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# PRESIDENT'S

## Message

### Cookies — A Matter of Substance

(Or, Let The Chips Fall Where They May)

I was attending my Chapter meeting last month, where we discussed several projects: a pancake breakfast, a booth at an air show, reception for the local FSOO, sponsor for an FAA seminar, and etc. All of the functions required that we provide food of some kind. One of our members, Penny Nagy, sat quietly for awhile then became very agitated. Now Penny is a very calm, reasonable person. You can imagine everyone's shock when she jumped up and cried out, "why are we always baking cookies — all we do is sell food and are never asked to do anything of substance."

She was right — we were becoming the dreaded "cookie ladies". "How, I asked, could that be happening to us?" Our members are talented pilots, teachers, nurses, business women, and the like. We surely have much more to offer than just cookies. Now granted, most of us are also good cooks. I know I love to bake for my family, especially my grandchildren. Were we being asked to provide the food because we are women — and — of course, we would want to? Had we fallen into the "cookie trap"?

Worse than the cookie trap, many times we find ourselves "on the take". We get "free" booth space for doing little chores like registration, decorations, and the like. Many times these chores cost more than the price of booth space, and what we get is not really "free". This type of arrangement usually takes you out of controlling what you can do. It is a good idea to look carefully at these kinds of arrangements and weight the consequences. Being "up front" and reasonable about exchanges for such things is the best tact to take.

Don't confuse this with your desire to show appreciation to a friend or agency that has been of service to your Chapter. That is something you initiate out of kindness. Being kind is always



smart — but don't let anyone mistake kindness for weakness.

Well ladies, we got ourselves into this predicament. How do we get ourselves out? Possibly the answer lies in our ability and desire to promote our other talents first.

The next time you are asked to provide "the refreshments" for a function say, "sure — if we can also provide a speaker." The next time you are asked to sell hot dogs at an air show say, "sure — but we want to give rides or a Flying Companion Seminar — or something else that exhibits our many talents in the area of Aviation."

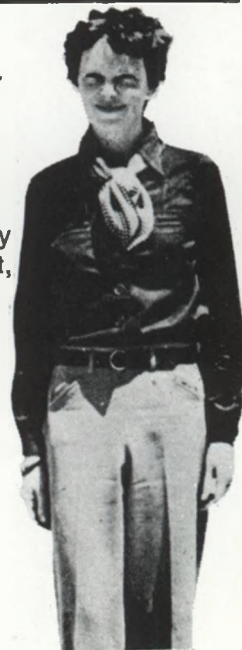
The April-May Section Meeting Season is over. Almost all the meetings were bunched into two weekends. The various Board members spread themselves throughout the country so at least one was in attendance at each meeting.

I was delighted to be the guest of the Middle East Section at their Section Meeting in Frederick, Maryland. Governor Linda Hollowell and the Potomac Chapter, chaired by Marty Nye Goppert, were gracious hosts. The meeting proved to be informative and

very active. Their many events and activities reflect the mainstream of Ninety-Nines everywhere.

I also attended the Southwest Section Meeting in San Diego, California. This meeting was a joint effort of the San Diego, El Cajon, Mission Day, Palomar and Borrego Springs Chapters ably chaired by Marion Banks. Every detail was attended to. Shirley Winn, Governor, initiated a "Sharing with Shirley" open-house in her suite. The program misprinted the event as "Sherry with Shirley", with predictable results. No one was disappointed since our Legal Counsel, Sylvia Paoli, is also an accomplished concert pianist and she filled the room with wonderful music.

**NEXT ISSUE:**  
A Salute to  
Amelia Earhart.  
Remembering  
her on this  
50th Anniversary  
of her last flight,  
July 2, 1937.



**NOTAM** Barbara Abels advises that she has been deluged with stories and photos from 99s who also are FAAers — in fact, she says, "thanks to you all there's surely enough material for a book!" There is still time for responses before she is able to put the story together for **THE 99 NEWS** and **FAA WORLD**. Send your name, title, office & phone no. at FAA, 99 Chapter, a brief bio and a photo to: Barbara Abels, 4023 W 176th St., Torrance, CA 90504

# HELSINKI HERE WE COME

BY HAZEL JONES

**T**he 7th World Precision Flying Championships will be held in Helsinki, August 10-17, 1987. The United States team qualified last July in DeQueen, Arkansas and have been practicing and honing their skills for the next championship. They placed 4th in 1985 in Kissimmee, Florida which is the highest a U.S. team has ever placed. Each team member is convinced that this is our year to break into the top three. At the last meeting of CIAG held in Paris, France, the information received from Finland is that the fees will be 800.00 per competitor per week. That figure does not include the cost of the first week of practice, the cost of the aircraft rental, the cost of the transportation to and from Helsinki and other items like uniforms and special things to make the team a team, of which, we can all be proud. The council figures it will cost between \$30,000 - \$40,000 to send the team, manager, coach and judges to Helsinki and provide some sort of uniform and also rent airplanes for practice and competition.

Western Michigan has got a lock on members. They must have the key to training precision flyers. From western Michigan we have Ray Heyde who is a veteran precision flyer. He is the oldest member of the team and has been a member since 1983. Ray runs a fixed base operation in Ohio, provides pilot services and is a flight examiner. He flies co-pilot on a Citation as part of his service, and works with NIFA in his "spare time". Tom Ingersol, the rookie on the team has just graduated from Western Michigan and has gone to work for Ray. He will be instructing and providing pilot services for Heyde Aviation. He and Ray are planning some training time between now and August. Along with Ray and Tom, from Western Michigan is Sonjay Kalani. He graduated from Western Michigan about two years ago, served as the coach for their NIFA team and also provided pilot services and flight instructing before taking a job flying a Cessna 310. His job now is freight and some pilot services.

The last member of the team to hail from Western Michigan is Carol Pilaar. She graduated some years ago and has run her own FBO in Greenville, South Carolina. Carolyn is the only woman to have ever flown precision flight at an international competition. She was an alternate to the team that went to Canada in 1979 and then became a full member of the team that represented the United States in England in 1981.

She has been a member ever since and in 1985 won the national championship in the United States besting 36 other pilots in precision competition. Carolyn is also an avid race pilot and has participated in the Angel Derby, the Powder Puff Derby, the Grand Prix, and the Air Race Classic. Recently Carolyn has been flying for American Eagle.

Brooks Cone was the rookie on the 1985 team and now is a veteran precision flyer. He graduated from Western Michigan in May and will also be working for Heyde Aviation until time to leave for Helsinki. Brooks served as coach for the Western Michigan team in NIFA during his senior year at Western Michigan. As long as we are saluting the Western Michigan pilots we must also salute professor Art Hoadley for his computer work on scoring the USPFT airmeets, and also the scoring program he wrote for NIFA. Professor Hoadley serves on the NIFA Council and is very active in interscolastic flying activities.

On the other side of the country is Marvin Ellis. Marvin works for the city of San Francisco as a noise abatement monitor. Marvin is a product of San Jose state and was active in NIFA prior to becoming a force on USPFT. Marvin has been on the team since 1977. Joe Poerschke is the only other precision flyer and he has been on the team for the longest period of time. Marvin does flight instructing in his spare time and has assisted in local and regional USPFT competitions on the West Coast.

The alternate this year is Joe Poerschke. Joe has been flying precision on an international scale since 1975 and served as captain on the 1985 team that placed fourth. Joe was an engineer with Florida Electrical Company before resigning in 1986 to take a flying job. Joe was selected so that he will be available should some of the others not be able to go this year. He is always an adjunct to the team and provides good sensible leadership for the younger members.

Professor Gerald Shreve was the coach for the 1985 team and will serve in that capacity in 1987. Jerry is a full professor at San Jose State University. He has been involved in NIFA activities for many years and is the author of the famed "Red Book". That is the NIFA bible. Our country is so large that getting the team together for practice is next to impossible unless a planned camp is organized and with the current budget crunch, that is not feasible at this time. Coach Shreve has been in contact with the team during the year

and has given them suggested exercises to practice both in the airplane and personally.

Jody McCarrell will serve as the manager for the 1987 team. Jody served as the navigation judge in 1985 at the international competition in Kissimmee and was the competition director for the Nationals in 1986. She is an international judge and jurist and will serve the team well as its manager. The other two required members of the team are the international judges and those positions will be filled by Hazel Jones and Pat Roberts. Both Roberts and Jones are international judges and jurists. Jones also serves as the permanent alternate delegate to CIAG (International General Aviation Council) a committee under FAI (Federation Aeronautic International). Roberts was the chief administrative officer for the 1985 competition and Jones was the competition director.

We have a good team, good manager and coach, and good judges. The only ingredient missing is funds to send these people to Helsinki. Efforts are underway now to raise approximately \$40,000 to send everyone to Helsinki for two weeks. The southeast section has contributed \$500 to help send one member. The northwest section has challenged the New York New Jersey section to cosponsor a member. A very generous contribution was received this week from Alexis Montague-Ewanchew. We are hoping other chapters or sections will take on this job to help send the team to Helsinki. Jody McCarrell, chairman of the USPFT Council has advised all team members to start looking for financial help. I hope we all catch the spirit and with team effort, we can send the team to a victorious competition in Helsinki.



# CALENDAR

## DATES

### JUNE

#### June 12

60th Anniversary Reunion, Winnipeg Flying Club. Contact: (204) 338-7927. All ex-members please call.

#### June 12

15th Annual Garden State 300. Sky Manor Airport Pittstown, New Jersey. Contact: Janet Leatherdale. (201) 753-4467.

#### June 12-14

12th Annual Buckeye Air Rally, Port Columbus, Ohio. For further information contact: Martha Veslesky, Lake Shawnee, 4128 Shawnee Tr., Jamestown, OH 45335

#### June 13

Safety Seminar, Pennridge Airport, Perkasie, Pennsylvania. Contact: Steve Kendra (215) 723-4072.

#### June 19-21

Flight Instructor Refresher Course, Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan. (616) 383-0795.

