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Suzanne Skeeters, Palomar — Boeing 737
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New Horizons

Sylvia E. Lee

The Indiana Chapter has been shocked and saddened by the February 25 aircraft accident that claimed the lives of Sylvia and Morris Lee. According to reports, the fatal crash apparently occurred a few minutes after they took off in their twin engine Cessna 310 from the White County Airport in Monticello, Indiana.

Sylvia had been a chapter member since the fall of 1976, and she held a commercial license with multiengine and instrument ratings, receiving most of her training from her CFI husband.

Our sincerest sympathies go to the family of these two, who always seemed happy and positive in anything they did together. Due to her professional duties as a registered nurse, Sylvia was unable to get involved in many chapter activities, but she will be remembered as a loyal 99 with her chapter's best interests at heart.

*by Anne Black
North Central Section
Indiana Chapter*

Zee Witham

May I add my condolences to those of Betty Ambrose on the sudden death of Zee Witham of the Flame Lily Chapter?

I was lucky enough to visit Zimbabwe in 1982, during which time Zee extended great warmth and hospitality to me and my husband. She arranged flying visits to other 99s throughout Zimbabwe and South Africa, and everywhere we went it was obvious that Zee had done a lot of "comm" work to make things work smoothly.

As a visiting 99, I was so impressed with her sincere warmth and efficiency — a great lady we shall dearly miss.

*by Yvonne Trueman
British Section
P.O. Box 26926, Bahrain, Arabian Gulf*

Calendar

MAY

May 11-12: Spring North Central Sectional, Ramada Inn, South Bend, Indiana. Hosted by Indiana Dunes Chapter.

May 18-20: Spring New York-New Jersey Sectional, Vista Hotel, World Trade Center.

May 18-20: Hayward to Las Vegas Proficiency Air Race, open to licensed private pilots. Awards party at the Imperial Palace Hotel with \$500 first prize, 15 trophies and specialty awards. Hayward, Bakersfield and Las Vegas Valley Chapters assisting. Entry kits, \$3.50, from Hayward Air Race Committee, 20301 Skywest Dr., Hayward CA 94541; call Lou Chianese, (415) 581-2345, ext. 5285.

May 25-27: 15th Annual Illi-Nines Air Derby, open to men and women pilots, Quad-City Airport, Moline, Illinois. Proficiency and speed categories; experimental aircraft welcome in proficiency category. Race kits, \$3, from Rita Adams, 61 Cumberland Dr., Lincolnshire IL 60015, (312) 945-0915.

May 26: Poker Derby; rain date, June 2. Hosted by Greater Winnipeg Chapter. Terminus, St. Andrews.

May 27: Poker Run; rain date, June 3. Hosted by Canadian Rockies Chapter. Terminus, Kelowna.

May 31-Jun. 2: National USPFT Competition, De Queen, Arkansas.

May 31: The 99 NEWS deadline for July-August issue.

JUNE

Jun. 9: 12th Annual Garden State 300, sponsored by Garden State Chapter, Mercer County Airport, Trenton, New Jersey. 300-sm proficiency contest (shorter course for slower aircraft) open to all licensed pilots. Cash prizes and trophies. Entry deadline, May 15. Entry kits, \$5 (deductible from entry fee), payable to Garden State 300, from Racquel McNeil, 50 Tarrytown Rd., Englishtown NJ 07726.

Jun. 9: First Annual Poker Run/Treasure Hunt sponsored by West Virginia Mountaineer Chapter begins at 1000 at Clarksburg, West Virginia airport. \$50 first prize. Contact Chairman Morgan Hapeman, 811 Worthington Dr., Bridgeport WV 26330, (304) 842-6813.

Jun. 15-17: Buckeye Air Rally, a one-day flying event of less than 250 sm, Wood County Airport, Bowling Green, Ohio. Race kits, \$3, from 1984 BAR, 117 Queensland Blvd., Perrysburg OH 43551, (419) 874-5996.

Jun. 27-30: Air Race Classic, Pasco, Washington to Gainesville, Georgia. \$20,000 prize money. Contact ARC Headquarters, Pat Jetton, P.O. Box 1343, Crested Butte CO 81224. Initial fee, \$10; annual dues, \$7.50.

Jun. 25-28: Ninth Annual International Flying Nurses Association Convention, Las Vegas Hilton, Las Vegas, Nevada. Contact Darlene Sredl, P.O. Box 1247, Ballwin MO 63011.

Jun. 30: No deadline for The 99 NEWS.

JULY

Jul. 14-15: Lakelair Airshow '84 hosted by the Mount St. Helens Chapter, Olympia Airport, Olympia, Washington. Barbecue and camping at airport, July 14; airshow, July 15. Contact Carolyn Savage, (206) 352-4212.

Jul. 27-29: Forest of Friendship ceremonies, Atchison, Kansas. Send reservations to the 99s, P.O. Box 99-AE, Atchison KS 66002. (See March 1984 99 NEWS for additional information.)

Jul. 31: The 99 NEWS deadline for September issue.

AUGUST

Aug. 3-5: Northwest Sectional, Homer, Alaska.

Aug. 6-10: International Convention, Anchorage, Alaska.

Aug. 31: The 99 NEWS deadline for October issue.

SEPTEMBER

Sep. 8: Capitol Proficiency Race sponsored by the Washington, D.C. Chapter, Dulles International Airport, open to all aircraft. Entry kits, \$3, from Gerda I. Ruhnke, 11560 Rolling Green Ct., #300, Reston VA 22091, (703) 476-5845. Deadline, September 1.

Sep. 21-22: Mile High Air Derby sponsored by Colorado Chapter, 400-mile speed race beginning in Denver and ending at Baca Grande Resort in San Luis Valley. First prize, \$1,000; prizes and trophies for first three places, additional leg and door prizes. Entry kits, \$3, P.O. Box 461, Broomfield CO 80020.

Sep. 30: The 99 NEWS deadline for November issue.

NOTAM

"For the Fun of It," a 40-minute narrated presentation of 194 slides, is now available to Canadian 99s without having to pay duty.

Cost of rental is \$15 plus return postage through Betty Jane Schermerhorn, who will be responsible for rental.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by International President Marilyn Copeland

The heart of any magazine is its editor. The link that is forged between subject matter and reader provides the primary contact that supports the life of the publication. The best editors blend knowledge, editing skill, writing ability, design sense and an intuitive eye for the important stories.

In light of the editor's importance, we are extremely fortunate to have Lu Hollander as our editor. Lu has over 20 years of experience in the graphic arts. She received a bachelor of arts degree in commercial art from North Texas University in Denton. For seven years, she was a production artist in customer relations for Taylor Publishing Company, the nation's largest yearbook publishing firm, in Dallas. Since moving to Oklahoma City, she has served as a yearbook consultant for high schools and colleges as well as doing free-lance artwork for several companies.

Lu has built a record of which she should be proud. She designed and produced the *History of The Ninety-Nines*, a 552-page volume, in 1979. Lu has worked many hours at 99 Headquarters as an archivist organizing and cataloging records. She is presently serving as Oklahoma Chapter chairman. She and her husband, Byron, share an interest in flying their Rockwell 112TC, N999LH.

In addition to the editor, our 99 NEWS staff also includes editorial assistants Nema Masonhall and Nancy Smith, who volunteer hundreds of hours each year. Nema has been termed indispensable by her co-workers. She joined the 99s in 1941 and has always been an active member, including consecutive attendance at over 50 section meetings. Nema lives in Minco, Oklahoma with her low-handicap golfer husband, Mase, and travels to Headquarters several times a week to contribute her time to various 99 projects. Nancy Smith has held most chapter offices as well as serving as governor of the South Central Section. Like many other 99s, she has worked in aviation businesses and is an FAA safety counselor. She shares flying interests with her pilot husband, Dick. Son Cary, an aviation safety inspector — airworthiness, maintains the Cessna 182, N99NJ, which Nancy owns jointly with Jan Million.

Jan immediately preceded Lu as editor of *The 99 NEWS* and is now a contributing editor. She is a veteran pilot and journalist who has her master's degree plus advanced work toward her doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Oklahoma. Jan presently works as assistant budget director at the FAA Academy. She and her husband, E.Z., have two sons who are college students.

Norma Vandergriff is our advertising director. She has a bachelor of science degree in technical education in aviation and business. Norma has been an active 99 since 1968 and has flown as PIC through Central America, the US, Canada and Alaska. She has her own grass strip as well as a Cessna 210, N99NV. Norma and I suggest that 99 members never miss the opportunity to thank advertisers in *The 99 NEWS* for their support, as well as placing orders for airplanes and accessories and patronizing service institutions and businesses.

A new 99 information hand-out has been produced by Marie Christensen, public relations chairman, with artwork by professional artist and North Dakota Chapter Chairman Jan Kelleher. These hand-outs are available from Headquarters for the cost of printing and mailing (see notam on this page).

What a delight it was to go flying, accomplish a charitable project and receive easy publicity for the 99s. This was the outcome for 10 Kansas 99 planes that participated in the Daffodil Flights for the American Cancer Society. I loaded lots of boxes of the beautiful yellow buds (500 per box) in our Lance and enjoyed an afternoon meeting people over the state.

The National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton has selected the

99s to receive the 1984 Spirit of Flight Award in Dayton. This prestigious honor is presented to one organization each year for outstanding accomplishments in aviation and space over a number of years. Ninety-Nines and guests who are interested in attending the July 21 black tie affair may secure reservations (\$65) through the Dayton Convention and Exhibition Center, Dayton OH 45402.

Even with this recognition, an organization as great as ours cannot stand still. Our membership is noticeably growing due to the efforts of all our members to "Seek & Keep" — even in a recession period. Good leadership with pre-set goals will continue to accomplish success. It is my deepest desire that we keep flying and not let the media or governing agencies convince us otherwise. We are the 99s, who, since November 2, 1929, have established a history that gives us a positive position to not only help our members but work with all general aviation, to keep it safe, accessible and enjoyable.

NOTAM

New Ninety-Nine hand-out flyers are available through International Headquarters for \$2 per pad of 100. They are prepared in pads of 100 to prevent them from "flying away" during outdoor events.

These flyers tell all about the 99s and were developed by Marie Christensen and illustrated by Jan Kelleher.

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NOTAM

Africa South Section Governor Val Humphreys and her husband plan to fly commercially to Oshkosh for the EAA Convention, then rent a plane to fly to Anchorage and back. They would like to offer two seats to anyone who would like to share expenses.

Val and Ken earned their licenses in the US, and she now holds a number of ratings with over 7,000 hours of flying time.

If you are interested, write to Val Humphreys, Box 2127, Nelspruit, South Africa 1200, telephone 01311-23928.

The following safety education report was submitted by Ramona O. Young of Pascagoula, Mississippi. Ramona is chairman of the Mississippi Chapter and serves as safety education chairman for her chapter and the Southeast Section. In March of this year, she was appointed an accident prevention counselor. This article explains what one chapter is doing to further aviation safety.

"State of Safety" is the name of a statewide safety program being organized in Mississippi. Safety seminars are being held on the second Tuesday of each month at 1900 hours at various locations.

"State of Safety" is working with the existing FAA Accident Prevention Program, which is a cooperative safety endeavor of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the general aviation community to reduce aircraft accidents.

We know that most general aviation accidents simply should not have happened. A high percentage are the result of one or a combination of the following factors: (1) a lack of basic knowledge and skills of airmen, (2) a complacent attitude toward safety and/or (3) flight hazards associated with the aviation environment.

