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In The News



Dr. Dora Strother, 99, is sworn in to her position on the Army Science Board.

Dora Strother Appointed To Army Science Board

Dr. Dora Dougherty Strother, manager of Human Factors and Cockpit Arrangements at Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., has been appointed to the Army Science Board.

Strother, who earned a PhD in aviation education from the University of New York, is the first employee in Bell's history to serve on this board.

The Army Science Board is comprised of expert professionals from various specialized fields who advise the secretary of the Army, the chief of staff and major Army commanders on a wide spectrum of scientific and technological matters. The board's expertise and counsel assists the Department of the Army in attaining successful research, development and acquisition programs.

Strother has been assigned to the Weapons Systems Functional Subgroup, which studies and evaluates Army needs and activities in this area.

A Bell employee since 1958, her function is to direct two engineering design groups in the development and testing of cockpit displays and controls. The goal is to improve pilots' safety and effectiveness through cockpits designed to use artificial intelligence, expert systems and integrated avionics systems.

Strother is a veteran helicopter and fixed wing pilot. During World War II, she served in the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), flying a variety of aircraft ranging from trainers to heavy bombers. In 1961, she set altitude and distance world's records for women helicopter pilots, which stood until 1966. She recently retired from the Air Force Reserves with the rank of lieutenant colonel. Strother is also past international president of the Whirly-Girls and a 99.

Flying Grandma Seeks 50 New Aviation Records

All-time world aviation record-holder, the "Flying Grandma," 99 Marie E. McMillan is reactivating her "Flying Grandma Odyssey" in June. This trip will cover another 14,000 miles in and around the Caribbean, where the 59-year-old Las Vegas pilot will attempt to capture another 50 aviation records to add to the unprecedented 656 national and world records she now holds.

The "Flying Grandma" has placed an ad in the classifieds looking for two other grandmas who would like to go along and become part of aviation history. One grandma will act as an official observer for the National Aeronautic Association (NAA), issuer of the records for the United States. In addition, the NAA also acts as a liaison with the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI), issuer of the international records. The other grandma will serve as a correspondent and official photographer.

McMillan is awaiting confirmation of an invitation to visit Cuba with her "Flying Grandma Odyssey." She received a verbal invitation when she was at the FAI conference as a US delegate in Prague, Czechoslovakia last October. Should the invitation be received in time to include Cuba in this segment of the "Flying Grandma Odyssey," Marie will be able to capture an additional 16 records, bringing her total to 722, shy only by 288 of her goal of 1,000.

A follow-up story, complete with photos, will appear in a future issue of *The 99 NEWS*.

Betty Elliott Named SPA Field Director

Betty B. Elliott, Glenmont, New York, has been named field director for the Seaplane Pilots Association. SPA, an international organization of seaplane pilots managed by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, has volunteer representatives in all parts of the country to handle local problems.

"New York has more SPA members than any other state besides California," said SPA President David Quam. "Appointing Betty Elliott as New York field director will assure that their concerns are taken care of."

Elliott, who has been instrumental in the planning and organization of the FAA/SPA Seaplane Safety Seminar in Speculator, New York each year, is a commercial pilot with an instrument rating. A 99, she also serves as an FAA safety counselor.

Betty has worked as an instructor in medical and surgical nursing and pharmacology, as business manager for two private corporations and a foundation, and as executive director of a residential program for young adults. She also has served as a convention planner and coordinator for her own firm.

Rayburn Is GA Manager

Carol Rayburn of the Western-Pacific Region has been selected to replace recently retired Bernie Geier as manager of the General Aviation and Commercial Division, Flight Operations headquarters, in Washington. A high-time pilot who has checked out in more than 50 makes and models of aircraft, she currently is assistant manager of AWP's Flight Standards Division.

Rayburn began flying in high school, taught flying in college and has been in aviation ever since.

Before joining FAA, she was an air taxi pilot, a commuter airline pilot and an agricultural pilot, in addition to being a flight instructor. Among the many flights she made were those to seed thunderstorms and to carry out smoke jumpers after they fought a fire.

Carol joined FAA in 1974 as a GS-7 safety inspector, and she has since held such responsible positions as principal airlines operations inspector and manager of the Fresno, California General Aviation District Office (GADO).

Now, as she steps into a top management position at FAA headquarters, she holds virtually all FAA pilot ratings, including multiengine jet and, at the opposite end of the power scale, glider rating.

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MAY

May 2-3: Great Southern Air Race, sponsored by Florida Race Pilots Association, 1,000-sm round robin with \$3,000 first prize. Kits, \$7, Cy Beers, 925 N. Halifax Ave., #501, Daytona Beach FL 32018.

May 3-5: South Central Sectional, Topeka, Kansas.

May 9-11: National Intercollegiate Flying Association SAFECON, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

May 11: First Canadian Poker Run (rain date, May 12). Contact Adele Fogle

May 11: BITS Air Rally, sponsored by Oklahoma Chapter and Cleek Aviation, 250-sm round robin "Basics in the Sky" Air Rally, Clinton-Sherman Airport. Kits, \$3, Charlene Davis, P.O. Box 408, Erick OK.

May 17-19: Pinchhitter Course, Ann Arbor Municipal Airport, sponsored by Greater Detroit Area Chapter. April 17 deadline for \$120 registration. Contact Bernice Millar, (303) 722-7893, or Ilene Hemingway, (303) 487-9723.

May 17-19: Hayward to Las Vegas Proficiency Air Race, hosted by Alameda County, Bakersfield and Las Vegas Valley Chapters. No limit on passengers. Awards Sunday night at the Imperial Palace Hotel (\$500 first prize, 15 trophies, Best 99 Pilot and other specialty awards). Kits, \$3.50, Hayward Air Race Committee, Lou Chianese, 20301 Skywest Dr., Hayward CA 94541, (415) 581-2345, ext. 5285.

May 24-25: Sixth Annual Illi-Nines Air Derby, sponsored by Chicago Area, Quad City and Central Illinois Chapters. Speed and proficiency categories, men or women pilots, \$400 first prize each category. Kits, \$3, Barb Jenison, P.O. Box 357, Paris IL 61944.

May 25: Greater Winnipeg Poker Derby (rain date, June 1), terminus St. Andrews.

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

JUNE

June 1: Poker Run (rain date, June 8), Medford, Oregon, sponsored by Southern Cascade Chapter. Contact Linda Mayfield, (503) 779-9946.

June 5-9: USPFT National Competition, Kissimmee, Florida.

June 9: Parks College Open House and Air Show, 1100-1700 hours. Contact Public Relations Office, Parks College of St. Louis University, Cahokia IL 62206.

June 14-16: Buckeye Air Rally, Marysville, Ohio. Select your own handicap for money and trophy prizes. Kits, \$3, Joan Feibel, 2886 Mt. Holyoke Rd., Columbus OH 43221.

June 14-16: Flight Instructor Refresher Course, University of Michigan. FAA approved for flight instructor renewal and annual refresher for chief flight instructors. Contact Office of Conferences and Institutes, Division of Continuing Education, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo MI 49008, (616) 383-0795.

June 15: 13th Annual Garden State 300. Kits, \$5, payable to "Garden State 300," Cheryl Hoyt, P.O. Box 2, Blawenburg NJ 08604, (609) 466-2571.

June 29-July 2: Air Race Classic, entries closed April 13. Contact ARC, Ltd., P.O. Box 1343, Crested Butte CO 81224, (303) 349-6864.

June 30: Heritage Days Planes 'n' Pancakes, Macomb Municipal Airport in Illinois. Fly-in breakfast at 0730 free to pilots of antiques, custom-built and warbirds. Awards include Best Antique and Oldest Antique. Contact airport, (309) 833-3324, or Jayne Schiek, (309) 833-2359.

June 30: No deadline for *The 99 NEWS*.

JULY

July 6: Aspen Air Show '85! Contact Kim Bracher, Airport Manager's Office, 20292 State Highway 82, Aspen CO 81611, (303) 925-8698.

July 12-14: Oregon Petticoat Derby, sponsored by Willamette Valley Chapter and the Albany Chamber of Commerce. Mystery route, western Oregon; time and fuel, spot landings; trophies and prizes.

July 13: Okie Derby Air Race, sponsored by Oklahoma Chapter.

July 13-14: 99s Lakelair Airshow, Olympia, Washington. Open house Saturday, air show Sunday. Contact Marilyn J. Britt, 5040 14th Ave., S.E., Lacey WA 98503, (206) 491-3874.

July 19-21: International Forest of Friendship ceremonies, Atchison, Kansas. Dedication of AE birthplace, Memory Lane honorees.

July 23-28: International Convention, Baltimore, Maryland. (See March issue of *The 99 NEWS* for details and registration forms.)

July 31: The 99 NEWS deadline for September issue.

AUGUST

August 4-8: Fifth Annual Bahamas Grand Prix Air Race, Chicago to Bahamas. Kits, \$7, Grand Prix Air Race, Ltd., 1918 W. Banbury Rd., Palatine IL 60067, (312) 358-5100.

August 9-10: 16th Annual Palms to Pines Air Race. Kits, \$5, Claire Walters, Claire Walters Flight Academy, 3200 Airport Ave., #16, Santa Monica CA 90405.

August 11-17: World Precision Flight Competitions, Kissimmee, Florida.

August 31: The 99 NEWS deadline for October issue.

SEPTEMBER

September 7: Back to Basics Air Race (rain date, September 14), less than 300-mile round robin from Santa Monica Airport. Only minimum FAA required instruments can be used. Kits, \$3, Doris Robertson, 1911 California Ave., Santa Monica CA 90403.

September 13-15: Western Canada Fall Sectional, Winnipeg's Fort Carry Hotel.

September 13-15: EAA Southwest Regional Fly-In, Kerrville, Texas. Contact Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visitors Bureau, (512) 896-1155.

September 20-22: Second Annual Mile High Air Derby. Kits, \$3, Linda Horn, 14437 W. 32nd Ave., Golden CO 80401.

September 27-28: Fall North Central Sectional, Des Moines, Iowa.

September 30: The 99 NEWS deadline for November issue.

NOTAM

Mark your calendars with a date change for the Garden State 300 proficiency contest. The event will be June 15.

Closing date for entries has also been changed from May 11 to May 17.

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For job opportunities in FAA Flight Standards (register will open in May), go to the nearest General Aviation District Office (GADO) or Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) and apply.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by International President Hazel Jones

One of the most important things that continually faces your Board of Directors is membership. In years past, we have had drives to attract new members. We have given prizes to the section that attracted the most new members, retained the most current members or reactivated the most old members. (I use the term "old" as having to do with length of service and not age.) This worked well, and we succeeded in getting our name before general aviation groups.

The exact number of licensed women pilots today is not known. The numbers vary from 40,000 to 60,000. Our membership varies from 6,200 to 6,500. It matters not whether the figure is 40,000 or 60,000; we do not represent even half the women pilots. It is, therefore, incumbent upon us to attract new members while striving to keep the ones we have. If we are not attractive to all women pilots, we need to find out why and try to rectify the problem. The last thing we need is problems within our group as to who is eligible to stay and who is "not acceptable" for chapter membership.

We have enough different programs to encourage almost any woman pilot to select us as her professional organization. Our Public Relations Chairman is doing an excellent job on a very modest budget to get the word out, and most of us are doing our best to keep our members. There are a few chapters, however, that are determined to remove members from their chapters for not "contributing" or for not attending meetings or for not paying their chapter dues. This is, of course, contrary to our International Bylaws. These chapters appear to be using chapter dues and attendance as criteria for membership.

There is nothing in the International Bylaws requiring chapter dues. As a matter of fact, there are some chapters that do not even have dues.

If a chapter member does not pay chapter dues, she is being asked to transfer her membership out of the chapter and into the section. If this same chapter member does not pay chapter dues, she is being denied the chapter newsletter and, therefore, is denied written notice of business meetings. This is contrary to our incorporation laws which provide that all members must receive written notice of business meetings. Further, the International Board and the Bylaws govern the status of membership, and there is nothing in the Bylaws that says a member must attend meetings or pay dues to her chapter. To become a member of the Ninety-Nines, a woman must comply with Article IV, Section 2, and that is it. Years ago, the Bylaws had various levels of membership having to do with "active," "supportive," etc. The membership changed the Bylaws so there is only one classification of membership — and that is active.

Another reason for asking members to change from chapter to section membership has to do with various awards that are given for achievement. Sometimes it is felt that "absentee" members cause the chapter to miss winning some kind of award. Again, this is not a criteria for asking a member to remove herself from the chapter and become a section member.

If your chapter has a newsletter and you cannot afford to send it to the members who do not pay chapter dues, possibly you could have your newsletter underwritten by some form of advertising. If you have a bulk rate permit, you may jeopardize your bulk rate by removing non-dues payers from the mailing list. (In the US, you must mail 200 like things to retain the bulk permit.) You might want to weigh the consequences carefully. If you do not choose to send your newsletter to non-dues payers, how about a phone call or a postcard when you are going to have a business meeting? How about assigning a paying member to each non-dues paying with the

job of making contact? We discuss the "buddy system" for our newest members; maybe we also need a "buddy system" for some of our older members.

I recently attended the National Aerospace Education Congress in Las Vegas, and I met teachers from all over the United States. There were almost 1,100 at the banquet. Many did not know who we are. Many did not know what a great potential resource this organization can be for teachers. All were dazzled by our organization. I will be discussing this Congress in greater depth next month, but the reason for mentioning it now is that they thought we were wonderful. We are wonderful. We have wonderful members, ranging from the newest member who just got her license to that member in your chapter who cannot be as active now as before because of poor health, personal reasons or a conflict that precludes her attending meetings.

We are all 99s. We are all unique, and we are all wonderful. We are contributing in various ways, and who is to say which way is best? My chapter will not let me air mark because I can't stay in the lines. I have missed the last three meetings. I do not think they have drummed me out yet, and I hope they do not. I have no individual chapter in mind, so please do not heap coals on my head for bringing this to your attention. I feel all of us need to think about ways to enhance our group and attract all the women who share the joys of flying. Fly safely!

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Safety education

by Ramona O. Young
International Safety Education Chairman

With the heat of the summer months upon us, we need to be aware of density altitude.

What is density altitude? It is pressure altitude corrected for non-standard temperature variations. It is an important altitude, as it is directly related to the aircraft's takeoff and climb performance. Pressure, temperature and humidity of the atmosphere determine its density. On a hot day, the air becomes "thinner" or lighter, and its density where you are is equivalent to a higher altitude in the standard atmosphere — thus, the term "high-density altitude." On a cold day, the air becomes heavier, and its density is the same as that at

an altitude in the standard atmosphere lower than your altitude — "low-density altitude." High-density altitude is the real hazard, since it reduces aircraft performance.

High-density altitude affects performance in three ways. It reduces power because the engine takes in less air. It reduces thrust because a prop cannot get a good grip on the light air, or a jet has less mass of gases to spit out the exhaust. It reduces lift because the light air exerts less force on the airfoils. To fully understand density altitude, you should also consider indicated altitude, pressure altitude, true altitude and absolute altitude.

Indicated altitude is the altitude the pilot reads directly from the altimeter.

Pressure altitude is your altitude in relation to a standard datum plane which is sea level. You obtain it by setting the window in your altimeter to 29.92 and reading your altimeter. Pressure altitude is used to compute solutions for density altitude, true altitude and true airspeed.

True altitude is the true height of the aircraft above sea level — the actual altitude. True altitude might be expressed like this: "5,200 feet MSL (mean sea level)."

Airport, terrain and obstacle elevations found on charts and maps are true altitudes.

