

## New England

**H**ats off to Eastern New England Chapter. Chairman Carol Stites and her crew put on a terrific meeting which started with partying at the NCO club and Ann Baddour's interesting slides plus bed and breakfast rooms at chapter members homes. Saturday's meeting concluded with an excellent luncheon, flowers for honored guests and table prizes.

We were honored to have Marie Christensen, Int'l. Secretary, install new officers: Vice-Gov. Alexandra Taylor and Treasurer Hut Furree.

Other guests at section were Ann Wood, WWII pilot; Loretta Gragg, Exec. Director who spoke about future conventions; Muriel Morrissey. Judy Logue, Int'l. Audio-visual historian for the 99s gave an interesting workshop after luncheon.

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## Fall Brings Section Meetings



# Museums — Saving Our Stuff



**F**or many years the Ninety - Nines have been interested in preserving our precious heritage. We formed the Resource Center in 1972, and since that time have painstakingly started to catalog and index our archival items and memorabilia. We have on staff in Oklahoma City part-time Archivist, Virginia Oualline. It is her job to do what needs to be done to insure this preservation. The Resource Center addition to our Headquarters Building is long awaited and will be a great step forward in this endeavor.

Many of you are or have been engaged in similar projects with local aviation museums; some on an individual basis, and some as a Chapter or Section project. This is all well and good, but we must be cautious. The Ninety-Nines may stand to lose a great deal by these actions.

When a Chapter solicits archival items and memorabilia from a woman pilot (member or not) in the name of the Ninety-Nines and then gives it to a local museum, it is lost to the Ninety-Nines forever. You may also have a problem develop with the donor. For example, she believes she has given something to the 99 s and instead it is given to another museum not in our control.

The Ninety-Nines Inc. have only one official Archives and Resource Center. We do not endorse or support any other museum as a repository for items pertaining to women pilots. We have the largest center of resource material on women pilots throughout the world. Our facility

is in constant use by authors and researchers such as Time-Life Books and the Smithsonian Institution.

On a personal basis, if you choose to put your items in a local museum, there is a very good chance the information will be lost to our Resource Center permanently. Your story will not be available to researchers and they may not take the time to find the obscure local museum you have chosen.

There are several ways we can avoid the loss of our valuable memorabilia. The first is to make you aware of the situation. Those of you that are contemplating giving to other museums can loan it to a local museum with the Ninety-Nines as the primary repository. We will provide you with the necessary forms. This should also be done when a Chapter is the primary recipient. The other way is to give original papers and items to the Ninety-Nines Inc. and copies to your local museum. We will put non-copyable items on loan to any museum you wish. We want all of you to be included in our history. Please help us preserve our heritage.



# PRESIDENT

A  
Message  
From  
Barbara Sestito



**O**shkosh is an experience. You can write about it, read about it, see it on TV, or hear about it, but it is an experience that you have to feel and smell and taste to fully appreciate what it really is.

This year I went back to Oshkosh '86. I had not been in two years. It has grown. It is bigger and more unbelievable than before. As you approach you see the myriad of airplanes on the ground already parked. The excitement mounts as you enter the grounds and become part of the 1,000,000 pilots and friends who attended the first weekend. There are over 3000 volunteers who come back year after year to become totally immersed in aviation, past, present and future.

Jane Schiek is on the EAA Board of Directors and is also in charge of the Women's Division. In the Women's Division will be found the Friendship Tent and a Lockheed 12 and aircraft very similar to the one that Amelia Earhart was lost in almost 50 years ago. For the past several years Norma Jean Freier and Mary Panczyszn have been in charge of the Ninety-Nines' side of the Friendship Tent. It also houses the Women's Division information areas. You can find out almost anything in the Friendship Tent. It was actually named after the airplane that Amelia Earhart flew in when she became the first woman to fly the Atlantic. Mary and Norma stock the tent each day with water, lemonade, and ice tea and it is a great spot to come in and visit or have a cool drink or just rest awhile.

We saw folks from everywhere. We had visitors from England, Ireland, Italy, Australia, New

Zealand. The workers included 99's from Chicago area, Wisconsin, Greater Detroit, Indiana Dunes, Phoenix, El Cajon Valley, Aux Plaines, Fort Worth, Dallas Redbird, Central Oregon, Washington D.C., Goldenwest, Middle East section and included the International President and the North Central section and Southwest section Governors. I spoke in the Forum Tent and also rode the Welcome Wagon. Char Falkenberg did two flying companion seminars. Edna Gardner Whyte, Susan Maule and I were interviewed on TV. I also appeared on the same stage with Jeana Yeager, Dick Rutan and Paul Harvey. We told the 99 story to TV and it was printed in the daily EAA Flying News.

Each afternoon everything comes to a screeching halt during the airshow. The Pride of Italy, the Italian Air Force's Frece tricolor aerobatic team performed. They are 10 airplanes flying together in formations that take your breath away. Each day the airshow is different and one day they had a very moving salute to the Navy.

The piece de resistance was a ride in the Goodyear blimp. Each day the Goodyear blimp flies down the runway one direction and then turns around and flies back and then does a big 30 degree "balloonover" to start the airshow. We got to do that on Tuesday and I can always say from now on that I have been in the Oshkosh Air Show.

To all of you that have not been, I say go. It is a happening of a lifetime. Plan to go in your airplane and camp under the wing. Hotel space is at a premium or go in a camper. They are everywhere. But Go!! Smell it, taste it, experience it, and you will never forget it.

