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THE 99 NEWS



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Ninety-Nines break ground for
headquarters expansion.
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PRESIDENT

A
Message
From
Barbara Sesito

What's In It For Me?

I bristled at the very thought that someone would ask that of us. Why should I join the Ninety Nines? What can you do for me? I seemed to hear this everywhere I went. Why, I thought, I joined the Ninety Nines because I wanted to give to and enhance the organization. My feeling was that I was so proud to at last belong to this great group of women pilots, I was happy to do my share to make us grow.

I began to think about how to answer these questions — what do we have to offer — why should a woman pilot want to join us — what can we do for them?

Remember when you first learned how to fly? Your first solo was an exciting and exhilarating experience. You wanted to tell the world what you had done. Your enthusiasm was evident around the airport and everyone was happy for you. Then you tried to tell your non flying friends and family. The looks and expressions told you they did not understand. You could not talk to them about your



accomplishments — they simply did not relate to you about this (many thought you had surely lost your marbles). So, who do you talk to about flying? Obviously, other pilots — other women pilots — a Ninety Nine.

Peer support — the basic benefit of belonging to the Ninety Nines. Flying is the one thing we have in common. We do something less than .01 % of the women in the world can do; we are unique.

Women have been involved in flying since the beginning. Our history is intertwined with the history of aviation. The Ninety Nines offer you the ability to research the past, present and future, thru our Resource Center & Museum located in Oklahoma City. We are the primary repository for information on women in aviation throughout the world. All of our members are included in the archival material. We

urge you to send your information to us so that your story can be told.

The image of the woman pilot has changed throughout the years. Our members have included the early pioneer in jodphurs and boots to the airline captain and the astronaut. Can you perceive what will come next? Imagination and opportunity are what we offer as Ninety Nines. The sky is the limit; we can do anything if we work together.

I am always amazed at what we can do as a group. We have taken on many projects other organizations have discontinued because they just couldn't do it. We took over the management of USPFT and made world-wide success of the 6th World Precision Flying Competition in Florida in 1985. They said the ladies couldn't do it — but we did. We have built our current facility in Oklahoma City and will add to that structure in 1987 — debt free. We have surprised many by this feat — we did it ourselves through our complete dedication to the project. Dedication, another benefit of belonging.

We are all in this together. We learn from each other and we give to each other through our common interest. We share our knowledge and experience for the benefit of aviation.

So there it is: Peer Support, Resource Center, Imagination, Dedication and Experience. PRIDE in what we are and who we are; the best benefit of membership we have. Oh, we have other more tangible reasons for belonging; a pin, directory, publications, hotel plans, travel opportunities and others listed in the application form. But none as important as the pride we have in ourselves and each other.

Peace and love to you all.

groundbreaking

On Sunday, November 2, 1986, the fifty-seventh anniversary date of the Ninety-Nines, ground-breaking ceremonies were held at the International Headquarters located on the grounds of Will Rogers Airport in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Ted Stranczek, President of AAR Oklahoma acted as master of ceremonies, introducing:

Leroy Hansen, Director of Airports, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Stanley Draper, Jr., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce

Fred Seals, President, South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce

Clarence Page, Oklahoma Air and Space Museum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

James E. Richardson, Director, Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Gene Cowgill, Manager, Air Traffic Control



Marilyn Copeland, Past President 99s, Building Expansion Chairman and Mistress of Ceremonies, who introduced guests of honor including: Fay Gillis Wells, Charter Member, making her first visit to Headquarters, also 99s Past Presidents Hazel Jones, Broneta Davis Evans, Susie Sewell and current Board of Directors. Barbara Sestito, President, presented Amelia Earhart Medals of Appreciation to Joe Mabee, of the Mabee Foundation, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Sheldon and Pat Roberts of Sunriver, Oregon. Pat currently serves the 99s as a member of the Board of Directors.



Fay Gillis Wells and Chanda Budhabhatti.

Barbara also extended recognition and thanks to major contributors and all supporters who made this day possible.

Manning the sky-blue shovels and wearing matching hard hats were:

Barbara Sestito, President

Gene Nora Jessen, Vice-President

Marie Christensen, Secretary

Carole Sue Wheeler, Treasurer

Also Directors:

Pat Roberts

Chanda Budhabhatti

Harriet Fuller

Judy Hall

Immediate Past Presidents Hazel Jones and Marilyn Copeland; Executive Director, Loretta Gragg.

A champagne reception followed the ground-breaking ceremonies, attended by about 100 supporters and well-wishers.