In Mississippi, the "State of Safety" program has so far involved the FAA accident prevention specialist, several ac-

Safety education

99s RESPOND TO S.O.S.

cident prevention counselors, Civil Air Patrol, 99s, two EAA chapters and an IAC chapter. All persons and organizations that participate in the program send letters of commitment to the state FAA accident prevention specialist. A "State of Safety" bulletin is mailed by his office quarterly to each FBO, airport manager and airman within the state indicating places where meetings will be held and the

sponsoring person or organization.

The "State of Safety" program does not exclude other days or times for safety meetings to be held; however, it is starting a system of consistent meetings on safety in Mississippi. Other meeting places and times should also be submitted to the APS for distribution.

Accident Prevention Counselor Obie S. Young of Pascagoula initiated this program and comments, "The 'State of Safety' program being organized in Mississippi is a big step in improving aviation safety." Young has sponsored safety seminars once a month at the Jackson County Airport in Pascagoula for several years and will continue them in conjunction with this program. His wife and newly appointed APC, Ramona Young, has assisted in the promotion of this program.

"State of Safety" is just one example of promoting safety. Perhaps you have answered an "S.O.S." in your chapter that could be a benefit to others. If you have an idea or suggestion, share it with other chapters by sending it to your section safety education chairman for inclusion in her newsletter or report to the chapters.

NOTAM

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Meetings

DEEP SOUTH CHAPTER
SOUTHEAST SECTION

Aviation and Space Education in Service to Mankind

by Betty Jane Schermerhorn

We were very proud of two 99s who presented papers to the Congress.

Dr. Hope Isaacson, Minnesota Chapter, traced the history of the 99s. Her slide presentation proceeded from our beginnings to show how the activities of the 99s today fit the theme of the conference, "Aviation and Space Education in Service to Mankind." Few of the attendees of the Congress, who came from all over the world, knew much about the 99s or our work in aerospace and safety education or of our service to mankind with daffodil flights for the Cancer Society or flights with blood for the Red Cross.

Chanda Budhabhatti, governor of the India Section, presented an overview of flying in India with particular emphasis on the story of women pilots in her country. Her talk was punctuated with the difficulties she personally encountered in becoming a pilot — from the opposition of her family to the reluctance of flying schools to admit women students. Chanda was presented with an Award of Merit in recognition of her work in support of aviation and aerospace education in India.

It is amazing how many facets of aviation fit the conference theme. Topics range from the development of air cargo services and remote sensing and radar images as applied to crop growth, to the use of aircraft in spraying operations for crop and animal disease or pest control.

Emerging nations are heavily dependent on aircraft for medical, educational and communication purposes. Small nations see a financial need to pool their resources of maintenance shops, mechanics and training facilities. They are finding this difficult due to traditional cultural patterns.

The World Aerospace Education Congress is doing a magnificent job of bringing knowledge of all these subjects to one place so that delegates from any nation in the world may learn and take the knowledge home to share with their fellow countrymen.



Hope Isaacson



Chanda Budhabhatti

AVIATION ACTIVITIES

by Clara Johansen

How about air racing as an activity?

I'm no authority on air racing, but after a flight at 9,500 feet, roughly 8,500 feet AGL with a tail wind of 22 knots, I caught a feeling of what air racing must be all about.

It was a routine flight, one made twice weekly, a distance of 179 statute miles. I had checked winds aloft, and when FSS announced 9,000/300°/22K, I thought, "Since my direction of flight is 120°, why not let the wind help my 172 Skyhawk along a bit?" I climbed to 9,500, and as the little towns sped by on this familiar route, I knew my total time for the trip would be cut considerably from other times. What fun to get help from the elements!

There's a lot more to air racing than catching a good tail wind, but what satisfaction to racers to meet the challenges of the variables and enjoy the company of fellow racers!

With so many types of air races, surely one will best suit your chapter or you individually.

So you don't know anything about air racing? Read the "Air Racing News" in most issues of *The 99 NEWS* and go back to some of the previous issues like September 1982 or January-February 1983 and re-read what Merry Robertson and Juanita Blumberg wrote about why you may not yet be air racing.

What? You haven't saved your past issues of *The 99 NEWS*? Our slim, trim *NEWS* is so packed full of information — its value more than outweighs the space it takes to save. Read it, save it and re-read it! The March 1984 issue carries Jerry Conners' article, "Air Race," on the inside back cover.

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Seek & Keep

by Charlene Falkenberg

"We have members we never see! What can we do about this?"

Is this a familiar statement? Have you as a chapter and a 99 really tried to work on the problem?

Maybe you say that there is nothing to be done, but there is always a solution to a problem — sometimes it just takes time and effort to surface.

Are your programs interesting? No one — and especially a 99 who is already an exceptionally busy person — wants to spend time wastefully.

Are your programs versatile? Everyone isn't interested in the same subjects. Why not try breaking your programs down into categories? In the winter months when good weather is scarce, emphasize safety and educational programs. Springtime brings thoughts of getting to the airport again and bringing in new members. Have a "March for Membership" meeting, a seminar open to the public using the talents of every member of the chapter or a program on air racing. Summer comes and we all want to get into the air. Have a chapter air rally, poker run or fly-in. End summer or start fall with a fun event like a pool-picnic meeting.

We stress education and safety, but no fun makes Jill a dull girl. Take time during the year to have a social meeting once or twice. The Christmas party is a good time.

There are other activities good year-round. Visit an Air Force Base or a college with aviation courses. Have a local historian give a program on historical facts regarding your locality. Plan a brunch or achievement awards banquet. Ask a local ground instructor to give a program such as "IFR Charts for VFR Pilots," "Brushing Up on the Computer," "Stepping up to a Complex Airplane" or "Getting Your Biennial Flight Review." Plan workshops on "How to Speak on Careers." Possible speakers include FAA doctors, ATC controllers, accident prevention specialists, International directors or committee chairmen or a military expert on survival. Money-making programs can be a box lunch auction or an aviation seminar.

Have a sharing time at your meeting. Each person takes a few seconds to relate activities during the past month. New members and guests take this time to introduce themselves.

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99 PHOTO CONTEST

Sporty's Pilot Shop in Batavia, Ohio will sponsor a photo contest for 99s. The winner's photo will be featured on the cover of the November or January issue of Sporty's catalog. In addition, Sporty's will grant \$500 to the winner and another \$500 to the 99s.

The subject matter of the photo must promote the theme of "Women in Aviation." All entries must be 35mm or 2 1/4" color slides. Entries should be mailed to the 99 Photo Contest, Sporty's Pilot Shop, Clermont Airport, Batavia OH 45103, by August 31. Entrants who would like to have their slides returned must include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. The winning slide becomes the property of Sporty's Pilot Shop.

Put your thinking caps on and get your shutters clicking to find a unique way of showing the real spirit of women who fly. Perhaps you already have a slide or photo that will be the winner — or our Alaska Convention should provide you with some excellent ideas. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote the 99s, women in aviation and your photographic ability.

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FOCUS ON USPFT

by Verna West

The sponsorship of the United States Precision Flight (USPFT) Team has been a part of the Ninety-Nines since November 1981, when the resolution was passed by the Board of Directors during Janet Green's administration.

International aeronautical competitions are conducted under rules set forth by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI). Most countries in the world have a National Aero Club that is a member of the Federation and sponsors the precision flying competitions. In the USA, the Ninety-Nines have been designated by the NAC to sponsor the series of rallies which enable us to select a team. The Ninety-Nines in New Zealand and women pilots in Spain have been sent copies of the materials used in the USA which can serve as a guide toward

their possible participation in the 1985 World Championships. We hope Ninety-Nine chapters worldwide will be involved with the teams from their countries. Could there be a woman on every team?

The selection of a team to represent the United States at the World Championships is, of course, an important part of the commitment of the Ninety-Nines. The desire to compete at an international level may be limited to a few people, but the rallies provide an opportunity for all of us to share in a project that focuses attention on international women pilots that has been missing since the demise of the Powder Puff Derby.

The local rallies satisfy many of the reasons the Ninety-Nines exist — to emphasize safe flying techniques, learn new skills, provide a service to the general flying public, make new friends and work together with both men and women pilots in a project that can focus attention and promote good will for your local airport.

By the time you read this, most of the local rallies and some of the seven regional rallies leading to the 1984 US National Championships in De Queen, Arkansas, May 31-June 2, will have been completed. The United States has been invited to compete in the European Championships in Ireland in August. We expect to send the winner from De Queen to represent the USA. If your chapter held a rally, you may be one of the competitors in Arkansas!

Chapters are already beginning to plan rallies which will start the cycle for 1985.

As we hope all Ninety-Nines know by now, the 1985 World Precision Flying Championships will be held in August in Kissimmee, Florida. All of the Council members are working hard to ensure our guests a warm welcome and well organized competition. Since several of us observed the super job done in Norway, we think we can do even better.



En route to the USPFT meet in Pat's Mooney are Judge Pat Roberts and Santa Clara Valley Chapter Chairman Mayetta Behringer.



Santa Clara Valley Chapter Chairman Bayetta Behringer and USPFT Chairman Diane Little paint wooden blocks used to mark distances along the runway for spot landings.

Hazel Jones and Pat Roberts went to the FAI General Aviation Committee meeting in Spain in February. Our invitation to Florida was again presented. Rules, basically the same as used in Norway, which will be used in Florida, were approved. Hazel and Pat were designated international judges — the first women so honored!

The World Precision Flying Championship is the "Olympics" of general aviation. Ninety-Nines have the potential for reaching a far greater number of possible team members than many of the sports represented in Sarajevo. There were no women directly involved with putting on the competition in Norway, so we have a real opportunity to show the world what women pilots can accomplish.

NOTAM

Canadian Charts for Anchorage Convention are available from AOPA or the Canadian Map Office, Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, 615 Booth St., Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0E9 (must be prepaid in Canadian funds by money order payable to Receiver General of Canada).

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(LE 3/4 and LE 5/8)	
Terminal Chart	7.50
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Also recommended:

Flying the Alaska Highway, a supplementary chart package available for \$10.00 (US) from B.C. 99 Kate Merry.

WAC charts may be used for navigation in the Prairies, but Sectionals are essential for the mountainous terrain. Practice in map reading skills is most important as Nav-Aids are limited in northern Canada.

Members of the British Columbia Chapter are delighted to assist pilots, but would appreciate knowing their intended Airport of Entry and approximate date of arrival. West Coast Airports of Entry are Vancouver International, Boundary Bay and Abbotsford; Boundary Bay or Abbotsford are recommended as being less busy and having no landing fee.

For further information, contact May Primeau, #333, 3364 Marquette Crescent, Vancouver, B.C., V5S 4K4, (604) 430-2902 (evenings), or Joan Lynum, 10996 Lawrie Crescent, Delta, B.C., V4E 1G7, (604) 596-7360



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ALASKA — See you in August!



Scene on Prince William Sound. Photo by Alasca

Commercial fishing vessel near Cordova. Photo by Alasca



Portage Lake with floating icebergs. Photo by Alasca

Whether you are driving, flying commercially or flying your own airplane, once you get to Anchorage, you are only half way to Alaska. Our beloved Anchorage has grown up. Out of the dust of its youth as a tent city on Ship Creek, it has grown to include the tall buildings of steel and glass mirrored to reflect the beauty of the surrounding mountains. Alaska is a land of contrasts. And Anchorage is only half of the story. The rest of Alaska lies just outside its doorstep.

Within a few minutes, you can begin to see the rest of Alaska by either driving or flying south along the Seward Highway. Alyeska Ski Resort lies about 40 miles southeast along Turnagain Arm of Cook Inlet. Summertime activities include lift rides up the side of Mt. Alyeska with a view that is sure to take your breath away. From Girdwood where Alyeska is located, continue to drive another 20 miles to Portage Glacier where you can occasionally reach out and touch the icebergs which have calved from the glacier.

