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welcomes AOPA President John
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Bellew and Wally Funk to the
World Aviation Education and
Safety Congress.

Calendar

APRIL

April 10-14: International Board of Directors Meeting. Oklahoma City.

April 12: USPFT Local Competition. Moore-Murrell Airport, Morristown. Contact May Cay Beeler, (919) 379-9369, Marilyn Ayers or Anita Sasser.

April 12: Greater Houston USPFT Air Rallye. sponsored by Houston Chapter. Contact Rose Lepore, 6102 Rena, Houston TX 77092, (713) 688-5612.

April 12: Shirts 'n' Skirts Air Race. Kits, \$4,- June Leach, 1005 Tularosa Ave., Orange CA 92666.

April 12: Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Contact Dee Collins, Rt. 4, Box 324, Berney Dr., Walla Walla WA 99362, (509) 529-1559.

April 16-19: National Intercollegiate Flying Association SAFECON. Waco, Texas.

April 18-19: Middle East Sectional. Airport Quality Inn, Richmond, Virginia.

April 25-26: New York-New Jersey Sectional. Marriott Hotel, Saddle Brook, New Jersey, hosted by North Jersey Chapter. Contact Barbara Meade, 432 Club Way, Hackensack NJ 07601.

April 28: "Reach for the Skies," WW II Symposium, MGM Grand Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. Contact Virginia Bader Fine Arts, 1305 King St., Alexandria VA 22314, (703) 548-4440.

April 30: The 99 NEWS deadline for June issue.

MAY

May 1-4: Professional Women Controllers Eighth Annual Convention. Hersey Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Open to everyone, will include a tour of FAA Technical Center in Atlantic City. Contact Christine Ruksnaitus, P.O. Box 1148, Leesburg VA 22075, (707) 448-8389.

May 2-4: South Central Sectional. Omaha, Nebraska.

May 2-4: Western Canadian Spring Sectional. Vancouver.

May 3: USPFT Regional Rallye. Davis, California, hosted by Sacramento Valley Chapter. Contact Dorothy Flynn.

May 3: North Jersey Poker Run; raindate, May 10. Contact Leslie Highleyman, (201) 256-3472.

May 9-10: New England Sectional. Howard Johnson Motel, Manchester, New Hampshire. Contact Leslie O'Shaughnessy, 13 Bates Dr., Nashua NJ 03060.

May 9-10: South Louisiana 20th Anniversary Celebration. Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Contact Pat Ward, (504) 924-3303.

May 9-11: North Central Sectional. Hyatt Regency Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky. Contact Skip Gumbert, 3337 Lansdowne Dr., Lexington KY 40502, (606) 277-7118 or 277-0510.

May 9-11: Southwest Sectional. Westward Look Resort, Tucson, Arizona. Contact Lorraine Newhouse, 1710 W. Travelair Way, Tucson AZ 85704, (602) 297-3729.

May 9-17: 14th Annual Louisiana Air Tour. stops in 12 cities. Contact Fran Schnieder, 16520 Airport Ave., Prairieville LA 70769, (504) 622-2850.

May 14-18: Great Southern Air Race. sponsored by the Marathon Chamber of Commerce and Florida Race Pilots Association. Contact Roni Johnson, 184 Baltic Circle, Tampa FL 33606, (813) 254-3350.

May 16-18: Hayward to Las Vegas Proficiency Air Race. Kits, \$4, Hayward Air Race Committee, 20301 Skywest Dr., Hayward CA 94541, (415) 581-2345, ext. 5285.

May 17: USPFT Region 3 Rallye. Jamestown, North Dakota, hosted by North Dakota Chapter. Contact Beth Lucy.

May 17: Second Annual Aviation Fair, sponsored by Sacramento Valley Chapter, 0900-1500 hours at Executive Airport.

May 17: Sky Scamper. Indiana County Airport, Indiana, Pennsylvania, sponsored by Steel Valleys Chapter. Treasure Hunt, precision flying and/or spot landing contest. USPFT prizes and trophies. Contact Laurie Alcorn, R.D. 6, Box 2046, Mt. Pleasant PA 15666, (412) 547-6080.

May 24-27: Angel Derby, international air race for men and women pilots. Columbus, Ohio - Nassau, Bahamas. Kits, \$10, All Women's International Air Race, Inc., P.O. Box 9125, Fort Lauderdale FL 33310.

May 30-June 1: 17th Annual Illi-Nines Air Derby. Champaign, Illinois. Limit 60 planes, men or women pilots, 225-nm or less round robin. Kits, \$3, Mary Panczysyn, 1505 Sequoia Trail, Glenview, IL 60025, (312) 729-1309.

May 31: USPFT Region 6 Rallye. Carbon-dale, Illinois, hosted by Cape Girardeau Chapter. Contact Chris Kurianowicz.

May 31: USPFT Local Rallye. Greater Wilmington Airport, Wilmington, Delaware. Contact Mary Heinsohn, (301) 398-0423.

May 31: Second Annual Buena Vista Air Show, with WWII aircraft, balloons, antique aircraft and aerobatics; entries invited. There will also be a hangar barbecue and country-western dance Saturday evening after the show for \$5 per person. Contact Beth Myers, Buena Vista Aero Club, P.O. Box 1669, Buena Vista CO 81211, (303) 395-6969.

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

JUNE

June 7: 14th Annual Garden State 300. Kits, \$5, payable to Garden State 300, Racquel McNeil, 50 Tarrytown Road, Englishtown NJ 07726, (201) 446-9759.

June 7: Jim Hicklin Memorial Air Rallye. Bullhead City, Arizona. For kits, contact Barbara Michaels, 5255 Zelzah Ave., #202, Encino CA 91316.

June 11-15: Texas Sesquicentennial Air Show. TSTI Airport, Waco, Texas.

June 14: USPFT Region 7 Rallye. Danbury, Connecticut, hosted by Connecticut Chapter. Contact Sandra McDonough.

June 15-19: 11th Annual International Flying Nurses Convention. Harvey's Casino Hotel, South Lake Tahoe, California. Contact Jeanette Bell, (916) 988-7006.

June 21-22: Fifth Annual EAA Chapter 9 Fly-In. Centerburg, Ohio. Contact Lalah Flynn, (614) 846-8766.

June 21-24: 10th Anniversary Air Race Classic. Start, Santa Rosa, California; terminus, Toledo, Ohio. Entries open February 28, close April 14. Contact Pat Jetton, 2305½ Hermosa Ave., Durango CO 81301.

June 22: Saskatchewan Poker Run; rain-date, July 6. Cash prizes. Prince Albert - Melfort - Wakaw - Tisdale - Nipawin - Humboldt. Contact Nadine Cooper, 3635 Hann Bay, Regina, Saskatchewan, 586-6654.

June 27: Oregon Petticoat Derby. Bremerton, Washington.

June 29: Heritage Days Planes 'n' Pancakes Fly-In Breakfast. Macomb, Illinois. Contact Jayne Schiek, (309) 833-2359, or Macomb Municipal Airport, (309) 833-3324.

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

JULY

July 2-6: National Precision Flying Competitions. DeQueen, Arkansas.

July 5: Aspen Air Show '86. Aspen, Colorado, with warbirds and aerobatics. Contact Airport Manager's Office, (303) 925-8698.

July 6: British Columbia Coast Poker Run. Victoria - Nanaimo - Gibson - Seckett - Pitt Meadows - Langley - Abbotsford - Chilliwack - Delta - Boundary Bay. Contact Mary Lee Burns, (604) 980-0751, or Lee Williams, (604) 298-7991.

July 13-19: A Sentimental Journey to Club Haven. historic Piper Club fly-in, Piper Memorial Airport, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. Contact Raymond H. Schaefer, Box J-3, Lock Haven PA 17745.

July 18-20: Forest of Friendship Ceremonies. Atchison, Kansas. Contact Fay Gillis Wells, (703) 960-4632.

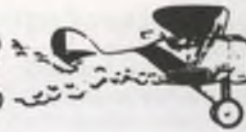
July 18-20: Ottawa Valley Aerobic Contest. Carp Airport, Carp, Ontario, benefiting the 1986 Canadian Aerobic Team. Contact William Butler, 811 Tavistock Rd., Ottawa, Ontario K2B 5N3, (613) 829-5750.

July 25-26: 17th Annual Palms to Pines Air Race, for women only. Kits, \$5, Chairman Claire Walters, Claire Walters Flight Academy, 3200 Airport Ave., Suite 16, Santa Monica CA 90405.

July 25-27: Fall Northwest Sectional. Port Angeles, Washington.

July 31: The 99 NEWS deadline for September issue.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As some of you may know, President Hazel Jones is recovering from major abdominal surgery. She was stricken in Switzerland while representing the Ninety-Nines as a permanent alternate delegate to the CIAG meeting. By the time you read this, Hazel will be back to her old self.

It is election time again. Our Bylaws require the election of new International Officers and Directors every two years. Historically, this process has produced an interesting phenomena. We have had candidates hit the campaign trail with posters, flyers, mirrors, rulers, airplanes, buttons, and wine and cheese parties, all proclaiming their merits. A circus-like atmosphere often culminates with the each candidate's section or chapter sending out pleas for votes. The amount of money candidates have to spend on an election campaign can many times significantly affect the results of the election.

In a concerted effort to reduce this kind of unprofessional conduct, the Board has adopted the following policy for the behavior of candidates.

YOU MAY ONLY:

1. Place one ad in *The 99 NEWS*
2. Send, or cause to have sent, one mailing (letter, photograph or flyer) to all or part of the membership, at your own expense. This mailing may be made with other candidates if you wish.
3. Make a two-minute speech at the Pre-Business Meeting Communication Session held at the time of the International Convention, as duly notified by the Chairman of the International Nominating Committee.

YOU MAY NOT:

1. Hand out, or cause to be handed out, campaign flyers anywhere.
2. Hand out, or cause to be handed out, campaign souvenirs anywhere.
3. Place, or cause to be placed, campaign posters anywhere.
4. Continue to run any commercial ads in *The 99 NEWS* during the campaign period (which is from close of Intent to Seek Election deadline to election ballot deadline).

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Candidates may, if they wish, use the Ninety-Nines mailing permit for their one-time mailing. Each candidate was given the opportunity to participate. A company in Oklahoma City handles mailing because that is where our mailing permit is located. All cost will be borne by the candidates themselves. In no way should this be construed as a recommendation of a person's candidacy by International Headquarters. It is a way to reduce the cost so that money is less a factor in the election.

Ideally, our election procedure provides for a gradual succession of candidates from one office to another, ensuring the smooth transition and the training required to assume top management positions.