#### June 20

The Governor-General's Cup Air Rally, sponsored by the Edmonton Air Rally Association. Contact: Jo Harris, (403) 467-1672.

#### June 20-21

Central Michigan Air Show, Mt. Pleasant Airport, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Call (517) 722-3500.

#### June 20-21

EAA 6th Annual Fly-In, Delaware Airport, Ohio. Contact: Jim Henry. (614) 895-2880.

#### June 20-24

International Flying Nurses, Four Seasons Hotel Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Contact: June Simpson, 3 Heidt Ave., Middletown, N.Y. 10940.

#### June 21

Poker Run, Saskatchewan Chapter.

#### June 23-25

Space Research '87 Conference, Marriott Hotel, N.Y.C. Astronaut Bonnie Dunbar, Keynote Luncheon Speaker. (212) 533-3943.

#### June 27

Michigan Sesquicentennial Commission, Early Michigan Women Pilots & AE 50th Anniv., Commemorative Luncheon. Contact: Elaine Eveans. (313) 363-7902.

#### June 29-July 2

Air Race Classic. Contact: Pat Jetton, 2162 Crestview Dr., Durango, CO 81301.

### JULY

#### July 2

Search for Amelia 50th Anniversary. Contact: Hazel Jones. (214) 348-4383

#### July 2

AE Peak Hike San Fernando Valley. Contact: P. Sandling. (818) 886-5233.

#### July 4

Grand Opening Dedication & Airshow, Franklin County Airport, Mt. Vernon, Texas. Contact: Bob Wright, (214) 537-2228.

#### July 4-5

Canadian Air Show. Contact: William Gist. (303) 542-5184.

#### July 5

Aspen, Colorado ASPEN AIR SHOW '87! WAR-BIRDS: ZAR and his Starship Pride, ACME DUCK & AIRSHOW CO., Static displays, etc. Contact: Director of Aviation Office. (303) 925-8698.

#### July 10-11

Okie Derby. Contact: Shirley Brown, Okla. Chapter.

#### July 10-12

21st Annual Flight Instructor, Recertification Course. FAA approved. Auburn University, Alabama. (205) 826-4370.

#### July 10-19

2nd Annual Sentimental Journey to Club Haven, Lockhaven, Pennsylvania. Contact: Ray Schaefer. (717) 893-4201.

#### July 11

Flying Companion Seminar, Owensboro, Ky. Contact: Blue Grass Chapter.

#### July 11

Valley Air Derby Proficiency Run, Van Nuys, CA. Contact: Betty Irwin, (818) 349-2778.

#### July 11-12

Air Show, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

#### July 11-16

Singapore World Congress. Contact: Curtis Graves. 8004-16th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012.

#### July 17-19

Certified Flight Instructor, Recertification Course, El Paso Airport, Hilton, Texas. Contact: Jim Eslinger. (512) 476-9262.

#### July 17-19

Louisiana Aviation History/Natchitoches Folk Festival. Contact: Pat Ward, (504) 924-3303.

#### July 17-19

EAA Fly-In and Sport Aviation Convention, Arlington, Washington Airport, WA. Contact: Al Burge-meister, (206) 631-9194.

#### July 21-23

FAA Back to Basics, Yellowstone Park. Contact: Eastern Idaho Chapter.

#### July 24-26

International Forest of Friendship, Atchison, Kansas.

#### August 29-30

Kentucky Air Derby, Owensboro, Ky., Contact: Diane Stafford.

#### July 29-Aug. 2

Lawyer-Pilots Bar Assoc. Meeting, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Contact: David Prewitt. (215) 557-9998.

#### July 31-Aug. 7

**EAA OSHKOSH '87  
AN AVIATION SHOWCASE  
JULY 31-AUGUST 7**

Airplanes — seminars — forums — workshops — airshows. Be sure to visit the 99s exhibit in the friendship tent in the women's activity area for the daily hospitality that is available to 99s, 66s, 49 1/2 ers and our many friends.

### AUGUST

#### August 7-8

18th Annual Palms to Pines Air Race for Women, Santa Monica, California to Bend, Oregon.

#### August 9-15

International Convention 99s, Vancouver, B.C. Contact: Kate Merry.

#### August 15-16

3rd Annual CAF Air Show, Hector Field, Fargo, N.D. 9-6 p.m. Contact: Col. Ron Saeger. (701) 232-1612.

#### August 21-23

Mountain Flying Clinic. Contact: Eastern Idaho Chapter.

#### August 21-23

CFI Recertification Course, Holiday Inn, D/FW Airport S., Dallas, Texas. Contact: John Eslinger. (512) 476-9262.

#### August 21-23

Michigan Small Race, Grand Rapids Kent County Airport, Grand Rapids. For further information contact: Grace Lieneman, 33159 Utica Road, Fraser, MI 48026.

#### August 28-29

Schenectady Air Show. N.Y. Cap. Dist. Contact: Florence Dooley.

### SEPTEMBER

#### September 17-20

Reno National Championship Air Races, Nevada. Contact: Reno Air Races. (702) 826-7500.

#### September 18-20

Northwest Fall Section Meeting, Spokane, Wash.

#### September 19-20

EAA East Coast Fly-In, Martin State Airport. Contact: East Coast EAA. (301) 942-3309.

#### September 19-20

Mile High Air Derby, Round Robin, Front Range Airport, Denver. Mile High Air Derby, 14437 West 32nd Ave., Golden, Colorado (804) 401-1475.

#### September 24-26

Southeast Fall Section Meeting, Clearwater Beach, FL.

#### September 25-27

North Central Fall Section Meeting, Traverse City, Mich.

### OCTOBER

#### October 2-4

Southwest Fall Section Meeting, Universal City, CA.

#### October 2-4

Michigan Air Tour. Contact: Nancy Walters.

#### October 8-10

57th Fighter Group Reunion, Atlanta, GA. Contact: Ray Clark. (404) 441-1945.

#### October 9-11

Tennessee/N. Carolina Air Tour. Contact: Diane Guskys. (615) 741-3208.

#### October 16-17

N.Y./N.J. Fall Section Meeting, Oneida County Airport, Utica, N.Y.

## CONVENTION '87

**HOTEL VANCOUVER!**

The history of the Hotel Vancouver reflects that of the city for which it was named. It began as a mere convenience for world travelers and, like Vancouver itself, was repeatedly demolished and rebuilt as Canada's west coast grew in economic, political and social stature. Hotel Vancouver marked its ceremonial opening at the corner of Burrard & Georgia Streets on May 25, 1939. Speeches made by Lieutenant Governor Hamber and other distinguished guests applauded the hotel by saying "this magnificent hotel is a credit to Vancouver and the entire continent . . . this is a portentous and momentous occasion, and one of the finest hotels in the world is being dedicated to the city."

That evening, 1000 people gathered for a dinner where the city's newest dance band maestro, Len Hopkins and his Chateau Laurier orchestra, played. The Kiwanis Club also held a meeting that Thursday at the new hotel. The Vancouver Sun reported that "good fellowship and song commemorated Vancouver Kiwanis' first official meeting at Hotel Vancouver."

The first Hotel Vancouver was built in 1888 to cater to passengers of the trans-Pacific steamship route. Erected at the corner of Granville and Georgia Streets (now the Pacific Centre site),

the 60-room hotel was considered far removed from the bustling Gastown area that was then Vancouver's commercial center. The four story wooded structure was demolished in 1913, and replaced three years later by the second Hotel Vancouver built on the same site. Still referred to by many long-term residents as "the old Hotel Vancouver," the gracious brick building was built along chateau-style lines and fronted by a curving driveway that opened onto Georgia Street, then lined with full grown trees. When the present Hotel Vancouver was opened, the federal government took over the "old hotel" for military use through World War II. It was first a recruiting centre and headquarters for the army's Pacific Command and, at the conclusion of the war, became a veterans' hotel until its demolition in 1949.

Today's Hotel Vancouver was built at a cost of \$12 million and took almost 10 years to complete. It was the tallest building on the skyline, and the green copper roof was quickly established as the well-known city landmark that it is today. Everything that went into the construction was the biggest and best of its time. Designed in the French Renaissance style by John Archibald, the hotel's exterior was made of British Columbian stone from Haddington Island.

The hotel is owned and managed by CN Hotels Inc.

Hotel Vancouver has completed a \$10 million renovation program, restoring the hotel to its rightful place as Vancouver's "Grand Hotel." From the moment the guest arrives at the Hotel through a new gate, driveway and main entrance, to the Lobby, where you are welcomed by magnificent Czechoslovakian crystal chandeliers and a new reception area for fast check-in/check-out. All 506 guest rooms have been enhanced; over 123 of them completely re-done. The fourteenth floor is all suites and is the most elegant hotel floor in Canada with original marble, brass and rosewood decor and antique furnishings. Even the hotel corridors have been refurbished to provide light and elegant atmosphere. The Hotel Vancouver now offers its guests a new sports facility. The centre features a covered outdoor swimming pool and sundeck, of green glass, the pavilion is designed to reflect the architecture of the Hotel Vancouver's distinctive green roof. The health club portion includes an exercise room, massage room, saunas, tanning room, dressing rooms, showers and a lounge area.

We guarantee your stay at the Hotel Vancouver will be an enjoyable one and look forward to seeing you in Vancouver in August.

**CONVENTION '87  
REGISTRATION**

The registration fee printed in the March issue of the 99 News is Canadian funds. Call your bank for the conversion amount or go to your post office and buy a Canadian money order.

If you send a check for the listed amount, you will be paying a much higher amount and it will not be refunded.

**CONVENTION '87**

Although Boundary Bay has been designated as the fly-in airport, those of you who land at the Vancouver International Airport in your own aircraft contact SEAHURST SKY SERVICE LTD. on UNICOM 123.0 and advise them you are with the 99s Convention. They are offering parking at half-price (\$5.00 Canadian per night) and fuel at 5¢ per gallon off. You may also write to them at P.O. Box 23164 AMF, Vancouver International Airport, B.C. V7B 1V6 for arrival procedures.