Now you have a choice to make. You can either board the Alaska Railroad (car and all) to make the half-hour journey through the tunnel to Whittier or you may continue on the Seward Highway. We'll take the northern route first.

Whittier is a tiny community located in a fjord in western Prince William Sound. Here you may board an Alaska state ferry (also known as the Alaska Marine Highway) or other available commercial tour boats for a trip through the Sound, past Columbia Glacier (a big one!) and into the port of Valdez, terminus of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. During the few hours you will be aboard the ferry, you may see seals, whales, birds and other varieties of wildlife.

At Valdez, you may choose to drive off the ferry and remain overnight. Then a drive through Copper Center, Glennallen and back to Anchorage is well worth six hours. This route parallels the pipeline to Glennallen and then turns west through Chickaloon Pass, by the Matanuska Glacier and the farming lands of the Matanuska Valley and into Anchorage. The round-trip is two days.

Instead of disembarking the ferry at Valdez, you may want to continue to the fishing community of Cordova, accessible only by ferry or air. Then you may backtrack on the ferry to Whittier or go to Valdez then on to Seward on the Kenai Peninsula. Seward is a 127-mile drive or 35-minute flight from Anchorage on the highway beyond Portage and through beautiful mountains. Near the highway

are numerous rivers and streams rich with salmon. Moose, bear, sheep and fox are abundant but well camouflaged in the heavily forested lands. Sightseeing and sport fishing are available in Seward.

Down another branch of the highway, you'll pass through Kenai, Soldotna and Ninilchik on your way to Homer. Kenai and Soldotna sit at the center of some of the best salmon fishing areas in the state. During the spring and summer months when fish are running, every stream in the area is carpeted with wall-to-wall people.

Further down the road is Clam Gulch where a low tide will find many folks scrambling to dig those delicious Alaskan clams. And a short distance from there is Ninilchik, a small, scenic, primarily Russian-speaking village, which sits right down next to the inlet and is home to many fishermen. One popular subject for photographers is the tiny Russian Orthodox church perched high on the hilltop overlooking the village.

When you finally round the hill and get a view of Homer, you will catch your breath! Kachemak Bay, surrounded by glacier-coated mountains and punctuated with tiny islands and the Homer spit (a thin finger of land extending out into the bay), is definitely one of the loveliest sights in the world! This is the setting for the Northwest Sectional, hosted by the Cook Inlet and Midnight Sun Chapters, August 3-5, immediately preceding the Convention. For more information, contact Ruth Jacobs, P.O. Box 237, Anchor Point AK 99556, (907) 235-8007.

Good runways (uncontrolled) are available at Seward and Valdez. Cordova has a 1,900-foot airstrip near town and a 7,500-foot strip 13 miles outside of town. There is a good deal of over-water flying involved in a direct flight from Anchorage to Valdez and Cordova, and potential emergency landing areas are very few since the mountains plunge into the Sound, usually without benefit of a beach. For schedules and complete information about the Alaska Marine Highway System and the Alaska Railroad, contact Travel Enterprises at (800) 544-2207 (from the lower 49) or (907) 561-5030 (from Canada, Alaska or overseas). Or you may contact the Alaska Marine Highway, Pouch R, Juneau AK 99811, (907) 465-3941 in Juneau, (907) 272-7116 in Anchorage, (206) 623-1970 in Seattle, or Bonnie Prudence at the Alaska Railroad, Pouch 7-2111, Anchorage AK 99510, (907) 265-2685.

by Liz Gilbert

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WESTERN CANADA SECTION

British Columbia Chapter

Chapter fund-raising got off to a good start this year with our Second Annual Manure Sale in March. With the help of Alison and Jim Jeffery, Joan Lynum and her son, Myra and Lorne MacLure and May Primeau, over \$350 was raised.

Congratulations are in order for Chairman May Primeau, who was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the Pacific Flying Club in Vancouver. Many of our chapter members are also members of the Pacific Flying Club, and we're all certain May will do a fine job.

Writer Judy Hess just returned from three weeks of touring Arizona and California (by car, unfortunately), and spent a full afternoon at the San Diego Aerospace Museum. She was most impressed by the fine work on the Ninety-Nines' display done by our Southwest Section members, and she plans a presentation on the museum at the next chapter meeting.

by Judith B. Hess

Saskatchewan Chapter

Seminars were attended by members in both Regina and Saskatoon, when 99s took advantage of a great January 27-28 session provided by the Saskatchewan Flying Farmers. Also CASARA (Canadian Forces Rescue Coordination Centre, Edmonton) held a January 19 presentation on Search and Rescue at the Regina Flying Club.

Mary Pyne attended a MedeVac Seminar in connection with her position with the Department of Health in northern Saskatchewan. June Mills and Mildred Beamish attended a lecture on survival patterns February 7 at the Cutknife Flying Club. The chapter honored International Flying Farmer Queen Eileen Hampson with a plaque at this event.

by Nadine Cooper

MIDDLE EAST SECTION

Central Pennsylvania Chapter

Our March 10 meeting was held at the Williamsport Airport. A student pilot and prospective member, Mary Jo Johnson, was introduced by Alice Fuchs.

The chapter will not be holding a USPFT regional meet, as the Williamsport Airport is having resurfacing work done and cannot handle a competition.

We are already busy planning our part of the 1985 Convention in Baltimore. The tentative program looks intriguing! (An insomniac tour?)

Our April meeting will be held a week late, April 21, at Selinsgrove Airport, followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant.



After Central Pennsylvania members air mark the Jersey Shore Airport (above), the finished job is viewed from the air (below).



In February, Martie Pool and Margaret Wellington flew to Lancaster for lunch in Margaret's Cherokee 180. They also went in Cherokee 41L to "Lunch with the Bunch" in Reading.

The chapter is saddened with Mine Edwards at the death of 49^{er} James.

Roni Johnson has moved to Florida and is now chairman of the Florida Suncoast Chapter.

by Margaret Wellington

Potomac Chapter

The chapter's St. Patrick's Day Poker Run was won by Alice Krick, who must have had the luck of the Irish with her. Contestants included Washington, D.C., Capitol District and Maryland Chapter members. Thanks go to Marcia and Steve Hiltabiddle, who devoted much time and effort to organizing the money-making affair for us. The poker run was followed by a chapter meeting and lunch at Bay Bridge Airport.

Marty Goppert and Pat Garner conducted a March 7 aerospace education tour of Balti-

more-Washington International Airport. Forty high school students from Frederick, Maryland saw a film on aviation careers and toured airport operations. Marty and Pat were assisted by Ellen Young, an Eastern Airlines ticket agent.

Carol Roberts gave us a very special March 30 tour of the flight data recorder, voice recorder and metallurgy labs at NTSB. Carol, who is chief of the Laboratory Services Division, showed us recent improvements in the analysis capabilities at NTSB. These included computer reconstruction of the radar view of flights, sophisticated noise filters for cockpit voice recorders and a scanning electron microscope to analyze aircraft components in minute detail. Paul Turner and Spencer Phillips, who work in the cockpit voice recorder and metallurgy labs, respectively, helped Carol make it a fascinating two-hour tour. We had lunch afterward at the Flagship restaurant, where Marcy Deckelbaum told us about her new job as first officer with Suburban Airlines in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Marcy is flying Short 330s and 360s.

We welcomed two new members this month. Polly Demuth is a flight instructor at Freeway Airport in Bowie, Maryland, and Jane Ward is a docent with the National Air and Space Museum.

by Marilyn DonCarlos

Washington, D.C. Chapter

Many of us, dressed in bright kelly green, joined in a March 17 St. Patrick's Day potluck supper at the contemporary home of Ed and Beverly Sharp in Reston, Virginia. Enjoying a delicious spread from home-baked bread to Irish coffee were coordinator Betty Fisher, Minnie Gallman, Gerda Ruhnke, Rosemary Doud, Hedy Jaffe, Laura Zerener, Fran Wehman, Joan and George Stalk, Thelma and Verle Johnson, Katie Lou Webb and Webb and Lin Clayberg.

March 21 at the Clinton, Maryland library, FAA Accident Prevention Counselor Gerda Ruhnke, assisted by Lin Clayberg, presented for the sixth time "Crisis in the Sky," the slide account of their forced landing January 13, 1983 and Gerda's successful takeoff in the Turbo Arrow five weeks later from a snowy county road near Port Royal, Virginia. A standing room crowd of over 125 pilots and guests, including chapter member Maureen Long, participated in this FAA Safety Seminar organized by fellow chapter member and Accident Prevention Counselor Ellen Bowie.

Eleven members and three guests welcomed 1985 Convention Chairman Joan Bates to our business meeting at Minnie Gallman's townhouse in McLean March 28 to discuss her helpful suggestions concerning our AE Luncheon and plans for the Convention in Baltimore.

by Lin Clayberg

New England Section

March 1 was a very exciting day for Muriel Morrissey, Amelia Earhart's sister, the New England Section and District 1 of Zonta International. The new General Aviation Terminal at Logan Airport was dedicated and named for Amelia Earhart. Many Ninety-Nines and Zontians were in attendance, including Billie Downing, governor of the New England Section and Dorothy Elizabeth Tucker, governor of District 1 of Zonta.

A most impressive program was held with Muriel speaking, along with Grace McGuire, whose plans for flying a Lockheed Electra 10E around the world on the same course Amelia was using are going great. She plans to leave Miami July 1 in the "Muriel."

Many beautiful pictures of Amelia adorn the building, and a plaque commemorating her and the terminal was unveiled. Muriel and Rosemary Doud from the Washington, D.C. Chapter presented a picture of Amelia's plane, which was framed together with a piece of fabric from that type.

The building is very beautiful — so when you fly in to Logan be sure and either use it or come and see it!!

by Billie Downing



Millie Doremus, Maria Spellenberg, Shirley Dobson-Gilroy, Grace McGuire, Billie Downing, Jean Batchelder and Carol Stites pause in front of the Amelia Earhart General Aviation Terminal, Logan Airport, Boston, Massachusetts.

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

Eastern New England Chapter

We may be relatively small, but we are most awfully mighty! Since September of 1983, we have pinned several new members and seen the return of many strayed 99s.

The tower at Boston's Logan Airport is the world's tallest. We were fortunate enough to tour this facility March 10, under the able guidance of Walter McConnell, head tower teacher, and Tom Glenn, controller. These men gave us the royal tour, taking a lot of time explaining the facility to us.

We are planning two future air markings, one at New Bedford, Massachusetts and one at Chatham on good ole Cape Cod.

Our new slate of officers will be presented in April with elections taking place at our annual May meeting.

by Jean Doherty

NY - NJ SECTION

Greater New York Chapter

The chapter joins President Reagan in congratulating Pat Blum for her Corporate Angel Network (CAN) program, designed to give cancer patients in need of transportation the use of empty seats on corporate aircraft.

Pat will be presented the President's Volunteer Action Award at a May 7 luncheon at the White House.