Absolute altitude is the actual height above the earth's surface. Any FAA Flight Service Station or National Weather Service facility can give you the pressure altitude or density altitude for his airport on any day. If you want to compute density altitude, all you need is the pressure altitude and outside air temperature. Simply adjust your altimeter to the standard setting of 29.92; the altitude then shown on the altimeter is pressure altitude. You then read the outside air temperature and use your flight computer to get your density altitude. If you do not have a computer, then most aircraft flight manuals have a density altitude chart you can use. A sample Density Altitude Computation Graph is included with this article.

Most aircraft flight manuals show the aircraft performance figured for density altitude. In simple terms, it is the altitude at which the aircraft "feels" like it is. Knowing the density altitude, you can determine takeoff roll, climb performance and landing distance for your aircraft under existing conditions.

An example of the effect of density altitude on aircraft performance is:

WINTER — Takeoff at -10°F at 250 feet altitude, plane is 3,500 feet from starting point. Rate of climb is a comfortable 500 feet per minute.

SUMMER — Takeoff at 100°F at 250 feet altitude, plane is 9,465 feet from starting point. Rate of climb is an uncomfortable 190 feet per minute.

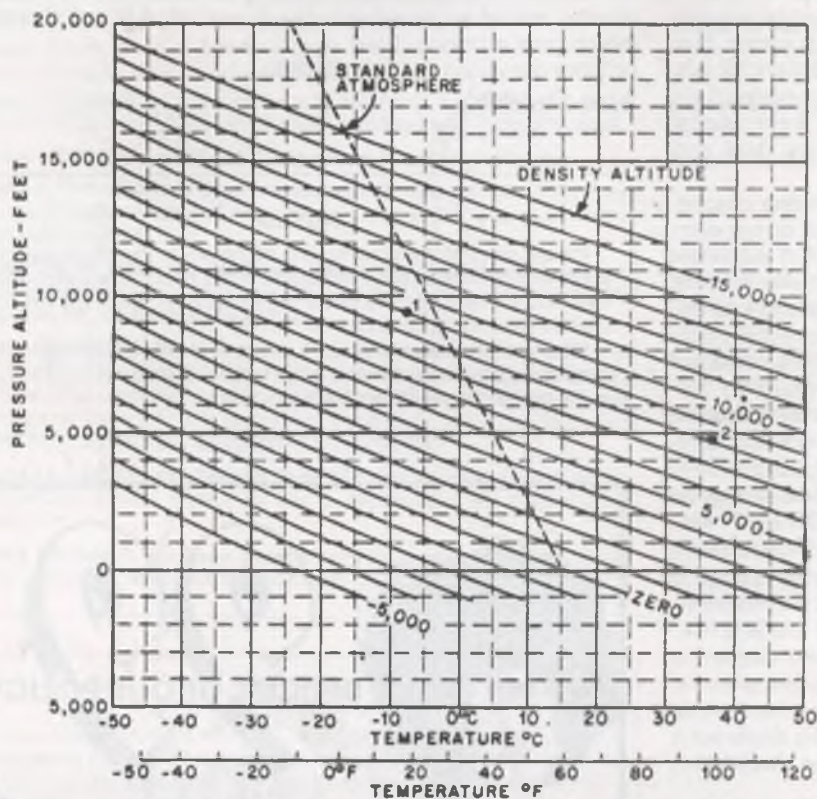
How can you simulate this condition without going to Denver on a hot day? First of all, get with your instructor and study about your aircraft performance and the effect of density altitude on it. You can simulate a high-density altitude takeoff by taking off downwind, or with the application of partial power on takeoff. (Note: Make sure you have plenty of runway to simulate this safely.) The high-density altitude landing can be simulated in the same manner — by a downwind landing with some power still on. Again, please accomplish this when plenty of runway is available.

Don't forget the runway conditions when planning your takeoff performance. Most of the charts are based on a hard-surface, level, dry runway. Uphill and downhill gradients can affect your takeoff performance appreciably.

Gross weight is another factor that affects takeoff and climb performance. The takeoff performance information found in most single engine aircraft handbooks is generally based on maximum gross weight. Lesser weights may produce improved aircraft performance, and with over maximum gross, you become a test pilot — don't do it.

After you have studied density altitude, worked problems on your computer, computed your aircraft's performance under various conditions and practiced simulated high-density altitude takeoffs and landings, you will have a better idea of the hows and whys of density altitude; this will make you a better, safer pilot.

DENSITY ALTITUDE COMPUTATION GRAPH



To find density altitude, either at field elevation or while in flight, enter the graph with pressure altitude at left and temperature at base of graph. Read density altitude from the sloping lines where the temperature and pressure altitude lines cross. Pressure altitude for an airport is usually available at any briefing office. If pressure altitude is desired while in flight or on the ground when not otherwise available, it may be found from a pressure altimeter. To determine pressure altitude from the altimeter, place the altimeter setting indicator at a standard sea level pressure (29.92 inches) and read the indicated altitude, which will also be pressure altitude. (Corrections for instrumental error, if any, must be made.)

EXAMPLE 1: With altimeter setting indicator at 29.92 inches, the altimeter reads 9,500 feet. Outside air temperature is -8°C. Find 9,500 feet (pressure altitude) on the scale at the left side of the graph and follow it across the graph to where it crosses the -8°C line. Density altitude is 9,000 feet (marked "1" on the graph).

EXAMPLE 2: Density altitude is desired for takeoff from an airfield at 5,300 feet with a runway temperature of 97°F (runway temperature is preferable to shelter temperature if available). The weather station furnishes a pressure altitude of 4,950 feet. Entering graph at 4,950 feet and moving across to 97°F indicate a density altitude of approximately 8,200 feet (marked "2" on graph). Note that in the warm air, although pressure altitude is lower than true altitude, density altitude is considerably greater.



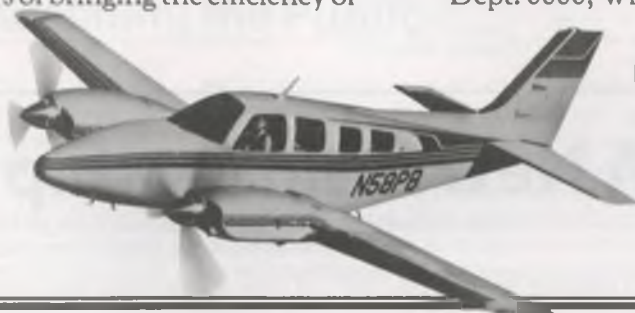
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AE Memorial Scholarship Board Meets

by Jean Pearson

A four-day spring meeting of all six Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund trustees and the fund's historian was held March 14-17 at International Headquarters in Oklahoma City.

The difficult task of screening 30 excellent applications to select finalists for forwarding to the final, outside judges received priority. The trustees wished all could be winners and, as usual, regretted that requests for financial help far exceeded chapter and section contributions to the AE trust fund.

Financial and administrative matters absorbed a good share of the time. Through the dedicated overtime help of International Vice-President Barbara Sestito, Executive Director Loretta Gragg and her assistant, Pamela Mackey, all of the AEMSF accounting records are now on the Headquarters computer.

As a result, all chapter, section and individual contributions made out to the AEMSF may now be sent directly to Headquarters, which will acknowledge the donations and notify the trustees of their receipt. To qualify for tax-free privileges, all donations must be made out to "Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund" or "AEMSF."

After much discussion, the 1986 application forms and fact sheets were reworked. The new forms should be easier to complete and provide more helpful information to the applicants and chapter chairmen. A new, 1986 AE Research Scholar Grant list of guidelines is also available.

NOTAM

"On a Wing and a Prayer" is now available in video cassette Kodak T-120 form. Rental fee is \$15. Contact Charlene Falkenberg, 618 S. Washington St., Hobart IN 46342, (219) 942-8887.

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Weather Radar Seminar Scheduled

The publication, *Business and Commercial Aviation*, is sponsoring a number of weather radar seminars presented by Archie Trammell.

Trammell's seminar focuses on radar system operation; interpretation of the display; recognizing extreme hazards; and radar facts and myths.

For this thunderstorm season, he has developed an all-new, updated seminar with all-new visuals, new photographs (which he shot while actually penetrating convective weather systems) and the most recent research results from the National Severe Storms Laboratory, NASA's lightning strike project, NTSB weather accident reports and his own in-flight investigations of thunderstorm phenomena.

Dates and locations include:

May 23	Shreveport, Louisiana	July 15	Teterboro, New Jersey
27	Wichita, Kansas	16	Wilmington, Delaware
28	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	17	Washington, D.C.
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by Marie Christensen
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Reaching the Public

by Stacy Hamm

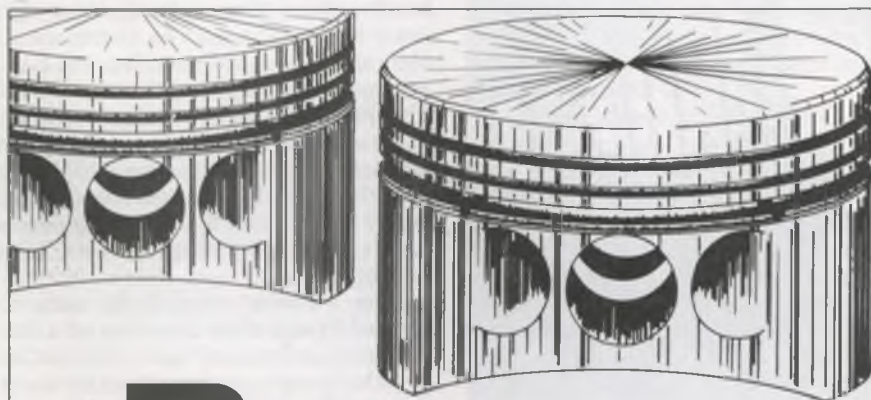
While all of the community services 99s perform help keep us in the public eye, the particular target of the membership chairman must be toward women pilots. We know where to find them — at the airport.

Summer is here — the time for air shows, fly-ins and airport open houses — is at hand. This is the ideal environment for registering new members. Construct a simple display booth or set up a table, two or three chairs

and a colorful poster to attract the attention of women pilots. A terrific poster can be manufactured from bright blue posterboard with titles, photos and articles clipped from *The 99 NEWS*. Invite prospects to sit and rest while they study their application. Every 99 in the chapter can participate in recruiting new members at one of these stations by taking turns manning the booth. Have a sign-up sheet, plenty of membership appli-

cations and a current directory on hand to give your new member the name and address of a 99 near her for ride-sharing to meetings and activities. Remember when planning your sites to include ballooning events and gliderports.

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Houston Chapter Displays "Women in Aviation"

by Carol Phillips

Hurray, we did it! You can, too. All you need is a dream, a lot of determination, extensive research and talented people to put it all together. (Also, a little money comes in handy when it's time to pay the bills.) Here is how we did it.

First of all, we had to find a suitable location. We arranged for our display to be put in the lobby of the new passenger terminal at West Houston Airport. This terminal serves Air West, a commuter airline flying from Houston to Dallas.

Having one of the biggest obstacles behind us, we started looking for a display case that met our needs. We ended up having ours built rather than buy one that was already made in order to accommodate the location in the terminal for the case and to match the blonde birch wood of the terminal's decor. We chose an all-glass, free-standing cabinet, measure seven feet tall by three feet square, with 18 inches at the bottom being used for a storage cabinet with a lock so we could store all our scrapbooks, trophies and old records. (The cost of the cabinet ran approximately \$700.) After

purchasing the cabinet, we discussed what we would like to feature in the case, and decided we would feature "Women in Aviation" with special emphasis on Texas women.

Then an extensive search for photos, letters and other memorabilia began. Letters were sent to NASA requesting information and pictures on Sally Ride, Kathryn Sullivan and Rhea Seddon, America's first female astronauts. They sent us some extraordinary photos, profiles and dates which we were able to include.

Since we were trying to feature as many Texas women as possible, we wrote to the administrative manager at Stinson Field in San Antonio, asking for help in procuring information and pictures on Katherine and Marjorie Stinson. They were most helpful.

I might add at this point that, in some cases, the material we received was loaned only long enough for us to get reproduced and return as soon as possible. Other articles were on loan for a designated period of time, and letters of agreement were sent to those loaning the memorabilia.

We were very fortunate to locate Marjorie Sanford Thompson, a WASP living in the Houston area, and decided to take her to lunch so that we could learn of some of her experiences first-hand. She kept us entertained long into the afternoon. So, naturally, we're very pleased to feature Marjorie and her memorabilia, along with other information we discovered about the WASPs from Ziggy Hunter, who lives in the Dallas area.

Letters went out to almost every Inter-



national committee of the Ninety-Nines for brochures and other information that might possibly be of use, such as Aerospace, Air Marking, Forest of Friendship, the newly acquired Amelia Earhart house and USPFT. Thanks to our Headquarters, we were able to borrow their colored picture of the building that appeared in the June 1984 issue of *The 99 NEWS*. We also purchased one of our 99 pins and our South Central Section patch, which we displayed on small cushions.

Since we were doing all the work, we decided to also show ourselves off a little. We had a Chairman's Plaque made that lists all of the Houston chairmen from the start of the charter in 1959. Since we had our chapter T-shirts designed last year, we managed to gather all but five members for a chapter photograph. Boy, we sure look nice in our lavender shirts, proudly displaying the chapter banner we hang at all of our functions.

As the information started rolling in, and word of our project spread, we got suggestions or ideas on other sources of information. We wrote *Smithsonian* magazine for an article on Harriet Quimby and, within a couple of weeks, received a very interesting piece with lots and lots of pictures we'll be able to use. Other magazines were contacted for stories that feature women in aviation. One of our members had gone to a library and researched all the magazines along this line. Another member even went antiquing and came up with a ring worn by a woman who



The Ninety-Nines display booth enjoys a prominent location in the lobby area of West Houston Airport.

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"For their outstanding support, dedication and untiring efforts in Aerospace Education development," The Ninety-Nines, Inc. was presented a Certificate of Appreciation March 25 from the Center for Aerospace Education, Pacific Region USAF/CAP/PLR.

Most of the commercial airlines were contacted for information on their female pilots. Even though most of the original or first female pilots are on furlough, People's Express sent profiles and pictures of their first two women pilots to fly their 747s, who, by the way, are still gracing the skies. Air United Kingdom, a London-based airline, was contacted requesting pictures and an article of their first all-female crew, from captain right down to the stewardess.

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flew for the British Air Transport Auxiliary and an Amelia Earhart First Day Cover. Some of the items were donated or loaned by members themselves, such as dated navigational aids, goggles, leather caps, a silk scarf and an Amelia Earhart doll.

Some of our most prized possessions came from several of our Charter Members. Josephine Wood Wallingford loaned us her pilot's license dated 1929 and an original (one of the first) Ninety-Nines card issued in 1930, which was signed by Louise Thaden. Then there's Ila Fox Loetscher, who lives on South Padre Island, who is also a Charter Member. She is a conservationist, and she has a big campaign going to save the turtles. We are so proud of her that we have now planned a chapter outing or fly-in to South Padre Island to visit her. She sent us some darling pictures of herself and her turtles, plus some of herself during the 1930s flying days, as well as her original pilot's license.

I could go on and on about the information we received and about the letters and phone calls we made.

After gathering all the material, the next step was to design the display. Fortunately, we have a very talented member who is by profession a commercial artist. She was able to do all our photo copying, typesetting and mounting for us. (This is where you can spend a lot of money!)

Since our display cabinet is free-standing, it was decided to arrange the exhibit "in the round," starting with the first woman balloonist, Mme. Thible. As you walk and

read in a circular motion around the display from shelf to shelf, the history of women in aviation takes place in sequence as it happened. We ended the exhibit with our chapter portrait.

As our project neared completion, we recalled Murphy's Law and realized there was a potential liability connected with our large glass cabinet located in a public place. We felt that we should protect the airport owner, our own chapter and International Headquarters, as well. After researching different avenues, it was decided that the airport manager would have their insurance company give us a certificate of insurance to cover our needs. (Otherwise, we would have a yearly premium to maintain.)