Fay Gillis Wells, Virginia Qualline and Marilyn Copeland at ground breaking open house

CALENDAR

Month
By
Month

Day
By
Day

Coming Events

The NORTHWEST AVIATION CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW will be returning to Tacoma in the Dome Convention Center, January 31-February 1, 1987. Washington State Division of Aeronautics will be presenting their Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic and Maintenance Seminar. For information or registration call 1-800-552-0666. The FAA will again present the safety seminars for pilots and Dr. Jerry Cockrell will return as MC.

The McDonnell Douglas Flight Safety Seminar will be held January 31, 1987. For further information contact: Martha Norman, 802 LaSalle Dr., Cahokia, IL 62206.

This is the largest safety seminar in the area. It will attract between 200 and 500 people and receive press coverage. It is presented by the Greater St. Louis Flight Instructors Association and the AIAA, and it is co-sponsored by the Greater St. Louis Chapter, Ninety-Nines. Our International President, Barbara Sestito, has been invited to be the keynote speaker.

The North Dakota Aviation Council annual seminar titled "Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium" will be held at the Kirkwood Motor Inn in Bismarck, North Dakota, March 23-26. Further information regarding the seminar can be obtained by contacting: Gerald K. Olson, P.O. Box 1306, Williston, ND 58802-1306; (701) 774-8594

The dates for the TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN AIRPORT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR, to be conducted on the Auburn University Campus, have been changed to April 28-30, 1987.

For more information, contact James R. Wilbanks, Engineering Extension Service, Auburn University, AL 36849; (205) 826-4370.

Sun 'n Fun EAA Fly-In, March 15-21, 1987, Lakeland, Florida.

April 24-25, Spring Section Meeting, New York / New Jersey Section, Islip, New York.

Contact Mae Smith, Long Island Chapter.

April 24-26, Southeast Section Spring Meeting, New Orleans, La.

FLASH

The 99 early historical records, lost for 40 years, have been returned to our headquarters by the Eisenhower Museum.



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New Chairman

The Nebraska Chapter has a new chairman:

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Genie Rae O'Kelley, Knoxville, Tennessee

1986 Flight Instructor of the Year

A flight instructor for sixteen years, logging 8,000 flying hours in the past 20 years, Genie Rae O'Kelley has demonstrated superior performance in her field. Experience as a public school teacher before becoming a pilot enhanced her enthusiasm as a flight and ground instructor. A designated Safety Counselor, Girl Scout Wing Troop Leader, co-author of Student Pilot Guide, and participation in 11 transcontinental air races are displays of her dedication to the industry.

First Day Covers

To commemorate the groundbreaking for the new addition to our International Headquarters in Oklahoma City on November 2, 1986, the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Trustees had 100 of the original 1963 First Day Amelia Earhart 8¢ Airmail Covers cancelled there on that date. These beautiful Covers, with the 1986 Miss Liberty Stamp, are available for a \$10.00 tax deductible contribution to the Scholarship Fund. Send your check with a size 10 stamped, self-addressed envelope to Alice Hammond, 15 Oakdale Drive, Millville, NJ 08332.

NOTAM

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

RUTH VARN WINS AOPA SHARPLES AWARD

FREDERICK, MD — Ruth Varn of St. Petersburg, Florida, is the 1986 recipient of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association's prestigious L.P. Sharples Award. Varn is president of Citizens For The Preservation Of The Waterfront / Airport (CPWA).

"Mrs. Varn overcame tremendous political obstacles in the two-year effort to keep open Albert Whitted Airport in downtown St. Petersburg," said AOPA President John L. Baker in presenting the award. "Whitted is an important general aviation airport which faced strong pressure to close. Mrs. Varn's efforts resulted in a positive city council vote and now the city is even making improvements to the airport."

EAA RETIRES 'SPIRIT' REPLICA

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN, October 24, 1986 — The EAA Aviation Foundation's replica of Charles Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis" was officially retired today in ceremonies at the EAA Air Museum in Oshkosh. The plane, which has been seen by millions of people during travels to more than 210 cities in the United States and Canada, is now on permanent display in the museum.

**Award**

The Southwest Section Pilot of the Year is Sylvia Paoli. She has been a pilot and a Ninety-Nine since 1968 the very year this trophy was first presented. She is married and the mother of four children, a commercial pilot with an instrument rating and a lawyer. She has put in countless hours working for the Ninety-Nines at all levels, from her chapter (Fullerton) through International. This past year she has served as ground crew for an air race and a USPFT meet. She also worked at an airport open house and Pennies a Pound fund raiser. She has spoken on aviation to such diverse groups as a local high school, a secretaries organization and a local Rotary Club. Her many hours of flying time include her participation as a contestant in a USPFT meet. She is also active in aviation at the civic level having attended city council meetings, airport manager staff meetings, airport task force meetings, California Aviation Council meetings, and her local pilot association meetings. She is a member of the CAP, the Airport Users Task Force and the Aviation Section of the Bar Association. She is a director of the California Aviation Council and Vice-President for both the Lawyer-Pilot Bar Association and the Fullerton Airport Association. She has a Masters degree in music from the New England Conservatory of Music and a Doctorate of Law from Western State University. She is a partner in the law firm of Paoli & Paoli.

