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Dear Ninety-Nine,

In this time of runaway inflation you probably receive as many letters as we do, screaming at you to "plan for the future," salt it away for a rainy day," or preaching that "estate planning is NOW!"

Much as we hate the hard sell, we 99 directors have taken this prodding to heart with a little estate planning of our own. Those before us planned for the organization's future with a beautiful building on a large piece of land. (Will Rogers said, "They ain't makin' no more land.") Our monetary investments are cautious, with the long haul in mind.

We are conscious of the need to preserve our heritage. Through the generosity of our members and friends we have acquired memorabilia and treasures which we display securely and proudly at Headquarters. Our 50th Anniversary Book has brought forth records, letters and photos, and we are accumulating aviation archives unparalleled anywhere. Our library is growing into a collection in which we can take great pride.

Despite our great good fortune in seeing our history preserved, one dark cloud dims the sunshine. Again and again, as we lose our pioneers, we discover that their families have little interest in aviation and discard boxes of "old stuff" which to us would have been great treasure. We agonize that their estate planning did not include aviation memorabilia.

Several current Ninety-Nine directors have willed their aviation libraries and memorabilia to the 99s. Not one of us thinks that we have anything of particular value. But we are taking charge of our own future, knowing what this can mean to women pilots coming along after us. After all, we are making history right now!

We hope that you will give this matter some thought, whether you are 19 or 95. We who are pilots have received greatly; should we not also share? Gill Robb Wilson said:

"...for who in the world but such as we, may climb the sky to God's own knee and ponder His wondrous artistry?"

Sincerely,

Gene Nora Jessen

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# Calendar

## MAY

**May 1:** *The 99 NEWS* deadline for June issue.

**May 5-7: NIFA National SAFECON**, Western Michigan State University, Battle Creek. Contact Hazel Jones.

**May 13: Hayward-Las Vegas Proficiency Air Race**, Hayward, California. Kits, \$3, available from Hayward Air Race Committee, 20301 Skywest Dr., Hayward CA 94541, (415) 581-2345.

**May 21: Nutmeg Air Rally**, round robin proficiency competition sponsored by Connecticut Chapter. Kits, \$3, available from Peg Davidson, 21 Crestview Dr., N. Haven CT 06473, (203) 288-9642. Application deadline, May 2; rain date, May 22.

**May 27-29: 14th Annual Illi-Nines Air Derby**, open to men and women pilots. Rockford Municipal Airport. Speed and proficiency categories. For information and kit, send \$3 to Ruth Frantz, 46 Apache Lane, Hutley IL 60142.

**May: Spring Africa South Section** meeting, Victoria Falls Hotel, Zimbabwe.

## JUNE

**Jun. 1:** *The 99 NEWS* deadline for July-August issue.

**Jun. 3-5: National UPSFT Competition**, Carbondale, Illinois. Contact Lois Feigenbaum.

**Jun. 4: Spring New Zealand Section** meeting, New Plymouth, North Island, New Zealand.

**Jun. 4: Alberta Chapter's Annual Poker Run**, Red Deer, Alberta. Rain date, June 5. Contact Lenora Miller.

**Jun. 11: 11th Annual Garden State 300**, sponsored by Garden State Chapter, Trenton-Robbinsville Airport, Robbinsville, New Jersey. 300 statute mile proficiency contest (optional shorter course for slower traffic) open to all licensed pilots. Entry deadline, May 14. For entry kit, send \$5 (deductible from entry fee) to Kitty Alessi, 7 Winfield Ct., Medford NJ 08055. Make checks payable to Garden State 300.

**Jun. 17-19: Buckeye Air Rally**, a one-day flying event of less than 250 statute miles, Port Columbus Airport. This is a fun time for all pilots. For kit, send \$3 to 1983 BAR, 2675 Glenbriar St., Columbus OH 43227, (614) 864-0337.

**Jun. 23-25: International Flying Nurses Association, Inc. Convention**, Hilton Inn, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Contact Wanda Mummert, 724 S. 18th St., McAlester OK 74501.

**Jun. 24-27: Air Race Classic**, San Diego, California to Grand Rapids, Michigan. 2,287.39 statute miles. Contact ARC, P.O. Box 1055, Thomasville GA 31792. Entries close April 8.

## JULY

**Jul. 1:** *No 99 NEWS* deadline.

**Jul. 10: Annual British Columbia Poker Run**; rain date, July 17.

**Jul. 15-17: Oregon Petticoat Derby**, Albany, Oregon. Sponsored by Willamette Valley Chapter 99s and the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce. Address inquiries to: P.O. Box 5464, Eugene OR 97405.

**Jul. 15-17: Okie Derby**, sponsored by the Oklahoma Chapter. Contact Jan Million, 1627 Hawthorne Court, Norman OK 73069.

**Jul. 22-23: 14th Annual Palms to Pines Air Race**, Santa Monica, California to Sunriver, Oregon. Race kits, \$3, from Claire Walters Flight Academy, 3200 Airport Rd., Santa Monica CA 90405, (213) 398-5767.

**Jul. 22-24: Forest of Friendship celebration**, Atchison, Kansas. Send ETAs and room reservations to Betty Wallace, Administrative office, North Campus, Benedictine College, Atchison KS 66002. (See p. 10, March issue of *The 99 NEWS* for additional information.)

## AUGUST

**Aug. 10-14: International Convention**, New Orleans, Louisiana

# New Horizons

## Del M. Gay

Del M. Gay, husband of Ida Gay, Mission Bay Chapter, San Diego, went on to New Horizons March 12. Interested in flying since he acquired his license in 1960, he was always supportive of the Ninety-Nines after Ida became a member in 1962. His patience and willingness to help his friends was truly wonderful.

On the India Tours in 1977 and 1981, his interest in photography produced fascinating pictures which have been enjoyed by many. He served on the board of the Aerospace Museum and Hall of Fame in San Diego.

For 29 years he was with Television Station KFMB in San Diego as video tape manager. Del's research on religion in India led to his recent documentary to be aired on "Let There Be Light," KFMB, incorporating his pictures of India and his research. This will be a great tribute for a fine flying friend who will be missed.

## Kurt Jadassohn

Husband of Lorraine Jadassohn, Florida Spaceport Chapter  
February 21, 1983

# Book Review

Rollo, V. Foster (Potomac Chapter). *Aviation Law*, an introduction. Lanham, Maryland, Maryland Historical Press, 1979. 476 p., ill., \$22.50. ISBN 0-917882-08-3

This book is written so both the non-lawyer pilot and non-pilot lawyer can understand each other. A pilot may find an answer to a legal question, while an attorney who knows little or nothing about aviation can obtain valuable background information.

Rollo has provided a readable text for the student of aviation management and aviation law. She includes a discussion of recent developments, including the recent deregulation of air carriers. The book covers the entire spectrum of aviation law concerning both general aviation and air carriers. Covering such a wide area, naturally she was unable to go into much detail, which for non-lawyers makes for easier reading.

The two extensive glossaries covering both aviation and legal terms are a helpful addition. A selected bibliography and an index are also included.

Since this book is clearly titled as an introduction to aviation law, it will no doubt be of more help to the non-lawyer pilot than an attorney specializing in aviation law.

## Gifts to International Headquarters

### Memorials

Eugenia "Deedo" Heise,  
Past International President, Colorado Chapter  
by Long Island Chapter

### Library

Rosalie Burchett, All-Ohio Chapter  
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### Pat McEwen Resource Center

Alice Hammond,  
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Original Membership Pin, circa 1931

Ramona E. Huebner, Wisconsin Chapter  
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# The President's Message

by International President Marilyn Copeland



The Ninety-Nines are women pilots who are multi-talented. Our members fly as career pilots, for educational, scientific and charitable flights as well as "for the fun of it." Along with their flying, a majority of the members have a wide variety of other vocations and avocations.

I am interested in challenging the talents of those members who enjoy creating through words, music, prose and/or poetry. As one of my goals, I would very much like to compile a collection of these flying manuscripts which could be used by members at appropriate activities. If you are interested in submitting contributions, please send them to me by August 1 for this year's booklet. The following was recently found in my old 99 scrapbook:

## PROUD TO BE A 99

*FLYING, that is our challenge. It divides the earthbound from those of us who look from above. To see, to explore, to learn, to marvel at the boundless wonders of nature and beauty that have been created. To be near our Maker. To know freedom.*

*FROM this new height and perspective, we clearly see that there is a purpose and a plan for all of nature and the universe. Our ideas begin to expand as we look ever beyond each horizon.*

*FLYING becomes a love; we are free to soar among the tunneling clouds, to see the beautiful sunsets, and while flying at night, feel that only the brightest of stars divide earth from heaven.*

*As you share this magnificent experience with family and friends, you become a part of these beautiful gifts. That is why....*

*I AM PROUD TO BE A NINETY-NINE!*

Recently, I was privileged to attend one of the most memorable ceremonies of this 99 year, the unveiling of the stainless steel bust of Amelia Earhart held at International Headquarters, Will Rogers World Airport, Oklahoma City. Muriel Morrissey, younger sister of Amelia, assisted me in the unveiling. Sculptor Don Wiegand, St. Louis, Missouri, presented the work to our organization, and it is now displayed on a handsome wood stand. Ceremonies also included presentation of the #1 bronze bust to the 99s by Jack and Debbie Scharr, patrons of Wiegand. The 99s then presented the bronze bust to Muriel Morrissey, who plans to share it with her home town library in Medford, Massachusetts. The idea for an AE bust was that of Nikki Kaplan, St. Louis 99 and record-breaking hot air balloonist. We were pleased that not only were all of the above able to attend, but also six other Greater St. Louis Chapter members. The gala reception was the first open house at Headquarters since its formal dedication in 1975. Loretta Gragg and Pat Harper coordinated the outstanding activity.

A successful March 26-27 Board of Directors meeting was held at Headquarters. Billie Downing, New England Section governor, came by to make a short report. She graciously offered to transport the bronze bust back to Medford, Massachusetts.

There were over 60 items on the board meeting agenda. Every item was carefully considered in preparing the 1983-84 budget, as well as a detailed review of this year's expenditures, which should be well within the budget for both this year and next without a dues increase. One of the notable assists to the budget is that of gifts—from 99s and their estates. We continue to solicit memorabilia, trusts, bequests and gifts from our interested members for preservation in our 99 Resource Center at International 99 Headquarters. If you have questions in this regard, please contact Ruth Dobrescu or Loretta Gragg.

I am pleased to report the membership count has now topped 5,900—an all-time high. Let's continue our Seek & Keep efforts.



With Muriel Earhart Morrissey at the recent reception and bust presentation at International Headquarters is International President Marilyn Copeland. (See page 14 for additional photos of reception activities.)

**Remember, our superior 99 NEWS staff is always on the lookout for news about achievements (not just in flying) of any 99.**

Do you still have questions from prospective and new members that sound like this? What is a governor, section, member-at-large, section member; what do 99s do? All of the answers are printed in our Membership Directory, but if you need extra assistance, contact International Membership Chairman Charlene Falkenberg. She'll be glad to help you.

On April 3, Lucile M. Wright, Life Member from Cody, Wyoming, presented a certificate to acknowledge the honor of membership in the International Forest of Friendship to Hideko Yohoyama, the first licensed woman pilot in Japan. This ceremony was held in Tokyo upon completion of United Airlines' inaugural flight to Japan. The April trip was Lucile's 21st inaugural airline flight. Lucile, an aviation consultant, first met Hideko in 1959 when she flew on Japan Airlines' inaugural flight.

As of March 5, 48 chapters had completed 65 air markings. We are quite optimistic that the goal of one air marking per chapter will become a reality this year. (Total number of chapters in March was 189.)

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# seek & keep

by Charlene Falkenberg

If we all keep trying, we will increase our membership and keep our present members. Membership in the Ninety-Nines literally means friendship around the world.

To our new members, we encourage your participation. We look to you for new ideas, new concepts in contacting prospective members. You learn as you participate! To our older members, we ask you to think back to your first 99 meetings. Do you remember words swirling around in your head... AE, 49½er, NIFA, Forest of Friendship... and you left the meeting wondering what in the world it was all about?

"Getting to know us... getting to know you."

A prospective and/or new member should receive as much information as possible. The Indiana Dunes Chapter provides an informational packet to each new member when she is pinned. A request to me will bring you a copy. Use your newsletter to inform and include an information session at each meeting. The informed member stays an interested member.

A couple of points of information sometimes misunderstood include:

Membership requirements: "Any female citizen of any country shall be eligible for membership in The Ninety-Nines, Inc. if she is of good character and can show satisfactory evidence that she holds a current pilot certificate entitling her to fly heavier or lighter-than-air aircraft."

We sometimes forget to offer membership to glider and balloon pilots. Also, a member-at-large is one who resides in a country where there is no section; a section member is one who does not wish to be affiliated with a chapter.

Meet, greet and inform your membership. Nothing is nicer than friends—especially 99 friends. So make an effort—remember, friendships get better the older they are!

"If enough of us keep trying, we'll get someplace." —Amelia Earhart

Preflight planning is one of the most often neglected acts of pilots contemplating a flight. We become complacent and give our preflight a cursory run-through.

Being familiar with the aircraft you are about to fly is very important. Even if you have been flying the same type of aircraft for many hours, it is a good idea to pull out the aircraft handbook and refresh your memory. Read about the aircraft systems and what to do in an emergency. Know how to conserve fuel. What are the procedures to

follow for engine failure? How does your aircraft handle during high temperatures and when loaded to maximum allowable weight?

The answers to these questions should be ready in your mind if an emergency does occur. No time to pull out the handbook to determine the proper procedure after the emergency occurs.

## Safety education

### PRE-PLANNING

by Marilyn Miller

International Safety Education Chairman

and winds aloft. Consider the fuel consumption rate and endurance, and always allow a sufficient reserve for the unexpected. Review your intended route, check for minimum altitudes, nav-aids, alternate airports and destination airport runway length.

Performance and flight characteristics of your aircraft are determined for a maximum weight. If the maximum is exceeded, you will require a longer takeoff run, and the aircraft may stall at a higher airspeed. It may be uncontrollable, or it may not fly at all.

Remember how to figure weight and balance. Don't just guess; if in doubt, weigh. Remember to figure, not only the weight, but the CG. Know how to determine the CG location for various loads and configuration of the aircraft.

Know the length of the runway at your departure airport. Is it long enough to have a safe takeoff run with the aircraft loaded? Will the runway length of the destination airport allow a safe landing? If you have selected an alternate airport, were these factors considered?