Thank you notes were sent to everyone contributing material, along with the letters of agreement. The correspondence is a big job, and a must in order to do it right.

Naturally, we couldn't just put everything in place and call it a night, so a committee was appointed to plan a dedication party. Invitations were mailed to everyone contributing memorabilia, along with invitations to the FAA, other local Ninety-Nine chapters, International President Hazel Jones and South Central Section Governor Carole Sue Wheeler. A dedication plaque was engraved and put in place at the ceremony, reading:

Dedicated March 10, 1985
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Houston Chapter Ninety-Nines, Inc.

Approximately 50 people attended the wine and cheese dedication. We even managed to tie a huge lavender ribbon around the cabinet. During the ceremonies, the chapter chairman cut the ribbon in half, and screams of joy were heard for miles. Along with Carole Sue Wheeler, International Historian Judy Logue attended the ceremony. She videotaped the whole affair for the archives at Headquarters. Woody Lesikar, the airport owner, was also present and seemed to be as proud as we were.

Material and information are still coming in, and research is still being done in order to be able to rotate the material every six months. We are hoping to be able to exchange information with other chapters who already have or who want to establish displays on a loan basis. Members are going to continue to keep their eyes open for any and all information we might use in the future.

We would like to encourage more chapters to undertake this worthwhile project. It does take time, money and effort! However, after all is said and done, you will feel the biggest sense of accomplishment, pride and joy one could ever imagine or experience.

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For job opportunities in FAA Flight Standards (register will open in May), go to the nearest General Aviation District Office (GADO) or Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) and apply

Mule for a Week..... on the road for th

International Historian Judy Logue and I left Wyoming winter and flew into the 92-degree heat and humidity of Houston. The purpose of the trip was to interview on videotape four Charter Members currently living in Texas, as well as to document Ninety-Nine history. Though it took only four hours to get to Texas, it took two hours to get out of the airport with Judy's 200 pounds of video equipment and luggage.

Another hour and we were at the West Houston Airport as Judy videotaped a large group of 99s from several Texas chapters while they completed painting a beautiful compass rose in front of the new terminal. All of the women sat on the ramp as the

scheduled airline, a Dash-7, landed and taxied to the terminal. They posed for pictures standing in the circle of the compass rose.

After a transition from T-shirts and paint-stained jeans to high-heels and dresses, these same women were present for a special dedication. A display case of historic photographs and memorabilia of women in aviation graces the main entrance to the terminal. An interview with Josephine Wood Wallingford, a Charter 99, was conducted following the dedication. She reminisced about riding in a fleet of Cords with Amelia Earhart before the 1929 Air Race. A circle of 99s in Texas was complete

as they celebrated both the historical and the contemporary activities of women in aviation.

One of the professional women of current aviation, Pauline Glasson, was videotaped as she taught an evening ground school. Her teaching skill, her sense of humor, her knowledge, her rapport with the students was obvious. "What are the two most important instruments in the plane?" Not the electronics... a compass and a watch. I suspect her students will learn to use their brains and the "seat of their pants" as well as the electronics.

Another circle of 99s was made complete on South Padre Island as we watched



The "Turtle Lady," Ila Fox Loetscher, works with one of her charges

Charter Member Edwina McConnell Thro discusses her early aviation experiences for Judy Logue's video camera



Adding to the Ninety-Nines' videotape library, Judy Logue records the recent West Houston Airport compass rose air marking activity

Charter Member Ila Fox Loetscher, assisted by current 99 Saundra Lapsley, show Ila's turtles. Saundra is a former editor of *The 99 NEWS* and only recently moved to the Texas Gulf. She called Ila to make contact with the Ninety-Nines, and Ila came to pick her up. Thus began an association which started with flying as a common ground and now includes, perhaps even more importantly, an association to save endangered sea turtles. Saundra works as one of Ila's 45 volunteers in Sea Turtle, Inc. to do public shows calling attention to the plight of the animals. Ila herself is known as the "Turtle Lady" and has recently been



Hazel Jones and Judy Logue test a microphone

Ninety-Nines

by Nora Van Burgh

for long... student Sue Snow showed up for her flying lesson. Another circle connecting the early days of women in aviation with the contemporary was drawn.

Flying was expensive in 1929, but Charter Member Edwyna McConnell Thro, who described herself as a frugal person, nevertheless paid \$1,000 for lessons and flying time for her limited commercial license. It was more than 10 years from the day her grandmother refused to let her take a ride until Edwyna actually did take her first plane ride. Problems with depth perception limited her flying activity, which she pursued for 10 years. "Mac" described one race, Dallas-Ft. Worth-Dallas, when she flew a Gypsy Moth. Though she finished last, she excitedly told about the race and receiving a red leather jacket. I observed current 99s Carolyn Baker and Sue Stilley as they sat enthralled with the stories of flying in the early days... as they enjoyed the humor and personality of Edwyna. "Like talking to family," Edwyna said. The young and old united in another circle of friendship and common interest in the thrill of flying.

It was appropriate to end up at Hazel Jones' house, a home full of redbirds and airplanes of every possible design. Her walls are full of awards commemorating her accomplishments in aviation. Your International President was between trips. Friday she got home from Orlando; Monday she was leaving for Washington. In a videotaped interview, she discussed her first flight and her early flying experiences. Her dream was to be a WASP, but by the time she reached age 18½ and had the required 35 hours of flying time, the program folded. At 18, Hazel said, her life was over. In spite of that, her career as one of the first women with the Civil Aeronautics Administration (later the FAA) was illustrious. Her flying career includes a helicopter rating, and she said she is living proof that one can do stupid things and still survive. Hazel received an Amelia Earhart Scholarship and is now repaying that amount for the advancement of another woman in aviation. She works with students of all ages interested in flying. She is continuing the circle of responsibility to others with the dream of flying.

Videotaping "on the road" was not finished following the interview. Equipment had to be dismantled and loaded into the car. After returning to the motel, the equipment had to be hauled in, straightened out and batteries charged. The day's shooting was reviewed and tapes were sorted and labeled. Telephone calls had to be made, coordinating the activities for the following day. There was also the drive to the next appointment. The scenario always included loading and unloading the equipment, interviewing, loading, unloading, sorting, loading, driving. My personal travel rule of "never take more than you can carry yourself" was definitely violated.

March is Women's History Month, and the 1985 theme was "Write Women Back into History." The Ninety-Nines are trying to do this. With financial contributions, such as that made by Gerry Mickelsen, and the donation of time and equipment by Judy Logue, the collecting of oral histories has been made possible. In addition, with displays such as that at the West Houston Airport, women in aviation will indeed be written back into history. With those who are currently carrying the banner, women will remain a significant part of aviation history, and the legacy of the Ninety-Nines will be enriched.

Our lives are a series of interconnecting circles — some small, some large. The Ninety-Nines circles touch upon and enclose women of tremendous talent and personality: Amelia, Ila, Gerry, Josephine, Pauline, Carole, Sandra, Judy, Hazel, Retha, Edna, Edwyna, Sue, Carolyn...

NOTAM

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Volunteers are needed for the many committees necessary for the "Happiness is Hawaii" 1986 International Convention. Chairmen and workers looking for a challenge are needed. Good openings! If you're interested, contact Chairman Lindy Boyes, 1986 Convention Headquarters, 2251 Roundtop Dr., Honolulu HI 96822.

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WOMEN IN AVIATION FEATURED IN PBS PROGRAMS

May 5

"Working Women," featuring Bonnie Tiburzi, 3:30 p.m. most stations.

Month of May

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awarded one of the 10 awards for conservation by Gulf Oil Company. For almost 20 years, she has been instrumental in scientific breeding operations to reestablish several species of sea turtles.

This is a long way from Davenport, Iowa, where Ila was the first woman in the state to receive her pilot's license. Ila recalled the first day she wore her new leather boots. The flying field was muddy, but she refused the men's offer of a chair ride to her plane. "I did spend all night cleaning my boots, though," she said.

The "Flying Schoolmarm," Retha McCulloh Crittenden, was interviewed in her quiet living room, surrounded by art works of her son and daughter-in-law. One painting of Retha showed her in flying clothes and leather boots. She said she got paid in flying time for "dressing up" and being on the airfield in 1929, advertising for flying. As a young school teacher, Retha had her first flight in a Ford Tri-Motor and learned to fly in a Waco. She was the first woman to become a licensed pilot in Texas, and she is a Charter Member of the Ninety-Nines. Retha was asked if she ever did anything else "non-traditional" other than flying. She answered no. However, she was a widow who supported her son for 20 years, and she is a college graduate. Her son, Bill Johnson, completes a circle of aviation in Retha's family. He is a well known aviation photographer.

We stopped at Aero Valley Airport to say hello to Edna Gardner Whyte. Judy had interviewed her previously. Flowers decorated her table. Edna had just been honored by the Ft. Worth Zonta Club as Professional Woman of the Year, and March 13 had been declared Edna Gardner Whyte Day by the mayor. We agreed she needed more wall space to display her awards. Though we were welcome, Edna was too busy to chat

Candidates for International Board of Directors

Doris Abbate

New York-New Jersey Section

Life Member Doris Abbate has served in most offices and committees since 1961. Currently, she is a USPFT regional coordinator. She serves on the International Nominating Committee. She is vice-governor and chairman to Revise Bylaws and Standing Rules for the New York-New Jersey Section, as well as chairman for the AE Scholarship for the Long Island Chapter. She also chairs the Committee to Read/Condense International Minutes and the International Exhibit Committee.

Doris is an avid contestant in proficiency competitions, winning first place in the USPFT Connecticut Rally and Mid-County Air Race and Spot Landing Contest.

She has attended 11 International Conventions, 26 section meetings and two Forest of Friendship ceremonies. Her aviation memberships include Silver Wings, Aerocats, Republic Aviation Action, AOPA and the National Hall of Fame.

Doris and 49½er Ron are enthusiastic advocates of the Ninety-Nines, and she is dedicated to promoting further growth.

NOTAM

Members interested in women's aviation history are encouraged to attend the Oral History Workshop in Baltimore on Saturday morning. Participants are encouraged to bring along their own cassette recorders and names of prospective interviews from their sections. This is a working-playing, hands-on session. Sleepers will be certified DOAS.

Marie Christensen

North Central Section

Marie has been a 99 since 1974, the first five years in Orange County, California, Southwest Section. Six years ago, she moved to Kansas City and joined the Greater Kansas City Chapter.

The past two years have been spent as an International Director and International Public Relations Chairman. During that time, she developed public relations kits and distributed them to each chapter, implemented the Ninety-Nines sponsorship of "A.M. Weather," procured advertising on a national computer service and has more projects "in the works."

Marie has been an active 99 since joining, serving at both the chapter and section levels. She is also an active pilot, owner of a C-182 and a part-time ground and flight instructor.

She has truly enjoyed her term as Director and would like to continue serving in that capacity for "this dynamic organization."

Diane Cozzi

North Central Section

"Being a 99 for over 10 years has meant a lot to me. It's been exciting, fun and rewarding. The Ninety-Nines is truly a worthwhile organization, deserving of my involvement, dedication and time. I sincerely hope to serve on the International Board."

Diane is the immediate past governor of the North Central Section, previously serving as treasurer; past chairman, vice-chairman and treasurer of the Chicago Area Chapter; and she has served on numerous committees. She has attended nearly all

International and section meetings since joining. She has instrument and ground instructor ratings, and is an air racer. She is a CAP major, Illinois Wing Director of Aerospace Education and a former squadron commander.

Serving as a market analyst for an international company, Diane loves traveling and has enjoyed meeting 99s all over the world.

Alexis Montague-Ewanchew

Southeast Section

When she finally fulfilled the dream of a 16-year-old and began to learn to fly in 1970, Alexis did not realize at the time that it would be so exciting and rewarding, and that it would introduce her to so many wonderful people.

Not one to sit on the sidelines, she has been very active in all aspects of the organization, serving the Ninety-Nines at the chapter and section levels. She has been chapter chairman and treasurer, as well as section vice-governor, and presently governor. Other related activities include the "fun flying" Grasshoppers; secretary, vice-president and president of the AWIAR Angel Derby; presently a member of the Board of Directors of AWIAR; and secretary-treasurer and charter member of the Pompano Flyers, a flying club that was in existence for eight years.

A 99 since December 1976, Alexis has attended all nine International Conventions and 17 section meetings since joining, and she was a delegate to most of them. With ASEL/AMEL and IFR ratings, she hopes to continue attending meetings and Conventions and "serving the Ninety-Nines in whatever capacity needed."

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Candidates for AE Memorial Scholarship Committee

Patricia W. Roberts
Southwest Section

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

She has flown some 2,200 hours since 1968 when she progressed through single, multiengine and instrument flight training. After joining the Ninety-Nines in 1970, she became chairman of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter in 1972. Her participation with the Southwest Section began as APT chairman, followed by membership on the section Nominating Committee and chairmanship of the Forest of Friendship Committee. She was International Credentials Chairman for four years.

During this lengthy period of Ninety-Nines activity, Pat has attended 19 section and seven International meetings. She said she has greatly enjoyed working with 99s worldwide.

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

She is currently a member of the International Board of Directors, serving since 1983, and a member of the USPFT and World Precision Flight Team Councils. Pat is a member of the Central Oregon Chapter.

Louise G. White
Southeast Section

Louise has been a 99 since 1970, attending 14 International Conventions and 30 section meetings.

She has chaired the Southeast Sectional, three MAPA regionals, a local/regional USPFT and four Autumn Gold Air Rallies. Currently section vice-governor, she has also been section membership chairman.

Louise organized the Blue Ridge Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, the WNC Pilots Association, Sugarloaf Mountain Composite Squadron of CAP and Asheville Chapter of WNAA.

She has flown six Powder Puff Derbies, and she has served as inspection/im-poundment chairman for four Air Race Classics.

A lieutenant colonel in the Civil Air Patrol, Louise is a recipient of the Gill Rob Wilson Award, the highest achievement award presented to a civilian by the USAF.

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NEW DATES AND PLACE

NINETY-NINES INDIA CONGRESS

February 22-26, 1986

New Delhi, India
Taj Palace Hotel

Charlene Falkenberg

A member of the Ninety-Nines since 1963, Charlene holds a commercial certificate with instrument and multiengine ratings. An advanced and instrument ground instructor, she has been teaching for 20 years, and she is an FAA test examiner and accident prevention counselor.

Charlene has served as a Board Member, Secretary and Vice-President on the International level.

Charlene feels every individual member should be aware that she is the important one. She would like to see the Ninety-Nines "continue in growth, in help to women in aviation, as a voice of general aviation, in aerospace education and as an active organization in flying and friendship."

Thon Griffith

Thon, a member of the Orange County Chapter, joined the Ninety-Nines in 1962. She has served in all chapter offices, on the Powder Puff Derby Board for six years and on the Ninety-Nines Board for 10 years. She was International President from 1978 through 1980. Since 1982, she has served as chairman of the AE Scholarship Committee.

Thon and husband George have business interests in Central America and make annual trips there in their airplane. She is a corporate pilot currently flying a P-Baron, and she is a past director of the National Pilots Association.

Ilovene N. Potter

Ilovene, a member of the Greater Seattle Chapter, has held all offices in the Ninety-Nines at both chapter and section levels. She served two years on the International Board of Directors and two years as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

She has been ATP since the late '60s. She was the 50th woman in the free world and the first in the state of Washington to receive her helicopter rating. Ilovene was captain of the first US Helicopter Team to compete in a World Championship, in

which the US took second place. Presently, she is a certified Federation Aeronautique International judge.