99s Canadian Award in Aviation

The Board of Trustees of the Ninety Nines Canadian Award in Aviation were especially pleased to present the Award for 1986 to Mr. Fred Hotson, a gentleman long associated with the preservation of aviation history in Canada. He served for 15 years as President of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society, and now is Chairman of the Board of that organization. He is the author of many articles dealing with the early days of aviation in Canada and of the full length book *The de Havilland Canada Story*, a company for which he flew for many years as a test pilot.

The Award is presented to Mr. Hotson to help finance and encourage the production of a book on which he is presently working, the story of the historic flight of the first airplane to cross the Atlantic Ocean from East to West. The "Bremen" took off from Ireland in 1928 and headed for New York. It landed instead on the Island of Greenly in the Straits of Belle Isle and precipitated Canada into its remarkable story.

The 99s Canadian Award in Aviation is a trust operated on behalf of all Canadian Ninety Nines. Members of the Board include: Heather Sifton, Chairman, Beryl Scudellari, Margo McCutcheon, Peggy Smith and Isabel Pepler.

**CHINA TRIP**

Applications, \$500.00 deposit and resumes are due to Marie Christensen, December 15th for participation in the 99s trip to China.

SPRING CLEANING

Save the WHITE ELEPHANTS you receive during the holidays. March is the month to donate them to your Chapter's "Spring Cleaning" event. Details about the Spring Cleaning to benefit the Amelia Earhart Birthplace will be sent in January to all Chapter Chairmen.



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



The photos above, are of some of the display cases which house priceless memorabilia from the early days of women pilots who have been members of the only international association of women pilots, The Ninety-Nines. The headquarters at Will Rogers World Airport has run out of space for additional display cases, and soon will expand to provide needed room.



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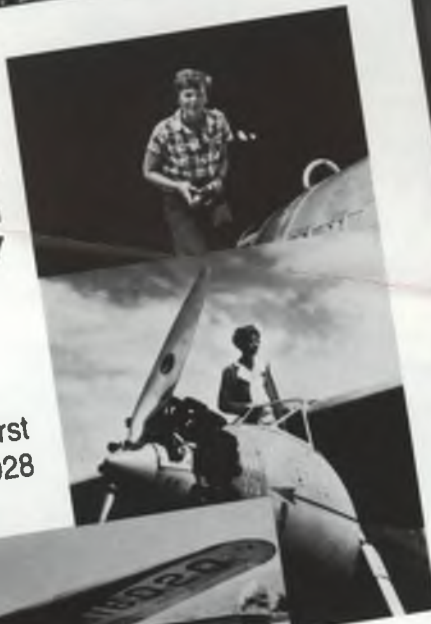
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Visitors to The Ninety-Nines headquarters find this relaxing area near the front entrance. Taking a short break are the staff members from left, Loretta Gragg, executive director; Barbara Engel, headquarters secretary, and Virginia J. Qualline, archivist.

99 women pilots

In the early years, officers of the organization handled the business of the club themselves. As the Ninety-Nines grew, some more permanent arrangement seemed desirable. In the early 1940s arrangements were made to have the National Aeronautics Association in Washington, D.C., handle the organizational records. Continued growth, however, made it feasible to set up a separate office in New York City in 1951.

Headquarters was moved to Oklahoma City in 1955, with office space rented in the Will Rogers World Airport terminal building. The first secretary was Dorothy Morgan, who had the task of setting up the books and records.

The concept of a separate international headquarters building was presented in the early 1970s, and a six-acre plot was made available by the Oklahoma City Airport Trust on the east side of the airport property north of the terminal building. The present 5,000 square-foot facility was built and dedicated in 1975.

In its 57 years, the organization has grown from its original 99 members to 6,500 active members today. It is international not only in name, but also in its active chapters in 33 nations.

The Ninety-Nines have always been international. Australian Jessie Keith Miller, who competed in the Women's Air Derby in 1929, attended the first organizational meeting. A German flier, Thea Rasche, was a charter member of the Ninety-Nines, and for several years was the only woman in her country with a pilot's license and a plane of her own.

