Meredith Ward look on.



Alabama Chapter Chairman Harriett Hall presented Juanita Halstead with an Amelia Earhart medal for her constant support, which has continued from the time she was a charter member of the chapter.



Gloria Burlette, the new Chairman of the New Orleans 99s, displays a map diagramming the stops for the Poker Run to be sponsored by the New Orleans Chapter.



Jerry Sumrall, Mississippi Chapter, Gloria Burlette, Ede Brandon, Judy Maggiore, and Glorice Wills, New Orleans Chapter (L-R) in Fort Lauderdale, Florida at the Southeast Section Meeting enjoyed some good old southern hospitality in the hospitality room of the beautiful Bahia Mar Hotel.

Alabama 99s' past 25 years and a special program.

Guests included Southeast Section Vice-Governor, Judy Hall; charter members, Meredith Ward and Juanita Halstead; plus many 99s, relatives and friends.

Alabama Chapter 99s presented Juanita

Halstead with an Amelia Earhart medal. Juanita epitomizes the ideal in 99s. Her untiring dedication to Alabama 99s is evident in her participation in a variety of activities over the past 25 years. She is always ready to help in every activity. This gracious lady has been an inspiration to all.

Birmingham Mayor David Vann presented Judy Hall, Southeast Section Vice-Governor, with the Key to the City.

Memphis Tours at Midnight

By Carolyn Sullivan

A tour of Federal Express facilities was arranged by our transfer member, Dolly Gibbons. Mr. Henry Bartasch, hub operations manager, discussed and demonstrated the logistics at Federal Express. These are handled efficiently and with excellent labor relations. The simulator was in use so our girls couldn't borrow it at the time. The tour was way past this reporter's bedtime, so regretfully, a full report is lacking. Federal Express doesn't get busy until midnight.

Southwest

The 'Almost' Airlift

By Linda Anderson

October was a busy month for our small chapter. We had the loyal hard workers turn out to support two very important activities. Sunday, October 7, was the date chosen for our fund-raising 3¢/Pound Airlift. However, someone did not tell the weather man. It turned out to be the worst day of the fall, with a cold wind and a 1200 feet ceiling. Just to look outside that day, one would not have pictured it as a day for an airplane ride. However, a few hearty souls and some eager children came down to participate and take an airplane ride. Everyone who came down thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and the children were especially thrilled by the certificate of flight, the wings pin and the coloring poster that they were given. All of the adults too had a fine time, both passengers and workers. Unfortunately, due to the poor weather and the lack of adequate coordination with some of the local radio and newspaper publicity, we were able to raise only around \$100. But that \$100 will go into our account to be used for future worthwhile aviation projects.

Egg Ranch Marked

By Julie Ames

Olivera Farms airmarking tops the list of activities for the Golden West 99s this month. Headed up by Airmarking Chairman, Julie Ames, the whole project came off as a complete success with some 20 people participating. Everyone met at the Morgan Hill Airport where we flew "formation" to Olivera Farms (egg ranch) near Los Banos to begin the airmarking. Threatened initially by rain, it didn't dampen the spirits of anyone, and after a full day of work, Mr. and Mrs. Olivera treated the whole bunch to a steak dinner at the renowned Flying Lady Restaurant at Hill Country in Morgan Hill. A super airmarking for the Golden West 99s. It must be said that the whole project would never have been possible without the help and total expertise of Helen Kelton of Bay Cities who volunteered her services as chalk lining the whole thing.

Golden West's annual Mini Derby reported in with good news: Along with being a money maker for the chapter, it made a big success as a fun air race. A big thank you to our Pat Forbes who managed to put the whole thing together. And, congratulations to Karla Straube who captured the chapter's perpetual trophy as the top Golden West 99 in the derby.

There Really is a Los Angeles Chapter

By Berni Stevenson

Yes, there really is a Los Angeles Chapter. We apologize for being remiss. It is a case of a few doing alot for many and we do tackle such big projects. Under the guidance of Rachel Bonzon, we conducted a very successful Flying Companion Seminar for 60 novices. Every active member in our chapter participated in this fun project. Being blessed with mostly professional women with lots of talent resulted in a very comprehensive presentation.

In August, we hosted the Santa Monica start of the 50th Anniversary Air Derby along with the help of the Santa Monica Bay and San Fernando Valley Chapter members. This was a super big project and we could not have done it without their help. The cooperation and teamwork by the members.

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The Golden West 99s assembled enmasse to airmark Olivera Farms. This is what took place.

of the three chapters was fantastic. I wish there was space available to name each person and list the many undertakings of each and tell you how many days on end they worked without a single complaint. Those who were contestants worked right up until race morning and then hopped in their planes. Others returned to their jobs only to work at double the pace to catch up for the time they donated so others could fly. Last but not least, our gratitude to the 49½ers who worked at our sides and never complained once about the TV dinners they had to fix for themselves.



Shelly Scott of San Luis Obispo will be honored as the recipient of the third annual "Flying Start" award, a flight training grant given by the San Luis Obispo County Chapter. Assemblywoman Carol Hallett made the presentation at the chapter's annual installation meeting September 29th aboard the Tiger's Folly. Shelley is an account executive with a local TV station and claims she has been "hooked by flying since 1964 when a pilot emergency-landed his vintage aerobatic biplane in a field on her parents' farm in Pennsylvania.



Ray Schutte (standing at left) explains how various systems work and how to keep them in proper working order. San Fernando Valley's "Gray Thumb Clinic" was a learning experience for everyone who attended.

September 28th-30th we sponsored the Flight Instructor's Revalidation Clinic given by Accelerated Ground Training, Inc. Special thanks to Georgia Lambert, Virginia Showers, Rachel Bonzon, Norma Futterman, Aileen Pickering, Eugenia Rohrberg, Sally La Forge and Berni Stevenson for the many hours spent at registration, typing and keeping that 100 cup coffee pot full and hot from 8:00 to 5:00 PM all three days. Our new Chairman, Aileen Pickering, presented the students with a Certificate of Completion at the close of events on Sunday.

Our sincere apologies to Accelerated Ground Training, Inc. for the error made by our chapter's reporter in the March '79 issue of *The 99 NEWS*. We inadvertently reported that the Flight Instructor's Revalidation Clinic was presented by Aviation Training Enterprises of Santa Monica. This was incorrect. The Flight Instructor's Revalidation Clinic was presented by Accelerated Ground Training, Inc.

Phoenix Sponsors Kachina Doll Air Rally

By Kitty Pope

October 12, 1979, the Phoenix Chapter 99s sponsored its biggest project of the year. The main event was a 300nm in-flight navigation air rally. The latitude and longitude for the first checkpoint and latitude for the second checkpoint were given. From that point on ground clues provided the course. Scoring was based on a checklist and estimated fuel and time of such a flight compared to the outcome. Ten trophies were awarded to the first five placing teams. There was a separate spot landing contest. A total of 36 entries included a couple from as far away as

Spokane, Washington. One entry flew his 9th (out of 12 rallies held) and in the same airplane as every time before.

That night the winners were announced at a banquet which was attended by over 150 people. A very nice band played and the 99s hosted its own dinner and bar which were outstanding. Ruby Sheldon and Mary Lou Brown did an excellent job arranging the dinner. Ann Newcombe rounded up donations for 18 door prizes. Renee Dowson, Chairman, and Polly Mumey, Co-chairman, did a great job of organizing. As a result of tremendous group effort the rally was both successful and profitable.

Library Receives 99 History Book

By Hazel Hohn

A presentation of the 99 History Book was made by the Reno Area Chapter to the Churchill County Library during the August meeting in Fallon, Nevada. The Fallon newspaper carried a half page story, complete with pictures. Those flying to the meeting from Reno were Jerry Gardiner, Jean Seaton, and Sharon Tueller.

Fast Work

By Mary Ben McClave

Recently, eight members of the Sacramento Valley Chapter, one 49½er and one student pilot flew into lovely Alta Sierra Airport. All were armed with paint, rollers, and enthusiasm. The job was quickly finished because the old markings were still visible. Nevertheless, it was hard work trudging up and down the runway which has a 100 foot change in elevation from one end to the other. (If you fly there, land Runway 1 unless the wind is too great.) The people at the airport rewarded the painters with a fabulous lunch and boxes of sweet figs to take home.

SFV Goes Gray Thumb

By Misti Vreeland

The San Fernando Valley Chapter held its first "Gray Thumb Clinic" on September 29. We all met at Van Nuys Airport at 9:30 in the morning to hear Ray Schutte explain everything we wanted to know about how our airplane works. This clinic was not a "how-to-fix-it" clinic, but was to explain what our options were if something should break down and how the systems work and what we can do to keep them running properly. Areas covered included fouled spark plugs, leaning techniques, dead batteries, tires, and in-flight fires. Everyone learned something and we hope to hold the clinic again.

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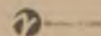
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On Top of the World at Vail 1980

By Joan Alyea

Vail, Colorado, the site of the 1980 International Convention, nestles amid some of the most spectacular mountain scenery in North America.

One of the most beautiful viewpoints is Eagle's Nest, perching high above Vail on 10,000-foot Eagle's Nest Ridge, a main geographic feature of Vail Mountain.

And Eagle's Nest is the site of the 1980 Amelia Earhart Luncheon—what more fitting place for the presentation of the A.E. scholarships than a place associated with such a majestic and magnificent flier as the eagle. Even more fitting is the date of the luncheon—July 24th, Amelia Earhart's birthday.

We decided to give you a preview of this spot, and so we "filed our flight plan" to the top of Vail Mountain.

To get there, we took off on a gondola ride—ETE 15 very smooth minutes. The gondolas depart from Vail/ Lionshead—the terminal is near the clock tower that dominates that end of Vail.

The progress of the red and yellow cars is electronically monitored continuously for safety. Six people fit comfortably in the cars, with room to spare.

Slowly Vail Village and Lionshead became a Lilliputian scene below us as we rode smoothly above the grassy slopes. Near us an idle chair lift patiently awaited winter snows, and tucked into the tall pine trees bordering the now green ski run, a small white tepee nestled. What a way to "fly"!

To the north, the Gore Range-Eagle's Nest Wilderness Area rose in summer beauty. A word of advice to remember when you head for the A.E. Luncheon next summer—your "flight bag" must include your camera—and plenty of film! You'll not be able to resist snapping away at the majestic mountain views.

Our fifteen-minute ride was almost over as we soared over Born Free run. And there, suddenly, was Eagle's Nest! The massive building (which also houses the gondola terminus) seemed as fitting on the ridge as would a real eagle's nest!

We left the gondolas and strolled out into bright summer sunshine, mingling with tourists who were gathering for a Sunday mountain-top church service. A cool breeze caressed us as we strolled along the ridge, enjoying the unparalleled view of the Rocky Mountains. Signs pointed to interesting trails winding along the ridge and into the pines.