Courtesy transportation will be provided from the South terminal to the Main terminal where you can hop an airport shuttle bus for the Hotel Vancouver.

# NOTAM

## EVENTS

## July 2, 1987 Search For Amelia

By Hazel Jones, Public Relations Director

This is an update on the flying event to be held July 2nd commemorating the 50th anniversary of the loss of Amelia Earhart.

**Time:** The time will be 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. That would be 10:00 a.m. Central Daylight, 09:00 a.m. Mountain, and 08:00 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time. Sorry about that California, Hawaii and Alaska will have to have night flying quails.

**Place:** I have purchased some WAC charts and have used the latitude and longitude lines to grid the United States, and Canada. Please check your local WAC chart to determine in which "square" you will be flying. For example: Atchison KS is on the CG-20 WAC chart. It is in the square bounded by 95 degrees and 96 degrees west and 39 and 40 degrees north latitude. To find your own location, either get a WAC chart for your area or a sectional. Our president, Barbara Sestito will launch from Atchison, KS and will have charter member Fay Wells with her.

**Frequency:** FAA has given US 123.1 for one hour. Your transmission will be: "This is 99 Hazel Jones from Dallas, TX. Let the search for Amelia continue" Substitute your name and location for where I have used mine for illustration. The transmission should take about 10 seconds. If you hear a person in the next square, you are done and either finish out the hour listening or return and land. If you hear nothing wait about 10 minutes and try again. Do not broadcast continuously.

**Restrictions:** If the weather is less than VFR do not fly. I have assured FAA we will not impact TCAS, ARSAS, TRSAS, etc. If you live near a TCA or ARSA or TRSA please stay clear.

I have asked Verne Jobst to request help from United Airlines, Beverly Bass from American Airlines, Charlie Dobrescu from TWA, and Elgen Long from Flying Tigers to participate. Maybe, just maybe we can get this message around the world. Please ask anyone you know to help make this a

success.

**Tracking:** All who participate are to send proof from your logbook to headquarters and we will send you a card that will acknowledge your participation. The airlines will be asked to send flight numbers and times. How successful this is will depend on from where we have requests for card.

If you have any questions, please let me know. I plan to be home most of the months of June and July, so can answer your question. I also have the charts gridded, so if you are confused, let me know.

### AN INVITATION TO — AE DAY AT PURDUE

On Thursday, June 25, 1987 — Purdue University Libraries, in co-sponsorship with the Indiana Chapter 99s, will host a one-day event commemorating the 50th anniversary of the tragic ending of AMELIA EARHART's World Flight in July 1937.

It will include a public exhibition (9-11 a.m.) of the EARHART memorabilia and artifacts given to Purdue University by her late husband, G.P. PUTNAM, following her disappearance. These materials are now housed in the Special Collections Dept. of the Purdue Libraries — STEWART CENTER, West Lafayette campus where the event will be held.

In the afternoon (1-5 p.m./Room #206), panel discussions are planned with special representatives of ZONTA, WASP, PURDUE (retired Dean), and NINETY-NINES, along with films and musical tributes to AE's memory. All of these activities will be taking place June 25th, 2nd floor of Stewart Center at Purdue, in Rooms #279 (am) and 206 (pm), and will be open to the public without charge.

Further information on the event is available from

ANNE BLACK/Indiana Chapter-99s  
600 N. 5th/P.O. Box #83  
Oxford, IN 47971  
PH. 317-385-2371

Any group who may plan to attend the event en masse, should send notification and number to the above address.

### NOTAM

Section Safety Education Chairmen please remember to have your Safety Education Completion Reports to Roberta Taylor, Box 69, Cranbrook B.C. Canada by June 23rd deadline. If you have any questions, call her at (604) 489-2241.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is seeking qualified applicants for the following positions:

Air Traffic Control Specialist  
Air Traffic Assistant  
Office Assistant

Entry level for these positions is dependent on position and qualifications, but normally would be GS-3 to GS-7.

For further information on any of these job opportunities, contact:

A.T. Snelson, Air Traffic Manager  
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Control Center  
3101 Auburn Way South  
Auburn, Washington 98002

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### TELLERS NEEDED:

To ensure a smooth flowing business meeting help is needed by the floor coordinator for tellers. The job will involve counting ballots for the election of board and AE Committee members and any floor vote that may arise.

PLEASE CONTACT:

Nancy Hecksel  
3611 Greenway  
Royal Oak, MI 48073  
(313) 549-5383

# THOSE POWERLESS WOMEN

By Gene Nora Jessen

**T**he glider pilots are purists. It was my privilege to be with them at their convention in Colorado Springs. What a show they put on with 15" of fresh snow, deep blue cloudless skies and warm hospitality. They did get aced out of flying, however, by the spectacular snow storm which closed the glider port, but they made up for it through hangar flying and trying on the new equipment in the conventional hall.

The Women Soaring Pilots Association has recently organized and will probably soon be a division of the Soaring Society of America. They sponsor soaring seminars just for women, and we tossed around the idea

of presenting a seminar in conjunction with a Ninety-Nine convention.

Many glider pilots are Ninety-Nines, but it was disturbing to learn that others were interested in joining 99s but had been told they were ineligible. However, our requirements for membership is open to women who "hold current pilot certificate of Private or higher grade". Of course, to be "current" in a powered aircraft, one must have a medical certificate. Glider pilots don't have to have a medical so a female glider pilot, sans medical, is eligible to be a Ninety-Nine.

The soaring group offers a scholarship which was presented this year to an impressive young woman,

Jan Huelsbeck. Jan came from Pensacola, Fla., but now is going to college in the Dallas area. She's an accomplished and experienced commercial glider pilot and also a glider instructor flying off the TSA gliderport near Dallas. Aviation is in good hands as we pass it along to young people such as Jan.

I challenge 99 powered pilots to get involved with gliders. Glider pilots have a deep understanding of the sea of air through which we fly and how it can be used to our advantage. But my observation is, even though they fly silent aircraft, their conventions and hangar flying are every bit as boisterous and animated as those of us who sit behind propellers.

## S.O.S. FOR S.O.P.s

By Pat Jenkins

**M**ay Day! May Day! THIS IS A DISTRESS CALL FROM YOUR FLYING ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN. Under the direction of our outrageously ambitious President, this chairman would like to make a request of every chapter that has not yet heard from me or has not yet responded:

Please lend me/send me your standard operating procedures for your most successful flight activity. I have been asked to assemble a collection of our organization's best S.O.P.s for flight plans for fun, education or service.

Surely most chapters have a favorite or especially successful flying event for which they would like to become famous. Our CEO would like Headquarters to have available a master reference of S.O.P.s of all of

the flight activities we have been using out in the field. This master would be used as a reference for any chapter requesting advice about just how to go about conducting a specific flight program. Of course, your chapter would receive recognition for the contribution and it just may become a standard for others.

The information I am requesting from you does not have to be long and tedious. Just send the rules, checklist, outline — whatever you use that works well. Our young chapters request help from HQ very often; we have little to offer. Help me put something together that would be of assistance. PLEASE BURY ME IN YOUR CORRESPONDENCE . . . and care enough to send the very best.

Pat Jenkins, Barton Lake Ranch,  
Diamond, Oregon 97722



The accompanying photo doesn't relate a twit to the column, but does show the author with her trusty steed dubbed "Woodstock." Together they check fencelines and water holes; herd cattle like a cowboy, and haul saddles, salt blocks, fencing supplies, lunches and even cowboys around the ranch that is located in southeastern Oregon. Woodstock is an irreplaceable Palomino Hughes 300C and has been cowpony here since 1980. The author contributed the photo just to catch your eye and get you to read the cry-for-help article attached.

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Christine sincerely enjoys working with 99s, and will represent the Northeast Region at the international level.

## **Roberta Taylor** Western Canadian Section

Roberta Taylor has been a Ninety-Nine since 1972, and is currently the Governor, Western Canada Section, and International Safety Education Chairman.

An active pilot, she holds a Commercial license with multi-engine, sea, ski and night ratings and about 2000 hours total time. Roberta is Operations Manager for Taylor Aviation Ltd., an FBO and charter company at Cranbrook, British Columbia in the Canadian Rockies. She flies fire patrols for the B.C. Forest Service, and teaches women's programs at a community college.

A past Amelia Earhart Scholarship recipient, Roberta has attended 5 International conventions and is host Governor for this year's convention in Vancouver, Canada.



## **Joyce Wells** Southwest Section

Joyce has been an enthusiastic member since 1969. She is currently serving as the first International Membership Benefits Chairman. Handling Public Relations for the last International Convention in Honolulu was a most challenging and rewarding responsibility. She has had experience as an officer at chapter, section, and professional organization levels.

Active participation at International conventions, Section meetings and in Air Racing has made her most appreciative of the dedicated members of the Ninety Nines. More committed than ever, she maintains her flying proficiency in a C-182 and C-210.

Professionally, Joyce is a school nurse in charge of Health Services and Health Instruction in three schools.

# AE Scholarship Candidates For Judge

## **Carolyn Westerman-Schmalz**

### North Central Section

Currently serving as Vice Chairman — International AE Scholarship Board. A member of the Kansas Chapter since 1972, Carolyn has served on most committees and held most offices, including Chairman. Carolyn has also chaired the South Central Section's AE Scholarship Committee, Safety Education Committee, and served on the Nominating Committee.

After 31 years of service to Beech Aircraft, Carolyn recently terminated her employment.

Carolyn holds a commercial license with instrument and multiengine ratings. She and her husband share flying an A36 Bonanza.

## **CAROL RAYBURN**

### Middle East Section

Carol Rayburn obtained her pilot certificate in 1962 and joined the 99s in 1963. Having belonged to the South Dakota, Santa Rosa, Utah, and Fresno chapters, she currently belongs to the Washington, D.C. chapter. She has held numerous chapter offices and committee chairmanships and was the Southwest Section AE Scholarship chairman for two years. In 1965 she received an Amelia Earhart Scholarship which was used to obtain an instrument and instrument instructor rating.