While women pilots trace the history of their organization to 1929, they go back many years before that in tracing the history of women in aviation.

INTENT TO SEEK ELECTION

Office Sought _____

Name _____ Phone _____

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Chapter _____ Section _____

9 member since _____ Classification _____

Date and class of last medical _____

Date of last Biennial Flight Review _____

Ratings _____

Total hours _____ Last two years _____

Service to Ninety-Nines, chapter level (committees, offices) _____

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Service to Ninety-Nines, International level (committees, offices) _____

Number of Conventions attended _____ Sect. meetings _____

Special aviation related awards _____

Membership in aviation oriented organizations and offices held _____

Specific training and / or experience related to office sought _____

Occupation _____

Endorsement by own chapter or two other chapters from your own section (signifies chapter approval): _____

Chairman's signature _____ Chairman's signature _____

I desire to be considered for nomination to _____

This notice constitutes authority to so advise Ninety-Nine chapters and sections. I understand I must meet all eligibility requirements at the time of my election.

Date _____ Candidate's signature _____

Send ORIGINAL plus four copies to:
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Send one photocopy of this form, plus BFR and medical, brief resume and photo (black and white passport type preferred) to:

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE NINETY-NINES, INC.
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Deadline: March 15, 1987

Attach additional sheet if necessary.

#N-87-1

Intent to Seek Election

Now is the time to make our nominations for two International Board members to be elected by the delegates at the annual International convention in August. The two Board members elected yearly at convention serve a term of two years each.

The Intent to Seek Election form will serve as our only means of discovering those who wish to be considered. The qualifications for Board members is listed below and are according to the By-Laws voted upon at the 1985 Baltimore convention. (They appear also in the bylaws section of the 1986-87 Membership Directory on page 135, Article VIII, Section 2, C.&E.) Check them carefully before submitting your Intent form to the Nominating Committee Chairman. Deadline for application is March 15, 1987 and envelopes MUST be postmarked by that date.

To be considered for an elective office, follow these steps:

1. Complete Form #N-87-1, "Intent to Seek Election" and make six photocopies. (Keep one for your files).
2. Make two photocopies of your current medical and BFR (one for Nominating Chairman and one for International Headquarters).
3. Write a background resume, not to exceed 100 words, as you wish it to appear in the March 1987 issue of The 99 News. Make two copies.
4. Secure one recent black and white photo (black & white passport preferred).
5. SEND TO HEADQUARTERS — photo, a resume, a copy of medical and BFR and one copy of Intent form.
6. SEND TO NOMINATING CHAIRMAN — the original Intent form plus four copies, a resume and a copy of medical and BFR.

The Chairman's signature signifies that the candidate's own Chapter is endorsing this candidate. Otherwise, the candidate must have two Chapters in her own Section endorse her. If no Chapter exists, endorsement of the Section Governor is acceptable.

The Nominating Committee hopes you will take an active part in this election either by seeking election yourself (if qualified) or by using other members to file this Intent form by the deadline.

NON-OFFICER BOARD MEMBERS

The non-officer Directors are just as vital to the Board as the officer Directors. They must be capable of organizing and following through with special projects. They serve on any or all of the Board Committees at the request of the President. They frequently represent the President at a section meeting and should be accorded the amenities normally accorded the President. Each non-officer Board Member should become familiar with the functions of the officers and the Headquarters staff, and should be willing to move into an officer slot should one become vacant. They are vital to the orderly and progressive function of this organization.

REPORT ON THE FALL BOARD MEETING

The Fall International Board meeting was held in Oklahoma City on October 30-November 2, 1986. A productive meeting was accomplished. Major items discussed were: construction of new building, 99 newsletter and plans for July 2, 1987 commemoration. The goal of \$500,000 was raised by our members by contributions and/or pledges and plans are now underway for beginning construction of the new building.

Hazel Jones is progressing on plans for the never ending search for Amelia Earhart on July 2nd. This is being done in conjunction with the FAA approval and all chapters will be notified regarding details later.

With the advent of the new building we are welcoming more memorabilia for our new museum. There is a possibility we may be given an airplane to be placed in the atrium of the new building. Obviously our goal is to increase our archives, oral history, and memorabilia to encompass all areas of aviation. We have received word we will be receiving Blanche Noyes memorabilia shortly along with other desired items.

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AUSTRALIAN SECTION

Adelaide, South Australia, has just played host for the International Grand Prix. Neva Cavenagh was a busy lady as she piloted a parachuting group for a city drop. She also visited the RAAF base Edinborough's Control Tower to observe the operations of the F18 fighter jet operations over the Grand Prix circuit.