## EAA OSHKOSH '86 FRIENDSHIP TENT ET AL

Jeana  
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Norma Jean  
Freier

Pat Friedman





# CALENDAR

Month  
By  
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Day  
By  
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## November

November 8  
Back to Basics Race,  
Santa Monica, Ca.  
Contact: Sally La Forge,  
213-391-5476

November 8  
Flying Companion  
Seminar 8:30-4 p.m.  
Orange Coast College,  
Costa Mesa, Ca.  
Contact: Peggy Hart,  
714-892-9534

November 7-9  
High Sky Derby, Round  
Robin, Marfa Mun.  
Airport, Marfa, Texas  
Contact: High Sky  
Derby 915-729-3409

November 15  
USPFT Local Rally,  
Lake Wales, Fla. Airport  
9 a.m.  
Contact: Barbara  
Sierchio — 347-8045

Nov. 7-8  
NIFA Meet  
Embry Riddle,  
Daytona, Fla.

## Coming Events

February 19-22  
Lawyer — Pilots Bar  
Association Meeting,  
Treasure Cay Beach  
Hotel, Abaco Island,  
Bahamas  
Contact: David Prewitt  
215-557-9998

North Central Section  
Spring Meeting — May  
1-3, Duluth, Minnesota,  
(Holiday Inn)  
Contact: Mary Hudec  
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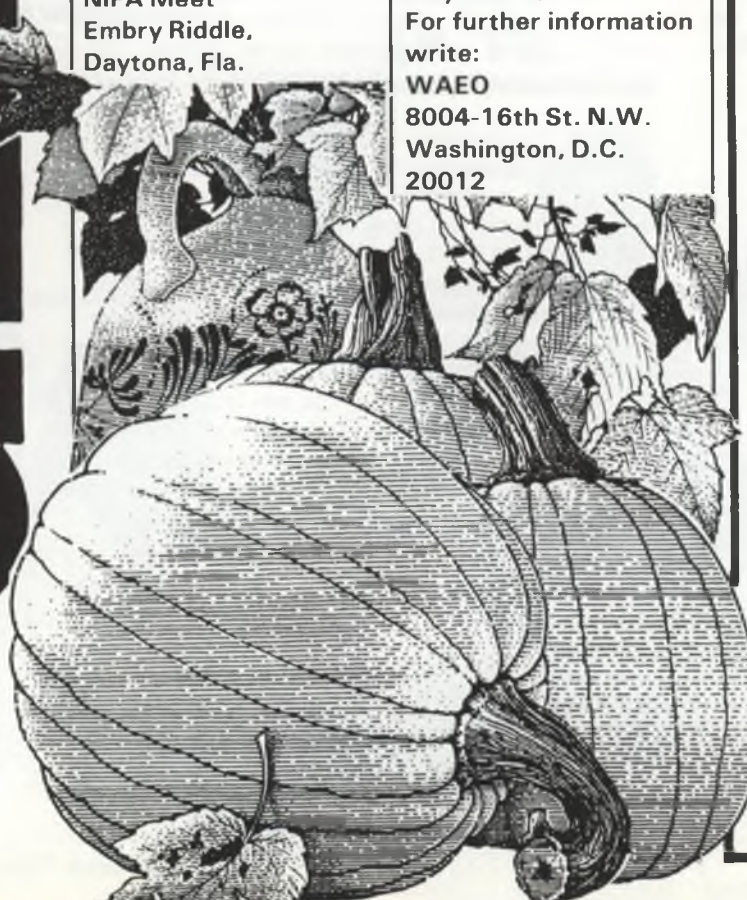
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# Special Report

## China Trip — 1987



It is my pleasure to extend to all Ninety-Nines, a personal invitation to join me on a 15 day educational exchange to the People's Republic of China scheduled to depart San Francisco on May 8, 1987.

I have been asked by China-U.S. Exchanges, on behalf of the Chinese government, to gather together a group of Ninety-Nines to tour the People's Republic of China for the purpose of exchanging ideas and information on aviation. Our delegation will be touring aviation training facilities and visiting aircraft manufacturers, airports and observing airline operations.

China-U.S. Exchanges is a non-profit corporation. Funds raised from the educational exchanges organized by the corporation are used for Scholar Merit Awards for Chinese and Americans. Because of the professional nature of the exchange and sponsorship by China-U.S. Exchanges, the cost of the exchange is tax deductible for participating professionals.

Travel companions accompanying participants are able to receive a partial tax deduction for their expenses as a charitable contribution to the program. Please consult your tax advisor for further information.

The group traveling to China will consist of approximately 26 people, including friends and spouses. The itinerary will be organized around morning working sessions, with afternoons available for sightseeing, cultural programs and shopping. Several evening banquets are also planned. The price of the trip is \$2995.00\*\*\* per person, based on double occupancy. This includes round-trip air fare from San Francisco, lodging and all meals and transportation in China. Also included is an orientation and overnight lodging in San Francisco the night prior to departure and one night hotel accommodation with American breakfast in Hong Kong. Upon completion of the Chinese exchange, participants have the option of returning directly to San Francisco from Hong Kong or staying in Tokyo for up to 15 days with no additional charge for air fare.

Each Ninety-Nine traveling to China is asked to develop a brief presentation on their expertise in aviation which would be of interest to our Chinese counterparts. It is requested

that a one-page outline of your proposed presentation be submitted with your registration form. We will be speaking through interpreters and they will need this as a guide. You do not have to be a professional pilot to participate. They are anxious to hear about any of your experiences. Please don't be modest. YOU are special!

Arrangements for a scientific exchange program are necessarily detailed and take many months to finalize. Therefore, if you are interested in participating, please return to me, no later than December 15, 1986 the following:

1. A short two-page resume (two copies) of your aviation activities.

2. A one-page outline of your proposed presentation (two copies).
3. A \$500.00 deposit check PER PERSON made payable to China-U.S. Exchanges.
4. Registration form.

I do hope that you will take advantage of this unique opportunity to travel and learn about the Chinese. I am confident that I will be able to form a delegation of interesting professionals whose expertise will be valued by those we meet on our exchange to the People's Republic of China. Please do not hesitate to write or phone me if I can be of further assistance providing information about the program.