Daughters of Heaven, a play by Shelley Fitze, made its New York debut in the presence of Greater New York and Long Island Chapter members. Eleanor Friede, Ruth Wentz, Penny Amabile, Marion Andrews, Julie Talbert, Lise LaPrelle, Barbara Evans and Doris Abbate attended the play after a pre-theater dinner at Eleanor's home. The play's cast of characters includes Louise (McPhetridge von) Thaden, Amelia Earhart, Ruth Nichols, Blanche Noyes, Gladys O'Donnell and Vera Dawn. The first act covers the 1929 Women's Air Derby, and the second act spans the 1936 Bendix Air Race. *Daughters of Heaven* had its world premiere last April in Houston.

by Julie Talbert

Hudson Valley Chapter

The chapter held their March meeting at Sullivan International Airport. Guest speaker was Grace McGuire, who plans to follow the original course around the world planned by Amelia Earhart. "Project Destiny," as her trip has been named, will begin in Miami, then to South America, Dakar, North Central Africa, India, Thailand, New Guinea, Hawaii, Oakland and back to Miami. A 1935 Lockheed Electra 10E (same type of plane Amelia used) is now in the process of being restored. Dead reckoning and celestial navigation, plus the exact amount of fuel and instruments in the original flight, will be duplicated. It took two years to locate a duplicate plane, and replacement parts are scarce.

if all goes well, the flight will be scheduled toward the end of this year and will cost \$2 million.

by M. Matthews



With guest speaker Grace McGuire (third from left) are Hudson Valley Chapter members Mary Matthews, June Simpson, B. Loughman, H. Lowe (front row), N. Goring, Helen Moffat, Pat Barone, Mary Sealfon, G. Coles and M. Black (back row).

Long Island Chapter

The chapter is gearing up for a very busy April 14 USPFT Local Rallye. Under the leadership of Co-Chairmen Doris Abbate and Barbara Evans, many meetings have been held with both committee chairmen and the full committees. The first and second place winners of the upcoming USPFT on Long Island will be eligible to compete in May's Regional Rallye in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and hopefully we will have some contestants go on to the national and world competition.



At the joint chapter meeting in Palatka, Florida, Crown Chapter members pose with Eastern New Englander Jean Doherty.

North meets south—Irene Kramer, Florida Crown chairman, and Jean Doherty, Eastern New England chairman, visited recently at St. Augustine's airport.





USPFT Regional Coordinator Doris Abbate and Co-Chairman Barbara Evans plan the April 14 flight meet at Brookhaven Airport.

We have three new 99s. Terry Caputo, a graduate of Dowling College, and Aimee Larrat, a student at Dowling, have both been on the college flight team. Terry is now an engineer with Grumman Aerospace Corporation and Aimee is an aeronautics major. Terry Stengel, an air traffic controller, has transferred from the Potomac Chapter.

Some of our recent FAA Safety Seminars attended by a large portion of our chapter have been held at Brookhaven National Laboratory, MacArthur Airport and Farmingdale College.

by Patricia Rockwell

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

All - Ohio Chapter

February's meeting was hosted by Carol Deitsh at Lunken Airport in Cincinnati. The special award of three rides in Don Fairbanks' Christen Eagle had to be postponed until better flying weather. However, Margot Brooks, Mimi Reiheld and Marty Valesky will enjoy their ride at our October meeting, weather permitting.

Sandy Gordley has accepted appointment as vice chairman until elections are held later this year.

In March, we met for brunch in Tiffin, hosted by Connie McConnell. A very interesting update by FSS was the main program.

Several members are the proud owners of new airplanes. Sandy Gordley and Judy Westerheide are the owners of new Cessna 172s. Connie McConnell has a Steen Skybolt, and Verene Miller has leased her new 172 for pipeline patrol during the week.

Jeane Wolcott vacationed in Mexico for a week, and Mimi Reiheld flew to Mobile, Alabama in January. In 17 hours of flight,

Mimi didn't see a cloud or another airplane.

Plans are full speed ahead for the June 15-17 Ninth Annual Buckeye Air Rally to be held in Bowling Green, Ohio. Kits are now available from Jayne Herman, 117 Queensland Blvd., Perrysburg OH 43551 for \$3. Be sure to check out this fun flying event.

Chicago Area Chapter

March is another busy month for our chapter as we have our annual Achievement Award presentation in lieu of our monthly chapter meeting. This year's Achievement Chairman Susan Murray and her committee of Eileen Ferch, Karen DeRam, Johannah Grieco and Marlene Winters selected the Hyatt Woodfield Hotel for a Sunday brunch.

Connie Miller-Gruberman with 49½er Michael compiled a super slide presentation of our 50th anniversary celebration, and Mary Panczysyn narrated the program.

We then pinned the new members Linda Forness and Kazuyo Kimura.

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Then came time to present the Achievement Awards. We had 21 participants, Rita Adams, Diane Cozzi, Robin Davis, Eileen Ferch, Susan Ficek, Polly Gilkison, Johannah Grieco, Nancy Haraldson, Dolores Keppel, Joan Kerwin, Karen Mansfield, Madeleine Monaco, Bobbie Raske, Ruth Rockcastle, Bea Siemon, Marge Sundmacher, Marlene Winters and in the new member category, Karen DeRam, Debbie Green Slade, Marie Hamonn and Connie Miller-Gruberman. The highest total points from all categories went to Joan Kerwin. First place winner in chapter activities went to Rita Adams, second place to Polly Gilkison and third place to Diane Cozzi. The first place in flying activities went to Marlene Winters, second place to Madeleine Monaco and third place was a tie between Dolores Keppel and Ruth Rockcastle. In our special category for new members, the first place winner was Karen DeRam, and second place went to Marie Hamonn.

Ruth Rockcastle, chairman of the 49½ers, presented an award to Harlan Keppel for his outstanding contribution to the chapter, and a distinguished service award went to Chuck Wenk.

We then moved to our chapter scholarship awards. Diane Cozzi was pleased to be in the position of awarding Karen Acker funds for dual flight time, Marion Jayne funds to aid in USPFT participation, Susan Murray for dual flight time and Gail Wenk for dual flight time.

Each year we also present a service award to a member who has, over the years, contributed an outstanding amount of time and energy to our chapter programs. We were thrilled and in agreement when Marion Servos was announced as the honored recipient.

March 24 was our annual Aviation Safety Seminar in cooperation with the FAA West Chicago GADO. Marion Servos, seminar chairman, and Joan Kerwin, co-chairman, and a huge committee work on this program for months before it is presented. Chicago Area pilots and flying companions look forward to this annual spring "brush-up" program covering numerous areas of aviation. Each year the response has been excellent

and growing. This year was the largest response ever.

by Mary Story

Greater Detroit Area Chapter

Dense fog found Detroit's major jetport closed for several hours February 12, making attendance at the 28th Annual Amelia Earhart Commemorative Brunch and 50th Anniversary of the Michigan Chapter impossible for many pilots. However, guest speaker Major Kelly Hamilton, test director for the Strategic Air Command, did not give up. After uselessly circling Metropolitan Airport, she waited in Chicago until Metro opened, arriving late, but in time to change the topic of her speech from "The Sky's The Limit" to "Challenge," giving us all a perfect, real life example of her winning spirit. It was a joy to have Alice Hirschman Hammond and Gladys Hartung Nalee, charter members of the Michigan Chapter, with us for this very special golden anniversary. Their reminiscing was

thoroughly enjoyed by all present. New member Margaret Demond was pinned by Dorothy Price Gillis, and transfer 99 Ilene Hemingway was welcomed.

Falling snow prevented us from flying to Grosse Ile Airport for the March 18 chapter meeting hosted by Sheri and Gary Soloway in their lovely home on this beautiful, wooded island in the Detroit River. We all enjoyed finally meeting the famous Soloway twin boys—Brent (7 lbs., 7 oz.) and Eric (7 lbs., 13 oz.)—born October 16, 1983. Bernice Millar reported receiving 38 deposits toward a maximum 24 students for our May 5-6 annual pinchhitter course at Ann Arbor Airport.

Two of our members have realized a life-long ambition and purchased their first planes. Judy Price Gray is putting a lot of time on her Luscombe, and Kathy Herschelmann is enjoying her beautiful Cessna 172. Sue Siporin sold her Cherokee 6 in favor of a Rockwell 114—the third in our chapter. Sally Flynn has purchased every pilot's dream—a home on a runway at Hayden Field in St. Clair, Minnesota.

by Dorothy Price Gillis

Greater St. Louis Chapter

March 20 at Parks Bi-State Airport, 23 members, seven guests and one 49½er enjoyed hearing meteorologist Ron Yaros from ABC-TV station KTVI. He gave a very informative talk on TV weather briefings and explained the preparations required for a three-minute "Spot." During the 10:00 News that evening, he mentioned his visit with us and gave the 99s some free publicity.

The American Cancer Society sold daffodils March 23-24 to raise funds for cancer research. Chairman Martha Norman helped in this effort by delivering flowers to the Houston, Missouri society. Flights and deliveries were planned to many Missouri cities but were cancelled because of bad weather. The chapter is looking forward to helping next year and hope the weather is CAVU.

A flying companion seminar was held

March 24 at Spirit of St. Louis Airport. Fourteen students attended the one-day event, which was organized by Vivian Waters. Martha Norman, Barbara Wilper, Mary Kinnaw and Jan Pocock helped teach and aided in the successful seminar. Many 99s helped "behind the scene" with lunch.

WASP Adela Scharr spoke at a seminar in St. Louis honoring St. Louis women in World War II. The conference was held March 9-10 to commemorate National Women's History Week. Speakers told of women's contributions during World War II and the war's impact on their lives. Amy Laws and Val Johnson also attended.

by Nelda Lee

Indiana Chapter

In the absence of Chairman Betty DeBaun, Secretary Lois Kennard presided at our March 18 meeting at Indianapolis International Airport. This was the first meeting for prospective member Barbara Cooper of Lafayette; she is a member of Purdue Pilots and has flown for three years. Mary Nicholson's sister, Wanda Galyan, an industrial engineer with General Electric Corporation in Bloomington, was with us again; she is not a pilot but loves flying, especially with her sister. Midge Moore did the honors of pinning new member Glory Van Arsdale of Indianapolis, and not-so-new, but hitherto unpinned, Judy Sorton from Lafayette.

Betty and Curt DeBaun were recently in Florida to celebrate the 80th birthday of Betty's mother. In February they flew their Skylane to Chicago to visit their daughter. Betty says they're trying to get as much flying in as the weather permits in order to brush up on navigation before Alaska.

Eva Parks taught aviation to a fourth grade group after they had read stories about Amelia Earhart in their reading class. Eva's 49½er, Dennis, is on leave from Purdue University for 1984 to set up a library in the new EAA Museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He has promised to give a personalized tour to any 99s or their guests who visit the museum.

Lillie Normington was interviewed March 1 on an Indianapolis TV station during a break on "Good Morning America" in connection with the new Indianapolis Performing Arts Academy located in the White River Community Park. Lillie is on the board of directors and administrator of the school, along with teaching music theory. She has also been playing piano accompaniment, together with drums, for a youth group's full staging of *Godspell*, which they are presenting around the city and in nearby communities. Her many concerts include the February 3 Matinee Musical. In addition to all this, she is taking a computer course and a course in Chinese.

A tour of the ARTCC, arranged by Nellie Reynolds, followed the business meeting in one of the center's conference rooms. After the tour, we had lunch in their cafeteria—then to our cars for the drive to the other side of the airport for a visit to the control tower. For those who had not had the opportunity to visit the ARTCC and control tower before, it was an enlightening experience; and for those of us who had been on the tour several times before, we learned a great deal about some innovations of the system.

by Rae Cawdell



Barbara Jennings pins Jane Wilson, while Charlene Falkenberg presents Jane to Indiana Dunes members.

Indiana Dunes Chapter

Members were honored to reinstate Jane Wilson March 17 at the home of Diana Austin in Valparaiso. Jane earned her license in 1963 and was a charter member of the Indiana Chapter.

It was announced that Tom Staht from the National Association of Search and Rescue will be a speaker at the May section meeting. An excellent safety report on radio transmission was given for the members.