Ilovene has flown in nine Powder Puff Derbies, one Angel Derby, seven Palms to Pines and six Pacific Air Races. She is immediate past president of Whirly-Girls, the International Organization of Women Helicopter Pilots, now numbering just over 450 members in almost every country in the free world.



CHARLENE FALKENBERG



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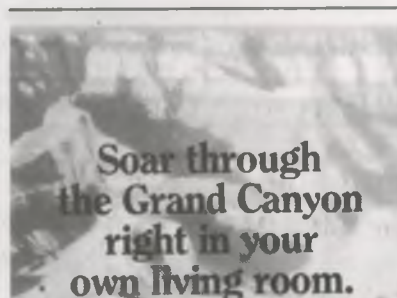
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by Ellen Hahn

Birds of a Feather Flock to Baltimore in July

It's getting close to Convention time, and we're winding down our series of articles about Baltimore and its environs. If we haven't been able to entice you so far, we probably won't be able to — unless our restaurant reviews get you. (Watch for them next month. We always save the best for last!)

This month, a few practical things: weather, what to wear (very much related to weather) and language.

First language. *Language?* You thought they spoke English in Baltimore, right? Well, they do, after a fashion. But consider. You thought Convention '85 was going to be held in Baltimore, Maryland. The natives say otherwise; try BAlamer, Murlin, or Bawllmer, Muhrlan! You'll find a few idiosyncracies, like "rench" (what you do to your clothes after you wash them out in the "zink"), "urshter" (lovely things to eat, some of which have pearls in their shells), and "exscape" (self-explanatory).

When you arrive at the Hyatt, you will probably unpack, "arn" your clothes ("doll" housekeeping on the telephone if you didn't bring a travel "arn" with you), take a nice warm "shar," and maybe relax and "fahl" your nails and primp in the "meer" while waiting for a "liddul" light refreshment from room service. Then you may feel up to playing "torst" for awhile; take your "cammer" along for plenty of "pixtures" of all the things we've told you about — we "bleeve" you'll find them fascinating. If you get lost, don't be afraid to walk up to a "pleeceman"

and say, "Altno where I am. Can you give me *dirextions* to the *Haht* Hotel?" See, you're catching on!

And now a word on weather: Hot! Another word is humid. You can expect temperatures in the 80s with humidity to match. (Remember, Baltimore sits smack on the water!) But the breeze is pleasant outside, and virtually everything is air conditioned inside; so altogether we should find the week pleasantly summery. How's *that* for a weather briefing?

What to wear is now probably obvious. Cool, comfortable, casual. Natural fabrics (I like the fashion magazines that say linen and cotton are *supposed* to look wrinkled!). And, of course, as in any city where air conditioning is *de rigeur*, a light sweater or jacket for those places that overcompensate for the heat. Baltimore is a casual city, too, so you won't have to pack two wardrobes — one for show and one for comfort.

Oh, and just a couple more things. Did you know that the Ouija Board was invented in Baltimore? That Baltimore was where the first clipper planes carried visitors to and from China? That Baltimore is famous for its marble steps and was once the nation's straw hat capital? (These aren't really *practical* things to know, but we didn't know where else to slip them in!)

And so, that's Baltimore. From the Inner Harbor to the interesting architecture, the people, museums and historic sites, to nearby Annapolis and Washington, we hope

we've whetted your appetite for Baltimore and the Bay area.

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CONVENTION NOTAM

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Chapter News, Activities and Projects

AFRICA SOUTH SECTION

The flying calendar is always a full and busy one. In May, there is the annual EAA Margate convention, which is not to be missed. In June, we have the 99 convention at Tiger Bay, Karibas. And in July, at Mkuze in Zululand, the South African National Aerobatic Tournament will be held.

In August, if all goes well, our second 99 Navigation Rally is scheduled. In October, a unique event will take place when the South African Masters Aerobatic Tournament will occur. The main venue will be La Mercy Airfield in Durban, and an air show will take place at Wonderboom just before all the visitors depart.

by Lindsay Glaum

INDIA SECTION

Parul Kothari, a 24-year-old woman from Baroda, India, acquired her CPL and instrument ratings in New York, flying at Teterborough Airport. Parul managed to pile up 300 hours, including 25 hours in a complex plane (Cutlas 172-RG). She is the 10th young woman from India to get her commercial ratings.

Parul's love for flying turned into an avid passion, which ultimately took her to the USA, where she had to work hard against all odds, both mental and physical. Nevertheless, her ratings are her prized possessions and worth all the struggle.

During her training in New York, Parul also found another true love in Dipak Kothari, an M.S. in micro-wave from Massachusetts. They later married, and are now settled happily in California.

With every new lady pilot our strength grows, and India Section is truly proud of its achievements. We hopefully look forward to seeing our tribe increase steadily.

by Mohini Shroff



Parul Kothari works on her flying ratings at Teterboro Airport.

CARIBBEAN SECTION

Patrice Clarke of Nassau, an active 99, is now employed as a pilot with Bahamasair, the national airline of the Bahamas. Patrice previously served as a pilot of a charter airline and is the first woman to serve as a pilot with Bahamasair.

Hortense Robinson of Freeport is presently studying to secure a commercial rating, with plans to pursue a career as an airline pilot.

Frances Burrows of Freeport is working toward the IFR rating. She is also planning a career in aviation.

by Helen Veatch

EAST CANADA SECTION

Eastern Ontario Chapter

Bill Pepler, manager of the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association, was guest speaker at the February meeting. In talking about this organization that is generally recognised as the voice of general aviation in Canada, Bill made the interesting point that COPA was started by a 99, Margaret Carson, still a member of this chapter, saw the need in

1952 for a Canadian organisation to represent the viewpoint of general aviation pilots and owners of small aircraft. Margaret acted as administrator of the association for the first five years of its life, and used her home as the association office. The strength of COPA today is testimony to her vision of what was needed.

Michele Samson has been elected president of the Ottawa Flying Club, and Laurie Harkin Chiasson has been elected president of the Circle "V" Flying Club in Winchester. Debbie White has been elected a director of the Air Transport Association of Canada, and she is the first woman to be elected to that board. Felicity McKendry has been named Employee of the Year by the Rockcliffe Flying Club, where she is a flight instructor.

A record number of our members and their husbands and friends turned out for our annual Christmas potluck supper.

by Isabel Pepler

WESTERN CANADA SECTION

Alberta Chapter

Our February meeting was held at the Chateau Airport in Calgary, in a room named



On her way to India, International Director Chanda Budhabhatti stopped over in London to attend 50 years of Anglo-American collaboration with British Aerospace. With Chanda (right) are British 99 Sheila Scott, B.M. Buckley and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rosser.

New Horizons

WERNER HUBNER-KUNATH

Husband of past German Section Governor Hanna, Werner Hubner-Kunath died of multiple sclerosis in April. Our sympathy is extended to Hanna.

by Charlene Falkenberg

JACKIE SEPULVEDA

Jackie Sepulveda flew on to New Horizons February 20. She died of liver cancer at her home in Costa Mesa, California. She was a long-time 99 and had belonged to the Long Beach Chapter.

Although Jackie flew in the 1961 Powder Puff Derby, she was never happier than when working for air races like the Palms to Pines and Baja Race.

Her three children, two of her grandchildren, two of her sisters (one, Pat Collins, is also a 99), many friends and other 99s from five different chapters gathered February 23 at Claire Walters Flight Academy. Claire flew Jackie's three children, with one flower from each one of us gathered to honor Jackie, and they scattered her ashes along with the many flowers out over the Pacific Ocean. Jackie wanted that because she wanted "to be free forever."

Upon their return, they toasted Jackie with champagne (for those not flying) and soft drinks for the others — and then told "Jackie stories." It was fitting tribute to a warm, loving person we will all miss very much.

for pilot Katherine Stinson. She is commemorated for her accomplishments in aviation in Alberta during the summers of 1916-18, first as a thrilling "barnstormer" at the fairs, then as the first woman to carry air mail in Canada. This event took place between Calgary and Edmonton, July 9, 1918, in Katherine's Curtiss JN-4.

Eleanor Bailey was invited to officiate at this opening ceremony, but she had to decline. She had a special invitation to attend an event she could not miss — the launching of Space Shuttle Challenger that would carry Sally Ride into space.

The invitation resulted from a friendship which began in July when Eleanor was hostess for Sally Ride as she visited Calgary to attend and officially open the 1984 Calgary Exhibition and Stampede. Eleanor's report conveyed the excitement everyone must have felt at Kennedy Space Center as they watched that perfect launch.

by Mary Oswald



Astronaut Sally Ride and Eleanor Bailey visit prior to the opening of the Calgary Stampede.

Saskatchewan Chapter

SURVIVAL TRAINING... by Captain Dee Brasseur and Captain Nora Bottomley, Canadian Forces Base, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan... Our members enjoyed hearing first-hand February 17 of rescues made by Nora during her term of duty with CFB at Trenton. She claims that a will to live is one of the most important qualities a crash victim must have. Five members listened and asked questions, and then went out to build a survival shelter.

Mary Pyne was guest speaker at the January 26 Flying Farmer Safety Seminar. Mary has also instructed three Air Age Education classes at Sandy Bay.

A timely message, delivered during "Stop Smoking Week" in Canada, was presented by



New Maryland Chapter 66s receiving their pins include Addie Houston, Jean Smith, Irene Simpkins and Theresa Kane. Coordinator of the 66 program is 99 Jet Hobbs.

Dr. June Mills. This 99 spoke about how hypoxia can occur from smoking, actually incapacitating the pilot.

Nadine Cooper attended the liaison meeting to plan our 1987 International Convention in Canada.

by Nadine M. Cooper and Mary Pyne



Noreen Proudlove builds her survival shelter at the Moose Jaw survival clinic.

MIDDLE EAST SECTION

Hampton Roads Chapter

Our chapter conducted a Flying Companion Seminar March 16 at Hampton Roads, Flight One Restaurant, with 14 certificates being issued. Linda Hollowell chaired the event with Sandra Taylor, Connie Zook, Dawn Kinard, Libby Mesick, Joan Brockett, Edith Fisher, Rosemary Doud and Pam Williams participating, along with ever faithful 49½er John Mesick. The medical presentation was conducted by Dr. Mike Walker.

We welcomed new member Katie Paine during the March meeting. She received her license last fall. We also welcomed former member Rosemary Doud, who returned to this area from Washington, D.C. In addition, we have four 66s in our fold.

Edith Fisher, Dawn Kinard, Linda Hollowell and Connie Zook entertained Grace McGuire of "Project Destiny." Grace is a member of the New York/New Jersey Section, and was in town for a ride in an F-15 at Langley AFB.

by Lois Young

Maryland Chapter

Our March meeting was held at Carroll County Airport in Westminster. With beautiful weather, many of us flew in. New members include Janet Ford and Jane Ward, as well as 66s Addie Houston, Theresa Kane, Jean Smith and Irene Simpkins.

Joan Bates, Convention chairman, brought us up to date on Convention planning progress and distributed a preliminary schedule. Lunch was provided by Madeline Burriss and Betty McSorley. Our 50-50 raffle was won by BeBe Owen.

There was a large turnout of Maryland 99s at an aviation safety seminar at Martin State Airport. The discussion of the Airport Radar Service Area (ARSA) was particularly relevant to us as it became effective March 14 at



Barbara Baron holds her farewell cake.

BWI Airport.

Chapter enthusiasm for air and space education projects continues to run high. Madeline Burriss, Barbara Feader, Kay Hanson, Jet Hobbs, Judy Hutchinson, Eunice Paumier, Sabrina Kipp, Patricia Scarlet, Kathy Shull and Ginny Vogel attended an excellent "how-to" air and space education seminar presented by Potomac 99 Elizabeth Matarese.

We have recently enjoyed some very special social activities. Several of us went to see 99 Pat Zinn perform in "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" at Maxwell's dinner theater. We thoroughly enjoyed both dinner and the play. Many of us also attended the Edgewood Arsenal Army Flying Club Annual Banquet. The emcee for the program was Doris Jacobson's 49½er, John, a recipient of the 1984 Significant Member Award.

by Catherine A. Hanson

Potomac Chapter

Mary Feik and Elizabeth Matarese attended the National Congress in Aerospace Education, Las Vegas, Nevada, in March. Mary spoke about women in aviation in the 1940s, and Elizabeth officially presented information to attendees about the Air and Space Education Foundation, a clearinghouse for programs and materials about aviation. ASEE, as the organization is called, has an office in Washington, D.C., which will be staffed by volunteers, many of them Potomac Chapter 99s.

Marcy Deckelbaum completed the 727 Flight Engineers Training Program at United Airlines' training facility in Denver. A fellow classmate in the training program was Sue Cedarquist-Yamamoto of the Santa Paula Chapter. We hope they'll soon be flying the "Friendly Skies."

The March meeting was held at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, where we co-hosted a safety seminar with the State Aviation Administration. The subject of the seminar was implementation of the Airport Radar Service Area (ARSA).

There are now eight FAA accident prevention counselors in the chapter. The latest member to join the ranks is Edna Drago, who has been active in aerospace education for many years.

by Marilyn DonCarlos

Steel Valleys Chapter

The March 8 meeting was held at the US Air Simulator Center near Greater Pittsburgh Airport. Twelve members and one guest enjoyed a tour, and each of us was treated to some hands-on flying of a DC-9. The experience was most memorable. Dinner was at Redwyn's Restaurant in the terminal building.

Associate member Swanhild Pelecovich recently earned her private pilot's license and is now a full-fledged 99. We also are pleased to welcome new members Pam Huber and Jean Silverstein.

by Sherree Seaber

West Virginia Mountaineer Chapter

Jean Pickering will be one of two candidates from the Middle East Section for an AE Memorial Scholarship. Jean is interested in a multiengine rating.

We are working on safety activities, such as the placement of safety posters at our home airports and monthly safety tips.

Barbara Baron, a flight instructor with

Connecticut Chapter

March 3, despite blustery northwest winds, the chapter hosted its first USPFT meet at Bridgeport Airport.

Seven contestants showed up, but one dropped out because of mechanical difficulties. The crew who stood out by the

employed at Empire as assistant director of revenue accounting.

Susan Giacobbi began flying in April 1982 and is now working on her instrument rating. She joined the chapter in 1984. Susan is employed as a software engineer at Deerfield Systems in Utica.

by Mildred R. Murray

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runway to mark the accuracy landings had noses and fingers snapped by the bitter cold wind. We couldn't help but marvel at the entrants battling their way down final against a stiff crosswind, maintaining centerline control all the way, some hitting the mark with accuracy. Byron DeGroff, the local FAA designee, was chief judge for this event.

After the landing segment was completed, the pilots returned to plan their cross-country portion after a weather briefing from the FSS. When they returned from their bumpy excursions over Connecticut, they were greeted with a written exam.



Nancy Morgan holds the WW II model she was presented at the Central New York Historical Aviation Society.



Entrants, workers and check pilots gather for a quick group picture after the day's events in Bridgeport.

Photo by Carol Phelps

ratings in single and multiengine instruments as well as balloons, has moved to Martinsburg, Virginia, where she and 49½er Robert will manage the FBO. We are sure they will continue to contribute a great deal to the Ninety-Nines and to all the local flying community in Virginia.

Morgan Hapeman prepared the Ninety-Nines cake enjoyed by all at our February meeting at the Benedum Airport Tower, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

by Mary Lou Lewis

Doris Abbate of the Long Island Chapter, a regional USPFT coordinator, emerged as the number one winner, followed by Jose Millares, president of the University of New Haven Pilots Association.

It was our chapter's first time hosting the event, but it won't be our last. The only change will be to hold it after the winds of March disappear — maybe April of next year... or would we get doused by an April shower?

by Carol Phelps



Barbara Ladd, 66, and Marcia Buller greet new 99s Sherry Garafalo and Susan Giacobbi.