Back to Eagle's Nest we wandered, to



Eagle's Nest—the site of the Amelia Earhart Luncheon at the 1980 Convention at Vail, Colorado. The gondola terminus is on the ground level. (Photo by Dale Alyea)

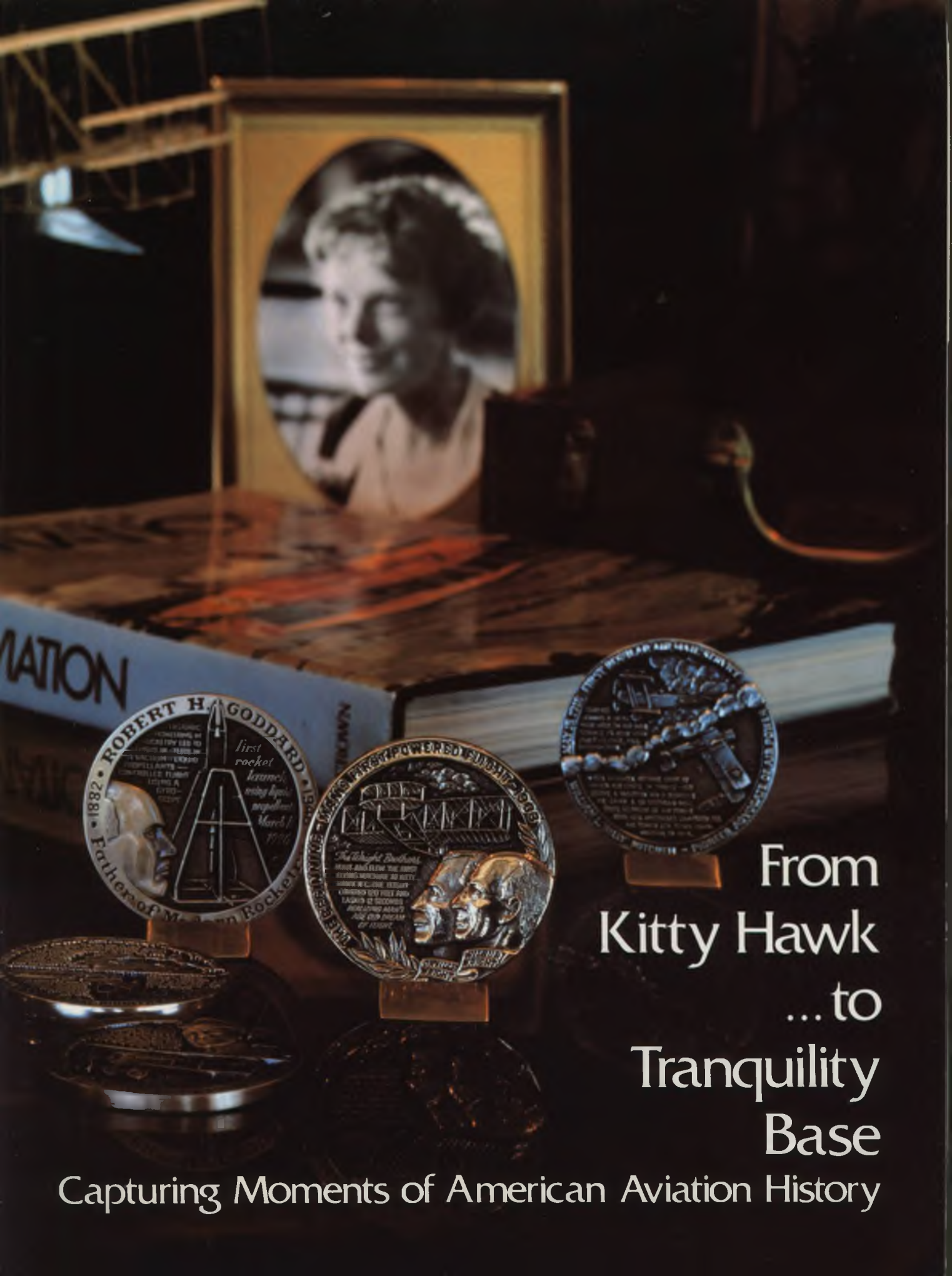


Gondolas start the scenic trip up Vail Mountain to Eagle's Nest. Below passengers lie grassy, wildflower-filled ski slopes in their summer attire. (Photo by Dale Alyea)

examine the facilities that will be used by Shreveport and El Paso Chapters for the Amelia Earhart Luncheon. The large banquet room is perfect; we could almost see the luncheon in progress right then and there. Our only question was how we are going to be able to concentrate on eating with Mother Nature's spectacular display competing for our attention. Sooner or later, we know we'll be back on the large observation deck atop the Nest to get our fill of mountains—to the southeast one catches sight of the Mount of the Holy Cross, one of Colorado's 14,000-footers.

One just doesn't want to leave the top of the mountain, and all too soon it was time to board our gondola for the return trip. We opened the gondola windows wide and cameras clicked as the town grew large below us. A solitary hiker waved as we passed above him.

Now we're back on the ground—and we're eagerly awaiting to join you on the beautiful ride to Eagle's Nest for the Amelia Earhart Luncheon, July 24th, at the 1980 International Convention in Vail. Mark your calendar—right now—for July 23-27, 1980!



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The AE School Dedication

By Vivian Harshbarger

10/4/79—Muriel Earhart Morrissey's plane from Boston was only a little late—just enough time to go over, one more time, the many details of the coming weekend and wonder about Muriel. Would she be pleased with the plans? Would her health permit such an active schedule? Would she be comfortable with her accommodations? Would I be able to find her in the de-planing crowd?

Muriel arrived and she bears such a resemblance to her sister Amelia that I knew her at once. She is tall and slim and is such a lovely person that I felt we were old friends before we even picked up her luggage. She was delighted with the plans. Yes, the schedule was fine and in addition she wanted to attend the Friday evening program our Chapter was sponsoring at the school.

After a short rest, we drove to Oakland to attend a special dinner arranged by Lyle Muus, President of the Berkeley Zontas. Muriel had requested that time be allowed during her stay to meet some of the Zontians, so Fran Grant of Golden West Chapter had Lyle contact me. Several of those attending were old friends of Muriel's and our dinner was at the very lovely Oakland Women's Athletic Club.

The dinner guests requested that Muriel say a few words, and it was then that I first became aware of the confidence and hope Muriel placed in Elgen Long for a satisfactory conclusion to his eight-year-long research efforts on Amelia's disappearance. She expressed the thought that we Americans don't like mysteries, so we demand solutions or proof for everything. The speculation on Amelia is never ending, and in few, if any cases is Muriel ever consulted on any of the details portrayed as true, concerning Amelia's life.

10/9/79—Muriel started out with a three mile walk (so much for any ideas I had about her being frail), accompanied by my fiancé, Hobie Gay (whose home was home base for me, Muriel and later Lucile Wright). Hobie came home puffing, but Muriel was just ready to start the day. She, along with Neta Snook Southern, Amelia's flight instructor, was due at Elgen Long's at 11:00 for a filmed interview by Elgen for part of his research. I left them to return to SFO to meet Lucile Wright, a 99 from Cody, Wyoming, and a



Vivian Harshbarger, Bay Cities, Muriel Earhart Morrissey and Lyle Muus, President of the Berkeley Zonta, pause in front of a picture of AE in the multi-media room.

friend of Muriel's. Lucile has been collecting AE memorabilia for years and knew and admired her.

After delivering Lucile to Elgen's for possible inclusion in Muriel and Neta's interview that afternoon on KPIX-TV, I headed for Alameda to prepare for the first event of the dedication festivities. That event was Bay Cities Chapter's first experience running a Paper Airplane Contest and to me that 45 entrants sounded like thousands. The kids seemed to enjoy participating, but I was not prepared for so many losers asking why they didn't get first place ribbons, a Let's Go Flying coloring book and the specially designed T-shirt, too. The front of the T-shirt was decorated with a paper airplane sailing through a cloud and was inscribed, "I'm Plane Crazy." On the back it read "1979 Paper Airplane Contest, Amelia Earhart School."

In addition to BC members, we recruited Leo Esser (Evelyn's 49½'er), friends and Golden West's Geri Wiecks and Bea Howell's 49½'er, Jim, all of whom turned into judges, launchers, recorders, etc. The parents and teachers, as spectators, gave us

thanks and the *Alameda Times Star* gave us a big spread with pictures of the winners along with their names listed by grade and category (design and flight distance).

While we were busy with the contest, Ena Ayers and Ruth Rueckert were in the school's multi-media room setting up the

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Among those helping with the dedication were Ruth Rueckert, Bay Cities member (L) and Neta Snook Southern, who taught Amelia Earhart to fly.

globe, with Amelia's routes outlined by Ena, and filling the display cases with photos and other AE memorabilia. Ruth supplied the material and Ena did a truly professional job of mounting and identifying all the items. So many things had been prepared that some were placed on the walls. It was a very impressive sight as noted by the reception guests the next day.

We started the evening program, open to the public, with a film of the early days of aviation at Oakland Airport and the surrounding area. The film includes the Dole race take-off, several of AE's record breaking flights, and an interview with Amelia and George Putnam in the old hotel at the airport. (The hotel building still stands and is being used today by Sierra Academy.)

After the film, I introduced the contest winners who were decked out in their ribbons and T-shirts, and then our distinguished guests—Muriel, Lucile, Elgen and Marie, Neta, and Kay Brick (who came just for the dedication.). Then Virginia Gratton gave her slide presentation on the life of AE. Virginia is not a pilot and had assembled the slides for her masters degree. She was a little concerned that those present, who knew AE, might find her presentation inaccurate. But it was a huge success and Muriel and Neta were especially pleased to see it.

10/6/79—THE BIG DAY, after a year and a half of planning. Muriel and Hobie took their three mile walk while Lucile and I visited. Then off to the gala reception preceding the dedication. Bay Cities members performed the hostess duties, handing out name tags and carnations, and seeing that introductions were made. We did not sponsor this event, but there was no question that we were put in charge. Juanda Bigelow, Alameda County Chapter, brought her many pictures of Amelia and that added to the festivities. Eldris Shogren and Bea Howell of Golden West were on hand to help and enjoy.

The dedication ceremonies started just after 2:00 p.m. There were about 40 people on stage and over 250 in the audience. The usual civic leaders had their turn at the mike; then I gave my little speech, explaining who 99s are and why AE is so special to us and for those who might not know, I also mentioned our sponsorship of the Paper Airplane Contest, and special evening program the day before. After suggesting that they go by the school office to see the very beautiful plaque Bay Cities had given the school, I presented the 99 History book for use in the school library.

Next were the introductions of Kay Brick, Lucile Wright, Ena Ayers, Ruth Rueckert and Elgen Long. The finale was a few words and presentation of her book by Neta, followed by Muriel reciting the poem she had written for the occasion and presentation of her book about AE and herself—*"Courage Is The Price"*. The audience was then invited to tour the school, but Muriel



Elgen Long and Ena Ayers, Bay Cities, inspect a globe outlined with Amelia's routes.