Christine Murdock and Charlene Falkenberg will be featured on the Mary Fischer Educational TV program. The taping is scheduled for March 28, and the show will be aired May 5-6.

by Christine Murdock



Peggy Lennox Drown, Air Transport Auxiliary pilot in England, and Pat Stark, WASP, visit during Pat's trip to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Lake Erie Chapter

Members gathered at Dodie Jewett's home for the February meeting. Bruce Jewett, flight instructor at Kent State University, gave a talk on takeoffs and landings, and member Ruth Enley of Canton was welcomed. Grace Beam and Susan Simpson were hostesses for the March meeting, held at the Oberlin ARTCC. The April meeting was held at the Lewis Research Center of NASA in Cleveland, with lunch at the 100th Squadron Restaurant at Hopkins Airport.

Pat Stark visited her daughter in Ft. Lauderdale in March, with a special visit with Peggy Lennox Drown, a 99 who was one of the first women to join Jackie Cochran's group of transport pilots in England. First planes to be checked out were Harvard AT-6s, after hours of "Circuits and Bumps." Pat just last month received honorable discharge papers from the WASPS.

Members had a good turnout for a driving/flying activity — touring the Johnson Manor in Northfield.

by Marg Juhasz



With February's speaker, Bruce Jewett, are Lake Erie Chapter members Ruth Ensley, Pam Buckley, Dodie Jewett and Linda Dickerson.

Minnesota Chapter

After being weathered out of a planned FBI meeting at Bong Airport, Superior, Wisconsin, 21 members and guests gave it another try a week later. The Jaques, owners of a restaurant just off the taxiway, provided "superior" hospitality and outstanding food plus door prizes for the youngest and oldest pilots and the one flying the furthest. Several 99s tried riding a three-wheeler, with Chairman Joan Sommerfelt winning accolades for skill, style and endurance.

Terry Ludtke hosted the chapter's annual Pilot Proficiency Day at Inver Hills Community College in March. Five months of winter is enough to discourage even the hardiest of pilots but, in spite of the day's cold wind and occasional snowflakes, the calendar said a week till spring and 25 members showed up to fly the Sedentary Air Classic. Bobbie Smith led the group in the second hair-raising adventure of Great Aunt Tillie, which involved almost every emergency known to pilots. The challenges were met appropriately, and Minnesota 99s were ready for another summer of flying.

Jeep Adamson, the only civilian woman helicopter pilot in Minnesota, was featured on a local television evening news show during the American Cancer Society-Minnesota 99s Daffodil Days in March. Jeep was interviewed aloft by the KSTP-TV helicopter pilot flying nearby. Local dignitaries greeted Jeep when she delivered several boxes of daffodils to Buffalo, a small community in rural Minnesota. Forty-two 99s and ten 49½ers participated as pilots and ground support during 1984 Daffodil Days. Over 1,800 boxes of flowers (90,000 daffodils) were delivered. Flights were made to 71 airports with more than one trip made to several to deliver very large orders. Liz Groth and Ruby St. Onge were dispatchers extraordinaire as they assigned trips based upon size of order, size of airplane, distance and speed. Liz landed at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, the Daffodil base, about two hours after being released from St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, where she was recovering from hip replacement surgery. Ruby interrupted her dispatching duties to represent women in aviation on a panel of women in non-traditional roles at a

local school. Daffodil Days recalls the adage, "If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it." Perhaps one of the busiest of our 99s, Clara Johansen, chaired the event, working closely with the American Cancer Society to ensure the fourth successful year of 99 participation.

Connie Wells, Joan Summerfield, Bobbie Smith, Nini Cottrell, Ruby St. Onge and Clara Johansen have been recent aerospace presenters at Minneapolis and St. Paul elementary and secondary schools. Volunteer Services to the Minneapolis Public Schools has invited the chapter to make aviation presentations at schools throughout the city. Ninety-Nines participated in Women in History Month in St. Paul Public Schools through presentations and panels. While the demand for speakers nearly exceeds the supply of 99s available during school hours, all requests have been honored and 99s have received rave reviews for their aeronautical knowledge, teaching ability and friendliness.

by Hope Isaacson

There was no special program planned for the evening so everyone could put their heads together to make plans for coming meetings and programs. We discussed our newest chapter project, "Life Guard Flights," working with the Red Cross in flying organs and blood to various places as needed. We will be working with other aviation clubs, individuals and corporations interested in making this a success. Ft. Wayne is a very centralized area for donors, and a skin bank is being started.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the February meeting, but I was enjoying the sunny skies of Hawaii along with 66 Diane DeHayes. After several attempts to make contact with 99s in the Honolulu area, we were very fortunate to meet former 99 Sally Nannestad in Kona. Sally is a CFI for Kona Flight Services; she flies charter volcano flights and owns a gift shop of native arts and crafts in the Kona Hilton Hotel. We turned down a chance to fly with Sally for the next day, only to have the volcano erupt that night

special meaning this year. We will be flying in memory of 99 friends who lost their lives to cancer—the type of flight to make us proud.

Florence Toney, who has been somewhat confined to the Mequon Care Center, attended a breakfast flight at the Capitol Airport near Waukesha. She was honored by the Waukesha Aviation Club with a plaque "in recognition for devotion to flying."

Cathy Smith received her MBA in business management from the University of Wisconsin in Oshkosh in December.

Activity awards given at our February meeting included third year awards, Jane Kriha, Cathy Smith and Lois Truchinski; second year awards, Linda Carpenter, Cindi Cope and Tanya Cunningham; and first year awards, Kathy Dempsey, Margie Scoville, Kay Ingraham, Elise Hanlan, Cindy Duckert, Joanne Bush and Carolyn Arnold.

Tanya Cunningham has applied for an AE Scholarship this year, and she intends to work on her multiengine instructor rating.

by Carolyn J. Arnold

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Linda Osland of the Minnesota Chapter loads her airplane with daffodils.

Scioto Valley Chapter

Our March chapter meeting was hosted by Marilyn Miller. Fifteen members, guests and 49½ers joined in a carry-in dinner for the celebration of our chapter's third organizational birthday. The dessert, a decorated cake with the chapter logo, topped the celebration.

Sue Windowmaker has been welcomed into our chapter as our newest member.

Even though the weather in Ohio has not been conducive to flying the last few months, our members are hard at work promoting aviation safety and the 99s. Bev Griffin, our chapter chairman, has accepted a position as trustee for the Lauretta Schimmoler Aviator Museum, Inc. Schimmoler, a former Bucyrus 99, founded the flight nurses in the USAF.

Jessica Hedges was in Melbourne, Florida to teach at the AOPA clinic and also did some aviation teaching to a group of first, second and third grade students. Bernita Mosher also spoke on aviation to a group of elementary students.

Jane Sturtz, one of our chapter flight instructors, has also achieved her ATP.

by Janie McIntire

Three Rivers Chapter

February 9 found our chapter traveling to Sunrise Aviation, Auburn, for our meeting.

and no seats available when we found out about it the next day. If anyone is in the Kona area and doesn't meet this lady, they are missing someone very special.

Our March 8 meeting was canceled due to inclement weather, but it was held March 15 at Bowman Aviation, Ft. Wayne Smith Field, with over 30 members and guests present. Our entire meeting was devoted to the "Life Guard Flights" with John Morris of FSS and John Kooker of Lupke-Rice Insurance talking about their involvement with pilots flying the "Life Guard Flights." Unfortunately, the Red Cross people were not able to be there, so many questions were left unanswered.

by Linda Rice

Wisconsin Chapter

March's meeting was held in Appleton, and delicious potluck lunch was enjoyed by all. Gary Gallant of Federal Express gave us an interesting tour of their facility and their airplane which is based at the field.

Our Spring Daffodil Flight will take on a

Alaska 99s recently flew to Dawson, Canada.



NORTHWEST SECTION

Alaska Chapter

Breakup has come to Anchorage early this year, so members took advantage and flew to Dawson, Canada. We had 21 attending and flew over glaciers and mountain ranges. We spent the first night in Northwest, except for our fearless leader (Ginny Hyatt) who flew to Valdez instead (a slip of the compass).

Our March meeting was very informative, as 99s and the Alaska Airmen's Association held a joint meeting with the FAA to discuss the FSS move from Anchorage to a smaller town 100 miles away, with about one-tenth the pilot population. The move is slated to take place in 1987, but we hope our resentment will have some pull to prevent the move.

by Denise Saigh

Columbia Cascade Chapter

Pat Lundahl hosted our March meeting at Hillsboro Airport where we assembled pinch-hitter packets (for our upcoming April 14 pinchhitter). We had the pleasure of meeting three prospective members and enjoyed two FAA films.

Two of our newest members, Lois Brudi and daughter Jeanne Nortness, have faithfully attended three meetings since they joined us—although they are over 100 round-trip miles away.

Interest is being strongly stimulated for Alaska. Eight-plus members are furiously filling out registration forms for International at Anchorage and for the Homer Northwest Sectional, which will be held the week before. We are looking forward to hosting the AE Luncheon at Anchorage as well as drooling over the Fur Fashion Show.

by Pegge Blinco

Eastern Idaho Chapter

Six members met March 10 at the Idaho Falls Airport to be planning for our upcoming Flying Companion Seminar. The seminar, scheduled for May 19, will be held at the Federal Aviation offices conference room at the main terminal on Fanning Field.

The program will be for those who are interested in and do fly with a pilot, but have

no background on how or why things happen as they do when flying. Topics such as reading charts, why the air is rough, medical facts and instrument reading will be covered. There will also be a tour of the tower and FSS. April 14 there will be another planning meeting for this program, and everything will be finalized in May prior to the scheduled date.

by Kathy Layman

Eastern Oregon Chapter

Spring has sprung and hopefully we will be able to get our wings out and fly. Our winter has been too long and cold (-42°F)—even too cold for flying, if you can believe that.

Our Christmas party was held in Baker, while January brought an FAA Safety Seminar sponsored by the chapter with over 50 attending and some driving over 80 miles in winter conditions.

February was a breakfast meeting in La Grande, with two daring 99s flying in. Unfortunately, the weather deteriorated and snow was falling before the meeting was out. Our two daring 99s left their birds tied down and were chauffeured back to Baker.

The March meeting had to be canceled because of snow on the mountains between Baker and Enterprise, where our group was to meet for a film and breakfast.

by Linda Nave

Far West Chapter

March 8 Ron Crawford, 49½er, gave a survival seminar at the home of Ken and Linda Rose. Attending the seminar were 99s Linda, Elsie MacDougall, Kathy Harper and Hilde Crawford. We were encouraged to bring along other aviation enthusiasts. Hilde and Ron showed slides of their 1979 and 1982 flying-camping trips to Alaska and gave us some valuable tips for our August trip.

by Kathy Harper



Ruth Dobrescu, Long Island Chapter, discusses past glories with Gene Nora Jessen, Mary Christofferson and other Idaho 99s at a Boise restaurant.

Idaho Chapter

At least once a year the chapter tries to make it to Jackpot, Nevada, the closest gambling casino in our southern borders. We were "lucky" in that six members made it through spring thunderstorms to the meeting, but the last score from the gambling tables wasn't that encouraging. Maybe next year.

The return trip was an interesting one for Mary Christofferson, Sandra Peterson and Barbara Sall. When the rain and fog closed in,



The newly organized Abilene Area Chapter was recently chartered with a special presentation party. On hand for the celebration were Jolene Toman, Penny Montgomery, Kim Williams, South Central Section Vice Governor Carole Wheeler, Jan Terrell, Wanette Bergman, Jean Everett, Jackie Jennings, Chairman Micki Wright and South Central Section Governor Mary Byers.

they headed for Twin Falls, where they were greeted and treated to dinner by the airport manager. Transportation was arranged to Boise that evening, and they were all home soon after dark. Now that's airport courtesy!