Greater New York Chapter

Plans are fully underway for our "big" fly-in to Exuma in the Bahamas. We are scheduled to rendezvous May 4 at Ft. Pierce in Florida. This works out well as some of our members will be attending the section meeting in Albany, which ends May 4, and then will fly down to Florida. With any luck, all the customs and other paperwork will be completed for everyone by Sunday, May 5 (not to mention good weather), and we will be able to leave Ft. Pierce for the 2½-hour trip to Exuma.

At our April meeting, which was also our annual "Authors Night," we were delighted to have Janet Guthrie as emcee. Although more famous for her race car driving, Janet is a pilot. In addition, our special guest for the evening was Charter Member Fay Gillis Wells.

by Marian A. Campbell

NY/NJ SECTION

Central New York Chapter

Nancy Morgan, guest speaker at the Central New York Historical Aviation Society, was presented with a World War II model airplane that was begun as a kit by her brother. It had been in a friend's attic for about 40 years and was finished by a Society member and presented to Nancy. The airplane has special meaning for Nancy as her brother died an untimely death a few years ago of cancer.

We are welcoming three new members. Barbara Ladd, 66, has several hours in her own Cessna 152 given her by her husband at Christmas. Sherry Garafalo began flight training in June 1983, and she received her license two months later. Sherry will marry her flight instructor, who is now a first officer with Empire Airlines, in June. She is also

Long Island Chapter

Carol Maffettone was appointed research economist with Dodge/DRI (a division of McGraw-Hill), which means a move to Massachusetts for her. Carol has worked hard for our chapter, and she has done a wonderful job as aviation advisory chairman.

Doris Abbate recently flew to Kissimmee, Florida with 49½er Ron in a Cessna Cutlass. Instrument approaches were made at all stops for practice. Though most of the weather was VFR, they took advantage of the fact that each airport visited had an FSS on

NEW ENGLAND SECTION



Chapter Chairman Sandy McDonough places the gold medal around first place winner Doris Abbate's neck. With them is second place winner Jose Millares.

Photo by Carol Phelps

the field where they received a personal briefing.

Sandy McDonough, chapter chairman and host of the Connecticut USPFT at Bridgeport in March, is becoming well known to us. Besides attending some of our meetings and having lunch with members at other times, Sandy recently played rescue mission to 99 Sister Mary Loretta and two other pilots stranded at Bridgeport due to an uncooperative airplane. While looking for a way back to Long Island, minus airplane, the three bumped into Sandy, who offered a quick ferry ride across the Long Island Sound, affectionately known as "The Pond." A two-plus-hour automobile drive was avoided by Sandy's generosity. By plane, the trip takes a quick 25

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION



Hostess Janeen Adrion with her three speakers, Dave Auredon, Carl Strout and Larry Brill.

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Ida Van Smith speaks to students at Marshall Elementary School.

minutes.

Nancy Davis, section candidate for the AE Scholarship, was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa National College Honor Society in March. Nancy will be graduating from SUNY Farmingdale in May with a 3.7 average in aerospace technology. This, plus the fact she is the mother of two college-age sons, has a very busy bridal dress-making business and is making most of the chapter uniforms, keeps her pretty busy.

Joyce Malkmes enjoyed a floatplane trip from Grassy Key, Florida to the Dry Tortugas in the Gulf of Mexico in March, while Mae Smith plotted land trips, also in Florida, and Jill Hopfenmuller wound up in Melbourne, Florida.

Ruby Bostic, with friend Melva Jackman, flew more than 5,500 miles in a single engine airplane from New York to Trinidad, Port-of-Spain, West Indies, for Carnival time. As most of the trip was over water, they first stopped in Florida for overwater equipment. Then it was on to Georgetown, Exuma, Bahamas; Grand Turk and Caicos, Puerto Plato, Dominica; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Antigua, St. Lucia, Guadalupe; Trinidad and Tobago.

Back on the ground, Ruby is speaking about aviation opportunities and careers at the Kingsboro Community College and the School of the Gifted.

Ida Van Smith, always in chapter uniform, recently spoke on aviation at I.S. 59, Brooklyn; Marshall Elementary School, Hempstead; St. Albans Congregational Church, Hempstead Baptist Church; and I.S. 72, Rochdale.

by Patricia Rockwell



Carl Strout congratulates 66 Joline Yeager, winner of instruction in aerobatics, in the Robin.

All-Ohio Chapter

The March meeting was held at Central Skyport on Port Columbus Airport. Hostess was Janeen Adrion and, for her program, she had a line-up of handsome guys! First was Dave Auredon, a Port Columbus controller who spoke to us about the ARSA. Carl Strout spoke about aerobatic training, and Larry Brill spoke about competitive aerobatics and about the maneuvers used in competition. Janeen had a drawing for a door prize, which was for one hour of free dual instruction in aerobatics by Carl in Skyport's Robin. This was won by a very happy 66, Joline Yeager!

Salley Berryhill had her medical reinstated — and flew in to the meeting! She received a new, special "Attagirl" award for this, presented by the originator of the award, Jeane Wolcott. It is a bracelet to be worn by the winner until she decides there is someone else who has done something significant and who deserves it, at which time she will pass it on. We thank Jeane for coming up with the idea, and for the bracelet. And we congratulate Salley for being its first recipient, and for deserving it so highly.

Three members were involved in commendable community flying events. Edna Hansen flew the high school librarian for aerial photographs of all the Port Clinton schools to help him prepare a slide program about the school system. Jo Bernet will be donating a half-hour ride around Tiffin for the Rotary Club TV Auction. And Mimi Reiheld took the winner of a summer reading program contest for an aerial tour of Wayne County, after which the little girl piped up, "I read 415 books, and that ride was worth every page!" Mimi says to watch for a new 99 in about 10

years!

Sandy Gordley, CAP captain, is credited with a "find" March 13, which means spotting an aircraft that has crashed. CAP ground crews and the sheriff searched overnight, and Sandy spotted the aircraft at 0725 hours while on her way to the "mission base" at Fulton County, Wauseon, Ohio. Sandy is air operations officers for the Findlay Squadron.

by Roberta Jones

Aux Plaines Chapter

The February meeting was held at the Stick and Rudder Club at Waukegan Memorial Airport. Mary Wedel, nominating chairman, accepted suggestions for chapter officers and committee heads. Weight and balance problems were reviewed.

Members viewed a US Air Force film featuring the Thunderbirds at the March meeting at the same location. The upcoming May Illi-Nines race was discussed and a contribution made in the form of an advertisement in the race program.

A campaign is being carried on by chapter members to forestall the possible closing of Chicago's lakefront airport, Meigs Field, a suggestion made by the committee studying sites for the impending World's Fair.

Several members attended a dinner in Richmond, Illinois, sponsored by Chapter 414 of the EAA. Mr. Moore of the FAA emphasized the lack of general aviation airports in the state, and Vern Jobst, EAA Spirit of St. Louis pilot, gave a slide presentation featuring women in aviation.

Fran Hicks is working with 4-H members in a ballooning program.

by Virginia Rabung

Central Illinois Chapter

Kathy Palmer spoke about "VFR Emergencies" at the IFR/VFR Seminar in Peoria. Kathy and husband Dave also presented slides. Linda Hamer and Anita Albert worked at the main registration desk for the two-day seminar. Our 99 Bulletin Board was on display, and literature was available.

Babbs (not yet a 99) and spouse Beanie Nutt plodded (or plotted) their way around Florida in March, piloting their Lake down from Vermont/New Hampshire. In fact, they flew from Post Mills Airport, where Babbs teaches gliding (soaring). They say of their six children, "None flies!"

April was our chapter's 40th anniversary. A celebration took place at Capital Airport with guest speaker Dorothy "Carrot Top" Vallee, pilot for Republic Airlines, builder of planes, wife of Joe and mother of Jonathan, currently living in Michigan, but our chapter member.

by Clarissa H. Holcomb

Chicago Area Chapter

Our annual Achievement Awards Banquet was held at Marriott O'Hare, where Updater Awards and Achievement Awards were presented. Diane Cozzi received highest total points, with Marlene Winters coming in second. Rita Adams received first in Chapter Activities, with Marge Sundmacher second and Polly Gilkison third. Marlene Winters was first in Flying Activities, with Ruth Rockcastle second and Sharon Ann Schorsch third. Linda Forness was our new member for Flying Activities. Madeleine Monaco received

the chapter Service Award, and the 49½er Award went to Michael Grubermann. Marion Servos was selected as our nominee for the Governor's Service Award.

Six scholarships were presented to Marilyn Baeckelandt, Sharon Ann Schorsch, Ruth Rockcastle, Gail LaPook, Marge Sundmacher and Eileen Ferch. The WOW Derby in

Kennett. Frances Walker, Cape Girardeau member, flew from Carbondale, Illinois to pick up and deliver boxes in that area. Martha Norman, chairman of this event, had a most helpful ground crew, including Mary and Jack Kinnaw, Jan Pocock, Jo-Ellyn Ryall and Vivian and Bernie Waters.

by Nelda Lee



Chicago Area awards recipients include Linda Forness, Marge Sundmacher, Sharon Ann Schorsch, Ruth Rockcastle, Diane Cozzi, Rita Adams, Marlene Winters and Polly Gilkison.

Keokuk, Iowa donated money for the sixth scholarship. Chicago Mayor Washington made an unexpected visit to our banquet, and he received our enthusiastic support to keep Meigs Field in Chicago open.

Ethel Scott has been selected to be honored in the Forest of Friendship. Joan Kerwin spoke to the St. Louis Zontians in January at the AE luncheon. Arta Henson and 49½er Richard flew their Cherokee 140 to explore the Florida Keys to escape our cold weather.

Rita Adams, Ruth Rockcastle and Madeleine Monaco braved icy roads to Peoria for the state IFR/VFR Seminar to conduct the flying companion section of the Safety Seminar. Ellen O'Hara and Connie and Michael Grubermann drove down to help with the classes. Joan Kerwin acted as liaison with the state, and Marge Sundmacher assisted in planning and loaning of equipment.

by Debbie Karas

Greater St. Louis Chapter

The March 19 business meeting was held at Mary Kinnaw's home. Sixteen members and two guests, Jeanne Braddock and Whirly-Girl Debbie Phelps attended.

Betty Pfister, Whirly-Girl president and Aspen Chapter member, visited Scott AFB, Illinois, March 6-7. Val Johnson, Nelda Lee, Sue Matheis, Greta Weaver and Debbie Phelps met her for dinner and enjoyed a delightful evening.

Martha Norman was guest speaker at the Missouri Pilots Gateway Chapter's March 13 meeting. She spoke on "Flying — The Right Seat," and highlighted topics of concern for flight companions. Ninety-Nines and 49½ers present included Shirley Dietz, Deanne Falduto, Ruby Fudoli, Vera Heberer, JoAnne and Steve Sabo, Barbara Wilper and Rosemary Zander.

Members participated for the third year in "Daffodil Day" for the American Cancer Society. Fifty-four boxes (500 flowers per box) were flown March 19 from Spirit of St. Louis Airport to three locations in Missouri. Val Johnson and Amy Laws flew to Rolla and Springfield, JoAnne Sabo and Ruby Fudoli flew to Springfield, and Shirley Dietz flew to

Indiana Chapter

What a delight... at long last a meeting to which we were able to fly. To Bloomington, we winged our way where we were met at the airport and transported by car to the home of Dorothy Niekamp for a chili lunch, business meeting and a good opportunity to visit.

Mary Rutherford, Evansville, brought guest Carol Rogers, a non-pilot aviation artist. Carol paints such personalized items as mugs and key chains. She will have some items ready for display at our North Central Sectional in Ft. Wayne.

Mary has had her license for a year and is now working on her commercial and instrument ratings. She and Dora Bradley were pinned by Midge Moore and welcomed into our chapter.

The DeBauns, Betty and Curt, and Minerva and Larry Mahoney enjoyed a weekend at Spring Mill State Park with the Indianapolis Jazz Club. They also visited the Gus Grissom Museum.

During the last week of February, Anne and Emmett Black began a flight to Rough River, Kentucky for lunch and a tour of the state park, but they were turned back by low visibility. So they changed their course and flew to Muncie. After lunch, they had a pleasant flight back to Aretz Airport in Lafayette.

On a recent trip to Texas, Mary Nicholson toured the Confederate Air Force Museum at Harlingen and said it was certainly worth seeing. And Nellie Reynolds has been snowmobiling in Yellowstone Park.

Midge Moore and 49½er Archie recently returned from Florida. While there, they visited Theresa and Frank Brooks in their lovely new home at Okeechobee. Until their move to Florida, Theresa had been an active and most valuable member of our chapter.

The last week in February and the first weekend in March, Lois Kennard and Rae Cawdell appeared in the Epilogue Players production of "Ladies in Retirement."

Dorothy Niekamp, Minerva Mahoney, Betty and Curt DeBaun, Esther Wyandt and guest Mildred Davidson, Nellie Reynolds and guest Frank Davis met March 3 at Columbus Airport for breakfast.

by Rae Cawdell



At the Akron Muni Lake Erie Chapter meeting are Marcia Stewart, guest Mary Nelson, Annie Pryne, guest Pam Lightner of All-Ohio and 66 Donna Holland.

Lake Erie Chapter

Our chapter's three Ruths — Ruth Love, Ruth Sittler and Ruth Ensley — have been busy volunteering one afternoon each week as tour guides at the Visitor Center at NASA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland.

Ruth Sittler and Ruth Ensley also co-hosted the March meeting, held at Akron Muni. Using her NASA experience, Ruth Sittler brought samples of space age food to the meeting for us to reconstitute and taste at the meeting's conclusion. The "ice cream" was a little different, but the "casserole" was pretty ordinary!

Ruth Love attended the March 1 promotion of son Ronald to lieutenant colonel at the Pentagon. He is a C-141 pilot.

The chapter co-sponsored a safety meeting April 10 with Baron Aviation at Cuyahoga County Airport.

Pat and Dave Baron of Baron Aviation, helicopter and fixed wing pilots who operate a traffic reporting service for six Cleveland radio stations, were featured on a recent segment of TV 8's "North Coast Report."

by Marg Juhasz

Lake Michigan Chapter

Our February meeting was held at the home of Ruth Gardner in Grand Rapids. Ruth served Sloppy Joes for nine, and everyone provided a salad. Claire and Joan McCombs, who operate the Mission Aviation Program for the Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music, presented a slide show on the school's purpose and activities.

We met March 9 at the home of Mary and Bill Creason in Grand Haven. Bill prepared a delicious salad, and Mary presented fish chowder and soup. The program was an update of Lois' flight to Alaska with input from nephew Steve. Bob Goodwin, 49½er, and Indiana Dunes member Phyllis Webb joined us.

Lois Stevenson and Marge Beaver flew to DuPage (West Chicago) for a fun afternoon and evening. What a spectacular flight back under a full moon.

Chairman Maisie Stears was basking in the sun in Florida, taking a break from school.

Lois Stevenson closed the deal on the purchase of Northside Airport in North Muskegon. She will be moving on board in mid-April. Be sure to fly in!

by Lois Stevenson

Michigan Chapter

Our March meeting was held in the Amelia

Earhart Room at Capital City Airport in Lansing. The room was dedicated earlier this year, and Babe Ruth donated some items from the dedication to the chapter archives. We admired paintings by member Lorraine Chambers McCarty that decorate the terminal building, as well as the display cases maintained by Babe Ruth.

Bev Mitchell, chairman of the fall '87 section meeting, announced that the deadline for the logo design contest will be June 1.

We are happy to welcome new member Arlene Hoerauf, and we initiated three new 66s — Lisa Aab, Maria Reno and Marlene Savine.