On the stage at the dedication were (L-R) the Mayor (standing), principal (seated behind him), superintendent, president of the Board of Education, president area developer, Muriel Earhart Morrissey, Vivian Harshbarger and Neta Snook Southern.

and Neta were held on stage autographing programs. Many people made a point of telling me that this was the first dedication they had enjoyed and actually learned something from. It was very gratifying.

All the Bay Cities members and guests—Neta, Marie and Elgen, Kay, Lucile, Margaret Alderman (formerly Alameda County 99), and Hobie, adjourned to a nearby restaurant for dinner and a chapter meeting. Muriel had gone home with friends who met her at the dedication.

10/7/79—Hobie rested (no walk with Muriel), then we took Lucile to the airport and went to pick up Muriel.

10/8/79—A three mile walk for Muriel and Hobie, then to the airport for Muriel's

flight home to Boston. Muriel is such a gracious, vibrant, kind, interesting lady I consider myself very fortunate to know her. I enjoyed the company of Kay, Elgen and Marie, and the still adventurous Neta. The entire affair was a raging success.

I wish I could remember which Bay Cities members had all the wonderful ideas, like the plaque, the Paper Airplane Contest, and the History Book so I could give each one credit. I do remember that Chairman Gail Wagg had many of those ideas and, of course, everyone contributed. This was a total chapter effort and the result is that this was the biggest and best school dedication in the City of Alameda. I have that in writing from several people.

New England Air Rally

FAIR Fairladies Annual Indiana Race

You could see Servia (North Manchester. It is a grass strip neatly tucked behind a railroad track, power lines and a row of trees. This was the second pylon of three in our 19th FAIR (Fairladies Annual Indiana Race). For several of us it was the most—interesting? The other pylons were Alexandria and Rensselaer for a total of 204.5 nautical miles.

The weather September 15th was perfect, the early morning sky without a cloud and the temperature in the 60's to low 70's later in the day. Even with a "scratch" we had 34 entrants flying Cessnas, Pipers, Mooneys, Grumman Americans, a Navion, a Stearman, and the lady flying the Varga Kachina is a Doll. Virginia and Murray McKee were with us from Florida and won a trophy for the farthest entrants.

The fantastic U.S.A.C. starters and timers from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway were with us again this year, adding color with their special personalities and their colorful green and black/white flags.

Headquarters were at the Memorial Union on Purdue University's beautiful campus at Lafayette, IN. It brought back pleasant memories for several of our members who attended the University. It was a great time to renew old friendships, make new ones and enjoy the companionship of all who share the beauty of the sky.

The competition was very keen this year with only 1.0341 percentage points between first and tenth place. This included some rookies and some very experienced racers.

Our chapter would like to thank all the entrants for coming to the FAIR. We hope you will all return next year and bring all your friends.

Place	Pilot and Co-pilot
First	Beverly and Douglas Price
Second	Wallace and Ruth Ruggles
Third	Laurene Fielder and Joyce Odom
Fourth	Lois May and Dr. Sheila Dick
Fifth	Walter and Charlene Falkenberg

More Racing

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Billie Downing of Eastern New England and her husband, Stuart, were the winners of the 1979 New England Air Rally with a score of 99.29. The Rally sponsored by the Northern New England Chapter started at Manchester, NH with fly-bys at Berlin, NH, Fryeberg, Turner, and Limington, Maine. Other winners were Robert Sauer and Louis Croft, Second; Donald Henderson and Seymour Brandman, Third; Evelyn Kropp, Connecticut Chapter, and Doris Miller, Hudson Valley Chapter, Fourth; Charles Cranthern and Arthur French, Fifth.

The banquet speaker was Captain Harold Nord of Eastern Airlines who presented the view of the aviation environment from the cockpit of the transport jet.

Lorraine Richard and Aileen Anderson were Co-Chairmen of the event.

Betty Bach Fineman was the winner of the Navtronic flight computer for which

chances were sold at Convention. The drawing was held at the New England Air Rally banquet.



Governor Harriet Fuller, New England Section, presents the 1979 New England Air Rally winners' trophy to Billie and Stuart Downing.

24th Michigan SMALL Race Winners

By June Beers

Congratulations to Winnie Duperow (Michigan Chapter) who "brought a buddy"—her son Douglas—to the October 6th Michigan SMALL Race and took first place! The race was sponsored by the Michigan Chapter of The Ninety-Nines Inc., and the Michigan Aeronautics Commission. Proficiency was the name of this game as each pilot selected her own handicap for time, speed, and

fuel consumption. Winnie and Douglas flew the 199.50 nm triangular course in a Cessna 172B at a speed of 95.7 knots using 18.05 gallons (8.7 gph) in 2 hrs., 5 min., 10 sec. Race headquarters was Kent County International Airport, Grand Rapids, Michigan and 45 contestants from Ohio, Kansas, Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana participated. Also finishing in the trophies and cash prizes were:

1st Place	Winnie Duperow & Douglas Duperow
2nd Place	Kathleen Gerhold & Richard Parks
3rd Place	Nancy Forth & Mark Binkowski
4th Place	Diane & Edward Worsham
5th Place	Elsie Wahrer & Julie Knoger
6th Place	Pauline Mallary
7th Place	Judith Mootsey & Frank Niespolo
8th Place	Patricia & Murry Moorhatch
9th Place	June Beers & Constance Wykowski
10th Place	Dottie Anderson & L. Virginia Stephan

Kachina Doll Air Rally

1st Place:	Tom Bowles and Lynn Ashton
2nd Place:	Bud Chandler and Shirli Chandler
3rd Place:	Gabby Thorp and Mike Guerrie
4th Place:	Helen Bamber and Hialeah Reilich
5th Place:	Richard Smith and Rick Pewe
Spot Landing Contest:	Cathy Nickolaisen and Pat Moreland

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East Canada

Eastern Ontario

Ten members of Eastern Ontario Chapter attended the East Canada Section Fall meeting held in the beautiful mountain setting of St. Jovite, Que. on September 22nd. Those flying in from Ottawa were Liz Barnes, Suzanne Frogley, Margaret Bruce, Felicity McKendry on wheels, Betty Jane Schermerhorn on floats and Virginia Cunningham on wheels from North Bay. Others attending were Isabel Pepler, Margaret Carson, Peggy Beeman, Mary MacMillan and Sue Chapman.

Betty Jane made the first presentation of the Schermerhorn Award to the First Canadian Chapter for having the highest percentage of APT members . . . 32/47 or 68%, just edging out Niagara Trillium with 8/12 or 66%.

It was interesting to learn that a nucleus of

potential members may be joining the Montreal Chapter.

The October meeting featured Balloon Flying. The special guest was Mrs. Diana Hughes who was involved in the non-technical arrangements for the attempt by the British crew and balloon Zanussi to capture the distance record in July, 1978. Mrs. Hughes showed excellent slides of a typical balloon launch and explained several of the special considerations related to balloon flying—especially helicopter wake turbulence. A "morning person" life style is best for this sport as the best conditions prevail just before and after dawn before the winds become too strong—about 10 knots.

A display of pictures, literature and materials helped us appreciate what was

involved in Zanussi's attempted flight across the Atlantic. Success seemed assured when sufficient distance had been covered, but fate played a mean trick at the very end. After leaving Newfoundland, it was expected that they make land fall over Ireland or Norway, instead they had to ditch in the ocean much to the south just off the coast of France. Mrs. Hughes showed us a scroll signed by the "Cameron and Davey" crew which stated the latitude and longitude involved. A slit in the balloon was a major factor in this because they could not ascend to the heights where the more favorable winds were for fear of the slit becoming bigger. What a disappointment it must have been. However much valuable information

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New section officers were installed at the Western Canada Fall Section meeting in Calgary Alberta September 22nd. Pictured here (L-R): Nancy Rand, Treasurer; Rosella Bjornson, Governor; Nadine Cooper, Secretary; and Dr. June Mills, Vice-Governor. Now pictured is Karen Klein, Chairman of the Nominating Committee.



Attending the East Canada Section Meeting September 22nd were (back row L-R) Suzanne Frogley, Eloise Henderson, Mary MacMillan, Virginia Cunningham, Rita Rogers, Joan Mitchell and Liz Barnes. Front row (L-R): Sue Chapman, Lorraine Ugolini holding the "Schermerhorn Award" for the chapter with the highest percentage of APT members (First Canadian 68%), Isabel Pepler, Felicity McKendry holding the Aviation Safety Award presented to the East Canada Section at the Convention in Albany for the highest standing in Safety Education, Governor Betty Jane Schermerhorn holding the plaque awarded to the chapter contributing the most points towards the Section Safety Award (First Canadian Chapter's series of seminars contributed greatly to this as well as their high APT standing) and Betty Innes, Chairman of the First Canadian Chapter. Not pictured are Sheila McAllister, Margaret Carson and Peggy Beeman.



The Honorable J.A. "Boomer" Adair, Alberta Minister of Tourism and Small Business, greets Alberta Chapter's Eleanor Bailey at Edmonton Municipal Airport. Edmonton was one of fourteen stops for Eleanor July 10th as she "stamped around Alberta" program to encourage Albertans to tour their own province. As well as setting an unofficial record, Eleanor was the first person ever to use an airplane in her quest for the bronze, silver and gold medallions.

was gathered concerning balloons and their design.

The sequel was that the American balloon "Double Eagle II" achieved success about three weeks later, becoming the first balloon to cross the Atlantic, the 13th attempt since 1873.

Western Canadian

Saskatchewan

The Saskatchewan Chapter won the Western Canada Section's APT trophy this year. The trophy was presented at the fall section meeting to the chapter having the highest percentage of its members APT by having taken an annual proficiency ride.

Middle East

Eastern Pennsylvania

Shirley Hains and 49½er Ted have many interesting stories to tell about their recent trip to visit friends in Denver, made in their Cessna 172. Ditto, the Fanferas who flew a 210 to the Bahamas.

Our chapter is so proud of their success with their "Lunch With The Bunch" meetings held every fourth Wednesday at various airports in the area. The turn-out is always good because many members and prospective members who are unable to attend the regular meetings are free at least one afternoon a month for a get together. We recommend this idea highly to any chapter with membership problems.

Virginia

When Connie Colvig accepted the Chairmanship of the Virginia Chapter of 99s, she surely felt a twinge of discouragement as she looked over her small flock of about a dozen members. Thanks to her positive and phenomenal leadership this area of Virginia is definitely better educated in all aspects of flying and more aware of the exciting careers available in aviation. A



Garden State member Diane Shaw poses in front of the B-17 bomber she flew this summer

group from the chapter worked with a local girl scout troop for about 4 weeks to help them earn their aviation badges. Connie Colvig spoke to a TAG (Talented and Gifted) childrens' group on general aviation and career opportunities and conducted a question and answer period. She also gave a talk on careers for women in aviation at a local private girls' school during their Career Day. Jane Pairo presented a program on "Airplanes, Balloons and Rockets" at a metropolitan math-science center six Saturday mornings to 4th and 5th graders.