Carol has pursued an aviation career since high school and worked as a pilot in industry for ten years prior to being hired by the FAA. She has since come up through the inspector and management ranks to her present position as Manager of the General Aviation and Commercial Division in FAA headquarters.



# NIFA '87

By Hazel Jones, Senior Judge

Each spring when most young men's fancies turn to thoughts of love, there are many young men and women who are busily preparing for the national safety and flight evaluation conference (SAFCON). They have qualified by being the best in their region and this year they will meet in Carbondale, home of Southern Illinois University.

NIFA was born in 1929 when seven schools competed in the first competition ever held. A committee of judges appointed by the National Aeronautic Association headed by Colonel Charles Lindburgh and included R.L. Brooks, C.V. Whitney, Thomas Hitchcock and Henry P. Davidson. The winner for 1929 was Harvard University and they received the Loening Trophy (designed by Tiffany's) and a \$1000.00 cash prize. At the gala dinner held in New York City at the Commodore the speakers included Edward P. Warner, former assistant Secretary of the Navy for Aeronautics, Miss Amelia Earhart, Commander John Towers, USN and famed NC-4 pilot and others.

It is interesting to note that another organization was to have its birth also in 1929. It was to be named for its charter members and its first president was Miss Amelia Earhart. The organization was, of course, the Ninety-Nines.

In 1935 the National Intercollegiate Flying Club (NIFC) was officially formed under the auspices of the National Aeronautic Association with Grover Loening at the head. Loening was the first initiator of collegiate flying. The NIFC was short lived as World War II came along and it was not until 1948 that Troy Stimpson of Texas Christian University reactivated the flying competition. It was named National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) and had a motto "competition in the spirit of safety and excellence". This motto has withstood the test of time and is the reason the regionals and nationals are called Safecons.

NIFA allows students from across the nation to gather in keen competition in areas including precision landings, cross country planning and navigation, flight computer accuracy, aircraft recognition, pre-flight, instrument proficiency and message drop. There are special awards for men's and women's achievement, safety, top team championship,



Hot coffee for cold workers



Aircraft in staging



Aircraft scoring "twelve" on landing

collegiate progress, and the top male and female pilot awards. In the mid seventies, Professor Gerald Shreve, San Jose State University wrote, "the Red Book" which has become the bible for all competitions. Professor Harold Wood was named the executive director at the same time as the Redbook came into being. This was a position he held until his retirement two years ago. At that time, he was named director emeritus and Gary Hemphill was named the executive director.

In 1979, an agreement was entered into by the Ninety-Nines and NIFA for the Ninety-Nines to provide half of the judging staff and all of the support staff for the nationals. The Ninety-Nines thru their chapters and sections have made financial contributions for many years, as well as providing the judging staff for regionals and nationals. The all Ohio chapter gives the Arlene Davis Award each year to the top woman pilot and thru the Buckeye Air Rallye. They also give a nice check. International board gives a donation to the NIFA Foundation each year. The Foundation is for the support of the national Safecons and interest each year is used to help defray the cost of the competition. Last year, the Pat Roberts Scholarship was established to assist students at the regional level.

When the Ninety-Nines assumed responsibility for the United States Precision Flight Team, they also agreed to invite the top five pilots from the national Safecon each year to try out for the USPFT team. The USPFT that will represent our country in the 7th world precision flying competition all came from NIFA ranks. NIFA graduates may also be found flying for the airlines, achieving in the Navy, Army, and Air Force, and many return each year to help with the SAFECON.

NIFA's intent remains to promote excellence in aviation, achieve valuable experience in precision flight, achieve in-depth knowledge in all facets of aviation while becoming the safest, most competent pilots available. The men and women of NIFA will be the aviation leaders of tomorrow. This is obvious as many airlines, industry, government, and the military send representatives to each Safecon to talk to the students. All Ninety-Nines who have the chance should avail

## TOP TEAM RANKINGS

| PLACE | SCHOOL            | POINTS |
|-------|-------------------|--------|
| 1     | UNIV NORTH DAKOTA | 107    |
| 2     | OKLAHOMA          | 58     |
| 3     | OHIO STTE         | 56     |
| 3     | NICHOLLS          | 56     |
| 3     | UNIV OF ILLINOIS  | 56     |

## TOP PILOT RANKINGS

| PLACE | NAME                | SCHOOL            | POINTS |
|-------|---------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1     | JOHN CATURIA        | UNIV NORTH DAKOTA | 46     |
| 2     | ALAN BESSONET       | NICHOLLS          | 36     |
| 3     | DINO STYLIANOPOULOS | WESTERN MICHIGAN  | 34     |
| 4     | DAN LUNDQUIST       | UNIV OF ILLINOIS  | 29     |
| 4     | RUSTY ZALOUER       | OKLAHOMA          | 29     |



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## WOMAN'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

ght: Hazel Jones, Ann Marie Wychelewski, Illinois University at Carbondale, oyle, Mount San Antonio College ilig, Southern Illinois University dale and Lois Feigenbaum



Line judges during a lull in the action. Judges come from the 99s, industry, military and other schools



Left, Gary Hemphill, Executive Director, NIFA with Troy Stimpson, Founder of NIFA



## TOP WOMAN PILOT

Left, Lynn Ebert, San Jose State University shown with Prof. Joan Mace

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# SECTION

## NEWS

### AUSTRALIAN SECTION

Twenty five 99s were among the ninety women pilots who attended the Australian Women Pilots (AWPA) Conference which was held in Darwin, Northern Territory. A stimulating and fun time was had at the four day conference so ably organized by the Territory girls.

The Australian Section AGM was a breakfast meeting at which Sue Burdekin indicated proceedings by reading the 99 prayer. We have gained eight new members in the last twelve months and another four pilots are planning to join after attending the Conference. This will bring the total Australian membership to sixty. Our very able Governor Barbara Collins, and her team will continue in office for another year.

Bev Roediger was awarded the Nancy-Bird award which is presented annually for the most noteworthy contribution to aviation by a woman of Australasia.

The 99 Proficiency Trial, which is held annually enroute to the AWPA conference, was won by pilot Natalie Van Den Henrick and navigator Rhonda Wilkins.

The 99s did well in the annual AWPA Air Trial. Marcia Hremervic gained the Wills Allen trophy for the winning navigator, and she also won the trophy awarded for the best performance by a navigator in a piper aircraft. Jan Hoopmann and Margaret Kentley were awarded trophies for their performance as winning observers.

Nancy-Bird Walton gave a delightful talk on early aviation at the Gala Dinner. She has been guest speaker on at least thirty five occasions in the last year & always captivating her audience with her charm and knowledge of the history of Aviation.

Kathryn Flynn has compiled a very worthwhile school education program on the promotion of women in the work force including careers as pilots and in the aviation field.

The South Australian members were pleased to welcome Joan and Thor Lynham and Elizabeth Lane from Vancouver. These 99s have encouraged us to attend the Vancouver Convention. There may be a large Australian contingent attending judging by the enthusiasm and interest shown.

### WESTERN CANADA SECTION

The 1987 Convention Planning Committee met in Vancouver in early April to finalize many details for the Convention. Tours were made of the facilities, including the magnificently refurbished Hotel Vancouver and the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre, which was completed in time for EXPO 86. Members were pleased with the progress being made, especially with the list of confirmed seminar presenters, special events planned for 49 1/2 hrs/guests, and entertainment that will make everyone glad they didn't miss this Convention!

### Alberta

Yvonne Coates completed the basic 3-day training for CARES (Civil Aviation Rescue and Emergency Services) in Calgary recently. She will continue training in simulated searches as pilot in command until she is qualified to take on the serious task of piloting a search plane.

Rosella Bjornson organized and led a Flying Companion seminar in Edmonton in April for a group of enthusiastic ladies who expressed a great need for this kind of information. Some of the participants are so nervous about flying they must take tranquilizers before takeoff. This seminar removes much of

the mystery behind flying and many participants return for time with an instructor.

### Saskatchewan

The weekend of April 10-11th was a very busy and a very rewarding one as members hosted a seminar for pilots, one for non-pilots, and became involved in the Saskatoon Regional Science Fair. Sharon Spence did an excellent promotions job resulting in a large turnout.

Irene Henley, Senior Flight Training Standards and Categorization Inspector with Transport Canada, did two sessions on "Stress in the Cockpit." For the pilot group she described the physiological and psychological effects of stress as it applies to the pilot. For non-pilots, she emphasized how flying companions could recognize stressful situations for the pilot, and how they can help to reduce this stress. Anne Dooley, a Class 1 Flying Instructor, did an excellent job of explaining weight and balance, instruments, navigation and enroute procedures. She used many analogies and visual aids to help maintain a high level of interest and understanding. Kathy Golletz, Air Traffic Controller from Canadian Forces Base at Moose Jaw, did sessions on theory of flight, flight planning, and communication.

We are fortunate to have such talented women in our organization! Also presenting was Ken Johnston, a senior meteorologist with the Saskatoon weather office, who gave a slide presentation on clouds as they affect weather. At the Science Fair awards banquet, Noreen Proudlove presented with 99's aviation/aerospace award in the form of a "discovery flight" with Anne Dooley to Chad Senger, a young student who can hardly wait to claim his prize!

### EAST CANADA SECTION First Canadian

Following a business meeting at Maple Airport on February 11th, Air Traffic Controller Frank Bauzesse gave an informative and humorous presentation on pilot/controller interaction.

On February 24th several members, spouses, and friends had an exciting time flying the Viscount 4 engine turboprop simulator (with a few emergencies thrown in) at Central Technical School. Thanks to Muriel Pigeon for arranging this event.

Over 50 99s, guests, and Ministry of the Environment personnel enjoyed a social night at the Ontario Science Centre. A "Skywatch" film speaker presentations, tasty tidbits, and wine made a most enjoyable evening.

**BEWARE POLLUTERS!** Our "Skywatch" pilots are back in the air now that good weather is here again and they are watching you.