Figure your flight time with a reserve for an emergency. Fuel gauges can be inaccurate. Mixture, power and RPM settings vary the fuel consumption. Know how long you can fly at normal cruise, allowing for a minimum of 30 to 45 minutes of reserve fuel, and never fly longer than this established time. Once you have determined the endurance time of your aircraft, don't exceed it! Always retain a reserve supply.

### Preflight

Now—you have read your aircraft handbook, checked the weather and established your time en route. You are ready for the aircraft preflight.

Always do a thorough job of preflighting the aircraft. Have a set routine and follow it. You are less likely to miss something this way.

After a thorough preflight, you are ready to go! You know the numbers of your aircraft, right? Stall speed in various configurations and weight, recommended approach speed, rough air speed, glide speed, best rate and angle of climb speed. Knowing these and using them will help you to have a safe flight.

As you proceed on your flight, keep a weather eye out for any changes that could have an adverse effect. Know your limitations and stick with them. These limitations should never be broken or amended until you have gained the necessary experience. Last, but not least, use a checklist before takeoff and before landing.

## Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

A generous 99 has donated to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund (from her personal collection) several of the limited edition 1963 Amelia Earhart eight-cent Airmail First Day Covers. These are all autographed by Melba Beard, Viola Gentry, Betty Gillies, Blanche Noyes, Louise Thaden and Nancy Hopkins Tier, the six Charter 99s who flew them out of Atchison on July 24, 1963. The last available cover

was auctioned at the International Convention in Vail in 1980, bringing \$99.99 into the Scholarship Fund.

Ninety-Nines may bid by mail for one of these rare covers by sending a check in the amount of their bid, made out to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund, together with a stamped, self-addressed legal size envelope to Barbara Evans, 47 Colonial Parkway, Manhasset NY 11030, post-

marked no later than August 1, 1983. The minimum bid is \$199.99. Checks from unsuccessful bidders will be returned in your envelope.

Another cover will be auctioned at the New Orleans International Convention.

Watch your June 99 NEWS for our limited edition cover commemorating the 20th anniversary of the issue of the stamp (see page 10, March 99 NEWS).



# FOCUS ON USPFT

by Lois Feigenbaum



Owen G. McEwen

Another of our honored guarantors is Owen C. McEwen, husband of our dearly beloved late president (1974-76), Patricia Z. McEwen, and still a staunch supporter of the 99s. Owen was born and reared in Wichita, Kansas, served in World War II in the China-Burma, India Theater, and returned home in 1948 to enter the family business, Steffen Dairy Foods Company.

Starting at the bottom of the ladder and working his way to the top, he became president in 1964. He has varied real estate interests, but one of his major interests is raising and showing purebred Arabian horses from Jameel Arabian Horse Farm. Jameel Arabians are constant winners, and many have received top international honors.

Owen is active in organizations from all walks of life. He is past president and director of the Kansas Arabian Horse Club; past president and director of the International Arabian Horse Association; a governing member of the Arabian Horse Registry of America, Inc.; past president and director of Quivera Council, Boy Scouts of America; Junior Achievement; Wichita Historical Museum Association; past president and director of the YMCA and United Way; director of St. Joseph Hospital; past director of the International Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers; past president and director of the National Independent Dairies Association; and past chairman of the Kansas Chapter, Young President's Association (YPO). Owen has remarried, and he and his wife, Carol, between them, have 10 children.

We're almost at the wire now for takeoff for USPFT National Competition. June 3-4 are the magic days to select the US team for the World Competition to be held in Skiens, Norway, August 8-14. Since the World Competition will occur during the time of our International Convention in New Orleans, I will be missing only my second International Convention in 20 years. I will be thrilled to be in Norway, but very disappointed to miss the Convention.

For those of you who would like a preview of the excitement of the competition, won't you please join us in Carbondale, Illinois, at the Southern Illinois Airport, June 3-4? All of us will be staying at the Ramada Inn at special prices for USPFT participants. Reserve your room now.

The Awards Banquet will be June 4 at the Southern Illinois Airport for \$15 per person. Send your reservations and checks to Lois Feigenbaum, 26 Pinewood Dr., Carbondale IL 62901. Also, indicate if you would like to help. Your Board of Directors will be in attendance, and John Baker, president of AOPA, will be banquet speaker. They will be arriving early to help judge.

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## July's the month...

for Forest of Friendship activities! Exemplifying the growth of the Forest are these "before and after" photos of a tree planted by Gene Nora Jessen at Boise Air Terminal in 1973 (above) and the same tree 10 years later (right).



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AE Scholarship Board members Miriam Davis, Susie Sewell, Jean Pearson, Dora Strother (standing), Thon Griffith (left) and Gertrude Lockwood (right) met recently at International Headquarters to evaluate AE Scholarship applicants. Joining the group was AE Scholarship Board Historian Alice Hammond (center).





# Candidates for International Board of Directors

*Clarice  
Bellino*



A Palisades Chapter charter member, Clarice was licensed and joined the 99s in 1973. She has served as secretary, vice chairman and chapter chairman for incorporation. Chapter committee service includes news reporter, nominating, air marking and flying activities. As an FAA accident prevention counselor, she is an avid public speaker for youth and service organizations. Multi-instrument rated, Clarice flew 1975-77 Powder Puff Derbies.

Section chairmanships include NIFA and the luncheon for the 50th anniversary International Convention. Her section offices consist of treasurer pro tem, vice governor and governor. She has attended five International Conventions, serving as delegate to four, and 19 sectionals.

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Clarice, a registered nurse, works as office manager for her orthopedist husband, an FAA medical examiner. They own Aztec N14136. Another member of her aviation-oriented family is her eldest son, who is a first officer with Pilgrim Airlines.

Besides 99s, Clarice's memberships include AOPA, International Flying Nurses and Zonta International.



*Chanda  
Sawant  
Budhabhatti*

A 99 since 1965, Chanda served as governor for the India Section for four years. She was the founder and is the current president of the Indian Women Pilots Association, as well as vice chairman of the World General Aviation and Safety Conference, Advisory Board member of the International Women's Air Museum, committee member of the Aero Club of India, AOPA, Arizona Pilot's Association, Zonta and Australian Women Pilot's Association.

Other achievements include being honored as the third woman commercial pilot of India, entering five air races, winning trophies for spot landing (Bombay) and racing (Baja), presenting a "See USA" portfolio to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, and organizing functions to honor women airline pilots of India and Bangladesh. She has marked 15 years of professional experience in public relations and publicity positions.

As an active 99 member, she has attended seven International and 11 sectional meetings.

"Working in the USA and traveling yearly to India," she said, "gives me the opportunity to personally contact 99s of different countries on stop-overs, thus improving communication and good will internationally."

*Marie  
Christensen*



After five years, beginning in 1974, of active membership in Orange County Chapter, Southwest Section, Marie moved four years ago to Kansas City, where she

has been participating in all activities of the Greater Kansas City Chapter and the North Central Section.

"I love being a 99," she said, "and have enjoyed being active." She has served in most chapter positions, including chairman. At the section level, she has been membership chairman and is presently on the nominating committee. On the International level, she has been Forest of Friendship chairman and is currently Air Marking chairman. Also, she was selected regional coordinator for USPFT.

Marie holds a commercial license ASEL and ASES with instrument and CFI ratings. "I have done some aerobatics and some racing," she added, "and regularly fly my C-182 everywhere."



*Julia  
"Gudy"  
Hall*

Presently serving as an International Director, Judy has been an active 99 since joining in January 1971, shortly after receiving her private license. Now a life member, she has served in all chapter and section offices, as well as International Air Marking chairman, International Nominating Committee chairman and Courtesy chairman. She manages to remain active on all three levels — she is 501(c)3 chairman for her section and treasurer for her chapter.

Judy is also a racer, race supporter and an assistant director of the Air Race Classic. With her commercial license, instrument rating, single and multiengine land and single engine sea ratings, she has flown her Cessna Skyhawk to most of the 10 International Conventions and 25 section meetings she has attended. Her husband, Jerry, is an active 49½er.

Experienced in management skills, Judy now works as a church office manager.

*Marilynn  
Miller*



Before helping to form the Scioto Valley Chapter, Marilyn had been active in the All-Ohio Chapter since 1962. She holds a commercial license, single and multiengine



land, single and multiengine sea, glider and instrument ratings.

Her leadership roles in 99s are as follows: secretary, treasurer and chairman of All-Ohio Chapter, chairman of Scioto Valley Chapter, treasurer, vice governor and governor of the North Central Section, as well as International Safety Education chairman for the past three years.

In addition, Marilyn has worked on committees or served as chairman for flying activities, air marking and nominating. She chaired the Ad Hoc Committee on International Membership and directed two Angel Derby starts.

For her accomplishments as an accident prevention counselor, she has received the FAA Safety Award.

Marilynn has had a career in the business world as a secretary and office manager and presently works as an equipment specialist for the federal government.



*Rita  
Ann  
Orr*

"To me, being a 99 means being involved!" Rita's accomplishments are ample proof of her statement. She joined the Michigan Chapter in 1944, formed the Minnesota Chapter in 1949 and has held all chapter offices several times besides chairing or serving on most committees in both chapters.

Other credentials include her attendance at 30 International and 65 sectional meetings where she was elected section governor, vice governor and treasurer at various times. She was also a member of the 1975 International Nominating Committee.

An active pilot, Rita holds a commercial certificate with an instrument rating. Highlights of her flight career include second place honors in the USPFT contest in 1983, eight years' experience as a Red Cross lifeguard pilot and three years' participation in American Cancer Society daffodil flights.



*Patricia W.  
Roberts*

Pat's background includes a wide variety of experiences both in and out of 99 projects.

She has flown some 2,200 hours since 1968 when she progressed through single,

multiengine and instrument flight training. After joining the 99s in 1970, she became chairman of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter in 1972. Her participation with the Southwest Section began as APT chairman, followed by membership on the section nominating committee and chairmanship of the Forest of Friendship committee. She was International Credentials chairman four years.

During this lengthy period of 99 activity, Pat has attended 19 section and several International meetings. She said she greatly enjoyed working with 99 members worldwide.

In addition to flying many races, emphasis has been on service projects. As a registered nurse, she joined the Flying maritans to help emergency victims.



*Louise  
White*

Since joining the 99s in 1970, Louise has attended 12 International and 26 sectional meetings. Her leadership qualities are evidenced in the four groups she was instrumental in organizing: the Western North Carolina Pilots Association, Blue Ridge Chapter 99s, Sugarloaf Mountain Squadron, CAP and Asheville Chapter WNAA.

She has served as chairman of the 99s Southeast Sectional meeting, two MAPA regionals, local and regional USPFT and the Autumn Gold Air Rallye. She is currently an NC director for MAPA and the Southeast Section membership chairman.

Her flight experience includes six Powder Puff Derby races and duties of inspection and impoundment chairman for three ARCs. She is a CAP member with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Louise was the recipient of the highest achievement award presented to a civilian by the USAF—the Gill Robb Wilson Award. She also served in the USAF for three years.

## NOTAM

For those who are planning on flying to Alaska for the 1984 International Convention and desire a copy of the Downie's book, *Your Alaskan Flight Plan*, copies will be available for \$9, including postage and handling, through International Headquarters.

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In 1961 Barbara became a member of the AWTAR (Powder Puff Derby) Board of Directors, serving as treasurer and vice chairman for 16 years. In the last capacity, she flew many route surveys, edited the Official Race Programs and co-edited the "Update Album" (1977). In 1959 she was responsible for the booklet, "Thirty Sky-Blue Years."

Races she has flown include four Powder Puff Derbies and the IAR. She copilot-ed the winning team in an AWNEAR race.

For 35 years she was secretary and bookkeeper for her husband's business firm in New York City.



**LOU ELLEN  
FOSTER**

Lou Ellen Foster has been a 99 since 1960. She has a private license, single and multiengine ratings. Tony Page recruited Lou Ellen for the Fort Worth 99 Chapter. In 1968, enough pilots were recruited in the Wichita Falls area to form a chapter. Lou Ellen has worked continuously with the Wichita Falls group and has held all chapter offices, as well as serving on the South Central Section Nominating Committee.

Lou Ellen serves on the Development Council of Harding University, her alma mater, as a director on the Board of Directors of the Western Christian Foundation and as a member of the United States Industrial Council. She is very active in her church, and she has worked a number of years with CAP. She is a member of the Texas Private Fliers Association, a charter member in the Wichita Falls Yacht Club, and she also enjoys crafts.



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A Palisades Chapter charter member, Clarice was licensed and joined the 99s in 1973. She has served as secretary, vice chairman and chapter chairman for incorporation. Chapter committee service includes news reporter, nominating, air marking and flying activities. As an FAA accident prevention counselor, she is an avid public speaker for youth and service organizations. Multi-instrument rated, Clarice flew



Jackson Square at dusk (above).

Antique shopping on New Orleans' Royal Street (below).