After the business meeting, Renate McLaughlin talked about her recent trip to Germany and her meeting with German 99 Ute Toelke.

by Renate McLaughlin

Minnesota Chapter

Twenty-six 99s and 49½ers participated in the chapter's annual Pilot Proficiency Day held at the University of Minnesota Flight Facility at Anoka County Airport. Four groups planned and then competed in an aviation trivia game designed by Safety Chairman Jan Orr. Each group created questions appropriate to the categories designated by Jan, and then challenged other groups to provide correct answers to problems in aerodynamics, weather, ATC procedures and FAA regulations. Verdon Kleimnighagen, Minneapolis GADO, served as the "court of last resort" in determining correct answers.

Clara Johansen and 49½er Arnie were among a group of North Central Region Aerospace Educators who attended the National Aerospace Congress in Las Vegas. Clara joined other 99s for the annual Congress 99 Brunch.

Spring in Minnesota is referred to in jest by local newscasters as temperatures in the 60s plummeting to the 30s overnight, bringing with the drop, wind and heavy, wet snow. The fifth annual Daffodil Days flight was again confronted with Minnesota spring weather, ranging from thunderstorms and strong winds in the southern part of the state to low overcast, fog and snow in the north. Somehow, the task of delivering 1,164 boxes of daffodils — 484,500 flowers — to 41 airports in Minnesota was accomplished, but not without many anxious moments for Daffodil Days 99 Chairman Clara Johansen and dispatcher Sally Woodburn. Eighteen 99s flew 49 trips during the two days, assisted on the ground by Sally's crew of seven. Daffodil Days is a service project for the Minnesota Chapter of the American Cancer Society, during which the flowers are delivered to Cancer Society volunteers at airports throughout the state and then sold as a fund-raising project. Daffodils are called the "flowers of hope," and they represent the Society's ongoing research efforts to combat cancer.

by Hope Isaacson

Scioto Valley Chapter

Members and guests celebrated the fourth birthday of the chapter by gathering for dinner at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant and then going to the Ohio History of Flight Museum for a short business meeting.

Donna Spontak presented an overview of plans for a chapter ground school program, whereby members would become ground school instructors and then sponsor other members and the general public throughout the same course.

Jessica Hedges has recently given programs on the fundamentals of flying at some local elementary schools. It was met with much interest from second and third graders.

by Robin Rogers

Three Rivers Chapter

The January 10 chapter meeting included a program by Roger Myers, manager of Delta Airlines in Ft. Wayne and the person employed longest at Baer Field. He began by relating the cropdusting business that Amelia Earhart worked for is now Delta Airlines. A very special tour and commentary took us to FSS, the National Weather Service and the very interesting Aviation Museum exhibits, of which our chapter exhibit is a part. After our tour, Roger donated soft drinks and many nice door prizes.

Member Marsha Nellans of Warsaw has really made the news lately. Not only did she present slides on her "Alaskan Flying Adventure" to the Coldwater, Michigan pilots association, but she had a very nice article written about her Alaska trip, published in *The Paper*, a very big advertising paper received by a large population in north-eastern Indiana. She also co-authored a two-page article published with pictures in *Impressions*, her company magazine, about "Our employees and their Magnificent Flying Machines."

After our February 14 meeting was postponed because of weather, over 20 members and guests traveled to Decatur February 21 for a delicious meal and program, followed by our business meeting.

March 5 found 10 members attending an FAA Safety Seminar held in Ft. Wayne at the Air National Guard, attended by approximately 150 people.

What an honor to be asked to participate in the first ever "Women's Business Expo" held March 8-9 in the brand new Grand Wayne Center in Ft. Wayne. The chapter exhibit was one of only a few non-profit organizations asked to participate along with over 70 businesses with services and products of interest to women. Over 30 workshops were presented in addition to hourly style reviews. Linda Rice, along with Josephine Richardson, Diane Kelly and Margaret Ringenberg, presented two workshops about the Ninety-Nines, women in aviation and air racing. This was a very positive experience as many women and men were made aware of an organization they didn't know existed.

Ellen Warford and 66 Jane Rhea, both "Teacher in Space" candidates, were interviewed on WEZV Radio during the Expo regarding their experiences with the Ninety-Nines and why they wanted to go into space.

Members and guests were invited to the new home of Dee Ditton in Ft. Wayne for our March 14 meeting and section work session.

by Linda Rice

Wisconsin Chapter

December 1 found members at Fond du Lac for a luncheon get-together, where we

presented a check to a representative of St. Agnes Hospital for the children's ward.

In January, we met at the new EAA Museum at Oshkosh. The 49½ers toured the museum while we were having our meeting in the executive board room. Joyce Donner and Ramona Huebner were the hostesses.

In February, Milwaukee Mitchell was the place to be for a flying companion seminar with Char Falkenberg teaching and chapter members assisting. We had our annual February dinner meeting the same evening at the Midway Motor Lodge with Kathy Dempsey and Margie Scoville as hostesses.

March found us all going to Janesville Airport to make final preparations for the daffodils to be flown March 28-31. Carolyn Arnold was hostess at this meeting. If you're looking for a place to fly and eat, the restaurant at Janesville Airport is quite good.

by Lois Truchinski

NORTHWEST SECTION

Columbia-Cascade Chapter

Our March meeting was held at the offices of Aero-Air, Inc. at the Hillsboro, Oregon airport. Seventeen members, guest Julie Bowdel, Vancouver, Washington, and transferee Pat Pond from Pittsburg attended. We spent our time assembling literature for the April Pinchhitter course. We also viewed slides presented by Claude and Barbara Sandell.

Seven members "womaned" our first blood drive February 8. It was a very successful first attempt. Two gals then "womaned" the typewriters and coffeepots at the air base for the February 20 Portland, Oregon blood drive. And one lonely gal represented the Ninety-Nines at the February 26 blood drive at the Purdy Brush Company in Portland.

by Pat Lundahl

Eastern Idaho Chapter

Members took a winter break from projects and activities, but this spring is starting out great!

Our chapter is coordinating the Idaho Department of Transportation's Safe Pilots Awards Program, May 4 in Pocatello. It will be a fly-in (or drive-in if the weather doesn't cooperate) breakfast with awards and speakers to follow.

We are also planning a June 1 poker run for the spring money-making flying activity. Planes will land at Arco, Twin Falls, Burley, Idaho Falls and Pocatello. We hope lots of pilots and friends come out to fly and have a good time. We will split the "kitty" with the three players who have the best poker hands.

by Sandi Bills

Mid-Columbia Chapter

The February meeting was held at Pasco Airport. Guest speaker Gini Richardson recalled her experiences as a pioneer in the flying field in such areas as a commercial pilot, setting up her own FBO and participating in the first air race. She also spoke about her experiences as a 99 in 1948 when there were only five members in the section. After her program, the group moved to a local restaurant for lunch and, of course, more flying talk.

March's meeting was a work session held at Dee Collins' home in Walla Walla. Since February's meeting was not a work meeting, March had double the business to be done. Welcome to Linda Keller, our newest member.

by Anne English

Southern Cascade Chapter

The weather cooperated for a February luncheon flight to Eugene. Linda Mayfield was pilot-in-command, accompanied by Marianne Marsden and Laura Smith. Dana Hardie piloted her plane with Susan Shipley aboard. The combined reunion-business meeting was intended to renew a friendship with relocated 99 Molly Hufford. The event was fun, whetting the ladies' appetites for more flying now that winter is coming to an end.

During the meeting, it was decided to contribute \$99 to Mercy Flights for a memorial for Dr. Hank Boehnke. This event will include three airports: Ashland, Klamath Falls and Grant's Pass. There will be a potluck furnished by the 99s, free for all to enjoy. Each plane can carry a full complement of passengers. Every passenger may buy five cards that will make up the poker hand. The winning hand will win one night and free dinner at the Paradise Ranch.

by Barbara Grace

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

Abilene Area Chapter

Our chapter has been extremely busy since the first of the year. A goal was set and achieved by all active members to complete the FAA Phase I Wings. A picture and article were released in the local newspaper giving us special recognition for this endeavor.

During the February 26 FAA Safety Seminar, each member was presented her Wings and congratulated for successfully



Abilene Area Chapter members plan their pinchhitter course.

completing this program.

Our chapter would like to challenge every Ninety-Nine chapter to be 100 percent flight proficient and work toward Phase V Wings.

by Wanette Bergman

Austin Chapter

Twenty-three members and guests celebrated our eighth anniversary February 18 by having dinner together and then listening to Pearle Ragsdale, our last active charter member, reminisce about the early days of our chapter and the exploits of its charter

members. Pearle and her husband, Robert, no longer own or operate their FBO, but they are still as busy as ever being retired.

Nine of us and 10 guests attended the March 18 discussion on weather given by James C. Fidler, a retired meteorologist. It was embarrassing to have guests out-number members, but everyone enjoyed the lecture and learned a lot about reading the weather by observing the cloud formations and knowing certain fundamental guidelines.

Past Chairman Barbara Gard is moving to New Ipswich, New Hampshire, and leaving Austin for at least a three-year term to teach ROTC at a college in the area. We're really

going to miss her — how can we have our lemonade sale without her?

by Judy Reinhart



Thelma Havice (left) and Pat Johnson visit with Pearl Ragsdale (center), speaker at the eighth anniversary dinner.

Colorado Chapter

At the March meeting, Chairman Barb Hobson announced she had received notification that she was one of the teachers to be interviewed for participation in NASA's first teacher in space program — thus, one more exciting step to be accomplished.

Sometimes it doesn't pay to get too early a look at the weather. The February fly-in at Cheyenne was to have been well attended, but early morning weather was discouraging. However, Jessica and Bruce McMillan chose to wait it out, and enjoyed breakfasting at the Owl Restaurant.

The March 24 fly-in to Burlington initially was planned just to have a reason to fly. But something special was found in the eastern Colorado city of Burlington — the Kit Carson Carousel. It was built in 1905 by the Philadelphia Toboggan Company for Denver's Elitch Gardens. In 1928, the



Pat McFarland enjoys the Kit Carson County 1905 Carousel.

carousel and the Wurlitzer band organ were sold to Kit Carson County for \$1,250. Now invaluable, the complete restoration, including the 45 hand-carved animals, original oil paintings and the 1912 Wurlitzer Monster military band organ to complete the carousel, is housed in a 12-sided structure with a 12-sided cupola built in 1928. Anita and Bill Hessin, Linda Horn, Pat McFarland, Ben and Phyllis Kramer, Jan and Chuck Clemen, Carol and Bob Leyner, Mary Lou and Bill Gunson, Eddie and Paul Whistle and guests, and Jessica and Bruce McMillan joined with members of the Colorado Antiquers for the interesting trip.

After enjoying the carousel and meeting new friends, the visit was topped off with an excellent lunch in Burlington.

by Phyllis J. Kramer

Dallas Redbird Chapter

Elinor Johnson was our hostess for the March meeting. Plans for our aviation seminar were finalized by Kathy Long, who presented a proposed schedule of events prepared by Pat Jetton and asked for suggestions. She also reported that the regional USPFT meet would be April 13 at Aero Valley. Plans to help with the booth at the Confederate Air Show in Denton in May were also made.

Tina Steen and Helen Wilke enjoyed attending the Zonta banquet honoring Edna Gardner Whyte. Cathy Jones is sporting a new Falcon rating, which should speed her on her way to investigate aviation accidents.

Hazel "Jet Set" Jones attended meetings in Washington, D.C. and Las Vegas. She reported that FAA Administrator Engen suggests aviation organizations adopt a teacher or school and work with them on aviation projects.

The National Aviation Education Congress in Las Vegas was attended by a number of 99s, including Hazel, from across the country, who enjoyed an informal luncheon get-together in addition to the Congress.

by Elizabeth Jordan

Golden Triangle Chapter

During our February meeting, we viewed a videotape of "I Alone Survived." Helen Simonette, Houston Chapter, and Barbara Bethea, Florida Panhandle Chapter, were our visitors. (They have recently moved to the area.) Chairman Jacques Breeden-Boyd has resigned (she returned to school to get her doctorate), and Pat Chester, vice-chairman, will complete the term.

Air Marking Chairman Winky Fortune, Betty Carter, Dottie Hughes, Barbara Bethea, Helen Hill, Beverly Stephens, Mary Wheelock and helper-friend Maurice Campbell painted a displaced threshold March 9 on the runway at Aero Valley Airport at Roanoke, Texas. After a year (the weather cooperated), we succeeded in completing the air marking of "Aero Valley" on the hangar roof March 23. Those conquering the "heights" included Winky Fortune, Betty Carter, Barbara Bethea, Dottie Hughes, Ellen Hamlett and 49½er Jerry, Suzanne Frias-Counts and Mary Wheelock.



Betty Carter, Maurice Campbell, Winky Fortune, Helen Hill, Mary Wheelock and Dottie Hughes work on the displaced threshold marking at Aero Valley Airport.

renewals and reinstatements. Ninety-Nines posters, designed by the Central New York Chapter, were posted at surrounding airports.

In April, the chapter made plans to celebrate its 26th anniversary, May 17, and honor its founder and 12 charter members.

by Velma Lee Barnett-Copeland

Kansas Chapter

The chapter sponsored a March 8-9 flying companion seminar. We had 16 people sign up for the two-day seminar. Events included two films, presentations on weather, basic

included Norma Vandergriff, Jan Million, Poochie Rotzinger, Lu Hollander, Charlene Davis, Jo Ann Carpenter and Pam Jones. Help on map reading skills was provided by Broneta Evans, Gwen Crawford and Nawassa Staton.

Kathey Lee has completed her air traffic control training at the FAA Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City, and she has moved to her new assignment in College Station, Texas.

Several chapter members joined former chapter member Wally Funk for dinner in February. Now a member of the Los Angeles Chapter, Wally is employed by the National Transportation Safety Board. Those attending were Nema and Mase Masonhall, Lu Hollander Jan Million, Nancy Smith, Ida Carter, Ruth Jones, Rita Eaves and Susie Sewell.

Our new members for March are Glenda Beeson, Edna Thompson, Paula Branstetter and Dorothy Stenstrom.

by Nancy Smith

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Shirley Roberts' construction firm, Evan I. Roberts, Inc., has begun the civil/electrical installation for the first FAA Standard Microwave Landing System (MLS) in this part of the US. The installation is on privately owned Houston West Airport (formerly Lakeside) in Houston.

by Dottie Hughes



Velma Lee Barnett-Copeland is ready for a 30-minute glider flight in Dr. James Crisp's Janus 3 craft.

High Sky Chapter

At the January-February chapter meeting, agent-pilot Roger L. Amis spoke about the Border Patrol and government careers open to women and pilots in this particular service. "There are a few women Border Patrol agents, but there are no women Border Patrol agent-pilots," commented Patrolman Amis. Ninety-Nines of the US, here's your chance to become the first woman Border Patrol agent-pilot!

During March, a chapter conference was held per long-distance telephone, as High Sky continued its search for new members,

radio work and instruments, medical facts and basic navigation. All the participants were then shown how to preflight a real airplane. Helping with the seminar were Carol Lanning, Karen and Sid Tucker, Janet Yoder, Kay Alley, Kay Dunlap and Debbie Klein.

Our annual chapter birthday party was March 16 in the home of John and Marilyn Copeland. Janet Lewis, a first lieutenant from McConnell AFB, spoke about her interest in flying. She now has over 150 hours as a navigator in KC-135s. We enjoyed listening to her many experiences of what it is like in the services and how she occupies some of her spare time.