The election of Directors at Convention begins the process. This election of beginning Board Members by Convention delegates is very vital to the continuity of the organization. A person running for Director must be visible and have a record of leadership ability through participation at Convention. Convention Delegates are the leaders of their chapters and sections, and they should be the decision-makers of initial Board Members.

Many candidates will be visiting section meetings this spring. This is your opportunity to talk with the candidates and see where they stand on issues that concern you. As you mark your ballot, keep in mind the tremendous job required of your Officers and Directors. Qualifications, ability, time and willingness to do the job are a must. A list of qualifications was printed in the September issue of *The 99 NEWS*. Refer to this as you make your selection. Please vote, and remember that you make the final determination of our organization's leadership.

Get well soon, Hazel. We love you.

by Barbara Sestito
International Vice-President

Air Marking News

by Mary Hill
International Air Marking Chairman



Did you ever get the feeling no one really appreciates your air marking? That even the pilots just taxi or fly over them and don't notice? Well, most of us 99s do care. Virginia Ursin, Eastern New England Chapter, sent me a photocopy of the neatest certificate of appreciation she received from the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission. It contained an aerial photo of their work and a gold seal from the commission. It is great to find that other organizations appreciate our efforts.

Speaking of our efforts, in 1985, the 50th anniversary of air marking, the 99s air marked 54 airports from January through December. We, the 99s, would like to thank all the 49½s, 66s and others who helped in these projects. We really appreciate all the help and want them to know it.

Can anyone beat Pauline Glasson, Tip of Texas Chapter, for the number of air markings completed? She has done an unbelievable 676 since 1954. Wow! Thank you, Pauline. Let's all keep up the good work.

NOTAM

Alaska Flying magazine is seeking pilots with 1,000 hours of Alaska flying experience. The publication is compiling historical archives in an attempt to preserve the state's aviation history.

The material gathered will be shared equally among all historical associations, museums, libraries and interested parties in order to collect as much of our aviation heritage as possible before it disappears, because it is happening all too rapidly.

The aviation history of Alaska reads like the history of the state itself, as intrepid bush pilots delivered cargo and mail to remote northern villages, as well as delivering a few babies.

This tradition still lives in Alaska today, with many villages accessible only by air. We feel a strong sense of identification with these men and women, and we are eager to hear their stories and record their invaluable memories.

You are urged to assist the magazine if you have any information pertaining to the names or whereabouts of pilots with Alaska flying experience. Contact *Alaska Flying* magazine, Pouch 112010, Anchorage AK 99511, (907) 344-3331.

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SAFECON Regional Champions and Runners-Up

by Polly Gilkison

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Results from eight NIFA Regional Air Meets are:

- REGION I Metropolitan State College, Denver, Colorado
Colorado Northwestern Community College - Rangely, Colorado.
- REGION II SLATED MARCH 21-23 AT COCHISE COLLEGE, DOUGLAS, ARIZONA
- REGION III Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
Kent State University, Kent, Ohio
- REGION IV Texas State Technical Institute, Waco, Texas
Delta State University, Cleveland, Mississippi
Northwestern Louisiana University, Natchitoches, Louisiana
San Jacinto College, Pasadena, Texas
- REGION V University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota
St. Cloud University, St. Cloud, Minnesota
University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa
- REGION VI Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma
Southeastern State University, Durant, Oklahoma
United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- REGION VII Mercer County Community College, Trenton, New Jersey
Delaware Technical Community College, Dover, Delaware
- REGION VIII Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois
University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois
- REGION IX Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida
Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama

Three more schools will be added to the list after the Region II competition. Hazel Jones is the 1986 National SAFECON chief judge.

RACE FOR SPACE

Sweepstakes, Wall of Wings and Other Sundry Things

by Marilyn Copeland

The sweepstakes tickets were mailed in early March to all members via our bulk mail permit, as well as inserted in an issue of *The 99 NEWS*. If you need more tickets, please contact Headquarters. Each ticket is to be completed for a \$5 contribution. A sheet of 20 sweepstakes tickets results in 20 chances on the prizes of \$10,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000. Remember that these contributions will be added to the Ninety-Nines Headquarters Expansion Fund, but they are separate from the Wall of Wings.

Also a fund-raising project for the Headquarters Expansion, Wall of Wings contributions are continuing to flow in nicely. Recent contributions have included another \$1,000 from Nema Masonhall, long-time faithful editorial assistant for *The 99 NEWS*, plus \$1,000 each from Past International President Susie Sewell and Charter Member and Past International President Betty Gillies. Past International President Edna Gardner Whyte and Charter Member Melba Beard have each contributed \$500.

Many, many other contributions are being received to keep our RACE FOR SPACE very exciting.

Our original goal of \$300,000 for the expansion project has recently been upgraded to \$400,000 by the Maybee Foundation challenge grant of \$100,000. In other words, if we raise \$400,000 by August 1986, we will receive another \$100,000 from the Maybee Foundation. The \$400,000 will include all funds raised to date, including the Roberts challenge grant. (If we raise \$50,000 between November 1985 and August 1986, Pat and Sheldon Roberts will match our \$50,000.) Therefore, 99s, we could have a magnificent expansion, provided we all send in the sweepstakes tickets, contribute to the Wall of Wings, and sponsor addition chapter and section donations. This is a golden opportunity for all members to contribute to the fund and have their donations multiplied by these challenge grants. Our grand total could be \$500,000!

Let's make it happen!

Wall of Wings Contribution Form

\$10,000	Gold Wings	\$ 500	Bronze Wings
\$ 5,000	Silver Wings	\$ 200	Copper Wings
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Please find enclosed my tax-deductible check or pledge for the
Ninety-Nines Headquarters Expansion Fund.

New Ratings

MIDDLE EAST SECTION

Carolyn Boxmeyer, Eastern Pennsylvania — IGI
(CFII listed incorrectly in last issue)

Ellen Bowie, Potomac) AMEL, CFI

Elizabeth Matarese, Potomac — AMEL, COMM, AMEL IFR

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

Marcie Glaesemann, Minnesota — ATP

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

Jan Terrell, Abilene Area — COMM

Vicky Homan, Oklahoma — IFR

Mary Benham, South Louisiana — AMEL

SOUTHEAST SECTION

Regenia Cook, Alabama — IFR

Caroline Grubbs, Blue Ridge — COMM

Lynda Henderson, Tennessee — COMM

SOUTHWEST SECTION

Doris Lockness, Cameron Park — COMM Helicopter

Paula Bazar Sandling, San Fernando Valley — IFR

Susan Skalla, San Fernando Valley — BGI

Mary Long, Santa Barbara — IFR

Pam Presenti, Santa Barbara — COMM

Jenny Wright, Santa Barbara — IFR

Gifts to International Headquarters

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Melba Gorby Beard, *Charter Member*,

Arizona Sundance Chapter

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San Diego Chapter

Susie Sewell, *Past International President*,
Oklahoma Chapter

Edna Gardner Whyte, *Past International President*,
Ft. Worth Chapter

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Billie Downing, *Eastern New England Chapter*

Alice Gilchrist, *Eastern New England Chapter*

Heloise Bresley, *Nebraska Chapter*

Nema Masonhall, *Oklahoma Chapter*

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New Horizons

Erma C. Christian Santa Barbara Chapter

Erma Christian became a pilot in 1968, and served as chairman of the Santa Barbara Chapter.

A secretary at the University of California at Santa Barbara, she also performed volunteer work for the Red Cross and the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Virginia Cutter Albuquerque Chapter

Aviation lost one of its most beloved and respected members in December when Virginia Cutter passed away in Albuquerque. Often referred to as the "Grand Dame of Aviation in the Southwest," Virginia left behind a long history of accomplishments and service, not only to her native state, but to the entire nation as well.

Virginia and her husband, Bill, began in aviation in 1928 when they offered flight training, charter and sales from the FBO on what is now Sandia Base in Albuquerque. From that beginning, the firm has grown to what is now one of the largest and most respected aviation firms in the Southwest with branches in Albuquerque, Phoenix and El Paso.

Over the years, Virginia was a full and active partner in the business. When Bill died in 1963, she took over the reins and, with sons Bill and Sid, continued the family traditions. She remained active in the business until the early 1980s and was still serving as chairman of the board at the time of her death.

Virginia received her pilot's license in 1940 and was active in a temporary chapter of the Ninety-Nines formed at that time. When the chapter became official in 1952, she was a charter member.

In 1971, she was named to the National Women's Aviation Advisory Committee and received the "Blue Max" in 1975. In 1973, she was awarded Beech Aircraft's most prestigious award, the "Silver Eagle," recognizing her outstanding service to aviation over the years. There have been fewer than 10 of these awards ever issued.

Virginia Cutter left a void in aviation that many people will feel for a long time. In her over 50 years of serving the aviation community, she had a profound effect on many with whom she came in contact. She was truly a great lady.

Excerpted from the February 1986 issue of the NEW MEXICO FLYING REVIEW

Faith L. Gehweiler Blue Ridge Chapter

Afton Revel Lewis Giacomini Bay Cities Chapter

A charter member of the Bay Cities Chapter, Afton Giacomini was its first secretary-treasurer and an active member for 16 years. The sculptress and gemologist of note went on to New Horizons on February 18.

Afton and husband Marvin, a retired pilot she married in 1957, combined talents in gemology, exhibiting nationally and winning many awards.

by Ruth N. Rueckert

Tammy Hendrix Borrego Springs Chapter

A mountain road above Borrego claimed the life of Tammy Hendrix February 17.



Tammy's devotion to her sixth grade classroom, the fun and joy she found in square dancing, her love and enthusiasm for flying, made her a special person.

Because she was instrumental in bringing a 99s-sponsored ground school to Borrego, others will soar, planting the seeds of discovery and adventure in the young. Others will follow. The joy of living she shared touched us all, and she will never be forgotten.

by Mary F. Egarr

Pat Lundahl Columbia Cascade Chapter

It is with heavy heart that we released Pat Lundahl to New Horizons February 9. She was one of our beloved active members.

Vice-chairman of the chapter, Pat fought and lost her battle with cancer.

by Pegge Blinco and Mary Wohlgemuth

Nellie A. Palmer Redwood Empire Chapter

Charter member of the Redwood Empire Chapter, Nellie Palmer served as chairman, secretary and treasurer. For many years, she was also keeper of the chapter scrapbooks and other records.

Nellie went on to New Horizons September 12.

by Hazel Bertagna and Ruth N. Rueckert

Edwin J. Wyatt San Joaquin Valley Chapter

Edwin J. Wyatt, 49½ of Billie, died of pneumonia December 17 in Modesto, California.