## Schedule for the 1983 Ninety-Nines International Convention

August 9-14  
Marriott Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

8:00- 5:00 a.m. Board of Directors' meeting  
8:30- 4:00 p.m. AE Scholarship Committee  
9:00- 5:00 p.m. Registration

President's Suite  
Bonaparte Room  
Exhibition Hall Booth

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00- 9:00 a.m. Past Presidents/Charter Member Breakfast

President's Suite

9:30-11:30 a.m. Future Planning Meeting:  
"Planning the Future Course" —  
International board, incoming  
and outgoing governors

President's Suite  
Exhibition Hall Booth  
La Galerie V

9:00- 5:00 p.m. Registration  
9:00- 5:00 p.m. Hospitality  
10:00- 6:00 p.m. Transportation from Lakefront Airport  
11:30-12:30 p.m. Governors' Informal Lunch  
1:00- 3:00 p.m. Credentials  
1:00- 7:30 p.m. Industry Exhibits  
1:00- 7:30 p.m. 99s Country Store  
2:00- 3:00 p.m. Seminars  
2:00- 4:00 p.m. Seek & Keep

President's Suite  
Exhibition Hall Foyer:  
La Galerie I-IV  
La Galerie I-IV  
MG Ballroom E

International board, governors, chapter  
chairmen, chapter and section  
membership chairmen

MG Ballroom I, J, K  
MG Ballroom E

3:00- 4:30 p.m. USPFT  
5:00- 7:00 p.m. Official Convention Opening and  
Welcome Wine and Cheese Party

Gallier Hall

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

6:30- 7:30 a.m. Exercise Class  
7:30- 9:00 a.m. 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er Breakfast  
8:00- 5:00 p.m. Registration  
9:00-11:00 a.m. Round Tables  
9:00- 1:00 p.m. Hospitality  
9:00- 1:00 p.m. Industry Exhibits  
9:00- 1:00 p.m. 99s Country Store  
9:00-11:00 a.m. Careers Seminar  
9:30-11:00 a.m. 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er Activity  
12:00- 2:30 p.m. Amelia Earhart Luncheon  
2:30- 5:00 p.m. Hospitality  
3:00- 5:00 p.m. Business Meeting Preview  
(formerly Com Session)

MG Balcony I, J, K  
Brennan's Restaurant  
Exhibition Hall Booth  
Ballroom E  
La Galerie VI  
La Galerie I-IV  
La Galerie I-IV  
MG Ballroom D  
MG Ballroom A-C  
Acadia Room  
La Galerie V

3:00- 5:00 p.m. Industry Exhibits  
3:00- 5:00 p.m. 99s Country Store  
3:00- 5:00 p.m. Credentials  
6:00 Assemble in Exhibit Hall Foyer for Parade to  
6:30-Midnight Cruise and Dinner on the Natchez

MG Ballroom D  
La Galerie I-IV  
La Galerie I-IV  
Exhibition Hall Foyer

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

6:30- 7:30 a.m. Exercise Class  
7:00- 8:30 a.m. Credentials  
8:30- 9:00 a.m. Coffee and Beignets  
9:00-12:30 p.m. General Business Meeting  
9:30- 2:30 p.m. 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er Tour and Luncheon  
1:00- 4:00 p.m. General Business Meeting  
(if necessary)  
1:00- 6:00 p.m. 99s Country Store  
1:00- 7:00 p.m. Industry Exhibits  
2:00- 4:00 p.m. 99s Projects  
4:00- 6:00 p.m. Post Board Meeting  
4:30- 6:00 p.m. AWTAR meeting  
6:00-Midnight French Quarter Dine-Around  
(optional)  
7:00 Seminar

MG Balcony I, J, K  
Exhibition Hall Foyer  
MG Ballroom E  
MG Ballroom A-D  
Superdome

MG Ballroom A-D  
La Galerie I-IV  
La Galerie I-IV  
MG Balcony L, M, N  
President's Suite  
MG Balcony I, J

Meet in Exhibit Hall Foyer

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

6:30- 7:30 a.m. Exercise Class  
9:00-Noon Industry Exhibits  
9:00-Noon 99s Country Store  
9:00-Noon Hospitality  
9:00- 1:00 p.m. Alaskan Flying Seminar  
9:00- 2:00 p.m. Plantation tour with Luncheon  
3:00- 5:00 p.m. President's Open House  
6:00- 7:00 p.m. Cocktail Party  
7:30-Midnight Mardi Gras Ball/Banquet

MG Balcony I, J, K  
La Galerie I-IV  
La Galerie I-IV  
La Galerie V  
MG Ballroom D, E

President's Suite  
Acadia Room  
Bissonet/Carondelet

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

7 and 8:30 a.m. Transportation to Lakefront Airport  
7:30-10:00 a.m. Fly Away Breakfast/Weather Briefing

Walnut Room  
at Lakefront Airport



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Unveiling a stainless steel sculpture of Amelia Earhart are her sister, Muriel Earhart Morrissey, and International President Marilyn Copeland. Ceremonies were held at 99s International Headquarters on March 25 with many city officials and aviation friends attending.

Following the unveiling, the #1 bronze casting was presented to Mrs. Morrissey, who said she would give the sculpture to her hometown library for display. With her are Debbie and Jack Scharr, St. Louis art patrons who commissioned artist Don Wiegand to create the sculpture in memory of Earhart's heroic contributions to aviation.

## GALA RECEPTION



International Past President Donna Myers and Wichita Falls 99 Lou Ellen Foster visit with other 99s who came, in spite of the weather, from far and near.



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# New Ratings

## MIDDLE EAST SECTION

**Robin Hages** - Greater Pittsburgh - CFI

## NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION

**Diane Fisher** - Long Island - ATP/AMEL

**Patricia Blizzoso** - Long Island - BGI

## NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

**Kathy Samuelson** - All-Ohio - COMM

**Karen Scent** - Kentucky Blue Grass  
- COMM, IFR

## NORTHWEST SECTION

**Jenny Harris** - Western Washington  
- ATP

**Edna James** - Wyoming - CFI

## SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

**Amy Heaven** - Topeka - IFR

## SOUTHEAST SECTION

**Gundrun "Gudl" Lashbrook** - Florida  
Suncoast - ASEL/IFR, COMM

## SOUTHWEST SECTION

**Connie Arnold** - Arizona Sundance  
- AMEL

**Colleen Andersen** - Santa Clara Valley  
- AMEL, CFII

**Klit Maxwell** - Santa Clara Valley  
- CFII, ASES

**Kathy Frank** - Sierra Buttes - COMM

## AVIATION ACTIVITIES

by Clara Johansen

Your chairman of Aviation Activities is so busy with one particular activity in her chapter that she does not have much time this month. But if all goes as expected, she will tell you all about it next month.

This activity is flying daffodils to all parts of the state for the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days fund-raiser. It will be the third year for Minnesota Chapter 99s to fly for ACS. They were first asked to participate in this event by Minnesota Division Special Events Director Donna Anderson, who had heard that 99s ferry blood for the American Red Cross.

The first year, 24 members flew; the second year, 40 pilots delivered over half a million daffodils; and this year we'll be delivering 939,000 flowers—almost a million!—and we hope to involve every flying member.

This year ACS and the 99s in other states have teamed up—in Wisconsin, St. Louis and Michigan. This activity may not work for states that have flowers blooming continuously.

The daffodil is the first flower of spring and is the symbol of hope in the fight against cancer. A woman pilot delivering flowers to small towns throughout the state is still enough of a novelty to generate interest and publicity, good for both the American Cancer Society and the 99s.

To get your members active and receive favorable publicity, become involved doing something for someone else, and if that someone is a well known organization or person, it will be even easier.

# It's coming! June: The Month to Recognize 66s!

Let's make an all-out effort to have each member invite a 66 to a meeting or chapter activity during the month of June.

## Situation Wanted

### NINETY-NINE MEMBERS

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**Job Description:** Willingness to spend time and effort to encourage student pilots to continue their training, obtain their licenses and become 99s.

**Compensation:** Satisfaction from introducing a future 99 to the organization.

## Situation Wanted

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# News, Activities and Projects

## EAST CANADA SECTION

### Eastern Ontario Chapter

Our March open meeting featuring speakers from Search and Rescue Squadron 424 from CFB Trenton was a resounding success. The ground school room at Rockcliffe Flying Club was filled to capacity.

Captain Marc Levesque and Master Corporal Wayne Nicholson provided a very interesting program. They emphasized that the first law of survival is prevention by outlining five defensive flying musts:

1. ELT—Have a functioning ELT on board. No one should be aloft without one.
2. File a flight plan or flight notification prior to departure and *activate it*.
3. Talk on the radio and give position reports, especially if you deviate from the planned route of flight.
4. Check the weather before flight planning and during the flight.
5. Carry a survival kit that is suitable for the season.

Our speakers and the movies they showed stressed the need to make a personal effort to survive and be rescued. Pre-plan carefully and if downed, do something to make yourself known. A fire is the best signal—a smoky one. Searchers look for things that are out of the ordinary. A series of three things is a distress signal—three shots, three fires, etc. Fluorescent colors are particularly helpful.

The Flying Companion Seminar to be held April 9 is oversubscribed. We expect to run a second edition on April 13 at the Rockcliffe Flying Club. Instructors will be Camille Laughland, Betty Jane Schermerhorn, Sue Ehrlander and Felicity McKendry. Isabel Pepler is coordinating publicity and registrations, and Darlene Gunter will organize lunch.

by Betty Jane Schermerhorn

## WESTERN CANADA SECTION

### Alberta Chapter

The chapter met March 12 at Springbank Airport west of Calgary with 16 members and two interested pilots in attendance. Activities for a busy spring were organized.

Our April meeting is in Camrose on the 9th. This will be an "APT" weekend, and we hope to have eight APT rides completed, if the weather cooperates. One of our members, Jo Harris, a flight instructor, will be giving the rides.

April 15-17 there will be at least eight Alberta members in Vancouver, B.C. for the Western Canada Spring Section meeting. Preliminary arrangements for the 1987 Inter-

national Convention in Vancouver are to get underway. Section nominations will be closed, and the new executive will be elected by the end of June. Alberta is hopeful that at least a couple of our gals will be on that new executive.

April 25 a weekly series of aviation safety seminars will be started by our chapter in cooperation with the Edmonton Flying Club. This series will concentrate on pilots' attitudes with respect to weather, aircraft maintenance, survival, etc. The seminars are open to anyone interested at no charge. Similar past seminars have been very well attended.

May 14 our chapter will meet at High River. We hope to undertake an air marking project there, painting the town name on the tarmac. We are just waiting approval from the Airport Committee. At that time, more APT rides may also be given by Lenora Nelson, another instructor member.

June is a busy month. Our sixth annual Poker Run is scheduled June 4, with the rain date June 5. Our terminus is again Red Deer. We will use eight communities in an 80-mile radius of Red Deer for our other airports. The Poker Run is open to any interested pilots and their passengers. First prize (we hope) will be airline tickets for two on PWA (Pacific Western Airlines) and a trophy donated by Reed-Shaw-Stenhouse. The Poker Run is our major fund-raising event. For more information, please contact Lenora Nelson.

June 11 will have us in Ponoka for our second air marking project this year.

Fund-raising ideas for the 1987 International Convention have been discussed, with a raffle of home video equipment being organized. Our thanks go to member Eleanor Bailey for offering a commission on each limited edition collector's plate we sell for her company, Plates'n Planes. The plates feature World War II fighters—the P-51, F4U, P-38 Lightning and Spitfire.

by K. Bailey, M.D.

### British Columbia Chapter

On February 19 the chapter co-hosted a well-attended aviation seminar with the British Columbia Aviation Council at Vancouver International Airport. Chapter Chairman May Primeau introduced and welcomed everyone on behalf of the 99s. Ron Heath, executive officer of the B.C. Aviation Council, welcomed attendees and talked about development in aviation around the province. Doug McCall of the Victoria Flying Club and the B.C. Aviation Council introduced the moderator, Dr. Bill Rozecki, and panel members for the first portion of the seminar. The panel consisted of Scott Cameron, a Canadian Pacific Airlines pilot; Joe Carpenter, regional coroner, Pacific; Cole Shelby of Coastal Pacific Flight Centre and Donn Richardson from Transport Canada. Panel

members discussed accident prevention and avoidance. The need, or lack of need, for recurrency flight tests was brought up, and an intense discussion followed with excellent points made by supporters of both perspectives.

After a coffee break in which attendees talked among themselves and door prizes were drawn, a presentation was made by members of the Provincial Emergency Program. Mel Stewart and Mike Konsidine of PEP discussed the program's activities. Mel Stewart gave a very informative lecture on SAR-SAT, Search and Rescue Satellite, and showed films on the ELT.

On March 26 the chapter had a manure sale at two locations in the Vancouver area. The manure was supplied by one of our members who lives on a farm, and the sale was a great success. The donor of the manure will remain anonymous as she has already been the brunt of many jokes from chapter members, and we wouldn't want to subject her to any more.



99 Judy Hess, above holds the box while Cole Shelby draws for a door prize during British Columbia Chapter's aviation seminar when speakers included, from left below, Donn Richardson, Cole Shelby, Bill Rozecki, Joe Carpenter and Scott Cameron



### Greater Winnipeg Chapter

Members have been involved in many activities since the busy weeks of preparing for and hosting the fall section meeting.

Chairman Linda Stoesz attended the Winnipeg Flying Club Wings Parade where she presented the Women's Award. Norma J. Fulham was the recipient for showing outstanding advancement in flying proficiency.

Our chapter was honored as runner-up for



the section award because we totaled the second highest percentage of APT pilots.

Diane and Henry Klassen offered their home at Vivian, Manitoba, for the post-Christmas party on January 9. Good fellowship and a delicious potluck was enjoyed by all.

Fund-raising plans are underway to help finance the International Convention in Vancouver in 1987.

The new members meeting was held March 23. Ninety-Nines and guests met at the Winnipeg International Airport and enjoyed a tour of the control tower, weather office and terminal radar room. Introductions over coffee revealed a wide variety of flying interests from commercial and instructor ratings, selection for military flight training and purely fun flying to the struggle to get those hours in toward the coveted private license! All had a common bond—the love of flying. We trust that our introduction to the 99s will result in some new members for our group.

We will have an information and fund-raising booth at the Maple Leaf Air Show at Gimli, June 11-12. Canadian Forces Base, Portage la Prairie has invited us to set up an information booth at their air show on June 18.

Due to these June commitments and our limited labor force, it was decided to hold our 11th annual Poker Derby on September 10 rather than the usual June date.

by Edna Fowke

#### Saskatchewan Chapter

Saskatchewan member Grace Duke will instruct at a Flying Companion course March 19 at the Regina Flying Club. Flight preparation, including weather, flight planning, preflight procedures and checklists plus a walk-around will all be part of a day-long course, now organized by Nadine Cooper. The film, "To Be a Pilot," produced at the Brampton Flying Club and available from Transport Canada, will be shown during the morning session conducted by Lynn Shaw.

The February 20 conference call was "well attended" and certainly a convenient way to deal with communications during the cold winter months when flying is not only dangerous, but very expensive as well.

Welcome to new member Karen Rutherford, Lloydminster.

Nadine Cooper was elected to the Board of Directors of the Regina Flying Club at the March 2 annual meeting of sustaining members.

by Nadine Cooper

## MIDDLE EAST SECTION

### Washington, D.C. Chapter

In March many chapter members became better educated about the workings of the aircraft they fly thanks to a maintenance seminar arranged by Chapter Chairman Mary Ellis. We discussed what makes our airplanes "tick" and what to do if that ticking stops.

The Blizzard of '83 postponed, but did not cancel, a wedding shower for member Minnie Cobey who married Phil Gallman on March 6. We are looking forward to installing Phil as our newest 49½'er just as soon as possible.

In March, too, we also welcomed back Jean Marsom who deserted the frozen vistas of Fairbanks, Alaska to come back to the Wash-

## Middle East "Section Connection"

Ninety-Nines in the chapters around the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area are participating in a "Section Connection" that so far has proved beneficial to all!

Maryland and Potomac Chapters sponsored a booth two summers ago, and since that time, more joint efforts have brought the chapters together for fun and projects. Washington, D.C. and Potomac Chapters met at College Park Airport February 19, decided to pool their energies and resources for National Transportation Week (May 15-21), which will also be Aviation Safety Week in Maryland and Virginia, and the results have been booth projects at two airports, raffles and pennies-a-pound events.