A special treat this month was the surprise visit of Ruth Dobrescu, a 99 and former Board member from Long Island. She and Gene Nora Jessen entertained us all with tales of great 99 International Conventions. With Gene Nora operating Boise Air Service right on the Boise field, we hope to get many more visitors on their way through the country.

by Barbara L. Sall

Mid-Columbia Chapter

The March meeting was a fly-in at Pendleton, Oregon, the alternative for the scheduled meeting at Lewiston, Idaho, due to weather. The day provided some interesting flying conditions with the wind being changeable and at times gusty. It provided practice in crosswind takeoffs and landings.

Plans for the upcoming air race were discussed. Future fly-ins and education seminars were also discussed. The proposed April meeting will be in Tri-Cities in hope that others interested in helping with the air race will attend.

by Anne English

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

Dallas Redbird Chapter

Several Dallas Chapter members joined us for our March meeting at the Eugene McDermott Library, University of Texas, Dallas. G. Edward Rice, History of Aviation Collection curator, presented the program. The collection covers every facet of aviation and space history from the Wright Brothers to the space shuttle. It includes books, papers, photographs, paintings, drawings and artifacts from many significant aviation events and about many personalities. The collection of

Vice Admiral Charles E. Rosendahl, America's leading lighter-than-air advocate, is the largest in the world on this topic. A gold mine of information is available for the aviation researcher, including a wealth of material about many outstanding aviation people, such as Admiral Byrd, Charles Lindbergh, Bill Lear and even our own Amelia Earhart. Next year the university hopes to have a Women in Aviation Year. One feels proud to be a 99 when reviewing memorabilia of our many exceptional members. The collection is open from 0900 to 1700 weekdays.

Hazel Jones was in Oklahoma City March 16 to help welcome the Ninety-Nines' new twin simulator—AST Model 300. Judy Dill and Charlie Mann of Advanced Simulator and Flight Training in Phoenix donated this marvelous equipment to the Ninety-Nines as a result of the friendship Charlie and Hazel formed working at NIFA meetings. It is now installed at our Headquarters. On Saturday mornings, look for Hazel at Addison Airport. She has been appointed a written test examiner by the FAA for the North Dallas area.

John Baker, AOPA president, came to the University of Texas, Arlington, to speak to area pilots about the plight of general aviation and the role of individual pilots in preserving our precious privileges. Clay Wilking, executive director of the Texas Aeronautics Commission, presented a slide program illustrating the importance of general aviation to a community. He also distributed copies of the Texas Airport Directory. Hazel Jones and Elizabeth Jordan attended the meeting.

by Elizabeth Jordan

El Paso Chapter

New member Mary Spencer, Carrizozo, New Mexico, flew to our El Paso meeting March 10. Also, pilot Sue Shyne, Alamogordo, New Mexico, was a visitor for the Saturday meeting luncheon.

Chapter WASPs Lois Halley, Jill McCormick and Lois Ziler have agreed to answer questions at showings of the film about the



El Paso 99 Evelyn Underwood (right) welcomes student pilot Joanie High to the wine and cheese party during the chapter's membership drive.

famous WASPs during May's South Central Sectional in El Paso. Lois Ziler from Siera Blanca will be giving one of the seminars at the Granada Saturday afternoon. Chairman Didi Shaffer has had her hands more than full putting together all the arrangements and details for the section meeting.

Kay Barnett has volunteered to be "mama bird" for the El Paso 66s. She has been seen out combing the FBOs for student pilots.

The March 15 wine and cheese membership party at Betty Ligon's home gave us the opportunity to meet two new prospective members, one Southwest Airlines pilot and a student pilot. These meetings give us the chance to laugh about our "first solo and first cross-country" stories. We don't get to tell them often enough!

by Lynn N. Stover

Golden Triangle Chapter

Members sponsored their second USPFT local meet March 17 at Aero Valley Airport in Roanoke, Texas. Glen Hyde, who also owns the airport, walked away with first place honors and will go on to the regional competition. Mary Wheelock was in charge of the event and commandeered 49½er T.W. Wheelock and sons Travis and Dean into service. Beverly Stephens, Pat Chester, Suzanne Frias, Betty Carter and Linda Wolfe turned out to serve as judges. The cold, damp weather didn't keep Roland Dewing of the CAP, Wayne Janousek, Bill Misuk or Kay Hodges from volunteering their help at the meet. Roland Dewing even committed 20-plus CAP personnel to help with next year's competition.

March 24 the chapter took to the air again as the weather turned sunny and clear, this time for a power-on/off spot landing competition at Saginaw Airport. Dottie Hughes won the power-on contest, and Helen Hill took first place for power-off. Others at the Saginaw competition included Winky Fortune, Beverly Stephens, Linda Wolfe, Wayne Janousek and John Robertson.

Our monthly meeting's program consisted of a trip to Simetec Corporation for hands-on experience with some flight simulation computer programs. Everyone took a turn at "CRASH"ing.

by Suzanne Frias

Heart of Texas Chapter

Sixteen members and guests attended the meeting and exciting, informative programs. Ed Jones, vice president of Texas Business Helicopters, Austin, arrived in an R-22 for his program on flying helicopters. After gourmet snacks were served the film "Breakaway" was

shown. Standing in front of the subject of their recent chapter meeting are Ed Jones of Texas Business Helos, Beverly Bigson, Cindy Shonk, Imogene and Howard Chamberlain, Larry Gibson and Lynn McMillan. Kneeling are Virginia Dare Mattiza, DeAnn Ambrosio, Derra Raymor, Ed Nolan and Carol Villandry.



shown. This film is on Walter Yates' mountain climbing and living in Alaska as well as his life philosophy of taking on challenges. Walter developed Breakaway Park.

Flying to the meeting in their respective Mooneys were Imogene and Howard Chamberlain from College Station, and Cindy Shonk and Ed Nolan from Canyon Lake.

We welcome 66 Ruby Freeman to our midst.

Beverly Gibson is working part-time at The Plane Thing at Georgetown Airport. Beverly and Larry, Virginia Mattiza and Glynn Harmon attended the March 4 open house.

Robbie McBride reports the construction of their Glassair is slowly, but surely, progressing. She spends her rainy days cutting sheets of fiberglass material on the bias.

Carol Villandry and Lynn McMillan are redoing their hangar by concreting the floor. Last week they flew to Amarillo for a "Language for Success" seminar and next week will be vacationing in Puerto Vallarta.

Virginia has completed an aerospace education course on long-range navigation, with an eye toward a position in marketing these navigation systems for commuter and corporate aircraft.

by Robbie McBride

Houston Chapter

February 25 dawned bright and clear in Houston, Texas. Twenty-two 99s were up before 0600 on their way to David Wayne Hooks Memorial Airport to prepare for the arrival of 39 participants expected at 0900. Cathy Wappler, Sue Franz, Carol Phillips, Sherry Lewis and Helen Simonette flew their planes in order to have aircraft available for the walk-around. The gals functioned like a finely tuned machine. Each 99 had a certain responsibility which she executed superbly. Margaret Nelson, Mike Murski, Barbara Lee and Helen Simonette were the instructors. Tons of finger foods were supplied by the refreshment committee, while hospitality made everyone feel at ease.

Our youngest participant was 11-year-old



Waco-Centex and Heart of Texas 99s combined efforts to air mark Coulter Airport in Bryan. Workers include Helen Jessup, Shirley Holub, Virginia Dare Mattiza, Imogene Chamberlain, Edna Rankin and Nancy Birdsell.

Tommy Shughart, an extraordinarily precocious young man. No one in his family flies. He learned about the seminar from the "Schedule of Events" calendar appearing in a Houston newspaper. His mother phoned, explaining his enchantment with flying, and asked if he could attend. Helen Simonette, who picked him up and flew him to and from Hooks said, "I've never had such an enthusiastic passenger." Tommy attends classes for gifted children in Katy, Texas, and his mother phoned later to tell us he returned home requesting to begin flying lessons immediately.

This very successful one-day endeavor was the brainchild of Cathy Wappler who efficiently guided the activities. What a great day!!

The spring bazaar of handmade arts and crafts by artisans from throughout the United States will be held March 28-29. If it approaches the success of the fall bazaar, the chapter will be elated. Setting on a back burner for some time has been the desire to have a 99s' display case at William P. Hobby Airport. Chairman Carol Phillips has been communicating with a number of airport officials as well as Houston City Councilpersons. We should soon have a decision on

our request, and if it is affirmative, receipts from the bazaar will go toward this important effort.

Space City, Houston North and Houston Chapters held their annual joint meeting March 19. Former Astronaut Jerry Carr was the guest speaker. He told us of his experiences aboard Skylab III, his home in space for 84 days. Accompanied by his equally fascinating wife, Pat, he showed films he took aloft, providing a dimension never shown by the media.

Helen Simonette, founder of Houston AirLifeLine, will be featured by a local newspaper in its special April 11 issue during Women's Week.

Some of the best seafood in Texas is served at Petersens in Palacios. Carol Phillips, Lynn Leake, Cathy Wappler, Alice Bull, Carole Rafland, Tish Gossen, Tracy Kleinhans, Sue Franz and Helen Simonette flew there March 8 to partake in this gastronomical feast. The Petersens are gracious hosts, and they are always happy to provide transportation to and from the airport.

by Helen Simonette

made a trip from Wichita to Houston with their newly installed Loran C. The trip there was delightful, and they experienced no reception problem using the Great Lakes chain. The return trip was forecast to be VFR, but they ran into weather problems and began to worry about their fuel reserve. They credit their safe arrival at an alternate airport to the Loran C and say it is worth every dollar of its purchase price.

Marilyn Copeland, Debi Durden and Dorothy Barker attended a meeting at City Hall in support of an aviation museum for the Wichita area. The proposed site covers 11 acres on Mid-Continent Airport. It seems that progress is being made, and that the museum may be a reality some day.

by Deb Nichols and Ethel Ward

Oklahoma Chapter

Members, guests and 49½ers gathered at Mustang Field, El Reno, for the March meeting. Decorated box lunches were auctioned by Jan Million with the help of 49½er Sandy Moulder. A top price of \$15.50 was paid for a

"Dieters Delight" lunch, and the \$150 proceeds of the auction will go into the entertainment fund for Okie Derby.

Following lunch, 49½er Mark Gibson, showed and told the group everything they always wanted to know about airplane engines.

A chapter board meeting was held at the home of Lu Hollander March 15. A number of items were discussed, most having to do with upcoming calendar events and the chapter's participation in the various activities.

Chapter members and 49½ers were invited to join the Wiley Post Flight of the Daedalians and their wives for dinner March 20 at the Tinker AFB Officers Club. Test pilot Bill Lawton provided information about the history of the Daedalians, and Lu Hollander spoke about the 99s.

by Nancy Smith

Shreveport Chapter

Our big news for this month is a visit from AOPA's John Baker. We are thrilled to have this opportunity to spend an evening with this loyal friend of general aviation, and we are going to make it a memorable one. Joan Carroll has arranged a gourmet dinner at the Atrium at Le Bossier, a club in Bossier City, and a large gathering is expected.

Janet Ducote has just returned from Cozumel, Mexico, where she spent an enviable vacation scuba diving. Her entire family enjoys this sport.

Mary Jo Voss really knows how to combine business with pleasure. On her way home from a Colorado ski trip, she stopped in Dallas to attend a seminar on hazardous materials, one of the subjects she teaches to Royale Airlines pilots. Following the seminar, she took the practical portion for her FAA dispatch license—our group now has a licensed dispatcher!