A long-time pilot, the San Joaquin Valley Chapter owes him a debt of gratitude for the staunch support he gave Billie when she was instrumental in organizing our chapter in 1951. He will be missed.

by Janice Gray

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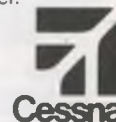
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LETTERS to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Australian 99s, I would like to sincerely congratulate the Indian Section, particularly Chanda Budhabhatti and Mohini Shroff for their superb efforts in organising the World Aviation, Education and Safety Congress.

To be able to meet with pilots from all over the world, to listen to speakers from NASA, AOPA, the USA and members of Indian aviation, and to attend the excellent sessions (both technical and historical) was indeed incredible motivation.

I particularly look forward during my term of office in Australia to sharing memories made with friends in New Delhi, and to making new friendships in aviation around the world.

We would also welcome visitors to Australia at any time, and I personally hope that you will stretch your way across our continent to my hometown of Perth.

— Jenny Houghton
President,

Australian Women Pilots Association

NOTAM

The Marion Barnick Scholarship Application that appeared in the March 1986 issue of *The 99 NEWS* was a paid advertisement.

Dear Editor:

About 12 of us in six Bonanzas are planning to fly around the world, leaving Austin, Texas, June 11. Marge Gorman flew with us to Scotland in 1980 and Barbara Fey went with us to Finland in 1984, so we want to invite any 99s who'd like to join us.

Any who are interested should phone me at (214) 357-6659 (work) or (214) 484-1466 (home) for copies of the itinerary and budget.

On a great adventure such as this, the Ninety-Nines should be represented!

— Frank Haile, Jr.
Dallas, Texas

Dear Editor:

I received a letter from Peggy Beniston, Zimbabwe, Africa, recently. Peggy writes that Fiorenza de Bernardi, Via Panama 86, 00198 Rome, Italy, was involved in a terrible auto accident about six months ago. She hasn't even been able to write, and doesn't know if she will even be able to walk again, much less fly commercially. She is in a great deal of pain and is very down. She would appreciate very much a note from many of us.

Maybe you can put this in the next issue of *The 99 NEWS*. Thanks.

— Charlene Falkenberg

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your wonderful magazine. I look forward to each issue.

I have an idea for a possible column. My husband and I fly around the country often in his Cessna 185. We prefer to land at small airports. I think it would be a service to general aviation pilots to have a listing or chart rating these facilities.

We find the friendliness and service unsurpassed at most, but occasionally there's an airport to which we'd prefer to not return.

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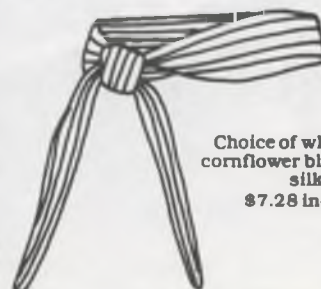
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Happiness Is Hawaii Outdoors

by Joyce Wells

No doubt about it, water sports lead in popularity among Hawaii's outdoor activities. Each island has good public swimming beaches, off-shore reefs to entice scuba divers and snorkling enthusiasts, and the sparkling warm Pacific offers sailing, outrigger rides and catamaran cruises.

Hawaii boasts the best surfing waves in the world. In the olden days, surfing was a sport only for island royalty. Now surfing is for anyone who can balance on modern surfboards or sailboards. Lessons are available on Waikiki Beach.

Body surfing is also popular in the 75-degree ocean water, keeping an eye out for dangerous surf conditions, of course. Safety is important, in the water and out.

Deep-sea fishing ranks with some of the world's best. Marlin, Mahi Mahi (Pacific dolphin), A'u (swordfish), Ono (wahoo), Aku (skip-jack) and Ahi (yellow-fin tuna) abound. The Kona Coast is the best place to fish for marlin, and it is also the site of the annual Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament. Kona waters have produced a 1,148-pound rod-and-reel catch. Most charter boats carry light tackle, as well as heavier gear, to make the most of a day when the big fish are not biting.

Surfcasting and spin-fishing are possible on any of the islands. Many local residents use a bamboo pole and relax on the beach while awaiting a bite. You may want to try the ancient Hawaiian way of net fishing in tidal flats and small lagoons.

Freshwater fishing is limited but available at reservoirs and streams near Lihue, Kauai. Trout, bass, catfish, carp, bluegill and sunfish are what you're likely to catch.

To see the fascinating world underwater, snorkeling and scuba diving are musts. The clear warm water and unusual reef formations offer a technicolor multitude of marine life, plants and organisms. The photographer has a variety of subjects. Shells, black coral, brilliantly colored fish, turtles and volcanic formations are among

the sights. For those who wish to see these underwater wonders without getting wet, glass-bottom boat tours are available on Oahu, Kauai, Maui and the Big Island, Hawaii.

For those who prefer dry land sports, there are 43 golf courses, including both private and public links. The famous Hawaiian Open is one of many tournaments played in the Islands. The climate encourages year-round golf.

Horseback riding is available, and one can ride into an extinct volcano 21 miles in circumference. There are also guided rides on trails over acres and acres of cattle country. Or you may want to canter along the beach on Maui.

Many visitors enjoy playing tennis on all the Islands. Cooled by trade winds, courts are located in resort hotels and public parks.

Hiking and mountain-climbing are popular in the cloud-topped verdant mountains. Some trails are easy, but many are demanding. Views can be inspiring and, best of all, there are no snakes. Trail information should be obtained from the Division of Forestry.

If you have a yen to pursue wild boar through lush rainforests or flush chukar on high volcanic slopes, hunting is available on most of the inhabited islands. The Big Island of Hawaii offers the widest variety of game. Public hunting areas are maintained by the state on the six major islands.

For those who enjoy living in the outdoors, camping is popular in hundreds of parks, some in national parks, others built by the counties or state. Facilities are often filled on weekends.

There are places to pitch tents, park a camper or cabins located at the water's edge. Campers can be rented in many sizes and allow the most convenient way for a visitor to get around the Islands. The safe camper seeks advice and information ahead of time. Reservations are a must for many areas.

Hele mai ame ike — Come and see! The International Convention will be August 12-17 in Hawaii!

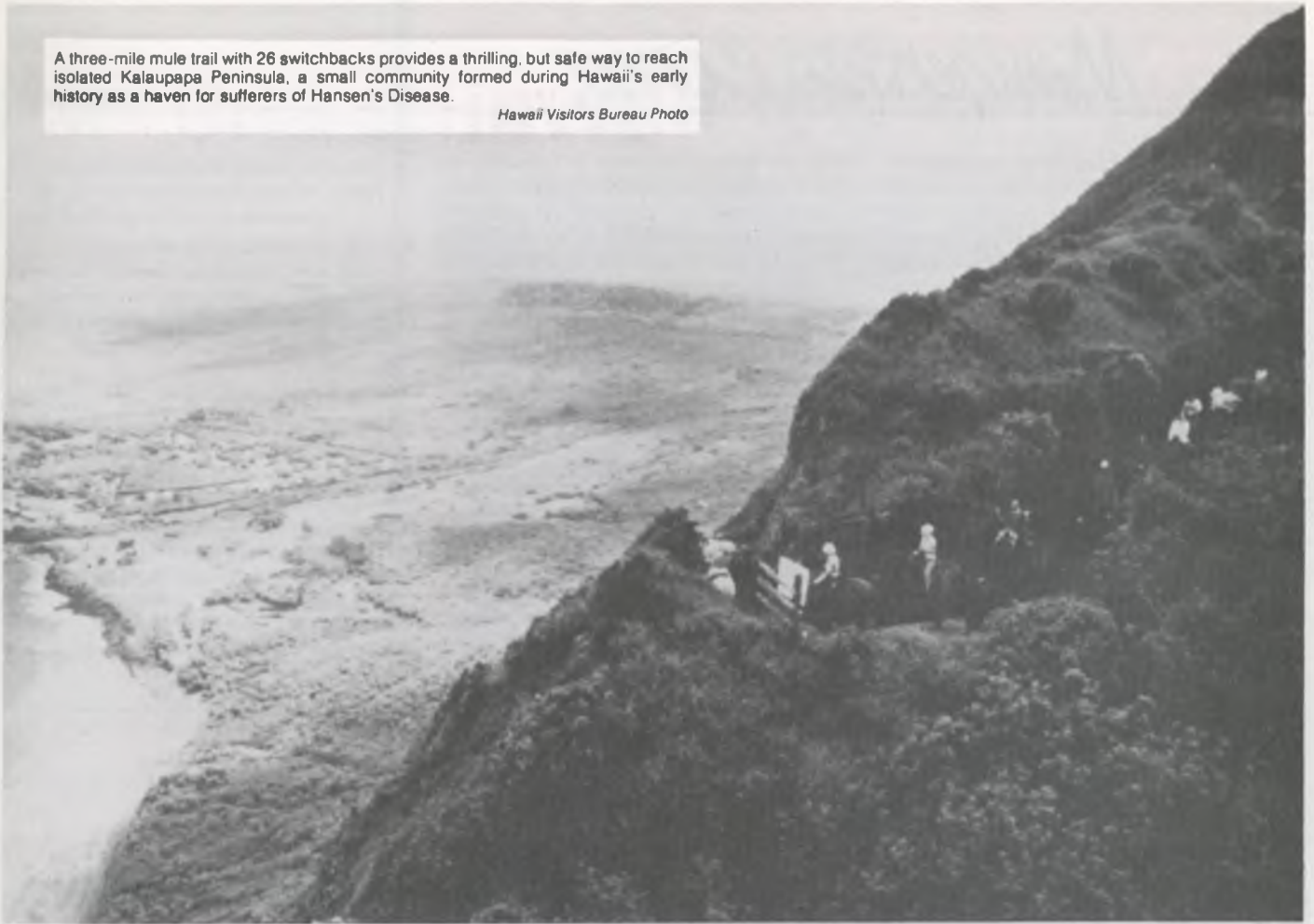
Visitors and islanders alike enjoy paddling outrigger canoes and riding surfboards at Waikiki.

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Membership Corner

by Stacy Hamm

Opportunities to brag about the pleasure of being a 99 come often. Each time we meet a woman pilot who is not a member, we want to let her in on the fun and sign her up for membership right away. However, it can be difficult to convince someone who is already juggling job, family, school, flight time and finances of the numerous, yet somewhat intangible benefits we enjoy. The tendency is to tell her about the meetings, service projects, seminars and air races we sponsor. Meantime, our prospect imagines herself trying to incorporate all these activities into her already breathless schedule, and she immediately runs for cover, crying, "No time," "No interest" or some worn-out cliché, such as "I'm not a joiner."

Not one of us would continue to give our

time, our love or devotion to someone or something that did not return the gift. Think carefully about the rewards you receive through association with the Ninety-Nines, and the next time someone asks you about it, have more than a list of favorite activities. Look for a definitive answer, the means by which to communicate the real value in attaching yourself to a progressive, clear-thinking group of women to whom flying is an important asset in their lives.