On March 13 representatives from Washington, D.C., Hampton Roads and Potomac Chapters convened at BWI Airport to look the place over and assess the potential for International Convention 1985. "Section Connection" has brought the groups together in a new way because it piggybacks ideas and provides for social activities. Ways and Means Chairman Linda Denett, Potomac Chapter, credits the "practicality of doing things this way" behind the effort. "We need to engage in activities," she said, "that will raise funds for our aviation education purposes, the convention and aviation safety promotions. We look like a together outfit, with impressive numbers of 99s around, doing things in a businesslike way. We're just proving we've got the 'Wright' stuff!"

The real test will be Gerda Ruhnke's and Linda's program on May 15 and May 21—back-to-back airport activities, sunrise to sunset. Gerda has almost single-handedly put together the pennies-a-pound event, displaying a flair for organizing and mobilizing the others to action. Linda is organizing the raffles and booth activities, and the FAA has requested 99s to host tours at the Washington Flight Center.

Working together as chapters has softened the lines, too. We see ourselves more as 99s, as women pilots, as women who are hanging together for a cause and causes.... it has just started. But the chapters in the Middle East Section are intent on making it last.



Members pore over Hugo Siebeneichen's console for the latest information on runway traffic and conditions when three Middle East chapters visited the Operations Center at BWI Airport.

ington area for a visit. Jean had been one of our most active members, and we were all very happy to see her again.

The chapter is very proud of Gerda Ruhnke, who represented the 99s at the recent National Accident Prevention Conference in Washington, D.C. Gerda was asked by International President Marilyn Copeland to speak at the meeting, detailing the structure of the 99s and describing our efforts in the field of accident prevention. Gerda, as usual, did a splendid job, and is currently busy preparing for Virginia Aviation Safety Week, May 15-21. An entire week of activities is planned to focus attention on aviation safety in the Old Dominion.

by Rosemary Doud

## NEW ENGLAND SECTION

### Eastern New England Chapter

It is certainly no revelation to the 99s who have endured the capricious elements ram-

nant throughout the United States this winter, that it has been a measure of daring-do just trying to attend a monthly meeting. This, as a preface to the frustration we here in ENE have felt trying to meet our patiently waiting 66s. However, we will not be deterred in our quest. We expect our next meeting to be a CAVU day and we are eagerly looking forward to getting to know them!

All is not lost though! Our chapter, under the competent leadership of Carol Stites and Lil LeBlanc, is working with the Girl Scouts on a "new" Aviation Badge. We are very excited about this project, as are the scouts.

May 14 we are hosting an Aviation Fun Day at Worcester Airport in Massachusetts. Activities will include a mini-introduction to aviation segment, a spot landing contest, an EAA fly-in, a luncheon buffet, a segment on aviation careers for women and a plane wash.

One of our newest members, balloonist Nancy Keith, recently had the opportunity to



not only fly in, but pilot, the Goodyear blimp "Enterprise" while vacationing in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Nancy reports that this was one of the most memorable flights in her life.

by Jean Doherty



ENE 99 Nancy Keith stands under the Goodyear blimp "Enterprise" which she piloted while on vacation in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

### Northern New England Chapter

Chapter Chairman Mary Kelly presented a copy of *History of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.* to Beverly White, assistant director of community affairs of the Manchester (New Hampshire) Public Library.

The book was presented by the New England Section in memory of Ripley Miller, Wilmington, Massachusetts, a flight instructor and corporate pilot. She was serving as secretary of the New England Section when the Beech Baron she was flying crashed into Boston Harbor one stormy night.

Each of the New England states will be presented a history in her memory.

by Aileen R. Anderson



Northern New England Chapter Chairman Mary Kelly, above, presents a copy of *History of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.* to Beverly White, while Arlene Feldman, below, accepts a copy of the book from Palisades Chapter members Betty Pifer and Sue Palmer.



## NY-NJ SECTION

### Garden State Chapter

Believe it or not, New Jersey had a very mild winter—only two major snowstorms and both of them occurred on days that the Garden State Chapter had big activities scheduled.

The Christmas party at Smithville had to be cancelled, and the Flying Sweethearts Luncheon set for February 12 was postponed until March 5. Co-hosted with the Palisades Chapter, it was held at the Buttonwood Manor, Matawan, New Jersey. It was attended by 40 people with three prospective 66s and eight prospective 99s having their first contact with our organization. We were welcomed by Betty Pifer, chapter chairman, who worked very hard to make the afternoon the delight that it was. The invocation was given by Racquel McNeil, vice chairman.

Mary Helfrick, vice governor, told the newcomers a little about the history and activities of the organization, and 66 Chairman Betty Lehman explained the 66 program. Guest speaker Arlene Feldman, a Garden State 99 and director of aeronautics for the State of New Jersey, talked about how she became a 99, and she urged prospective members to get involved. A book of the history of the 99s was presented to the division by our two chapters jointly. Arlene told us she would personally take the *History of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.* for the governor of New Jersey to see. We then viewed the "Stamp of Friendship" film, which was introduced by our very special Flying Sweetheart, Alice Hammond, who incidentally turned out to be one of the stars of the film. We welcomed Mary Beth Quinn and Dolly Jordan into the 66 program by presenting them with 66 pins which give them identity at chapter functions.

The following Saturday found us touring the headquarters of the 21st Air Force at McGuire Air Force Base, where we received a command briefing on the functions and activities of the Military Airlift Command. We toured the Thomas McGuire Museum and viewed a film on the highlights of his life. After lunch at the Officers' Club we got to see the F-4 simulator, and some, including Nancy Gallimore, our newest member, were privileged to fly it. Pat Valdata, we understand, flew from the back seat. At the business meeting Betty Pifer presented Gloria Gordon with her 66 pin and introduced Christine Pikaart as a new 99. Seek & Keep!

Plans are moving along for the Garden State 300 to be held this year at Trenton Robbinsville Airport on June 11, co-chaired by Diana DeLange and Doris Miller.

April 30 will find us helping the Palisades Chapter man the airports for their Poker Run. It will be a learning experience for us, and we look forward to working with our friends to the north.

by Mary Helfrick

Marna Hinman, Garden State 99, tries her hand at the F-4 simulator.



Long Island Chapter's display, above, was donated by Ronnie Abbate, and the artwork was created by Carol Richard. Flying Companion Seminar instructors, below, are Maria Distefanto, charts; Anita Cafferty, pilot psychology; Mira Rosen, radios; and Pat Rockwell, instruments and preflight.



Photo by Penny Stechman

### Long Island Chapter

Alice Borodkin organized and ran a very successful Flying Companion Seminar in conjunction with an FAA Safety Seminar at Berner High School on Long Island on March 15. Four 99s, supervised by Kathy Lusteg, acted as instructors to over 150 flying companions—all non-pilots. Most of the chapter and 66s attended and helped in one way or another.

Alice has been running Career Day Seminars for the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County and CAP, touring Republic Airport and many other places. On February 23 she was one of the four guest speakers at the Women Executives International Tourism Association Luncheon in Manhattan. Her topic covered "Women in Airlines—Flying to Success."

Mira Rosen, former 66, 99 and go-getter, will present Aerospace Programs to the fifth grade classes at the Ogden Elementary School in Hewlett. She is also working with Alice Borodkin helping to develop aerospace programs for the Girl Scouts and CAP.

It is with great pleasure we announce the loss of another 66—Rhoda Weill, who earned her private pilot license March 16. Her sponsor, Pat Rockwell, happened to be at the field when Rhoda came down after the test and the two were ecstatic. The loss to the 66 program will be the chapter's gain as Rhoda becomes a prospective 99.

Roberta Pistorius attended a two-day seminar at Atlantic City, while Joan Scarpinato participated in a multiengine seminar. Two gals, Joan Maiden and Sue Mirabel, passed APT flights. Sue's flight was the first APT flight given by Pat Rockwell since receiving



her CFI. Phase III wings were received by Pat Bizzoso, Phase II wings by Mae Smith and Phase I wings by Mira Rosen. BFRs are Joan Malden, Joyce Malkmes, Sue Mirabel and Pat Rockwell.

by Patricia Rockwell

## NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

### All-Ohio Chapter

Our March meeting, hosted by Elinor and Steve Kline, was held at the Beavercreek Township Center in Dayton. Our guest speaker, Dr. Stanley Mohler, Wright State University in Dayton, is an authority on aerospace medicine, author of several books and medical advisor to AOPA. His talk was most interesting and informative.

Jeane Wolcott has been asked to be one of three judges for the Shangri-La Air Race. Connie McConnell spoke to the Tiffin Junior Women's League on general aviation using the 99s speech and filmstrip kit. After writing the contract for a new LED display for an A-7 simulator at Wright-Patterson AFB, Elinor Kline was invited to test fly it. Doing fine at straight and level, she was encouraged to try some loops and rolls. She promptly crashed.

Plans are full speed ahead for the Buckeye Air Rally on June 18 in Columbus. Race kits, costing \$3, are available now from Kathy Samuelson.

Angela Setina; and Sue Murray's grandmother, 94-year-old Margaret Heaney.

The big winner with the highest total points in the Achievement Contest was Marge Sundmacher. First place in the Flying Time category was Marlene Winters; second place, Nancy Haraldson; third place, Joan Kerwin. In the Chapter Activities category, first place went to Bobbie Raske; second place, Polly Gilkison; third place, Rita Adams. We also have a new New Members category, with Eileen Ferch in first place, followed by Ruth Rockcastle in second. Last but not least, our winner of the 49½er category was John Grieco.

Achievement Award Contest Chairman Sue Murray did a magnificent job, and we are very pleased that she has agreed to be chairman for another year.

During the Achievement Awards Banquet we also announced our chapter scholarships. Chairman Rita Adams and her committee had a difficult time choosing from among the many qualified applicants. The \$300 scholarship went to Marge Sundmacher for dual instruction. The three winners of \$200 each for IFR training were Nita Fineman, Ellen O'Hara and Madeleine Monaco. Two \$100 winners for seminar or ground school courses were Karen Acker and Sue Murray, while Bobbie Raske received a \$100 scholarship for simulator time. This scholarship program is an outstanding incentive and aid.

Micky Pinkston and Ruth Stafford picked up cartons of daffodils at Spirit of St. Louis Airport March 15. The flight was made to assist Greater St. Louis Chapter with their sponsored project for supporting the sale of daffodils throughout Missouri the following weekend for benefit of American Cancer Society research, education and service programs.

Babs Tuley, Loretta Jones and Marie Christensen appeared on a local television talk show, discussing the 99s, USPFT and women's role in aviation.

We are happy to learn that Janet Shirley's application for an AE Scholarship (instrument instructor) has been selected by the Section Scholarship Committee to be forwarded to the AE Scholarship Board for further judging.

Marie Christensen, who is running for a seat on the International Board of Directors, is currently the International Air Marking Committee chairman and serves on the North Central Section Nominating Committee.

by Ginny Pacey

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### Central Illinois Chapter

Thirty-three members and 49½ers gathered at Willard Airport in Champaign for the March 12 chapter meeting. Hostesses Lynne Trupin and Wanda Whitsitt provided coffee and donuts upon our arrival. During the business meeting, it was decided to make donations to the AE Scholarship Fund, the Air and Space Museum in Dayton and Lewis-Clarkport University, where we had an information booth at the March 2-3 Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, maintenance seminar. The slate of officers for the next year was presented and will be voted upon at our April meeting in Paris. We will also air mark the Edgar County Airport in April.

Tom Emanuel presented a program on emergency landing procedures. An active flight instructor for 18 years, Tom currently is ground school supervisor with the University of Illinois Institute of Aviation. He is also an FAA accident prevention counselor and associated with the AOPA Air Safety Foundation.

by Lorraine Reynolds

### Chicago Area Chapter

The Achievement Awards Banquet, which takes the place of our monthly meeting in March, was held on the 12th. We were honored to have among our guests International Treasurer Betty Jane Schermerhorn, International Vice President Charlene Falkenberg and Lorna de Blicquy, Eastern Ontario Chapter. Other special guests were Helen Goodyear, a long-time friend of the 99s; Joan Kerwin's mother, 84-year-old

Our annual chapter Service Award to an outstanding, hard-working member was presented to Rita Adams.

We are looking forward to hosting spring's North Central Section meeting where we anticipate seeing all our 99 friends. We are particularly interested in the Governor's Trophy because our chapter has nominated Norma Freier, a special 99 with 20 years of continuous effort and hard work at all levels of 99 programs.

Saturday, March 19, the Chicago Area sponsored the annual Accident Prevention Program with the FAA West Chicago GADO. Chairman Joan Kerwin and Marion Servos, co-chairman, had an excellent response from pilots wanting to improve their skills, passengers wanting more understanding of flight, and 99s helping with the program. A special thanks to the Aux Plaines Chapter for their help and to 40 of our own chapter members. Madeleine Monaco chaired the Nervous Navigator course, with Bev Blietz and Gail LaPook as speakers. Gail Rezabek served as lunch chairman, and restoration chairman was Sue Murray. This is one of our big endeavors of the year and again it was a complete success, due to the efforts of a group of super 99s.

by Mary Story

### Greater Kansas City Chapter

Due to many days with gray skies, rain and snow, flying time is down for Greater Kansas City Chapter members. However, everyone knows "the sun will come out tomorrow!" With that thought in mind, we are planning a local USPFT meet to be held April 9 at the Johnson County Executive Airport.



Greater Kansas City 99 Micky Pinkston picked up 17 cartons of long-stemmed daffodils at the Spirit of St. Louis Airport for delivery. The instructor pilot and Ruth Stafford were among that chapter's members who assisted the Greater St. Louis 99s with their project for supporting the sale of daffodils throughout Missouri the following weekend, benefitting the American Cancer Society's research, education and service programs.

### Indiana Chapter

The clubhouse at the lovely Valle Vista Country Club in Greenwood was our meeting place in March. Our hostess was Dorothy Smith, and the coffee and rolls she served us on arrival were most welcome.

We were delighted to have with us Betty Cull and her two guests, new pilots Paula Pratt and Brenda Gamel, both of North Vernon.

Paula Hook reported on the chartering of a new chapter in the Ft. Wayne area. Serving as interim chairman of the new "Three Rivers Chapter" will be Judy Graham. The group, which consists of 14 current and new members, plans to assist at the late March Aviation Safety Seminar, as well as at the Aviation Bicentennial Day during the Three Rivers Festival in Ft. Wayne in July. They expect to be painting runway markings as a money-making project.

Indianapolis will be the host city for the first convention of the Women's Military Pilots Association. The organization combines current women military pilots and navigators and some of the ex-WASP membership—the new



generation and their predecessors. Betty Nicholas is chairman of this convention, Esther Berner, chairman of transportation, asked for help from the 99s. The convention will be at the Holiday Inn North, May 20-22.