The members managed to have some fun times too—a crab feast at Jean Harris and 49½er Charlie's Rappahannock River home, a chapter air treasure hunt, fly-in luncheon meetings when the weather permitted, and a hangar coffee for prospective new members. The gals hosted a coffee for Bob Hoover at the Chesterfield Air Show as well as manning a very impressive 99 display.

Looking back over this past year and all our accomplishments would make any chairman beam.

On September 20th, Connie turned her gavel over to incoming Chairman Jane Pairo. Jane and all the members are already

working full-throttle on a tremendous project—hosting the Middle East Spring Sectional!

New York—New Jersey

Garden State

Diane Shaw, Garden State Chapter is shown with the Flying Tigers B-17 bomber she flew this summer at Eloy Airport, Eloy, Arizona. Diane's summer has been very busy flying: she participated in the Hughes Airwest Air Race Classic, flew her own Cherokee Six from NJ to Texas, soloed in a Stearman in four hours while in Texas, flew the B-17 bomber in Arizona and also qualified for her FAR 135 pilot qualification. To top off the summer she is spending a couple of weeks hot air ballooning in Colorado.

Lake Erie

New officers were installed at Lake Erie's annual Awards Banquet held September 15th at Quail Hollow Inn in Painesville, Ohio. Hostess of the affair was Dodie Jewett, last year's Pilot of the Year. Singled out for recognition were this year's Pilot of the Year, Marie Eaves of Greenville, Pennsylvania, and Pat Stark of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, for being Achiever of the Year for her activities in getting the chapter involved in the air auxiliary wing of the local Coast Guard unit.

Long Island

Long Island Chapter's Ellen Lisi has obtained the rank of 2nd Lt. in the Civil Air Patrol.

Kathy Lustig, our new Chairman, will be teaching ground school at Northport High School Adult Education and at Phoenix Aviation at L. I. MacArthur Airport. This besides teaching Jr. High full time and taking courses for her Doctorate at night.

Ruth Dobrescu and Barbara Evans are co-chairing the celebration and dedication of a commemorative plaque to be placed at the former Curtiss Field (now Green Acres Shopping Center) on November 2, 1979—the date and place of the first meeting of the 99s—50 years later. Long Island sponsored the day's festivities.

One of the highlights of the month was the surprise party given for outgoing Chairman, Madeline LaCarrubba. It was a wonderful evening for a wonderful gal.

There are several books out at the moment, telling the stories of the WASP. The Long Island Chapter is very lucky to have their very own WASP, Marjorie M. Gray gave a wonderful talk at the October meeting on her experiences in the first class of WASPs formed by Jacqueline Cochran in 1942. We listened enthralled by Majorie's tales of that class and its women for almost two hours and would have loved to hear more if time had allowed. Fun, tears, joys and fears all rolled into one. There probably wasn't one person in the room that couldn't

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Visiting the 99s' booth at the AOPA Plantation Party in Hollywood, Florida were Lillian Emerson, Eastern New England Chapter, Mary Scribner, Connecticut Chapter and Mona Budding, Eastern New England Chapter. These are three of many 99s who were on hand to honor Lois Feigenbaum as she received AOPA's Sharples Award.

picture herself a part of that wonderful group of pilots.

Palisades

The Palisades Chapter is very busy now making plans for the airmarking of Essex County Airport (formerly Caldwell) in New Jersey. Plans include the painting of a compass rose which is anticipated to be of great use not only by the local pilots but especially by Martha Winnard who is employed at the airport as a mechanic.

And speaking of Martha, she has reported that her 1946 Taylorcraft should be ready to fly again by next summer. She has worked dozens of hours on it already and reports that it is about half finished.

A tree in Selma Cronan's honor is now planted in the Forest of Friendship, courtesy of Helen and 49½er Bill Levy and Fr. John Egan.

Peggy Naumann has recently been selected to serve as a member on the newly formed Aviation Advisory Committee for the State of N.J.

Western New York

The October meeting of the Western New York Chapter was held after an FAA Safety Clinic where Calvin Pitts gave a talk entitled, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the MOON". His presentation was enjoyed by all.

Virginia Hake, a student at Daniel Webster College in New Hampshire, was able to help out the New England Section at the New England Air Races.

One of our 66s, Myra Balcom, has obtained her private pilots license at the age of 17. She is also a National Merit Commended Student.

North Central

Chicago Area

The 30th Annual Air Meet of the Chicago Area Chapter held on September 8th was a



Long Island's newest member, Joan Scarpinato and her 49½er, Manny, recently received a surprise party for their 25th wedding anniversary. When they arrived at Northfield Aviation, Brookhaven Airport to start their second honeymoon trip, they found their Beech Baron bedecked with white and silver crepe paper and wedding bells. The inside was also completely decorated and a party ensued in honor of the occasion.



Departing Runway 27 for Knoxville, Tennessee is Betty Humphris. She shows off her cake at a farewell luncheon held for her by the NYCD Chapter. Best of luck, Betty!



NYCD members Peg Weiss and Elizabeth Collins (66) took their first hot air balloon ride in "Blue Angel" piloted by Stephanie Szelwain, another NYCD member.

glorious milestone in the chapter's history. In the capable hands of Air Meet Chairman Julia Konger and Co-Chairman Tami

Hicks, a record number of 21 planes were entered. Helen Sailer and Marge Kinney handled the timing and Sylvia Harper provided her hangar at beautiful Casa de Aero. In the winner's circle was first-place team Elsie Wahrer and son Dave flying the family Bonanza. Elsie says, "I'm living proof that if you hang in there long enough, you'll finally win one." Mary and Bert Story took second place. Sue Schuman and Deanne Brown, third. Marge and Bert Sundmacher came in 4th. Best rookie pilot was Sue Schuman.

Elsie Wahrer and Julia Konger flew in the Michigan SMALL Race in October, placed fifth and won best performance by a Beechcraft and best score by a 99 crew. Gail Goldthorpe and Fran Davis also participated.

Nineteen Chicago Area 99s attended the super Fall Sectional at Jumer's Castle Lodge in Bettendorf, Iowa. Thanks to the Quad Cities Area Chapter for the exquisite site selection. We are all looking beyond the winter doldrums to the Spring Sectional at Lake Lawn Lodge in Wisconsin. How's that for positive thinking?

Greater Detroit Area

Warren and Nancy Hecksel truly flew with eagles when they spotted a pair of bald eagles flying in formation with their plane during the Wisconsin Wis-Sky Run.

Julia and Gene Black, Warren and Nancy Hecksel, of the Greater Detroit Area Chapter, made the yearly homecoming to Kerrville, Texas for the MAPA convention in October. They joined the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Mooney Aircraft.

Melba Smith, of the Greater Detroit Area Chapter, piloted her Debonair and her husband, Robert, to Cedar Rapids Iowa Airport Oct. 12, leaving Detroit Metro Airport in IFR weather and 30k headwinds. The trip was in response to a plea from the President of Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa for their attendance at a tree replanting ceremony. This was a tree given as a memorial to Martin Luther King. Thanks to general aviation, Melba and Bob arrived at Cornell College four hours after the call from the college.

Greater St. Louis

In spite of incredibly beautiful fall weather, only three airplanes flew in to Grand Glaire Airport at Lake of the Ozarks for our September fly-in luncheon at Jack and Amy Laws lovely home. Val Johnson flew in on Friday to stay overnight. Ruth and Al Schueler flew in Saturday, as did Jo Anne and Stephen Sabo. Tex and Joe Wickenhauser joined the group Saturday from their own place at the lake. The rest of us really missed out on a super time.

At our September meeting as guests of JoAnne O'Rourke and Bev Zirkle, we received our 1979-80 Meeting and Special Events agenda. This very fine booklet lists all the officers and committee chairmen for

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this year, plus each meeting date, place, and program for the year. It also has all the monthly fly-ins that have been lined up in advance, for our chapter. This has proven to be a very handy tool with which to plan ahead and we appreciate all the work and planning by our new officers in order to have this information at the beginning of the year. It was also determined that about twenty of our members plan to attend the fall section meeting in Bettendorf, IA, September 28th-30th. Should be a great time, if the beautiful weather we've had holds through that weekend. Cheers to Dot Wheeler for winning first place in a woman's golf tourney!

Indiana Dunes

Charlene Falkenberg began teaching her third weekly groundschool class October 24th, 1979 at River Forest Jr. High in Hobart, IN. This class is free to the public. In addition, she gave three separate Career Day presentations to the River Forest Jr. High on November 9th, but the real highlight is when she will be the speaker at the Annual Banquet of Chapter 104 of the EAA. She will speak on the 99s and women's role in aviation.

Gladys Martinson is working as a bookkeeper at Elkhart Municipal Airport in Elkhart, Indiana.

The Falkenberg's hangar at Hobart Airport was the site of the September meeting of the Indiana Dunes Chapter. Walt Falkenberg had a nice wide line marked on the south end of the runway to enable all who flew in to practice a Spot Landing. Seems they all better practice a bit more. Everyone either bounced or landed before the line. Both were disqualifications. Walt, as Chairman of the event declared 49½er Marshall Zander, hubby of Carol, as winner. This resulted in Charlene firing Walt as Chairman because of his biased decision. Everyone entering the contest received a small consolation prize.

This was a red carpet meeting for three girls who were pinned at 99s. A hearty welcome was given to Linda Mattingly, Lake Station, IN; Stephanie Gobberg, Lansing, IL; and Gladys Martinson, Granger, IN. Both Linda and Gladys had just received their private license within the past two weeks. Kathy Magon, Indiana Dunes, received her Instrument rating in September. Mother, Pat Magon, also a member of the Indiana Dunes was beaming with pride, and especially when she announced that her son Michael received his Instrument Instructor's rating the same week. The examiner stated that it was the first time he had had a brother and sister take flight tests the same week. Deanne Gribbling, a 66, was proud to announce she soloed recently.

A Box Lunch Auction followed the meeting. All lunches were wrapped in an aviation theme and were a sight to see. Barb Gross' brought in the largest price for which she was awarded a prize.



Terry Hudik, Tri-State Flite Service, Dubuque Municipal Airport, met Phyllis Barber, Iowa Chapter, at the Dubuque Airport to unload the blood being flown from Cedar Rapids to Dubuque. This was a coordinated project for the Red Cross to replace blood used in Canada for a local Cedar Rapids woman.