Marie Christensen

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# NOTAMS

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## DIRECTORIES:

Directories were mailed September 8, 1986. If you have not received yours contact your local post office. They are mailed on a non-profit permit and are not forwarded if undeliverable. Due to the expense, headquarters cannot make duplications. They may be purchased from headquarters for \$6.00 each (U.S.).

## ZIP CODE:

International director Pat Roberts correct zip code is: 97707.

## PHONE # CORRECTION:

Correct phone # for Carolyn Baker, Chairman of Wichita Falls Chapter is home: 817-692-6358. Office # O.K.

## ZONTA A.E. SCHOLARSHIPS:

Thirty-two outstanding women students with promising career plans are receiving ZONTA Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards for the 1986-87 academic year.

Applicants for the 1987-88 Awards are now sought. Fellowship applications and further information can be obtained from Zonta International, 35 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

## NORTHWEST GOVERNOR:

The new governor of the Northwest Section is Peggy Blinco, 7246 S.E. 34th Ave. Portland, Oregon 97202



## HONOR:

Connie Wolf (Mrs. Alfred L.) of Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter 99s was honored by the Lighter Than Air Society at its 34th annual banquet on Oct. 11, 1986, Akron, Ohio, and was presented a prestigious society honorary life membership.

In 1961 Connie set ballooning records for altitude, distance and duration; she received the Lighter Than Air Achievement award for this accomplishment (presented in 1962). Altitude & duration records still stand.

She provided the balloons for "Around the World in 80 Days" filmed by Mike Todd.

## NEW RATINGS:

### South Central Section

Anita Gebhardt, Dallas Chapter, IFR.

### Southeast Section

Nancy Shivers — North Georgia — Instrument Airplane  
Lucy Young — North Georgia — Flight Engineer Turbojet  
Connie Farrell — Florida Suncoast — Phase III Wings  
Ursula Davidson — Florida Goldcoast — Phase V Wings

### North Central Section

Donna Klein — Multi-Engine Chicago Area Chapter  
Karen Deram — Flight Engineers written test, Chicago Area Chapter

### Northwest Section

Sheri Coin — Montana Chapter CFI-I and commercial instrument.

## IN MEMORIAM:

Bea Hymen, Florida Goldcoast Chapter

Jack Woul, husband of 99 Anita, Reno area chapter

Paul Pfoutz, husband of 99 Louise, All-Ohio chapter

## WE'RE CHANGING:

Rearranging, nothing stays the same. From time to time the Ninety-Nine News will be redesigning pages, experimenting with type faces, halftones, etc. in order to steer the publication in the direction we intended.

Each of you is the key to our success. Help us by lending your insights (and article ideas) and letting us know when we're on and off the track. We'll do our best to make the Ninety-Nine News ever more important to you.

## PHOTOS:

Please submit black & white photos with articles to the Ninety-Nine News. Reproduction quality will be sharper & clearer.

## NOTAM

The Intent to Seek Election Form and Instructions will be in the December Issue of The Ninety-Nine News, with a return deadline of March 15, 1987.

Bylaw Revisions must be submitted by March 1, 1987 to Bylaw Chairman, Bobbie Herbert, Rd. #1, Herrick Cove, New London, NH 03257

## REAPPOINTED:

Evelyn Bryan Johnson, manager of the Morristown Airport for 24 years has been reappointed to the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission. A member of the Tennessee Chapter since 1947, Mrs. Johnson celebrated her 42nd year of flying Oct. 1, 1986.

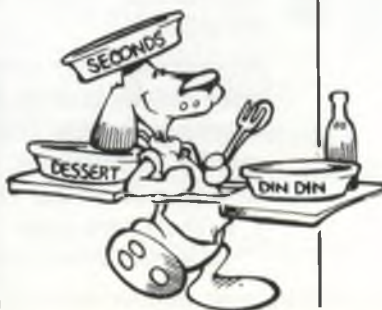


## 1986 NORTHWEST PETTICOAT DERBY:

Fourteen aircraft, based from as far away as Alaska, British Columbia and Oregon, flew the 1986 Northwest Petticoat Derby under sponsorship of the Greater Seattle Ninety-Nines on Saturday, August 23rd. Departing the Bremerton National ramp at five minute intervals, the flight crews attempted to fly to and identify five check points along a 240 mile mystery route in the Puget Sound area.

Art Jones, Manager of the FAA Seattle Flight Standards Office, assisted with the pre-derby weather and safety briefing. Race Stewart, Gil Sperry, a retired United Airlines Captain from Corvallis, OR., officiated with the help of local volunteers. First Place was taken by Susan Pal and Susan Jankord, of the Seattle area, in a Cessna 177B. In 2nd Place were Jean Kope and Robin McNair, and 3rd Place was taken by Aimee Kuprash of Cottage Grove, OR. and Molly Sliger. Best time and fuel score and 4th Place overall went to Janet Amundson and Verda Giustina of Eugene, OR. and the Spot Landing Award was taken home by Vicky Thalacker of Friday Harbor and co-pilot Jean Townsend.

Bremerton National Airport was a good choice for the Derby since it boasts a modern terminal building, unicom radio, ample parking and a 6200' runway. Ron Pretti, Manager, stated that he hopes to see more such proficiency events take place at the facility.





## Middle East

The Middle East Section in deference to the working woman, had an abbreviated section meeting this fall. They planned for a Chairman's meeting at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, followed by the business meeting at 3:00. A banquet in the evening was the social part of the event.

As usual, the weather did not cooperate. Only a few planes were able to make it. Most of the members drove to Harrisburg, PA on October 4th.