Jean and Les March flew their Saratoga to Bathurst, New South Wales from Adelaide to attend the annual Hardie 1000 car race. The flight was not easy as they had both failed instruments and poor weather conditions to contend with.

Sylvia Byers has been commuting regularly to Sydney from Perth to attend a Fear of Flying Course as the girls in Western Australia are considering starting Fear of Flying courses in Perth.

The Australian 99s were delighted to hear that the new Duchess of York had gone solo in a piper archer in the UK. An appropriate cable of congratulations was sent to the Duchess of York.

EAST CANADA SECTION

Section members gathered at the Brampton Flying Club to attend the annual Fall Section Meeting. The highlight was the luncheon at which the Ninety Nines Canadian Award in Aviation was presented to Mr. Fred Hotson, well known Canadian author and aviation historian. The Amelia Earhart medal was presented to Cathy Fraser who won an AE Scholarship in Hawaii. Cathy has already completed her training and is flying as first officer on cargo flights in the Piper Navajo.

EASTERN ONTARIO

A very successful Poker Run was held on September 7th with clear skies bringing out lots of participants. Eight members and two 66s attended a Pot Luck supper at the home of B. J. Schermerhorn in September. A

Chapter education night, with aviation videos, was held in October at the home of Chairman Sue Begg.

CARIBBEAN SECTION TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Desiring fellowship, fun, and most of all, developing safety measures to fly in the Devil's Triangle, the Ninety Nines Caribbean Section was officially formed when a presentation of a Section Charter was presented to Governor, Esme Williams and Vice-Governor, Carole Chambers at the International Convention in Philadelphia on July 10, 1976 by International President, Patricia McEwen. There were eleven charter members of which six remain as active members to date.

There have been four governors during the ten year period: Esme Williams 1976-78, Carole Chambers 1978-80, Sandy Dunn 1980-82, Yvonne Smith 1982-86. The section has seventeen members at this time.

Members have participated actively in activities throughout the ten year period. We have held two *From White Knuckles to Cockpit Cool* seminars, several safety seminars, one week of activities which included learning C.P.R., lectures on weather and navigation, up-date flying information, preventative maintenance and safety methods.

Four Section meeting fly-ins were held, one at West Palm Beach, Fla. two in Nassau, and one on Treasure Cay, Abaco. Two joint A. E. celebration events were held with Zonta, Int. Three airmarkings have been completed. Gifts have been sent annually to the A. E. Scholarship fund, and contributions have been sent to the Forest of Friendship and Headquarters expansion fund. Since we were organized we have had representation at the International Convention almost every year. We ended the present year with two Basics Safety Seminars conducted by FAA APS Bob Heckman sponsored by our section. Over 300 participants from the Bahamas

and the Florida area attended.

We look forward to the next ten years filled with fellowship and fun with continued emphasis on safety in flying as well as continuing to uphold the ideals and purposes of our organization.

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY SECTION

Garden State Chapter

Members held their Pennies a Pound Fund Raiser at Trenton Robbinsville Airport on Saturday, October 4, 1986. The proceeds were divided between the chapter and Mercer County Community College Flight Team to help defray their expenses at NIFA competition. Vice-Chairman Pat Valdaa has been commissioned by the Smithsonian to cover the World Gliding Championship in Benalla, Australia, between January 17 and February 1, 1987.

Greater New York Chapter

Eleanor Friede and Penny Amabile with six others flew into Charlottesville, Va. and met with members of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter. While there, they had a private showing of the Beryl Markham documentary.

New York Capital District Chapter

The program for October was a representative of the girl scouts. Since they have no aviation program, the chapter will work with them to develop something.

Western New York Chapter

The Western N.Y. Chapter hosted the fall section meeting in Buffalo, N.Y. Barbara Sestito was the honored guest. The speaker, Ecky Broad gave a portrait of Amelia that will also be presented at the Vancouver International Convention.

On Oct. 25 the chapter held a spaghetti dinner at the Buffalo Air Field and they helped sponsor an F.A.A.

Flight Safety Clinic on Oct. 28th.

SOUTHEAST SECTION

Florida Spaceport Chapter

Members participated in the Central Florida Aviation Expo at Sanford, FL. by serving in judging, registration, staging area, display table area, and flight competition. Bonnie Gann and Vicki Sherman placed 1-2 in power-on landings. A Certificate of Appreciation was received from the Sanford Chamber of Commerce praising the Ninety-Nines for their contributions.

Alabama Chapter

Nadine Rose received the Outstanding Alabama 99 trophy for 1986 from chairman Renee West at the October meeting at Folsom Field in Cullman. Nadine was also installed as the incoming chapter chairman. A program on air space flight requirements was presented by Bert Mackentege.