Several chapter members plan to have dinner and take in the performance of the Dixie Land Band of Jean Kittrell at the Holiday Inn Northwest April 8. Lois Hawley said that the members who attended International Convention in St. Louis had enjoyed her performance on the Robert E. Lee and, through Betty DeBaun's keeping in touch, were given her booking dates in Indiana. Kittrell is an assistant professor at Southern Illinois University. She will give two performances in Indianapolis, followed by appearances in Rockville, Indiana, April 10.

Airport in Frankfort, Illinois. The April meeting will include a program on skydiving. Ballots for the election of new officers will be mailed.

The chapter is planning a June 11 aviation seminar at Gary Municipal Airport.

by Patricia Magon

### Kentucky Blue Grass Chapter

Winter months in Kentucky are great for "boning up" on the basics and preparing for future 99 activities, so when the grass turns blue we're ready to go! Our chapter always looks forward to the AOPA Flight Instructor's Seminar held in Louisville during February, and this year it was both a learning and fun experience. Several 99s scheduled them-

Mensching and Amelia Earhart. This preceded their April meeting at Akron Fulton Airport with Ruth Sittler as hostess. Bernice Barris' daughter, 66 Susan Chiari, hosted the March meeting at her home.

Bev Demko, Dodie Jewett, Pat Stark and Marg Juhasz are now in training and preparing for the summer season of flying and observing for the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Logistic flights have already started. Members were in West Middlesex, Pennsylvania for the 7th District's Auxiliary Spring Conference.

Dodie Jewett's son, Bruce, is now one of the assistant chief flight instructors at Kent State University Airport. He is the only 20-year-old junior to have achieved this honor.

Rose Ray's son has turned 16, so she and Michael are looking for the purchase of a 140 or 180 to start his training and continue hers.

Meigs Adams toured CGS Aviation's new headquarters in Eastlake. Chuck Slucarczk conducted the tour and was full of news of the coming flight of two CGS Hawks (ultralight aircraft) over the North Pole in April.

Marg Juhasz visited chapter charter members Louise Muranko on her recent trip to Florida.

by Marg Juhasz

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Lillie Normington is giving a piano recital at Indiana Central University this month. Selections will include works of Bach, Mozart, Schumann and Schubert. Lillie is a part-time teacher in the Music Department at the university.

Midge Moore said she is looking forward to her August 1 retirement, when she and 49½er Archie plan to begin traveling in their motor home.

Our meeting concluded with the showing of slides of "For the Fun of It" which our Dorothy, our hostess, obtained from International Headquarters.

by Rae Cawdell

### Indiana Dunes Chapter

Winter finally came to our part of the midwest on the last day of winter, which coincided with the March meeting of the chapter. There was no flying-in the day of the meeting, but there was a good turnout from far distances despite the snow. CFI Dave Stewart gave an informative talk on the developments leading up to an accident of an aircraft that he owned. He included detailed information including the NTSB report and asked our conclusions as to the cause of the accident. Interestingly, it showed that the accident was preceded by a series of wrong decisions. Phyllis Petcoff, hostess for the meeting at Southlake Aviation in Griffith, told of a dear friend who was killed in a recent aviation accident due to pilot error.

At this meeting new member Darlene Hickox was pinned by her sponsor, Shirley Bundy, while Sue Mohnssen inducted her into the 99s. Another gal on her way to becoming a full-fledged 99 is Dee Bowman, who soloed March 1 and is now a 66. In addition, 66 Joy Black is doing her solo cross-country work.

Two of our members who are flight instructors, Karen Johnson and Tina Davis, are keeping active. Tina brought one of her newest private pilots, Ginger Denham, to the meeting. Everyone encouraged Ginger, a senior law student, to become a 99. Phyllis Petcoff, who is really back into flying, just bought a Cessna 172. Chris Murdock joined another flying club, is checked out in their Cardinal RG, and plans to fly to Texas to visit her daughters.

Members will meet April 16 at Benton Harbor, Michigan, and May 21 at Frankfort

several away from jobs and home in order to take advantage of the three days of concentrated study. We are most grateful to AOPA for the opportunity to sit on these seminars in exchange for our assistance in registration. Arrangements for 99 participation and our luncheon meeting were made by Kaye C. Moore.

A tour of Indianapolis Center was the high point of our March meeting. After an interesting orientation movie, the group took a look at the air traffic in this sector through the "eyes" of the flow controllers. The pride and interest in their work was evident in the responses to our many questions. Icing conditions in some areas forced most members to drive; however, car-pooling made it fun. Dee McCollum arranged for the tour and luncheon with assistance from Mary Kay Schroeder.

With the Chicago Area Chapter hosting the North Central Section in April, maybe we will have a shot at the attendance trophy. We would love to take it off their shelf once more, so plans are being made to move into their territory for "Wing Ding II."

Fay Gillis Wells, who is "almost" a Kentuckian, will be our special guest at the May 14 luncheon meeting. (She has honored the Kentucky Aviation History Roundtable by consenting to be the featured dinner speaker the preceeding evening.) By unanimous vote, recognition of new members and invited 66s will replace the business portion of our meeting!

by Skip Gumbert



Kentucky Blue Grass 99s toured the Indianapolis Center recently.

### Lake Erie Chapter

Chapter members held a memorial service at Faith United Church in Lyndhurst for Becky Thatcher, Mary Ellen Baker, Ruby



Lake Erie's Ruth Sittler currently teaches private pilot ground school at Akron University, instrument ground school at Stafford Flight Academy, and has been an FAA safety counselor for over five years.

### Lake Michigan Chapter

January 8 was the date for the Teachers' Workshop in Lansing. Co-sponsored by the Lake Michigan Chapter, Michigan Aeronautics Commission, Aerospace Education Council of Michigan and Lansing Community College, the event was a huge success with 40 teachers attending from as far away as Marquette. Introducing the new teacher's manual, "Come Fly With Me" by Dr. David and Doreen Housel, the activities included workshops and airplane and simulator rides for the teachers.

February 12 brought members to the lovely home of Natalie Kreeger in Fowlerville where we conducted a business meeting and worked hemming 99 scarfs to be sold by members at appropriate events as a money-making project. A delicious lunch was served by Natalie.

March greeted us with bright sunshine and warm temperatures as we gathered in north Muskegon at the home of 66 Chairman Lois Stevenson. Lois is also the official in charge of the National Weather Service in Muskegon. Many volunteers signed up to work at the May 5-7 NIFA national competition in Battle Creek. Before lunch additional plans were made for the April meeting to be held during the North Central Section meeting in St. Charles, Illinois, April 29-May 1.



Chapter news brings word that Jeanne Vandersloot has put her new CFI to work by taking on her first student. Mary Creason, a veteran instructor who has been desk-bound with the Michigan Aeronautics Commission, has once again soloed a student, her first in five years. She says, "I was as happy as he!"

Dianne Linsley, an enthusiastic 66, has been getting lessons from her dad, Clair McCombs. Her mother, Joan, is also an instructor and chairman of the chapter. Joan is working on the paperwork for her participation in the Air Race Classic when she and Chris Winzer will be flying a Cutlass RG complete with Loran. Ruth Gardner is working on her CFI and also taking twin-engine lessons. And Lois Stevenson is ready for her private check ride as soon as the weather cooperates.

by Betty Bytwerk



Lake Michigan 99s who attended the March meeting are Jeanne Vandersloot, Mary Creason, Dianne Linsley, guest Debby Montague, Joan McCombs, Ruth Gardner, Lois Stevenson and guest Sue Gaida. Not pictured are Maisie Stears and Betty Bytwerk.

### Minnesota Chapter

A large group of young women, their parents and friends were welcomed to the organizational meeting in March of a chapter-sponsored Explorers Post for young women interested in aviation. Terry Ludtke and Peg Peteler share advisor responsibilities with the help of 99s Explorer Post Committee members Barb Chambers, Kay Gupitill, Clara Johansen, Debbie Kaeder and Kay Kuechle. Twice monthly meetings will include tours of Minneapolis ARTCC, tower and FSS and a local FBO in addition to programs about the history of aviation and careers in aviation presented by Minnesota 99s.

"Back to Basics" was the theme of the chapter's annual Pilot Proficiency Day held at Inver Hills Community College in late March. Minnesota 99 CFI Kathy Buckholz's pre-test recalled memories of preparing for the private pilot written test. The 25 Ninety-Nines, 66s and guests who took the test agreed that unfortunately the knowledge did not accompany the memories! "An Unforgettable Flight with Aunt Tillie," an exercise in basic VFR flight planning and execution, was designed by 99 CFI Bobbie Smith to sharpen skills in the use of sectionals, plotter and computer. Wes Ask, specialist at Minneapolis FSS, answered questions regarding the format of the weather briefing and weather-related responsibilities of the briefer and of the pilot in his presentation, "How to Get a Good Weather Briefing." Pilot Proficiency Day is held early each spring to encourage members grounded by severe winter weather to get back in the air and prepare for the chapter's annual April Daffodil Flight for the Cancer Society.

Our twice weekly shuttle flights carrying platelets from St. Paul to Fergus Falls for the

Red Cross resulted in a job for Janet Curry. Janet will be moving to Fergus Falls in April to begin work as a flight instructor at West Central Airways.

by Hope Isaacson

### Three Rivers Chapter

After a lot of talk by lady pilots in the Ft. Wayne and northeastern Indiana area, it was found there was interest in a local 99s chapter. So, with much consideration by several of the Indiana Chapter members from this area, Three Rivers Chapter was formed on March 10 at Smith Field, Ft. Wayne, with 14 members and several future members present. As there are three rivers coming into Ft. Wayne from different directions, the name Three Rivers Chapter was chosen from six possibilities.

Members will meet the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at various locations in the northeast Indiana area with the next meeting slated for April 14 at Smith Field.

Officers elected include Chairman Judy Graham, Auburn; Vice Chairman Wilma Ashe, FWA; Secretary Dee Ditton, FWA; Treasurer Marcia Nellons, Warsaw; and Linda Rice, FWA, 99 News and publicity.

A Safety Seminar sponsored by the FAA, Indiana Air National Guard, Ft. Wayne Aviation Association and Summit Aero Club, to be held March 29, was discussed, and all were urged to attend. This being our first real public appearance, our help with coffee serving was offered to let the men know we exist. The seminar is attended by a large male audience, many of whom have never heard of the 99s.

Linda Rice, who is exhibit area chairman for the Aviation Bicentennial Celebration Day, to be held July 9 in Ft. Wayne, spoke regarding the activities being planned. Sheila Dick, who will serve as chairman of the Air Rally, urged new members to become involved.

We are looking forward to receiving our charter soon, as several of the members will be attending the Wing Ding II.

by Linda Rice

### Scioto Valley Chapter

Nineteen members and guests joined in an Italian potluck to celebrate the second anniversary of this Ohio chapter in March. The combination social get-together and meeting was hosted by Marilyn Miller, past chairman, and a commemorative cake decorated with the chapter logo was shared.

The business meeting concentrated on the chapter's upcoming "Project Aware" session and Wing Ding II, the spring section meeting to be hosted by the Chicago Area Chapter.

by Lee Loffer

Nineteen Scioto Valley 99s celebrated their chapter's second anniversary in March.



Delivering daffodils to Shawano, Wisconsin are 99s, above, Cindi Cope and Karen Jensen, while 99s, below, unload 7,500 daffodils in the Oshkosh area.



### Wisconsin Chapter

The chapter met twice during the month of March. March 13 we met at Oshkosh for last minute planning for Daffodil Day for the American Cancer Society. Joyce Donner, project chair, completed scheduling in preparation for this exciting event. Eleven chapter members will fly to 12 Wisconsin cities to deliver over 77,000 flowers.

March 19 was the day to gather at Madison. Unfortunately, Mother Nature dumped several inches of snow throughout the state. We rescheduled for Sunday, March 20. Once again, Mother Nature let winter prevail. Madison 99s Terri Donner and Jenny Beatty greeted incoming 99s with coffee and rolls. The only outgoing plane carried 7,500 daffodils to Oshkosh where they were greeted by the media and 99s Joyce Donner, Jane Kriha and Ramona Hueber. 99s Karen Jensen and Cindi Cope, along with 49½er Don Cope, flew another 4,000 daffodils to Shawano. Despite the weather, Daffodil Day was a success and we hope next year is even bigger and better!

by Cindi Cope



Dorothy Mercer, Pegge Blinco and Mary Hill stand next to the Columbia Cascade exhibit at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry's week-long aviation display.

## NORTHWEST SECTION

### Columbia Cascade Chapter

As we look forward to our next section meeting in Casper, Wyoming, Columbia Cascade is spearheading the manufacturing of a Northwest Section patch. Each chapter in the section is asked to submit one design to be selected and produced in time for that fall section meeting.



We have collected 47 pairs of eyeglasses to contribute to Intermountain Chapter's pledge of 1,000 pairs for the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs' international overseas project.

We are enjoying our 66, Betsy Walker, who is well into her flight training. As soon as our cross-country type weather breaks, Betsy will be close to becoming our newest 99... and with spring flying weather racing to meet us, our plans for flying activities are getting underway.

by Pegge Blinco

of our many upcoming projects for the summer, including an air marking at the John Day State airport sometime in June.

by Linda Nave

#### Montana Chapter

Billings area 99s attended a meeting March 21 at Gillis Aviation, Logan International Airport. Guest speaker was Dale Norby, assistant manager of Gillis Aviation, who spoke on the changes he foresees within

for the new Museum of Flight!

New member Jenny Harris earned her ATP rating in March.

by Jean Kope

#### Wyoming Chapter

In lieu of a formal meeting in March, 99s were encouraged to attend one of the Pilot Clinics conducted around the state by an FAA General Aviation District Office representative.

Disorientation and autokinesis were discussed and aptly demonstrated by use of the vertigo chair. The FAA movie, "It Only Takes Once," was viewed. Attendance meets the requirements for a safety briefing under the various wing phases.

A concerted effort will be made by all members to write our congressmen, expressing dissatisfaction with the closing of the Casper GADO office in June 1983. This closure will make Wyoming the only state in the US not having an office, which will necessitate Wyoming pilots traveling to other states to fulfill their obligations.

99 Elizabeth Grieve has been appointed to serve on the Lander Airport Board for the ensuing four-year term.

by Shirley L. Everett

### SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

#### Coastal Bend Chapter

Coastal Bend has been extremely busy this March. The 5th found Coastal Bend helping Space City Chapter air mark the Palacios Airport. On the 12th, the chapter assisted San Antonio Chapter members with the striping, numbers and instrument approach stripes at the New Braunfels Municipal Airport.

A Safety Seminar in El Campo was co-sponsored by the chapter and El Campo Metro Airport Inc., on the 24th. A hangar party was given on the 27th for past, present and future 99s, 49½ers and friends of the chapter.