Here are some reasons I am a 99; can you think of some others?

- *Through the Ninety-Nines, I am better able to nurture and improve my own flying skills.*
- *Through the Ninety-Nines, I provide myself with far-reaching resources for education and career-related opportunity.*
- *I want to help preserve and promote a*

place for myself and future women pilots. Ninety-Nines have historically set the standards for those who follow.

- *I like surrounding myself with motivated, successful women who are not afraid to challenge tradition and pursue their goals. I enjoy being part of a worldwide association of such women.*

If there is a frailty in the Ninety-Nines' organization, it is that our members may not realize the power we possess. Those whose lives we have touched through scholarships, airlifts and safety programs never forget who we are or how we have influenced them. We are a mighty force for good in the world of aviation, and when we make fellow pilots aware of our organization, our effectiveness grows even stronger.

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Did you ever stop to think how many meeting programs there must be among us? How many presentations have been prepared for various meetings that now rest in hiding in our closets?

The Eastern Ontario Chapter has taken on the project of collecting information about these programs and preparing a bibliography that can be shared by us all. There is no obligation for those who have programs. Any arrangements for presentation will be made between the individual Ninety-Nines or organizations involved. This is a chapter project, therefore there will be no cost to individual Ninety-Nines or chapters. A copy of the completed bibliography will be forwarded to each chapter.

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Whatever our occupation — astronaut, professional pilot, schoolteacher or housewife — we have shared the pride of accomplishment that comes with the attainment of a new rating and have experienced the joy of glimpsing the sunlight dancing through puffy clouds on a glorious clear day.

This love — this joy — this challenge — binds diverse ages, races, nationalities,

personalities, talents and aspirations into the dynamic organization the Ninety-Nines has become.

Diversity has been present from the inception of the organization. Not all 99 of the 117 licensed women pilots who organized together in 1929 were recordsetters like Phoebe Omlie (record parachute jump, 1921), Louise Thaden (winner of the Bendix Trophy Race, 1936), Amelia Earhart (first woman to cross the Atlantic, 1928), or professional pilots like Helen Richey, who became the first woman airline pilot (Central Airlines, 1934). Although many were to become famous later in the history of aviation, most joined for the same reasons as you and I — the love of flying.



Being presented the Alice Hammond Perpetual Award by Alice herself are Betty Pifer and Mary Helfrick.



Honored for having flown for over 50 years are 99s Alice Hammond, Betty Huyler Gillies, Connie Wolf, Edna Gardner Whyte, Evelyn Waldren, Melba Beard and Nancy Hopkins Tier.

Ernie Gayman, assistant director, Blood Product Management, and 99s Pegge Blinco and Mary Wohlgemuth load blood into an aircraft for transport.



the promotion of career opportunities for women in aviation were among the central thoughts in forming the organization in 1929. Although the purposes have been expanded through the years to encompass many kinds of educational and philanthropic objectives, flying is still the core of the Ninety-Nines.

There's always a good excuse for getting in the airplane and FLYING when you're a 99. We fly in to chapter meetings, section meetings and International Conventions. Some chapters fly blood for the Red Cross, daffodils for the American Cancer Society or medical supplies for missionaries. We fly schoolchildren on familiarization flights, handicapped people on outings and city officials to illustrate the benefits of aviation.

And we fly out for lunch, breakfast or dinner with other 99s. (We like to eat a lot; some of us look like it — some don't.)

We enjoy the challenge of proficiency and speed races, poker runs and treasure hunts. So what if you don't win? You're a winner if you've learned more about flying — yourself and the airplane.

For those of us who lack the incentive to use our skills once the private license has been earned, we provide each other with motivation. You no longer have a problem if you are among those who have said, "I don't like to fly alone. I enjoy company while flying — someone to talk to." If you think "flying just to keep up proficiency is a bore," we'll give you plenty of opportunities to stay current and do something worthwhile or fun in the process.





All-Ohioan Jeane Wolcott says, "Did I really volunteer for this job?"



El Paso 66s Carrie Staley, Sandy Walker, Cynthia Corbett, Shelley Weaver, Joanie High and Pauline Dow are serious about flying. Mama Bird Kay is hovering at the end of the table.

New York Capital District 99s enjoy the 10th anniversary party at section meeting.



Education for ourselves and others

is a large part of being a 99. For ourselves, we offer scholarships on both International and chapter levels. We have a career data bank at Headquarters to track, by computer, aviation-related jobs and women who can fill them. We hold seminars and invite meeting speakers who help us brush up on our flying. We keep abreast of what is happening in national and local government that may affect our flying, and we meet with other aviation organizations to share problems and explore solutions.

For others, we try to educate the community and governing bodies on the benefits of aviation. We present air age education classes to schoolchildren. We conduct airport tours. We judge and help conduct National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) Meets. We are sponsors of the United States Proficiency Flight Team (USPFT) competitions at all levels — local, regional, national and international. We conduct, sponsor and teach at aviation clinics, and we hold both aviation career and flying companion seminars.

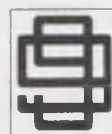
And in educating others, we again refresh ourselves — and have fun doing it!

At the top of the list of every 99 asked, "What has being a 99 done for you?" was the one word, "friendship."

"We started out with a purpose of communicating with other women pilots and proving we could fly in a male pilot's world. We wanted to fly together — a fellowship-in-the-air sort of thing. I still believe this is one important part of the Ninety-Nines we shouldn't forget." — Louise Thaden, *Charter Member*

"We formed the Ninety-Nines to keep in touch with one another. I still think that is the best part." — Nancy Hopkins Tier, *Charter Member*

"Having been a 99 for the past 15 years, I have given our organization a pretty good trial. It still comes up to be the finest organization I know, welcoming members with open arms without prejudice of flying experience, age, social status or amount of



flying involvement." — North Central Section member

"What have I gotten out of being a 99? Fellowship — meeting women pilots throughout the country and the world." — Dorothy Niekamp, *Indiana Chapter member*

All the above quotes are summarized by Ginny Sutherland of the Detroit Area Chapter, who says, "All I really need to travel anywhere is my toothbrush and my Ninety-Nines membership roster."

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World Congress is a success!

by Gwen (Grey Eagle) Haynes

Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi, India — The World Aviation Education & Safety Congress, February 22-26, was a big success, due in part to the efforts of Chanda Budhabhatti, Mohini Shroff and all of the India Section of the Ninety-Nines, Captain Sharma and the Aero Club of India, the various sponsors, the fabulous speakers, the beautiful Taj Palace location and, last but not least, the wonderful camaraderie of all the people from around the world who attended the event.

After a tribute to the late Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi, himself a pilot, inaugurated the Congress. He likened his preent job to being in the simulator with someone pressing all the buttons at the same time when he had not been given a procedures manual. Also on the dias with him were Chanda Budhabhatti, Captain Satish Sharma, Mr. J.R.D. Tata, Mohini Shroff and Marilyn Copeland.



Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi inaugurates the World Aviation Education & Safety Congress while Captain Satish Sharma, president of the Aero Club of India, and 99 Mohini Shroff listen.

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Congress speakers were so numerous and elegant that it would be presumptuous to give top billing to only one. Just to name a few, Sheila Scott (United Kingdom) has a fabulous flying record with wonderful stories to tell; Nancy-Bird Walton (Australia) related Australian pilots' accomplishments; Wally Funk (United States), recently retired from NTSB, presented a thought-provoking safety program via slides; Dr. V.S. Arunachalam (India), scientific advisor and president of the Aeronautical Society of India, is a well educated man with a great

sense of humor; and John Baker (United States), president of the AOPA, is always looking out for the best interests of US pilots.

One of the items that caught our attention: India is building more airports, while the US is closing a good many. In addition, a new academy is being opened to train more pilots. I'm sure we all benefited from the speakers' expertise. (Now let's see if I can retain some of it.)

During the Congress, lunches and dinners were usually huge catered affairs

sponsored by various individuals, dignitaries or companies; we all received invitations. They really went out of their way to be hospitable to us. It was wonderful. There was so much food (and free). A lot of us had problems adjusting to the spices that are used in India, but it was all part of being "over there."

The evening after the close of the Congress, there was a big party on the hotel grounds with food and plenty of entertainment — Indian style with monkeys (even men dressed like them), magicians, hand-balancers and puppet shows. When that was over, we all sat and watched Indian dancing on a lighted stage. It was there that Charle and I performed *American Indian* dancing for the crowd. I think it was the first time that many Indians had seen *American Indians*. It was well worth the trouble of hauling our dance-costume trunk over there.

During all of this, Charle and I renewed old acquaintances and made new friends, including Audrey Saunders and Lady Gwen Bellew of the India Section. India is home to her because she spent 27 years there. Others included Eve Saunders and Enid DeBois of the BWPA, Claire Walters of Santa Monica, Lois Ward of Arizona, the Needhams, and Mickey and Ruth. Ruth and I had some fun experiences trying to film where video cameras were not allowed. (I didn't forget you, Fay Wells.)



Enjoying an outdoor lunch during the Congress are Audrey Saunders, Lady Gwen Bellew, Gwen and Charle Haynes, Enid DeBois and Eve Saunders.

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The Party — men dressed as monkeys cavort around Rabia Futehally, Marilyn Copeland, Barbara Harper, Charlie Haynes and a sari-clad young woman.

With Charle and Gwen Haynes are Chanda Budhabhatti and Mohini Shroff. The Hayneses performed authentic American Indian dances during the World Congress.



After the Congress, people were leaving for home, tours of India or trips around the world. With so many reservations and so many people, I don't know how Susan Hunter (Five Star Travel) and Tina D'Souza (Indtravels) managed it all.

I would like to add that, no matter what walk of life they came from or what native language they spoke, the people we met in India were very friendly to us and did their best to accommodate us.

I feel that India is a sleeping giant with many talented people. If and when everything comes together for her — watch out! The whole experience has inspired me to write an article on all of our travels there. I call it *India... Behind the Silk and Brocade Curtain* (look for this article in the next issue of *The 99 NEWS*). I guess that gives you an idea of how much an impression the trip made on me. No matter what anyone feels about India, one thing is certain — after you have been there, you will never forget her. Thank you, India Section, for the chance to meet her.

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If anyone who attended the WAE&S Congress in India took photos of the Grey Eagles as they performed, please contact Gwen (Grey Eagle) Haynes, 13361 Sorrell Dr., Garden Grove CA 92640. She would like to have copies of such photos.

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Chapter News, Activities and Projects

WESTERN CANADIAN SECTION

Saskatchewan Chapter

A Christmas party at the home of Sharon Spence was enjoyed by 99s and friends, who viewed slides of summer holidays and the trip to Atchison.

January got off to a brisk beginning with a course in CPR taught by Dr. June Mills and nurse Mary Pyne.