Blue Ridge Chapter

New members, Diane Mac Alpine and Nina Smith, were welcomed. New officers installed were: Lee Orr, Chairman; Tence Rhea, Vice-Chairman; Madeline Smith, Secretary; Janice Berry, Treasurer; Dot Penney, Membership Chairman.

North Georgia Chapter

The October meeting was a fly-in lunch to beautiful Caloway Gardens Inc. on October 18. Bunny Outlaw was transferred in from the Indiana Chapter.

Florida Suncoast Chapter

The October meeting was held at McDill AFB where members flew in for the annual open house for pilots. Diane Baynard and Barbara Sierchio flew to Sanford, FL. to assist Spaceport Chapter with a USPFT rally.

SECTIONS

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

All Ohio

Chapter

Sandy Gordley hosted the Achievement Award Banquet at the Findlay, Ohio Country Club on October 19. Elinor Kline received the 30 year old trophy for her accomplishments in aviation. 49½ Don Fairbanks was awarded the Emmett Blowers Award for his untiring support of aviation activities. Carol Fairbanks Deitsch was presented her Amelia Earhart Medal by the 1984 winner, Sandy Gordley. The chapter helped judge the SAFECON '86 at Napoleon, Ohio. Western Michigan was the winner with Dana Sessanna.

Chicago Area

Chapter

On October 8-9, Beverlee Greenhill, Ruth Rockcastle, and Pat Thomas registered 180 participants at the FAA Helicopter Safety Seminar. Funds for the International Headquarters Expansion Fund were raised with a Harvest Dinner Dance in the Cameron hangar at DuPage Airport on October 25. Diane Cozzi and committee worked at the Illinois Science Teachers' Association Convention that was held at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry. Winners of the Chapter Air Meet held in September were: Marge Sundmacher, Spot Landing; Gail Lapook, Flour Bombing; Gail Lapook and Mary Kraut-Kramer, Air Meet; Donna Klein, Rookie Pilot.

Greater St. Louis

Chapter

Officers for the 1986-87 year are announced by the chapter. They are Chairman Ruby Fudoli, Vice-Chairman Vivian Waters, Secretary Helen Hall, and Treasurer Jan Eavens. Please make note of this in your new Directory. On October 21, Vivian Waters was pilot for 99 Alice Jackson on her first hot air balloon ride. The focus of the chapter this year is the chapter's 45th birthday.

Indiana

Chapter

DC-3 Captain Jim Voyles

answered the question, "Everything You've Wanted To Know About A DC-3, But Had No One To Ask" at the chapter meeting held at Rhoades Aviation on Columbus Municipal Airport. A DC-3 was also available for touring.

Betty Cull celebrated her 45th year as a licensed pilot.

Iowa

Chapter

The chapter enjoyed a slide presentation by Methodist Medical Center's Life Flight air rescue team. The meeting's program featured 99 Gail Tonneson, FBO and aerial applicator, as she explained the fine art of aerial application.

Ruth Prescott has been busy. She gave two school presentations on the basics of flying.

Kentucky Blue Grass Chapter

Chairman Dee McCollum and 49½ Bruce have the Section 99 and 66 Membership Award plaques on display at Cynthiana Airport. The third annual Kentucky Air Derby at Owensboro was won by 99 Kathy Osborne. Runners up were Carolyn Skaggs, second place, and Margaret Ringenberg, third place. 99 Arlynn McMahon, manager of Aerotech Flight Training Center, hosted the meeting at Madison County Airport.

Lake Erie

Chapter

Doreen Sussman Thompson was hostess for the October meeting. A video tape showing the history of the DC-3 highlighted the program.

Wisconsin

Chapter

A flight seminar was held on October 25 at the CAP Hangar at Timmerman Field in Milwaukee. Marjorie Scoville was coordinator of the Seminar, Lynn Swartz, Tanya Cunningham, and 49½ Neil Robinson instructed classes.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

Colorado

Chapter

Colorado Chapter partici-

pated in the opening of the Boulder County Airport Runway by manning a 99 display booth and pop stand.

Dallas

Chapter

The Dallas Chapter arranged a fly-in to Lake Murray State Park, Ardmore, Oklahoma, for 30 members of the Oklahoma, Ft. Worth, Redbird, Golden Triangle and Wildflower Chapters.

El Paso

Chapter

The last West Texas Breakfast for 1986 increased the treasury of the El Paso Chapter and fortified members for all the work to be done on the Amigo Airshow. The Airshow is a big annual event and involves everyone related to aviation in the El Paso area.