Members of Coastal Bend attending the South Central Section meeting in San Antonio on April 22 will be Vel and Speck Morgan, Lael and Kenny Martin and Barbara and Steve Kurtz.

by Vel Morgan and Barbara Kurtz

#### Colorado Chapter

March weather gave Denver a record level of precipitation, but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of those attending our March "in with members" meeting. The slide presentation, "For the Fun of It," was shown, and a good turnout made the social hour quite enjoyable.

The April meeting will include a Safety Seminar by Mick Wilson, accident prevention specialist for the FAA Rocky Mountain Region, and Nancy Aldrich, safety chairman and accident prevention counselor. Anita Hessin will also show a film on Alaska and present information on planning transportation to the International Convention this summer.

Members making their own news included Nancy Waylett's professional handling of the Westwind jet she was piloting in late March. The left engine lost power on takeoff from Arapahoe County Airport, and Nancy landed without further incident (and with three relieved passengers!).

## CHAPTER NEWS, ETC.

#### Columbia Gorge Chapter

Winter seems to be a time for planning—come spring, we're gonna bust loose!

Right off, we're having a Safety Seminar on April 12 in Hood River. Then we'll air mark the Hood River runway in May. We're even going to label it.

Judy Newman is the chairman of the Hood River "Flying Machine Spectacular," a dandy antique-type air show Labor Day weekend. So, of course, we 99s get the choice money-making booth. Hood River has Sunday of that weekend and The Dalles has Monday (Labor Day) for aerobatics. No doubt the 99s will stage a Pilots' Playday on Saturday again, with poker run, flour bombing and spot landing contests.

It's always great weather in the gorgeous Gorge in September; so mark the date on your calendar and fly in!

Our scarf project has been well received. We get orders from all over the United States! I love those notes the 99s put in with their checks. We'll keep silk screening—you just keep the orders coming!

by Jan Minarik

#### Eastern Oregon Chapter

We have been plagued with bad weather so far this year and have been forced to "drive" to our various meetings. January we met at new member Ellen Hector's home in La Grande and were treated to a delicious lunch. February included a short jaunt to the country to meet at Shirley Coombs' and make final preparations for our benefit dinner in honor of our Missoula member, Bobbie Hill.

For those of you fortunate ladies who do not know Bobbie, she is a terrific and determined woman who, just one year ago, lost her left hand because of a very aggressive cancer. She has made numerous trips to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and last October found that her cancer had spread. She is now fighting that battle with all her might. Bobbie is a pilot for the US Forest Service out of Missoula and, during this whole upheaval in her life, has not given up her flying or her will to continue to fly. Our benefit was a meager attempt to try to give this lady some financial assistance in her struggle to lick this disease. Any of you who wish to contribute may do so by sending your donation to the Eastern Oregon Chapter, c/o Shirley Coombs, who has set up a special account in Bobbie's name.

March we were rained out again. (Darn that rain!) Our April meeting is scheduled in Joseph with an aviation film and discussion

Montana's aviation community and in aviation as a whole. The expanding growth of business aviation and slump in personal recreational flying are having a direct impact on FBOs and the type of services which they will continue to offer.

The growth and decline of these two aviation facets is also noticeable in the types of aircraft being manufactured; small trainers and "family" aircraft are being replaced in production by high performance, economical "business" aircraft which also carry high performance price tags.

While these definite trends were noted, a warning was given for all people in aviation to monitor their airport operations lest these operations become totally concerned with high profit aspects of the aviation market and eliminate service to the segment which flies for the love of flying. Each facet of aviation makes a contribution to the whole; the body will not survive intact if it loses its heart.

We have another new member. Our "Big Sky" congratulations to Lynn Kitto from Manhattan!

by Dorothy Curtis

#### North Dakota Chapter

The February chapter meeting was held on the 19th at the home of Vice Chairman Wynola Thornton. Fred Adams, an FAA examiner and pilot at Executive Air Taxi of Bismarck, gave a most interesting presentation on what an examiner expects of an applicant for a license or a rating. A lively question and answer period followed his talk.

The March meeting was held at Minot with 14 members present, nine of whom flew in three planes. The meeting was limited to business, the most important of which is the upcoming joint April 16 meeting with Wyoming and Montana. Members from the three states will meet at the Holiday Inn in Rapid City to formulate plans for the Northwest Section meeting to be held in Casper, Wyoming in the fall of 1983.

by Kay Vogel

#### Western Washington Chapter

The March 9 meeting was our annual white elephant sale, and thanks to talented auctioneer Teresa Ledray and the enthusiastic participation of chapter members we had a fun and profitable sale.

March was also our first meeting in the "Red Barn." It's great to have a regular meeting place again, and what could be more interesting and appropriate than the original Boeing factory which has just been restored



April finds us involved in promoting the many activities of Colorado Aviation Week in cooperation with numerous aviation groups in the area. Also, our next Flight Without Fear Seminar begins April 5. United Airlines, our co-sponsor, featured an article in their in-flight magazine on Flight Without Fear clinics nationwide and mentioned the Colorado 99s.

May activities will include a fly-in poker rally co-sponsored by the Colorado Pilots Association. Participants will fly to several designated airports to pick up their cards and meet at Aurora Columbine Airport to discover the winning hand and celebrate with a super meal. June's activities will include a chance to compete in a local air race through the second annual Jeffco Expo, a two and a half day air show, air race and general fun time including a "USO Hangar Dance."

The next month will bring us a new slate of officers as our elections draw near, and July will be our annual installation dinner. We have a variety of activities with wide appeal scheduled for the next few months.

by Leslie Lynch

### Fort Worth Chapter

Our first meeting of the year was held January 3 at the home of Chairman Margie Winters with 20 in attendance. Accident Prevention Specialist Jim Santa Anna presented our chapter with the FAA Flight Safety Award for our contribution to this district office's 1982 Accident Prevention Program. It was our honor and pleasure to work in that program and to receive the award.

February 9 brought a joint meeting with the Golden Triangle Chapter and Hazel Jones to plan our USPFT competition. And with all of Hazel's instructions ringing in our ears, the Fort Worth 99s, along with the Golden Triangle 99s, sponsored a USPFT competition on March 19 at Aero Valley Airport in Roanoke. We had nine contestants, three of whom were 99s from the Fort Worth Chapter. Those entering were Shawn Soni, Glen Hyde, John Gronemeyer, Nan McNamara, Don Thompson, Bonnie Haber, E.L. Armstrong, Edna Whyte and Wes Sanders. To Mr. Soni, first place winner, and Mr. Hyde, second place, go our congratulations and best wishes for the regional competition slated April 15-16 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Our chapter is looking forward to sponsoring another of these competitions! Great fun!

April brings a visit to the Flight Safety Office at Bell Helicopter for a demonstration on the flight simulator; 49½ers are included.

May brings the installation of our new officers: Chairman Nan McNamara, Program Vice Chairman Henrietta Pence, Hospitality Vice Chairman and Air Education Chairman Carole Wheeler, Secretary Pat Smith, Treasurer Juanita Waddell, Membership Chairman Penny Barnick, AE Scholarship Chairman Gladys Latham, Scrapbook Chairman Dayna Yarborough, Telephone Chairman Verna Stubbs and Yearbook Chairman Margie Winters, who also serves as 99 NEWS reporter.

This has been a great year so far for our chapter, and the rest of the year is looking even better!

by Margie Winters



Golden Triangle and Fort Worth 99s, family, friends and contestants gather at the USPFT competition at Roanoke, Texas.

### Golden Triangle Chapter

Dottie Hughes, Linda Wolf and Wayne Janousek received certificates of completion at the Refueling Seminar at Mountain View Junior College in Dallas.

On March 2 several members of our chapter attended a meeting in Arlington regarding proposed state bills which would increase state regulation and taxation of aviation.

Over 250 people, including nine 99s and 49½ers, turned out March 7 for the Safety Seminar at Tarrant County Junior College. A panel discussed the future of general aviation airport development in Tarrant County. The City of Ft. Worth has approved a new airport facility south of town, but area residents are opposing it. Privately owned Mangham Airport in northeast Tarrant County is being pressured by developers and a hostile North Richland Hills City Council. It is the consensus that no other land will be available in Tarrant County for airport use. Interested citizens were urged to act now to keep the facilities available. A safety film on the dangers of a spinning prop was shown following the panel discussion.

The USPFT local competition is behind us. Weeks of planning and coordination with the Fort Worth Chapter paid off with nine contestants gathering at Aero Valley Airport near Roanoke on March 19. The weather was not very cooperative with clouds and haze limiting visibility. A ground event replaced the cross-country flights. Gusts of wind teased the pilots. Many of them showed us how to land an airplane right on the line the first time only to be snookered by the wind on the second landing. We felt all of these pilots were winners, though all could not place first.

Shawn Soni of Dallas won the first place medal. Soni almost withdrew from the competition, so his victory was particularly sweet. He flew a Beech T-34 in the precision landings.

Glen Hyde, Justin, had not planned to enter the contest, but friends persuaded him, and he came away with second place. Hyde is also the owner of Aero Valley Airport and was most helpful and gracious in making his facilities available for the competition.

John Gronemeyer, flying a Stinson painted in World War II olive drab, placed third, just one-tenth of a point behind Glen. Nan

Helen Hill looks on as Shawn Soni approaches for a precision landing in the USPFT competition.



McNamara, Ft. Worth 99, placed fourth. Edna Gardner Whyte and Bonnie Haber, Ft. Worth 99s, also competed.

by Beverly Stephens

### Houston Chapter

We've recently welcomed four new members into our chapter: Ann Ragsdale, Rose LePore, Barbara Lee and Pat Williams, who transferred from the Greater Detroit Chapter.

Another member we are very proud of is Pat Matthews, our Ann English Memorial Scholarship winner. Pam quickly and eagerly earned her private license and is now a freshman studying aerospace engineering at the University of Texas in Austin. She has recently been interviewed by NASA and hopes to be one of the select few chosen for cooperative on-the-job training, which would allow her to do part of her studies at NASA. The day of her interview at the Johnson Space Center she thoroughly enjoyed spending the afternoon meeting astronauts and flying the NASA shuttle simulator.

Helen Simonette recently spoke to Zonta, a service club of business women, who observed Amelia Earhart's birthday by hearing what women in aviation are doing today. Helen is also the Houston coordinator for the Airlifeline of Texas. Cathy and Mike Wappler just returned from a flight to Oklahoma, taking human milk once again to the toddler who cannot digest any other food.

Mike Alexander and Peggy Campbell have both made a number of talks to seventh and eighth graders about careers in aviation. We are all happy that Mike has made application for an AE Scholarship for an ATP-135. It's been a long time since Houston has had an applicant, and we are very proud of Mike.

by Suzanne Thweatt



Lenora Heathman, Kansas Chapter, works in the booth during Town West Shopping Mall's Salute to Aviation Week.

### Kansas Chapter

The chapter started off the month of March with a lovely birthday party at the home of Dr. John and Marilyn Copeland on March 5. There were a number of guests, including Virginia Mattiza from Austin, Texas. Virginia helped greet the members and was especially interested in the new members. We were happy to have her with us that night.



Guests included six women who were 66s. All expressed an interest in joining the 99s when they complete their flight training. We also had five women pilots, four of whom are now members of the Kansas Chapter. We all felt that it was a better than average birthday party for us this year. Besides important business like new members, the food, the companionship and the entertainment were all good fun.

During the second week in March, Town West, one of Wichita's largest shopping malls, featured a "Salute to Aviation." It was a big event highlighting all aspects of aviation. The chapter had a booth manned for four days by members. Wilma Sheets and her husband Ken provided the exhibit. It featured a backdrop of crossed "9's" in a field of blue and gold. There was a lot of traffic through the mall throughout the show and the booth, combined with the handouts given by chapter members to the public, attracted a lot of attention. We registered eight potential members and nine who signed up for a Flying Companion Seminar which will be given later this spring. It was good public education because of all the questions asked. Now more people are knowledgeable about the organization and goals of the 99s. Chapter members considered it good public relations and a worthwhile effort.

by Paula Bruce



Preparing for an upcoming Air Race Classic stop are Linda Patterson, Angela Boren, prospective Georgianna McKinney, Janie Bailey and Jane Bartos. Helpers not pictured are Rosemary Stidham, Betty Hampton, Bettie Mills and Pat Cantrell.

#### Lubbock Chapter

Although we were greatly disappointed because there was no response to our March 6 USPFT meet, we are making plans for our prospective new member celebration in April.

Jane Bartos and Janie Bailey will be representing us at the Aviation Safety Education Seminar on Wednesday, April 6, noon-6 p.m. at the Old Terminal Building.

A fly-in hangar party at Biggin Hill Airport on April 9 will be our "March in in April" event for five prospective new members, plus new member Betty Hampton and Martha Iliff, a transfer member from the Mt. Shasta Chapter in California. Martha is a student pilot at Reese AFB. Members will bring family and guest box dinners, spread blankets and chairs for children and friends and watch an air show by EAA aerobatic pilot Van White and son-in-law Steve Franklin.

Committees are making plans for the June Air Race Classic stop with Angela Boren as general chairman. We are looking forward to

Corpus Christi 99 Pauline Glasson's visit prior to the race. Airport Manager Marvin Coffee, Don Schardt, air traffic control head, and fellas have been tremendous to work with in preparation for the June 24-27 Classic event. Women pilots will be flying from El Paso to Lubbock and on to Hutchinson, Kansas. We guarantee plenty of fuel and friendly hospitality for the racers.

Ole! San Antonio, here we come!

by Pat Cantrell



99 Janel Foote of Hastings and Carol Peters, state chairman of the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Day activities, look over part of a shipment of the brightly colored flowers.

#### Nebraska Chapter

When 92,500 daffodils are shipped on a chilly day, they need tender care and fast delivery. So the American Cancer Society turned to the Nebraska 99s for volunteer air freight service.

The daffodils—185 boxes of them—arrived at Eppley Airfield via United Airlines from Mt. Vernon, Washington. Betty Edison, Lincoln, flew her plane into Eppley twice to pack up the flowers and make two deliveries to Lincoln. Also flying boxes to Lincoln was Edith Willeford of Norfolk. Eleanor England and Janel Foote, both of Hastings, each flew loads of daffodils to Grand Island and Kearney. The Cancer Society, Nebraska Division, expects to raise \$12,000 from this project.

*Those Wonderful Women in their Flying Machines* was recently donated to the Ord Township Library by the Nebraska Chapter. The book contains a number of references to the accomplishments of Evelyn Sharp, WASP and charter member of the Nebraska 99s. The book also relates the return of her body to her hometown, Ord, and the mayor's announcement at the memorial service to name the airport Evelyn Sharp Field. The book is recommended reading for all pilots, especially women and most especially 99s.