In cooperation with a qualified instructor on northern survival, Mary also led a 99s survival course February 22 in the northern community of Green Lake.

by Nadine M. Cooper



Enjoying a recent chapter event are Saskatchewan 99s Sharon Spence, Mildred Beamish, Noreen Proudlove, June Mills and Melody Jackson.

MIDDLE EAST SECTION

Hampton Roads Chapter

"Back to Basics" — always a relevant term for flying! This chapter will be supporting the FAA in a three-year safety seminar series on the basics, sponsoring one per quarter. First was a three-part seminar on landings in February, with upcoming topics to include weather, communications, decision-making and in-flight collisions.

Other projects discussed at our regular monthly meeting included "Adopt-A-Plane." The Aerospace Historical Park in Hampton has obtained various military planes and has asked the chapter to investigate the history of the seven planes. Squadron human interest stories are desired, as well as basic facts to make this part informative and interesting.

With March designated "Visit Virginia Month," we planned a March 8 fly-in to 10 different airports. This was an excellent opportunity to visit the less-traveled areas of our state, view different topographies and enjoy fellowship.

Of course there are other means of viewing scenery than from an airplane. This was demonstrated in a ballooning video presented by our own Barbara King, a proficient balloonist. The program presented an excellent overview of the preparation and

precautions necessary before the tranquil flight, and the tracking to retrieve the balloonist.

March also found us visiting both the National Air and Space Museum and the Garber facility where planes are restored before being moved to their new "hangar."

by Barbara L. Ramsey

Potomac Chapter

January's meeting featured Bob Jenkins, flight instructor and FAA examiner, who discussed cross-country emergencies and how to avoid them. He reminded us of what we need to know before making a cross-country flight, showing us how to use pilotage, dead-reckoning and radio navigation as back-ups for one another.

Edna Dragoo's house served as a meeting place for members in February. We enjoyed the lunch she prepared, and we were mesmerized by Debbie Douglas' review of women in aviation prior to and during World War II. Debbie, an historian at the National Air and Space Museum, is preparing a Smithsonian book about the subject. She shared some fascinating stories with us, discussing women engineers, production and maintenance workers who became the greatest resources for the aircraft industry during the war years. Debbie closed her talk by singing some WASP songs.

Marcy Deckelbaum has officially joined the friendly skies, serving as flight engineer on a United 727. Marcy is based in Washington, so we hope to see her at lots of chapter activities.

We welcome Evie Washington and Jennie Roback as new members.

by Marilyn DonCarlos

West Virginia Mountaineer Chapter

The chapter co-sponsored a safety seminar February 18 at Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio. We had a record-breaking attendance of 100, and all benefited from Part I of the new FAA safety series, "On Landings."

The Mountaineer 99s believe recurrent training means safer pilots, so we have been active participants in the Wings program.

Wings recently earned include Phase I: Marge Kirkpatrick and Carol Putnam; Phase II: Ellen Albritton and Astri Jarrett; Phase III: Morgan Hapeman and Sharon Peters; and Phase V: Jean Pickering. Only three Phase V Wings have been awarded thus far in our district, so we're especially proud that one set belongs to a 99!

by Marjorie Kirkpatrick

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

Northern New England Chapter

After all the formal business was taken care of at the chapter's February meeting, a surprise baby shower was given for Chairman Leslie O'Shaughnessy. Leslie's baby is due in March and will be the first "new baby" for our

chapter in many years! The shower proved to be a great opportunity to enjoy a lavish lunch and catch up with friends.

Leslie jokingly said that the most annoying part of her pregnancy was not being able to fly, due to her inability to pull the yoke back far enough to operate the plane safely! Fortunately, it is a condition that will soon correct itself.

As usual, our meeting was a most enjoyable get-together for all of us, and a surprise which our chairman will not soon forget.

by Lorraine Richard

NY-NJ SECTION

Long Island Chapter

The chapter held a USPFT rallye February 1 with eight contestants. USPFT Rallye Chairman Maria Destefano with her committee, Debbie Bonnard (navigation) and Nancy Davis (spot landing), made us realize how once done (last year) makes the day much easier the second time around.

Connecticut Chapter member Denise Dostoler flew her Archer to victory and first place; long-time supporter of the chapter's activities, Norman Briskman came in second. Half of the contestants were 99s.

While scoring was being handled after the rallye, CFI Esteban Draganovic presented a "Back to Basics" program. In addition, Richard Brown of WGSM Radio interviewed five of the 99s on the ground and flew the navigation event with Pat Bizzoso and Jill Hopfenmuller, rallye safety and check pilot. Those interviewed in addition to Pat and Jill included Joyce Malkmes, Sister Loretta McLaughlin and Doris Abbate. Others working on the rallye were Debora and Dolores Bonnard, Dorothy Campbell, Ida Van Smith, Barbara Evans, Camille De Boulet and Ross Armstrong, a former Ida Van Smith Flight Club member who is now an adult adviser/pilot.

A recent transfer from the San Fernando Valley Chapter, Bozena Syska had an interesting experience with snow-covered, ice-coated wings before the rallye. Not being familiar with our winter conditions, Bozena arrived at her Warrior to find six inches of snow on top of an icy base. She had not known to brush off the snow after each of several recent storms. The snow had melted slightly each time, then froze solid, making a hard base for the next falling snow.

In addition, recent inclement weather triggered activation of our telephone chain twice within a three-day period, once to postpone the regular monthly meeting due to snow and a second time to notify prospective 99s and 66s.

Pat Bizzoso recently soloed a Seneca II turbo, and Doris Abbate will be teaching "Speechcraft," a public speaking class in a local high school adult education program.

by Patricia Rockwell



SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHAPTER celebrates its 10th anniversary with Middle East Section Governor Linda Hollowell, Theresa Brents, Ethel Garber, Shenandoah Valley Chapter Chairman Virginia Thompson, Janie Tarrant, Maryanne MacConochie, Sara Williams and Mary Horner.

North Jersey Chapter

We co-sponsored a dinner party in February to celebrate the acquisition of a model of Amelia Earhart's Vega by the Teterboro Aviation Hall of Fame. The votive model was made as an exact replica by Jack Hall, who researched the project for months. The model was previously hung in the chapel at JFK Airport; when the chapel was dismantled, it was rescued by Long Island 99 Barbara Evans. Among the guests were Hall of Fame members Herb Fisher, Jack Elliott, Kay Brick, chapter charter member Alice Hammond, FAA Safety Administrator George Strickland and Curator Pat Reilly.

The Teterboro School of Aeronautics provided a demonstration of the inner workings of engines, sparkplugs and magnetos, and presented two films on a thorough pre-flight and a 100-hour inspection.

Gay S. Gravely and Leslie Highleyman have passed their instrument written tests.

by Carol Emmens

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

Greater Detroit Area Chapter

Susan Siporin hosted the February meeting in her Farmington Hills home. Chairman

Bernice Milliar kept the business meeting moving, enabling us to have a presentation on the Interim Voice Response System (IVRS) weather briefing service based on FAA weather data received from the Kansas City Weather Switching Center. Forms to record this information and sample briefings were provided to all members present.

Dr. Ross, aviation medical examiner from Southfield, Michigan, discussed "Medical Facts and Flying." He made a special effort to update us on the new FAA medical flight standards, allowable medications and ways to handle previous conditions that medically disqualified pilots.

The FAA Safety Seminar recently sponsored by the chapter at Plymouth Canton High School hosted more than 300 pilots.

Mearl Frame, who recently accepted the responsibility of section AE Scholarship chairman, has worked to organize and review applications, appoint and provide guidelines to a selection committee, and prepare reports and results for submission to International for judging. She plans to put together some valuable information for future applicants, and she will chair a discussion with chapter AE Scholarship chairmen at our next section meeting in order to further assist those members who wish to apply.

We have made a donation to the flight of Voyager piloted by Yeager and Rutan. The donation was immediately acknowledged with a letter, pictures and a very nice T-shirt, which we plan to display in our Women in Aviation Room at the Yankee Air Force Hangar.

by June L. Beers

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Greater St. Louis Chapter

The 11th annual General Aviation Pilot Safety Seminar was a one-day event February 1 at McDonnell Douglas Corporation, co-sponsored by the Flight Instructors Association, FAA and American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronauts. Ninety-Nines and 66s attending included Anne Galakatos, Lori Greenstein, Vivian Waters and Cheryl Van Zandt.

Amy Laws arranged for chapter members to brief local Girl Scouts working on their aerospace badges. Members and 49½s participating in the program included Mary Kinnaw, Amy Laws, Nelda Lee, Martha Norman, Jan Pocock, Jo Anne Sabo, and Vivian and Bernie Waters. In addition to classroom sessions, the girls enjoyed field trips to the St. Louis Science Center and downtown St. Louis Parks Airport for a tour of the tower and Amy's Cessna. The good news is that all the Girl Scouts attending have received aerospace badges.

The regular chapter meeting was February 18 at the home of Libby and Arnold Phillips. Arnold presented "Voyager —

cation. Tours of Living History Farms and Terrace Hill, the governor's mansion, were among the scheduled stops.

Tim Griffiths, Iowa Department of Transportation, discussed "The Anatomy of a Decision." Dr. Otto Senft outlined medical aspects of flying, and Bob Bishop, Des Moines control tower, discussed the proposed ARSA.

An October business meeting was held at the Holiday Inn in Ames.

Several 99s converged on the Des Moines control tower in November and, "with proper sequencing," enjoyed a tour of the facility. From approach to departure, we were tantalized with radar screens, communications and all of the procedures necessary to safely control air traffic.

A Chinese gift exchange was the highlight of the Christmas party at the Embassy Club in Des Moines.

The weather in January couldn't have been more beautiful for a flight to Waterloo. Tim Griffiths again joined us for a safety discussion on takeoffs and landings.

by Martha Matthews

two years who owns a Cherokee 140, learned about the 99s at the most recent safety meeting we sponsored at North Canton.

Chapter charter member Ruth Sittler, after over 8,000 hours as a certified flight instructor, has joined the FAA, working out of the Cleveland office as an inspector. She will be closely involved in the accident prevention program.

by Marg Juhasz

Minnesota Chapter

Once Awards Night, the highlight of February, is here, we frozen Minnesotans know that the spring daffodils and summer air markings can't be too far away.

February 19 at the St. Paul Airport restaurant, 99s, many 49½s and guests banqueted. The special program was a double feature: a fashion show from "Hangar 10" and guest speaker Robert Webber, chief pilot for 3M Corporation. Using our own talented members and 49½s as models, fashions included leather jumpsuits, jackets, slickers and a very delightful red nightie. Webber then discussed his travels in the Soviet Union, commenting on the interesting people, pilots and procedures encountered.