The business meeting convened at 3:00. with Gov. Linda Hollowell very efficiently in

charge. Other officers are Sharon Peters, Vice Governor; Edna Dragoo, Secretary and Betty Fisher, Treasurer. As a member of the International Board of Directors, I was given an especially warm welcome. Rosemary Jones, International Aerospace Education Chairman, was also a very welcome guest. She gave an excellent presentation and her enthusiasm is contagious.

Mid East Aviation awards, for \$250 each, were given to Jean Silverstein, Steel Valley Chapter and Theresa Brents, Shenandoah Valley. Congratulations to both.

The speaker at the banquet that evening was Ken Johnson, Avco-Lycoming, the husband of Marcia Johnson of the Central PA hostess chapter. He spoke on the trials and tribulations of making the "On Landings" slide presentations. The complete showing runs for 2 ½ hours. We only saw a few teaser slides. It was interesting to hear how many of the 99s were involved in this project.

Attending the banquet was a former 66, Lynn Ahwesh, who had just passed her flight test that morning and now qualified as a 99.

## Southeast

The Southeast Section was honored to have International President Barbara Sestito attend their Fall Section Meeting at Ashville, North Carolina, September 26-28.

An open hospitality room brought 99s together Friday night. International Aerospace Chairman Rosemary Jones held an informal aerospace meeting that same evening for chapter representatives to acquaint each other with their efforts in aerospace education.

An 8 A.M. Governor's Breakfast followed by a 10 A.M. business meeting was well attended by Southeast 99s. An important outcome of the meeting was a motion passed that Southeast Section designate \$500 from their "Special Project Fund" to adopt a USPFT Pilot to send to Helsinki, Finland, as a member of the U.S. Team in '87. Bonnie Gann presented the Chapter Chairman's Guide. Possession of this guide will be transferred to each incoming chairman. Governor White thanked Bonnie and



International President Barbara Sestito and S.E. Governor Louise White



Southeast Section members at the business meeting

Alexis Ewanchew for the superb job they did in completion of this guide in record time.

The superb banquet Saturday

evening was a fitting end to a well-run Fall Section by the Blue Ridge Chapter.

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## North Central

The Lake Erie Chapter of 99s, the International Organization of Women Pilots, hosted the Fall Section Meeting at the Quaker Hilton. The North Central Section of 99s includes a 9 state area. More than 100 women pilots attended, about 1/3 of them flying in in Private airplanes and landing at Akron Fulton Municipal Airport. The sight of the Goodyear blimp greeted them as they "Wing(ed) it to Akron, Let the Blimp be Your Guide," the theme of the meeting.



Meigs Adams, West Case Drive, Hudson, served as chairman for the event. Over 3 years of planning went into making the Section meeting one of the best ever. Meigs just completed a two year term as Chairman (President) of Lake Erie Chapter. She was succeeded by Pat Baron, better known to WMMS listeners as Pat Brady who reports on traffic conditions in the Cleveland area during the a.m. hours.

Meigs and Pat also share honors as 1986 Pilot of the Year for their chapter. This honor is accorded to those most active both in the air and on the ground, pursuing the objectives of the 99s. Lake Erie Chapter

held the most FAA Safety meetings for pilots of any chapter in the United States. (14)

The three day conference included a presentation by Lighter-Than-Air Society founder Roger Lodge Wolcott, of Atwater; An FAA Safety Seminar on Weather by 99 Ruth Sitler of Kent; a performance by Tanya



Griffith of, "An Evening with Amelia" at the concluding banquet; A trip to Akron Civic Theater to see "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes, etc.," a tour of

# Fall Section M



both the Kent State Fashion Museum and Stan Hywet, and of course, the lovely sight, both by day and by night, of the Blimp floating around our skies. The weather was the only uncooperative factor. Only about ½ of the planes scheduled to arrive were able to fly in; the other pilots came from area of severe weather and had to come the hard way — by car. Some also arrived on commercial flights.

The unique setting of the Quaker Hilton was an amazement to the lady pilots and their 49½s (husbands). The opening night social found them gathering in the Depot where the train exhibit was also popular. After meetings of the chairmen of the 22 chapters, the Section Governor and her officers, and 3 International Officers, the morning session was devoted to Roundtable discussions with the committee chairmen from the 22 chapters about Air Marking, Safety, AeroSpace Education, Membership, etc. A Brunch was held where Lake Erie's own Ruth Love presented her original "Around the World in 60 Minutes" — complete with costume changes to represent the many countries she has visited. She and her late husband flew their own plane to Cuba, Alaska, Mexico, clear down to the southern tip of South America and many locations in Canada and the U.S.

A pewter plate was presented by the Akron Convention Bureau and awarded to Rosalie Wyse Bracht who formerly lived in this area for 40 years, fly-

ing her way in Cubs and Taylorcrafts. She now resides in W. Va. A special certificate for a blimp ride was presented to Annie Pryne of Brecksville, a well known member of the hot air ballooning segment of the population, and recently elected Secretary of the Lighter-Than-Air Society.