By the time you read this, we should be really bragging about having a skydiver in our chapter. Joan Price completed her training March 17 and was ready for her first jump; unfortunately her 105 pounds was not enough to cope with the brisk winds, so she'll wait for a calmer day. Joan and her 49½er have just returned from a nice cross-country to Santa Fe, the maiden flight of their newly acquired Navion which they are also planning to fly to the Alaska Convention.

Renee Sharp, our airline pilot, is working on another type rating—a Gulfstream!

by Helen Hewitt

Texas Dogwood Chapter

March 3 was the date and Palestine Airport was the place for our third meeting of the year. The skies were grey, but we had a good turnout. Anni Christensen and Cathy Massey from Gladewater flew in.



Texas Dogwood Chapter members learn about balloons from speaker Ralph Harju at recent chapter meeting.

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Kansas Chapter

Our March meeting at Rolling Hills Country Club turned out to be interesting as well as fun. Social hour permitted us to visit with "older" 99s, plus get better acquainted with some of our newer members and prospective members. Bob Fizer, Cessna Citation Marketing Division, shared with us a most unusual story about the sale and delivery of three Citations to China. Our chapter felt this to be an appropriate time to present member Pat Gettle with a framed picture of a Citation in honor of recently earning her rating.

Cessna recently held a "Name the Newspaper" contest, in which 237 employees entered. Chapter member Margaret Holman was one of the three winners of the grand prize which consisted of a ride in the company Citation III for lunch at Shangri-La resort in Oklahoma. She was the guest of Cessna President Bill Van Fant, his wife and Jim Casey, editor of *The Cessnan*.

Juanita Prucha and son John recently



With the expert help of 49½er Sandy Moulder, 99 Jan Million auctions off decorated box lunches at the recent Oklahoma Chapter meeting.

Listening intently, Oklahoma members learn about aircraft engines from the point of view of A&P and 49½er Mark Gibson.



Hostess Bonny Feather made arrangements for Ralph Harju of the balloon base near Palestine to talk to us. He also brought a film which illustrated how involved balloon launches and retrievals can be. Mr. Harju is in the administrative end of things now, but he relayed to us many adventures he experienced in his earlier days with the base, such as flying chase planes for balloons.

After a question and answer session, a short business meeting was held. The main topic of conversation was our first Poker Run to be held May 12.

by Linda Creecy



Marsha Meredith prepares for a T37 orientation flight with USAF Lieutenant Joan Cunningham.



Speaking to an elementary school class about aviation history is Chris McClain.



Ann pins new 99 Peggy Brandon.



At the CAP News Media Awards dinner are Colonel H. H. Bowden, 99 Mary Vermeulen, Lt. Colonel J. McMurtry and Major W.W. Shuman.

Top O' Texas Chapter

Chris McClain conducted a seminar and discussion on 200 years of manned ballooning and 80 years of powered flight at Bushland Elementary School. She has also applied for an AE Scholarship.

Peggy Brandon passed her FAA flight check and is now a 99. Peggy is also treasurer of the High Plains Aviation Association.

In conjunction with celebrating CAP's 42nd anniversary, Mary Vermeulen, CAP public affairs officer of Amarillo Composite Squadron, arranged a News Media Awards dinner. Texas Wing Commander Colonel Hal Bowden traveled to Amarillo to present CAP's Certificate of Appreciation to 17 very deserving news media recipients. Lt. Colonel John McMurtry, USAF/CAP liaison officer, was speaker for this occasion. It was a gala affair for this type of news media recognition in Amarillo.

Virginia Pownell and Ann Piggott had our Christmas party all set to go. Snow and high winds dictated we might have to celebrate Christmas in March.

Marsha Meredith recently participated in a T37 orientation flight at Reese AFB.

Checking out the Sheraton Kensington are Tulsa 99s Sue Rachels, Valerie Ticer and Floretta Young.



Tulsa Chapter

Members met at the Sheraton Kensington for the meeting. We enjoyed a salad buffet during a planning session. This is the site for the October section meeting, and it was the first opportunity for many of us to see the hotel. It will make a lovely setting for the meeting.

At the chapter's March meeting, Captain Peter Mann spoke about how a CAP search mission is initiated.



Valerie Ticer was installed as a new member. She is currently working as a controller at Riverside Airport, but she will soon join Continental Airlines as a flight engineer.

Melissa Whitehead reported on taking Cub Scouts through the Bristow Airport. All 12 of them have decided to be both pilots and mechanics.

Lydia Dismukes shared pictures of a Chicago Chapter event from 1949. She won a trophy for the bomb dropping contest. Her intention is to donate the trophy and pictures to 99 Headquarters. She hopes some of the other chapter members from the '40s can identify themselves in the pictures.

Captain Peter Mann presented the program on how a CAP mission is initiated. Much interest was expressed in the organization and how we can help each other.

The CFI Clinic was held the last weekend in March with over 25 attendees.

by Janet Minnerath



At the recent Waco-Centex air marking are 99s Robbie McBride, Shirley Holub, Virginia Dare Mattiza, Beverly Gibson, Sharon Crow, Edna Rankin, Nancy Birdsell, Liz Lowe, Polly Ringleman and Evelyn Rankin. Not pictured are Eula Heath and Helen Jessup.

Waco-Centex Chapter

Members contacted Marlin, Texas, City Manager Harold Underwood about marking their newly surfaced runway. We were to mark "35" and "17." The city furnished the paint, rollers and brushes. The Texas Aeronautical Commission had sent a layout for 60-foot numbers, but this was not an IFR field nor was its runway that wide. The numbers were scaled down to 30 feet and painted.

The total number of helpers were 25, including Heart of Texas Chapter 99s and 49½ers, Skeet Eson and Headquarters 12th Group of the Civil Air Patrol.

After all the work was done, chili was served to everyone who wasn't trying to lose weight. After lunch, we gave a baby shower for member Nancy Birdsell.

SOUTHEAST SECTION

Alabama Chapter

Members attended the third Alabama Aviation Hall of Fame banquet held at the Southern Museum of Flight in Birmingham November 18. Guests of Mary Alice Beatty included Gail Shifbauer, Marie Carastro, Rhoda King, Susan Ray, Hilda Ray, Mary Bibow, Ruby Dickerson and Nadine Rose.

The chapter unveiled its gift to the museum at ceremonies held at the new facility. A bronze bust of Amelia Earhart, sculptured by Don Weigand of St. Louis, was presented by some 100 flight enthusiasts. Glenn Messer of Birmingham, a close personal friend of Ms. Earhart, was on hand to accept the gift in her behalf. Alexis Montague-Ewanchew, Southeast Section governor of the 99s, was another honored guest attending the ceremony.

The February 5 meeting was held at the Southern Museum of Flight. A program on aviation insurance was presented by Ben Gilbert of McGriff, Siebles and Williams.

At the March 3 meeting held at Pryor Field in Decatur, members voted to contribute to air education and proficiency race funds. Ginger Barnes gave the program on hot air balloons.

Major Marie Carastro was selected to present a seedling from the International Forest of Friendship to Alabama Governor George Wallace as part of the Bicentennial of Air and Space Flight. Governor Wallace was also presented a First Day Cover of the Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp.



Hosting the joint meeting are 99s and 49½ers (standing on wing) Tedra Thomas, Cy Beer, (center) Roy Blaha, Alex Gosling, Marguerite Bryan, Jack Selwitz, Barbara Selwitz, Florida Spaceport Chapter Chairman Carol Gosling, Pat Race, Polly Blaha, (kneeling) Beverly Hudson and Pam Kettner.

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Florida Spaceport Chapter

Our annual joint meeting with the Florida Crown Chapter was held February 11 at Palatka Airport, followed by a safety meeting and luncheon.

We welcomed new member Lynn Hamilton, who is studying at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. It was also good to see busy members Margurite Bryan, Mary Jane Law, Tedra Thomas and Pauline and Roy Blaha, who flew their VariEze from Merritt Island. Congratulations go to Barbara Selwitz, who earned her multiengine CLT rating. Pat Race announced plans for our March 24 poker party and explained rules to members.

John Kummer, CFII, spoke to us about TCA and TRAS procedures, after which we viewed two FAA movies. Among our honored guests were Jean Doherty, Eastern New England Chapter chairman, and Betty Van Trump, reporter for the *Crescent City Courier-Journal*, who photographed members at the airport for an article she is writing. We are all looking forward to our March meeting at Sun 'N' Fun in Lakeland.

by Pam Kettner

Florida Suncoast Chapter

Roni Johnson arranged our March meeting at Piper Aircraft Receiving Center, Lakeland

Florida Crown Chapter members and guests included Jacque Whaley, Dot Sumara, Tom Evans, Alice Evans, Jean Doherty, Cindy Donovan and Chairman Irene Kramar.



Nancy Wright, holding her copy of *Weekend Wings*, chats with author Frank Kingston Smith.

Airport. This was a dinner meeting with author Frank Kingston Smith as guest speaker. Fifty people enjoyed the entertaining talk, and members brought copies of Mr. Smith's books to be autographed. Our guests included Governor Alexis Mongague-Ewanchew

and her husband as well as members of Gulf Stream and Spaceport Chapters.

Some of our members attended EAA's Sun 'N' Fun at Lakeland Airport, and our chapter was given a plaque in appreciation for parking airplanes in 1983.

Connie Farrell has completed Phase I of the FAA Wings program, and Mary Fletcher has completed Phase IV. Mary has published a book for the Florida Historical Aviation Society on the flight of the Benoist.

by Barbara Sierchio

Memphis Chapter

We had a beautiful day and a good turnout for our fly-in to Marked Tree, Arkansas earlier this month. Dolly Gibbons flew her Mooney while Kay Demet did the navigating, and Rosemary Williams was back seat passenger. Marge Fields has an ultralight we all enjoyed seeing. Also there were Fern and Chuck Mann, Mary Stanley, Mary Needham (she flew over in her Bellanca), Virginia Proctor, Dora Dunavant, June Pentecost, Gladys Estes and "long-time/no-see" Carolyn Sullivan with daughter Patty.

Dr. Chris Brown is on a year's sabbatical in Bethesda, Maryland. She is working with a scientist who was awarded the Nobel Prize in the field of biochemistry. She is due back just in time to help us host the fall section meeting in September.

Marge Fields has been selected to be on the Arkansas Aeronautics Commission. Congratulations go to her and Virginia Proctor, who is completing 14 years on the commission.

Dolly Gibbons, Kay Dement, Linda George, Laverne Pendergrass and Mary Needham have been working with a group of about 20 Girl Scouts, studying aviation careers. They have had talks by Navy pilots (female), an A&E (our own Laverne), Dolly (Federal Express instructor) and lots of other women using their flying to make a living. There are trips to air traffic control, tower and weather bureau and, last but not least, the Federal Express Hub, which is quite a sight about midnight.

by Rosemary Williams



Cameron Park 99s Betty Kohler and Wray Robertson visit with Aloha 99s Mary Patricio and Lindy Boyes.



Cameron Park 99 Mary Bovee joins Aloha 99 Eleanor Sharpe.

SOUTHWEST SECTION

Cameron Park Chapter

Most of our group flying activities seem to be "scrubbed" due to weather lately, but some of us have made some spur-of-the-moment fun flights for breakfast, lunch or shopping. We are praying for an early spring as we plan to host a March 31 (April 7 rain date) USPFT local meet at Cameron Park, Nancy Martino, Pat Collins and Liz Smith flew to Hollister to help and/or observe the local competition hosted by the Santa Clara Valley Chapter.

We sponsored a flight safety seminar in February which was very well attended. Mary LaCroix and Nancy Martino participated in the physiological training session at Mather AFB. Several more of us are planning to go at a later date.

Misti Flaspohler entered the Valley Airlympics Derby at Van Nuys. She and co-pilot Carol Riley (SFV Chapter) brought home beautiful eighth place trophies. Doris Lockness has soloed in the glider and is planning to soon add that rating to her many accomplishments. Jeanette Bell has earned her Phase I Wings.