Award winners included Clara Johansen (Attendance), Mary Huddack, (Unsung Hero), Bev Anderson (Chairman's Award) and Elaine Morrow (Newest Pilot). In addition, Cathy Balazs received the First Flight Award for signing up for the first daffodil flight of the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days. Minnesota 99s will help deliver 160,000 flowers this year!

We are becoming involved in the Corporate Angel Network (CAN) this year. Volunteers act as welcoming companions and guides, transporting patients from airports to medical facilities. Local committee chairman is Cathy Balazs.

"Back to Basics" seminars, the FAA's new safety education program, mean added involvement for this chapter. We will co-sponsor four safety sessions this year.

by Catherine Balazs

Wisconsin Chapter

We have been busy the past months with two spot landing contests and two flying companion seminars completed.

Chairman Cindi Cope had to miss our blustery, snowy January meeting as she and 49½ Don became proud parents of Jeffrey Scott, born January 3.

February 9 was our annual dinner meeting and achievement awards presentation. First-year awards went to Jean Carol Fabisch, Krys Brown, Kay Totzke and Lynn Swartz; second-year awards, Jean Combs and Elise Hanlan; third-year awards, Marjorie Scoville, Carolyn Arnold and Kathy Dempsey; fourth-year awards, Linda Carpenter and Cindi Cope; and fifth-year awards, Jane Kriha and Lois Truchinski. Top points of 195 were tied by Cindi and Lois, with second place going to Elise and third place to Jane.

by Lois Truchinski

NORTHWEST SECTION

Columbia Cascade Chapter

Spring can't be far away (we hope). The timely FAA seminar, "On Landings," made

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Trip Around the World," a program including a video about manufacturing the aircraft by Bert and Dick Rutan. A planned 12-day, 25,000-mile, non-stop flight is to be flown by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager in late 1986. Arnold has a special interest in this flight since he is building a Rutan LongEze. Guest at the meeting was student pilot Robins Whitney, Lorna's daughter.

Rosemary Zander is taking a month-long tour of India, which will include the World Aviation Education and Safety Congress.

by Nelda Lee

Indiana Dunes Chapter

Chapter Chairman Diana Austin has reminded us that we are committed to host several "Back to Basics" seminars in the coming year. Our emphasis on promoting education and aeronautical science seems to pique the interest of all members.

Safety Education Chairman Courtney Bargerhuff has brought to our attention the pending ARSA (Airport Radar Service Area) versus TRSA (Terminal Radar Service Area) being proposed at Michigana Regional Airport in South Bend. Pros and cons have been discussed at length, with members encouraged to communicate their views to the FAA.

Membership Chairman Charlene Falkenberg has challenged each 99 to contact a chapter member who has not been seen for awhile, inviting and bringing her to a meeting. Non-active members need as much prompting as prospective members.

by Carol Zander

Iowa Chapter

We flew to Pella last August for lunch at the Strawtown Inn. The early Dutch bed-and-breakfast setting was the setting to plan our upcoming section meeting.

Section 99s "Barnstormed Iowa" for a September weekend of enjoyment and edu-

Kentucky Blue Grass Chapter

The chapter met February 8 at the Standiford Field control tower in Louisville. Our newest chapter member, ATC Specialist Nan Walsh, conducted a tour of the facility. Attendance was high with 20 Ninety-Nines and seven guests.

Members gathered at the Stevens Beech Aero Club at Bowman Field afterward for a business meeting on the upcoming spring section meeting in Lexington. Plans were released on the tour of the Red Mile Race Track for Friday night, tour of the breeding farms on Saturday and possible luncheon guest, Kentucky Governor Martha Layne Collins. The meeting is promising to be more spectacular than 10 years ago, so everyone is invited to the "Second Call to Kentucky."

by Terri Donner

Lake Erie Chapter

Members met at the home of Dodie Jewett in Kent for the February meeting. Committee chairmen were named for our fall section meeting at Akron's Quaker Hilton, and some members then toured the Kent State University Fashion Museum, a new attraction which will be an optional event during the session.

We welcomed new member Anna Becher, who is based at Yoder Field. Anna, a pilot for

New member Anna Becher is welcomed by Pat Baron, Lake Erie Chapter membership chairman.



our juices start to run with thoughts of warmer weather and FLYING! The next weekend, however, with snow falling all around, found some of us glad we could stay inside and attend the section board meeting in Portland.

Two weeks later, more spring-like weather sent us back to more thoughts of flying... the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt... chapter mystery flight... Oregon Petticoat Derby... then the Northwest Sectional July 25-27...

Our chapter's Red Cross Volunteam is busy once again, with eight members assisting in a blood collection drive.

by Pegge Blinco and Mary Wohlgemuth

North Dakota Chapter

We welcomed new member Em Laskey to our group at the January meeting in Fargo.

This was our annual Christmas party with our 49½s, so little business and much fun were the order of the day. We did authorize donations to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund and the University of North Dakota Flying Team.

The February meeting was held at the Bismarck Airport Cafe with 10 members and one guest attending. Plans were made for the part we will play in the March Aviation Symposium for the Regional USPFT in May at Jamestown. After lunch and the meeting, our tour of the control tower and weather service was conducted by Karl Silverman.

In addition, the chapter co-sponsored a seminar on flight safety February 25 in Bismarck.

by Lorraine Boehler



Southern Cascade Chapter Chairman Dana Hardie attends the Medford Zonta AE Dinner with her escort (and uncle), CFI Jeremy Scott.

Oregon Pines Chapter

We recently donated \$50 to the *Voyager* project. Ginger Simmons delivered the check in person to the pilots at Hangar 77 in Mojave. To be connected even in a small way with this round-the-world flight is exciting, indeed!

Lisa Buswell, Ann Littrell and Linda Fetsch are currently flying around the country for II Morrow, Inc., testing the new LORAN C navigation equipment. The testing is essential for certification of the new equipment.

At our February gathering, hostess Laraine Gabel introduced Leo Pierce, facility manager, and Pat Terry, plans programs specialist, from the Portland Flight Service

Station, who explained the new automated system soon to be operational in Oregon.

by Trish Hanna

Southern Cascade Chapter

The chapter opened the New Year with guest speaker Norm Horton, aviation safety consultant and accident investigator. Norm's forceful presentation made us all aware of the limitations of machines and men. His wife, Lucille, and daughter, Stephanie (a student pilot) were guests as well.

January is always a special month because of the Zonta tribute to Amelia Earhart. Mary Jo Knouff spoke to the Grants Pass Zontas for the fourth year in a row, while Dana Hardie and Marianne Marsden attended the Medford Zonta dinner.

News from South Dakota is that 66 Betty Olson has soloed! That's no small feat in a midwest winter.

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February brought a visit to the Eugene F. Burrill Lumber Company mill and a fascinating presentation by Mike Burrill on home computer applications for aviation. After a refreshment break, Mike shared with members two of his antique aircraft, a 1929 Curtiss Fledgling and a 1947 Stearman.

by Laura Smith

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

Abilene Area Chapter

We have all been making an extra effort recently to fly as much as possible because it's time to complete our Phase II Wings. Once again, our goal is to be 100 percent in this achievement. Nothing could make us happier than to have all 99s proudly become Wings wearers.

We held our monthly meeting February 10 in the board room of Abilene Aero. Waynette Bergman reported sending a donation for us to the AE Scholarship Fund, and we plan for this to be only the first of many chapter contributions to it.

Jackie Jennings has been appointed an accident prevention counselor by the FAA, and Nancy Robinson has won another award. This time, she was selected as one of six award winners by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for cultural achievement (writing about all aspects of aviation) in journalism.

Jan Terrell received her commercial in February, with Penny Montgomery on the ground to wave and cheer as she moved from her oral to her Sundowner to the Cessna 182RG turbo for her checkride. Penny was in Brownwood at the time, working on Phase II Wings.

Dr. Rod Cannedy, outstanding Abilene psychiatrist, conducted our annual Fear of Flying Clinic February 13, with some 30 in attendance. During the break, Waynette conducted ground tours for the uninitiated in her Cessna 340. "Lovely," "comfortable," "I might not be afraid to fly in this" and "you're so little to be able to fly this" were some of the comments we heard.

by Penny Montgomery



Austin 99s showing off their Christmas party "white elephants" are (standing) Judy Johnston, Carol Towerton, Thelma Havice, Paula Faight, Hollis Drake, (seated) Judy Reinhart, Laura Cuthbert, Cindy Huffman, Pat Johnson and Beck Strickland.

Austin Chapter

Eight members and our two 66s met at Thelma Havice's home for a potluck dinner and "white elephant" gift exchange in December. Everyone, even our seven male guests, enjoyed the Chinese gift exchange,

where a few items moved from person to person several times.

On a Saturday in January, only four tough souls braved the weather and made it to our tour of the Aviation in Texas exhibit at the Institute of Texas Culture in San Antonio. Afterward, we lunched at Mi Tierra's and shopped on the way home.

Seven members, three 49½s and eight San Antonio 99s feasted on a buffet fit for a king February 9 at the Austin Country Club. We were spellbound listening to Edna Gardner Whyte recount some of her flying experiences from 1927 to the present. She braved the sleet, snow and low ceilings to fly her 180 to Austin from Aero Valley because she didn't trust her car or the crazy traffic. "I'm safer in the air," she declared.

We met March 8 with the San Antonio Chapter for a tour of the Swearingen Fairchild Aircraft plant. Naturally, we lunched together afterward.

At our March 13 business meeting, we viewed a movie from General Dynamics about the Thunderbirds.

Congratulations go to former 66 Cindy Huffman. She has earned her license and is now our newest 99.

by Judy Reinhart

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Dallas Chapter

The February meeting, hosted by Carol Morris, gave us a vital introduction to cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and maneuvers to deal with choking. Kathy Slawek, CPR instructor, showed a film, gave demonstrations and answered questions. She also provided the opportunity to sign up for CPR classes.

Our business meeting included reports of progress toward the September South Central Sectional. Park Central Sheraton, the section meeting hotel, has come through with some excellent perks.

Kim Williams, recent Abilene transfer, has landed a flying job with Airway Aviation. Chuck Warren, 49½, is her new boss.

Sandra Simmons and 49½ Nellis are in the process of establishing a second home in Seattle. Their main residence is still Dallas, but it's a long commute to her flying job with Alaskan Airlines!

Dallas Redbird Chapter

The February meeting was held at the home of Chairman Elizabeth Jordan. We made plans for the Dallas Redbird Chapter's

Shirley Forner, new Redbird 99, receives her pin from Elinor Johnson, membership chairman.



15th anniversary celebration, which will be in April this year.