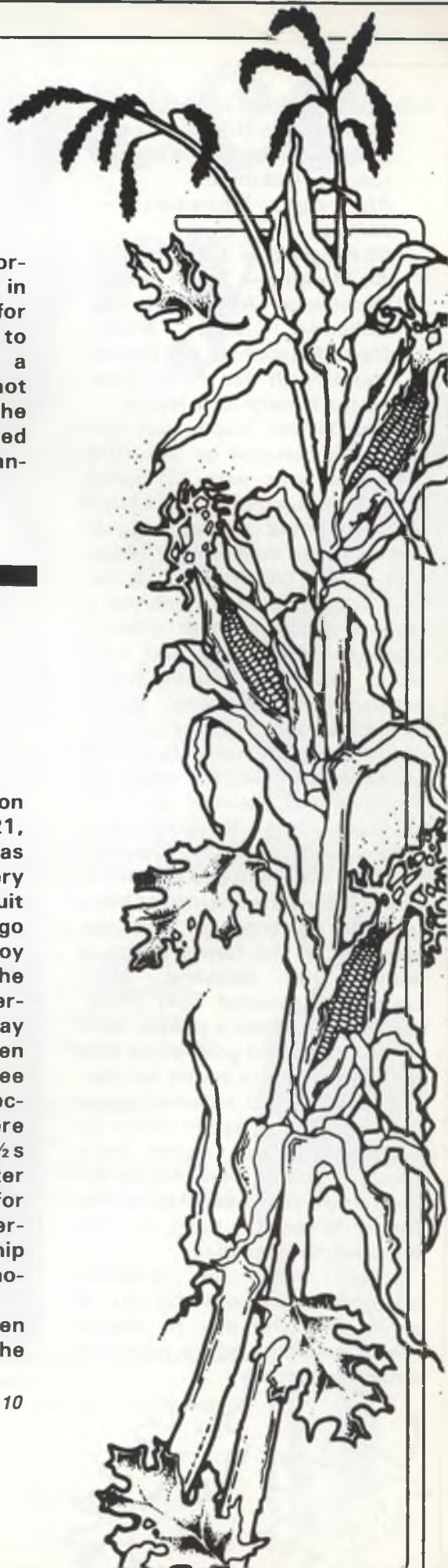
## South Central

The South Central Section meeting, September 19-21, 1986, was held in the Dallas Metroplex, but it was still very casual with activities to suit most any taste. You could go shopping, go see the Cowboy training facilities, or go to the aviation collection at the University of Texas Library. Saturday was filled with chapter chairmen meetings, section committee chairmen meetings, and the section meeting. Seminars were held for the 99s and the 49½s during and immediately after lunch. It was back to basics for the men and how to be governor, chairman, membership chairman and master of ceremonies for the 99s.

Section awards were given out during the meeting with the

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# meetings





following chapters winning:

**Membership Drive —** Coastal Bend, Pikes Peak, Houston, and Colorado

**Air Age Education —** Abilene

**66 Program —** Tulsa

**Air Marking —** Tip of Texas  
Excellence Awards to Lu Hollander, Nancy Smith, Nema Masonhall, and Norma Vandergriff for their work on the Ninety-Nine News.

The Travel Trophy was given at the banquet on Saturday night and was won by Space City. The Jimmie Kolp Award was presented at the banquet and was won by Norma Vandergriff of the Oklahoma Chapter. This section award honoring a famous Texas pioneer pilot is given for dedication and hard work for the Ninety-Nines without any expected glory. Nema Masonhall was also honored as she celebrated her 62nd consecutive section meeting. The banquet speaker was the section's own Kitty Havens, chairman of Space City Chapter, and also an employee of NASA. She is married to astronaut Mike Lounge. Her program was the stresses on the family during a launch. Her husband, Mike Lounge, presented Past President Hazel Jones a plaque with her 99 patch and gold wings that he had carried in space for her. The plaque also included spectacular shots of space taken on his flight. It was signed Mike Lounge, 49 1/2 er. This plaque will be framed and presented to the Ninety-Nines to hang in the headquarters building.

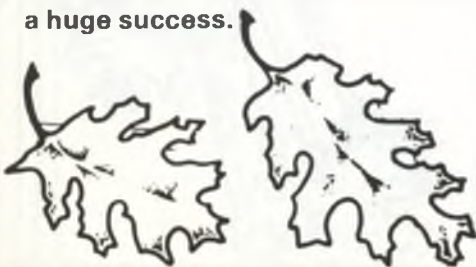
For once, the weather cooperated on both the day to arrive and the day to depart which made the entire weekend a huge success.



Pat Mlady,  
Governor



Hazel Jones,  
Past-President





# Own A Piece Of History



## Own a novelty deed to one square foot of the Amelia Earhart Birthplace in Atchison, Kansas.

In order to preserve and restore the Amelia Earhart Birthplace, Ninety-Nines/AE Birthplace Trustees are offering a unique novelty item for sale. This deed to one square foot of the Historic property is

available for a \$100 contribution. Only 5,000 square feet are available; therefore, only 5,000 square feet will ever be sold.

These deeds will provide the owners with a warm feeling that they have made a contribution which will forever endow this historic home.

Let us now prepare to

restore this museum that will preserve America's aviation history. Please mail your tax-deductible check with the coupon below to:  
99s/AE Birthplace Trustees,  
1636 Sunset Ridge Road  
Northbrook, Illinois 60062



I would love to "Own a Piece of History" Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please send the parchment deed to:

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CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_



## AUSTRALIAN SECTION

The Australian 99s are a globe trotting lot this year. Sylvia Byers is still wending her way around the world both in the interests of her work and of pleasure. Ngaire Melhuish is reported to be enjoying her travels in Alaska and Hawaii. Val Dennis is spending a month in China during her offshore adventures. Senja Robey is off to the UK and Timmie Tiver has returned from her visit to U.S.A.

Marcelene Luck, a doctor based in Queensland, regularly commutes between her medical practices in either her Cessna 152 or the family Bonanza. Sue Burdekin, who works in the Aviation Industry at Brisbane, recently enjoyed a flying business trip to Darwin where she was entertained in true Northern Territory style by Barb Stott.

Nan Manthorpe enjoyed her flight from Port Lincoln, South Australia to Surfers Paradise, Queensland to attend a medical conference with her husband Dion. Nan reported the flight, in a Cessna 172, took eleven and a half hours one way and twelve hours the other with the weather making more changes than are listed in the met. manual. The route took Nan and Dion over much of outback Australia classified as a Remote Area by the aviation authorities where navigational aids are few and far between.