Our 66, Inez Jackson, earned her private license and we are looking forward to having her become a 99. She's been very involved with our chapter for some time. Barbara Pugh, new to Cameron Park, has also chosen to become one of us!

Mary Bovee was elected 1984 president of the Sacramento Valley Pilots Association. Members live from Truckee-Tahoe to San Francisco. Six other chapter members and their 49½ers also belong to this group.

Mahalo to the Aloha Chapter for the warm welcome they extended to Betty Kohler, Wray Robertson and Mary Bovee who visited them at their March meeting. Lindy Boyes treated us to a drive up to Dillingham Air Field and around the island of Oahu, which also included a stop to see the Amelia Earhart plaque commemorating her solo flight from Hawaii to the US mainland in 1935.

Wray Robertson and 49½er Jerry, along with Mary Bovee, attended the chartering luncheon of the new Clear Lake Chapter. Due to a discouraging FSS briefing, we literally went IFR (I follow roads) in a Chrysler! Kathy Walton's little chapter will be exploding with new members since they are starting out with so many enthusiastic 66s.

by Mary Bovee

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El Cajon Valley Chapter

February was a work month for our chapter. Thirty-nine more informed and less fearful people left our February 17-18 Flying Companion Seminar. Frankie Clemens, Judy Bachofer and Susan Maule co-chaired the event this year. Dottie Campbell, Dottie Sanders, Eleanor Richardson, Susan Maule, Judy Bachofer, Doris Ritchey, Jean Keys and 49½ers Dick Campbell and Lloyd LaPlant were presenters. Lynn Greer, Dottie McAuley, Vi Chambers, Cay Hatch, Jo Laird and Sandy LaPlant assisted and provided snacks for the breaks. Several ladies left, saying, "This is the first step to my license."

Also in February the Cajon Valley Union School District had Women's History Week. Susan Maule, Doris Ritchey and Jo Laird presented programs on women's aviation history and jobs in flying. Susan spoke about her job as an instructor; Doris on women flying, using old 99 NEWS magazines to show the variety of jobs women perform in the aviation industry. Doris focused her program on women astronauts. Jo spoke to a school assembly on the same subjects.

Susan Maule is an example of the young 99 woman in aviation. A finalist in the 1984 section AE Scholarship (ATP), she teaches ground school and instructs, but still has time for fun. Susan "beat out" two young men in a local contest. They were trying to fly 100 different planes, all having 90-plus logged. Susan has friends she didn't know she had; she flew eight planes in one day and won. She also attended the Cactus Fly-In in Casa Grande, Arizona in March.

Along with members of the San Diego and Mission Bay Chapters, Dottie and Dick Campbell, Marian DeLano and Frankie Clemens spent the weekend on the *Queen Mary* and saw the Spruce Goose, too. The next weekend, Dottie Sanders and Bob joined the San Diego Chapter on their annual Grapefruit Run to Borrego.

The route for the 19th Pacific Air Race has been sent from El Cajon, Santa Maria and Bakersfield to Sacramento. Race date is Saturday, October 13.

Lynn Coulthard invited all local 99s to a potluck dinner March 19 to visit with Idahoans Helen McGee Haranka and 49½er John. Helen is a long-time member of the chapter.

by Frankie Clemens

Los Angeles Chapter

Eugenia Rohrberg just got back from Belize, where she collected orchids and the bugs collected her. She also went to Amergris Cay and snorkeled on the coral reef, which was very reminiscent of the group's '78 trip to Heron Island and Bora Bora.

We were pleased to see Kit Winn at the chapter dinner. She reports awaiting the sale of Tiger Air Burbank to Martin Aviation of Orange County. It will mean longer hours but more play time, hopefully, for flying. For those who don't know, Kit has been with Tiger Air for some time.

FLASH! Berni Stevenson reports she stopped smoking February 12! Berni has been appointed chairman of the Aviation Committee for the new Rancho California

Airport. The present location must be vacated in two years and, as usual, the residents are giving lots of opposition to any form of aviation in the area.

by Sally LaForge

Orange County Chapter

Our annual white elephant sale followed the March meeting and boasted some of the nicest ever—many items were brand new! Lois Dillman, auctioneer extraordinaire, added her spirited sales pitches, contributing to the successful event.

New members present at our March meeting were Michelle Soland and Maureen Motola (transferee from the Palms Chapter).

March 16 ten of our members, 49½ers and guests flew to Bullhead City, Arizona for an overnighter on their way to the Sedona Fly-In the next day. After awakening early Saturday morning, they joined the rest of the party at Sedona, Arizona for the acclaimed St. Patrick's Day parade. The area is beautiful, and the parade is well worth the trip. Our group of 20 thoroughly enjoyed the celebration, which culminated in a traditional Irish feast at the home of Anna Harper. Also extending their hospitality to make our visit memorable were Hazel and Preston Marble, who "transported" us to breakfast and to the airport for our return flight.

by Adrienne O'Brien

Palomar Chapter

Air marking Fallbrook in North San Diego County was a magnificent effort on the part of Connie Francis and Robin Gartman, who did the layout early February 18, and to Lou Ann Unger, Sheila Wing and her two youngsters, who painted. They managed to finish "FALLB" and Lou Ann and Pam Vander-Linden finished "ROOK" on the following Saturday.

Connie Francis, Ami Erickson, Carol Emerich and Suzanne Skeeters joined the San Diego and Mission Bay Chapters on a trek to visit the Spruce Goose in February and reported that it is a very worthwhile adventure.

Our annual Flying Companion Seminar March 24 was a great success, thanks to Chairman Nancy Thompson, Co-Chairman Connie Francis and helpers Mary Pearson,

San Fernando Valley Chapter

In our continuing efforts to educate the non-flying public and those who fear flying, we presented another flying companion seminar January 21. This time we had the opportunity to use the facilities of the North Valley Occupational Training Center, which enabled us to use two classrooms simultaneously. At the end of the day, 14 attendees left our clutches armed with a great abundance of knowledge, ready for a flying adventure.

At our March regular meeting, we had two very special guests. Mike Lundy and Bob Flaherty, both of local radio station KGIL, brought their slide show for us to enjoy. (Mike Lundy is the program director for the station, and Bob Flaherty broadcasts traffic conditions from the air.) The slide show is a wealth of interesting information about the history of the San Fernando Valley (after which our chapter is named) and also presents up-to-the-minute information about the growth of the area and some very interesting facts about its inhabitants.

by Sylvia Sanderson

Santa Barbara Chapter

Dana Raaz, area manager of Petroleum Helicopters, Inc., spoke at our March meeting held at Mercury Air Center. Dana has been flying to oil company platforms in the Gulf of Mexico and the Santa Barbara Channel for 15 years and is extremely well qualified and experienced in his field. In addition to transporting personnel and supplies, his company makes personnel and equipment available for emergencies.

Jenny Wright and Joan Steinberger participated in the Valley Air Derby but couldn't (or wouldn't) use their best racing strategies because of the inclement weather that day.

Beth Howar and Joan Steinberger arranged for girls and their leaders from two Girl Scout troops to tour the Santa Barbara tower and Flight Service Station March 17. Because there was too much turbulence for pleasant airplane rides, that part of the program was postponed until the following Sunday when Rachel Watkins, Shirley Sendrak, Peggy Jordan, Jenny Wright and Joan Steinberger took them for flights around the Santa Barbara area.

Beth Howar's new flight school, Above All Aviation, has received final FAA certification to operate as an FAR 141 approved school. Beth is also an accident prevention counselor.

by Erma Christian



Comparing notes at a recent USPFT local meet are first place winner Brian Caldwell, Diane Little (who was in charge of the meet), second place winner George Larkin and Line Judge Vera Arnold.



At the Hollister Air Meet are Verna West, Lois Letzring and winner Sue MacWilliamson.

Santa Clara Valley Chapter

March was a busy month for air age education — at all levels! Alice Robertson helped at a Cub Scout meeting in Palo Alto where the program was on flying; Pat Rowe participated in a high school Aviation Career Day; and Debby Cunningham gave 18 three-year-olds a tour of San Jose Airport.

Several members and 66s enjoyed a March 3 fly-in to Half Moon Bay with lunch at the home of Julie Kays.

Members took part in the annual HAM (Hollister Air Meet) March 9 with Verna West in charge. Winner of the spot landing contest was Sue MacWilliamson of Gavilan. Others who placed were Lois Letzring (second) and Verna West (third), as well as Jackie Petty, Stella Leis, Nancy Rodgers, Mayetta Behringer, Evelyn Lundstrom and Willy Gardner.

A week later in Hollister, it was USPFT time. Chairman of the local meet was Diane Little. She had the help of 23 SCV 99s and several members from the Gavilan and Cameron Park Chapters. They marked the runway, rode as check pilots on cross-country competition and judged the spot landing contest. Also on hand were previous winner Marv Ellis, Jerry Shreve of San Jose State University and international USPFT committee member Verna West. Nine pilots competed in the local event. The top five winners will be invited to compete at the May 5 regional meet in Sacramento. Winners at Hollister were Brian Caldwell (first), last year's winner George Larkin (second), Rick Hanson (third), Bert Webb (fourth) and Tom Waldrop (fifth).

by Kathy Pelta

Lois DeLay, Lou Ann Unger, Sheila Wing, Ginny Boylls and Bev Zirkle. Syd Dolbec played a radio tape of the incident in St. Louis when the air traffic controller helped a non-pilot safely land after her husband had become incapacitated.

Safety Counselor J.C. Boylls, CFII and 49½er, spoke on the "Fear of Flying." Connie Francis, Ami Erickson and Bev Zirkle took the participants to Palomar Airport for preflight orientation.

We are proud of Suzanne Skeeters, who has passed her captain's check ride for Imperial Airlines and is now flying PIC in the Embraer Bandeirante. She also obtained a Boeing 737 type rating in February.

by Vi Pfeiler

Phoenix Chapter

Esther Saleh, who lives in Indonesia, writes that she has earned her instrument, commercial and multiengine ratings, and is still in training. She is slated to become her country's first woman airline pilot, flying for Garuda Indonesian Airlines, a government airline. Esther soon will go to London for type ratings. The airline flies the F-28, DC-9, DC-10, Airbus and 747-B. All this from a young lady who was a Phoenix 66 just last year.

The 66 program keeps moving along, with "baby birds" becoming "loose loons," and "loose loons" flying right out of the nest as "legal eagles." Phyllis Borges is the latest "graduate." Other new members are Karen McLean, Sandy Asendorf, Vivian Jacobson, Shireen Malouf, Lisa Gomez and Sharon Weber.

Two Phoenix firms, Aviation Simulation Technology and Advanced Simulator and Flight Training, have donated a flight simulator (AST 300) to 99s Headquarters. It was shipped from Falcon Field to Oklahoma City in March for reassembly and use. This sophisticated equipment is capable of intense instrument training and in many ways is superior to actual flight training. Easy to replace circuit panels keep costs and downtime to a minimum. Proceeds from rental of simulator time will be used for USPFT training activities. Charlie Mann and Judi Ellis-Dill, owners of the firms donating the equipment, deserve a big thank-you from all 99s.

Arizona Aviation Week, April 1-8, is big for 99s. This year's events include an April 1 pennies-a-pound airlift at Deer Valley Airport and "manning" the gates April 8 at Falcon Field for the DSPA.

by Mary Lou Brown

Enjoying lunch break at the USPFT meet are Ginny McRae, Vera Arnold, Jackie Petty, Nancy Rodgers, Josie Fydrich and Sue MacWilliamson.



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