Margie Taylor and husband Ted have an addition to the family — a Super Cub. The little Cub puts you right back to the basics of flying — no auto pilot there. It also makes a great sightseeing plane, especially with a few knots of wind.

We received a letter from Rosalinda Lawrence, who has moved to Austin, inviting us to fly down for a visit this spring.

We have officially welcomed Shirley Forner as a Redbird 99. She and husband Jim moved here from Cincinnati, but she's originally from East Tennessee. Shirley has two grown children and a three-year-old grandson, who makes her eyes light up when she talks about him. She got her license in December 1984. After thinking it would be neat to fly a little plane, she called the Piper School, took one ride and was hooked. Jim is her best supporter, and they have a wonderful time flying together.

by Margie Taylor

El Paso Chapter

Joanie High and Carrie Toffenetti, both newly licensed private pilots, have been welcomed to the chapter.

Carrie Staley, El Paso 66, arranged a January 28 tour for schoolchildren ages five and six. The 60 children met in the terminal, heard a short lecture from Carrie, received stick-on wings from Southwest Airlines and coloring books from the airport. Then they visited Cutter to look at the airplanes.

Valentine's Day was celebrated by 99s, 49½s and 66s at Evelyn Underwood's home February 14 with a potluck dinner. Highlight of the evening was a visit from California by Vicky and Jerry Wingett. Vicky just got the trip in "under the wire," as she and Jerry are expecting their firstborn shortly. Members honored the couple with a baby shower, and hostess Evelyn created a beautiful corsage for Vicky, made from all the bows and ribbons from the packages.

by Lynn N. Stover



El Paso 99s honored Vicky and Jerry Wingett with a baby shower. Jerry is holding one gift — Texas-style baby booties.

Fl. Worth Chapter

Member Dr. Dora Strothers had the 99s gather at Bell Helicopter in February. She



WASPs Ruth Jones, Betty Riddle, "Skip" Carter and Lela Harding visit during the Oklahoma Chapter's February meeting (left), while Oklahoma 99s Sharon Carter, Rita Eaves, Kay Roam and Pam Jones discuss upcoming activities (right).



took us through the plant and discussed Human Factors, the division for which she has worked for over 30 years. We ended the tour with a beautiful "Air Wolf," Bell 222. Guests included Pat Bowers, a pilot from Weatherford, and Sandy Harpole, a new private pilot from Arlington.

Carole Wheeler recently relaxed and had fun while in Switzerland attending the sub-committee of the FAI of CIAG with Hazel Jones and other 99s. The CIAG is a group similar to USPFT for sport flying.

Jerri Gault, in between selling residential real estate and instructing private pilots, is flying copilot on Texas Christian University's Cessna 421 part-time. When she isn't working, Jerri can be found at Sycamore Field flying her Geronimo.

Juanita Waddell is representing our chapter at the Aviation Education and Safety Congress in New Delhi, India.

by Kelli L. Hughes

Houston Chapter

"Back to Basics" is still the big news in Houston. We sponsored our second seminar February 25, once again hosting some 250 pilots at West Houston Airport. We provided cookies, coffee and door prizes, the favorite being a ride in a Stearman donated by our newest member, Anita deVillegas. The seminars are proving to be a wonderful way to promote the 99s.

We welcomed Imogene Chamberlain as guest speaker for our February meeting. An instructor at Texas A&M in College Station, she shared her experiences as a ferry pilot to Australia and Europe several years ago.

After at least six postponements, we finally air marked Clover Field south of Houston. Sunny skies February 24 and a short airport name made for quick and enjoyable work.

Several members enjoyed a breakfast fly-in to La Grange February 15. With 49 1/2s and guests, Faye Willis, Sue Frantz, Dawn

Anderson and Carol Brackley tried the improved runway at La Grange and sampled the country cooking at the Cottonwood Inn.

Carol Phillips, fund-raising chairman, has launched a new campaign. The chapter is offering some very nice pens with the 99 logo on the end for \$8, with \$1 from every sale donated to the Headquarters Expansion.

We are proud to welcome Rachel Jacobs and Anita deVillegas as our newest chapter members, and to announce that Carol Phillips has completed Phase II Wings.

by Cathy Wappler

Oklahoma Chapter

Our February meeting was held February 9 at the Air and Space Museum in Oklahoma City. A short business meeting was held, with refreshments provided by Asima Syed and Shirley Brown. Before touring the museum, Pam Jones initiated the "buddy system,"



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In the Huntsville control tower are Supervisor Ken King, Hilda and Joe Ray, Kay Delong, Miriam Pullins, Rachel Hunt and Controller Scott Kinsler.

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requesting that each member contact an inactive 99 regarding the next meeting.

The chapter co-sponsored an FAA "Back to Basics" seminar with 108 Oklahoma Cityans in attendance. In addition, Jo Ann Carpenter and Charlene Davis are hosting these seminars in the western part of the state.

by Nancy Smith

Pikes Peak Chapter

The year 1986 got off to a good start with an excellent program presented by Ann Marie Jones, a balloon and glider pilot and charter member of the chapter. Ann Marie presented slides about her recent trip to Zurich, Switzerland. Her hostess was Regula Hug-Messner, who is a nationally renowned gas balloonist.

In Europe, gas balloons are filled with hydrogen rather than helium — very flammable, but less expensive. Ann Marie's entire trip, plus 18 hours of ballooning, cost less than one flight in a helium-filled balloon. Under Regula's careful tutelage, Ann Marie logged two nine-hour flights to make her eligible for a private gas balloon rating.

Slides of the countryside were spectacular, from rolling green hills to misty valleys, deep blue lakes and the snow-capped Swiss Alps. Both flights originated at the hydrogen plant in Solothurn, and one terminated near a small village in France, drawing the attention of the local police. Throughout the trip, Ann Marie was surrounded by people who did not speak English, but their common love of ballooning became their means of communication. It was an experience she will long remember.

The business meeting following the program included a review of the chapter's activities in 1985. It was a busy year with an air marking, an airshow soft drink fund-raiser, a one-year birthday party for the chapter, monthly breakfast fly-ins, numerous flying activities and member Ann Frank's induction into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame.

by Phyllis Wells

Rio Grande Valley Chapter

A shrimp luncheon at Ila Loetscher's home in the sunshine by the sea brought us together for the January meeting. Betty Heitsch and 49½ Chester welcomed us to their lovely home in McAllen, where once again we feasted and reviewed February's business at hand. There has been some idle talk of plans for a fly-in to a fat farm and small wonder. At each luncheon, Adelle Baker has contributed delicious pecan pies made with nuts she harvested from her trees. Who could resist?!

Anne and Pat Johnston hosted the March chapter meeting before going to North Carolina for the summer, and Adelle and Jerry Baker plan a Hailey's Comet viewing trip to the McDonald Observatory on the summit of Mt. Locke, Texas. Before this, Adelle will undergo major surgery at Valley Baptist Hospital in Harlingen, Texas.

Chapter Chairman Sandra Lapsley and 49½ Tiner are just a 2x4 or so away from completing their home on the resaca.

by Evelyn Sizemore

Regula Hug-Messner at a launch field in Solothurn, Switzerland.



South Louisiana Chapter

Can you imagine flying to Alaska by yourself? That's what Cathy Wilson did recently when she was transferred by the military. She flew alone from Pineville, Louisiana, to King Salmon, Alaska. King Salmon is at the base of the Alaska peninsula, south of Iliamna Lake, and the trip was a real adventure.

We toured the new DeRidder Flight Service facility January 19. It was instructional for us to see the faces and equipment behind our long-distance weather briefings.

Thanks to plenty of work by Pat Ward and others, the Baton Rouge City Council has approved our request to rename the streets around Ryan Airport after famous aviators. Formal dedication ceremonies have been scheduled for May 9-10. Jan Scheunnaman is compiling photos and biographical information on the 19 pilots for whom the streets will be renamed. This information will be on display at the dedication and then permanently at the airport. Family members of the pilots to be honored are being invited to the dedication ceremonies, while Mary French-Gatipon and Eleanor Lowry are working on framed commemorative certificates to be given to each honoree's family.

May is also our 20th anniversary, and Shirley Penton is trying to locate all chapter charter members to invite them to the celebration and street dedication ceremonies. Her telephone number is (504) 924-3114.

Karen Milchanowski has made new orange flags to use for parking airplanes at air shows.

by Gloria Peterson

Tulsa Chapter

Chapter flight instructors met in early February to plan our March pinchhitter course. Announcements have gone out to all Tulsa FBOs and flying organizations.

Chris and Mike Morgan recently presented a Saturday seminar on the techniques of self-defense for women. We learned how to fight dirty — eye gouges, groin kicks and the best use of fists and elbows. This is hard work for those not inclined toward the martial arts.

New student pilot Carol Newkirk and prospective member Charlene Zarling met with members at Luby's in February. Tiana Etzkorn chaired the shortest business meeting in recent memory so we could begin our tour of FlightSafety. Artists prepare silk-screens for signs and flight instruments, and miles of wires are needed for computer hook-ups. A Citation simulator emitted unusual sounds; the computer/instructor had set the pilot up for a crash landing. Janet Newton flew us around Atlanta for a few minutes, but our perfect landing turned into a nightmare as we skipped off the runway. In addition to the simulators, we inspected task performance stations and helicopters equipped with some 21st century camera equipment.

Ozelle and Bill Landrum missed the meeting. They were touring New Zealand and Australia, with 99s directory in hand, hoping to meet fellow pilots down under.

by Janet Minnerath

SOUTHEAST SECTION

Alabama Chapter

The chapter met at the control tower in Huntsville February 2.

We were divided into two groups, each touring the radar room and tower and then exchanging places. With visibility being 15 miles, we were able to watch planes coming from quite a distance out. Chairman Renee West hosted the activity.

After the tour, a short business meeting was held. Members, 49½s and guests attending included Hilda and son Joe Ray, Harriett Hall, Ruby Dickerson, Kay Delong, Claudia Conn, Renee West, Jackie Reasoner, Pat Frierson, Albert and Rachel Hunt, Nadine and Charlie Rose, Miriam and son Trey Pullins, and Sandy and Grant Reeves with sons Traves and Jason.

Cullman was our meeting place for March, where Chief Pilot Bert MacEntepe of the Cullman Airport spoke about memory aids in aviation. Eight members, as well as 66s Janice Taylor, Cynthia Schoep and Brenda Ellis, attended.

Nadine Rose reported receiving Phase V Wings and becoming a member of the Safety Board for Cullman.

by Rachel Snead Hunt

Blue Ridge Chapter

Ten members met at Orrco Aviation February 2 for a combined safety and business meeting.

Several were recognized for their participation in the FAA Pilot Proficiency Awards Program. Delores "Tence" Rhea and Janice Berry received Phase I Wings, and A. Lee Orr received Phase IV Wings. In addition, Madeline Smith was recognized for earning her Phase III Wings.