Iowa Chapter

Phyllis Barber flew two round trips from Cedar Rapids to Dubuque, Iowa, with blood for the Red Cross, on Monday, September 10th. A Cedar Rapids woman, Jan Joines Wilson, did not survive a crash in Montreal, Canada, that resulted in burns over 85% of her body. She used 86 units of blood plasma supplied by the Red Cross of Canada, without charge or obligation to replace it.

As a memorial to Jan, and a good will gesture to Canada, through a coordinated effort of the Hawkeye Labor Council Community Service Committee and IBEW Local 1362, a Red Cross team from the Dubuque Blood Center came to Cedar Rapids to collect the blood.

They needed quick transportation from

Cedar Rapids to Dubuque. They contacted the Cedar Rapids Airport Manager as they were aware of the 99s' work in Minnesota. The airport manager told them to contact Phyllis of the local 99s to make the flights.

Northwest

Alaska

Seems the Alaska 99s have had a recent rash of good-bye parties. First, they had to wish Anita Benson, the chapter Chairman for the past two years, a hearty farewell. Anita and fellow 99, Joy Craig, departed Anchorage for a trans-continent flight which would take them first to Ocean Shores for the Northwest Section Meeting.

Six Alaska delegates in all were present including Joyce Bergstrand, Barbara Bowerman, Marchine Dexter, Nita Wood, Joy and Anita. And Alaska won the 1984 Convention bid! Anita and Joy were then headed east for Boston and then west again for a final destination of Blythe, California. Joy will be heading back to Anchorage via

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Joy Craig and Barbara Bowerman relay the excitement felt during the Sectional meeting in Ocean Shores.



North Central Governor Marilyn Miller (L) installed the new officers of Lake Erie Chapter Pat Stark, Chairman; Marie Eaves Vice Chairman; Rose Ray, Treasurer and Debbie Calvin, Secretary. Guest speaker at the installation was Brian Hodgkinson, newscaster and manager of a Cleveland radio station (R). Rose Ray looks on as he regales members with accounts of his capture as a prisoner in World War II.





Alaska's newly installed officers: (L-R) Claire Drenowatz, Judi Brown, Joy Craig and Eddie Miller.



Before one eats--one must pay. Business before pleasure, ladies!

commercial jet from Boston. But, we're sorry to have to acknowledge it. Anita will not be returning to Alaska. She plans to start her own 99 chapter in Blythe!

Just shortly after Anita's party, we had to say good-bye to a supportive 99, Carol Farnsworth, who left for the sunny sands of Hawaii. We'll miss Carol. Carol is a flight instructor and has worked with Anchorage Approach Control for the past several years.

Alaska 99s held their Installation Dinner at the Tea Leaf Restaurant on September 12th. Over 40 flyers showed up—some being non-99s but welcomed guests. The new officers duly installed for the coming year were: Eddie Miller, Chairman; Joy Craig, Vice Chairman; Judi Brown, Secretary; and Claire Drenowatz, Treasurer.

The Alaska 99s also won the honored trophy for the second year in a row for the most delegates attending a Sectional Meeting. We had six delegates from Alaska attend the Sectional in Ocean Shores in August. If we can win it one more time, consecutively, it's ours to keep!

Far West

The Northwest Section meeting held at Ocean Shores in August was well attended,

not only by Far West members who co-hosted the meeting with Rainier and Puget Sound members, but was well represented by all chapters. Congratulations to the new section officers including Far West members Mary Kochanek, Safety and Vi Nixon, Forest of Friendship.

An FAA film "Stalling with Safety" was the program for the September meeting held at the home of Jean Rutz at Diamond Point. Several members including Margaret Layton, Jean Rutz; Mary Cole, Vi Nixon and Joan Rice flew to Roche Harbor in the San Juan Islands for lunch in September.



Would you believe a "1140 pound King Salmon" Well, neither does anyone else except Hazel Jones, who on her "29th" birthday at the Northwest Section Meeting in Ocean Shores, Washington, caught a 40 pound King Salmon. What a birthday present! Hazel has never fished before and has decided to end her career on a high note.

Greater Seattle

A close look at a wonderful collection of antique aircraft was a bonus attraction for the 19 Greater Seattle members who met in October at Bob's Aircraft, Thun Field at Puyallup. Hosts were Bob, Ellie and Carol Cansdale.

A salute to Monica Mygatt and Kathy Poppe who earned their commercial, and to

Carol Cansdale who now holds a CFII rating.

Van Adderson presented an Amelia Earhart Aviation Education program at the Alexander Graham Bell elementary school in Kirkland. Susan Pal volunteered to pilot a whale spotter plane for Orca Survey, a renowned research group working in the San Juan Islands. Kathy Poppe, Susan Pal and Sandy Sullivan are researching the project of conducting a survival seminar in this area.

Dodie Gann reports that her 49½er, Ernest K., flew over the Pacific Northwest recently in a U-2—at an altitude of 72,000 feet plus. His story of this adventure is scheduled to appear in *Playboy* magazine in the near future.

Idaho

The following pilots have recently joined the ranks of the Idaho Chapter: Donna Hopkins, Sherrie Fischer, Barbara Jones, Barbara Murray (transferred from Coacchella Valley) and Janice L. Kerns.

Mt. Tahoma

The Mt. Tahoma 99s' first fall meeting began with an autumnal ferry ride to Vashon Island for dinner. They had an exciting evening swapping summer tales and experiences. Sally Bell spent her summer in England and in the Carribean, then flew her family down to Disneyland. While sunning away in Hawaii, Carolyn Curles met the Aloha 99s and had a real adventure participating in their women's proficiency race or Apuepuelele in Hawaii talk. Kelly Pepper, with her Peitenpol Aircamper, flew to every fly-in in the states of Washington and Oregon (that's a lot!). Vivie Long and Betty Gleason both spent time in the San Juan Islands while Deanna Sherman was very content in the pattern in a C-172.

Stephany Detrick entertained the dinner meeting with her experiences flying in Alaska, as a former member of the Alaska Chapter. Stephany and her husband now live on Vashon Island, WA. Mary Kirk who attended the NW Section meeting gave us a report.

Maureen Rikke is beginning another year at Highline Community College in air transportation and cargo. Carolyn Curles has her 5th grade class involved in the CAP's experimental project Falcon Force. In addition, she is teaching aerospace education classes for Central Washington University.

Willamette Valley

Summer has been a busy time for the Willamette Valley Ninety-Nines. Four planes from the chapter made the trip to Albany, New York for International. Lola Skirvin and Mary Ellen Hobin, Salley Plumlee and Karen Dapp, Verda Guistina and Jan Amundson, and Claudia and Jim Fleming, accompanied by four month old Alex made the trip together over the

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Members of the Mt. Tahoma Chapter enjoyed the autumn ferry ride through the Puget Sound



Ali Sharpe of Grants Pass, Oregon and a member of the Willamette Valley Chapter, received the Northwest Section Achievement Award for 1979. She has participated in over two dozen Ninety-Nine sanctioned air races since 1970, most of them while flying solo. She has also been very active in promoting women in aviation by speaking to various civic groups. She has also held several offices and positions including her present office as the Northwest Section Vice-Governor. Congratulations, Ali!

Canadian Rockies and through Canada as far as Thunder Bay. Claudia and Jim went on to Albany from there and the rest went to Quebec. N.W. Section Governor, Lou Wicks and Ali Sharpe made the trip by commercial airline and Charmian Byers-Jones who had made the flight earlier met the rest of the group in Albany.

Another Willamette Valley member, Joey Miller, recently passed her FAA instrument written exam.

Wyoming

At the Wyoming 99s meeting at the Lander Terminal Building on October 14, 1979, members viewed two Federal Aviation Administration films. Both films featured winter survival tips and displayed recommended survival kit items. Harriet Hoag, transferee from the Florida Panhandle

Chapter, was welcomed to the Wyoming Chapter. Agendas for the next three months were set. During the social hour, members joined in the birthday celebration of Chairman Crystal Ahrens.

South Central

Colorado

The September meeting of the Colorado Chapter was an installation dinner held at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant, a unique restaurant with an aviation decor. The outgoing chairman, Jan Dyar, after introducing the new Chairman, Nanette Gaylor Hylan, received an Amelia Earhart Medal as a thank you for her hard work through the past year. Two chapter members, Donna Myers and Diedo Heise, both Past International Presidents, were honored with special name tags. A special guest of honor was Nancy Tier, a 99 Charter Member and Connecticut Chapter member, who spoke to us about flying in the early days of aviation. It was truly a delightful evening.

Many members of the Colorado 99s attended the first annual Rocky Mountain EAA Fly-In at Loveland-Ft. Collins Airport. The day started with a delicious breakfast, then a beautiful display of home-built antiques and classic aircraft and progressed onward to the flying events. Contests such as hand-propping, timed

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Out-going Colorado Chairman Jan Dyar receives an Amelia Earhart medal from the new incoming Chairman Nanette Gaylor Hylan as a thank you for a successful term



Jan Dyar shows her winning skill in the spot landing contest at the First Annual Rocky Mountain EAA Fly-In at Loveland-Fort Collins Airport. She was eventually the over-all winner in the event.



Colorado members/Emeritus Diedo Heise and Donna Myers receive honors from Mary Adams

takeoffs, electric starts, skip bombing and spot landings. It was a grand day for our own Jan Dyar; two first places and a second place in the flying events and then her J3 Cub was chosen as the best classic!! Good work Jan!!

Dallas Redbirds

Four planeloads of Redbird 99s flew into Wichita, Kansas, escorted by three ever-loving husbands, Fred Shelton, Ralph Hutchinson and John Fuller.

Our own Hazel Jones received the Jimmy Kolp Award and we are so proud of her at SCS.

We also swelled our chests over the new ratings earned by Linda Wackwitz, Instrument and Commercial and Faith Bridges, Commercial and CFI, and Cathy Jones, Multi-Engine, Multi-CFI and ATP. Cathy Jones is currently piloting in the good ole Rocky Mountains for Colorado Airlines, doing charter work and setting up a flight school.

We continue to grow with two new members, Jessie Bilbow and Rolinda Lawrence swelling our ranks to 17.

Golden Triangle

The Golden Triangle Chapter sponsored a Flight Instructor Refresher Course conducted by the AOPA at the Ramada Inn-Central in Dallas, Texas on September 8, 9 and 10th. There were approximately 200 people in attendance at the three day course.

Houston

Chairman, Suzanne Thweatt, of the Houston 99s was pleased to present the Charter to Chairman, Diane Titterington-Mercer, of the newly formed Houston North 99s during their Charter Banquet. Sue also gave the Chapter a \$100 check from the sponsoring chapter in order to help start their treasury. Linda Hooker, Governor of the South Central Section was guest speaker. The Houston Chapter was represented by Mary and Connie Able, Linda and Gary Able, Alice Bull, Elsie and Bob Collie, Helen and Larry Simonette, Sue and Gill Thweatt. We all wish the Houston North 99s a happy and successful future.