Daffodils were flown by 99s all over the state March 19 as part of the Daffodil Days sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Funds raised from Daffodil Days will provide new hope through cancer research and local cancer programs sponsored by the American Cancer Society. About 160,000 daffodils were delivered to Kansas towns by Virginia Colbert (Northeast Kansas Chapter), Janet Yoder, Pat Gettle, Dodie Noland, Dorothy Dickhoff, Shirley Huser, Phyllis Blanton, Phyllis McCollom, Pat Wilson, Louis Morris, Karen Tucker, Karen Anderson, Beverly Peters and Carol Lanning.

by Phyllis Blanton



Poochie Rotzinger works with flying companion participants on computer problems.

Oklahoma Chapter

A flying companion seminar was held in Altus in February. Thirteen students were enrolled in the seminar, which was coordinated by Mary Kelly. Instructors flying or driving to Altus to conduct the seminar



Assisted by Oklahoma 99s, Altus FCS participants search for landmarks on sectional charts

Pikes Peak Chapter

Less than one year old, we are now a 29-member group!

Our March 18 meeting was held at the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport, and the program was presented by Joanne Wormsbacher. Joanne began by asking the weight of a previously packed small backpack. It contained everything imaginable for survival — for a "just in case" situation in the event of a forced landing in the wilds — and the pack weighed only 12 pounds! It made us all aware of those important precautions we can and should take.

Ann Marie Jones recently received her private pilot glider rating. Already a licensed balloon pilot, Ann Marie is also working on her private power rating.

Phyllis Wells and the chapter wish to thank Hazel Jones for her most helpful suggestions regarding our chapter bylaws. Our very new chapter appreciates all the help we can get!

by Von Alter

This afghan, held by Ruth Nichols, who made it, and Geils Hegranes, will be raffled at the spring section meeting in Topeka.



San Antonio Chapter

Officers for the coming year include Margaret Cosby, chairman; Carol Fox, vice-chairman; Gloria Blank, treasurer; and Emilie Patterson, secretary.

We are very busy visiting 10 airports to place our signs, which ask, "DID YOU CLOSE YOUR FLIGHT PLAN — Courtesy San Antonio 99s."

by Mary Ann Greer

Shreveport Chapter

While most of us have been battling March winds and inclement weather, some of our members have left it all behind and traveled to more pleasant climates. Dottie Ports and 49½er Bud packed their motorhome and have spent the entire month in Florida visiting relatives and attending "Fun in the Sun." Jeri Saur took a week off and enjoyed the glitter and shows of Las Vegas. It was a well-earned vacation for Jeri as she has just completed teaching an instrument course at Louisiana Tech, and she needed a breather before

Top of Texas Chapter

Our "March in with New Members" meeting was held at the Royal Inn. Peggy Brandon briefed our assembly on activities and goals of the Ninety-Nines and introduced members and guests, including Amy Smith, Elaine Clark, Carolyn Craig and Sally Moss, as well as students Claudia Matthews and Jimmie Hopkins. Marnell Presley presented a book review on *Letters from Amelia* by Jean L. Bacus.

Nine of us are also members of High Plains Aviation Association. Mary Vermeulen and Delphine Bohn were on their Nominating Committee, and Peggy Brandon has been re-elected HPAA treasurer. Our coordinating efforts have brought diversified educational films and programs along with other aviation organizational camaraderie.

Virginia Pownell called a special meeting to discuss fund-raising projects and to schedule the Dimmitt air marking, which is slated for April 27-28, weather permitting.

by Mary M. Vermeulen



Top of Texas 99s, new members and 66s feast at the "March in with New Members" meeting.



beginning a private pilot course in the final quarter.

Martha Christy, who is the principal at Bossier Elementary, certainly knows how to keep a school day from being dull. She arranged with a local television station to have them fly their helicopter in and land in the school yard. What a marvelous way to keep students' attention.

We are happy to see Evelyn Snow looking so well. Evelyn has made countless trips to Houston in her long battle with a tumor, and we're thrilled to see her so well recovered.

Our members are well known for their service to the community, and this month we want to make special mention of Marjorie Hardcastle. She has just completed 17 years of service as a volunteer worker at Bossier General Hospital, serving every Thursday.

Spring, of course, means cleaning out closets, and that means it's time for our annual rummage sale. Our brave chairman, Eileen Anderson, has volunteered to host it at her home, and we're actually looking forward to spending Saturday there. We'll tell you how we fared next issue.

by Helen Hewitt

Tulsa Chapter

Members celebrated Heart Month in February with a four-hour CPR course. Our instructor was Mike Fenner, an Air Force mechanic. Turnout was not as good as we had hoped, but several members had good excuses. Floretta Young was flying to Vail for a ski weekend. After the course, 66 Phyllis Raddant and Jan Minnerath labeled 1,200 invitations to our April CFI revalidation clinic.

Deanna Robertson has not been able to attend many meetings lately. She has enrolled in an A&P course, so she can do the work on her fleet of planes. Carol Thompson is also missing meetings because her ground school at Tulsa Junior College meets Tuesday nights.

Jay Nelson, FAA accident prevention specialist, presented a safety seminar for our February meeting. Several 99s picked up their Wings, and discussion centered around the "impossible turn" and the use of auto gas in airplanes.

In response to the Golden West Chapter's question on blood donations, Tulsa Chapter members who are weekend pilots enjoy donating on Tuesday mornings so they can

converse with Newman Wadlow, an aviation pioneer who volunteers for the Red Cross that day.

Tulsa's aviation community was saddened by the death of Harvey Young. Pilots interested in the airport he owned and operated for over 40 years attended a meeting in March to find out what would happen to the airport. Three trustees will operate the airport for the "foreseeable future." One change announced at the meeting is that 99 Mary Moore will now be a partner in Aircraft Services.

Bristow Airport held open house in early March, with paper airplanes, a spot landing contest and lots of pinto beans. Mary Jordison's son, Kyle, took first prize in the paper airplane contest.

Charlene and Ron McCullough flew to San Antonio for spring break. A friendly tailwind shortened the homeward trip to three hours.

Mary Moore soloed her husband, the hardest solo she ever had to do!

Jack Nitz, retired controller and CFI, presented the program for the March meeting on communication — use of the radio, what to say, when and how to say it. We all learned something and enjoyed Jack's sense of humor.

Regular 99 NEWS reporter, Caroline Harper, is off to Arizona for her wedding. She is marrying Tim Harper, so will not have to change her name.

by Janet Minnerath



Betty Kidd and Carolyn Baker visit with Renate Langauer (center) from Flensburg, Germany, at a Wichita Falls airport.

Wichita Falls Chapter

Our March meeting was held in the home of Lou Ellen Foster. Most of the business meeting was devoted to planning for the fall section meeting.

A guest, Renate Langauer, was introduced. Renate earned her pilot's license in Germany, and she is associated with the airport in Flensburg, Germany. She has been traveling in the United States to learn more about restoring old aircraft. She began her career in aviation by parachuting, and she has 45 free falls to her credit. She was very interested in learning all about the Ninety-Nines.

Two of our members were privileged to be present at the videotaping of an interview with Edwyna McConnell Thro, a Charter Member who lives here in Wichita Falls. Sue Stille and Carolyn Baker met Edwyna and enjoyed talking with her when International Historian Judy Logue and Nora Van Burgh were here to videotape for the Ninety-Nines.

Hellen Hutchinson flew into West Houston Airport the day the 99s were painting a compass rose. She was quite impressed by the beautiful Ninety-Nines display case in the



lobby, and she enjoyed meeting the Houston members.

by Betty Kidd

SOUTHEAST SECTION

Blue Ridge Chapter

The focus was on safety at the March meeting held at Lacey's Flight Service in Asheville, North Carolina. Chairperson Lee Orr presided over the combined luncheon and business meeting and welcomed two new 99s to our ranks. Faith L. Gehweiler and Janice Berry have recently earned their coveted private pilot licenses and have transferred their names from the 66 roster.

Speaking of our 66s, we were so pleased to have three from the Asheville area attend the meeting and report that they expect to be taking checkrides in the near future.

Several of our members are to be commended on their recent activities. Dot Penney spoke at Campobello-Grumbling Elementary School to a group of fifth graders on "The History of Aviation." In addition, members Lee Orr, Tence Rhea and Dot Penney recently traveled to Atlanta for a tour of ATC at De Kalb-Peachtree Airport.

by Madeline B. Kennedy

Florida Suncoast Chapter

We were well represented at the FAA safety meeting at St. Petersburg campus, USF, with 11 members and one 66. Ann Werly was in charge of registration. FAA Accident Prevention Specialist Tom Murray, FSDO 64, Clearwater, introduced guest speaker Jim Whitley, instructor of physiological training and survival at the Civil Aeromedical Institute, Oklahoma City. The program dealt with water survival. Mr. Murray presented Mary Fletcher with Phase V Wings. Barbara Sierchio and Mary Creamer have earned Phase II Wings.

Sun 'n' Fun certainly lived up to its name the day we manned the Ninety-Nines tent. There were several 99s from other parts of the country stopping by to say hello, and we met several pilots interested in joining the Ninety-Nines. The business meeting was followed by election of officers.

Alice Cutrona talked to the Sarasota-Bradenton Pilots and Associates twice about the Ninety-Nines, as well as about the Great Southern Air Race.

by Barbara Sierchio

ALOHA CHAPTER asks: "Can you identify these 99s?" On the Columbia Alaska Ferry coming back from the International Convention in August 1984 were: Joan Campbell (New Zealand Section); Terry Stengel, Joyce Malkmes and May Smith (Long Island); Rene Hirth (South Central Section); Muriel Guggolz and Jean Reynolds (Santa Fe); Joyce Harding (Greater Seattle); Carolyn Carpp (Western Washington); Pat Forbes, Nancy Stock and Betty Walsh (Golden West); Shirley Winn (Sacramento Valley); Stella Leis (Santa Clara Valley); and Lindy Boyes, Luki O'Connor and Eleanor Sharpe (Aloha). Hazel Bertagna (Redwood Empire) was also on the ferry, but she missed the photo.

SOUTHWEST SECTION

Bay Cities Chapter

The New Year was launched with a successful flying companion safety seminar in Alameda with 34 women and one brave man attending.

Jean Tinsley, our Whirly-Girl, invited members to her home in Atherton in February for a delicious supper and spoke about her fascinating experiences with helicopter flying, her team competing with other women helicopter pilots in England, Russia and Poland, and how she came to start the first helicopter club of the United States. We welcomed Teresa Navarro, a prospective member, at this meeting. Teresa worked for NASA at Moffett Field in San Jose, and she recently has been living in Mexico.

Ellen Vick and husband Terry are the proud owners of a beautiful Stearman, which they are both flying with great enthusiasm.

Ann Keith, one of our new members, has been flying since right after World War II. She and her husband, Dick, purchased their first airplane in the '50s, a Cessna 140, and Ann acted as navigator at first. But, by 1958, when her husband was away for the summer, she decided to go for her license (they had a Navion by this time). After 46 hours within less than eight weeks, Ann had her license! She did a lot of cross-country flying in the mid-South, and especially in the Memphis area, picking up clothing buyers and flying them to various cities for meetings whenever her husband was not available to do so. This was in connection with their sportswear business. They subsequently owned several other aircraft, among them a K-model Bonanza, a P-51, a Great Lakes and an E-18 Beechcraft. Ann is a lively and vivacious lady, and we're glad she has joined our chapter.

Clear Lake Chapter joined us for our Joint Anniversary Luncheon Fly-In to Jonesy's at

Napa Airport March 16. There were 40 members and guests enjoying a delicious lunch, and the special treat was hearing Jeanne Williams tell about flying her antique planes out of Schellville and performing aerobatics at air shows with husband Jim.

by Vonne Anne Heninger

Coachella Valley Chapter

The March 21 meeting was held at Jimsair, Palm Springs Airport. Chairman Colette Dobkowski outlined plans for participation in the coming Gordon Bennett Balloon Race. The race has become an annual event in Palm Springs as of last May. Date for the event is May 4, and the 99s will have a booth with (among other food and refreshments) the exclusive privilege of selling champagne.

Vying for the 1984 Gordon Bennett trophy were some dozen balloonists from Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Japan, Poland, Switzerland and the United States. The Gordon Bennett Balloon Race, named for James Gordon Bennett, was first held in 1906 from the Gardens of Tuileries, Paris. It was in 1979 that the tradition of balloon races in America was revived by Dr. Thomas Heinsheimer and others. This followed the cancellation of the race due to World War II in 1939 after having held 26 races between 1906 and 1938. Dr. Heinsheimer is from Palos Verdes Estates in southern California and is well known in his field and other aviation circles.

Following the March business meeting, guest speaker Dr. Thomas Zimmerman led an interesting discussion on "Psychological Factors: Preflight Checklist." He stressed attention to such danger signals in pilots as fatigue, distractions, boredom, poliphasics (doing too many things at the same time), feeling of pressures, anxiety (which often acts like a shot of adrenalin, the opposite being panic when nothing really gets done and accidents can happen), preoccupation and depression, which are not conducive to good judgment at any time, such as poor preparation of charts, radio, fuel, etc. He further stated that "looking, seeing and listening" make for a good personal attitude toward your flying, and that self-monitoring and competitiveness, or peer pressure fears, should become a vital part of the pilot's



Planning ahead! Coachella Valley 99s meeting at Bermuda Dunes Airport in February to prepare chapter activities for spring 1985 are (standing) Jane Ellen Barbier, new member Diane Baxter-Silvers, Myrna Holub, Peggy Mellili, (kneeling) Erika Sharp, Chairman Colette Dobkowski and 66 Dolores Del Cerro. Jane Ellen made the 99 banner of felt in blue, white and gold.

personal checklist. Dr. Zimmerman is an instrument rated pilot and director of education at Eisenhower Medical Center's Annenberg Center for Health Sciences.

We have some officer changes for 1985. They include Colette Dobkowski, chairman; Myrna Holub, secretary; Peggy Melilli, treasurer; new member Diane Baxter-Silvers, scholarship chairman; Jane Ellen Barbier, membership; and Eleanor Wagner, publicity and public relations. Another new member is Erika Sharp, who has her own airplane. And our lovely little 66, Dolores Del Cerro, is working toward making our part in the Gordon Bennett Race a huge success. Erika is monitoring some local activities in the desert communities, such as airport commission meetings and other related events.

by Eleanor Wagner



Fullerton Chapter Chairman Kim Ernst presents a Forest of Friendship plaque to Sylvia Paoli.

Fullerton Chapter

Christmas was celebrated at the home of Sylvia and Pete Paoli. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a plaque to Sylvia, honoring her placement in the Forest of Friendship.

We had a very successful fly-in to Campbell House at Twenty-Nine Palms Airport. This is a "bed and breakfast" hotel that provides a relaxing atmosphere, beautiful scenery and good food.

Fullerton won the Orange County-Fullerton flying competition March 16 in Hemet. The weather was not very good, and we won by default. Kim Ernst was first in power-off landings, and Sylvia Paoli was second in power-on. Our competition was the Mt. San Antonio College Flying Team that came out to judge us and wound up participating.

We have been very fortunate to have dedicated 66 Barbara Covell. She has volunteered (?) to be our fly-in reporter, edit the newsletter for a month, provide assistance for our Shirts 'n' Skirts Air Race and fill in wherever needed.

Two winners from our November USPFT competition will be going to Nationals in June. Kevin Rice and Bob Evans are both on the Mt. SAC Flying Team.

Jan Nielecky spoke at Mt. SAC College during the National Women in History week. Amelia Earhart was the focal point of the talk, which was followed by the slide presentation, "For the Fun of It."

Melanie Adair and Evelyn Craik are both sporting beautiful engagement rings. That means two more 49%ers available to help on our projects!

by Jan Gerber Nielecky

Monterey Bay Chapter

Our March Recruitment Potluck, held in Carolene Dierolf's home and co-hosted by Geri Chappell, was a huge success. Vice-Governor Shirley Winn drove from Sacramento in horrible weather to tell our eight prospective member guests of the virtues and

Cole is on an impromptu flight to Alaska. The rest of us are holding down the fort, running errands, making plans and generally turning green with envy.