The Department of Aviation has published a book called, "The Girls Were Up There Too". The book, which is very well written and researched, is about Australian women who have been involved with all aspects of early Australian aviation and much of the material used was based on information and photographs provided by Margaret Kentley. We are forwarding a copy to Headquarters as it is fascinating reading and contains much about our early aviation history.

## EAST CANADA SECTION

### First Canadian Chapter

Our annual picnic was held

on a fabulous day at Arthur Soaring Club with Lorraine and Rocky Ugolini, Jackie and Walter Giles, Shirley and Neil Macdougall all flying into the grass strip. Gwen Hems arrived in her Cessna 150 followed by her 49½ in his magnificent Tiger Moth.

Pat Lee, Muriel Pigeon and Shirley Macdougall attended Ecky Broad's fascinating portrayal of Amelia Earhart. Using Amelia's own words, she spoke about her youth, her many occupations, her Pacific and Atlantic flights and the preparation for her forthcoming around-the-world flight in 1937. The presentation was concluded with Amelia's "Courage is the Price."

Prospective members were welcomed at an open meeting at Toronto-Buttonville Airport. These meetings are always great fun since our various activities are reviewed and the enthusiasm of individual members abounds.

Shirley Allen, Margo McCutcheon and Mary Warner-Smith flew to the Forest of Friendship celebrations.

The summer "Bunch for Lunches" were at London and Peterborough airports. London greeted the Toronto fliers with clear skies but Peterborough presented unwelcome winds and low visibility, ceiling and freezing level . . . in August, no less!

Shirley Mac Dougall had an absolutely final executive dinner meeting at her home before handing over the gavel to our new Chairman, Adele Fogle.

## NEW ENGLAND SECTION

A letter of appreciation was received from the Flight Standards District Office, Westfield, thanking the New England Section for their support and participation in the FAA's Aviation Safety Expo '86 held at Bradley Int'l. Airport on June 21st. Marge Miller, Vivian Pape, Earl & Jane Folsom, Mary Harwood, Evelyn Kropp and Denise Dosteler were among those who

manned the 99 exhibit and spent long hours registering those attending the seminar.

The New England Section Aviation Honor Award for 1986 has been presented to Lorraine Richard for her lifetime dedication to aviation. Congratulations Lorraine.

Nov. 8th, ENE Chapter Meeting at T.F. Green Airport, Providence, R.I. Marge Van Vliet Zeuch slides and video of flight around the U.S. last summer . . . Fly-in Breakfasts — Nov. 2nd at Fitchburg, MA restaurant on field and Nov. 16th at Sky Acres Airport, N.Y. restaurant on field. Arrive between 9 and 10 a.m. VFR weather only. Family and friends welcome. Contact Mary Harwood 203/367-2471 for more information.

## NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY SECTION

### North Jersey Chapter

The 99s are busy planning the Aviation Open House at Caldwell Airport which will be cosponsored by the Essex County Improvement Authority and MacDan Aviation. They hope to show their non-flying neighbors the benefits of General Aviation.

### Long Island Chapter

Despite being the only two who showed up for painting the compass rose at Islip, Mae Smith and Jill Hopfenmuller resisted the invitingly flyable clear skies and stayed on the ground to finish the job in 6 hours.

### Garden State

Voted to donate \$100 to purchase one square foot of the Amelia Earhart birthplace real estate.

They participated in the EAA Fly-in flea market which promoted the general public's awareness of the viable female pilots organization in their midst.

## MIDDLE EAST SECTION

### Central Pennsylvania Chapter

Our meeting was September 13, at Kampel Airport,

at the summer home of 99 Martie, and 49½ Champ Pool. We discussed final plans for the Middle East Fall Section Meeting to be held October four and five, at Harrisburg Marriott. Registration is scheduled for 12 noon until two p.m.

Progress reports, and flying activities were discussed, with three new ratings achieved.

Pamm Kell is doing instrument training; Lynn Theibmont passed the private written; Martie Pool flew four hours IFR from Oshkosh. Janelle Patton has soloed; Marcia Johnson helped husband Ken with a Pinch Hitters' Course; Donna Wheatland checked out in a Cessna 172; Virginia Johnston attended a safety seminar and took her Biennial Flight Review; Sue Goddar had a ride in a P-51 at Oshkosh.

## SOUTHEAST SECTION

### North Georgia Chapter

Sept. 13, 1986 business meeting at Peachtree Dekalb Airport, followed by FAA back-to-basics program "on weather" shown by Joy Lacaille, FAA inspector.

### Florida Goldcoast Chapter

Holly Friedman won chapter "Lester and Martha Griner" scholarship award and is pursuing her instrument rating. Holly and Mary Ann Zdunczyk spearheaded a combined membership and USPFT next at Tamiami Airport. Lynn Vicent has participated in balloon races at Homestead AFB and Greenville, S.C. with her new balloon. Kim Goodman has been recalled to Western Airlines in Seattle.

### Florida Spaceport Chapter

USPFT competition and display table manned by Spaceport Chapter members on Oct. 11-12, 1986 at the Central Florida Aviation Expo, Sanford Airport, Sanford, Fla.

### Florida Suncoast Chapter

5 members attended S.E. Sectional in Asheville, N.C. Sept. 26-28

# SECTIONS



## NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

The highlight for August, according to Lake Erie, Wisconsin, All-Ohio, and Greater St. Louis Chapters, was the International Meeting in Hawaii. Lake Erie's Jennifer Jewett was the newest member attending. All-Ohio announced that profits from the Buckeye Air Rally will be contributed to NIFA, AE Scholarship, USPFT, and the Women's Air and Space Museum in Dayton. Proceeds from the BAR are donated to aviation related groups. Greater St. Louis members were privileged to attend the unveiling and dedication of the newly sculptured bust of Nikki Caplan at the home of the artist Don Weigand. Bust number one will reside in the St. Louis Aviation Museum. The second will be placed in the Smithsonian Institute. Nikki was a noted balloonist and member of Greater St. Louis until her death. Wisconsin is establishing an aviation library of films. They are beginning with five two-hour video cassette tapes on safety.