The Houston 99s were well represented at the South Central Sectional in Wichita, Kansas by Linda Able, Mary Able, Alice Bull, Del Hightower, and Timi Kramer. Their chapter was the first to donate \$100 toward the next Sectional meeting to be held in Vail, Colorado during July of 1980. The Houston Chapter will also be in charge of registration.

Kansas

Evelyn Schall, Kansas Chapter, recently was promoted to group engineer, structures, overseeing the 152, 172, 180, 182 and 185 models at Cessna Aircraft Company in Wichita. Holly Hudlow, Kansas Chapter, has been appointed assistant director of public relations at Beech Aircraft Corporation in Wichita.



Golden Triangle's incoming officers were duly installed by International Secretary Hazel Jones (center) during ceremonies August 21st. The new officers are (L-R): Mary Wheelock, Vice-Chairman; Helen Hill, Chairman; Hazel Jones; LaVine Horton, Secretary; and Beverly Stephens, Treasurer.

Maureen McMaster, Kansas Chapter, co-chaired with her husband, Ron Huckins, the Cessna 195 Convention at the Wichita Hilton Inn on October 6 and 7. The convention drew 195 people in 63 of the 195 airplanes—the largest gathering of the Cessna 195s ever. Maureen was elected to the board of the 195 Club for the coming year.

Carol LeKron, Kansas Chapter, competed in the National Aerobatic competition at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, in August. In a borrowed airplane which she had had for just ten days, she put together a routine which took 15th place out of 27 entries.

Nebraska

Nebraska 99s flew to Atchison, Kansas for the September chapter meeting and an enjoyable visit to the International Forest of Friendship. The Atchison Zontas were wonderful hostesses for the visit, providing

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Ruth Deerman, Past International President, swears in the newly elected officers of the El Paso Chapter. From the left are Freida Young, Secretary; Lynn Allen, Vice-Chairman; and Jan Scott, Chairman. Not pictured was Edna Lavezzaria, Treasurer. One week later, Lynn Allen and Jan Scott flew Jan's 182 to Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico for a very informative seminar hosted by Brigadier General Charles Bishop. The subject was military jet airspace requirements; of great concern to those in the Southwest.



Sue Thweatt, Chairman of the Houston Chapter, presents a \$100 check to the newly chartered Houston North Chapter which was accepted by Dianne Titterington-Mercer, Chairman of Houston North. South Central Governor Linda Hooker, center, was the guest speaker at the chapter's charter ceremonies.

transportation to the Forest, a tour of the town, and a visit to the Amelia Earhart display at the Atchison Museum.

Keeta Thompson hosted the Nebraska 99s' chapter meeting at her home in Scottsbluff on October 14th and then treated the group to a delicious brunch at the Scottsbluff Country Club. Members in attendance from eastern Nebraska enjoyed both the cross-country trip across the state and the western Nebraska hospitality.

Oklahoma

What a Coup! For the second year in a row the Oklahoma Chapter has won the Section Governor's Achievement Award, as well as the Airmarking Trophy. So big chapters, take heart. It can be done.

Fourteen of us made the Fall Sectional in Wichita, for Dot Clum, Sue Halpain and Phyllis Howard, it was their first. All six Past Presidents of the 99s from this section were there, including Broneta Evans and Susie Sewell. Nema Masonall received a trophy for attending her 48th consecutive SCS meeting. She had started her string at the Spring Sectional in 1956 at Wichita.

Jan Million has passed her FSS exam, while Phyllis Howard got her Instrument Rating.

Marge Hudson is now working in the Capitol Complex for the State Board of Regents' Student Loan Department.

99 NEWS Editor Marilyn Ratzlaff has been shot—vaccinated, that is. She is going to South America with Jerrie Cobb in January.

Carol Collins and Rita Eaves bagged some trophies at the Oklahoma Women's State Amateur Golf Tournament.

Gwen Crawford is "Grandma" again, her name is Casey.

Nema Masonhall and 3 other former 99/WASPs were on Ch. 4's The Pat Shockey Show for the review of Sally Keil's book, *Those Wonderful Women in their Flying Machines*.

Skip Carter, Ruth Jones, Beth and Smitty Smith took a 14-day fly-cruise. They flew to Florida, then by ship to Puerto Rico, Caracas, Panama Canal, Acapulco, LA, then home to OKC.

Spanish Peaks

Joan Alyea saw a different side of aviation by serving as a pattern (aerobatic) judge at the Anheuser-Busch Natural Light Rocky Mountain Radio Control Sport Scale and Pattern Classic held at Pueblo's Sky Corral Radio Control field over Labor Day Weekend. The three-day event involved competition with radio-controlled model aircraft (no—they are not toys!). Joan found her skills as a "full scale" pilot made her well-qualified for judging Cuban 8's, stall turns, 4-point rolls, etc. Patterns flown by the small aircraft are similar to full scale aerobatics. The competition was sponsored by Sky Corral R/C Club of Pueblo and Pikes Peak R/C Club of Colorado Springs. Joan had so much fun she intends to repeat the

experience next year. These fliers really like 99s. (Joan's 49½er Dale was 6th in scale with his twin-engine B-25). The Sky Corral field looks just like a miniature airport from the air, with its two paved runways safely marked with X's; Spanish Peak members are looking at it as an airmarking project in the future!

A note for chapter meetings—contact your local model airplane club for demonstrations, etc. We have a lot in common!

Shannon Crouse flew her Stinson in the 13th annual Easter Seal Penny-a-Pound flights on September 23rd in Pueblo, while 49½er Dick carried parachute jumpers aloft in his Cherokee 6. 49½er Dale Alyea and Claiborne Courtright also flew. Joan Alyea served on the steering committee and reports attendance records were broken—again! The annual fund raiser supports the Crippled Children's Society. Colorado Chapter member Joyce Vande Hoef was down with the Columbia Savings balloon, too.

Balloons again—Sharon and Bill Roush and Shannon and Dick Crouse flew to Albuquerque to take in the balloon festival in October. We suspect they may now have a little of the hot air bug!

Tulsa

The Tulsa 99s were happy to welcome new member Fran Rankin to our chapter. Her whole family flies.

Those 99s in the listening audience for KRMG radio in Tulsa marked their calendar to listen the evening of November 28th to David Stanfords "Night Line" show. Appearing on the talk show were Jan Mauritson, Earline Biles and Sue McBride, talking about 99s, what they do, and women in aviation in general.

CFII Deanna Robertson soloed her 17-year-old son Rick on September 14th from the Tulsa Riverside Airport.

Wichita Falls

On September 22nd, Carolyn and Tom Sanders, Virginia and Jake Holmes, Corty Sutton and Lou Ellen Foster flew to Oklahoma City and finally had a visit to Headquarters. Oklahoma Jan Million met us at the Airport Sheraton and graciously conducted our tour. We were impressed with its beauty and usefulness. We all appreciate the Oklahoma 99s who assist in the hosting of others. We love you all for your many "Good Deeds".

Southeast

Florida Goldcoast

Three members have new jobs or promotions. Genie Smith is flying co-pilot on turbo-props for Colman Air Transport in Rockford, Illinois. Ursula Davidson (our AE winner two years ago) is an aviation instructor at Miami-Dade Community College North, while Belle Hutchins is flying second in command on a DC-6.

At the September 20th meeting at Fran Sargent's home the 26 members present reviewed the above accomplishments and reported these additional highlights: Celeste MacIvor's ride this summer in Gainesville in aviation writer Martin Caiden's rebuilt Junker. The plane was found in Quito, Ecuador and shipped to the states in parts. Celeste reports it was a wild and wooly, exciting ride.

At the meeting of the International Comanche Society this summer in Colorado, Lois and Sol Eig's Twin Comanche was

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Moving up to a turbojet is Jo McCarrell, who flies this Cheyenne II as corporate pilot for Lane Processing Company, Grannis, Arkansas, the world's largest independent chicken producer. One of Jo's recent passengers included the Argentine Secretary of Agriculture, who was on an official inspection tour.

chosen the Flagship for the Society for 1979-80. This was partially due, we're sure, to the beautiful, new paint job in dark blue, turquoise and white, not to mention all the exquisite, tender, loving care Lois and Sol extend to their "baby". Congratulations!

Our Charter Member, Viola Gentry, announced her forthcoming visit to the combined OX-5 and Early Bird Conventions in Seattle, Washington at the end of September. But with engines falling off DC-10s and airline pilots "running into mountains that have always been there" (I'm quoting Viola), she plans to go by bus!

Florida Gulfstream

Gulfstream Chapter members were happy to host Southeast Section Ninety-Nines in September for the Fall Section Meeting. Our new officers are: Governor, Judy Hall; Vice Governor, Ellie Odorico; Secretary, Caroline Pilaar; Treasurer, Bonnie Quenzler. Nominating Committee members are Ruth Fleisher, Anne Conway, Janice New, Rachel Pruitt and Alyce Strong.

The members convened selected New Orleans as the site of the 1983 convention and Jaye Hudgins reported that Southeast Section now holds 501(c)3 status under the Internal Revenue Code. Chapters may obtain their 501(c)3 status as a part of the Section, and those who do so must carefully and religiously file annual chapter financial statements with the section to be included as a part of the annual section financial statement.

Southeast Section Spring meeting is scheduled for Thomasville, Georgia. As the dates currently scheduled (April 18th-20th) conflict with the NIFA dates, members are alerted to check for change of dates.

Florida Panhandle

Our Chapter Chairman, Nan France, has received the distinct honor of being chosen to fly the Flight Leader and other team members of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbird Acrobatic Team. In a 172 she will be flying them while they complete an aerial survey checking ground reference points for use during their demonstration air show at Eglin Air Force Base on Sunday, September 23rd.

Betty McNabb, a Past International President, has done much to further the general aviation cause along the Gulf Coast. She is extremely active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, flying Sunset Patrol to assist boaters in trouble.

Recently in flying to a 99 meeting in Fair Hope, Alabama, while actively on patrol, Betty detoured a Coast Guard Admiral in his helicopter to the rescue. She was extremely embarrassed later to learn that she had delayed opening ceremonies of Armed Forces Day, as the officials were awaiting arrival of the Admiral to initiate opening functions. Betty is also a Lt. Colonel in the CAP, offering her time and services for that organization. She is the first to admit that without the understanding

help of her 49½er, Mac, she would never have been able to accomplish all of these activities.

Florida Spaceport

The Florida Spaceport Chapter joined with the Florida Ladybugs for a meeting at Thunderbird Airpark, in Lake Como, Florida, recently. Over 100 members, families and guests enjoyed a day of boating, fishing, swimming and relaxing at this beautiful airpark. After a fish-fry hosted by 99 Marguerite Bryan and 49½er W.E., an informal discussion on density altitude and short and soft field landings was held. A turkey-shoot followed, and some of us even hit the target! Madeleine Rodery became a new member of the 99s that afternoon, and we extend a sincere "Welcome" to Madeleine. WESH-TV, Channel 2, from Daytona Beach covered the events of the day with special interviews with 99 Loraine Jadassohn, who learned to fly at age 67 and who, at age 70½, is working on her twin rating. They also interviewed Helen Keen of the Ladybugs, who learned to fly at age 65.