### Eastern Ontario

At an open meeting in April, that was well attended by the aviation public of Ottawa, the Search and Rescue Team from Canadian Forces Bases Trenton demonstrated their rescue techniques and procedures using the Labrador helicopter. Everyone was given an opportunity to see through the helicopter after it finished its demonstration flight.

An interesting slide presentation on the history, training and procedures of the SAR Team was also shown, and the audience was also introduced to the new CASARA (Civil Air Search and Rescue) program that is about to be implemented in Canada.

### NY/NJ SECTION



The New York-New Jersey Spring Section Meeting was held at the Holiday Inn at Islip's McArthur Airport on April 24th-25th. More than 100 persons attended the meeting which honored two charter members, Fay Gillis Wells, who was also the luncheon speaker, and Nancy Hopkins Tier. It also honored the former Section Governors who could attend. These included: Laura May Brunton, Governor in 1937, Doris Renninger Brell, Marjorie Gray, Selma Cronin, Marion Andrews, Kay Menges Brick, Barbara Evans, Mary Helfrick, Clarice Bellino, Nicole Radecki, Claire Angelini, Jewel Von Saal, Ellis McCullough Odorico, Kathleen Hilbrandt, and Jeanne Spielberg Leenov. Other honorees and visitors in attendance were Alice Hammond, past president; Vice President Gene Nora Jessen; Alexis Montague-Ewanchew, SE section; Joyce Wells, SR section; B.J. Scharmarhorn, R. Canada; Jessica Hale, and Jessie Chamberlin from chapters outside of the section.

The Long Island Chapter also honored the Early Flyers and Tuskegee Airmen. Friday evening, a paper airplane contest was held in the hallway of the motel with a good time had by all involved in designing and flying these airplanes.

The next section meeting is scheduled for October 16th-17th at the Horizon Hotel at Oneida County Airport, Utica, N.Y.

### NY Capital District

Two members, Harriet Bregman and Florence Doolley, of the New York Capital District Chapter flew (IFR, of course) to the April 24th-25th Section meeting at Islip in Harriet's Comanche.

The chapter's May meeting will elect a new slate of officers for the 1987-8 fiscal year.

### Finger Lakes

The Finger Lakes Chapter of the Ninety-Nines held their April meeting at Marcia Gitelman's home. Many valuable members will soon be moving: Rosemary Gibson is moving to North Carolina in mid-May, Julie Googina is moving to Florida, George Ann Garms is moving to California, Mary Hunkeler is moving to Arizona, and Bonnie House is also moving.

Marcia Gitelman is going to Oshkosh for the annual event and will sell chapter bags there. The chapter sent a donation and purse to Jeana Yeager, and the chapter received a thank you note and has been added to the Voyager Society.

### Garden State

Garden State 99s held a Pennies-A-Pound on Sunday, April 12th at Allaire Airport. 303 people had rides with 12 aircraft and 16 pilots flying for most of the day. Their next big event is the Garden State 300 to be held on June 13th at Sky Manor Airport.

Members also attended the 'Save Linden Airport' rally on March 16 and have been writing letters in support of this.

## MIDDLE EAST SECTION

The Spring Section meeting of the Middle East Section was held April 24th-25th, in Frederick, Md. Despite severe IFR weather, attendance was very good.

Many of us attended a tour of AOPA on Friday afternoon which was very enjoyable and enlightening. Later on, we all had an opportunity to meet Barbara Sestito, International president, at a get-together in the hospitality suite. Harriet Fuller, International Board member, was also with us, having driven all the way from Massachusetts in the foul weather.

On Saturday after a delightful lunch, we were treated to some of the stories of Pat Pateman, LtC USAF (Ret.) and former WASP. Afterwards, Carol Rayburn, manager of FAA General Aviation and Commercial Division, spoke to us briefly. Carol is a member of the Washington, D.C. Chapter.

On the previous evening, many 99's attended a FAA safety seminar, and several of those people were awarded their proficiency wings as a finale to the luncheon.

## West Virginia Mountaineer

As part of our April meeting, our members were treated to a short course in aircraft engines and their maintenance by Charlie Pickering, 49'er of Jean Pickering. We got to view "up close and personal" the engine of Jean's Cessna 140 and find out just how everything works. Charlie did a very thorough job, and we all enjoyed the learning session.

Barbara Hintz received her Phase I wings and Sharon Peters received Phase IV in April.

The Parkersburg, WA, airport has provided a display case for the local aviation group (MOVAA), and they, in turn, are sharing it with the WV 99's. Our resident artist, Jean Pickering, has designed two posters as backdrops.

Our Chapter will also be co-sponsoring a fly-in breakfast with MOVAA on May 31st, 8 a.m. until noon at Parkersburg airport.

## Maryland

Maryland Chapter's Poker Run will be June 13th. Airports will be Martins, Harford County (Aldino), Easton, Bay Bridge, and Summit. Last stop will be Summit, where the hands will be displayed and prizes awarded — 100 for first prize!

## Hampton Roads

Our special guests at our April meeting were Niki Wenger, finalist in the Teacher in Space program, who is currently based at NASA Langley, and Shelley Canright, NASA Education Program Specialist. Niki told us all about her training program, and Shelley gave us many good ideas for our Aerospace Education Committee.

## Eastern Pennsylvania

Despite the terrible weather, which necessitated driving to Frederick, twelve members attended the Spring Section Meeting. At this luncheon, the FAA presented a number of Safety Wings. We were especially proud of Gayl Henze, the only one to receive Phase V Wings.

Our Chapter has recently welcomed eight new members, with sixteen prospective members working toward their Private Licenses.

Barbara Silcox went to Wichita to take the American Bonanza Society recurrent training program for Baron pilots, which included an instrument competency check. She reported working hard and learning some new Baron flying skills.

Louise Sacchi spoke to interested local Rotary Club about General Aviation. Nina McKissock is busy promoting aviation education in New York City.

Pennies-a-Pound and an airmarking are on the agenda for May and June.

## SOUTHEAST SECTION

The Southeast Section spring meeting was held at the Monteleone Hotel, New Orleans, April 24-26 with the New Orleans Chapter serving as hosts.

After a Friday night tour of Bourbon Street, members settled down to the Saturday business meeting and heard International Secretary Marie Christensen speak on the July 2nd 50th Anniversary of A.E.'s disappearance, Hall of Fame proposal and proposed by-law changes. Also present from International was Judy Hall and past-president Janet Green.

A river boat dinner cruise on the Mississippi Saturday night was the climax to the perfect weekend.

## Florida Gulfstream

A very successful garage sale was held at our monthly meeting Saturday, April 11, at the home of new member Ruth Petrillo in Lighthouse Point, FL. A donation will be made to the A.E. Birthplace.

Saturday, May 16, and Sunday, May 17, members painted a Compass Rose at Vero Beach.

Alexis Montague-Ewanchew has received her Phase III wings.

## Blue Ridge

Members planned a trip to Shaw Air Force Base for physiological training. Lee Orr and Janice Berry attended a FAA safety meeting, and attended the Southeast Sectional in New Orleans.

## North Georgia

Mr. Don Wade spoke to members and guests about Amelia Earhart's disappearance after the May business meeting at Hill Aviation, Fulton County Airport. His most informative and thought provoking presentation included a future expedition to the Phoenix Islands to look for evidence.

## Florida Suncoast

An April garage sale netted \$200 for the Amelia Earhart birthplace. Chairman Mary Fletcher presented this check to Marie Christensen at the Southeast spring meeting. Alice Cutrona, Judy Lester & Barbara Sierchio were also in attendance at the Southeast meeting.

The chapter sponsored FAA safety meetings in March, April & May & had a 99 display May 2 & 3 in the Bradenton Mall.

## NORTH CENTRAL SECTION All-Ohio

All-Ohio 99s enjoyed a pot luck lunch at the History of Flight Museum in Columbus, Ohio. Members and guests enjoyed hearing about John Tipka's flying experiences in Vietnam in the early 1960's.

## Aux-Plaines

Our chapter celebrated its ninth birthday at a dinner on April 5th at the Normandie Restaurant in Gurnee, Illinois. Guests were invited. We were happy to see our old friends. Dee Griesheimer provided small gliders for table decorations and after dinner games were played using them. Sue Johnston and Cal Wolthousen were winners and were presented violet plants as tokens of spring. Some of the chapters charter members gave the historical background of the chapter, and we shared a birthday cake. Trudy Zorc gave us an enthusiastic report of her attendance to the NASA conference of March 25th-29th in Orlando, Florida. She was privileged to hear talks by Rutan and Yeager, the crew of the Voyager.

## Chicago Area

On March 14th, in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Transportation IFR/VFR Safety Seminar at DAVEA Center in Addison, the chapter held a flight companion seminar. The registration committee, chaired by Diane Cozzi, was kept busy when 476 persons bought lunch tickets. Madeline Monaco, Marge Sundmacher, Sharon Schorsch, Connie

Miller-Grubermann, and Sue Hartung taught 102 Flying Companions. This was not an easy task since the average attendance during the last four years has been 35.

As 682 participants attended the IFR and VFR lectures, 99s, 66s, and 49 1/2s were busy in the kitchen fixing lunch for 550 people under the supervision of Gruberman, Krupa, and Murray. Other helpers at the seminar were (99s) Karen Acker, Rita Adams, Marge Anerson, Wendy Deeter, Eileen Ferch, Ti Flentge, Ruth Frantz, Pat Gabris, Polly Gilkison, Bev Greenhill, Stacey Greenhill, Nancy Hayes, Diane Hromek, Joan Kerwin, Marge Krupa, Cynthia Madsen, Susan Murray, Ellen O'Hara, Mary Panczyszn, Debbie Piekos, Gail Rezabeck, Ruth Rockcastle, Marin Servos, Loretta Sincora, Pat Thomas, Joan Van Reeth, Lynne Walters, Gail Wenk, Terry Wierus, Marlene Winters, and Donna Zaitz; (49 1/2s) Bob Franz, John Gabris, Michael Grubermann, Rock Rockcastle, Frank Schorsch, Brad Walters, Chris Grubermann.