Congratulations also go from the chapter to Carolina Grubbs for earning her commercial rating.

by Madeline B. Kennedy



Receiving Phase I Wings from Chairman A. Lee Orr, as Dot Penney looks on, is Tence Rhea.

Tennessee Chapter

The chapter held its annual Valentine party at the home of Ruth and Ferris Thomas, located on the Montvale Airport. It's always a treat to visit a home with an airplane instead of a car parked in the garage!

Chapter members honored our 49½s and discussed the upcoming April 12 USPFT local rallye.

In addition, Ferris Thomas showed several historical aviation films, which featured 99s and their activities from many years ago.

by Anita Sasser

SOUTHWEST SECTION

Marin County Chapter

There was not much flying going on during the terrible storms that inundated Northern California mid-February. However, Anne and David Silverman managed to get out between storms, flying to Palm Springs to enjoy the sun while the worst of the weather hit home!

The fly-in to Hollister for lunch was a welcome relief from the weather, and we had a lovely day for it. Peg and Rog Williams, with a friend, joined LaVonne Boyle, Maureen Garrett, Will McGuinness, and Elaine and Peter Bull February 22, flying out of Gness Field south to Hollister.

Lyn Thompson "dropped everything" and took off for Paris to join her husband, Paul, who was there on business, while Elaine and Peter Bull got away to their cabin at Columbia for a few days late in the month.

Our chapter has voted to change our regular meeting date to the first Wednesday of the month to accommodate several members who had conflicts on Tuesday. We also secured very nice meeting space at a central location in San Rafael, so members from around the county should find it more convenient to attend meetings.

by Anne Silverman

Mount Shasta Chapter

We are underwater in Northern California. Perhaps we should get a new rating on our licenses for scuba gear and fins!

Our February meeting brought postponement of the Flying Companion Seminar from



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**Member of Steel Valleys Chapter, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
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A 99 since 1974, served on all chapter committees, held offices of secretary, treasurer and chairman, 1984-85.

Section secretary, 1983-85, served on International Convention Registration Committees in 1982 and 1985.

Received chapter 99 Achievement Award in 1980, FAA Accident Prevention Counselor in 1985.

Active pilot, flight instructor, ground instructor.

Has attended five consecutive International Conventions and 14 sectionals.

Received Outstanding Young Woman in America Award in 1979.

Lived and traveled extensively in Spain, Taiwan and Trinidad.

Christine has enjoyed actively working with the 99s and wishes to represent the membership as a member of the International Board of Directors.



San Fernando Valley Chapter 99s assist in the air marking of Bullhead City Airport in Arizona.

March until the fall. We wanted to have more time to prepare so it would be as successful as our last. In addition, the future Southwest Section treasurer, Bev Romero, was busy rounding up delegates for the Hawaii section meeting.

Our speaker for the meeting was our own Alma Hinds, who discussed her fascinating experiences as a WASP during World War II.

She related the story of how she learned to fly in 1939, later piloting "bomber ferry" runs while other gals ferried fighters. The "macho men" who flew then later owed a lot to the diminutive women who ferried them to location. The WASPs were disbanded in 1945, but it was not until 33 years later that the government (in its infinite wisdom) finally granted them veteran status.

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A few years ago, a young 99 dreamed of flying for the United States Air Force. But Janis Skliar knew that her dream would not materialize with the wave of a wand by some fairy godmother; it would require patience, planning and a great deal of effort. She was willing and able to go that route and she did, first earning her A&P as entre to the military, then applying and winning a spot in pilot training at Williams AFB, and eventually flying on numerous intercontinental transport missions. Now, still upward bound, Janis is back in civilian life as a flight engineer on American Airlines DC-10s.

Past Phoenix Chapter Chairman Carolyn Chard, a physical therapist who used her Cessna 172 to transport herself and her equipment to outlying clinic sites in Arizona, faithfully discharged her family responsibilities through the years, providing a home for her teenage daughter and her elderly parents. But, as teenagers do, Carolyn's daughter grew up and started a career of her own. Her father entered New Horizons, and her mother returned to her former home in Michigan. Now Carolyn is scheduled to leave Phoenix May 1 for Sierra Leone to ply her healing therapy in service of the Peace Corps.

Nancy Nay, always present and ready to work on any project in spite of the fact that she regularly works two jobs — one to support her living and the other to support her flying — marched to the top of South Mountain in a benefit for the American Cancer Society. She is busy collecting the money pledged for her participation.

Sue Harper is colonel-in-charge of the Episcopal Air Force. Recognizing that the Phoenix-based bishop could be spared many hours of tiresome automobile travel to reach parishioners in remote towns of Arizona, she volunteered to fly him in her Cessna T-210. Now she and her volunteer squadron make it possible for hundreds of people throughout the state to receive the ministry of their bishop and the sacraments of the church.

Other members are equally involved in service projects. Many see opportunities to use their planes and flying skills in much the same way that non-pilots use their automobiles, in charitable activities. Some fly Christmas toys to children in remote villages of Mexico; some bend their efforts to stem the tide of child abuse; others work to give terminally-ill children a dream-come-true; and still others share the pleasures of flight through airlifts. Most pitch in to man race stops, park cars and sell tickets for the Desert Sport Pilots Association, air mark area facilities and perform the myriad tasks that keep our organization a viable and visible community asset.

Ninety-Nines are special people!

by Mary Lou Brown
Phoenix Chapter

We are still flying with flair, and maybe someday we'll get in the air!

by Bev Tickner

Orange County Chapter

Heavy winter rains in the north during February canceled our fly-in. However, weather will not be a problem for the March fly-in to Palm Springs; if we can't fly, we'll drive to the Jamiesons' home.

Elaine, Sally, Bev, Peggy and Carol, plus spouses and boyfriend, flew to Mount San Antonio College February 1 for the Southern California SAFECON. Because of marginal weather, only Orange Coast College, Cypress College and Mount San Antonio College participated.

February also welcomed new members Kristen Anderson, Bettye Peach, Diane Messier and Candace Mulholland.

If you enjoy statistics, here are a few to ponder. There are 722,376 private pilot licenses held. Of those, 44,584 are women, 256,584 are instrument rated, and 150,081 are student pilots.

Up to now, we are all having a "great" time with the new El Toro ARSA, which became effective just after the first of the year.

by Mary Lee Mershon

Sacramento Valley Chapter

With all the rain and flooding in northern California, February 22 was a welcome sight. Nearly everyone who owned an airplane was up in the clear blue sky, and the 99s were not exceptions.

Dorothy Flynn, Isabel Warmoth, Bonnie Neely, Kris James, Shirley Sandlin, Sharon Searson, Sam Gaddy, Bryan Liebig, and Orin and Jacqui Koukol took flight to Half Moon Bay to enjoy an excellent brunch, as well as to absorb the sunshine and fresh spring-like air during a walk along the beach.

When we returned to Sacramento's Executive Airport, we found that planes could land but it was closed for takeoffs — truly a control tower's nightmare. However, we landed, unloaded our passengers, took a cool drink break and relaxed while we waited for clearance.

It was a magnificent day that will be remembered for a long time to come.

by Shirley Sandlin

San Fernando Valley Chapter

"Where the heck is Bullhead City?" No problem finding it now that chapter members and friends enjoyed a sunny weekend of air marking at the airport located on the Arizona/Nevada border. Air markers were kept busy, but found time for boating on the Colorado River and trying their luck at the nearby casinos.

Claire Kopp, chairman of the San Gabriel Valley Chapter and recent recipient of a Ninety-Nines research grant, spoke at our February meeting. We were able to assist her in research on spatial orientation by participating in a written test designed to explore how spatial abilities relate to a pilot's background and experiences.

We also enjoyed birthday cake at the February meeting in celebration of the chapter's 34th anniversary.

by Jan Goforth and Susan Skalla

Santa Barbara Chapter

It was a busy year in 1985 for most of us.

Our racing team, Joan Steinberger and Jenny Wright, participated in the Air Race Classic, Palms to Pines and the PAR, coming in eighth, second and eighth, respectively.

Karen Kahn, our furloughed Continental pilot, obtained her Jet Star type rating, the first woman to do so. She is now a corporate pilot for Global Airways.

Two of our 66s, Ethel Martin and Gretchen Earle, have obtained their private licenses and are now full-fledged members. Mickey Long, manager of the Santa Barbara FSS, has also joined the local chapter.

Marion Fickett represented the chapter at the Baltimore Convention, and she plans to join three other members — Renate Tesch, Mickey Long and Jenny Wright — at the World Aviation Education and Safety Congress in New Delhi, India.

Several chapter 99s are very active in other flying organizations in our town. Beth Howar has her own aviation school, and Virginia Hammonds works for one of the local FBOs, teaching with the flight simulator.

We are sorry to report that Erma Christian, long-time member and "Chapter News" reporter, is very ill.

by Jenny Wright

Siskiyou Chapter

Weed Airport was the site of our February meeting where Mary Ann Wetherby, chairman, announced that Dee Thurmond had just received her Life membership in the Ninety-Nines. Mary Ann has been a Life member for

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Headquarters requires three to four weeks of lead time on all items ordered, including labels.

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Ethel Fedders, charter member of the Western New York Chapter, is in a nursing home. Cards would be appreciated:

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some time. Both began flying in the late '30s, and they have the aviation operation at Weed. We wonder if any other chapter can match our high percentage with 25 percent of the members holding Life status.

As part of the meeting agenda, some of the changes the FAA is making were reviewed.

by Virginia Raffaelli

Tucson Chapter

February found most of our members staying close to home and flying locally around Southern Arizona. As Kay Bidwell said, "The weather is too good right here to fly anywhere else."

Lorraine and Ray Newhouse did get as far as Phoenix for a very special event. Ray's son flew his first flight as captain on an American Airlines 727 flight from Boston, and he asked his dad to pin on his new wings. Ray, himself a retired American captain, made it really memorable by pinning his own wings on his

son and presenting him with his old cap. By that time, Ray was probably so swelled with pride that the old cap wouldn't have fit anymore, anyway.

The last two aviation seminars held at Pima Community College drew large crowds both nights — about 235 on Tuesday and 150 on Wednesday. Cookie sales were brisk, netting the chapter about \$70 for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

Balloon festivals are truly spectacular, and the most recent one was blessed with light winds and warm sunshine. That is a phase of aviation that takes more of a crew than sailplanes — hares and hounds everywhere!

Barbara Harper has departed for the World Aviation Education and Safety Congress in New Delhi, India. She is a member of the Executive Board of Directors, and she will present refresher courses for the Indian instructors, as well as participate in various seminars.

by Maggie Schock

International Treasurer

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