Lois Feigenbaum, Past International President, received the AOPA's Sharples Award for her outstanding contributions to General Aviation on October 11 in Hollywood, Florida.

New Orleans

Six New Orleans 99s members are currently enrolled in Instrument Ground School. They are Frances Bozeman, Ede Brandon, Gloria Burlette, Pat Besselman, Norma Reeves, and Patsy Zeringue. Alan Malone is teaching the ground school in conjunction with the Adult Education Program offered by Country Day School in Metairie, Louisiana. He found there was a need for such a service and presently has an enrollment of 25 students from the New Orleans area.

Ede Brandon, Glorice Wills, Judy

Maggiore, Gloria Burlette, and Patsy Zeringue attended the Southeast Section Meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Once again an instrument rating proved quite useful in getting us where we wanted to go.

The Bahia Mar proved to be a grand place for the gathering of the 99s. With a spectacular ocean view and excellent accommodations, we were quite contented.

The business part of the section meeting truly made us all aware of the achievements, the news, and the good work that the 99s are performing. The New Orleans 99s were happy to find out that their city had been chosen as the site for the 1983 International Convention. There was some stiff competition for the site from the Florida Spaceport, Florida Goldcoast and Tennessee Chapters. We're looking forward to the opportunity to show off New Orleans in '83. We know it involves a lot of work on our part and we have every intention to do our best. We're anticipating the job ahead and welcome all the Southeast Section Chapters to participate in this effort. The motto: "Love New Orleans, and she'll love you right back" will surely prove to be true for all of us.

There were some interesting folks at our banquet Saturday night including Jerrie Cobb, a 99 and missionary pilot from the Amazonas who has dedicated her services to the Indians of the Amazon. The main speaker at the banquet emphasized safety and public awareness in the field of aviation. This particular speech really hit home because the 99s are going to participate with the FAA in a Media Day in November. This activity will involve meeting with members of the media in an attempt to promote general aviation. There is a need for the public to be made aware of the overall safety record and services that general aviation provides today and the possibilities that it holds for the future.

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Jack Hudson, FBO Palatka Airport, poses with Ladybug Secretary and 99 Marguerite Bryan, Bev Hudson, Treasurer, Cy Beers, Chairman, and Ruth Anne Thropp Secretary, all officers of the Florida Spaceport Chapter



South Louisiana's Chapter Chairman Mary French reminisces about aviation's early days in an antique plane at the Louisiana Aviation Museum, Patterson, LA.

North Georgia

North Georgia's September meeting was an installation banquet for chapter officers. Installed were Carolyn Upton, Chairman; Lolly Shaw, Vice Chairman; Delores Scott, Secretary; Fran Oliver, Treasurer.

Sara Hiern recently gave a talk to the Coosa Valley Aero Club in Rome, Georgia about The Ninety-Nines. Sara is one of the two female pilots in the club and many of the members were unaware of the activities of The Ninety-Nines.

North Georgia Chapter members are proud of Fran Oliver who has been elected International President of the Flying Nurses.



Discussing October Airshow plans at the South Louisiana Chapter's September meeting held in Baton Rouge are (back row L-R) Jan Phillips, Lola Rodgers, Polly Baughman and Chairman Mary French. (Front row L-R) Eleanor Lowry and Sandra Rice.

Southwest

Alameda County

Our Tenth Anniversary Dinner occurred on October 20, 1979. Twenty members and invited guests gathered at the Kin Do Restaurant in Hayward to enjoy a ten course Mandarin dinner. Guests of honor were the Honorable Mayor of Hayward, Mrs. Eileen Weinreb, and Dr. Weinreb and the Head Librarian for the City of Hayward, Mr. Webster, and Mrs. Webster. These guests were present to witness the official presentation by our chapter of a copy of the *History of Ninety-Nines, Inc.* to the Hayward Public Library. Jaunda Bigelow gave a brief presentation explaining our organization and its undertaking of this fine historical publication. To complete the occasion, our chapter again made its 2nd Annual Pilot of the Year award. This was awarded to Jaunda Bigelow. Jaunda, a charter member of our chapter, learned to fly in 1960 along with another charter member of our chapter, Ruth McGill. She has had a vast variety of flying exposure since then. This has included a few flights in a Crider-Riser and some very educational experience flying Cessna 182s for lifting skydivers. This, Jaunda claims, is a test of piloting skill for one must keep the plane on an even keel while approaching the jump area, requiring that all turns be flat turns made with the rudder only, so that the skyjumper's view will not be obstructed by the airplane wing, etc. Jaunda is a real asset to our chapter, having served as almost every officer capability the chapter has. She takes two three-day weekends every year to attend Sectional meetings and has had the pleasure of attending three International Conventions, Canada, Australia and Albany. Jaunda is a teacher of primary gradeschool children, working mostly with remedial read-

ing and arithmetic. She looks forward to retiring at the end of this year after 35 years as a teacher. She is certainly one of our chapter's most valuable assets. Congratulations.

Aloha

Florrie McCluney, who is a recent addition to the Aloha Chapter, recently received her Private Pilot's license and was presented with her own Piper Tomahawk, N99FM by her overjoyed 49½ year old Cliff McCluney.

Dorothy Kelsey, not content with a BFR in single engine, fixed geared aircraft, also got a BFR in Hawaii Country Club of the Air's Grumman Cougar. After ten years of not flying multi-engine aircraft, Dottie was signed off in 2.9 hours, which speaks well for the aircraft and prior training.

Marijane Nelson Howard, Aloha Chapter member who flies for Antilles Air Boats as the world's first woman seaplane airline captain, won the chapter's annual HELP award in July and was the recipient of one of the Amelia Earhart Scholarships in August. Marijane will obtain her instrument and multi-engine land ratings with her scholarships.

Bakersfield

Charline MacKessy officially turned over the gavel to Melba Erickson at the annual meeting of the chapter held at her home on June 30, 1979, to bring to a successful close her term of office as Chairman of the Bakersfield Chapter. Also taking office were Patricia Church, Vice Chairman, Janice Brown, Secretary, and Ruth Schmitt, Treasurer. Others present at the salad luncheon were Maude Oldershaw, Margaret Rhoten, Ella Miller, Laverne Billingsley, Albina Ayars, Florence Moody, Achsa Donnels, and Priscilla Spencer.

During the year we have continuously supported the FAA in its presentation of safety programs, being on hand to serve coffee and cookies.

We have airmarked Bakersfield Airpark and Berrenda Mesa Farms, both private airports; and later this month we will again airmark the Kern Valley and Shafter airports, two of the 10 Kern County airports.

Our member, Albina Ayars, is the first pilot in Bakersfield to receive the Pilot

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Newly elected officers for the Bakersfield Chapter are: Melba Erickson, Chairman, (right) Patricia Church, Vice-Chairman (left), Ruth Schmitt (center) Treasurer; and Janice Brown, Secretary, (not pictured).



Charline MacKessy, outgoing Chairman, and Melba Erickson, incoming Chairman, sit in front of display case recently donated to the Bakersfield Chapter by the Sierra Flite Service, Inc. of Bakersfield



Members of the Bakersfield Chapter, Charline MacKessy (L) and Melba Erickson (R) present copy of the "History of the Ninety-Nines, Inc." to Robert Cannon, Director of Library Systems of Kern County

Proficiency and Flite Safety Award from the FAA. Also Janice Brown has received her certificate. They have completed Phase I of the training requirements.

Our chapter presented a copy of the *History of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.* to the Kern County Library.

Golden West

Fran Grant has been recognized for her outstanding achievements and contributions in Aerospace Education. The CAEA (California Aerospace Educational Association) has presented Fran with the prestigious "Paul Mantz Memorial Award", citing her for her participation and leadership in the Fear of Flying Clinic as well as her work with students, in industry and in workshops. Congratulations Fran—we're sure proud of you!!

Our September meeting, combined pot luck dinner at Bea Howell's, took place with the installation of our new officers: Chairman, Geri Wiecks; Vice Chairman, Bea Howell; Secretary, Karla Straube; and Treasurer, Dorothy Carroll. Congratulations to all. Also at the meeting Julie Ames was honored as Golden West's Pilot of the Year and inherited the chapter's beautiful POY trophy.

Our 99s had a great show of delegates at the Southwest Section's Fall Sectional. Par-



Golden West's Pilot of the Year for 1979 is Julie Ames, who is currently flying for Hughes Airwest.

ticipating this year were Geri Wiecks, Bea Howell, Rae Gilmor, Eldris Shogren, Julia Huber, Julie Ames, and Janie Postlethwaite. A many-thanks for our good turnout of delegates. We were proud that 2 of our members took top place honors in the Sectional's Woman Pilot of the Year award. Second place winner Carolyn Zapata and Third place winner Julie Ames. With our last year's First place winner, Janie Postlethwaite, it's not too bad for a small chapter of 31 members!

Los Angeles

Berni Stevenson had a most exciting trip home from the Paris Air Show. A flight in a turbo-prop DC-3 across the North Atlantic at a leisurely TAS of 200 MPH. RON's in Belfast, Reykjavik, Narsarsuaq and Goose. Sally La Forge and Rachel Bonzon spent 3 weeks in Alaska on an interesting hiking tour which included the Mt. McKinley area. The 'Call of the Wild' was heard by Dolores Reed and Jean Rose who flew to Alaska for 2 weeks.

Jean Pyatt with her new ATP and glider ratings has just been accepted by the FAA and reported for duty at ONT FSS on October 9th. Due to her new job, she has declined the chairmanship for the L.A. Chapter. A new election was held and Aileen Pickering was elected the new chairman. Please note this change in your 1980 Roster.

Mae Haizlip, a contestant in the First Women's Air Derby in 1929 and charter member of the South Central Section has reinstated her membership in the 99s and we are quite honored to have her as a Los Angeles Chapter member.

Long Beach

Barbara Proctor and her husband have returned from a three week tour of the Orient which included such sights as the Peoples' Commune, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace and the Ming Tombs. They sampled the famous Peking Duck. As Barb

and her husband are joggers, they can now claim to have run the Great Wall! Their return trip included a stop-over in Japan where they visited the Gold Pavilion, the Heian Shrine and Nijo Castle, home of Toranaga in the book *Shogun*.