## Greater Kansas City

On April 2nd the chapter meeting was a tour of the TWA simulator facilities. A big event during this month took place on April 11th with the chapter sponsoring a fly-in brunch at the Garden Restaurant at the Westin Crown Center Hotel. The fly-in airport was Downtown Airport.

Mary Hand presented a Pitch Hitter course every Tuesday night of April at Downtown Airport.

Our chapter co-sponsored a Back to Basics Seminar with the FAA at the Johnson County, Kansas, Community College. The seminar included topics on "Pilot Judgement" and "Decision Making."

## Greater St. Louis

The chapter held the annual Flying Companion Seminar on April 25th at the FSS on Spirit of St. Louis Airport. The event, chaired by Barbara Wilper, was a great success with 15 students. A vote of gratitude goes to the FSS staff, the Spirit Tower staff, and Rosemary Boyd with Executive Beechcraft for their assistance. Martha Norman, Nelda Lee, and Jo-Elynn Ryall helped with instructing. Linda Gal chaired the luncheon committee. Her able assistants were Amy Laws, Jan Pocock, Lois Bartlett, and Mary Kinnaw.

## Indiana Dunes

John Roncz, Voyager designer, was the featured speaker at the chapter's recent meeting held in South Bend, Indiana. His presentation was open to the general public and local television coverage was received for this most interesting program.

Our chapter had a food sale booth at a recent private auction. The proceeds added to our treasury.

## Lake Erie

For our April meeting, Lake Erie members held a memorial service at the Old Stone Church on Public Square in Cleveland. It honored deceased chapter members Ruby Mensching and Mary Ellen Baker as well as Amelia Earhart.

Karen Reed has added a future co-pilot with new son William.

Ruth Ensley has earned her real estate license.

## Kentucky Blue Grass

The April meeting of our chapter featured a Flying Companion Seminar conducted by Arlynn McMahon. It was held at the Bluegrass Terminal Building Conference Area.

Two of our members are recovering. Penny Smith is mending from a serious automobile accident, Dee McCollum has been hospitalized but has returned home.

## Michigan

April was our combined mystery trip and Easter Egg hunt. We met at Harry Browne's Airport for the general monthly meeting and then learned that Owosso Airport was our mystery trip. There to greet us at the Pines Restaurant was a mystery guest, Mr.

Easter Bunny, dressed in his Easter finery.

We recently greeted two new 99s, Lynn Jeffery and Joanne Carpenter. Laura Gasko was initiated as a 66 but became a 99 almost immediately.

## Greater Detroit

Our chapter celebrated its thirtieth annual Amelia Earhart Commemorative Brunch on February 15th with the guest speaker, Edna Gardner Whyte, from Roanoke, Texas. Members from all three Michigan chapters, our section governor, Nita Fine-man, International AE Scholarship Chairman, Charlene Falkenberg, spouses, friends, chapter chairpersons along with several out-of-state guests, plus the Channel 2 News media, were all present at the memorable event in Troy, Michigan. A special thank you for a wonderful brunch goes to Co-Chairmen, June Beers and Mearl Frame.

Legislation Chairman Gini Sutherland and Dorothy Gillis attended the MAC listening session in Lansing and the ARSA meeting in Flint.

## SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION Abilene

Micki Wright and Jolene Toman of the Abilene Area Chapter were instrumental in starting the Pinch Hitter flying course three years ago. The present course has 15 students, and one of the graduates has decided to take to the airways.

The Abilene newspaper carried a feature story on the efforts of this group of 99s.

## Dallas

Dallas Chapter members met April 12th to attend the Omni Theater presentation of "The Dream Is Alive". The film was about the space shuttle. Small contingents of this group met for dinner before and after the show.

New officers will be installed and include Margie Carter, chairman; Bonnie Tassa, vice-chairman; Holly Barr, secretary, and Jerry Witbeck, treasurer.

Air marking the taxiway at Addison Airport is on the schedule for May as well as a fly-in to Lake Murray State Park in Oklahoma for lunch.

## El Paso

Newly elected officers of the El Paso Chapter will be installed in June. They include Debbie Reavis, chairman; Fara Green, vice chairman; Edna Lavez-zari, secretary, and Marsha Mascorro, treasurer.

The first breakfast of the year took place at West Texas in April with proceeds donated to the US Aerobatic Team. The proceeds from the next breakfast which is scheduled for May 3rd will provide funds for the chapter Chalet for Amigo Air-show '87.

## Dallas Redbird

The Dallas Redbird Chapter sponsored a "Flying Companion Seminar" on Saturday, April 11th at the Airport Flying School in Addison Airport. We had a full classroom enrollment. Seminar instructors and topics included: Gail Clark — Understanding the Aircraft; Sharon Smith — Basic Aerodynamics; Linda McCormick — Loading the Aircraft; Elaine Meronyk — Instruments; Melitta Card — Sectional Chart; Pat Hyde — Radios; Kitty McGee — E6B Computers; Hazel Jones — Weather; Shirley Forner & Mary Gibbs — Plotting the Flight; Hazel Jones, Shirley Thom, and Fran Shelton — Pilot Incapacitation.

Guest speakers were Dr. Gabriel Fried — Medical Facts, Jim Jetton — Preflight, Bill Miller, Addison Tower Operations — Arrival Procedures, and Vicki Karnes who is a Delta pilot, spoke on being a woman in aviation. Bob Hazlett of the FAA presented the certificates to the class.

Hazel Jones and Kathy Long attended the NIFA meeting at the University of Southern Illinois, in Carbondale, Illinois. Hazel Jones also attended the North Central Section Meeting in Deluth, Minn.

Gail Clark and husband Tom attended the Ft. Worth Chapter's Poker Run and Spot Landing Contest.

The April meeting was held at Elinor Johnson's and we saw the video by Walter Cronkite about Amelia Earhart's last flight "You Were There".

## Golden Triangle

Golden Triangle members attending the Spring Section Meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas, were Ellen Hamlett, Mary Wheelock, Beverly Stephens, Penny White, and Helen Hill. Mary Wheelock has just completed Phase 4 of the Wings Program.

## Lubbock

Lubbock member, Mona Roberts, was recently featured on television news South Plains Profile. The interview took place at Crosbyton Airport where Mona is an airplane and power plant mechanic and a pilot. She was filmed working on an AG plane and finished the interview with a flight. She has recently completed requirements for her Inspection Authorization (IA) license.

The chapter welcomes new members Brenda Rogers and Mary Ann Harrison.

## Oklahoma

The Oklahoma Chapters WASPs presented the program at the membership meeting in April. Betty Riddle was resplendent in her original uniform as Ruth Jones, Skip Carter, Lela Harding, Nema Masonhall, and guest WASP Helen Turner Holland discussed their adventures as members of this fascinating women's military organization. Lu Hollander hosted the meeting in her home.

Jan Perry put together a successful Poker Run with eight planes participating. The high poker hand winner was Susie Mitchell with the first place Spot Landing going to Charlene Davis. The proceeds went to the Scholarship Fund. Participants lunched at Fountainhead Lodge in Eastern Oklahoma and a short chapter meeting was conducted by Charlene Davis.

The chapter welcomed new members Merle Deneke, Ann Reeves, Tia Morgan, and Sally Dalton.

## San Antonio

The San Antonio Fly-To-Lunch-Bunch flew to Little Rock for the Spring Section Meeting via highway. Attending were Margaret Cosby, Gloria Blank, Ruth Nichols, Laura Richter, and Virginia Spikes.

Judith Stumberg met with six classes of St. Mary's Hall students and lectured on weather and aviation.

## Shreveport

Shreveport Chapter once again garnered fame for chairing the annual Holiday-In-Dixie-Airshow. Air traffic tower tours were conducted, and airplane rides were raffled. The members sold popcorn and wore painted faces to convey the idea to the general public that private aviation is super safe and FUN.

Eileen Anderson and Marjorie Hardcastle received their Phase V Wings.

## Texas

Top of Texas Chapter completed the air marking of the Dalhart Airport under the leadership of Judy West. Next comes Tulsa, Texas, on the first sunny weekend without wind and precipitation.

New chapter officers are Kathy Davis, chairman; Claudia Stanford, vice-chairman, and Francis Pond, secretary/treasurer.

## Tulsa

A video presentation was made at the March meeting of the Tulsa Chapter by a representative of Exec Airlines of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The chapter was represented at section meeting by Ozzie and Bill Landrum, Jan Minnerath, Phyllis Scott and Charlene and Ron McCullough.

Teresa Ourada is a new member of the chapter and comes from a flying family. A student at OSU, Teresa's brother and father are pilots, and she has an aunt who is a Colorado 99.

Plans are in full swing for the May Flying Com-

panion Seminar. Graduation certificates will be a "First Feather Award". Melissa Whitehead, originator of the award, claims the award will be the first feather in their flying wing.

## NORTHWEST SECTION

### Columbia Cascade

Columbia Cascade Chapter enjoyed the efforts of Wayne Schoor, a local Flight Instructor, who presented a pilot refresher course for our members as well as guests from the Pines Chapter. Wayne briefed us on the procedures with the Portland ARSA as well as some procedures with flying into Canada. Also joining us was Linda Johnston from the San Fernando Valley Chapter who will be in our area for approximately three months.

We just learned that Polly Gikison, NIFA Ways and Means Chairman from the Chicago area chapter, has moved to Portland.

### Willamette Valley

Our chapter will co-host the Flying Companion Seminar to be offered at the Oregon Pilots Association's Annual Convention in Ashland, Oregon on Saturday, June 13th.

We WELCOME two new members, Wanda Maxey and Marilyn Husser and Bonnie Kenyon, a new 66 member.

For our April meeting we flew to McMinnville for lunch at Flight 97 and toured the new McMinnville Automated Flight Service Station.

### Columbia Gorge

FAA representatives talked to our chapter on the new automated FSS at McMinnville at our March meeting. Our March 26th Safety Seminar, co-sponsored with FAA, was chaired by Pat Davis. Gary Ward presented the FAA slides "On Landing". Raffle prizes were presented after the presentation.