Kansas

Chapter

A Poker Run from hangar to hangar was completed when the Kansas Chapter was weathered out. Coping with adversity, members collected cards in each hangar on the airport and they had the opportunity to view the occupants homebuilts.

Oklahoma

Chapter

Members bunched for lunch and participated in FAA Safety Seminars across the state. Our 1986 AE Scholarship winner Jo Ann Carpenter, has completed her CFI rating.

San Antonio

Chapter

AOPA Convention arrivals were greeted in San Antonio by chapter members working 12 hour shifts at Stinson Airport. One arrival was advised by ATC, "the ladies in the grass will park you". The reply came back, "that sounds exciting". It was changed to, "the ladies will entice you to parking." The change in ATC terminology caused pilots to be very alert.

South Louisiana

Chapter

Members had a fly-in to the NASA-MS facility at Stennis field where a special tour was arranged.

Tulsa

Chapter

Members sponsored two FAA Safety Seminars in October. Lunch was served once again by chapter members at the 29th Annual EAA Tulsa Fly-in at Tahlequah.

Shreveport

Chapter

Dottie Ports gave us a glowing report of the recent Sectional in Dallas. She presented the Airmarking Trophy to the Tip of Texas Chapter.

Our chapter was very proud of Evelyn Snow when she made a guest appearance on Channel Six TV in October. She gave a shining report of her experiences while flying the Powder Puff Derby twice as a pilot and once as co-pilot.

Friday, October 17 we sponsored our annual fish-fry, and the entire airport joined in and enjoyed the camaraderie.

SOUTHWEST SECTION

Phoenix

Chapter

The Kachina Doll Air Rally, in its 19th year, was held under threatening skies with a last minute change in route to avoid central Arizona's cumulous granite. The winners, with a score of 99.98040, were the team of George Peabody and John Knudsen in a Mooney M20F. Next year's rally date is set for October 9-11. Chapter members are still avidly airmarking, setting their sights on first place. They just marked Williams and have both Parker and Casa Grande scheduled in November.

Bay Cities

Chapter

Members flew into Mariposa to eat at the Miner's Inn. Many members also joined Cameron Park Chapter members at their annual Pasta Party on October 26th.

El Cajon

Chapter

Some 36 planes flew the

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21st annual Pacific Air Race on October 18th which was co-sponsored by the El Cajon chapter. Take-off was postponed until 8:30 due to foreboding stratus just east of the airport. The route terminated in Bullhead City on the Colorado River. Doris Ritchey was honored at the Fresno CAP Wing Conference where she received the Grover Loening Aerospace Award.

Palms Chapter

Many members and 49½ers flew to Apple Valley Inn for lunch on October 26th. They got some "close-up" photographs of a helicopter bearing down on them — just the sky cops saying "Howdy."

Placer Gold Chapter

Our members visited the Sacramento TRACON facilities after their October meeting.

Cameron Park Chapter

Members put on a local USPFT event at Jackson / Westover on November 1. Linda Iman was the event chairman, and she did a very commendable job. The chapter also held its annual pasta party on October 26th inviting neighboring chapters.

Monterey Bay Chapter

On October 25th we co-sponsored the Great Pumpkin Classic. There were 25 entries over a 262 statute mile course. The winners were Mary and Pat Rawlings. Members are excited about hosting the start of the 1988 Air Race Classic.

Santa Clara Valley Chapter

Their fall semi-annual Flying Companion Seminar was held on October 17 and 18 with 39 companions. The November meeting speaker was none other than Fran Grant of "Fear of Flying Clinic" fame presenting a state-of-the-art audiovisual show on the case history of a clinic participant. The chapter now has a new home in the brand new San Jose Jet Center!

San Joaquin Valley Chapter

San Joaquin went on an air-marking spree by marking three airports in 15 days: Modesto, Atwater and Oakdale after a four year hiatus. Past chairman, Pat Titus, was named the FAA Accident Prevention Counselor of the Year for Stanislaus County at a recent awards event in Fresno.

Arizona Sundance Chapter

Several members helped at the Desert Sportsmen and Pilots Association Air Show. Proceeds go to the Make A Wish Foundation, which grants terminally ill children a wish. At the last meeting, the Director of the Aeronautics Division of the Arizona State Department of Transportation spoke on recent State Legislature activities affecting aviation and the capabilities of the organization's new computer. Members Pat Moreland and Janna Shea took first place in the recent Pacific Air Race.

Orange County Chapter

Many members, 49½ers and friends flew into Big Bear for its Oktoberfest celebration. They enjoyed knockwurst, bratwurst, German potato salad, sauerkraut, apple strudel and 7-Up!

Las Vegas Chapter

The chapter celebrated its 30th anniversary in September.