#### Oklahoma Chapter

The chapter met at the Omniplex in Oklahoma City for a most interesting and informative meeting. 66 Debbie Bennett, senior consultant for Citizens Against Crime, gave us some alarming statistics on crimes against women—also some helpful "do's and don't's" should certain occasions arise. (Bet all car doors were locked on the way home.)

Clarence Page, "Mr. Oklahoma Aviation," gave us a briefing and a short tour of the soon-to-be opened 80,000-square-foot Oklahoma Air and Space Museum. He and all of Oklahoma can be so proud of this great facility.

Many of us attended the dedication of the Amelia Earhart bust at Headquarters. How wonderful to have Amelia's sister, Muriel Earhart Morrissey, with us. She is such a grand lady.

Now for some potpourri. Other skiers than the Angel Fire bunch included Sue and Bill Halpain to Purgatory, Colorado. Lu and Byron Hollander journeyed to Colorado's Breckenridge, and Elaine and John Perry tried out the deep powder in the Jackson Hole country of Wyoming.

Nawasa Staton has been elected commissioner of finance (treasurer) for the City of Mangum. Broneta Evans is just back from an azalea tour down New Orleans way, and Ruth Jones and Skip Carter are on an extended trip via Sanibel Island to Dana Point, California for the "Festival of the Whales." Rumor has it that Betty Jo Hammer is casting about for a plane to race in the Shangri-La Grand Prix.

Congratulations go to Phyl Howard, who has recently been appointed a GADO accident prevention counselor. Also, thanks go to Elaine Perry, who is doing a super job as our new chapter newsletter editor.

Fly friendly.

by Nema Masonhall



Attending a reception and unveiling of the AE stainless steel bust at International Headquarters are Oklahoma Chapter members Susie Sewell, Dana Gibson, Nancy Smith, Lu Hollander, Rita Eaves, Nema Masonhall and Jan Million.

#### Omaha Area Chapter

The chapter met for a noon luncheon at the Bellevue Queen in March. Attending the sectional at San Antonio was discussed. After lunch we had a very informative tour of RAPCON.

March 23 we sponsored a Safety Clinic with the GADO office. We opened the program with the 99 film, "For the Fun of It," followed by a talk on characteristics of different planes in spins and recoveries. After a coffee and cookies break, GADO Safety Officer Al Milana showed slides of causes of different accidents. Amazingly sad what a little frost on ailerons can do. About 150 people were in attendance.

Jack Jackson will demonstrate at the April meeting how we can change the oil in our airplanes.

#### Shreveport Chapter

We had a busy February-March. Flying activities started with a mini-spot landing on February 26 at Downtown Airport. It ended with 49½ers, CFIs and all the miscellaneous airport "bums" joining in. Much fun! We held this in order for our USPFT judges to gain some experience. After 49½er Leo Ducote filmed all the activity with his video equip-



ment, we retreated to our trailer to view it. A humbling experience. We also discovered his mike picks up all the sound, including our sideline whoops, hollers and expletives.

The next activity was marking the runway for the USPFT competition. More practice... that box sure looks small on final! Then a Safety Seminar was held the night before competition. We had only three entrants—two women and a man. The winner was Ray Hardey, our brand new 99.

Friends will be interested to know 49½er Ray Christy is progressing beyond the doctor's expectations. Ray suffered a stroke in December en route to Europe for a Christmas vacation.

Shreveport's gain is Chicago's loss. We are so happy to have Jean Mason (Kaufman) down here from Chicago. Jean is a photographer by avocation and a professor of nursing at Northwestern School of Nursing. She flies a Cessna 182 and is looking forward to her instrument training. (Maybe we will be offering some photos in the future.)

Our membership march is up to five. In addition to Jean, we have Ray Hardey, a CFI who is building a Pitts. Mary Williams is a private pilot, and to support her habit, does clerical work for an avionics supply house. She also attends LSU, majoring in computer sciences. Melody Cavin is a CFI and also a controller with the FAA at RAPCON. Karen Logan is co-owner of a large farm with her husband. (Does that sound better than a planter's wife?) She earned her license under the tutelage of Jere Saur. Our 66, Lisa Readheimer, is two hours from her check ride and will be joining us immediately upon completion of that item, which will bring us up to six new members.

by Mary Jo Voss



Helping Coastal Bend Chapter with an air marking are Space City 99s Terry Helm, Kitty Havens, Vel Morgan, Della Lynch and helper Jim Busbee (second from left).

### Space City Chapter

Our March meeting was held in the hangar at H&R Aviation, owned by Debbie Rihn. This was a working meeting, and we pulled our trailer in the hangar for some preventive maintenance and repairs on our Las Vegas equipment. On March 12, we went to the elegant Houston Yacht Club and put on a Las Vegas party for them. It went very well, and the members were impressed with the Space City gals.

Tuesday of the following week we were off again to a joint meeting with Houston North and Houston Chapters. We were happy to have Tiner Lapsley, FAA, present a program on aviation safety.

Tiner assisted us again on March 20 with our Open House at the FAA. This was our chapter's "March in with Members" activity. There were a couple of good films shown

during the open house, one on "Landings and Takeoffs" and the other on "Aircraft Oddities," which we really enjoyed. As a result, we have five good prospective members.

On March 5, Cheryl Baker, Kitty Havens, Sandra Lapsley and Terri Helm (one of our prospective members) went to Palacios to help the Coastal Bend Chapter with an air marking.

by Judy Covin

## CHAPTER NEWS, ETC.

### Texas Dogwood Chapter

On March 2, Tyler was the place to be. This was the day the chapter launched their membership drive by hosting Edna Gardner Whyte as a guest speaker. They came by land and air from around east Texas to hear this remarkable lady. She kept everyone spellbound as she proceeded to tell about her experiences since her involvement with aviation. Afterward, she held a question and answer session, giving us a chance to know her even better.

The door prize drawings were next. One of the door prizes, a flower arrangement, was won by Kris Curran of Longview, our newest member. The other prize, a plane ride around the Tyler area via Kathy Collum's Cessna 172, was won by a guest from New Zealand. Needless to say, she was excited.

It was announced that at our next meeting in Gladewater, we would be taking the Desert Survival Test.

Refreshments were served and everyone departed for home after a successful meeting. We now have several newly inspired 66s just waiting to obtain their licenses.

### Topeka Chapter

The Topeka 99s are seeking to change our chapter name. Within a few weeks we will officially be known as the North East Kansas 99s. Since most of our members do not live in Topeka, it is felt that a name change will more accurately reflect the composition of our membership.

International President Marilyn Copeland assisted the Topeka 99s in our 16th birthday celebration recently. Marilyn's presence at the birthday meeting was especially appropriate. In May 1967, as chairman of the Kansas 99s, Marilyn personally presented 99 pins to each of the original five Topeka 99s during the Charter Banquet.

The chapter began as the "Petticoat Pilots" 17 years ago in May 1966. Sondra Ridgeway is the only charter member still active in the chapter.

Our birthday celebration was further highlighted by a Poker Run. Several prospective members and 66s joined us as we flew to five different airports. The winning poker hand was held by Joe Rossini, husband of 66 Brenda. Joe maintains he really did draw those three aces!

Amy Heaven has joined the Sales Department of Kansas City Aviation Center. Rumor has it that Amy sold eight airplanes within a three-month period. Way to go, Amy!

One of our prospective members, Bonita Yoder, is a finalist in the election for City Commission, Lawrence, Kansas.

Topeka 99s will be assisting the Greater Kansas City 99s in their Flight Proficiency Contest in April.

Remember, the next time you hear from us, it will be under our new chapter name: the North East Kansas 99s.

by Lonnie Steele

### Top 'O Texas Chapter

C.W. and Ann Crouch have provided us with one of their offices for our new 99s office and meeting headquarters.

Chris McClain, Ima Jean Huff, Ann Piggott and Mary Vermeulen attended the Texas Aeronautics Commission CFI Refresher Clinic in Amarillo this month.

Ima Jean Huff has been appointed to the Board of Directors, Women's Division of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. She is also special events chairman for Amarillo Air Show activities. Ima Jean has been hard at work coordinating these duties with our 99s' participation in Amarillo's upcoming air show, October 8-9.

Our "March in with New Members" meeting was held at Virginia and Dale Pownell's lovely home. Mitzi Miller, Clovis, New Mexico, flew several prospective 99s to this meeting. They braved 45 KT winds to meet with us.

Our Saturday in Space Scholarship winner, Lacy Reynolds, addressed our 99s and seven 66 guests. We hope to sponsor several of the new 66s to our group, giving them our moral support along their path to the day when they join our chapter.

We are planning to attend the South Central Sectional in San Antonio in April where we will formally invite "ya'll" to attend our section meeting on September 8-10. We will have several items of interest to offer for sale. Look for our Magie Magneto!

by Mary Vermeulen

### Tulsa Chapter

Chapter Chairman Charlene McCullough welcomed 20 members and 25 guests to our membership party at Lease-a-Plane, Riverside Airport, Jenks, America, March 13. The theme of the afternoon, "For the Fun of It," was also the name of the slide/tape presentation which depicts the history of women in aviation. The tremendous turnout was due in part to a half-page write-up in that Sunday morning's *Tulsa World*. Pictures of 99s in their various flying pursuits were accompanied by a well written story. The results of all the planning were shown at the March meeting when prospective members outnumbered regular attendees.

CFII Deanna Robertson continues an educational program at each monthly meeting. March was a brush-up on the E6B computer. Karen Greenawalt assisted with the instruction.

Congratulations to Betty Garman for earning her Phase I wings.

Debbie Huffman and Cheryl Sloan have been working with the Camp Fire Girls group. In addition to studying basic aviation, each girl is given an orientation ride in the right seat, with the opportunity to take the controls.



Chapter members are having a busy spring. Trying to find a Saturday morning for a fly-in breakfast has proved impossible. The closest we arrived at was a not-quite-formation fly-in to the Stillwater Air Show on April 9.

by Janet Minnerath



Tulsa Chapter Chairman Charlene McCullough, above, welcomes members and guests to the "For the Fun of It" reception. Camp Fire girls, below examine Ozelle Landrum's Cessna 175



## SOUTHEAST SECTION

### Florida Gulf Stream Chapter

Peggy was in Lakeland, Virginia in Denver, and several other members were in various other places, but the chapter-sponsored USPFT did fly from North Perry Airport on March 19 under the able direction of Gini Orosz. Cooperation from airport officials was outstanding, and almost everyone on the field joined in the fun. Most of the contestants were males, and they look forward to more such competitions.

Sue Perrigo, flying a Tomahawk, sponsored by Lauderdale Aviation of North Perry, represented our chapter beautifully. Overall winners of the event were William Brice and Aristes Reina, both of Miami.

Prizes from the promotion to support the All Women's International Air Race went to Don Stout of Boca Raton, winner of the Sea Escape Breakaway Day, and Jack Holmes, Stuart, winner of the three-day weekend for two at Chub Cay Club.

The Lakeland Sun 'N Fun fly-in had more displays and seemed to be bigger and better than ever. The Sea Plane Pilots Association had a big "do" at Lake Parker, and two of the seaplane contests were won by women!

The Science Fair awards were held at the Coral Springs High School on March 19 with a \$25 check and a blimp ride going to the best in the Aviation Science Category in each of



Suncoast 99 Nancy Wright labors over the chapter cookbook.

three levels: high school, middle school and elementary school. Gulf Stream Chapter and the Goodyear blimp sponsored these awards.

by Virginia Britt

### Florida Suncoast Chapter

Mother Nature lost to the Suncoast members, 49½ers and guests who endured wind and cold and finally rain in order to air mark the Clearwater Executive Airpark in February. The City of Clearwater airport commissioners were on hand to greet everyone and provided much needed coffee, orange juice and munchy Danish. The airport manager came to our meeting following the air marking, where the lunch treat was sloppy joes and covered-dish treats.

Chairman Nancy Brantly and member Roni Johnson attended the Southeast meeting in Atlanta and gave us a report. Members were asked to sign up as volunteers for "Sun 'N Fun" as we are the "Spam Can" parking chairman for this EAA event. Cookbook Chairman Nancy Wright says our books go to press in March. This is our way of earning expenses for International Convention this August.

Florida Governor Graham, on a recent trip to Winter Haven, had spent some time talking with Nancy Brantly and had written her a letter, which she shared with us. He is a pilot and has a small plane of his own. Since talking with Nancy, he now knows what 99s are and what our organization does in Florida and internationally.

Our hostess for this February meeting was Bette Reeves. Air Marking Chairman Pat Hange, Arcadia, always does the dirty work of outlining and laying out for us the day before. Other members always turn out to help Pat, but we really owe her a debt of gratitude since she has been doing all this freehand! Good news for Pat—templates have been ordered.

by Connie S. Chancey and Barbara Sierchio

Shaking hands with test pilot Scott Crossfield is Southeast Section AE Chairman Hazel Monroe. Crossfield was the honored guest at the First Flight Society luncheon at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, and his portrait will hang in the Wright Brothers Memorial Museum along with Amelia Earhart, Rickenbacker and others.



## New Orleans Chapter

On March 12, Judy Maggiore, Pat Besselman and Evelyn Studlick piled into Judy's Mooney and flew 55Q over to Fairhope, Alabama, where they met with the Florida Panhandle Chapter.

Evelyn gave Judy her BFR on the way over, so the trip was beneficial to all. Our newest member, Whitney Waters, rented a Cessna and flew with Gloria Burlette for the joint meeting. Gloria's Cessna 170 was down for its annual inspection, or else Whitney could have had some taildragger memories.

The Florida Panhandle host chapter had a large turnout. They showed the New Orleans gals samples of the hundreds of name tags they are making for the Convention in August. Also, they have been diligently working on items for the "Goodie Bags."

We are all getting ready for the repainting of our compass rose at Lakefront Airport in New Orleans April 9.

Carolyn Goings, last month's new member, flew her Cessna 172 back from California where she was stationed before being transferred to the New Orleans area. She brought back a military jet pilot, who helped her fly some of the legs of the flight. He wasn't quite accustomed to the "ole putt-putts" again. I guess one could say that it brought him back down to earth a few thousand feet and slowed him down from jet-setting. It was quite an experience for both.

by Lisa M. Cook

## SOUTHWEST SECTION

### Arizona Sundance Chapter

Our members have been busy with projects that have been on the drawing boards for the last few months. The most significant event for Arizona Sundance was our first annual charter party on February 12 to commemorate our charter date of February 14. Around 100 members, 49½ers and various and sundry well-wishers attended the celebration.