April 4th the Dades Airport rwy 30 received a new painted center stripe and repainted numbers. Seven 99s, 4 CAP Cadets, one FAA specialist, and a city employee spread 17 cans of reflecting paint while standing up to 20k winds. Jan Minarik kept this project afloat both before and after the paint started to fly.

We had a wind problem again for our April 11th "Play Day", with 15 to 25K's. Over 300 people attended the Fly-In breakfast in spite of the wind.

A poker run with 4 airport stops was won with a straight by Mickey Sampson. Jan Minarik put this day together with a little help from other 99s, the Airport Commission, and 3 CAP Cadets.

## SOUTHWEST SECTION San Fernando Valley

Nearly seventy non-flying "co-pilots" spent a recent Saturday learning about subjects ranging from aerodynamics to communication to medical aspects of flying at our semi-annual Flying Companion Seminar. Chaired by Bertie Duffy, this increasingly popular event consists of sessions taught by chapter members as well as flight instructors.

Jack Norris, Technical Director at Mission Control for the Voyager flight, was the guest speaker at the March meeting. In his entertaining and informative style, Mr. Norris shared with us the fascinating behind-the-scenes aeronautical, meteorological, and human aspects of Jeanna Yeager and Dick Rutan's record shattering flight.

Welcome to our newest members, Madeline Kurrasch, Judith Runyon and Connie Schurl and congratulations to 99 Jan Goforth and 49 1/2 Mark on the birth of their future woman pilot, Janelle, on April 19.

## Phoenix

Curt Tinsler's airmarking crew joined up with London Bridge-Lake Havasu Chapter to paint Havasu City Airport. But that was only the beginning of the day. They subsequently cruised the Colorado River on the Carr's houseboat, munched on hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings, then swore

in two London Bridge 49 1/2ers, Jim Carr and Joe Wright, Curt and Vern Tinsler, Sue and Joe Storm, Evelyn Scott, John Webber, Judy and Jim Martin and Stacy and John Hamm represented Phoenix Chapter and deserved the treat for a job well done.

Toni Patino, Ann Newcombe and Kathleen Browne headed the list of 99s conducting a successful Flying Companion Seminar at Deer Valley Airport on April 25th. At last three of the 23 clients announced their intentions to become pilots. What greater success could we ask for? Thirty persons have already signed up for the next clinic.

Congratulations to Sue Harper on her re-appointment to the City of Phoenix Aviation Advisory Council.

## Orange County

Flying Companion Seminars continue to be in demand. We had our spring session, and again a full house. It just keeps on getting better.

Sylvia Paoli was our guest speaker this month. She updated us on the privilege of our non-profit status. It's always a pleasure to have her back in our chapter.

A pre-fly-in to Shafter-Minter on Wednesday, April 22nd to check out the preparations for the Air Show to be held on the weekend was a little different than most of our fly-ins. Having a midweek date seemed to appeal to quite a few of our members who cannot always get away on the weekend.

## Cameron Park

The chapter hosted an FAA Safety Seminar on April 21st. Films and discussions presented by Bill Matson, Sacramento FSDO, covered fuel management, mid-air collisions and decisions.

A poster contest entered by grades K through 12 for the coming Rancho Murieta Air Show was judged recently by Doris Lockness and Mary Bovee along with member Linda Swan, who is an officer of the California Association for Aerospace Educations, which sponsors the contests.

To our roster, we are happy to add Dianna Rhoda who has moved into the area and transferred from another chapter.

## Santa Clara

Mayette Behringer held a mini-safety seminar at her home on February 23rd. Six attended and this was the last requirement for the FAA's Proficiency Wings Program. Mayetta is an FAA Accident Prevention Counselor.

Phyllis and Del Luppini flew their Cessna 150 to Baja California, Mexico.

Maureen Houck introduced aviation to two kindergarten classes. They made paper airplanes, pre-flighted them, flew them, and then took them to Palo Alto Airport to sit inside a real airplane!

The Aerospace Education Committee is busy. Mayetta Behringer will talk on careers in aviation to Garden Gate Elementary School. Sally Behel and Rochelle Anderson will talk at West Valley Elementary School, and Ann Morgan will talk on "Women in Aviation" in San Jose.

The April meeting was a fashion show from Aviation Apparel. Models were Debby Cunningham, Peggy Ewert, Mayette Behringer, Marbara Murren and Dottie Theurer. Now everyone knows how to look for preflight!

## San Joaquin Valley

Airmarking Chairman Mavis Saul has put together more airmarkings in three months than the chapter has done in the past three years. After Modesto, members have marked Oakdale, Atwater, Turlock, and Gustine. The last two on two of the hottest days of the year to date.

Annetta Baker, chairman of the Flying Companion Seminar scheduled for May 9th, had to cancel the seminar due to low pre-registration. It appears that the FAA's printer had gone bankrupt in the midst of putting out our flyer. The event will be rescheduled for the fall when the FAA has corraled another printer — this time a federal prisoner.

## New Ratings Southwest Section

Monie Pease/San Fernando Valley Chapter, Instrument Rating  
Pat Fick/Arizona Sundance Chapter, A&P  
Camille Beach/Golden West Chapter, Instrument

## South Central Section

Kay Roam/Oklahoma, CFI  
Vicki Holman/Oklahoma, Commercial  
Sinead Sands, Tulsa, CFI, IFR, AMEL  
Carol Thompson/Tulsa, AMEL

## Middle East Section

Ellen Albritton/W.V./Commercial.

## Northwest Section

Karen Bernheim/Willamette Valley, ASES, CFIH, Commercial, Helicopter

## North Central Section

Linda Druskin/Michigan Chapter, Ground Instructor  
Pat Baron/Lake Erie Chapter, FAA Accident Prevention Counselor

## In Memoriam

Dorothy Brewer Michigan Chapter

## Western Canada Section

Margaret Gosling/Alberta Chapter, Night Endorsement

## HELPFUL HITS FOR THOSE FLYING THEIR OWN AIRCRAFT TO CONVENTION '87

Boundary Bay is designated airport for aircraft flying in for the Vancouver Convention. Tie downs and ground transportation have been arranged, however, it would be helpful to those handling the ground transportation if you would indicate on your registration form your aircraft registration and estimated time of arrival.

The most important consideration when planning your flight to Vancouver is the procurement of the appropriate charts. You will need a Vancouver Sectionals well as a Vancouver V.F.R. Terminal Area Chart. You will also need a copy of the Canadian Flight Supplement.

For those approaching from the south or southeast be aware that there is extensive simulated I.F.R. training in the vicinity of the Bellingham V.O.R., the White Rock N.D.B. and Abbotsford Airport. Below 2500 ft. traffic advisory is provided by Abbotsford tower on 119.4 and Bellingham Radio on 125.2. For those planning I.F.R. flights there is a V.O.R. approach at Boundary Bay and an I.L.S. at Abbotsford. Customs is available both at Boundary Bay and Abbotsford.

North of Bellingham, when above 2500 ft. V.F.R. advisory and radar service is provided by Vancouver Terminal on 125.2. Vancouver terminal and Boundary Bay tower will be advised of additional traffic due to the Convention. A.T.C. are more than willing to assist pilot unfamiliar with the area. Upon initial contact, advise that you are with the 99 Convention, and if applicable, unfamiliar with the area.

## FAA WESTERN-PACIFIC REGION NAMES NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR



The highest-ranking woman in the Federal Aviation Administration has been named Deputy Director of the Western-Pacific Region. Arlene Feldman, a pilot and an attorney, had been Acting Director at the FAA Technical Center, a scientific test laboratory at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

"Arlene Feldman is an airport and aviation safety expert," said Dr. H.C. McClure, the FAA's Western-Pacific Regional Director. "At the Technical Center, she managed several aviation safety projects that are of major consequence to the West Coast. Her knowledge of collision avoidance systems, landing aids and airport capacity enhancements will be invaluable."

As Deputy Director of the Western-Pacific Region, Feldman will co-manage FAA activities in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada and the Pacific area. There are more than 5,000 employees in the Western-Pacific Region.

She became a pilot in 1959 and has worked for the FAA since August 1985, coming from the New Jersey Division of Aeronautics where she served as director. She was the first woman director of aeronautics in the country.

"I became a '99' because I love aviation, and I love to be around people who love aviation," said Feldman, who joined the 99s in 1959. Feldman has been the chairman of the San Antonio, Pike's Peak and Eastern Pennsylvania chapters. She also has served as an attorney to the Mid-Eastern section. Arlene is now a member of the Garden State 99s.

"The opportunities for women in aviation are limitless," Feldman said. "Pardon the pun, but aviation is 'going places.' Overall, my advice to women who want to succeed is to work hard and be results-oriented."

"As a pilot, I've been able to fly several types of aircraft from small Cessnas and gliders to supersonic jets and CH-53s. As an aviation attorney, I've been able to see how important the law is in making flying available to all."

"One of my biggest thrills in aviation came when I recently flew a mission with the New Jersey Air National Guard. I flew the 'B' seat of an F-106. In a simulated 'battle' with another Air Guard F-106, we took off after the 'intruder' out over the Atlantic Ocean. I got to pull the trigger and scored a direct hit. I also got to see firsthand why American military pilots are the best in the world."

# AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP JUDGES

By Charlene Falkenberg

Each year, persons prominent in aviation, are asked to serve the Ninety-Nines as judges by selecting the winners for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships. Four outstanding persons gave of their time and talent this year. We are grateful to them in assisting us as Judges.

This year's judges listed alphabetically are: Duane Cole, Senator Jake Garn, Curtis M. Graves, and George R. Jansen. A short biography of each follows:



**DUANE COLE**, aerobatic champion and aviation author. 1940 was an eventful year for Duane Cole. He flew his first air show and began teaching aerobatics on the government sponsored Civilian Pilot Training Program. In April 1942, he left to teach the Royal Air Force in Stearmans, BT-13s, and AT-6s. During the years of 1944 and 1945 he taught aerobatics in ET-13s in the 14th Army Air Force Flight Training Detachment at War Eagle Field in California.