Gene Fitzpatrick, Catherine Murphy and another WASP from Seattle and Dolores Reed, Jean Rose and Ikie Worden recently completed an exciting trip to Alaska in a Cherokee Archer and a Cessna 172. The six women flew approximately 6400 miles in 18 days of flying. They visited Fairbanks, Whitehorse, Mt. McKinley National Park, Point Barrow, Dawson City and other towns. Their return trip included a flight down the Trench, a 400 mile flight over desolate but fantastically beautiful tundra and lake country. They had no problems with the aircraft and all considered it a wonderful flying experience. Cost for each, excluding food and souvenirs, was \$543.00!

Ruth Gay recently entertained Kirsti Pesola of Helsinki for a weekend. Kirsti had been attending a "Women in Architecture" Congress in Seattle and returned via Los Angeles. Attending a luncheon for Kirsti were Ruth Gay, Rita Gibson, Thon Griffith, Margaret Callaway, and Mary Pinkney. Most had been entertained in Finland by Kirsti at one time or another.

Dayle Buschkotter has also just been accepted by the FAA, reported to the Flight Service at Lancaster Fox Field and will be leaving shortly for Oklahoma City for four months of training.

Long Beach Chapter's October meeting featured Gene Fitzpatrick as speaker. Gene and five other women have just returned from Alaska. Their trip, in a Cherokee Archer and a Cessna 172, covered about 6400 miles in 18 days of flying, with no problems and much pleasure.

Monterey Bay

Joanne Nissen made several sheep trips to Albany, Oregon to pick up lambs. They were unimpressed with the flights. Kay Harmon attended the Tulare Air show, Grass Valley campout, met Bryan Allen (pilot and engineer of the Gossamer Condor and the Albatross). Sandy Pratt, other than her charters, flew to Lake Havasu, Arizona, Sedona and Grass Valley, California, and is now planning a cross-country-Bryce Canyon or Zion National Park to the East Coast. Helen Shropshire had a busy summer with her business the Heritage Tour Guides. Nikki Welch attended the Flight Instructor AOPA Seminar, Day of Earthquake, passed her CFI written exams and has her commercial rating, multi-engine, instrument and instructor ratings. Vicki Karnes received her multi-engine, instructor ratings this summer and passed the advanced ground instructor and CFI written exam. She is attending San Jose State in the aeronautical program this fall.

Palomar

At the September 7th meeting of the

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Palomar Chapter, Chairman Debbie Schmidt showed slides and recounted the 17 day, 70 hour, 16 state flight she and 49½er took to Oskosh for EAA doings. It was a spectacular start as they in their gold Navy biplane N3N — 44839, two Stearmans and a Waco took off from Palomar Airport. Enroute they were joined by several more N3Ns, 28 of which are registered and flying in the U.S. today.

"It was great training," says Debbie, "hopping in and out of dry lake beds, farmers' fields and strips of grass and gravel. We loved the low flying—no radio all the way! The sights included floral details, rabbits, coyotes; the smells of fresh hay, of pigs, of a chocolate factory, among many, many others."

"Hospitality was unbounded. Cars and trucks were loaned us. In return, some accepted the thrill of a biplane flight. These wonderful people renewed our faith in America!"

At a meeting of the Powder Puff Derby "Alumni" Association held at the Turf Inn in Albany, NY during Convention, Barbara Evans was elected Secretary/Treasurer to handle reunion notices, and maintain a file of members. She will appreciate receiving any address changes you may have or new members at \$10. Send to: Barbara Evans, 37 Colonial Parkway, Manhasset, NY 11030.



Palomar Chapter Chairman Debbie Schmidt and 49½er, Dick, fly along the coast at La Jolla, California in their N3N biplane.

Phoenix

Autumn brought chapter members back from vacations and to the business meeting. Attendance nearly doubled summer standards. Judi Carns established an aim for upcoming year to improve attendance at the prior executive board meeting. Phoenix girls reach their goals quickly! New chapter officers were installed at the September meeting. They are: Judi Carns, Chairman; Sandy Haag, Vice Chairman; Carolyn Chard, Vice Chairman; Polly Mumey, Treasurer; Ann Newcombe, Secretary; and Cathy Nickolaisen, Membership Chairman.

Our membership is growing. For several months we have voted in a new member at each meeting with three in May.

Cathy Nickolaisen is stirring up a Fear of Flying Clinic for a future chapter project. Natasha Swigerd Scholarship for an Arizona State University Aeronautical Technology female student is being organized. Hopefully, the first recipient will be awarded next Fall.

Barbara Cook is silk-screening the new Phoenix Chapter's logo on shirts and jackets for members.

Melba Beard is zipping around the country this year and being honored everywhere as a Charter 99 member. The latest date is an aerospace museum preview in San Diego in November.

Kitty Pope, a new Ninety-Nine, received Arizona State University's Alpha Eta Rho Scholarship for '79-'80. This scholarship is the only one available in the Aerotech Department and is for pilots who have shown progress and promise in aviation. Kitty is the first female recipient of this scholarship in the six years it has been awarded.

June Bonesteel received a "Once In A While" trophy and award from the Phoenix 99s in August. The award helped her attend a Hughes Helicopter course on 300-series helicopter maintenance. June is an active 99 and busy professional pilot. She instructs in and maintains airplanes, flies helicopters and soon should be maintaining them. Last year June was Arizona's Instructor of the Year.

Reno Area

Phyllis Ahlswede, who lives in Las Vegas, but is still a member of the Reno Area Chapter, is manager of Flight Attendants for Hughes Airwest, and pushes for more women pilots for the airline. Phyllis spends a lot of time in Reno, flying up in her 172.

Jerry Gardiner is now a charter pilot for Alta Sierra Aviation.

Hazel Hohn had a front page story about herself and 2 other Carson City WASPs in the "Carson City Nevada Appeal".

San Luis Obispo

Grace McChesney of San Luis Obispo was named Pilot of the Year at the annual banquet of the San Luis Obispo County Ninety-Nines, which was held aboard the Tiger's Folly in Morro Bay. Shelly Scott was awarded the groups Flying Start certificate, which entitled her to the \$400 grant with which to secure her private pilot license. The certificate was presented by Carol Hallett, Assemblywoman and a member of our 99 group. Inducted into the 49½ers were: "Stacy" Stacy of Morro Bay; Bill Wright of Atascadero; Jerry Bowser, Ken Clarke, and Will Nebert of Arroyo Grande.

New officers installed for the coming year are: Chairman, Pat Kamm; Vice Chairman, Shirley Moore; Secretary, Susanne Skeeters; and Treasurer, Madi Gates.

San Fernando Valley

Our recent Installation Banquet, held at Skytrails Restaurant, was a tribute to

everyone who has given of their time to make our chapter so outstanding. Since we didn't have a lot of funds to spend on entertainment, our outgoing Chairman, Ely Rickabaugh, sat down and composed a song for each of our Committee Chairmen. She borrowed some tunes from some well known songs and commissioned the Board to do the singing. It's not known whether we giggled more or sang more, but the audience enjoyed our attempt to all sing in the same key at the same time.

On September 7th and 8th, our chapter made it's way to it's semi-annual fly-in at MacGillivray's Ranch. This ranch near Paso Robles, California has its own "paved" strip right in the middle of the safflower fields. Thirteen planes and three motor vehicles carrying about 40 passengers made their way to the ranch among gently rolling hills. We held a spot landing contest which provided the spectators with some interesting landings to watch.

Do we have a racing chapter! Out of 51 planes that raced the Palms to Pines Air Race in August, 14 were from our chapter. And we did well. Sue Jablonski and Barbara Persons came in a strong 2nd Place. Coralee Tucker and Misti Vreeland took 6th Place. Brigitte Wegman and Virginia Rainwater and Jo Gustin and Sylvia Sanderson took leg prizes for the first and second legs of the race. And are we proud of Jeanne Rumm! She, along with Pat Forbes of the Golden West Chapter took first place in the Angel Derby. And member Tina Holmes, along with Bob Long, took first place honors in the recent Hayward Mini Derby Proficiency Flight.

We are glad that Audrey Schutte, the second woman to be hired by the National Transportation and Safety Board, has been stationed here in Los Angeles.

New berth announcements: Several of our girls have recently announced that they are proud owners of a new airplane. Virginia Rainwater flew her cute orange Cessna 150 to MacGillivray's Ranch to camp out. Doris Lockness announced that she and her husband just purchased a brand new Cessna 172. And Judi Rifkin was able to pick up her new Cessna 182 in Wichita. Misti Vreeland and 49½er Rob are learning aerobatics in their patriotic red, white, and blue Decathlon. Shirley Thom and 49½er Gene are proud of their brand new Piper Warrior.

They may have to rename the Salinas His and Hers Air Race the San Fernando Valley/Salinas Air Race. Twenty-six planes from the San Fernando Valley trekked up to Salinas to compete in their 4th Annual very fun air race. We really gave the locals a run for their money when our group took 7 out of the top ten positions. Everyone had a fantastic time and we recommend this race to everyone who wants to have fun and compete at the same time!

Tucson

Tucson 99s sponsored an October 27th

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THE GREAT RACE!

ATTENTION NINETY-NINES!

Get your nose on the starting line January 1st and your tail feathers across the finish line May 31, 1980! THE GREAT RACE is a membership drive for our whole organization, and we want to create a friendly competition that will challenge you to tireless attempts to attract new members. Our goal is very ambitious; we want to increase our total membership by 20%. That is 1000 new members! To find these women, we are going to have to assume a very visible posture, and in this race, almost anything goes. If you have a special tactic to promote your own chapter/section, now is the time to employ it. Local newspaper ads and aviation day at the local airport showing Ninety-Nines in action are good starters. If we acquaint all segments of aviation with The Ninety-Nines, we shall surely find 1000 richly rewarding new friends.

Our RACE rules are being kept to a minimum. The RACE Committee has determined that there shall be four categories into which all of our chapters or sections are divided. Chapters with 30 members or less are Category 1. Category 2 consists of chapters with 31 to 50 members. Category 3 includes all those chapters with over 50 members and Category 4 shall be composed of all of our international sections. Your competition is within your own category only. Your RACE handicap determines your category. Each "handicap" is the official membership enrollment your chapter had on November 30, 1979. Reinstatements shall also count as adding a new member; however, nonrenewals will put your chapter in the hole. If you lose any present members to nonrenewals, you must attain enough new members or reinstatements to boost your membership back up to your handicap number before you can count any new members.

The official tallies will be kept at Headquarters and monthly reports will be made through The 99 NEWS to let you know who leads each category. The winners of each category shall be that chapter/section that adds the most new members above its handicap number, as simply as that. The four winners shall be awarded honors and prizes when they are officially announced at the 1980 International Convention at Vail, Colorado, next July.

So, ladies, your Membership Chairman, Betty McNabb, urges you to get on the starting line and to make a real effort during the next five months to find at least 1000 of the many women pilots who are not yet 99s. Your course is up to you. You have already been flagged off. Good luck to you all, and may THE GREAT RACE make winners of us all!

Pat Jenkins
RACE Coordinator for Betty McNabb
Membership Chairman