### Chicago Area Chapter

Held a pinch-hitter course and safety seminar at Dupage Airport. Indiana Dunes Chapter presented a Back to Basics seminar for 70 people. Chicago Area participated in a half hour radio program "Women Pilots" on TALKING IT OVER WITH MURIAL CLAIR. Central Illinois members Lynne Trupin and Wanda Whitsitt gave introductory rides to about twenty-five people. Lake Erie re-enacted the 49-day first transcontinental flight across the United States. Indiana Dunes and Chicago area both held poker runs. Indiana Dunes topped theirs off with a picnic. Central Illinois held its second annual Chilifest at Frasca Field in Urbana, Illinois. Mary Panczynski, Chicago Area, received the "Best Time Estimate" award in the Wings Over the World Derby in Keokuk, Iowa. Dr. Leon Wise was guest speaker for All-Ohio where he talked about the effects of alcohol and flying.

## SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

### Shreveport Chapter

Our chairman, Dot Lindsey, is taking a scenic tour of Colorado with her 49½ Floyd so vice chairman, Mary Spells, presided for her at our September meeting which was held in the home of Sandra Shaw.

We welcome Jan Ebelke to our chapter. Jan is a transfer from the San Antonio chapter who has recently moved to Shreveport with her 49½, a physician at Barksdale Air Force Base.

Ray Hardey has traded her 150 for a new Cessna 172 and is patiently waiting for this long hot, humid weather to end so she can take to the skies.

### Colorado Chapter

Dottie and Bud Ports were the only ones from our area who were able to attend the Sectional in Dallas. Our immediate attention is focused on our annual Fish Fry which is not only a super airport get together but also is our prime fund raiser.

The Mile High Air Derby sponsored by the Colorado Chapter was completed in September. Twenty-one planes competed in the cross country event. Marjorie J. Thayer and Ruby M. Sheldon of Mesa and Phoenix, Arizona were the 1st place winners. Mary Rawlings of Woodland Hills, California took 2nd and Marion Jayne and George Jayne of Palatine, Illinois finished 3rd.

**Dallas Chapter** Marge Watson attended the WASP reunion at Sweetwater, Texas.

### El Paso Chapter

El Paso members Lois Hailley and Estelle Kirkpatrick Hannon were inducted into the Forest of Friendship.

### Golden Triangle

A fly-in for Oklahoma catfish was made by the Golden Triangle members.

### Oklahoma Chapter

Six Oklahoma 99s attended the WASP reunion in Sweetwater, Texas. Lela L. Harding was elected vice president of the WASPs. Oklahoma Chapter was represented by twelve mem-

bers at the South Central Section meeting in Dallas.

### Purple Sage

Purple Sage members and other flying groups joined together to sponsor the Odessa Schlemeyer Field Aviation Day. Members manned a concession stand and registered participants. James Jones, 49½ of Betty, performed aerobatics in his Pitts. The proceeds will go to the Permian Basin Rehabilitation Center.

New member Rhoda Bolton passed her IFR written before completion of her private pilot check ride.

### South Louisiana

Houma was the site where South Louisiana members were treated to a private aerobatic airshow by Rick Choest and Corky Fornoff. Shirley Penton drew her name from a hat and was treated to a round of maneuvers in the Christen Eagle.

## SOUTHWEST SECTION

### Sacramento Valley

The Woodland Open House on October 4 was a near break-even event after serving 53 breakfasts and a few sodas. Although the weather was perfect, no airplane rides were sold; there was a spot landing contest with six contestants, four from the chapter. Dorothy Flynn walked off with a beautiful engraved trophy for her performance. The efforts of Chairman Shirley Sandlin and helpers MaryBen McClave, Dorothy Flynn, Lynn Hoelscher, Isabel Warmoth, Bobbie Campbell, Bonnie Neely and Shirley Lehr were all much appreciated.

### Alameda County

One hundred thirty-six eager souls (with bodies) lined up to go flying on Sunday, September 7 when the Alameda County 99s held their annual 5¢ a Pound Air-lift at Hayward Airport. Eleven pilots, including Audrey Yeandle, Billie Bay, and Frances Powell, along with 6 planes, many of them provided by California Airways, Siegall Aviation and Hayward Flying Club, were involved in the event. Proceeds are used to help provide scholarships.

### Santa Barbara

Karen Kahn, 66 Chairman,

held a successful session at the Santa Barbara Airport tower with 10 new pilots and several speakers. Members and tower personnel addressed the student pilots and Ethel Martin reported sending out 23 additional newsletters to new pilots in the area. Five members attended the SW Section meeting in Monterey. They reported good weather and an excellent meeting.

### Utah

Labor Day weekend found many members working a booth at the Confederate Airshow at Salt Lake City Airport #2. Several 99s and 33½ers (children) gave up part of their weekend to help the chapter raise money by selling aviation items. Carol Clarke, Dee Ricord, and Shirley Florence attended the SW Section meeting at Asilomar in Monterey and came home with the first place Air-marking Trophy. The trophy represented a busy year in which five air-markings were undertaken. Also, Carol Clarke and Linda Anderson took second and third places respectively in the Section Woman Pilot of the Year Contest.

### Santa Clara Valley

The annual awards banquet on September 18 at the Moffett Field Officers Club honored Judy Lanning, Lynn Hoelscher, Maurine Houck, Barbara Murren, Peggy Ewert, Verna West, and Pat Gladney. Judy Lanning of the Alaska Chapter and Lynn Hoelscher of the Sacramento Valley Chapter shared the proceeds of the Marion Barnick Scholarship award and Maurine Houck was selected Pilot-of-the-Year.