Chapter member Barbara McDonald won 11th place overall and was given an award as the highest placing solo pilot not in the top ten in the Pacific Air Race which was held October 18th.

The chapter won second place in Public Relations activities for the Southwest Section.

Chapter members are working with local Girl Scouts in helping them complete Aviation activities badges and projects.



IN MEMORIAM

EVELYN WALDREN, 78, Columbia Cascade Chapter, died October 25th in Centralia, WA. She had amassed over 23,000 hours of flight and 18,000 hours of instruction. She was licensed before 1932 and was still actively flying. She was flight instructor for Mill Plain Flying Service in Vancouver, WA since 1972. Evelyn was proud of her record non-stop border-to-border flight in October 1941, departing Vancouver, B.C. in a Lycoming-powered Taylorcraft BL-65, landing at Tijuana, Mexico, 16½ hours later. She was a NINETY-NINE since 1940 and both vice chairman and chairman of the early Oregon Chapter in the 1940's.

MARY KILBOURNE, Eastern Idaho 99s, died October 19, 1986. Mary was a charter member and driving force in 99s from the time she joined in the late 1950's. She flew in Powderpuff Derbies, held offices in the Eastern Idaho Chapter and was Governor of the NW Section in the early 70's.

ARLO LIVINGSTON, husband of 99 Nancy, Puget Sound Chapter.

JOHN DANEK, JR., grandson of 99 Lillie Normington, Indiana Chapter.

NEW RATINGS

New York / New Jersey Section

Leslie Helf, Greater New York Chapter, Instrument

North Central Section

Deanne Falduto, Chicago Area Chapter, Instrument

Jo Neal, Indiana Chapter, Multi-Engine

Sue Nealey, Chicago Area Chapter, Multi-Engine

South Central Section

Jo Ann Carpenter, Oklahoma Chapter, CFI

Mindy Denham, Oklahoma Chapter, Commercial, Multi-Engine, Instrument

Northwest Section

Carol Klein, Anchorage Chapter, Private

Patty Livingston, Anchorage Chapter, Tandem Parachute

Pat Davis, Columbia Gorge Chapter, Single Engine Float

Aimee Kruprash, Willamette Valley Chapter, Fixed Wing, Commercial

Gail Goodat, Northwest Section member, Flight Engineer Rating. Gail is flying for Western Airlines as a second officer on a B-727.

GIFTS TO HEADQUARTERS

Arizona Sundance Chapter
Florida Crown Chapter
Bay Cities Chapter
Pikes Peak Chapter
Long Island Chapter
Shreveport Chapter
Lubbock Chapter
Wildflower Chapter
Indiana Dunes Chapter
Los Angeles Chapter
Long Beach Chapter
Golden West Chapter

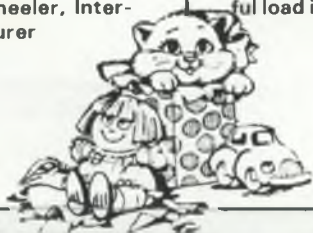
Lou Ellen Foster, Wichita Falls Chapter
Yvonne Heninger, Bay Cities Chapter
Norma Wynn Vandergriff, Oklahoma Chapter
Marjorie Thayer, Arizona Sundance Chapter
B.J. Schermerhorn, Eastern Ontario Chapter
Lillian & Yvonne LeBlanc, Eastern New England Chapter
Mary Helfrick, Garden State Chapter
Carole Sue Wheeler, Ft. Worth Chapter



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The board is concerned about the first issue of the 99 News and is making definite plans to continue improvement of the newsletter. The meeting concluded on Sunday at noon with the groundbreaking ceremonies following. There were many honored, old and new friends in attendance. Fay Gillis Wells, charter member, was there and stated it was her first trip to headquarters. Betty Gillies sent a telegram for the occasion. There were several past presidents in attendance. Even though the weather tried to daunt our spirits it was impossible. There were approximately 100 in attendance at the groundbreaking. We are looking forward to the future, new plans, growth and advancement.

Carole Sue Wheeler, International Treasurer



REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA SELECTS DAKOTAS FOR TRAINING

According to Frank G. Manning, president of Piper Aircraft Corporation, Indonesia has ordered 10 Dakotas, which will be delivered in February and March of 1987.

The aircraft will be utilized by Indonesia's Civil Aviation Training Centers.

The Dakota is a four-place, fixed-gear aircraft powered by a single 235-horsepower Lycoming engine. The aircraft has a maximum cruise speed of 144 knots and has a maximum range of more than 800 nautical miles. The Dakota's standard useful load is 1,401 pounds.

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