In all things, usually a plane, Mt. Shasta 99s fly with FLAIR!

by Bev Tickner

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fun of being a 99. The eight included five pilots and three student pilots. Lisa Baird, 66, has since received her certificate after enduring three weather cancellations of her checkride! Other guests included Mary Crawford, Teresa Levandoski, Kim Madolara, Becky Beener, Mary Brinton and student pilots Frances Berry and Laura Wochoski.

March 14, after waiting out a dense fog in the Santa Clara and Salinas Valleys, several planes arrived at Hollister for the annual Hollister Air Meet spot landing contest in honor of Verna West and Dell Hinn's mutual birthday. Diana Peterson brought guest Helen Lenox from Watsonville, where the fog had persisted until noon, and Bobbie Garin came with honoree Dell from Salinas. Bobbie and Dell did a few spot landings on their early departure to get the plane back to Salinas, and Diana didn't do so well in her efforts to "make it to the line." Verna West, on one try, looked like she was going to hitch a ride on an oil tanker headed south on 101! Jackie Petty walked off with the trophy — again! Diana took off for Watsonville to be greeted at the ridgeline by a cottony white blanket of fog and had to request an instrument approach back in. Copilot Helen had never been through an instrument approach and was thrilled at the prospect! She was properly impressed when it ended successfully with the airport dead ahead after breaking out at the minimum.

by Diana Peterson

Mt. Shasta Chapter

*Spring has sprung;
the time has come to speak of many things.
Of carburetors, sticky valves
and "bird-do" on the wings.
When you look outside the cockpit,
the flowers are in bloom.
It's really very nice
to see the end of rain and gloom.
Those of us all grounded
when the ceiling wasn't high
Can now get our wing-ed things
and dart around the sky.*

World traveler Jane LeMar is off to Japan for the month of April, and Chairman Nita

Orange County Chapter

Our first activity in March was air marking the main taxiway at Orange County Airport. Led by Air Marking Chairman Joan Hill, 11 members braved the cloudy day and finished in record time.

We happily welcomed former member Sylvia Paoli (currently a Fullerton 99) to the March meeting. She spoke about allowable tax deductions for tax-exempt organizations. Sandy Glidewell hosted the evening at her spacious home in Orange.

New member Lorrie Hasler has joined the chapter — welcome!

by Adrienne O'Brien

Palms Chapter

Our March meeting speaker was pilot Dr. Vicki Silva, PhD, a clinical hypotherapist who is an accident prevention and safety counselor for the FAA. Dr. Silva spoke on aviation stress management and skill proficiency.

Our chapter had its largest turnout to date, plus a number of husbands and other guests. Since many of us live high-stress lives, we recognize that human behavior is the main cause of aircraft accidents and stress greatly affects human behavior.

Palomar Chapter

Who said pilots are just *plane* people? The chapter made sure San Diego/North County residents sprouted wings March 24! It was a beautiful day for flying, as the 99s gave airplane tours of the North County area.

Airplanes that participated included a



Palomar 99s sign up airplane riders.



After putting in a full day giving airplane rides, Palomar 99s and helpers enjoy pizza.

Cherokee 180 flown by Ami and 49½er Russ Erickson, a Baron piloted by Syd Dolbec, a Cessna 180 with 49½ers Brad Pearson and J.C. Boylls at the controls, and Karen Dawes flying her Decathalon.

There was more than \$500 in profit, most of which will be given to the AE Scholarship Fund, San Diego Aerospace Museum and the Palomar College Aviation Scholarship.

After putting in a hard day's work, we celebrated with pizza to bring a successful close to a fine day.

by Michelle M. Hertfelder

Phoenix Chapter

The team of Martie Pearce and Barbara Coleman was "numero uno" in the Shamrock Derby, sponsored by the Arizona Sundance Chapter. Four Phoenix Chapter teams participated, and they brought home four trophies. Martie and Barbara took first place; Ruby Sheldon and Duane Jacobson, Vivian's 49½er, took fifth place in the low performance category; Chairman Stacy Hamm and pilot Frank Jackson placed fourth in the high performance category; and Nancy Rogers and Pam Gorman received a leg prize trophy. We congratulate the Arizona Sundance Chapter for the smooth running of a well organized handicap event, and we predict that it will become a popular regional race where contestants can hone their skills and test their aircraft capabilities on a small scale in preparation for major races, such as the Air Race Classic.

Three new members joined chapter ranks in February. Judith Norton has been sponsored by Nancy Nay; Betty Kjellberg, sponsored by Tony Petino; and Curt Tinsley, a fly-up from the 66 program, sponsored by Shirley Rogers. Ruby Sheldon was presented with a Certificate of Life Membership, sponsored by her business associates. A late bulletin announces that 66 Barbara Teague became a Legal Eagle March 24.

In April 1935, the City of Phoenix acquired a small, but active, airport on the outskirts of town. That fledgling air field grew up to be the giant Sky Harbor International Airport, ranking high on the list of busiest airports in the country. The 50th anniversary of Sky Harbor's affiliation with the City of Phoenix will be celebrated throughout 1985 with open houses, air shows, dinners, tours and the establishment of an Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame.

Sue Storm and Ann Newcombe, along with Arizona Sundance 99 Shirley Cochrane, are working with city officials on plans to honor pioneer women aviators. If you have knowledge of women pilots who flew in Arizona before 1946, or of Arizona women who were active in aviation elsewhere prior to 1946, please contact Sue Storm, 1105 W. Elna Rae, Tempe AZ 85281.

by Mary Lou Brown

Sacramento Valley Chapter

Beautiful February weather brought increased flying activity for 99s, with weekly fly-ins continuing to various airports.

Several venturesome members took to the air on the Washington's Birthday holiday, this time exchanging the airplane for a parachute. Betty Alair and daughter Mary Ben McClave, Corky Cronin and Kathy McCurry experienced tandem jumping with an instructor in

Lodi. All were enthusiastic, terming it a memorable experience.

A large group flew up to Red Bluff for lunch February 24, when we were joined by a group from Cameron Park Chapter.

There was another good turnout for a flight to Napa County for dinner March 9, with the return flight counting as a night proficiency flight. Participants included Jacqui Koukol, Bobbi and Walt Campbell, Sheilah and Al Morgan, Bonnie and Jim Neeley, Dorothy Erickson, Florence Breen, Isabel Warmoth, Audrey Thoney and Dorothy Flynn.



Corky Cronin and her instructor perform a tandem jump at Lodi, California.

A highlight of February's general meeting was an exciting game of "Aviation Trivia," perfected by Mary Ben McClave. We expect more of this in the future.

Several chapter members are active in such public service aviation activities as Direct Relief Flights, Civil Air Patrol and Sheriff's Aero Squadron.

Susan Maule, El Cajon Chapter, was a guest at the March general meeting, and she spoke about some of her experiences since serving as first officer on a Swearingen Metroliner for Wings West.

by Dorothy Flynn

San Fernando Valley Chapter

Tony LeVier was our guest speaker at a special safety seminar held in conjunction with our regular March meeting. The room was filled with members, 49½ers and guests.

Since taking his first flying lesson at age 15, Tony has been involved in some phase of aviation, including a long tenure at Lockheed, which ended with his retirement in 1974. Currently, he is devoting much of his time promoting pilot safety training in all-attitude flying. He and his many supporters would like to see spin training returned to the flight instruction requirements for the private pilot license, to improve pilot performance in unusual attitude situations.

A drawing was held at the end of the program, and four of our members received gift certificates for a half-hour "Introduction to All-Attitude Flying" at the Pitts Stop located at Santa Paula Airport. These flights are provided by donations made by various aviation-oriented organizations and individuals who believe that this training is a way to prevent many aviation accidents.

We look forward to hearing about their flights at a future meeting.

by Doris M. Totans



Ceci Stratford, 99, introduces former test pilot Tony LeVier at the safety meeting.

San Joaquin Valley Chapter

Now that spring is on the way, we're back in the air. Being a chapter with members spread all over central California, we have to fly to get together for meetings and other events.

February found Pat Titus and Susan Tarabetz attending the Southwest Section board meeting in Oakland. Janice Gray attended the California Aviation Council meeting in southern California, and many members flew into Stockton for our monthly meeting. We also had a fly-in to Salinas February 26 during a hiatus of beautiful warm weather.

In March, 14 members and guests met in Chowchilla for our luncheon meeting at Rosie Hijos' home. Susan Maule and Aleta Pharris, both pilots with Wings West, and 99s with other chapters attended our meeting, volunteering to help with the upcoming flying companion seminar in Modesto. Our fly-in to Porterville for lunch at the Blue Max was cancelled due to weather.

We welcome new members Jean Milton of Modesto, and Diane Healy and Sandy Houppermans of Santa Cruz. We are also pleased to see George Ann Garms, former chapter member but now a Finger Lakes Chapter 99, who has temporarily moved back to Berkeley.

by Susan Tarabetz

Santa Clara Valley Chapter

Grace Voss and Claire Florio provided us with navigation tips and headings (in verse), but it was strictly "destination unknown" for our March mystery fly-in. Grace and Claire were at the Golden Tee Restaurant at the Monterey Terminal to greet those pilots who braved choppy skies and figured out the five clues: Mayetta Behringer with passengers Dee Blum and her 49½er, Gopal; Barbara Murren and 49½er John; Jan Moon; and Peg Ewert with passenger Karin Bonomo. Andrea



First and second place winners at the Hollister Air Meet are Jackie Petty and Evelyn Lundstrom.

Nassimbene and 49½er Ernie caught up with the mystery-solvers at the halfway point, flying in from Watsonville.

During 1984, we delivered over one ton of DRI supplies, and in February of this year we began working on the second ton. Helping to haul 823 pounds of medical supplies to Santa Barbara February 26 were Mayetta Behringer in her 182, Peg Ewert with 49½er John in their Bonanza, Barbara Murren with 49½er John, Debby Cunningham and daughter Kristen in Barb's Bonanza, and in Warriors, Stella Leis with passenger Willy Gardner, and Sue MacWilliamson (Gavilan Chapter) with her father as a passenger.

Jackie Petty won the spot landing competition at our annual Hollister Air Meet (HAM)

March 14. Evelyn Lundstrom took second, and Peg Ewert was third. Seven aircraft and 11 contestants took part. It was also the occasion for a joint birthday celebration (with cupcakes) for member Verna West and Del Hinn of Monterey Bay Chapter. Others attending from Monterey Bay were Bobbie Garin and Diane Peterson.

Karin Fidrych is now employed as a pilot by Westair, a feeder airline.

Everything from crockpots to wine and car radios went under the auctioneer's hammer as we held our annual potluck supper and white elephant sale March 21. Proceeds will go to the San Jose State Flight Team.

by Kathy Pelta

Tucson Chapter

With perfect weather, our March 23-24 poker run was a pilot's, as well as a gambler's, delight. Six planes loaded with 20 Ninety-Nines and 49½ers flew to Bullhead City Airport, touching down at Parker along the way for an additional card. Some of the 13 members unable to make the trip missed the fun, but sent their hands with friends and came up with winners. Our secretary, Aina Bell, gathered the best hand. She isn't saying how well she did in the casinos in Laughlin. As much fun as the casinos were the free rides back and forth, and up and down, the Colorado River.

by Jean Servaas

Air Racing News

Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines...

"It's Better in the Bahamas"

Get ready... get set... let's go! It's the fifth annual Grand Prix Air Race and our first international competition. We are going to the enchanting, exciting islands of the Bahamas. The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism and the Grand Bahama Promotion Board, sponsors of the race, are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the first Bahamas Grand Prix Air Race competitors. They are planning fun, fun, fun and more fun for contestants and their friends.

For those of you who may be unfamiliar with the Grand Prix Air Race, it is open to all pilots, and it is an aircraft handicapped, cross-country race flown during daylight hours under VFR conditions for fixed-wing aircraft, modified and stock, with normally aspirated engines.

The start of this year's race will be in the Chicago area with checkpoints at Detroit, Michigan; Rochester, New York; Washington, D.C.; Fayetteville, North Carolina; Atlanta, Georgia; Jacksonville and Miami, Florida; with the destination being Freeport, Bahamas. The race route is designed so that all competing aircraft will meet in Miami to make a group crossing to Freeport. The Bahamas are also planning group flying for those who would like to explore the other islands, have lunch and shop.

The destination island of Grand Bahama includes Freeport, Lucaya and West End, often called the "Playground of the Bahamas." This is a modern island where you'll find spacious boulevards, wide beaches and outstanding hotels. There is, perhaps, less of the "city-fied" feeling than around Nassau, with more sense of space to spread out. A good part of the space is put to beautiful use with championship golf courses and tennis courts. And, of course, offshore there is always the sea.

Among the attractions that make Grand Bahama Island unique are the International Bazaar and the Moorish design gaming center known as El Casino. The first is trying an international shopping center, where you will find restaurants, boutiques and wares that reflect the best of the whole wide world. The latter is one of the world's most lavishly decorated gambling palaces, alive with the thrill of blackjack, roulette and craps, as well as slot machines.

After-dark entertainment is one of the most glittering offerings of Grand Bahama, and you'll find nightclubs and lounges where name performers appear regularly. Music runs the full range from disco to the Goombay beat.

If you have never flown a cross-country air race, the Bahamas Grand Prix Air Race is an ideal place to start. The combination of an exciting destination, the "First-Time Racers Clinic" and the opportunity to hangar fly with other racers can make you an avid competitor almost overnight. The ability of first-time racers to compete in the Grand Prix is evidenced by the number of "rookies" who have placed in the top 10 each year.

Come join us and help celebrate the fifth Grand Prix Air Race. For further information, contact Marion Jayne, (312) 358-5100, and/or send \$7 for your entry kit to Grand Prix Air Race, Ltd., 1918 W. Banbury Rd., Palatine IL 60067.

Nutmeg Air Rally Slated

The Connecticut Chapter has scheduled the Nutmeg Air Rally II for August 24 in conjunction with LISA (Long Island Sound America).

The Ninety-Nines and LISA have been friends since 1978, when the first air rally was held in conjunction with LISA. This year's event, the second running of the air rally, is a 300-mile contest open to all pilots, male or female, in single or twin engine aircraft. The event will begin and end at Igor I. Sikorsky Memorial Airport, Stratford, Connecticut. Contestants fly a course disclosed to them the day of the event, and they are scored against their own estimates of time en route and fuel consumption.

LISA is a 10-day celebration, including activities on both sides of Long Island Sound, leading up to Labor Day. The competition will take contestants past many scenic areas.

For more information, contact the Connecticut Chapter, P.O. Box 314, Fairfield CT 06430, (203) 259-1215 (daytime telephone). Entry kits are \$3 after July 1, and the rain date is August 25.

Shamrock Derby Results

The second annual Shamrock Air Derby, sponsored by Sundance 99s and Earnhardt's, was held March 16 at Stellar Airpark, Chandler, Arizona. It was a beautiful day for the 400-mile round robin, designated course, speed race. Nineteen aircraft competed, both high and low performance, and came from Riverside, Rancho Palo Verdes, Long Beach, Huntington Beach and Santa Ana, California, as well as Tucson, Phoenix, Mesa, Chandler, Gilbert and Tempe, Arizona.

Tex Earnhardt, our sponsor, participated and won the "End of the Rainbow" award. Other winners are listed below.

PLACE	LOW PERFORMANCE WINNERS	HIGH PERFORMANCE WINNERS	PRIZES
1st	Martha Pearce Barbara Coleman	Bob Brackett Wayne Bryant	\$300 + 40 gallons fuel
2nd	Don Hensley John Cowgill	Les Switzer John Cowgill	\$250 + 30 gallons fuel
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