Weather was a big factor in the low turnout at the NFPA competition. The storms blew in from California and reduced the contestants to half of the original registrants. Our other competitions for NIFA are scheduled for the next few weekends which are expected to be beautiful.

The Helicopter Association convention in Anaheim was well attended by 99s, including three Sundance members. Member Cathy Nickolaisen received the Whirly-Girls Scholarship and was supported at the awards banquet by Pat Moreland and Sherrie Conner from our chapter as well as Joann Linder from SFV. Cathy also received a special citation from FAA Administrator Lynn Helms for her work representing the HAI and the National Association of State Aviation Officials on the National Airspace Review. The certificate was awarded at the HAI banquet. She has begun training at Heliservices, Inc. Falcon Field in an Enstrom.... and she is hopelessly hooked!

Pat Moreland and Sherrie Conner flew the Valley Air Derby; however, not together. Many members are preparing for the crowded spring air racing calendar.

The chapter is planning to participate in Arizona Aviation Week by holding an airlift in conjunction with Corporate Jets, Inc., at the



Scottsdale Airport. The airlift aircraft include such unlikely machines as a P-51, T-28, Enstrom F28C and some of the typical aerobatic planes which are so popular.

Member Pam Marley, corporate pilot for First Federal Savings, is now the proud pilot of a King Air, recently purchased by the bank. Connie Arnold, employed by Beckett Aviation, has been able to bootleg some impressive time in a Lear that was deadheading back from Texas.

The year has been very good to the chapter. Our attendance at monthly meetings is extremely high and our activities are numerous and meaningful to all participating. Working in our second year, we have planned an air race for March 17, 1984, called the Sundance Shamrock Derby, a speed race for stock aircraft, round robin and co-ed!

With the renewal of the Airport Improvement Program, more runways are being resurfaced, airport managers are being encouraged to buy paint, and we're trying to drag our rollers and overalls out as often as possible.

We also welcomed Carolyn Sievers, a 66 with about 60 hours. Carolyn hopes to receive her private in time to fly this summer's Palms to Pines Air Race.

Nina Laughbaum is back at work after surgery and, as usual, Claire Gould spent a week in Hawaii in February.

by *Clarie Gould*

#### Palomar Chapter

After a relaxing social hour with pizza as the main course, our regular meeting on March 16 got underway to finalize our plans for the Fallbrook Strawberry Festival, a joint venture of the Fallbrook Lions Club, Fallbrook Airpark and our chapter. The purpose of this project is to raise funds for the Air Race Classic, which will depart from Gillespie Field in San Diego on June 24.

Our April meeting will be a work session to assemble ticket packs for the arriving contestants. Ticket sales for the raffle of the trips to Hawaii, Las Vegas and Mexico are progressing smartly, and Velda Mapelli, presi-

had to stay airborne while the #1 and #2 racers did their fly-by at Santa Rosa.

Sandra Sweeney flew in her Varga, and Linda and Don Draper brought their Super Cub over on Saturday. Before Linda and Don arrived, Sandra, Irene, Nellana and Penny Becker "terrorized" the town and had a good time. After Linda arrived, they made even more noise, especially at the male chest contest.

by *Hazel Hohn*

#### Sacramento Valley Chapter

At last we have some better weather! We were able to fly in to San Andreas, Calaveras County Airport for lunch on a beautiful partly sunny Saturday. We had a grand time visiting and eating at the Cook House.

Our gin fizz brunch was a huge success, thanks to Jeannie Dunlap, Mary Hovey, Thelma Cull, Shirley Winn, Shirley and Ernie Lehr, Barbara Goetz and Tony, Jeannette Fowler, Fran Dickey, Jean Coyle and too many others to name. We had a nice sum for our scholarship fund from the Monte Carlo activities, too.

Jeannette Fowler shared the secrets of setting a world speed record with us at our last meeting. Seems some of the more unusual problems she encountered were static from a GADO because she exceeded the speed limit in a control zone (how else can you break a speed record—besides, she'd cleared it with ATC in advance), and convincing Approach Control that even though she had a clock on board, she needed the *exact* time she crossed certain check points. Now we know why no one has bettered her record!

We are really looking forward to our tour at Travis Air Force Base late in April. The event includes a flight in the C-5 simulator.

by *Jacqui Koukol*

## CHAPTER NEWS, ETC.



Lois DeLay and Ginny Boylls practice making "buttons" to sell at the Strawberry Festival.

#### Palms Chapter

First, THE BIG NEWS! What is undoubtedly one of the smaller 99 chapters has taken a giant step and computerized.

We have acquired an Osborne I, which folds neatly into a briefcase-type carrier, along with a dot matrix printer. The Osborne will be used to score this year's Palms to Pines Air Race, and Claire Gould is currently programming it for this function. It will save considerable time for the scoring team in determining the racers' scores, since it will only be necessary to key in the start and end times of each leg. The Osborne will then automatically perform all necessary calculations, sort the results and print them out! The system is also capable of a variety of other applications and will definitely be put to good use.

Joining us at the March meeting was Sheila Scott, who was taking a break from her US lecture tour to spend some time as Claire Walters' house guest and to polish up her instrument skills. With the storms battering California at the time, Sheila probably couldn't have asked for better instrument conditions!

dent of the Air Race Classic, will be flying in from Las Vegas to draw the four winners of this special raffle, April 24, at our Strawberry Festival.

Besides working and acting as co-chairman for the 1983 Air Race Classic, Mary Pearson finds time to participate in career seminars throughout San Diego County. On March 22, Career Day at Escondido Middle School, Mary told of career opportunities for women in aviation. As FAA pilot examiner, she will participate in a Women in Aviation Safety Seminar in El Cajon. Mary, in addition to operating her own business and acting as pilot examiner, is very generous in her civic activities in promoting aviation and we, as 99s, owe her a tremendous vote of thanks.

by *Vi Pfeiler*

#### Reno Area Chapter

Nineteen eighty-three is the year we will celebrate our chapter's 20th anniversary, as well as our 20th year of participation in the Reno National Championship Air Races.

Thanks to our chapter's participation in last year's Fair to Air parade in Reno, we now have a 30-foot banner we can be proud of. Bob Smith, the pilot of our float, wore a leather helmet, scarf and flying jacket. All the 99s looked very professional in their air race uniforms.

Nellana deGraff and Irene Smith flew to the sectional in Nellana's "99L" and were the first non-air race 99s to arrive at the airport. They

At the Reno National Championship Air Race Headquarters is Bob List, former governor and long-time pilot with Jan Bishop, Nellana deGraff and Sandra Hart.



Guest Audrey Marshall and members Wanda Schramm and Barbara Michaels, above, take a few moments from the evening's activities to relax, while other guests and gamblers, below enjoy San Fernando Valley's Las Vegas Night.





### San Fernando Valley Chapter

Casino de Fly by Night III (also known as Las Vegas Night) was held at the home of member Lilian Holt on February 26.

Aside from all the "gambling" everyone did, we managed to find time to sell hot dogs, chili (which was prepared by various members and friends), cocktails and soft drinks to our guests and members. There were over 100 people at this fun activity, and there was almost one door prize auctioned off for every person in attendance!

For those who are lucky in love but not in gambling (or for those who left early), a super large grab bag was provided from which they could choose a wrapped gift.

Everyone went home a winner! And, of course, our chapter put a nice tidy sum in the treasury.

by Sylvia Sanderson

television crews for afternoon and evening news on Channel 4. At a luncheon after the tour were talks by Congressman Norman Mineta (a student pilot in the Washington, DC area), Peter Giles (president of South County Manufacturing Group), and our member, Jeanne McElhatton (ground school instructor at a local college).

by Kathy Pelta

### Santa Rosa Chapter

"How well prepared are you for an unscheduled landing in a remote area?" was the topic of the Aviation Safety Education Seminar that our chapter co-sponsored with the local Civil Air Patrol and Explorer Scout Troop #134.

There were approximately 120 interested pilots and friends who attended this event. Darryle Bramlette, CAP, shared his survival

Members have enjoyed monthly luncheons in addition to regular business meetings and a lot of hangar flying. Some, notably our chair, have managed to squeeze new ratings into these storm-ridden months.

Our long-planned "yard sale" continues to be postponed by weather; however, spring is at hand! Carole Bryant, committee head, has put us all on one-day notice to turn out as soon as the sun shines.

We are planning another Safety Seminar to be hosted jointly by the Sierra Buttes Chapter and another local group, Golden Empire Flying Club. Topics to be included are in the area of changing requirements when maintaining one's own plane. These seminars always are well attended; it's no small wonder—if you've had the pleasure of sitting in on an FAA program presented by Sacramento GADO's own Bud Anderson, you already know why.

We're looking forward to the section meeting. For many of us it will be our first opportunity to meet others in our section. See you there!

by Vicki Kalman

## CHAPTER NEWS, ETC.

### Santa Clara Valley

Pat Roberts placed first at the annual Hollister Air Meet (HAM) on March 10. Peg Ewert was second, and one of our newest (and youngest) members, Dana Tinker, placed third. The spotlanding competition was patterned after the USPFT meet.

Thirteen planes from the San Jose area made it to Hollister (less than an hour away); seven of the aircraft didn't make it home for two days because of rain and ceiling zero conditions! Rain-soaked judges were Jean Blake of Gavilan Chapter, and SCV 99s Vera Arnold, Debby Cunningham and Verna West.

On March 26 we were luckier, weather-wise, for our 1983 Air Tour. Congress and city and county government people from the area got a guided aerial tour of possible future airport sites and agricultural areas south of San Jose, UTC (a major industry in the mountains east of the city), "Silicon Valley," Stanford University and the salt ponds to the north, and airports in the vicinity, such as Palo Alto, South County and Reid-Hillview.

Peg Ewert and Stella Leis coordinated the day's activities. Nancy Rodgers handled publicity, getting good coverage of the event by

knowledge with us and told of the importances of filing a flight plan and of taking survival equipment on all flights.

Chapter Chairman Sherry Knight talked to the fifth and sixth grade students of Hillcrest School on the history of woman aviators, which was part of the Women in History Week festivities. And 99 Carol Valette made a presentation on a flying career to students, seventh grade through seniors in high school, at Santa Rosa Junior College.

Our calendar of events has been scheduled for the year with fly-ins, air markings and educational activities. The next chapter meeting will include a racing clinic. Jean Schulz, scholarship chairman, will provide additional information to anyone interested in our scholarship program, which includes two \$500 aviation scholarships.

by Betty La Guire

### Sierra Buttes Chapter

If you live in the west, we don't have to tell you what kind of weather we have been experiencing here in the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas. Our toes are starting to web, and there is concern that some of us are developing moss on our north side.

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Santa Paula Chapter members Ruth Buirge, Melody Rich, Sherry Moore, Gail Gross, Martha Esponde and JoNell Kocisco are standing in front of Sherry's and Gail's Cessna 152 which took sixth place in the San Fernando Valley Air Derby.



The Greater Pittsburgh Chapter is sponsoring their eighth annual Allegheny Air Derby at Westmoreland County Airport, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, May 7, with a rain date of Sunday, May 8. Derby time is 12:30 p.m.

The proficiency race is open to all licensed pilots, flying any stock model single engine aircraft of not more than 420 horsepower. A proficiency race is scored on a handicap system. Each aircraft must fly the closest possible to its own predetermined speed and expected fuel consumption. The non-stop course is less than 300 statute miles and will be flown during daylight hours.

This is the fourth year the Allegheny Air Derby will be a computerized race. The Control Data Corporation of Pittsburgh will be donating their time, equipment and personnel to score this race. Control Data personnel will be located in the control tower, allowing for faster scoring and race results.

With the growing interest and enthusiasm among pilots for proficiency racing, this annual derby has grown from 12 participants the first year to nearly 40 in 1982. All guests and visitors are welcome to join us for a good time and competition.

For rules and entry information, send \$3 to Helen Davison, 4011 Dragon Rouge Dr., Gibsonia PA 15044, telephone (412) 443-5124.

## PITTSBURGH'S ALLEGHENY AIR DERBY VIII SLATED FOR MAY 8

# Air Racing News

At headquarters for the Air Race Classic in Thomasville, Georgia, Marian Banks, former chairman of the Power Puff Derby, drew numbers for takeoff in the 1983 event. Marian, who is co-chairman for the start, pulled out the first slip and announced that Anna Kate Hipp and Merry Robertson would be first in line on June 24.

Both Anna and Merry are from Greenville, South Carolina, and have been handling publicity for the ARC. They will be flying a Cessna 172 in this, their fourth ARC.

Second to be drawn was Susan Maule, granddaughter of the Maule manufacturer in Moultrie, Georgia, who will be flying (of course) a Maule M5. Copilot will be IFR-rated nurse Gary Wheeler, a frequent racer from Greenville, South Carolina. In her fifth ARC, Dodie Gann will be #3 for takeoff. Dodie is the wife of favorite author Ernie Gann and, because of persistent morning weather at her home in Friday Harbor, Washington, calls her Wing Derringer the "Noon Balloon." Copilot #3 will be Ilovene Potter, many-rated racing veteran from Federal Way, Washington.

Gini Richardson, Yakima, Washington, who raced in 24 Powder Puff Derbies and won in 1971, will take #4. Gini has more than 24,000 hours with ATP and instructor ratings. Copilot Marian Banks is also ATP rated and won the PPD in 1972.

Another familiar figure will be #5, 30,000-hour pilot Margaret Ringenberg, Graybill, Indiana, flying her Mooney M20G. Flight instructor Pat Hyde, Fayetteville, Arkansas, will copilot.

The race will follow an exciting course of 2,288 miles from Gillespie Field in San Diego County, California, to Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Of the first-day entries, the starting 10 were all former ARC racers: Tookie Hensley, #6, Riverside, California, with Janice Hoffman of Redlands, California; Elizabeth Dinan and copilot Melinda Lyon, Bel Air, California, #7; Pam Vander Linden and Kay Brick, Fallbrook, California, #8 (Kay is a former WASP and long-time chairman of the PPD); #9, ARC's Route Director and Program Editor Pauline Glasson, who has flown 24 PPDs and every ARC, with copilot Donna Golden, publisher of the official race program. Diane Shaw, Rio Grande, New Jersey, and copilot Genie Ray O'Keyyle will take #10. Genie was terminus chairman in 1982 when the race ended in her hometown, Knoxville, Tennessee. Bob Stevens, well known aviation cartoonist and author, will be the honorary race starter, while Brad Pearson will be the official starter.

Entries close April 8. Deadline to finish is June 27. The awards banquet will be held June 29 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. Winnie Duperow, chairman for the terminus, was also terminus chairman for the PPD in 1975. What fortitude!

Drawing numbers for takeoff are Marian Banks and ARC Director Esther Lowry.



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