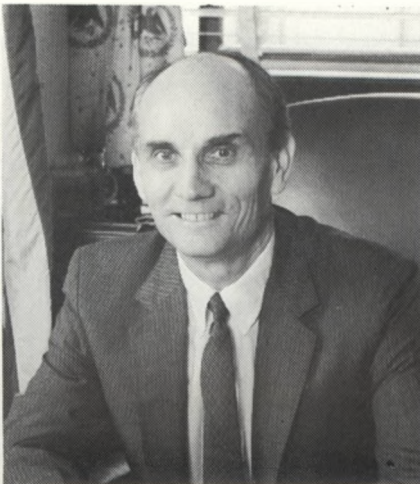
In 1946, he and three brothers, Marion, Lester, and Arnold started the Cole Brothers Air Show that ran for 17 years.

In 1961 he invented the groin strap for aerobatic airplanes. He introduced it to American pilots at the EAA sanctioned National Aerobatic Contest held in Phoenix, Arizona in 1962 and maybe to the world in 1962 at the World Championships in Budapest,

Hungary.

In 1965 he published his first aerobatic training book, *ROLL AROUND A POINT*. He published his second, *CONQUEST OF LINES AND SYMMETRY* in 1970.

He continues to teach at the present time from his aerobatic school in Burleson, Texas. He has written and published seven books and served as an associate editor of Flying Magazine for two years. He has flown every EAA Convention Air Show except 1964.



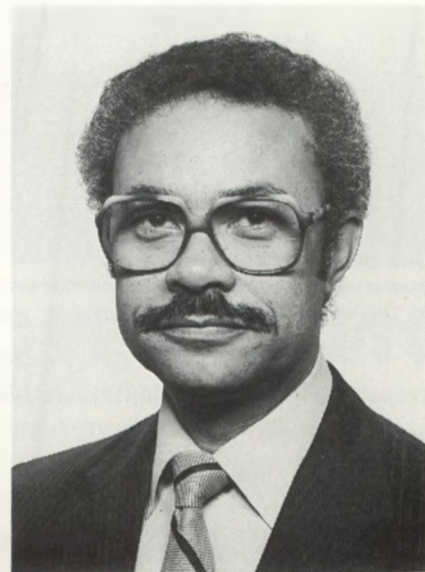
**SENATOR JAKE GARN**, born in Richfield, Utah. Prior to his election to the Senate in 1974 he served on the Salt Lake City Commission for four years and was elected Mayor in 1971. In 1972 he received the Tom McCoy Award as Utah's outstanding municipal official.

A former insurance executive he served in the U.S. Navy as a pilot, and achieved the rank of lieutenant. He is a retired Brigadier General in the Utah Air National Guard and has logged more than 10,000 hours of pilot time.

In 1957 he married the late Hazel Thompson, and they had four children. He married Kathleen Brewerton in 1977. Senator and Mrs. Garn have a son, Matthew, and a daughter Jennifer.

In November of 1984, Senator Garn was selected by NASA to train as a payload specialist for a flight on the space shuttle. On April 12, 1985, he flew aboard the shuttle Discovery, Flight 51-D, which launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, Kennedy Space Center. During the seven day flight the

Senator performed various medical tests. Discovery Flight 51-D landed at Cape Canaveral on April 19, 1985 after orbiting the earth 109 times.



**CURTIS M. GRAVES**, Deputy Director for Civil Affairs of the Governmental Affairs Division at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Washington, D.C. He is responsible for all communications and relationships with Federal Civil agencies and with State and local governments.

Before coming to NASA, he was Managing Associate and Director of Continuing Education for the National Civil Service League in Washington, D.C. for four years. In 1966, Graves was the first black elected to the Texas House of Representatives since 1891. He served for six years, serving on many committees.

His first job after receiving his BA from Texas Southern University was that of Comptroller and then Branch Manager of Standard Savings Association in Houston. He has received awards from the Council on Negro Women, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the National Association of College Women, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Texas Southern University and two Honorary Doctorate Degrees.

Graves was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, is married to Joanne Gordon Graves and has three children.

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# AE JUDGES

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**GEORGE R. JANSEN**, Aviation Consultant, retired from McDonnell Douglas in 1982. Jansen served in Army Air Corps in World War II as a B-24 Pilot. Recalling his combat experience, he relates, "I survived not because of being at the right place at the right time . . . I learned an awful lot about airplane performance on those long range missions."

He joined Douglas Aircraft in 1945 as a test pilot and ran the gamut of planes, DC-4; X-B-42A; C-74; C-124; XA3D; DC-10; P2B-15 among others. His responsibilities were attendant to testing both prototype and production airplanes. His performance in this function won him the acclaim of his contemporaries who consider him one

of the best in the profession, highly respected for his technical expertise and his skill aloft.

George Jansen is one of the founders of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots, and copatent holder on Pilots Control Wheel design. He has been an FAA Designated Engineering Representative Flight Test Pilot since 1965. He is the 1986 recipient of the Octave Chanute Flight Award given by AIAA, "for his numerous contributions to the science of flight testing and development of flight safety for commercial and military aviation over 37 years as a test pilot and flight test manager."

## CONVENTION '87

### THE ANTICIPATION OF ROBSONSTRASSE!

By Judy Williams

**A** truly cosmopolitan city, Vancouver's international flavor is perhaps nowhere better exemplified than in its shops, restaurants and night spots, on, just off, or near Robson Street, or Robsonstrasse, as it is also called because of its Old World charm. As a measure of its world mix of visitors, the area even has its own money exchange at 1169 Robson. Whether one is after designer belts, frog and crocodile decorator beads, Murchie's coffees and teas, European crystal, or plush toy cows switching their tails and mooing plaintively, Robsonstrasse, within walking distance of the Hotel Vancouver, offers a unique variety. Conventional department stores and the potpourri of shops clustered in Pacific Centre beneath the downtown core, amply advertised in hotel visitor guides, lack the "rush" and anticipation of Robsonstrasse.

In addition, whatever one's culinary desire, whether for hand-dipped chocolates or for Cajun, New Orleans style, blackened red fish, Robsonstrasse beckons even the most discriminating of gourmet palettes!

Besides the Robsonstrasse restaurants, delis, and varied food offerings, too abundant to be included herein, the area is also a fashion mecca.

**M**any of the shops and boutiques along Robsonstrasse offer beautiful accessories, but *Fentons* (1073 Robson), *Zebra's* (northeast corner of Thurlow and Robson), *Jeda* (1151 Robson) and *Season's Touch Boutique* (1274 Robson) offer some of the more varied and unique collections.

*Fenton's* sports over 200 different types of designer nylons, gorgeous accessories and vibrant, fabulous silk, wool and leather creations as breathtaking as they are affordable. *Zebra's* is noted for its hundreds of designer belts sought by world-wide celebrities as well as for its luscious accessories including New York jewelry designs and multi-colored leathers. *Jeda's* sweaters, shoes, and handbags are distinctive, and *Season's Touch* offers sedate or saucy colors in its casual or sophisticated silks and textured fabrics. Whether it's jewelry or jumpsuits, one has a good choice in this boutique.

Whatever style one favors in fashion, Robsonstrasse will not be a disappointment.

Although many wonderful fashions are to be found the entire length of Robsonstrasse, one must really explore for oneself according to one's own taste and pocketbook.

Besides many little book stores, jewelry boutiques, the public library, tea rooms, the Robson Square Media Centre, fine china and silverware shops, and potpourri of sounds and scents,

For those convention participants on foot, the Robsonstrasse area seemed a natural to highlight. If others wish to rent cars, the entire Lower Mainland from Granville Island to the U.S. Border to the North Shore mountains is your oyster for the shucking! But then, that's another story!



### GROTTO BAY RESORT HOTEL, BERMUDA

Grand Prize Drawing...a week for two, with breakfast. To be drawn at the 99 International Convention Banquet, Friday night, August 14, 1987.

# AVIATION INSURANCE UPDATE

By Gene Nora Jessen

Unless you staked out a stretch of beach after the Hawaii convention last year and are still basking under a palm tree, you're aware of, and probably stunned by the liability insurance crisis in various fields. The ripples have not missed aviation, and we've experienced increased premiums and narrowed underwriting perimeters. If you've read any recent aviation publications, you're on top of the products liability situation and its impact on aircraft manufacturers and repair shops. Closer to home, if you're a new ATP eyeing the airlines, for example, you know how difficult it is for a low-time pilot to

insure in a light-twin transition.

Today the commercial and personal lines agents are talking of a "softening" market (reduced premiums), but we're not seeing that in aviation insurance yet. We're getting a leveling off and smaller increases than we saw in 1986. Some classes of aviation insurance remain difficult to purchase, such as air shows, helicopters, senior pilots and various special uses such as aerial photography, with few market choices.

Those Ninety-Nines who have insured their airplanes through the Ninety-Nine group program at American Aviation Underwriters have enjoyed competitive rates and good service. The program has worked well for us and we had no desire to

terminate it. However, as it came time for our carrier to renew its own reinsurance, a sharing of the risk, it was unable to do so. As a result, this company has left the aviation insurance business and is unable to renew policies or take new business.

Efforts are cluminating now in the search for a new carrier so that we can continue the Ninety-Nine membership benefit of group rates on members' individually owned and insured aircraft.

Several companies are expressing interest and we're intent on doing business with a top-notch company once again. Just as soon as the Board of Directors approves a new program, it will be announced to the membership.

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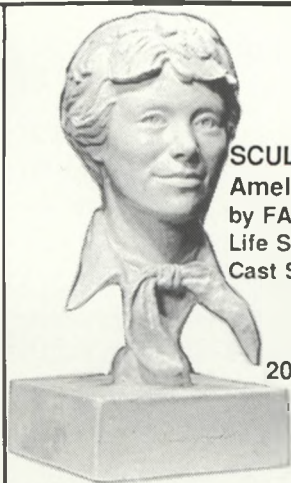
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