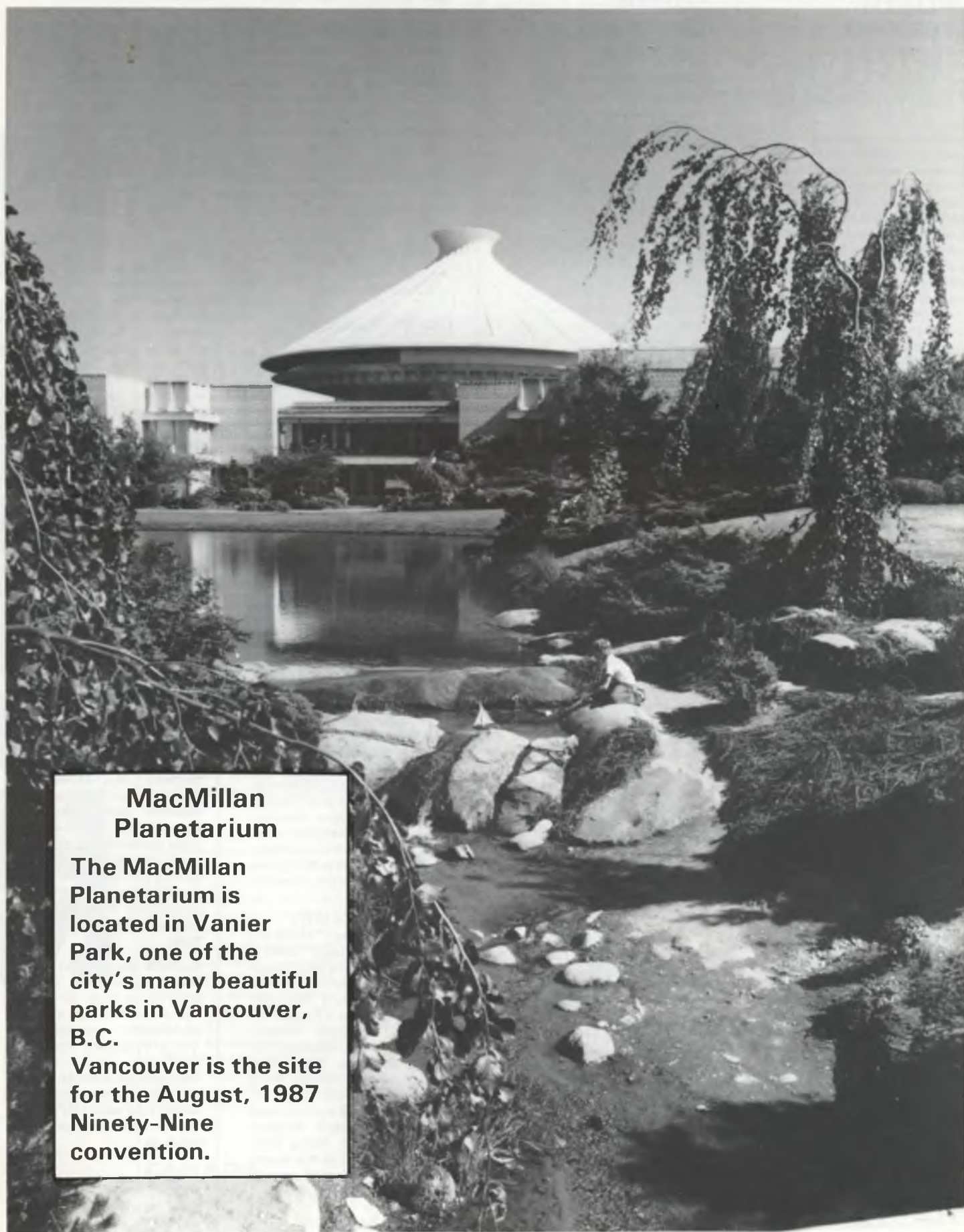
Barbara Murren and Peggy Ewert garnered service awards for their service to the chapter and the aviation community respectively. Verna West and Pat Gladney each earned Special Recognition Awards, Verna for her involvement and leadership with USPFT and Pat for her 50 years as a CFI.

### Palms

The chapter has set the date for the 18th Palms to Pines Air Race; in 1987 it will be August 7-8, with the

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Awards Breakfast on Sunday, August 9. The reason for the early setting of the date was to co-ordinate it with the International Convention in Vancouver, B.C., August 9-17, as it's only another 1½ to 2 hours flight from Bend, Oregon, the race terminus. So, let's all race to Canada!

### Cameron Park Chapter

Our August meeting was a total fly-in to the Nut Tree Airport in Vacaville. Our local USPFT Rallye is planned for November 1st — rain date, November 8th at Westover Field in Amador County.



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The building houses archival records, personal memorabilia, a research library, oral histories, art, films and the Women's Resource Center. Researchers, authors, playwrights, historians, curators come to THE NINETY-NINES, INC. for information available nowhere else. A building expansion drive has been successfully completed and ground-breaking is scheduled for November 2, 1986. This will more than triple the size of our space.

A workshop was presented for the "YOUNG ASTRONAUTS" in August 1986; more are planned in the future.

Each month all chapter chairmen receive from Headquarters a list of chapter members and a list of members who received renewal forms.

The Governor of each Section receives a numeric count of each chapter in her section.

Members are sent renewal notices corresponding to the month they initially joined or last reinstated. To remain current their dues must be received within 60 days of their due date.

Members failing to respond to the renewal notice receive a letter from the president, computer generated after 60 days. Those not responding are placed on "hold," after 6 months they are dropped from the computer.

The Headquarters staff is currently comprised of Loretta Gragg, Executive Director; Barbara Engel, Headquarters Secretary and Virginia Oualline, Archivist. Office Hours are from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Central Time from Monday thru Friday.



Loretta Gragg  
Executive Director

